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

### INDICATE FULL CAPTION:

NAVNEET SHARDA, TRATA INC..

Appellant,

v.

STEVEN BARKET, et al. Respondents.

No. 82360

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### GENERAL INFORMATION

Appellants must complete this docketing statement in compliance with NRAP 14(a). The purpose of the docketing statement is to assist the Supreme Court in screening jurisdiction, identifying issues on appeal, assessing presumptive assignment to the Court of Appeals under NRAP 17, scheduling cases for oral argument and settlement conferences, classifying cases for expedited treatment and assignment to the Court of Appeals, and compiling statistical information.

#### WARNING

This statement must be completed fully, accurately and on time. NRAP 14(c). The Supreme Court may impose sanctions on counsel or appellant if it appears that the information provided is incomplete or inaccurate. Id. Failure to fill out the statement completely or to file it in a timely manner constitutes grounds for the imposition of sanctions, including a fine and/or dismissal of the appeal.

A complete list of the documents that must be attached appears as Question 27 on this docketing statement. Failure to attach all required documents will result in the delay of your appeal and may result in the imposition of sanctions.

This court has noted that when attorneys do not take seriously their obligations under NRAP 14 to complete the docketing statement properly and conscientiously, they waste the valuable judicial resources of this court, making the imposition of sanctions appropriate. See KDI Sylvan Pools v. Workman, 107 Nev. 340, 344, 810 P.2d 1217, 1220 (1991). Please use tab dividers to separate any attached documents.

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4. Nature of disposition below (check	all that apply):
☐ Judgment after bench trial ☐ Judgment after jury verdict ☐ Summary judgment ☐ Default judgment ☐ Grant/Denial of NRCP 60(b) relief ☐ Grant/Denial of injunction ☐ Grant/Denial of declaratory relief ☐ Review of agency determination	<ul> <li>☑ Lack of jurisdiction</li> <li>☐ Failure to state a claim</li> <li>☐ Failure to prosecute</li> <li>☒ Other (specify): Issue Preclusion</li> <li>☐ Divorce Decree:</li> <li>☐ Original</li> <li>☐ Modification</li> <li>☐ Other disposition (specify):</li> </ul>
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court of all pending and prior proceedings (e.g., bankruptcy, consolidated or bifurcat Cancer Care Foundation, Inc., Plaintiff(s Trata, Inc, Plaintiff(s) vs. Shafik Hirji, D	d Furniture, Inc., Defendant A-18-770121-C

**8.** Nature of the action. Briefly describe the nature of the action and the result below:

This action stems from a dispute over a series of business loans that were provided to respondents Shafik and Brown by respondent Barket, where appellant Sharda and his company Trata, Inc. were benefactors set to provide funds under certain notes and receive benefits in the form of an ownership stake in certain businesses. The lower court dismissed this action for issue preclusion after finding that 5 Confessions of Judgment had all previously been voided by other courts, and further finding that further claims under these confessions of judgment were barred by res judicata. Sharda contends however that his counterclaims and cross-claims relating to a Non-Disparagement Agreement between respondent Barket and himself were not dismissed, and further are not barred by res judicata because they were raised in the oldest case number between the parties and which have not been adjudicated.

- 9. Issues on appeal. State concisely the principal issue(s) in this appeal (attach separate sheets as necessary):
- 1. Did the district court err in closing this case following its Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law entered 12/14/2020, when the order did not specifically address the counterclaims and cross-claims at issue?
- 2. Does the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law entered 12/14/2020 constitute a final judgment of the counterclaims and cross-claims for the purposes of res judicata (claim preclusion?)
- 3. Does claim preclusion apply to appellant's counterclaims and cross-claims when the claims predate the confessions of judgment that were at issue in the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law entered on 12/14/2020?
- 4. Does claim preclusion apply to appellant's counterclaims and cross-claims when the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law entered on 12/14/2020 did not specifically address them and rule them dismissed?
- 10. Pending proceedings in this court raising the same or similar issues. If you are aware of any proceedings presently pending before this court which raises the same or similar issues raised in this appeal, list the case name and docket numbers and identify the same or similar issue raised:

Appellant has no knowledge of any other appeal raising the same or similar issues as raised in this instant appeal.

11. Constitutional issues. If this appeal challenges the constitutionality of a statute, and the state, any state agency, or any officer or employee thereof is not a party to this appeal, have you notified the clerk of this court and the attorney general in accordance with NRAP 44 and NRS 30.130?
▼ N/A
☐ Yes
□ No
If not, explain:
12. Other issues. Does this appeal involve any of the following issues?
☐ Reversal of well-settled Nevada precedent (identify the case(s))
☐ An issue arising under the United States and/or Nevada Constitutions
A substantial issue of first impression
☐ An issue of public policy
An issue where en banc consideration is necessary to maintain uniformity of this court's decisions
A ballot question
If so, explain:

13. Assignment to the Court of Appeals or retention in the Supreme Court. Briefly
set forth whether the matter is presumptively retained by the Supreme Court or assigned to
the Court of Appeals under NRAP 17, and cite the subparagraph(s) of the Rule under which
the matter falls. If appellant believes that the Supreme Court should retain the case despite
its presumptive assignment to the Court of Appeals, identify the specific issue(s) or circum-
stance(s) that warrant retaining the case, and include an explanation of their importance or
significance:

This matter is neither presumptively retained by the Supreme Court or assigned to the Court of Appeals.

14. Trial. If	this action p	roceeded to trial,	how many days	did the trial last?	
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Was it a bench or jury trial? N/A

15. Judicial Disqualification. Do you intend to file a motion to disqualify or have a justice recuse him/herself from participation in this appeal? If so, which Justice? Appellant does not possess any information that at this time would cause them to file any such motion.

### TIMELINESS OF NOTICE OF APPEAL

16. Date of entry of	written judgment or order appealed from Dec 14, 2020
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17. Date written no	otice of entry of judgment or order was served Dec 14, 2020
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Mail/electroni	c/fax
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(a) Specify the the date of t	type of motion, the date and method of service of the motion, and filing.
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☐ NRCP 52(b)	Date of filing
NRCP 59	Date of filing Dec 28, 2020
	pursuant to NRCP 60 or motions for rehearing or reconsideration may toll the a notice of appeal. See AA Primo Builders v. Washington, 126 Nev, 245 0).
(b) Date of entr	ry of written order resolving tolling motion N/A
(c) Date writte	n notice of entry of order resolving tolling motion was served N/A
Was service	by:
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	ty has appealed from the judgment or order, list the date each filed and identify by name the party filing the notice of appeal:
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(b) Explain how each authority provides a basis for appeal from the judgment or order: Appellant's contention on appeal is that the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law entered 12/14/2020 did not dispose of Appellant's counterclaims and cross-claims. However, the District Court Order states that final judgment adjudicated "the matter in its entirety."

22. List all parties involved in the action or consolidated actions in the district court:  (a) Parties:  STEVEN BARKET, Plaintiff/Counter-Defendant G65 VENTURES LLC, Plaintiff/Counter-Defendant SHAFIK HIRJI, Defendant/Counterclaimant SHAFIK BROWN, Defendant/Counterclaimant NAVEET SHARDA, Defendant/Counterclaimants - See Attached Sheet
(b) If all parties in the district court are not parties to this appeal, explain in detail why those parties are not involved in this appeal, e.g., formally dismissed, not served, or other: N/A
23. Give a brief description (3 to 5 words) of each party's separate claims, counterclaims, cross-claims, or third-party claims and the date of formal disposition of each claim.  — See Attached Sheet
24. Did the judgment or order appealed from adjudicate ALL the claims alleged below and the rights and liabilities of ALL the parties to the action or consolidated actions below?  \[ \sum \text{Yes} \] \[ \sum \text{No} \]
25. If you answered "No" to question 24, complete the following:
(a) Specify the claims remaining pending below: Appellant Sharda's counterclaims against Respondent Barket for breach of contract, breach of implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing Appellant Trata, Inc.'s counterclaim for tortious interference with contractual relations against Respondent Barket.

(b) Specify the parties remaining below:
STEVEN BARKET, Plaintiff/Counter-Defendant
G65 VENTURES LLC, Plaintiff/Counter-Defendant
SHAFIK HIRJI, Defendant/Counterclaimant
SHAFIK BROWN, Defendant/Counterclaimant
NAVEET SHARDA, Defendant/Counterclaimants
- See Attached Sheet
(c) Did the district court certify the judgment or order appealed from as a final judgment pursuant to NRCP 54(b)?
☐ Yes
☑ No
(d) Did the district court make an express determination, pursuant to NRCP 54(b), that there is no just reason for delay and an express direction for the entry of judgment?
☐ Yes
□ No
26. If you answered "No" to any part of question 25, explain the basis for seeking appellate review (e.g., order is independently appealable under NRAP 3A(b)): Final Judgment states action adjudicated "the matter in its entirety."

### 27. Attach file-stamped copies of the following documents:

- The latest-filed complaint, counterclaims, cross-claims, and third-party claims
- Any tolling motion(s) and order(s) resolving tolling motion(s)
- e Orders of NRCP 41(a) dismissals formally resolving each claim, counterclaims, crossclaims and/or third-party claims asserted in the action or consolidated action below, even if not at issue on appeal
- é Any other order challenged on appeal
- Notices of entry for each attached order

### **VERIFICATION**

I declare under penalty of perjury that I have read this docketing statement, that the information provided in this docketing statement is true and complete to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, and that I have attached all required documents to this docketing statement.

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22. List all parties involved in the action or consolidated actions in the district court:

TRATA, INC., Counterclaimaint

FURNITURE BOUTIQUE LLC, Defendant

MICHAEL AHDERS, Plaintiff in Consolidated Action

23. Give a brief description 3 to 5 words of each party's separate claims, counterclaims, cross-claims, or third-party claims and the date of formal disposition of each claim

Respondent Barket's Claims against Respondent Hirji and Brown: breach of contract, breach of implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing, tortious breach of implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing, Breach of Fiduciary Duty, Unjust Enrichment, Declaratory Relief, Conversion. Dismissed with prejudice December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

Appellant Sharda against Respondent Barket: Counterclaims for breach of contract, breach of implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing. The disposition of these claims is at issue on appeal. Dismissed with prejudice December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

Appellant Trata Inc. against Respondent Barket: Tortious interference with contractual relations. Dismissed with prejudice December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

Respondent Barket against Appellant Sharda: Unjust enrichment, Intentional interference with contractual relationship. Dismissed with prejudice December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

Respondents Hirji and Brown against Respondent Barket: Breach of contract, breach of implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing, fraud, conversion, unjust enrichment, Tortious interference with contractual relations, interference with prospective business advantage, False light. Dismissed with prejudice December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

### 25. If you answered "No" to question 24, complete the following:

(b) Specify the parties remaining below:

TRATA, INC., a Nevada Corporation, Counterclaimant

FURNITURE BOUTIQUE LLC, Defendant

Steven D. Grierson CLERK OF THE COURT 1 **ACOM** MCDONALD LAW OFFICES 2 BRANDON B. MCDONALD, ESQ Nevada Bar No. 011206 3 brandon@mcdonaldlawyers.com 2451 W. Horizon Ridge Pkwy., #120 4 Henderson, Nevada 89052 5 Telephone: (702) 992-0569 Facsimile: (702) 385-7411 6 Attorneys for Plaintiffs 7 EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT 8 **CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA** 9 STEVEN BARKET, an individual; and G65 A-17-756274 Case No.: 10 VENTURES, LLC., a Nevada Limited Liability Dept. No.: XVIII Company, 11 12 Plaintiffs, VS. 13 SHAFIK HIRJI, individual; an **SHAFIK** 14 BROWN. individual; an and NAVNEET 15 SHARDA. an individual; **FURNITURE** BOUTIQUE, LLC., A Nevada Limited Liability 16 Company, and DOES 1-X, inclusive and ROE 17 CORPORATIONS XI through XX, 18 Defendants. 19 20 AMENDED VERIFIED COMPLAINT 21 COMES NOW, Plaintiffs, by and through their counsel of record, Brandon B. McDonald, 22 Esq. of MCDONALD LAW OFFICES and for their causes of action, allege as follows: 23 **PARTIES** 24 Plaintiff, Steven Barket, at all times relevant hereto, was and is an individual 1. 25 residing and doing business in Clark County, Nevada. 26 27 28

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- 2. Plaintiff G65 Ventures, LLC, at all times relevant hereto, was and is a Nevada limited liability company doing business in Clark County, Nevada.
- 3. Defendant Shafik Hirji at all times relevant hereto, was and is an individual residing and doing business in Clark County, Nevada.
- 4. Defendant Shafik Brown at all times relevant hereto, was and is an individual residing and doing business in Clark County, Nevada.
- 5. Defendant Dr. Navneet Sharda at all times relevant hereto, was and is an individual residing and doing business in Clark County, Nevada.
- 6. Defendant Furniture Boutique, LLC., at all times relevant hereto, was and is a Nevada Limited Liability Company doing business in Clark County, Nevada.
- 7. The true names or Capacities, whether individual, corporate, associate, or otherwise, of Defendants named herein as DOES I through X and ROE CORPORATIONS XI through XX, are unknown to Plaintiffs, who therefore sues said Defendants by such fictitious names; Plaintiffs are informed and believes and therein alleges that each of the Defendants designated herein as DOE and ROE are responsible in some manner for the events and happenings referred to, and caused damages proximately to Plaintiff, and Plaintiffs will ask leave of the Court to amend the Complaint to insert the true names and capacities of DOES I through X and ROE CORPORATIONS XI through XX, inclusive, when the same have been ascertained, and to join such Defendants in this action.

### **JURISDICTION**

8. Plaintiffs repeat and reallege each and every allegation contained in the foregoing paragraphs as though fully set forth herein.

- 9. That the foregoing causes of action are related to individuals and entities who are either incorporated in the State of Nevada or regularly conduct business within this jurisdiction. Furthermore, the facts described in the General Allegations occurred in Clark County, Nevada.
- 10. This Court has subject matter and personal jurisdiction over the parties in this proceeding; additionally, venue of this action is proper.

### **GENERAL ALLEGATIONS**

- 11. Plaintiffs repeat and reallege each and every allegation contained in the foregoing paragraphs as though fully set forth herein.
- 12. Shafik Hirji and Shafik Brown are the owner-operators of three Furniture Fashions store locations, (hereafter "FF1", "FF2", and "FF3").
- 13. Around November 2016, Plaintiff Steven Barket (Herinafter "Barket") and Defendants Shafik Hirji (Hereinafter "Hirji") and Shafik Brown (Hereinafter "Brown") began discussing the financing of a new furniture store, Furniture Fashions store no. 4, (Hereafter "FF4").
- 14. On January 20, 2017, Plaintiff Barket and Defendants Hirji and Brown entered into an agreement (herein after the "Agreement") (attached herein as Exhibit 1) to form a new company, separate from all other Furniture Fashions stores, which would be known as Sunset Furniture, Inc., (hereinafter "Sunset").
- 15. FF4 would be located at the corner of Sunset Road and Stephanie Street in Henderson, NV.
- 16. The contract calls for Steven Barket to provide a million dollar (\$1,000,000.00) in funding to be repaid from the furniture stores and Brown Enterprises and Hirji and Brown to provide their experience and retail knowledge for the operation of FF4.

- 17. The company would be set up as follows: 47.5% owned by Hirji and Brown; 47.5% controlled by a trust, whose trustee is Barket<sup>1</sup>; and 5% controlled by a trust.
- 18. In exchange for the million-dollar funding, the contract also grants to Steven Barket a 15% ownership of each of FF1, FF2, and FF3; or Hirji and Brown may, at the time of funding, pay Barket one hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000.00) and FF1, FF2, and FF3 will remain in the ownership and control of Hirji and Brown.
- 19. The contract also provides that in return for previous money raised 50% of Olivia's Mexican Restaurant will be conveyed to Barket (25%) and to potential investor, Dr. Navneet Sharda (25%) (Hereinafter "Sharda").
- 20. The contract also states that Barket will be paid \$60,000 for work and expenses from November 2016 through the opening of FF4 by April 2017.
- 21. Barket secured the million dollars in funding by obtaining a loan on behalf of Sunset from Sharda.
- 22. Upon information and belief, Sharda convinced Hirji and Brown that they could proceed in this venture without Barket, and that they did not have to honor the Agreement and that any ownership or profits that belonged to Barket should be given to Sharda.
- 23. Upon information and belief, Defendants formed a new company called Furniture Boutique, LLC., (hereinafter "Boutique") and began to transfer assets from Sunset to this new company, or to Brown and Hirji, keeping most transactions below \$10,000.00.
- 24. Barket became aware of issues with the use of funds when a check to a lender bounced. He then demanded to see the rest of Sunset's checks and expenditures.
  - 25. Defendants refused to allow Barket to see the company financial records.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Barket's interests would in part be held through G65 Ventures, LLC. Therefore, whenever reference is this Complaint is made to "Barket" such reference also includes Plaintiff G65 Ventures, LLC.

26. As majority owner, Barket removed the current officers and appointed new officers. The new officers then retrieved the company's financials and became aware of the scope of Defendants' breaches, thefts, and frauds.

# FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION Breach Of Contract (Against Hirji and Brown)

- 27. Plaintiffs repeat and reallege each and every allegation contained in the foregoing paragraphs as though fully set forth herein.
- 28. The Agreement is an enforceable contract to which Plaintiff and Defendants Hirji and Brown are parties.
- 29. Plaintiff Barket and Defendants Hirji and Brown entered into the Agreement for the formation of Sunset and the establishment of FF4.
- 30. Plaintiff Barket has abided by the terms of the Agreement and fulfilled his duties in accordance with the Agreement or has been excused from doing so.
- 31. These Defendants have materially breached the terms of the Agreement, among other things, in that they conspired to form Boutique to establish FF4 without the involvement of Barket, removed funds from Sunset and placed them in Boutique despite not owning a majority of Sunset, and failed to convey any of the promised ownership interest in Olivia's Mexican Restaurant to Barket.
- 32. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' breaches of the Agreement, Plaintiffs have suffered damages in excess of \$15,000.00.
- 33. Plaintiffs have been required to engage the services of attorneys in these proceedings as a direct and proximate result of Defendants' breaches; therefore, Plaintiffs are entitled to attorneys' fees and costs as special damages and pursuant to the Agreement.

#### **SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION**

## Breach Of The Implied Covenant Of Good Faith And Fair Dealing (Against Hirji and Brown)

- 34. Plaintiffs repeat and reallege each and every allegation contained in the foregoing paragraphs as though fully set forth herein.
- 35. In every contract, there exists an implied obligation to act in good faith and deal fairly.
- 36. By engaging in the conduct described above and throughout the Complaint,

  Defendants have breached the implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing contained in the

  Agreement.
  - 37. Defendants' breach has caused Plaintiffs to suffer damages in excess of \$15,000.
- 38. Plaintiffs have been required to engage the services of attorneys in these proceedings as a direct and proximate result of Defendants' breaches; therefore, Plaintiffs are entitled to attorneys' fees and costs as special damages and pursuant to the Agreement.

### THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION

### Tortious Breach Of The Implied Covenant Of Good Faith And Fair Dealing (Against Hirji and Brown)

- 39. Plaintiffs repeat and reallege each and every allegation contained in the foregoing paragraphs as though fully set forth herein.
  - 40. Plaintiffs and Defendants Hirji and Brown entered into a valid contract.
- 41. In accordance with this Agreement, Defendants owned Plaintiffs a duty of good faith and fair dealing arising from this Agreement.
- 42. Upon information and belief, Plaintiffs especially relied and placed their trust in Defendants given their superior and entrusted position as President and shareholders of the company to faithfully perform in good faith this contract.

- 43. Defendants Brown owed a fiduciary duty to Plaintiffs given his capacity as President of the company.
- 44. Defendants breached the duty of good faith and fair dealing by engaging in the misconduct as set forth herein.
- 45. Defendants' breach has caused Plaintiffs to suffer damages in excess of \$15,000.00.
- 46. Defendants acted with oppression, fraud and malice and as such the Plaintiffs are entitled to an award of punitive or exemplary damages to be proven at trial.
- 47. Plaintiffs have been required to engage the services of attorneys in these proceedings as a direct and proximate result of Defendants' breaches; therefore, Plaintiffs are entitled to attorneys' fees and costs as special damages and pursuant to the Agreement.

# FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION Breach Of Fiduciary Duty (Against Hirji and Brown)

- 48. Plaintiffs repeat and reallege each and every allegation contained in the foregoing paragraphs as though fully set forth herein.
- 49. Defendants Hirji and Brown as President and Officers of Sunset, owed a fiduciary duty to Plaintiff.
- 50. Plaintiffs had a right to expect trust and confidence in Defendants as officers and directors of Sunset.
  - 51. Defendants breach their fiduciary duty to Plaintiff.
- 52. Defendants' breach has caused Plaintiffs to suffer damages in excess of \$15,000.00.
- 53. Defendants acted with oppression, fraud and malice and as such the Plaintiffs are entitled to an award of punitive or exemplary damages to be proven at trial.

54. Plaintiffs have been required to engage the services of attorneys in these proceedings as a direct and proximate result of Defendants' breaches; therefore, Plaintiffs are entitled to attorneys' fees and costs as special damages and pursuant to the Agreement.

### **FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

## Unjust Enrichment (Against Hirji, Brown, Sharda, and Boutique)

- 55. Plaintiffs repeat and reallege each and every allegation contained in the foregoing paragraphs as though fully set forth herein.
- 56. Plaintiffs have procured money and property for Defendants through his performance of the Agreement.
- 57. Defendants have unjustly removed the money and property, procured for them by the Plaintiff, from Sunset and moved it to Boutique or personally to the Defendants, that if allowed to keep would be contrary to the fundamental principles of justice or equity and against good conscience.
- 58. Defendants' unjust enrichment and retention has caused Plaintiffs to suffer damages in excess of \$15,000.00.
- 59. Plaintiffs have been required to engage the services of attorneys in these proceedings as a direct and proximate result of Defendants' breaches; therefore, Plaintiffs are entitled to attorneys' fees and costs as special damages and pursuant to the Agreement.

## SIXTH CAUSE OF ACTION Declaratory Relief (Against Hirji and Brown)

- 60. Plaintiffs repeat and reallege each and every allegation contained in the foregoing paragraphs as though fully set forth herein.
  - 61. Defendants Hirji and Brown are the owners of Olivia's Mexican Restaurant.

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paragraphs as though fully set forth herein.

- 73. A valid contract existed between Barket and Defendants Hirji and Brown.
- 74. Upon information and belief, Defendant Sharda knew that this contract existed as he was promised 25% of the Olivia's Mexican Restaurant in the Agreement and had discussions with Barket regarding the contract.
- 75. The acts of Defendant Sharda set forth above and throughout this Complaint were performed for an improper purpose, specifically to harm Plaintiff's contractual relationship with Defendants Hirji and Brown.
- 76. Defendant Sharda's actions caused Defendants Hirji and Brown to breach the Agreement with Barket and to take steps to establish Boutique and steal assets from Sunset.
- 77. Defendant's conduct was performed through improper means, including tortuous acts, breaches of contract, and violations of Nevada Law and equity.
- 78. Defendant acted with oppression, fraud and malice and as such the Plaintiffs are entitled to an award of punitive or exemplary damages to be proven at trial.
- 79. As a result of Defendant's actions, Plaintiffs have been damaged in an amount in excess of \$15,000.00 and the damages are ongoing.
- 80. Plaintiffs have been required to engage the services of attorneys in these proceedings as a direct and proximate result of Defendants' breaches; therefore, Plaintiffs are entitled to attorneys' fees and costs as special damages.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs prays for judgment against the Defendants as follows:

- 1. For compensatory damages in a sum according to proof at trial;
- 2. For special damages in a sum according to proof at trial;
- 3. For attorney's fees and costs of suit herein;
- 4. For punitive damages;
- 5. For pre-judgment and post-judgment interest; and

1	6.	For such other and further relief as the	e Court may deem appropriate.
2	Dated	I this 11 <sup>th</sup> day of August 2017	
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6			By: /s/ Brandon B. McDonald BRANDON B. MCDONALD, ESQ.
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1	VERIFICATION
2	STATE OF NEVADA )
3 4	) SS. COUNTY OF CLARK )
5	STEVEN BARKET, individually, and as the Sole Trustee of G Squared Trust which is
6	the sole Manager of G65 Ventures LLC., being duly sworn, states that he is a plaintiff in this
7	matter and represents the interest of himself and G65 Ventures LLC., in this matter, that he has
8	read the foregoing Amended Complaint, and pursuant to NRS 53.045 declares under penalty of
9 10	perjury, that the same is true and correct to the best of his knowledge, except as to the matters
11	therein set forth upon information and belief, and as to those matters, he believes them to be true.
12	DATED this 11 <sup>th</sup> of August 2017.
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15	/s/ Steven Barket Steven Barket, individually and as Sole Trustee of G Squared
16	Trust, sole Manager of G65 Ventures, LLC.
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# Exhibit 1

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### MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AND AGREEMENT

The following parties:

- Shafik Hirii
- Sahfik Brown
- Steven Barket

Make the following agreement of terms:

That Shafik Hirji and Shafik Brown are owner-operators of three Furniture Fashions locations, referred to subsequently as FF1, FF2 and FF3.

Whereas Shafik Hirji and Shafik Brown requested \$1 million to open and operate a fourth store, known as Furniture Fashions Store No. 4 (FF4), located in Henderson, Nevada, at the corner of Sunset and Stephanie (the old Sports Authority location with approx. 42,000 square feet), which is a new corporation -- a totally separate entity from all existing Furniture Fashions stores, locations and companies. The formation of this company will be known as Sunset Furniture Inc.

The company will be set up as follows:

- 47 ½ percent, Shafik Hirji / Shafik Brown
- 47 ½ percent controlled by a trust, whose trustee is Steven Barket
- 5 percent controlled by a trust

In exchange for the \$1 million investment, which constitutes all financing necessary for the opening of FF4, Steven Barket is additionally entitled to 15 percent ownership of each of FF1, FF2 and FF3, or at the time of funding \$150,000 will be paid to Barket and all ownership of FF1, FF2 and FF3 will remain in the ownership and control of Hirji and Brown.

Hirji and Brown provide the experience and retail knowledge for the operation of FF4 in exchange for their 47 ½ percent ownership compensation; Barket provides the necessary funding/lending for his 47 ½ percent ownership.

Additionally, in return for the previous money raised, Hirji and Brown will convey 50 percent of Olivia's Mexican Restaurant to Barket (25 percent) and potential investor, Dr. Navneet Sharda (25 percent).

As additional consideration, Barket will be paid \$60,000, which represents work and expenses of from Nov 2016 to the opening of FF4 by April 2017.

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Hirji and Brown will continue to reimburse all out of pocket expenses for travel, work, time and entertainment as they relate to store projects -- including a fifth potential Furniture Fashions location on Craig Road in North Las Vegas.

Hirji and Brown also agree that the \$210,000 paid to Barket will be reimbursed to FF4 by way of profits from Yasmin Brown DBA account (ventures) and FF4 within 90 days of the opening of FF4. In addition the \$210,000 paid to Barket can be repaid from FF1, FF2, FF3, or a combination of the above. The consideration of repayment of the \$210,000 could come from furniture, labor or other tangible assets to FF4. All consideration would clear and concise, via invoices or time sheets, etc.

As proof of the ability to repay those funds, Hirji has provided bank statements from Bank of America as follows:

- DBA Brown Enterprises
   Yasmin Brown Sole Proprietor
   7560 Jacaranda Bay St.
   Las Vegas, NV 89139-5313
- Account No. 5010 1844 3268

According to the records provided by Hirji, annual gross revenue deposited was more than \$8.5 million in 2016.

The information provided in these account statements to Barket show the revenue flow as well as Hirji/Brown family living expenses, car expenses, insurance, home payments, etc. Hirji/Brown stated that they were able to use the profits from their other automotive service business entity for all personal and living expenses, and that the profits from the initial three Furniture Fashions stores were above and beyond those income streams and could be used to help support the repayment to lenders.

In lieu of that ownership promise, Barket agrees to accept \$150,000 at the time of funding in lieu of that ownership.

In addition to this, all revenue earned at FF4 is to be used for the furtherance of FF4's success only. No FF4 funds are to be co-mingled with any of the other three stores. All advertising and marketing is to be split equally among the four stores – FF1 - 25%, FF2 - 25%, FF3 - 25% and FF4 - 25%. FF4 is to be a totally independent enterprise, which only shares the Furniture Fashion name and advertising and nothing else.

All furniture will be invoiced and paid directly to the supplier.

Melvin Anderson introduction fee: It is agreed that Anderson will be paid a flat fee of \$30,000 from FF4 over a six-month period in equal monthly payments of \$5,000 starting June 15, 2017 through December 15, 2017.

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This is a confidential document for use between the parties named herein to memorialize the agreement between Barket, Hirji and Brown. Should any litigation arise from disputes related to this document, Hirji and Brown shall be liable.

This document shall be available to Sharda or Anderson should a default of any kind occur on the part of Hirji/Brown. In the event of a default, Hirji/Brown will be liable for all legal expenses and fees.

It is further acknowledged that Barket, Hirji and Brown have all provided input regarding the points set forth in this document.

STEVEN BARKET

SHAFIK HIRJI

SHAFIK BROWN

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1 **AACC** LAW OFFICE OF DANIEL MARKS DANIEL MARKS, ESO. Nevada State Bar No. 002003 3 610 South Ninth Street Las Vegas, Nevada 89101 4 (702) 386-0536; Fax (702) 386-6812 Attorney for Defendants, Shafik Hirji, 5 Shafik Brown, and Furniture Boutique, LLC 6 DISTRICT COURT 7 CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA 8 STEVEN BARKET, an individual; and G65 Case No.: A-17-756274-C VENTURES, LLC, a Nevada Limited Liability Dept. No.: XVIII 9 Company, 10 Plaintiffs, VS. 11 SHAFIK HIRJI, an individual: SHAFIK 12 BROWN, an individual; and NAVEET SHARDA, an individual; FURNITURE BOUTIQUE, LLC, a Nevada Limited 13 Liability Company, and DOES I-X, inclusive 14 and ROE CORPORATIONS XI through XX. 15 Defendants. 16 NAVEET SHARDA, an individual; TRATA, INC., a Nevada Corporation; 17 Counterclaimants, 18 VS. 19 STEVEN BARKET, an individual, 20 Counterdefendant. SHAFIK HIRJI, an individual; SHAFIK 21 BROWN, an individual; and FURNITURE 22 BOUTIQUE, LLC, a Nevada Limited Liability Company; 23 Counter-Claimants, 24 25 STEVEN BARKET, an individual, 26 Counter-Defendant. 27 ANSWER TO AMENDED VERIFIED COMPLAINT AND COUNTERCLAIM 28

### ANSWER TO AMENDED VERIFIED COMPLAINT AND COUNTERCLAIM

COMES NOW, Defendants, Shafik Hirji, Shafik Brown, and Furniture Boutique, LLC, by and through their undersigned counsel, Daniel Marks, Esq., of the Law Office of Daniel Marks, and for their Answer to Amended Verified Complaint hereby admit, deny, and allege as follows:

### **ANSWER**

- 1. Answering paragraphs 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 12, 13, 15, 21, and 61, Defendants admits each and every of the allegations contained therein.
- 2. Answering paragraphs 14, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 22, 24, 25, 26, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 35, 36, 37, 38, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 56, 57, 58, 59, 62, 63, 64, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, and 80, Defendants deny each and every allegation contained therein.
- Answering paragraph 23, Defendants admit that Defendants formed a new company called Furniture Boutique, LLC, but deny the remaining allegations.

WHEREFORE, the Defendants pray that Plaintiffs take nothing by virtue of the Amended Verified Complaint on file herein.

### AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES

### FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Plaintiffs have failed to state a claim against Defendants, Shafik Hirji, Shafik Brown, and Furniture Boutique, LLC, upon which relief may be granted.

### SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Plaintiffs claims are barred by the statute of frauds.

### THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Plaintiffs claims are barred by the doctrine of unclean hands.

### FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Plaintiffs claims are barred by the doctrine of latches.

### FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Plaintiffs claims are barred by the doctrine of estoppel.

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### **COUNTERCLAIM**

COMES NOW, the Defendants/Counter-Claimants, Shafik Hirji, Shafik Brown, and Furniture Boutique, LLC (collective referred to as "Counter-Claimants" and individually referred to as "Hirji", "Brown", and "Boutique"), and Counterclaim against the Plaintiff/Counter-Defendant, Steven Barket (hereafter "Barket") as follows:

### **GENERAL ALLEGATIONS**

- At all times material hereto, Counter-Defendant, Steven Barket was a resident of Clark County, Nevada.
- 2. At all material hereto, Counter-Claimant, Shafik Hirji, was a resident of Clark County, Nevada.
- 3. At all material hereto, Counter-Claimant, Shafik Brown, was a resident of Clark County, Nevada.
- 4. At all times material hereto, Counter-Claimant, Furniture Boutique, LLC, was a limited liability company organized and existing under the laws of the State of Nevada and doing business in Clark County, Nevada.
- 5. That Counter-Defendant, Steven Barket, caused events to occur within the State of Nevada out of which the Counter-Claimants' claims asserted herein arise.
- 6. The jurisdictional amount for establishing these claims is satisfied and exceeds Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00).

### **FACTS RELEVANT TO ALL CLAIMS**

- 7. In and around September 2016, Hirji and Barket met at the Mercedes dealer. Barket purchased a sofa and other furniture from Furniture Fashions, which Hirji operated and Brown owned.
- 8. Hirji and Barket quickly became close friends. The met often on a casual basis to discuss their business operations over coffee or lunch.
- 9. Barket told Hirji he owned and/or operated various lucrative business ventures.
- 10. Barket told Hirji he was most passionate about his internet marketing business.

- In or around September/October 2016, Barket told Hirji that he finished a job for Sheldon Adelson, the owner of the Venetian Hotel & Casino, and was paid two hundred fifty thousand (\$250,000) dollars; and worked with many other reputable businessmen on Wall Street, Washington D.C., and Florida. Barket claimed that he received stock, which is now worth millions of dollars and wanted to make investments with it.
- 12. In and around September 2016, Barket told Hirji that he had a net worth of approximately eighteen million (\$18,000,000.00) dollars.
- 13. During their casual meetings, Hirji discussed his experiences operating various businesses Brown owned. Hirji discussed Boulevard Furniture Inc., which did business as Furniture Fashions. Furniture Fashions was a chain of furniture stores with three locations in Las Vegas, which Hirji's son, Brown owned and Hirji operated.
- 14. Hirji also discussed his operation of the Champagne Salon & Spa, which had two locations in Las Vegas.
- 15. In October 2016, Barket asked Hirji if he needed a loan for any reason. Barket explained that he had money and was looking for an opportunity to invest it with Brown and Furniture Fashions. Hirji believed they could use the extra money and said he would talk to Brown about it.
- 16. Hirji trusted Barket based on their friendship and Barket's representations that he owned and/or operated various lucrative business ventures.
- 17. Barket told Hirji that he wanted to invest two hundred thousand (\$200,000.00) dollars, but it would need to be structured as a loan from one of his businesses through his partner for tax purposes.
- 18. Barket told Hirji that for tax reasons the loan repayment would need to be structured with an interest rate of fifty (50%) percent for twelve (12) months. Hirji and Brown agreed.
- 19. On November 7, 2016, Hirji and Brown went to the Law Office of Cohen-Johnson, LLC, executed a secured promissory note and security agreement on behalf of Boulevard Furniture Inc. for a loan from Cancer Center Foundation, Inc., and received a check for two hundred thousand (\$200,000.00) dollars.

- 20. In November 2016, shortly after the first loan, Barket approached Hirji and said he had another one hundred thousand (\$100,000.00) dollars he wanted to invest with Brown and Furniture Fashions.
- 21. Barket reiterated that the second investment would need to be structured as a loan from one of his businesses through his partner for tax purposes.
- 22. Barket told Hirji that for tax reasons the loan repayment for the second loan would need to be structured with an interest rate of forty-eight (48%) percent for twelve (12) months. Hirji and Brown agreed.
- 23. Shortly thereafter in November 2016, Hirji and Brown went to the Law Office of Cohen-Johnson, LLC, executed a secured promissory note and security agreement on behalf of Boulevard Furniture Inc. for the second loan with Michael Anders, and received a check for one hundred thousand (\$100,000.00) dollars.
- 24. In December 2016, Barket learned that Brown bought Olivia's Mexican Restaurant & Bar in Las Vegas. Hirji asked Barket if he wanted to invest three hundred thousand (\$300,000.00) dollars into Olivia's Mexican Restaurant & Bar. Barket said yes.
- 25. Barket reiterated that for tax reasons, the three hundred thousand (\$300,000.00) dollar investment would have to be characterized as a loan and would have to go through one of his business and be handled by one of his partners.
- 26. Hirji informed Barket that the third loan/investment would have to be structured as a four (4) year loan with an interest rate of ten (10%) percent. Barket agreed. Shortly before Hirji and Brown were to execute the secured promissory note and security agreement for the third loan, Barket informed Hirji that he had one hundred thousand (\$100,000.00) dollars available at that time, but would have the other two hundred thousand (\$200,000.00) dollars shortly thereafter and would amend the note and security agreement for the third loan at that time.

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- 27. On December 20, 2016, Hirji and Brown went to the Law Office of Cohen-Johnson, LLC, executed a secured promissory note and security agreement on behalf of Boulevard Furniture Inc. for the third loan from Cancer Center Foundation, Inc., and received a check for one hundred thousand (\$100,000.00) dollars.
- 28. Barket did not provide the additional two hundred thousand (\$200,000.00) dollars for Olivia's Mexican Restaurant & Bar or amend the note and security agreement for the third loan.
- 29. Later, Hirji and Brown discovered the note for the third loan provided that it would need to be repaid within four months with an interest rate of fifty (50%) percent.
- 30. In or around October/November 2016, Barket approached Hirji and suggested that they open a new furniture store with Brown that would be completely separate and independent from Furniture Fashions.
- 31. Hirji told Barket that they would need one million (\$1,000,000.00) dollars to open a new furniture store.
- 32. Hirji proposed two different possible locations for the new store. One location was on Craig and the other location was at the corner of Sunset Road and Stephanie Street in Henderson, Nevada.
- 33. In or around the end of November/ beginning of December 2016, Barket, Hirji and Brown agreed to embark on a new furniture business, which they would call Sunset Furniture, Inc. ("Sunset"). They agreed for the location to be at the corner of Sunset Road and Stephanie Street in Henderson, Nevada.
- 34. Barket and Hirji agreed that Barket would invest one million (\$1,000,000.00) dollars into "Sunset" and Hirji and Brown would operate Sunset, which would open in April 2017.
- 35. Barket would receive a fifty (50%) percent interest in Sunset and Hirji and Brown would receive a combined interest of fifty (50%) in Sunset. Hirji would receive a twenty five (25%) individual interest and Brown would receive a twenty five (25%) percent individual interest in Sunset.

- 36. Brown filed the necessary paperwork for Sunset to became an active domestic corporation in Nevada on January 17, 2017.
- 37. Barket reiterated that for tax reasons, the million dollar deal would need to be structured as a loan through one of his businesses and would be handled by one of his partners.
- 38. Barket told Hirji that for tax reasons the one million (\$1,000,000.00) dollar loan repayment for the fourth loan would need to be structured with an interest rate of fifty (48%) percent for the first five payments, and then be reduce to an interest rate of ten (10%) percent for the remaining 43 months of the loan. Hirji and Brown agreed.
- 39. On January 20, 2016, Hirji and Brown went to the Law Office of Cohen-Johnson, LLC, executed a secured promissory note and security agreement for loan number 4 on behalf of Sunset Furniture, Inc., from Trata, Inc., and received a check for one million (\$1,000,000.00) dollars.
- 40. From November 7, 2016 to March 4, 2017, Barket demanded for Hirji to pay him a total of approximately three hundred seventy five thousand (\$375,000.00) dollars. During this period, Hirji paid Barket three hundred seventy five thousand (\$375,000.00) dollars.
- 41. From January 20, 2017 to February 24, 2017, Barket demanded and received approximately two hundred fifty thousand (\$250,000.00) dollars from Hirji.
- 42. Barket claimed that he would return the money within a few weeks.
- 43. Barket did not return any of the money, but instead demanded for Hirji to pay him additional money.
- 44. Hirji and Brown refused.
- 45. Barket got angry and threatened to harm Hirji physically and/or to harm Brown and Hirji's family financially, if they did not give him more money.
- 46. Barket told Hirji that he would set up websites and take other action to smear Hirji and his family's names and to portray them in a bad light to cause financial harm to their family businesses if they did not give him more money.
- 47. Hirji and Brown refused to give Barket more money.

- 48. On or about March 4, 2017, Hirji contacted Dr. Sharda to inform him that Barket had taken approximately three hundred seventy five thousand (\$375,000.00) dollars from them, that they did not have any more money to give to Barket, and did not have the capital they needed to open the store.
- 49. Hirji informed Dr. Sharda that between January 20, 2017 and February 24, 2017, Barket demanded and received approximately two hundred fifty thousand (\$250,000.00) dollars from Hirji and claimed that he would get the money back to him within a few weeks.
- 50. Hirji explained to Dr. Sharda that Barket did not return any of the money, but instead demanded for Hirji to pay him additional money. Hirji and Brown refused.
- 51. Hirji informed Dr. Sharda that up to that date, he had paid Barket approximately \$375,000 for the loans Barket made through his businesses, that they did not have any more money to give to Barket, that Barket was threatening to physically harm Hirji and/or to financially harm Brown and Hirji's family, and that they were already two hundred thousand (\$200,000.00) dollars short of the capital they needed to open the new furniture store in April 2017.
- 52. Dr. Sharda informed Hirji of Barket's misrepresentations and specifically, that Barket did not loan them any money, was not an agent of Cancer Center Foundation, Inc., and/or Trata, Inc., and did not have the power to bind Cancer Center Foundation, Inc., and/or Trata, Inc., Hirji and Brown stopped communicating with Barket.
- 53. Dr. Sharda informed Hirji that Barket did not apply any of the money to the outstanding loans, that Barket did not make any of the loans or have any interest in Cancer Center Foundation, Inc., or Trata, Inc.
- 54. Dr. Sharda informed Hirji that he was an agent of Cancer Center Foundation, Inc., and Trata, Inc., and had the power to bind the businesses that loaned Hirji and Brown the money for the benefit of Boulevard Furniture Inc., and Sunset Furniture, Inc.
- 55. Dr. Sharda agreed to make another loan, loan number 5, to Hirji and Brown for an additional two hundred thousand (\$200,000.00) dollars to open the store in April 2017.
- 56. Brown formed Furniture Boutique, LLC (hereafter "Boutique").

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- 57. Barket created post card mailers, which inferred Hirji was an untrustworthy, dishonest, scam artist, who sets up fake business fronts, and commits bankruptcy fraud to escape his creditors. Barket sent the post card mailers that portray Hirji in a false light to Hirji and Brown's business associates, landlords, all of the tenants and employees surrounding each business including all the tenants and employees in the boulevard mall, neighboring business owners, and employees of Furniture Fashions, Champagne Salon & Spa, Olivia's Mexican Restaurant & Bar, and Boutique.
- 58. Barket also sent the post card mailers to the neighbors in the communities that Hirji and Brown lived in.
- 59. Barket also created various websites, including but not limited to, shafikhirji.com and shadyshafik.com to smear Hirji and his family's name.
- 60. Barket portrayed Hirji and his family in a negative light by making statements similar to the statements in the post card mailers to harm the reputation of Hirji and his family and/or to financially harm Hirji, Brown, and their family.
- 61. In or around June/July 2017, Dr. Sharda, Hirji and Brown discussed opening another Boutique at the Craig location he previously considered. Dr. Sharda told Hirji it sounded like a good idea and to look into it.
- 62. When Hirji contacted his broker regarding the Craig location, he was informed that the property owner would no longer do business with Hirji and Brown because of the information the owner received from Barket.

# FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION AGAINST COUNTER-DEFENDANT STEVEN BARKET (Breach of Contract)

- 63. The Counter-Claimants restate the allegations set forth in Paragraphs 1 through 62 and incorporates them herein by reference.
- 64. That in November 2016, Barket made a loan to Hirji and Brown for two hundred thousand (\$200,000.00) dollars to be paid by his partners from his business. This loan was to be repaid over a period of 12 months at an interest rate of fifty (50%) percent.

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- 65. Later that same month, Barket made a second loan to Hirji and Brown for one hundred thousand (\$100,000.00) dollars to be paid by his partners from his business. This loan was to be repaid over a period of 12 months at an interest rate of fifty (50%) percent.
- That in December 2016, Barket made a third loan to Hirji and Brown for three hundred thousand (\$300,000.00) dollars to be paid by his partners from his business. This loan was to be repaid over a period of 48 months at an interest rate of ten (10%). However, Barket only provided \$100,000 of the \$300,000. The loan period was for 4 months instead of 48 months with an interest rate of fifty (50%) percent instead of ten (10%) percent.
- 67. That in January 2017, Barket agreed to make a fourth loan to Hirji and Brown for one million (\$1,000,000.00) dollars to be paid by his partners from his business. This loan was to be repaid over a period of 48 months with an interest rate of forty-eight percent for the first five payments and then be reduced to ten (10%) percent for the remaining 43 months of the loan.
- 68. Barket materially breached these agreements in that he did not actually loan any of the money to Hirji and Brown or have any interest in Cancer Center Foundation, Inc., and Trata, Inc.
- 69. Barket materially breached the agreements further by demanding and receiving a total of approximately \$375,000 from Hirji and Brown between November 2016 and March 4, 2017, which he diverted for his own personal use and did not apply to any of the loans made to Hirji and Brown by Cancer Center Foundation, Inc., and Trata, Inc.
- 70. Barket's conduct caused Hirji and Brown to breach the contracts with Cancer Center Foundation, Inc., and Trata, Inc., because he took the money Hirji and Brown would have used to repay the loans for his personal use and did not apply it to their loans.
- 71. That as a direct and proximate result of Barket's material breaches of contract as set forth above, Counter-Claimants were damaged in a sum in excess of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00).

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72. It has been necessary for the Counter-Claimants to retain the services of an attorney to prosecute this action and therefore, Counter-Claimants are entitled to reasonable attorney's fees and costs, prejudgment interest, and such other and further relief as the court deems proper in this action.

### SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION (Breach of the Implied Covenant of Good Faith and Fair Dealing)

- 73. The Counter-Claimants restate the allegations of Paragraphs 1 through 72 as set forth above and incorporates them herein by reference.
- 74. That Barket and Hirji became close friends. Barket held himself out as an, educated, experienced, and successful businessman.
- 75. That Hirji trusted, relied on and depended on Barket's statements, representations, and actions, including but not limited to his representations that he was making the loans to Hirji and Brown through his partners and businesses.
- 76. That the actions of Barket, individually, and on behalf of Sunset, breached the Covenant of Good Faith and Fair Dealing between Hirji, Brown, and Barket.
- 77. The law requires that the relationship between Hirji, Brown and Barket, individually and on behalf of Sunset, to have been characterized by a relationship of good faith and fair dealing.
- 78. That the actions of Barket breached the covenant of good faith and fair dealing.
- 79. That because of the special relationships between Hirji, Brown, and Barket, Hirji and Brown are entitled to tort damages in a sum according to proof.
- 80. Because the actions of Barket as set forth above, Hirji and Brown have suffered damages in excess of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00).
- 81. It has been necessary for the Counter-Claimants to retain the services of an attorney to prosecute this action and therefore, Counter-Claimants are entitled to reasonable attorney's fees and costs, prejudgment interest, and such other and further relief as the court deems proper in this action.

### THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION (Fraud)

- 82. The Counter-Claimants restate the allegations of Paragraphs 1 through 81 as set forth above and incorporates them herein by reference.
- 83. That between September 2016 and March 4, 2017, Barket misrepresented his financial condition stating that:
  - A. Barket had a net worth of eighteen million dollars;
  - B. That in November 2016, Barket agreed to loan Hirji and Brown for two hundred thousand (\$200,000.00) dollars to be paid by his partners from his business. This loan was to be repaid over a period of 12 months at an interest rate of fifty (50%) percent.
  - C. That in November 2016, Barket agreed to make a second loan to Hirji and Brown for one hundred thousand (\$100,000.00) dollars to be paid by his partners from his business. This loan was to be repaid over a period of 12 months at an interest rate of forty-eight (48%) percent.
  - D. That in December 2016, Barket agreed to make a third loan to Hirji and Brown for three hundred thousand (\$300,000.00) dollars to be paid by his partners from his business. This loan was to be repaid over a period of 48 months at an interest rate of ten (10%) percent. Hirji and Brown only received one hundred thousand (\$100,000.00) dollars of that amount and it was to be repaid within four (4) months with fifty (50%) percent interest.
  - E. That in January 2017, Barket agreed to make a fourth loan to Hirji and Brown for one million (\$1,000,000.00) dollars to be paid by his partners from his business. This loan was to be repaid over a period of 48 months at an interest rate of forty-eight (48%) percent for the first five payments and reduce to ten (10%) percent interest for the remaining 43 months.

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- 84. Barket knew that Hirji and Brown would rely upon his representations because he was holding himself out as an educated and successful businessman with a net worth of eighteen million dollars.
- 85. Hirji and Brown did rely on Barket's representations.
- 86. Hirji and Brown even paid Barket approximately three hundred seventy five thousand (\$375,000.00) dollars based on his representations that he loaned the money and would return it in a few weeks.
- 87. On March 4, 2017, Hirji called Dr. Sharda to inform him of the amount they had paid to Barket, that Barket was demanding more money and threatening to harm Hirji and Brown physically and financially if they did not comply, and that because of the money Barket did not return they did not have enough capital to open Sunset in April.
- 88. Dr. Sharda informed Hirji that Barket did not loan them any money and that he did not have any interest in the companies that loaned Hirji and Brown the money.
- 89. Hirji and Brown were deprived of three hundred seventy five thousand (\$375,000.00) dollars, which would have reduced the amount of their loans if Barket had not made misrepresentations about loaning them money.
- 90. Hirji and Brown were deprived of the interest rate reductions they thought they would receive on the loans.
- 91. Hirji and Brown had to take out an additional loan for two hundred thousand (\$200,000.00) dollars so they had sufficient capital to open the Boutique.
- 92. For the reasons stated above, Barket mislead Hirji and Brown and diverted three hundred seventy five thousand (\$375,000.00) dollars for his personal use.
- 93. Hirji and Brown have been damaged in a sum in excess of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00).
- 94. It has been necessary for the Counter-Claimants to retain the services of an attorney to prosecute this action and therefore, Counter-Claimants are entitled to reasonable attorney's fees and costs, prejudgment interest, and such other and further relief as the court deems proper in this action.

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### FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION (Conversion)

- 95. The Counter-Claimants restate the allegations of Paragraphs 1 through 94 as set forth above and incorporates them herein by reference.
- 96. That from November 2016 to March 4, 2017, Barket engaged in intentional actions that constituted a conversion of the assets which properly belonged to Hirji, Brown, Furniture Fashions, and/or Sunset.
- 97. From November 7, 2016 through March 4, 2017, Barket demanded and received a total of approximately three hundred seventy five thousand (\$375,000.00) dollars from Hirji, which he diverted for his own personal use and did not apply to any of the loans made to Hirji and Brown by Cancer Center Foundation, Inc., and Trata, Inc.
- 98. As a direct and proximate result of the Barket's conversion of assets as set forth above, Hirji, Brown, Furniture Fashions, and Sunset have suffered damages in excess of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00).
- 99. That the actions of the Defendants as set forth above were done with actual malice, fraud and/or oppression.
- 100. It has been necessary for the Counter-Claimants to retain the services of an attorney to prosecute this action and therefore, Counter-Claimants are entitled to reasonable attorney's fees and costs, prejudgment interest, and such other and further relief as the court deems proper in this action.

# FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION (Unjust Enrichment)

- 101. The Counter-Claimants restate the allegations of Paragraphs 1 through 100 as set forth above and incorporates them herein by reference.
- 102. From November 7, 2016 through March 4, 2017, Barket demanded and received a total of approximately three hundred seventy five thousand (\$375,000.00) dollars from Hirji, which he did not apply to any of the loans made to Hirji and Brown by Cancer Center Foundation, Inc., and Trata, Inc.
- 103. Barket kept the monies for his own personal use.

- 104. Therefore, due to Barket's actions, set forth above, he was unjustly enriched by approximately three hundred seventy five thousand (\$375,000.00) dollars.
- 105. Hirji and Brown were forced to take an additional loan, loan number 5, for two hundred thousand (\$200,000.00) dollars from Dr. Sharda so that they had sufficient capital to open the Boutique in April 2017 for Barket's breach. Hirji an Brown are entitled to recover the interest on this loan from Barket.
- 106. Hirji and Brown are also required to pay a higher interest rate than the amount Barket agreed to for the four loans between November 7, 2016 and January 20, 2017. Hirji and Brown are entitled to recover the difference in the interest on these loans from Barket.
- 107. As a direct and proximate result of Barket's acts, as set forth above, the Counter-Claimants have suffered damages in excess of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00).
- 108. It has been necessary for the Counter-Claimants to retain the services of an attorney to prosecute this action and therefore, Counter-Claimants are entitled to reasonable attorney's fees and costs, prejudgment interest, and such other and further relief as the court deems proper in this action.

## SIXTH CAUSE OF ACTION (Tortious Interference with Contractual Relationships)

- 109. The Counter-Claimants restate the allegations of Paragraphs 1 through 108 as set forth above and incorporates them herein by reference.
- 110. Counter-Claimants had a valid and existing lease agreement with their landlord.
- 111. Counter-Claimants had valid and existing business agreements with landlords, vendors, suppliers, and local advertisers.
- 112. Barket knew about the lease agreement between counter-claimants and their landlord.
- 113. Barket knew about the business agreements between Counter-Claimants and landlords, vendors, suppliers, and local advertisers.
- 114. On or about March 4, 2017, the Counter-Claimants refused to give Barket any additional money. Barket threatened to harm the counter-claimants' businesses, reputations, and their family, if they did not continue to give him money. The Counter-Claimants refused.

- 115. Barket engaged in intentional acts with the intent or plan to disrupt the contractual relationship between the Counter-Claimants and their landlords by inducing the landlords to breach their lease agreements.
- 116. Barket engaged in intentional acts with the intent or plan to disrupt the contractual relationship between the Counter-Claimants and landlords, vendors, suppliers, and local advertisers by inducing the landlords, vendors, suppliers, and local advertisers to breach the agreement with the Counter-Claimants.
- 117. Barket's acts include but are not limited to sending post cards and/or flyers with misleading information about Hirji to the landlords for Furniture Fashions as well as the landlords for the Counter-Claimants' other businesses, neighboring store owners, including all tenants and employees at the Boulevard Mall, the other business employees, and customers, which cast the Counter-Claimants in a false light.
- 118. Barket's acts include but are not limited to sending the misleading post cards and/or flyers to the Counter-Claimants friends, business associates, and neighbors residing in the communities where the Counter-Claimants lived.
- 119. Barket's acts include but are not limited to creating websites with false and/or misleading information about the Counter-Claimants, which cast the Counter-Claimants and their family in a false light.
- 120. Barket's acts did actually disrupt the agreements between the Counter-Claimants and their landlords, vendors, suppliers, and local advertisers. Some of the Counter-Claimants suppliers required additional security from the Counter-Claimants in excess of the customary amounts they paid.
- 121. Barket's acts did actually disrupt the agreements between the Counter-Claimants and landlords, vendors, suppliers, and local advertisers.
- 122. Barket's acts did damage the agreements between the Counter-Claimants and their landlords, vendors, suppliers, and local advertisers.
- 123. As a result of Barket's acts, Hirji and Brown had to close both locations for the Champagne Salon & Spa and Olivia's Mexican Restaurant & Bar.

- 124. As a direct and proximate result of Barket's acts, as set forth above, the Counter-Claimants have suffered damages in excess of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00).
- 125. It has been necessary for the Counter-Claimants to retain the services of an attorney to prosecute this action and therefore, Counter-Claimants are entitled to reasonable attorney's fees and costs, prejudgment interest, and such other and further relief as the court deems proper in this action.

### <u>SEVENTH CAUSE OF ACTION</u> (Interference with Prospective Business Advantage)

- 126. The Counter-Claimants restate the allegations of Paragraphs 1 through 125 as set forth above and incorporates them herein by reference.
- 127. The Counter-Claimants had prospective contractual relationships with owners/operators of the surrounding businesses.
- 128. Barket knew the Counter-Claimants had prospective contractual relationships with owners/operators of the surrounding businesses because Hirji and Barket discussed it around the time they were negotiating the loans.
- 129. In or around June/July 2017, Dr. Sharda, Hirji and Brown discussed opening another Boutique at the Craig location he previously considered. Dr. Sharda told Hirji it sounded like a good idea and to look into it.
- 130. When Hirji contacted his broker regarding the Craig location, he was informed that the property owner would no longer do business with Hirji and Brown because of the information the owner received from Barket.
- Barket intended to harm the Counter-Claimants by preventing such relationships from developing. Barket engaged in intentional acts with the intent or plan to prevent such relationships by sending post cards and/or flyers with misleading information about Hirji to the landlords for the Counter-Claimants' businesses, the neighboring store owners/operators, and Counter-Claimants' employees and customers, which cast the Counter-Claimants in a false light. Barket also sent post cards and/or flyers to the Counter-Claimants friends, business associates, and neighbors who lived in the same

- communities as the Counter-Claimants.
- 132. Barket created various websites with false and/or misleading information about the Counter-Claimants, which cast the Counter-Claimants in a false light with the desire or intent to interfere with the Counter-Claimants' prospective contractual relationships.
- 133. Barket knew his conduct was certain or substantially certain to interfere with the Counter-Claimants prospective contractual relationships.
- 134. Barket acts were improper as he did not have any privilege to engage in such acts or legal justification for his conduct.
- 135. Barket's acts did cause actual harm to the Counter-Claimants by way destroying the prospective relationships between the Counter-Claimants and their neighboring business owners/operators.
- 136. As a direct and proximate result of Barket's acts, as set forth above, the Counter-Claimants have suffered damages in excess of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00).
- 137. It has been necessary for the Counter-Claimants to retain the services of an attorney to prosecute this action and therefore, Counter-Claimants are entitled to reasonable attorney's fees and costs, prejudgment interest, and such other and further relief as the court deems proper in this action.

## EIGHTH CAUSE OF ACTION (False Light)

- 138. The counter-claimants restate the allegations of Paragraphs 1 through 138 as set forth above and incorporates them herein by reference.
- 139. Barket published false and/or misleading information about Hirji and Brown.
- 140. The information portrayed Hirji and Brown in a false and/or misleading light.
- 141. Barket used the information to mislead Counter-Claimants' landlords, employee, customers, neighboring business owners, friends, and neighbors and/or to imply or suggest Hirji and/or Brown are untrustworthy scam artists and criminals, which is not true.

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- 142. The information Barket published about Hirji and Brown is highly offensive and/or embarrassing to a reasonable person with ordinary sensibilities.
- 143. Barket published the statements in post card mailers and various websites with reckless disregard as to its offensiveness.
- 144. The statements Barket published have caused actual harm to the Counter-Claimants by way of destroying the Counter-Claimants relationships and prospective relationships with their landlords, neighboring business owners/operators, employees, customers, friends, and neighbors in the community they lived in.
- 145. As a direct and proximate result of Barket's acts, as set forth above, the Counter-Claimants have suffered damages in excess of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00).
- 146. It has been necessary for the Counter-Claimants to retain the services of an attorney to prosecute this action and therefore, Counter-Claimants are entitled to reasonable attorney's fees and costs, prejudgment interest, and such other and further relief as the court deems proper in this action.

WHEREFORE, Counter-Claimants pray for judgment against the Counter-Defendants:

- 1. For damages in a sum in excess of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00);
- 2. For Counter-Claimants reasonable attorney's fees and litigation costs incurred;
- 3. For pre-judgment interest according to law;
- 4. For punitive damages; and
- 5. For such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper.

DATED this \_\_\_\_\_\_ day of September, 2017.

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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that I am an employee of the Law Office of Daniel Marks and that on the 5
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transmitted a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing Answer to Amended Verified
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1	Counter-Defendant.
2	MICHAEL AHDERS, an individual,
3	Plaintiff,
4	vs.
5	BOULEVARD FURNITURE, INC., a
6	Nevada corporation; SHAFIK HIRJI, an individual; and SHAFIK
7	BROWN, an individual.
8	Defendants.
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# FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW FOR NOVEMBER 19, 2020 ORDER DISMISSING PLAINTIFFS' MATTER WITH PREJUDICE

THIS MATTER came before the Court on Plaintiffs' Motion for Entry of Confession of Judgment, filed January 19, 2020; Defendants' Opposition to Plaintiffs' Motion for Entry of Confession of Judgment and Countermotion for Sanctions Pursuant to EDCR 7.60, filed February 12, 2020; Plaintiffs' Reply in Support of Motion for Entry of Confession of Judgment and Opposition to Countermotion For Sanctions, filed March 11, 2020; Plaintiffs' Motion for Sanctions Pursuant to NRCP 11, filed May 1, 2020; Defendants' Opposition to Plaintiffs' Motion for Sanctions Pursuant to NRCP 11, filed May 22, 2020; Defendants' Reply to Countermotion for Sanctions Per EDCR 7.60 Pertaining to Plaintiffs' Motion for Entry of Judgment, filed October 13, 2020; Defendants' Motion to Dismiss With Prejudice and for Related Relief, filed on July 29, 2020; Plaintiffs' Opposition thereto filed September 2, 2020; and Defendant' Reply filed October 13, 2020. The Court having reviewed the matter, including all points and authorities, and exhibits, and good cause appearing, hereby issues its decision.

#### **FINDINGS OF FACT**

THE COURT FINDS that as a brief recitation of the underlying facts, the nature of the dispute between Plaintiffs and Defendants surround a series of five loans: 1) November 7, 2016 in the amount of \$200,000; 2) November 21, 2016 in the amount of \$100,000; 3) December 20, 2016 in the amount of \$100,000; 4) January 20, 2017 in the amount of \$1,000,000; and 5) March 15, 2017 in the amount of \$200,000.

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that on July 29, 2017 the parties entered into a Settlement Agreement in which Defendant (Sharda) allegedly would assign all rights, title and interest in the five promissory notes to Plaintiff, Steven Barket or his assigns.

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that the Settlement Agreement is part of the action currently pending before Judge Williams in Case No. A-15-712697-C. At the hearing held on March 17, 2020, Judge Williams denied Plaintiffs' motion to enforce the Settlement Agreement. An Evidentiary Hearing is currently set in that matter for March 29, 2021.

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that on April 5, 2018, in Case No. A-17-763985-C, Judge Williams entered an Order finding that the Confession of Judgment entered in that case was an attempt to circumvent the loans in dispute in Case No. A-17-756274-C (this instant matter) and held that the Confession of Judgment was void under NRCP 60(b). Judge Williams ordered that the Confession of Judgment filed by Cancer Care on November 1, 2017 was void and set aside. The Confession of Judgment addressed by Judge Williams encompassed the November 7, 2016 loan in the amount of \$200,000 (Loan No. 1) and the December 20, 2016 loan in the amount of \$100,000 (Loan No. 3).

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that on April 17, 2018, in Case No. A-17-763995-C Judge Cadish entered an Order voiding the Confessions of Judgment finding that the judgment was obtained by fraud, misrepresentation, or other misconduct of an adverse party within the meaning of NRCP 60(b)(3). This decision applied to the Confession of Judgment filed in that matter on November 1, 2017 that encompassed the January 20, 2017 loan in the amount of

\$1,000,000 (Loan No. 4) and the March 15, 2017 loan in the amount of \$200,000 (Loan No. 5).

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that on May 17, 2019 this Court voided and set aside the Confession of Judgment associated with Loan No. 2, dated November 21, 2016 in the amount of \$100,000 plus interest pursuant to NRCP 60(b) in Case No. A-18-770121-C, which was consolidated with this matter (Case No.: A-17-756274-C).

**THE COURT FURTHER FINDS** that Plaintiffs' Motion for Entry of Confession of Judgment essentially seeks reconsideration of this Court's Order entered on May 17, 2019.

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that the same Confession of Judgment was addressed by Judge Cory in Case No.: A-19-806944-C during a hearing held on January 29, 2020. Pursuant to Judge Cory s Order entered on February 21, 2020, Defendants Emergency Motion to Vacate the Confession of Judgment Pursuant To NRCP 60(b); to Quash Any and All Writs of Execution and/or Garnishment Pursuant to NRCP 60(b) Because the Judgment was Obtained by Fraud; to Stay All Collection Activity, Including Writs of Execution; for Attorney's Fees and Costs; and to Dismiss [the] Action With Prejudice, was granted and the matter was dismissed with prejudice. Judge Cory noted that the Confession of Judgment was the same as was previously filed in this case.

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that to the extent that Plaintiffs' motion seeks reconsideration of this Court's May 15, 2019 Order, the motion is untimely under EDCR 2.24(b), which requires a party seeking reconsideration of a ruling of the court must file a motion for such relief within 14 days after service of written notice of the order. When a timely motion for reconsideration is filed, a district court may reconsider a previously decided issue if substantially different evidence is subsequently introduced or the decision is clearly erroneous.

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that there is no legal basis supporting Plaintiffs now third request to enforce a Confession of Judgment that has been voided by this Court and Judge Cory.

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THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that the district court has broad discretion to impose sanctions pursuant to EDCR 7.60, but finds that an award of sanctions is not warranted at this time.

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that while Plaintiffs' motion for sanctions pursuant to NRCP 11 asserts that Defendants Shafik Hirji and Shafik Brown and their counsels have allegedly knowingly, purposefully and intentionally misrepresented the nature of payments made by them to Steven Barket and Michael Ahders, there is no legal basis for an award of Rule 11 sanctions against Defendants or defense counsel.

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that Defendants request for reasonable attorney's fees and costs pursuant to EDCR 7.60(b) is not warranted at this time.

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that with respect to Defendants' motion to dismiss with prejudice pursuant to NRCP 41 (e)(6) and related relief should be GRANTED in part to the extent that the facts in this case implicate the doctrines of collateral estoppel, claim preclusion, and res judicata; and DENIED with respect to the other issues as moot.

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**THE COURT FURTHER FINDS** that each and every Confession of Judgment pertaining to the loans alleged by Plaintiffs have been adjudicated as follows:

- Loan No. 1: November 7, 2016 in the amount of \$200,000 declared void by Judge Williams in Case No. A-17-763985-C, Order entered April 5, 2018;
- Loan No. 2: November 21, 2016 in the amount of \$100,000 declared void by this Court in Case No. A-18-770121-C, Order entered May 15, 2019, and declared void by Judge Cory in Case No.: A-19-806944-C, Order entered February 21, 2020;
- Loan No. 3: December 20, 2016 in the amount of \$100,000 declared void by Judge Williams in Case No.: A-17-763985-C, Order entered April 5, 2018;
- Loan No. 4: January 20, 2017 in the amount of \$1,000,000 declared void by Judge

  Cadish in Case No. A-17-763995-C, ordered entered April 17, 2018; and
- Loan No. 5: March 15, 2017 in the amount of \$200,000 declared void by Judge Cadish in Case No. A-17-763995-C, ordered entered April 17, 2018.

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that it is appropriate to dismiss this action with prejudice because the parties have already litigated each and every Confession of Judgment pertaining to the loans alleged by Plaintiffs. Each Confession of Judgment has been adjudicated and declared void. The determination regarding each Confession of Judgment was actually decided and necessary to the final order in each separate suit. Therefore, the doctrine of collateral estoppel precludes the parties from relitigating these issues. *Univ. of Nevada v. Tarkanian*, 110 Nev. 581, 598 99, 879 P.2d 1180, 1191 (1994).

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THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that it is appropriate and necessary based upon the history of the case and the related cases to dismiss this action with prejudice under the doctrine of res judicata, claim preclusion, because these disputes involved the same parties or their privies, valid and final judgments have been entered in each case, and this action is based on the same claims, part of them, and/or could have been brought in the prior actions. Kuptz-Blinkinsop v. Blinkinsop, 136 Nev. Adv. Op. 40, 466 P.3d 1271, 1275 (2020) citing Univ. of Nevada v. Tarkanian, 110 Nev. at 598-99, 879 P.2d at 1191.

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that the facts of this case satisfy the three-part test the Nevada Supreme Court adopted in Five Star Capital Corp. v. Ruby, 124 Nev. 1048, 194 P.3d 709 (2008) for claim preclusion: (1) the parties or their privies are the same, (2) the final judgment is valid, and (3) the subsequent action is based on the same claims or any part of them that were or could have been brought in the first case. Further, the Nevada Supreme Court has held that the doctrine of res judicata precludes parties or those in privity with them from relitigating a cause of action or an issue which has been finally determined by a court of competent jurisdiction. Kuptz-Blinkinsop v. Blinkinsop, 136 Nev. Adv. Op. 40, 466 P.3d 1271, 1275 (2020). The doctrine is intended to prevent multiple litigation causing vexation and expense to the parties and wasted judicial resources by precluding parties from relitigating issues they could have raised in a prior action concerning the same controversy. *Id.* Therefore, the doctrine of res judiciata precludes the parties in this case from relitigating these claims or any claims that could have been brought.

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#### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

- 1. **THE COURT HEREBY CONCLUDES** that EDCR 2.24(b) states that a party seeking reconsideration of a ruling of the court must file a motion for such relief within 14 days after service of written notice of the order. A district court may reconsider a previously decided issue if substantially different evidence is subsequently introduced or the decision is clearly erroneous. *Masonry & Tile Contractors Ass'n of S. Nevada v. Jolley, Urga & Wirth, Ltd.*, 113 Nev. 737, 741, 941 P.2d 486, 489 (1997).
- 2. **THE COURT FURTHER CONCLUDES** that Plaintiffs' motion for entry of confession of judgment essentially seeks reconsideration of this Court's Order entered on May 17, 2019 in Case No. A-18-770121-C, which was consolidated with this matter (Case No.: A-17-756274-C), wherein the Court held that the Confession of Judgment dated November 21, 2016 for \$100,000 plus interest was void under NRCP 60(b). This Court set aside and vacated the Confession of Judgment, granted Defendants motion for stay of execution, and consolidated the two matters.
- 3. THE COURT FURTHER CONCLUDES that Defendants filed a
  Countermotion for Sanctions Pursuant to EDCR 7.60 requesting sanctions under
  EDCR 7.60. Defendants argue that Plaintiffs motion is a frivolous motion and
  unnecessarily multiplies proceedings in a case to increase costs because Plaintiffs
  blatantly disregarded this Court's April 25, 2019 Order (which was entered on
  May 17, 2019). On December 13, 2019, Plaintiffs re-filed the same voided
  Confession of Judgment in the new action Case No. A-19-806944-C before Judge
  Cory and began to execute upon it, and attempted to take a third bite at the apple
  by filing the pending motion to enforce the same voided confession of judgment
  for a third time.

- 4. THE COURT FURTHER CONCLUDES that EDCR 7.60(b) states that the court may, after notice and an opportunity to be heard, impose upon an attorney or a party any and all sanctions which may, under the facts of the case, be reasonable, including the imposition of fines, costs or attorney's fees when an attorney or a party without just cause: (1) Presents to the court a motion or an opposition to a motion which is obviously frivolous, unnecessary or unwarranted; [] or (3) So multiplies the proceedings in a case as to increase costs unreasonably and vexatiously. Despite the district court's broad discretion to impose sanctions, a district court may only impose sanctions that are reasonably proportionate to the litigant's misconduct. Proportionate sanctions are those which are roughly proportionate to sanctions imposed in similar situations or for analogous levels of culpability. *Emerson v. Eighth Judicial Dist. Court of State, ex rel. Cty. of Clark*, 127 Nev. 672, 681, 263 P.3d 224, 230 (2011) (internal citations and quotations omitted).
- 5. THE COURT FURTHER CONCLUDES that Plaintiffs' filed a Motion for Sanctions Pursuant to NRCP 11 on the basis that Defendants Shafik Hirji and Shafik Brown and their counsels have allegedly knowingly, purposefully and intentionally misrepresented the nature of payments made by them to Steven Barket and Michael Ahders, because said arguments are false, have no merit, and are without any evidentiary support.
- 6. **THE COURT FURTHER CONCLUDES** that the decision to award sanctions is within the district court's sound discretion and will not be overturned absent a manifest abuse of discretion. *Edwards v. Emperor's Garden Rest.*, 122 Nev. 317, 330, 130 P.3d 1280, 1288 (2006). Rule 11 sanctions should be imposed for frivolous actions, but they should not be imposed where the sanctions would have a chilling effect and discourage attorneys from exercising imagination and

- perseverance on behalf of their clients. *Marshall v. Eighth Judicial Dist. Court In* & For Cty. of Clark, 108 Nev. 459, 465, 836 P.2d 47, 52 (1992).
- 7. **THE COURT FURTHER CONCLUDES** that there is no legal basis for an award of Rule 11 sanctions against Defendants or defense counsel.
- 8. THE COURT FURTHER CONCLUDES that issue preclusion, or collateral estoppel, may be implicated when one or more of the parties to an earlier suit are involved in subsequent litigation on a different claim. Issues that were determined in the prior litigation arise in the later suit. If the common issue was actually decided and necessary to the judgment in the earlier suit, its relitigation will be precluded. *Univ. of Nevada v. Tarkanian, 110 Nev. 581, 598 99, 879 P.2d 1180, 1191 (1994)*. On the other hand, claim preclusion, or merger and bar, is triggered when a judgment is entered. *Id.* While issue preclusion is implicated when the parties to an earlier suit are involved in a subsequent litigation on a different claim, claim preclusion applies when a valid and final judgment on a claim precludes a second action on that claim or any part of it. *Kuptz-Blinkinsop v. Blinkinsop, 136* Nev. Adv. Op. 40, 466 P.3d 1271, 1275 (2020) citing *Univ. of Nevada v. Tarkanian, 110* Nev. at 598-99, 879 P.2d at 1191.
- 9. **THE COURT FURTHER CONCLUDES** that the Nevada Supreme Court has adopted a three-part test from *Five Star Capital Corp. v. Ruby*, 124 Nev. 1048, 194 P.3d 709 (2008) for claim preclusion: (1) the parties or their privies are the same, (2) the final judgment is valid, and (3) the subsequent action is based on the same claims or any part of them that were or could have been brought in the first case.
- 10. **THE COURT FURTHER CONCLUDES** that the Nevada Supreme Court has held that the doctrine of res judicata precludes parties or those in privity with them from relitigating a cause of action or an issue which has been finally determined

by a court of competent jurisdiction. *Kuptz-Blinkinsop v. Blinkinsop*, 136 Nev. Adv. Op. 40, 466 P.3d 1271, 1275 (2020). The doctrine is intended to prevent multiple litigation causing vexation and expense to the parties and wasted judicial resources by precluding parties from relitigating issues they could have raised in a prior action concerning the same controversy. *Id*.

11. If any of these Conclusions of Law are more appropriately deemed Findings of Fact, they shall be so deemed.

#### **ORDERS**

#### WHEREFORE, BASED UPON THE ABOVE FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS:

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED** that Plaintiffs Motion for Entry of Confession of Judgment is DENIED WITH PREJUDICE as it is essentially a motion for reconsideration of this Court's Order entered on May 17, 2019, which is untimely pursuant to EDCR 2.24.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED** that the Court exercises its discretion and finds that an award of sanctions is not warranted at this time. Therefore, Defendants' countermotion for sanctions pursuant to EDCR 7.60 is DENIED.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the Plaintiffs' motion for sanctions pursuant to NRCP 11 against Defendants and defense counsel is hereby DENIED because there is no legal basis for an award of Rule 11 sanctions.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that Defendants request for reasonable attorney's fees and costs pursuant to EDCR 7.60(b) for having to oppose Plaintiffs' motion for sanctions is DENIED.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that this matter is DISMISSED WITH PREJUDICE, pursuant to the three-part test from *Five Star Capital Corp. v. Ruby*, 124 Nev. 1048, 194 P.3d 709 (2008). Each and every Confession of Judgment pertaining to the loans alleged by Plaintiffs have been adjudicated as follows:

Loan No. 1:

#### 1 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the remaining 2 issues in Defendants' motion are DENIED as MOOT. 3 Dated this 14th day of December, 2020 4 5 6 C79 527 3602 8FF2 7 **Kerry Earley** Applistricts Gount sludge content: Respectfully submitted by: 8 LAW OFFICE OF DANIEL MARKS MUSHKIN & COPPEDGE 9 10 /s/ Teletha Zupan /s/ Michael Mushkin DANIEL MARKS, ESQ. MICHAEL R. MUSHKIN, ESQ. 11 Nevada State Bar No. 002003 Nevada State Bar No. 002421 TELETHA ZUPAN, ESQ. 6070 S. Eastern Ave., Ste. 270 12 Nevada State Bar No. 012660 Las Vegas, Nevada 89119 Attorney for Plaintiffs, Steven Barket and 610 South Ninth Street 13 Las Vegas, Nevada 89101 G65 Ventures. LLC Attorneys for Defendants, Shafik Hirji, 14 Shafik Brown, Furniture Boutique, LLC, and Boulevard Furniture, INC. 15 Approved as to form and content: Approved as to form and content: 16 THE BARNABI LAW FIRM, PLLC HAROLD P. GEWERTER, ESQ. LTD. 17 18 CHARLES BARNABI, ESQ., HAROLD P. GEWERTER, ESQ. 19 Nevada State Bar No. 014477 Nevada State Bar No. 000499 375 E. Warm Springs Road, Ste. 104 1212 Casino Center Blvd. Las Vegas, Nevada 89119 20 Las Vegas, Nevada 89104 Attorney for Plaintiff, Michael Ahders Attorney for Defendants, Navneet Sharda 21 and Trata. Inc. 22 23 24 25 26 27 28

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1	STEVEN BARKET, an individual,
2	Counter-Defendant.
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4	MICHAEL AHDERS, an individual,
. 5	Plaintiff,
6	VS.
7 8	BOULEVARD FURNITURE, INC., a Nevada corporation; SHAFIK HIRJI, an individual; and SHAFIK BROWN, an individual.
9 10	Defendants/
11	NOTICE OF ENTRY OF FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW FOR NOVEMBER 19, 2020 ORDER DISMISSING PLAINTIFFS' MATTER WITH PREJUDICE
12 13	PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law for November 19,
14	2020 Order Dismissing Plaintiffs' Matter with Prejudice was entered in the above-entitled action on the
15	14th day of December, 2020, a copy of which is attached hereto.
16	DATED this 14 <sup>th</sup> day of December, 2020.
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### FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW FOR NOVEMBER 19, 2020 ORDER DISMISSING PLAINTIFFS' MATTER WITH PREJUDICE

THIS MATTER came before the Court on Plaintiffs' Motion for Entry of Confession of Judgment, filed January 19, 2020; Defendants' Opposition to Plaintiffs' Motion for Entry of Confession of Judgment and Countermotion for Sanctions Pursuant to EDCR 7.60, filed February 12, 2020; Plaintiffs' Reply in Support of Motion for Entry of Confession of Judgment and Opposition to Countermotion For Sanctions, filed March 11, 2020; Plaintiffs' Motion for Sanctions Pursuant to NRCP 11, filed May 1, 2020; Defendants' Opposition to Plaintiffs' Motion for Sanctions Pursuant to NRCP 11, filed May 22, 2020; Defendants' Reply to Countermotion for Sanctions Per EDCR 7.60 Pertaining to Plaintiffs' Motion for Entry of Judgment, filed October 13, 2020; Defendants' Motion to Dismiss With Prejudice and for Related Relief, filed on July 29, 2020; Plaintiffs' Opposition thereto filed September 2, 2020; and Defendant' Reply filed October 13, 2020. The Court having reviewed the matter, including all points and authorities, and exhibits, and good cause appearing, hereby issues its decision.

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#### **FINDINGS OF FACT**

THE COURT FINDS that as a brief recitation of the underlying facts, the nature of the dispute between Plaintiffs and Defendants surround a series of five loans: 1) November 7, 2016 in the amount of \$200,000; 2) November 21, 2016 in the amount of \$100,000; 3) December 20, 2016 in the amount of \$100,000; 4) January 20, 2017 in the amount of \$1,000,000; and 5) March 15, 2017 in the amount of \$200,000.

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that on July 29, 2017 the parties entered into a Settlement Agreement in which Defendant (Sharda) allegedly would assign all rights, title and interest in the five promissory notes to Plaintiff, Steven Barket or his assigns.

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that the Settlement Agreement is part of the action currently pending before Judge Williams in Case No. A-15-712697-C. At the hearing held on March 17, 2020, Judge Williams denied Plaintiffs' motion to enforce the Settlement Agreement. An Evidentiary Hearing is currently set in that matter for March 29, 2021.

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that on April 5, 2018, in Case No. A-17-763985-C, Judge Williams entered an Order finding that the Confession of Judgment entered in that case was an attempt to circumvent the loans in dispute in Case No. A-17-756274-C (this instant matter) and held that the Confession of Judgment was void under NRCP 60(b). Judge Williams ordered that the Confession of Judgment filed by Cancer Care on November 1, 2017 was void and set aside. The Confession of Judgment addressed by Judge Williams encompassed the November 7, 2016 loan in the amount of \$200,000 (Loan No. 1) and the December 20, 2016 loan in the amount of \$100,000 (Loan No. 3).

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that on April 17, 2018, in Case No. A-17-763995-C Judge Cadish entered an Order voiding the Confessions of Judgment finding that the judgment was obtained by fraud, misrepresentation, or other misconduct of an adverse party within the meaning of NRCP 60(b)(3). This decision applied to the Confession of Judgment filed in that matter on November 1, 2017 that encompassed the January 20, 2017 loan in the amount of

\$1,000,000 (Loan No. 4) and the March 15, 2017 loan in the amount of \$200,000 (Loan No. 5).

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that on May 17, 2019 this Court voided and set aside the Confession of Judgment associated with Loan No. 2, dated November 21, 2016 in the amount of \$100,000 plus interest pursuant to NRCP 60(b) in Case No. A-18-770121-C, which was consolidated with this matter (Case No.: A-17-756274-C).

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that Plaintiffs' Motion for Entry of Confession of Judgment essentially seeks reconsideration of this Court's Order entered on May 17, 2019.

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that the same Confession of Judgment was addressed by Judge Cory in Case No.: A-19-806944-C during a hearing held on January 29, 2020. Pursuant to Judge Cory s Order entered on February 21, 2020, Defendants Emergency Motion to Vacate the Confession of Judgment Pursuant To NRCP 60(b); to Quash Any and All Writs of Execution and/or Garnishment Pursuant to NRCP 60(b) Because the Judgment was Obtained by Fraud; to Stay All Collection Activity, Including Writs of Execution; for Attorney's Fees and Costs; and to Dismiss [the] Action With Prejudice, was granted and the matter was dismissed with prejudice. Judge Cory noted that the Confession of Judgment was the same as was previously filed in this case.

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that to the extent that Plaintiffs' motion seeks reconsideration of this Court's May 15, 2019 Order, the motion is untimely under EDCR 2.24(b), which requires a party seeking reconsideration of a ruling of the court must file a motion for such relief within 14 days after service of written notice of the order. When a timely motion for reconsideration is filed, a district court may reconsider a previously decided issue if substantially different evidence is subsequently introduced or the decision is clearly erroneous.

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that there is no legal basis supporting Plaintiffs now third request to enforce a Confession of Judgment that has been voided by this Court and Judge Cory.

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THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that the district court has broad discretion to impose sanctions pursuant to EDCR 7.60, but finds that an award of sanctions is not warranted at this time.

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that while Plaintiffs' motion for sanctions pursuant to NRCP 11 asserts that Defendants Shafik Hirji and Shafik Brown and their counsels have allegedly knowingly, purposefully and intentionally misrepresented the nature of payments made by them to Steven Barket and Michael Ahders, there is no legal basis for an award of Rule 11 sanctions against Defendants or defense counsel.

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that Defendants request for reasonable attorney's fees and costs pursuant to EDCR 7.60(b) is not warranted at this time.

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that with respect to Defendants' motion to dismiss with prejudice pursuant to NRCP 41 (e)(6) and related relief should be GRANTED in part to the extent that the facts in this case implicate the doctrines of collateral estoppel, claim preclusion, and res judicata; and DENIED with respect to the other issues as moot.

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THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that each and every Confession of Judgment pertaining to the loans alleged by Plaintiffs have been adjudicated as follows:

- Loan No. 1: November 7, 2016 in the amount of \$200,000 declared void by Judge Williams in Case No. A-17-763985-C, Order entered April 5, 2018;
- Loan No. 2: November 21, 2016 in the amount of \$100,000 declared void by this Court in Case No. A-18-770121-C, Order entered May 15, 2019, and declared void by Judge Cory in Case No.: A-19-806944-C, Order entered February 21, 2020;
- Loan No. 3: December 20, 2016 in the amount of \$100,000 declared void by Judge Williams in Case No.: A-17-763985-C, Order entered April 5, 2018;
- Loan No. 4: January 20, 2017 in the amount of \$1,000,000 declared void by Judge

  Cadish in Case No. A-17-763995-C, ordered entered April 17, 2018; and
- Loan No. 5: March 15, 2017 in the amount of \$200,000 declared void by Judge Cadish in Case No. A-17-763995-C, ordered entered April 17, 2018.

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that it is appropriate to dismiss this action with prejudice because the parties have already litigated each and every Confession of Judgment pertaining to the loans alleged by Plaintiffs. Each Confession of Judgment has been adjudicated and declared void. The determination regarding each Confession of Judgment was actually decided and necessary to the final order in each separate suit. Therefore, the doctrine of collateral estoppel precludes the parties from relitigating these issues. *Univ. of Nevada v. Tarkanian*, 110 Nev. 581, 598 99, 879 P.2d 1180, 1191 (1994).

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THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that it is appropriate and necessary based upon the history of the case and the related cases to dismiss this action with prejudice under the doctrine of res judicata, claim preclusion, because these disputes involved the same parties or their privies, valid and final judgments have been entered in each case, and this action is based on the same claims, part of them, and/or could have been brought in the prior actions. *Kuptz-Blinkinsop v. Blinkinsop*, 136 Nev. Adv. Op. 40, 466 P.3d 1271, 1275 (2020) citing *Univ. of Nevada v. Tarkanian*, 110 Nev. at 598-99, 879 P.2d at 1191.

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that the facts of this case satisfy the three-part test the Nevada Supreme Court adopted in *Five Star Capital Corp. v. Ruby*, 124 Nev. 1048, 194 P.3d 709 (2008) for claim preclusion: (1) the parties or their privies are the same, (2) the final judgment is valid, and (3) the subsequent action is based on the same claims or any part of them that were or could have been brought in the first case. Further, the Nevada Supreme Court has held that the doctrine of res judicata precludes parties or those in privity with them from relitigating a cause of action or an issue which has been finally determined by a court of competent jurisdiction. *Kuptz-Blinkinsop v. Blinkinsop*, 136 Nev. Adv. Op. 40, 466 P.3d 1271, 1275 (2020). The doctrine is intended to prevent multiple litigation causing vexation and expense to the parties and wasted judicial resources by precluding parties from relitigating issues they could have raised in a prior action concerning the same controversy. *Id.* Therefore, the doctrine of res judiciata precludes the parties in this case from relitigating these claims or any claims that could have been brought.

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#### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

- 1. THE COURT HEREBY CONCLUDES that EDCR 2.24(b) states that a party seeking reconsideration of a ruling of the court must file a motion for such relief within 14 days after service of written notice of the order. A district court may reconsider a previously decided issue if substantially different evidence is subsequently introduced or the decision is clearly erroneous. *Masonry & Tile Contractors Ass'n of S. Nevada v. Jolley, Urga & Wirth, Ltd.*, 113 Nev. 737, 741, 941 P.2d 486, 489 (1997).
- 2. THE COURT FURTHER CONCLUDES that Plaintiffs' motion for entry of confession of judgment essentially seeks reconsideration of this Court's Order entered on May 17, 2019 in Case No. A-18-770121-C, which was consolidated with this matter (Case No.: A-17-756274-C), wherein the Court held that the Confession of Judgment dated November 21, 2016 for \$100,000 plus interest was void under NRCP 60(b). This Court set aside and vacated the Confession of Judgment, granted Defendants motion for stay of execution, and consolidated the two matters.
  - THE COURT FURTHER CONCLUDES that Defendants filed a

    Countermotion for Sanctions Pursuant to EDCR 7.60 requesting sanctions under

    EDCR 7.60. Defendants argue that Plaintiffs motion is a frivolous motion and
    unnecessarily multiplies proceedings in a case to increase costs because Plaintiffs
    blatantly disregarded this Court's April 25, 2019 Order (which was entered on
    May 17, 2019). On December 13, 2019, Plaintiffs re-filed the same voided

    Confession of Judgment in the new action Case No. A-19-806944-C before Judge

    Cory and began to execute upon it, and attempted to take a third bite at the apple
    by filing the pending motion to enforce the same voided confession of judgment
    for a third time.

- 4. THE COURT FURTHER CONCLUDES that EDCR 7.60(b) states that the court may, after notice and an opportunity to be heard, impose upon an attorney or a party any and all sanctions which may, under the facts of the case, be reasonable, including the imposition of fines, costs or attorney's fees when an attorney or a party without just cause: (1) Presents to the court a motion or an opposition to a motion which is obviously frivolous, unnecessary or unwarranted; [] or (3) So multiplies the proceedings in a case as to increase costs unreasonably and vexatiously. Despite the district court's broad discretion to impose sanctions, a district court may only impose sanctions that are reasonably proportionate to the litigant's misconduct. Proportionate sanctions are those which are roughly proportionate to sanctions imposed in similar situations or for analogous levels of culpability. *Emerson v. Eighth Judicial Dist. Court of State, ex rel. Cty. of Clark*, 127 Nev. 672, 681, 263 P.3d 224, 230 (2011) (internal citations and quotations omitted).
- 5. THE COURT FURTHER CONCLUDES that Plaintiffs' filed a Motion for Sanctions Pursuant to NRCP 11 on the basis that Defendants Shafik Hirji and Shafik Brown and their counsels have allegedly knowingly, purposefully and intentionally misrepresented the nature of payments made by them to Steven Barket and Michael Ahders, because said arguments are false, have no merit, and are without any evidentiary support.
- 6. THE COURT FURTHER CONCLUDES that the decision to award sanctions is within the district court's sound discretion and will not be overturned absent a manifest abuse of discretion. *Edwards v. Emperor's Garden Rest.*, 122 Nev. 317, 330, 130 P.3d 1280, 1288 (2006). Rule 11 sanctions should be imposed for frivolous actions, but they should not be imposed where the sanctions would have a chilling effect and discourage attorneys from exercising imagination and

perseverance on behalf of their clients. *Marshall v. Eighth Judicial Dist. Court In & For Cty. of Clark*, 108 Nev. 459, 465, 836 P.2d 47, 52 (1992).

- 7. **THE COURT FURTHER CONCLUDES** that there is no legal basis for an award of Rule 11 sanctions against Defendants or defense counsel.
- 8. THE COURT FURTHER CONCLUDES that issue preclusion, or collateral estoppel, may be implicated when one or more of the parties to an earlier suit are involved in subsequent litigation on a different claim. Issues that were determined in the prior litigation arise in the later suit. If the common issue was actually decided and necessary to the judgment in the earlier suit, its relitigation will be precluded. *Univ. of Nevada v. Tarkanian, 110 Nev. 581, 598 99, 879 P.2d 1180, 1191 (1994)*. On the other hand, claim preclusion, or merger and bar, is triggered when a judgment is entered. *Id.* While issue preclusion is implicated when the parties to an earlier suit are involved in a subsequent litigation on a different claim, claim preclusion applies when a valid and final judgment on a claim precludes a second action on that claim or any part of it. *Kuptz-Blinkinsop v. Blinkinsop, 136 Nev. Adv. Op. 40, 466 P.3d 1271, 1275 (2020) citing Univ. of Nevada v. Tarkanian, 110 Nev. at 598-99, 879 P.2d at 1191.*
- 9. THE COURT FURTHER CONCLUDES that the Nevada Supreme Court has adopted a three-part test from *Five Star Capital Corp. v. Ruby*, 124 Nev. 1048, 194 P.3d 709 (2008) for claim preclusion: (1) the parties or their privies are the same, (2) the final judgment is valid, and (3) the subsequent action is based on the same claims or any part of them that were or could have been brought in the first case.
- 10. THE COURT FURTHER CONCLUDES that the Nevada Supreme Court has held that the doctrine of res judicata precludes parties or those in privity with them from relitigating a cause of action or an issue which has been finally determined

by a court of competent jurisdiction. *Kuptz-Blinkinsop v. Blinkinsop*, 136 Nev. Adv. Op. 40, 466 P.3d 1271, 1275 (2020). The doctrine is intended to prevent multiple litigation causing vexation and expense to the parties and wasted judicial resources by precluding parties from relitigating issues they could have raised in a prior action concerning the same controversy. *Id.* 

11. If any of these Conclusions of Law are more appropriately deemed Findings of Fact, they shall be so deemed.

#### **ORDERS**

WHEREFORE, BASED UPON THE ABOVE FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS: IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that Plaintiffs Motion for Entry of Confession of Judgment is DENIED WITH PREJUDICE as it is essentially a motion for reconsideration of this Court's Order entered on May 17, 2019, which is untimely pursuant to EDCR 2.24.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the Court exercises its discretion and finds that an award of sanctions is not warranted at this time. Therefore, Defendants' countermotion for sanctions pursuant to EDCR 7.60 is DENIED.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the Plaintiffs' motion for sanctions pursuant to NRCP 11 against Defendants and defense counsel is hereby DENIED because there is no legal basis for an award of Rule 11 sanctions.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Defendants request for reasonable attorney's fees and costs pursuant to EDCR 7.60(b) for having to oppose Plaintiffs' motion for sanctions is DENIED.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that this matter is DISMISSED WITH PREJUDICE, pursuant to the three-part test from *Five Star Capital Corp. v. Ruby*, 124 Nev. 1048, 194 P.3d 709 (2008). Each and every Confession of Judgment pertaining to the loans alleged by Plaintiffs have been adjudicated as follows:

#### 1 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the remaining issues in Defendants' motion are DENIED as MOOT. 3 Dated this 14th day of December, 2020 4 5 6 C79 527 3602 8FF2 Kerry Earley Respectfully submitted by: Applistricts Countrilludge: content: 8 LAW OFFICE OF DANIEL MARKS MUSHKIN & COPPEDGE 10 /s/ Teletha Zupan /s/ Michael Mushkin DANIEL MARKS, ESQ. MICHAEL R. MUSHKIN, ESQ. 11 Nevada State Bar No. 002003 Nevada State Bar No. 002421 6070 S. Eastern Ave., Ste. 270 TELETHA ZUPAN, ESQ. 12 Nevada State Bar No. 012660 Las Vegas, Nevada 89119 610 South Ninth Street Attorney for Plaintiffs, Steven Barket and 13 Las Vegas, Nevada 89101 G65 Ventures. LLC Attorneys for Defendants, Shafik Hirji, 14 Shafik Brown, Furniture Boutique, LLC, and Boulevard Furniture, INC. 15 Approved as to form and content: Approved as to form and content: 16 THE BARNABI LAW FIRM, PLLC HAROLD P. GEWERTER, ESQ. LTD. 17 18 HAROLD P. GEWERTER, ESQ. CHARLES BARNABI, ESQ., Nevada State Bar No. 014477 Nevada State Bar No. 000499 19 375 E. Warm Springs Road, Ste. 104 1212 Casino Center Blvd. 20 Las Vegas, Nevada 89119 Las Vegas, Nevada 89104 Attorney for Plaintiff, Michael Ahders Attorney for Defendants, Navneet Sharda 21 and Trata. Inc. 22 23 24 25 26

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corporation (hereinafter collectively referred to as "Counterclaimants"), by and through their attorney of record, Karen H. Ross, Esq. of The Law Office of Karen H. Ross, and hereby file their Motion for Clarification, and/or in the Alternative, Motion for Relief, Reconsideration and/or to Alter or Amend Judgment.

The instant Motion is made and based upon the following Memorandum of Points and Authorities, the Declaration of Navneet Sharda, the Declaration of Karen H. Ross, Esq., the exhibits attached hereto, all papers and pleadings on file herein, and any oral arguments which may be allowed by the Court.

DATED this 25 day of December, 2020.

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## DECLARATION OF KAREN H. ROSS, ESQ. IN SUPPORT OF COUNTERCLAIMANTS' MOTION FOR CLARIFICATION, AND/OR IN THE ALTERNATIVE, MOTION FOR RELIEF, RECONSIDERATION, AND/OR TO ALTER OR AMEND JUDGMENT

#### I, KAREN H. ROSS, ESQ., declare:

- 1. I am counsel of record for Defendant/Counterclaimants, Navneet Sharda, and Trata, Inc., in this matter. The facts below in this Declaration are known to me personally or are based upon my information and belief, and if called upon to do so, I would competently testify under oath regarding same.
- 2. This Declaration is filed in support of Counterclaimants' Motion for Clarification, and/or in the Alternative, Motion for Relief, Reconsideration, and/or to Alter or Amend Judgment ("Motion").
- 3. That on December 9, 2020, Counterclaimants retained The Law Office of Karen H. Ross in the instant case.
- That on June 1, 2017, Steven Barket and G65 Ventures, LLC, a Nevada Limited Liability
  Company filed a Verified Complaint asserting claims against Navneet Sharda. See Verified
  Complaint.
- That on August 11, 2017, Steven Barket and G65 Ventures, LLC filed an Amended Verified Complaint. See Amended Verified Complaint.
- 6. That on September 5, 2017, Navneet Sharda and Trata, Inc., a Nevada corporation, asserted ("Counterclaimants") counterclaims against Steven Barket in District Court Case No. A-17-756274-C. *See* Answer and Counterclaim.
- 7. That Counterclaimants asserted claims for i) Breach of Contract; ii) Breach of Duty of Good Faith and Fair Dealing; and iii) Tortious Interference with Contractual Relations (collectively "Counterclaims"). *Id*.

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- 8. That on October 17, 2018, Counterclaimants retained new counsel, Harold P. Gewerter, Esq. See Substitution of Attorney.
- 9. That upon information and belief, on January 4, 2018, Mr. Gewerter was suspended from the practice of law for one (1) year, stayed for a period of two (2) years so long as he complied with certain conditions. A true and correct copy of Order Approving Conditional Guilty Plea Agreement is attached as Ex. 1.
- 10. That on May 31, 2019, Counterclaimant propounded written discovery (Requests for Admissions; Interrogatories and Requests for Production of Documents). See Counterclaimants' Motion to Declare Responses to Admissions Deemed Admitted.
- 11. That the responses to the Requests for Admissions were served July 8, 2019. A true and correct copy of the February 4, 2020 Hearing Minutes are attached as Ex. 2.
- 12. That the Court determined the substantive responses stand and objections are waived due to untimeliness. Id.
- 13. That on January 19, 2020, Plaintiffs filed a Motion for Entry of Confession of Judgment. See Motion for Entry of Confession of Judgment.
- 14. That on February 4, 2020, Counterclaimants argued a Motion to Compel Responses to Interrogatories and Requests for Production of Documents. See February 4, 2020 Hearing Minutes, Ex. 2.
- 15. At that time, the Court determined a full response was required, to the extent it had not been done, to the interrogatories and requests for production of documents, with any deficiencies enumerated to Plaintiff and ordering the parties to conduct another 2.34. See February 4, 2020 Hearing Minutes, Ex. 2.
- 16. That on February 12, 2020, Defendants filed an Opposition to Plaintiffs' Motion for Entry of Confession of Judgment and Countermotion for Sanctions Pursuant to EDCR 7.60.

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- 17. That on March 6, 2020, Counter Claimants were awarded \$3,225.00 in attorneys' fees; the Court determined discovery was due that had not been received, Counterclaimants have been unable to take a deposition and discovery closed on March 5, 2020.
- 18. That on March 11, 2020, Plaintiffs filed a Reply in Support of Motion for Entry of Confession of Judgment and Opposition to Countermotion For Sanctions. See Reply in Support of Motion for Entry of Confession of Judgment and Opposition to Countermotion For Sanctions.
- 19. That on March 16, 2020, the Court extended all discovery deadlines by four (4) months.
- 20. That on March 17, 2020, the Governor issued an Emergency Directive, stay at home orders, due to COVID-19.
- 21. In connection therewith, Chief Judge Linda Marie Bell issued certain Administrative Orders, limiting discovery and staying deadlines. See AO 20-09; AO 20-13 and AO 20-17.
- 22. That on April 6, 2020, upon information and belief, Mr. Gewerter received a Letter of Reprimand. A true and correct copy of the Letter of Reprimand is attached as Ex. 3.
- 23. That on May 1, 2020, Plaintiffs filed a Motion for Sanctions Pursuant to NRCP 11. See Motion for Sanctions Pursuant to NRCP 11.
- 24. That on May 22, 2020, Defendants' filed an Opposition to Plaintiffs' Motion for Sanctions Pursuant to NRCP 11. See Opposition to Plaintiffs' Motion for Sanctions Pursuant to NRCP 11.
- 25. That on July 29, 2020, Defendants filed a Motion to Dismiss With Prejudice and for Related Relief. See Motion to Dismiss With Prejudice and for Related Relief.
- 26. That on September 2, 2020, Plaintiffs filed an Opposition to Motion to Dismiss. See Opposition to Motion to Dismiss.

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	Dismiss. See Reply to Countermotion; see also Reply to Motion to Dismiss.

- 28. That on October 26, 2020, the Supreme Court of Nevada lifted the stay on Mr. Gewerter's suspension for a period of one year. A true and correct copy of the Order of Suspension is attached as Ex. 4.
- 29. That on November 19, 2020, an in chambers hearing was held regarding Plaintiff's Motion for Entry of Confession of Judgment, Defendants' Countermotion for Sanctions Per EDCR 7.60, Defendant's Motion to Dismiss with Prejudice and for Related Relief and Plaintiff's Motion for Sanctions Pursuant to NRCP 11.
- 30. That upon information and belief, on December 3, 2020, Mr. Gewerter informed Dr. Sharda that he was no longer able to represent the Counterclaimants in this matter.
- 31. That upon information and belief, Dr. Sharda has been unable to retrieve a copy of his file.
- 32. That on December 4, 2020, the case was statistically closed, identifying "Involuntary Dismissal" as the basis. See Civil Order to Statistically Close Case.
- 33. That on December 14, 2020, Findings of Facts and Conclusions of Law for November 19, 2020 Order Dismissing Plaintiffs' Matter with Prejudice was entered.
- 34. That I reviewed the docket and relevant case filings and minutes and did not identify any adjudication of the Counterclaims.
- 35. To date, there has been no adjudication of the Counterclaims and therefore no final judgment.
- 36. That upon information and belief, the case in entirety was closed due to an administrative error.
- 37. That due to the administrative error, the case needs to be reopened and discovery needs to be conducted to present facts essential to demonstrate that the subject agreement contained

a non-disparagement provision, prohibiting either party from disparaging each other, a stipulation of liquidated damages in the amount of \$250,000 and to injunctive relief. A true and correct copy of the Agreement is attached as Ex. 5 at p.4.

- 38. That upon information and belief, Counter-Defendant created a website styled "Dr. Nav Sharda, Radiation Oncologist Las Vegas, A K A Dr. Deadbeat." A true and correct copy of the Website Screenshots are attached as Ex. 6.
- 39. That discovery needs to be conducted to identify the developer of this website, Counter-Defendant's intent to disparage Counter-Claimant, furthering his intent to interfere with the loans for the furniture venture and Counter-Claimant's damages.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Nevada that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed this **28** day of December, 2020

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## DECLARATION OF NAVNEET SHARDA IN SUPPORT OF COUNTERCLAIMANTS' MOTION FOR CLARIFICATION, AND/OR IN THE ALTERNATIVE, MOTION FOR RELIEF, RECONSIDERATION, AND/OR TO ALTER OR AMEND JUDGMENT

#### I, NAVNEET SHARDA, declare:

- 1. I am Defendant/Counterclaimant in this matter and I am the sole officer of Trata, Inc.
- 2. The facts below in this Declaration are known to me personally or are based upon my information and belief, and if called upon to do so, I would competently testify under oath regarding same.
- 3. This Declaration is filed in support of Counterclaimants' Motion for Clarification, and/or in the Alternative, Motion for Relief, Reconsideration, and/or to Alter or Amend Judgment ("Motion").
- 4. That on June 1, 2017, Steven Barket and G65 Ventures, LLC, a Nevada Limited Liability Company filed a Verified Complaint asserting claims against me. *See* Verified Complaint.
- 5. That on August 11, 2017, Steven Barket and G65 Ventures, LLC filed an Amended Verified Complaint. See Amended Verified Complaint.
- 6. That on August 11, 2017, my counsel at the time, Bryan Naddafi, Esq., filed an Answer and Counterclaims against Steven Barket in District Court Case No. A-17-7562740C. *See* Answer and Counterclaim.
- 7. That the counterclaims asserted claims for i) Breach of Contract; ii) Breach of Duty of Good Faith and Fair Dealing; and iii) Tortious Interference with Contractual Relations (collectively "Counterclaims"). *Id*.
- 8. That on October 17, 2018, I retained new counsel, Harold P. Gewerter, Esq. See Substitution of Attorney.
- 9. That on December 3, 2020, Mr. Gewerter informed me that he was no longer able to represent me or my company Trata, Inc. in this matter.
- 10. That I have made numerous attempts to receive a copy of my file.

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- 12. That on December 9, 2020, I retained The Law Office of Karen H. Ross.
- 13. That at my initial meeting with Ms. Ross, I learned that the case had been closed.
- 14. That the counterclaims relate to a website styled "Dr. Nav Sharda, Radiation Oncologist Las Vegas, A K A Dr. Deadbeat." A true and correct copy of the Website Screenshots are attached as Ex. 6.
- 15. That upon information and belief, Counter Defendant developed this website.
- 16. That discovery needs to be conducted to identify the developer of this website, Counter-Defendant's intent to disparage me furthering his intent to interfere with the loans for the furniture venture and to damages.

Executed this 27th day of December, 2020

/s/ Navneet Sharda NAVNEET SHARDA

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#### MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

#### I. PREFATORY STATEMENT

The instant motion is brought due to an administrative error that resulted in the closure of the case as a whole on December 4, 2020. However, there was no final judgment that was ever entered as to the counterclaims. Alternatively, the affirmative claims were disposed of by Findings of Facts and Conclusions of Law that were entered December 14, 2020 ("FFCL"). Because there is no final judgment, this motion seeks to re-open the case only as to the counterclaims.

#### II. STATEMENT OF FACTS

#### A. RELEVANT PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On September 5, 2017, Navneet Sharda and Trata, Inc., a Nevada corporation, asserted ("Counterclaimants") counterclaims against Steven Barket in District Court Case No. A-17-756274-C. *See* Declaration of Karen H. Ross at ¶6. The Counterclaimants asserted claims for i) Breach of Contract; ii) Breach of Duty of Good Faith and Fair Dealing; and iii) Tortious Interference with Contractual Relations (collectively "Counterclaims"). *Id* at ¶7. On October 17, 2018, Counterclaimants retained new counsel, Harold P. Gewerter, Esq. *Id* at ¶8. On January 4, 2018, Mr. Gewerter was suspended from the practice of law for one (1) year, stayed for a period of two (2) years so long as he complied with certain conditions. *Id* at ¶9. On May 31, 2019, Counterclaimant propounded written discovery (Requests for Admissions; Interrogatories and Requests for Production of Documents). *Id* at ¶10. The responses to the Requests for Admissions were served July 8, 2019. *Id* at ¶11. The Court determined the substantive responses stand and objections are waived due to untimeliness. *Id* at ¶12.

On January 19, 2020, Plaintiffs filed a Motion for Entry of Confession of Judgment. *Id* at ¶13. On February 4, 2020, Counterclaimants argued a Motion to Compel Responses to Interrogatories and Requests for Production of Documents. *Id* at ¶14. At that time, the Court

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determined a full response was required, to the extent it had not been done, to the interrogatories and requests for production of documents, with any deficiencies enumerated to Plaintiff and ordering the parties to conduct another 2.34. Id at ¶15. On February 12, 2020, Defendants filed an Opposition to Plaintiffs' Motion for Entry of Confession of Judgment and Countermotion for Sanctions Pursuant to EDCR 7.60. Id at ¶16. On March 6, 2020, Counter Claimants were awarded \$3225 in attorneys' fees; the Court determined discovery was due that had not been received, Counterclaimants have been unable to take a deposition and discovery closed on March 5, 2020. Id at ¶17. On March 11, 2020, Plaintiffs filed a Reply in Support of Motion for Entry of Confession of Judgment and Opposition to Countermotion For Sanctions. Id at ¶18. On March 16, 2020, the Court extended all discovery deadlines by four (4) months. *Id* at ¶19.

On March 17, 2020, the Governor issued an Emergency Directive, stay at home orders, due to COVID-19. Id at ¶20. In connection therewith, Chief Judge Linda Marie Bell issued certain Administrative Orders, limiting discovery and staying deadlines. *Id* at ¶21. On April 6, 2020, Mr. Gewerter received a Letter of Reprimand. Id at ¶22. On May 1, 2020, Plaintiffs filed a Motion for Sanctions Pursuant to NRCP 11. Id at ¶23. On May 22, 2020, Defendants filed an Opposition to Plaintiffs' Motion for Sanctions Pursuant to NRCP 11. Id at ¶24. On July 29, 2020, Defendants filed a Motion to Dismiss With Prejudice and for Related Relief Id at ¶25. On September 2, 2020, Plaintiffs filed an Opposition to Motion to Dismiss. *Id* at ¶26. On October 13, 2020, Defendants filed a Reply to Countermotion for Sanctions Per EDCR 7.60 Pertaining to Plaintiffs' Motion for Entry of Judgment and Reply to Motion to Dismiss. Id at ¶27. On October 26, 2020, the Supreme Court of Nevada lifted the stay on Mr. Gewerter's suspension for a period of one year. Id at \$\int 28\$.

On November 19, 2020, an in chambers hearing was held regarding Plaintiff's Motion for Entry of Confession of Judgment, Defendants' Countermotion for Sanctions Per EDCR 7.60, Defendant's Motion to Dismiss with Prejudice and for Related Relief and Plaintiff's Motion for Sanctions Pursuant to NRCP 11. Id at ¶29. On December 3, 2020, Mr. Gewerter informed Dr.

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Sharda that he was no longer able to represent the Counterclaimants in this matter. *Id* at ¶30. To date, Dr. Sharda has been unable to retrieve a copy of his file. Id at ¶31. On December 4, 2020, the case was statistically closed, identifying "Involuntary Dismissal" as the basis. Id at ¶32. On December 14, 2020, Findings of Facts and Conclusions of Law for November 19, 2020 Order Dismissing Plaintiffs' Matter with Prejudice were entered. *Id* at ¶33.

#### III. LEGAL AUTHORITIES AND ARGUMENT

#### A. REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATION

#### I. No Final Judgment on the Counterclaims.

To date, there has been no adjudication of the Counterclaims and therefore no final judgment. See Declaration of Karen H. Ross at ¶34. The case in entirety was closed due to an administrative error. Id at ¶35. Due to the administrative error, the case needs to be reopened and discovery needs to be conducted to present facts essential to demonstrate that the subject agreement contained a non-disparagement provision, prohibiting either party from disparaging each other, stipulating to liquidated damages in the amount of \$250,000 and to injunctive relief. Id at ¶37. Counter-Defendant created a website styled "Dr. Nav Sharda, Radiation Oncologist Las Vegas, A K A Dr. Deadbeat." *Id* at ¶38. Discovery needs to be conducted to identify the developer of this website, Counter-Defendant's intent to disparage Counter-Claimant, furthering his intent to interfere with the loans for the furniture venture and Counter-Claimant's damages. *Id* at ¶39.

"With respect to an order clarifying a judgment or decree, the district court only has inherent power to construe its judgments and decrees for the purpose of removing any ambiguity." See Mizrachi v. Mizrachi, 132 Nev. Adv. Op. 66, 385 P. 3d 982 (2016). A "clarification of a judgment involves the district court defining the rights that have already been awarded to the parties and leaves their substantive rights unchanged." Id.

Here, the statistical case closure identifying "Involuntary Dismissal" filed December 4, 2020 and the FFCL entered December 14, 2020 (that did not address the counterclaims), were

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ambiguous because the Orders did not specifically identify the counterclaims. For this reason, Counterclaimants respectfully request clarification as to the judgment on the Counterclaims.

B. REQUEST FOR RELIEF FROM THE DECEMBER 4, 2020 STATISTICAL CASE CLOSURE PURSUANT TO NRCP 60.

#### NRCP 60 states in pertinent part:

- (a) Corrections Based on Clerical Mistakes; Oversights and Omissions. The court may correct a clerical mistake or a mistake arising from oversight or omission whenever one is found in a judgment, order, or other part of the record. The court may do so on motion or on its own, with or without notice. But after an appeal has been docketed in the appellate court and while it is pending, such a mistake may be corrected only with the appellate court's leave.
- (b) Grounds for Relief From a Final Judgment, Order, or Proceeding. On motion and just terms, the court may relieve a party or its legal representative from a final judgment, order, or proceeding for the following reasons:
  - (1) mistake, inadvertence, surprise, or excusable neglect;
  - (2) newly discovered evidence that, with reasonable diligence, could not have been discovered in time to move for a new trial under Rule 59(b);
  - (3) fraud (whether previously called intrinsic or extrinsic), misrepresentation, or misconduct by an opposing party;
  - (4) the judgment is void;
  - (5) the judgment has been satisfied, released, or discharged; it is based on an earlier judgment that has been reversed or vacated; or applying it prospectively is no longer equitable; or
  - (6) any other reason that justifies relief.

#### See NRCP 60

Because there was no final judgment on the counterclaims, a clerical error must have occurred when the FFCL were entered as to the affirmative claims and as to other matters. For this reason, relief from the statistical case closure is appropriate.

1. BECAUSE COUNTER-DEFENDANT DID NOT MOVE FOR THE COUNTERCLAIMS TO BE INVOLUNTARILY DISMISSED, THE "INVOLUNTARY DISMISSAL" IS AN ERROR.

On December 4, 2020, the Court issued an Order statistically closing the case, noting the reason as "Involuntary Dismissal." See Declaration of Karen H. Ross, Esq. at ¶32. The lower right corner of the Order is stamped "Statistically closed: USJR – CV – Involuntary (statutory)

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NRCP 41(b), entitled "Involuntary Dismissal: Effect" provides:

If the plaintiff fails to comply with these rules or a court order, a defendant may move to dismiss the action or any claim against the defendant. Unless the dismissal order or an applicable statute provides otherwise, a dismissal under Rule 41(b) and any dismissal not under this rule--except one for lack of jurisdiction, improper venue, or failure to join a party under Rule 19--operates as an adjudication on the merits.

See NRCP 41(b).

NRCP 41(b) is different from its federal counterpart in that the Nevada rule does not take into account the plaintiff's "failure to prosecute" a case, which is specifically reserved for NRCP 41(e). Because Counter-Defendant did not move for the Counterclaims to be Involuntarily Dismissed, the clerical error should be set aside.

#### C. REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION PURSUANT TO EDCR 2.24(b)

Pursuant to EDCR 2.24(b), a party seeking reconsideration of a ruling of the court must file a motion for such relief within fourteen (14) days after service of written notice of the order. A district court may reconsider a previously decided issue if substantially different evidence is subsequently introduced or the decision is clearly erroneous. See Masonry & Tile Contractors Ass'n of S. Nevada v. Jolley, Urga & Wirth, Ltd., 113 Nev. 737, 741, 941 P.2d 486, 489 (1997). Here, to the extent the FFCL extends to the counterclaims, the involuntary dismissal is erroneous. The motions that were the subject of the FFCL did not seek adjudication of the counterclaims.

#### 1. CLAIM **PRECLUSION** DOES NOT **BAR** THE COUNTERCLAIMS.

"Under Nevada law, claim preclusion applies when three factors are met: (1) the parties or their privies are the same, (2) the final judgment is valid, and (3) the subsequent action is based on the same claims or any part of them that were or could have been brought in the first case." See Cutts v. Richland Holdings, Inc., 953 F.3d 554, 557 (9th Cir. 2019), certified question accepted, 459 P.3d 233 (Nev. 2019), and certified question dismissed, 459 P.3d 226 (Nev. 2020). Under the

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third prong, a compulsory counterclaim that was not brought in an earlier action is subject to claim preclusion, but a permissive counterclaim is not. *Id.* Whether a counterclaim is compulsory under Nevada law is governed by Rule 13 of the Nevada Rules of Civil Procedure.

#### NRCP Rule 13 provides:

A pleading must state as a counterclaim any claim that—at the time of its service the pleader has against an opposing party if the claim:

- (A) arises out of the transaction or occurrence that is the subject matter of the opposing party's claim; and
- (B) does not require adding another party over whom the court cannot acquire jurisdiction.

#### See NRCP Rule 13.

Two claims "arise out of the same transaction or occurrence" if "the pertinent facts of the different claims are so logically related that issues of judicial economy and fairness mandate that all issues be tried in one suit." See Cutts, 953 F.3d 554, at 558. The FFCL dismissed Plaintiffs' causes of action with prejudice based on theories of res-judicata (claim preclusion), and collateral estoppel (issue preclusion). See FFCL, Ex. 7. Specifically, the Court determined that because the nature of the dispute between Plaintiffs and Defendants related to a series of five (5) loans, each connected to separate confessions of judgment that were considered void by final order in prior proceedings, the doctrines of res-judicata and collateral estoppel precluded the parties in this case from relitigating these claims or any claims that could have been brought in the prior cases. *Id.* Most critically, the FFCL made no findings of fact or conclusions of law pertaining to the counterclaims, as there were no pending motions regarding these matters.

Furthermore, the facts giving rise to the counterclaims are unrelated to the confessions of judgment that were considered void by a final order in prior proceedings. Alternatively, the counterclaims were solely based on an Agreement dated August 15, 2016 between Sharda and Barket prohibiting the parties from disparaging one another and Barket's intentional interference with Sharda's financing of the furniture ventures, by way of further disparagement. See

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Agreement, Ex. 5. For this reason, the third prong of claim preclusion fails because the relevant claims did not "arise out of the same transaction or occurrence." See Cutts, 953 F.3d 554, at 558.

#### 2. ISSUE **DOES** THE **PRECLUSION** NOT **BAR** COUNTERCLAIMS.

Issue Preclusion exists when: (1) the issue decided in the prior litigation must be identical to the issue presented in the current action; (2) the initial ruling must have been on the merits and have become final; (3) the party against whom the judgment is asserted must have been a party or in privity with a party to the prior litigation; and (4) the issue was actually and necessarily litigated. See Five Star Capital Corp. v. Ruby, 124 Nev. 1048, 194 P.3d 709 (2008), holding modified by Weddell v. Sharp, 131 Nev. 233, 350 P.3d 80 (2015). "While claim preclusion may apply in a suit to preclude both claims that were or could have been raised in a prior suit, issue preclusion would not preclude those issues not raised in the prior suit." Id.

The FFCL stated:

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that it is appropriate to dismiss this action with prejudice because the parties have already litigated each and every Confession of Judgment pertaining to the loans alleged by Plaintiff.

See FFCL at 7.

Counter-Claimants filed the following counterclaims: i) Breach of Contract; ii) Breach of Duty of Good Faith and Fair Dealing and iii) Tortious Interference with Contractual Relations. See Answer and Counterclaim. These claims all arise from Counter-Defendant's breach of the non-disparagement provision contained in the written agreement between Sharda and Barket that is completely separate and apart from the five (5) voided confessions of judgment. See Agreement, Ex. 5. More specifically, the pertinent facts and issues relating to the counterclaims were not raised in the prior litigation that resulted in the Court voiding the five (5) Confessions of Judgment. For these reasons, issue preclusion does not preclude the litigation of the counterclaims because the

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pertinent facts and issues relating to the Counterclaims were not raised in any prior suit. See Five Star Capitol Corp, 124 Nev. 1048, 194 P.3d at 709.

#### D. REQUEST TO ALTER OR AMEND JUDGMENT PURSUANT TO NRCP 59(e).

Pursuant to NRCP 59(e), a motion to alter or amend a judgment must be filed no later than 28 days after service of written notice of entry of judgment. See NRCP 59(e). In Nevada, the extraordinary remedy provided by a motion to alter or amend judgment is available in four basic situations: (1) when the motion is necessary to correct manifest errors of law or fact upon which the judgment rests; (2) when the motion is necessary to present newly discovered or previously unavailable evidence; (3) when the motion is necessary to prevent manifest injustice; and (4) when the amendment is justified by an intervening change in controlling law. See Stevo Design, Inc. v. SBR Mktg. Ltd., 919 F. Supp. 2d 1112 (D. Nev. 2013). Furthermore, pursuant to NRCP 54(b), when multiple parties are involved in an action, a judgment is not final unless rights and liabilities of all parties are adjudicated. See Rae v. All Am. Life & Cas. Co., 95 Nev. 920, 605 P.2d 196 (1979). Here, the statistical case closure on December 4, 2020 and the FFCL entered December 14, 2020 collectively disposed of every claim associated with this case. The global dismissal was a clerical error because the counterclaims were never adjudicated on the merits and a manifest injustice would result if claims were disposed without adjudication. For these reasons, the Order statistically closing the case should be amended to exclude the counterclaims.

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#### IV. <u>CONCLUSION</u>

For the reasons stated above, Counterclaimants respectfully request that the Court clarify its December 4, 2020 statistical case closure and set it aside to the extent it disposes of the Counterclaims because there has been no final judgment of the Counterclaims.

DATED this 28 day of December, 2020.

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1	CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE									
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## **EXHIBIT 1**

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

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINE OF HAROLD P. GEWERTER, BAR NO. 499.

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#### ORDER APPROVING CONDITIONAL GUILTY PLEA AGRÉEMENT

This is an automatic review of a Southern Nevada Disciplinary Board hearing panel's recommendation that this court approve, pursuant to SCR 113, a conditional guilty plea in exchange for a stated form of discipline for attorney Harold P. Gewerter. Under this agreement, Gewerter admitted to violations of RPC 1.15 (safekeeping property) and RPC 8.4 (misconduct). The agreement provides for a one-year suspension, with that suspension stayed for two years. During the two-year stay, the agreement requires Gewerter to submit quarterly audits of his trust account to the State Bar, conducted at Gewerter's expense; to attend a fee dispute program regarding a separate client grievance and pay any resulting award; and to pay \$2,500 in administrative fees plus the actual costs of the proceedings pursuant to SCR 120. If Gewerter violates these conditions or another grievance filed against Gewerter results in a formal hearing, the stay would be revoked and discipline would be imposed.

Gewerter has admitted to the facts and violations alleged in the complaint. The record therefore establishes that Gewerter mismanaged his trust account by failing to keep accurate records and by allowing third parties to access trust account checks, leading to his trust account being overdrafted on two occasions.

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In determining the appropriate discipline, we weigh four factors: "the duty violated, the lawyer's mental state, the potential or actual injury caused by the lawyer's misconduct, and the existence of aggravating and mitigating factors." In re Discipline of Lerner, 124 Nev. 1232, 1246, 197 P.3d 1067, 1077 (2008). In this case, Gewerter violated duties owed to his clients (safekeeping property) and the profession (misconduct). Gewerter's mental state was with knowledge as he was aware that he was not keeping accurate records of his trust account. While at least one client was delayed in receiving funds, there was no other injury from the trust account mismanagement, but there was potential for injury. The panel found two aggravating factors (prior disciplinary offense and substantial experience in the practice of law) and four mitigating factors (absence of dishonest motive, timely good faith effort to make restitution or to rectify consequences of misconduct, interim rehabilitation, and remoteness of prior offenses).

Based on the most serious instance of misconduct at issue, see Compendium of Professional Responsibility Rules and Standards 452 (Am. Bar Ass'n 2016) ("The ultimate sanction imposed should at least be consistent with the sanction for the most serious instance of misconduct among a number of violations."), the baseline sanction before considering aggravating and mitigating circumstances is suspension. See id. at Standard 4.12 (providing that suspension is appropriate when an attorney "knows or should know that he is dealing improperly with client property and causes injury or potential injury to a client"). In light of the foregoing and the mitigating circumstances, we conclude that the agreed-upon stayed one-year suspension is appropriate. The duration of the suspension along with the other conditions imposed are sufficient to serve the purpose of

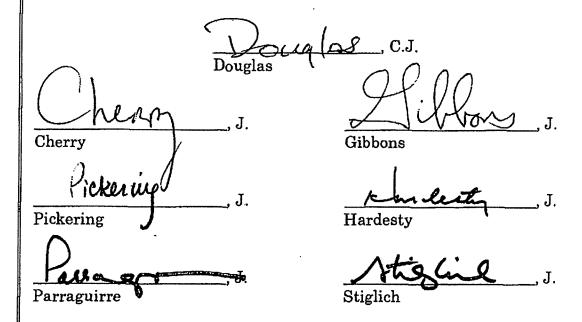
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attorney discipline—to protect the public, the courts, and the legal profession, not to punish the attorney. State Bar of Nev. v. Claiborne, 104 Nev. 115, 213, 756 P.2d 464, 527-28 (1988). Thus, we conclude that the guilty plea agreement should be approved. See SCR 113(1).

Accordingly, we hereby suspend attorney Harold P. Gewerter from the practice of law in Nevada for one year commencing from the date of this order. The suspension shall be stayed for a period of two years so long as Gewerter complies with all of the conditions set forth in the hearing panel's findings of fact, conclusions of law, and recommendation. The parties shall comply with SCR 121.1.

It is so ORDERED.



cc: Chair, Southern Nevada Disciplinary Board
Pitaro & Fumo, Chtd.
C. Stanley Hunterton, Bar Counsel, State Bar of Nevada
Kimber K. Farmer, Executive Director, State Bar of Nevada
Perry Thompson, Admissions Office, U.S. Supreme Court

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## **EXHIBIT 2**

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

Intentional Misconduct **COURT MINUTES** February 04, 2020 A-17-756274-C Steven Barket, Plaintiff(s) Shafik Hirji, Defendant(s) February 04, 2020 09:00 AM All Pending Motions **HEARD BY:** Truman, Erin

COURTROOM: RJC Level 5 Hearing Room

COURT CLERK: Ortega, Natalie RECORDER: Haak, Francesca

REPORTER:

PARTIES PRESENT:

Charles E. Barnabi Attorney for Counter Defendant, Plaintiff Harold P. Gewerter Attorney for Counter Claimant, Defendant Teletha L. Zupan Attorney for Counter Claimant, Defendant

#### **JOURNAL ENTRIES**

COUNTERCLAIMANTS' MOTION TO DECLARE RESPONSES TO ADMISSIONS DEEMED ADMITTED OPPOSITION TO COUNTERCLAIMANT'S MOTION TO DECLARE RESPONSES TO ADMISSIONS DEEMED ADMITTED AND COUNTER-MOTION PURSUANT TO NRCP36(B) STATUS CHECK: ATTORNEYS FEES AND COSTS COUNTERCLAIMANTS' MOTION TO COMPEL

As to Counterclaimants' Motion To Declare Responses To Admissions Deemed Admitted: COMMISSIONER NOTED the admissions were late. As a matter of law the request for admissions were admitted. Plaintiff brought a counter-motion to withdraw the admissions. Those were served July 8, 2019. Their responses for admissions were responded to. The Court had to consider whether or not there was prejudice to allow those to be withdrawn. COMMISSIONER RECOMMENDED, the Request to Deemed Admitted MOOT because they were admitted as a matter of law. The Commissioner would hear the counter-motion to withdraw the admissions from plaintiff. Arguments by counsel, COMMISSIONER RECOMMENDS Counter Motion to Withdraw the Admissions GRANTED; substantive responses to stand. Any objections set forth therein are waived because they were late. The substantive responses would stand.

As to Counterclaimants' Motion To Compel the Responses to Interoggatories and Request for Production of Documents: Arguments by counsel. COMMISSIONER RECOMMENDED the motion GRANTED; it appeared that responses were provided on January 20, 2020. Objections were waived for untimeliness except as to privilege. Any objections on the basis of privilege would be allowed. Other objections were waived. There needs to be full response, to the extent it had not been done, to the interrogatories and request for production of documents. To the extent, Mr. Gewerter believed there were deficiencies, those must be enumerated to the Plaintiff. They must conduct another 2.34 regarding any deficiencies that he believed to exists. It those could not be worked out then they could be brought by further motion to the court.

As to the Request for Attorney's Fees and Costs; COMMISSIONER RECOMMENDED. request GRANTED. It appeared that the motion was not responded to before the motion. The only reason they were responded to was because a motion was brought. The Commissioner

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would review this matter for the appropriate attorney's fees and costs. Commissioner directed Mr. Gewerter to prepare an affidavit that set forth, or analyzes the factors set forth in Brunzell v. Golden Gate. In addition, any request for costs related to the filling of the motion and appearance here in court must met the requirements of Cadle versus Woods Erickson. Also, to provide a redacted invoice statement only for the drafting of the motion to compel, reviewing the opposition, drafting the reply, and appearing in court today. Submit it within two (2) weeks. COMMISSIONER RECOMMENDED, Status Check SET as to Attorney's Fees and Costs.

03/06/20 9:30 AM STATUS CHECK: ATTORNEY'S FEES and COSTS

CLERK'S NOTE: Minute Order amended 3-10-2020. jl

Printed Date: 3/11/2020 Page 2 of 2 Minutes Date: February 04, 2020

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## **EXHIBIT 3**

#### STATE BAR OF NEVADA

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April 6, 2020

Harold P. Gewerter, Esq. 1212 S. Casino Center Blvd., Las Vegas, NV 89104

Re: Grievance OBC19-1044

3100 W. Charleston Blvd. Suite 100 Las Vegas, NV 89102 phone 702.382.2200 roll free 800.254.2797 fax 702.385.2878

9456 Double R Blvd., Ste. B Reno, NV 89521-5977 phone 775,329,4100 fax 775,329,0522

www.nvbar.org

Dear Mr. Gewerter:

On March 24, 2020, a Screening Panel of the Southern Nevada Disciplinary Board considered the above-referenced grievances. Based on the evidence presented, the Panel concluded that you violated the Rules of Professional Conduct ("RPC") and should be issued a Letter of Reprimand. This letter shall constitute a delivery of that reprimand.

LETTER OF REPRIMAND

This grievance addresses four rules: RPC 1.2 (Scope of Representation), 1.3 (Diligence), 1.4 (Communication), and 1.16 (Withdrawal).

Here, the grievant Christine Hillyer was named in a lawsuit between co-owners of the business for which she worked. One co-owner sued Hillyer and the other co-owner. The defendant co-owner retained you to represent him in the suit. He also asked you to represent Hillyer although he paid the legal fees.

You represented both from approximately March 2018 until February 2019 when you attempted to withdraw from representation for lack of payment. Before your attempt to withdraw, Hillyer would not receive any communications from you unless she asked your staff. Further, you did not discuss the reasons for withdrawal with Hillyer or notify her of your intent to withdraw. You filed a motion with the court but sent it to Hillyer at a wrong address. The court verbally granted your motion but asked you to file a written order. You did not file an order until November 2019—nine months later. During that time Hillyer was to produce discovery, prepare for a non-jury trial, and oppose a motion for summary judgment. She obtained new counsel in October 2019—before you filed the order granting your motion to withdraw as counsel. Fortunately, Hillyer's new counsel was able to protect her rights and avoid summary judgment, but your lack of diligence and communication created a potential for harm.

Rule 1.2 states, "a lawyer shall abide by a client's decision concerning the objectives of representation and, as required by Rule 1.4, shall consult with the client as to the means by which they are to be pursued."

Although the defendant co-owner paid your legal fees, you had an obligation to Hillyer. Your obligation required you to consult with Hillyer sufficiently about her objectives and your ultimate withdraw.

Rule 1.3 states, "A lawyer shall act with reasonable diligence and promptness in representing a client." This includes all actions until the lawyer completes his withdrawal.

Rule 1.16 states, a lawyer may withdraw from representing a client if: (1) Withdrawal can be accomplished without material adverse effect on the interests of the client; ... [or] (5) The client fails substantially to fulfill an obligation to the lawyer regarding the lawyer's services and has been given reasonable warning that the lawyer will withdraw unless the obligation is fulfilled; ... "

Here, you attempted to withdraw from representing Hillyer while discovery, trial, and a motion for summary judgment were imminent. Further, you did not diligently file the order granting your motion to withdraw.

Accordingly, you are hereby **REPRIMANDED** for violating RPC 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, and 1.16. In addition, pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 120(3), you are required to remit to the State Bar of Nevada the amount of \$1,500 *within 30 days* of this letter. I trust that this reprimand will serve as a reminder to you of your ethical obligations, and that no such problems will arise in the future.

DATED this 6th day of April 2020.

Dana Oswalt Esq.

Screening Panel Chair

<u>Dana P. Oswalt</u>

Southern Nevada Disciplinary Board

## **EXHIBIT 4**

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

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINE OF HAROLD P. GEWERTER, BAR NO. 499 No. 80198

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#### ORDER OF SUSPENSION

This is an automatic review of a Southern Nevada Disciplinary Board hearing panel's recommendation that a previously stayed one-year suspension be imposed against attorney Harold P. Gewerter for his failure to comply with probation conditions.<sup>1</sup>

On January 4, 2018, this court suspended Gewerter for one year, with the suspension stayed for two years subject to certain probation conditions approved by the hearing panel. In re Discipline of Gewerter, Docket No. 73529 (Order Approving Conditional Guilty Plea Agreement, Jan. 4, 2018). Those conditions included that "the opening of a grievance concerning which a Screening Panel ultimately determines that a formal hearing is warranted . . . shall be considered a breach of this stay." This

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Pursuant to NRAP 34(f)(1), we have determined that oral argument is not warranted in this matter.

We remind the State Bar that hearing panel decisions should be served on the attorney under SCR 105(3)(a) and pursuant to SCR 109(1). As such, the best practice would be for the State Bar to serve the hearing panel's decision on the attorney separate from service of the record of bar proceedings filed in this court. Further, we remind the State Bar that certificates of service must accompany any document filed with this court. NRAP 25(d).

condition applied to grievances, "including but not limited to matters involving any of [Gewerter's] trust accounts prior to [the conditional guilty plea agreement]." On June 26, 2019, a screening panel recommended proceeding to a formal hearing on a grievance, which involved Gewerter's trust account prior to the signing of the conditional guilty plea agreement. Thus, Gewerter breached the conditions of his probation and imposition of the one-year suspension previously stayed in Docket No. 73529 is necessary.

Accordingly, we hereby suspend attorney Harold P. Gewerter from the practice of law in Nevada for one year beginning from the date of this order. Additionally, Gewerter shall pay the costs of the disciplinary proceedings, including \$2,500 under SCR 120, within 30 days from the date of this order. The parties shall comply with SCR 115 and SCR 121.1.

It is so ORDERED.2

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>To the extent the parties' additional arguments are not addressed herein, we conclude they do not warrant a different result.

cc: Chair, Southern Nevada Disciplinary Board Pitaro & Fumo, Chtd. Bar Counsel, State Bar of Nevada Executive Director, State Bar of Nevada Admissions Office, U.S. Supreme Court

## **EXHIBIT 5**

#### AGREEMENT

This Agreement is made this \( \) day of \( \lambda u \), 2016, between STEVEN BARKET dba REP SENTRY (hereinafter referred to as "STEVEN") and DR. NAVNEET SHARDA, M.D. (hereinafter referred to as "DR. SHARDA").

STEVEN and DR. SHARDA previously entered into an agreement pursuant to which STEVEN agreed to assist DR. SHARDA in preparing lawsuits DR. SHARDA wanted to pursue against certain individuals and business entitles.

In reliance on the Agreement STEVEN expended substantial time and effort and incurred out of pocket costs assembling documents and evidence for use in DR. SHARDA's lawsuits. STEVEN also spent time and effort looking for and vettind attorneys, investigators and paralegals to be retained when it came time for DR. SHARDA to commence litigation. In addition, STEVEN spent time, effort and money assisting DR. SHARDA in the repair and re-profiling of DR. SHARDA's on line reputation.

In exchange for STEVEN's litigation support services DR, SHARDA agreed to pay STEVEN 15% of the gross amount of any recovery DR. SHARDA received from the lawsuits, whether by way of settlement, verdict or judgment.

If DR, SHARDA chose not to pursue litigation he nevertheless agreed to pay STEVEN compensation for STEVEN's services at the rate of \$150 an hour and reimburse STEVEN for his out of pocket costs.

 STEVEN spent approximately 16 months rendering services to DR. SHARDA. DR. SHARDA however decided not to institute litigation. DR. SHARDA has not

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compensated STEVEN for the services STEVEN rendered to DR. SHARDA, or, reimburse STEVEN for his out of pocket expenses. As a result, STEVEN has claims against DR. SHARDA for the services rendered and his out of pocket costs incurred to date.

STEVEN and DR. SHARDA wish to avoid the time and expense of litigation and therefore have reached this Agreement.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing, the parties agree as follows:

- 1. STEVEN and DR. SHARDA hereby agree to a full, final and complete settlement of any and all monies DR. SHARDA owes to STEVEN for the total amount of \$180,000.00.
- 2. DR. SHARDA shall pay STEVEN the sum of \$60,000.00 upon the signing of the Agreement. The balance of \$120,000.00 shall be payable in monthly installments of \$20,000.00, commencing on September 15, 2016 and continuing on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of each month thereafter until February 15, 2017 when the final payment shall be due and owing. Any payment made five (5) days or more after the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the month shall be assessed a late fee of \$1500.00. If DR. SHARDA defaults in these payments STEVEN shall have the option of accelerating the unpaid balance and declaring the entire unpaid balance immediately due and owing.
- 3. In consideration of the \$180,000.00 STEVEN shall render to DR. SHARDA 200 additional hours of work time as directed by DR. SHARDA. However, this does not include STEVEN'S out of pocket costs for travel and other expenses STEVEN

may incur performing his obligations under this Agreement. Prior to incurring an out of pocket cost STEVEN shall provide DR. SHARDA with a statement of the amount of the anticipated cost. DR. SHARDA must agree to the cost before STEVEN incurs it and DR. SHARDA shall signify his agreement to the expense by signing the statement STEVEN provides.

- 4. The parties acknowledge and agree that in the performance of his duties pursuant to this agreement STEVEN may have to disclose to DR. SHARDA certain proprietary and confidential information.
- 5. DR. SHARDA shall not under any circumstances disclose to any third party whether an individual, corporate, or any other person or entity, any of the proprietary or confidential methods, systems or confidential or anonymous sources that STEVEN may use. However, STEVEN'S work product may be used by DR. SHARDA to pursue litigation against certain individuals and business entitles, subject to the term of this Agreement.
- transferring, granting or conferring upon DR. SHARDA any ownership, rights, license in or to the proprietary or confidential methods, systems or confidential or anonymous sources that STEVEN may use or that may be disclosed to DR. SHARDA under this Agreement or which DR. SHARDA may have acquired knowledge of in his dealings with STEVEN. DR. SHARDA shall not have any right to use or exploit in any manner whatsoever STEVEN'S proprietary or confidential methods, systems or confidential or anonymous sources. Furthermore, no license or conveyance of any of STEVEN'S





proprietary or confidential methods, systems or confidential or anonymous sources, either express or implied, is granted to DR. SHARDA pursuant to this Agreement.

- 7. The parties further agree that neither party shall slander, libel, defame or make false or disparaging comments about the other via social media or any other form of written or electronic communication.
- 8. If there is a breach or anticipated or threatened breach of the confidentiality/non disclosure or the non-disparagement provisions of this Agreement by either party it is agreed and understood that neither party has an adequate remedy at law and that money damages alone will be inadequate to compensate the aggrieved party for any losses the aggrieved party may have suffered as a result of the other party's breach or anticipated or threatened breach. Therefore, the parties acknowledge and agree that the aggrieved party shall be entitled to injunctive relief, in addition to any other remedies the aggrieved party may have in law or equity. The parties agree that in the event of a breach of this Agreement, the aggrieved party shall be entitled to liquidated damages in the amount of \$250,000.00, which is intended to compensate aggrieved party for the difficult-to-calculate loss the aggrieved party would suffer from as a result of the other party's breach of this Agreement.
- 9. This Agreement contains the entire Agreement and understanding of the parties, and each and every provision hereof is inter-dependent upon the other. There are no representations, warranties, covenants or understandings other than those expressly set forth herein. Furthermore, this Agreement may not be verbally changed or modified. Any change or modification can only be made by a written instrument executed by the parties with the same formality as this Agreement.





- 10. The parties agree that neither party shall be deemed to be the drafter of this Agreement and, in the event this Agreement is ever construed by a court of law or equity, such court shall not construe this Agreement or any provision hereof against either party as the drafter of the Agreement.
- 11. No waiver of any one of the provisions hereof shall work a continuing waiver or a waiver of any subsequent breach.
- 12. This Agreement and the rights of the parties hereto shall be governed and interpreted in all respects by the law applied to contracts made and wholly to be performed within the State of Nevada. Any litigation commenced pursuant to this agreement shall be venued in Clark County, Nevada. The parties here submit to the personal jurisdiction of the State of Nevada and the State of Nevada shall have exclusive subject matter jurisdiction over all claims arising under this Agreement.
- 13. The parties' rights and remedies hereunder shall be cumulative, and the exercise of one or more shall not preclude the exercise of any other(s).
- Agreement or the breach of same by any party hereto, the prevailing party shall be entitled to attorney's fees and costs in an amount awarded by the court. DR. SHARDA acknowledges that STEVEN has been represented in the negotiation of this Agreement by Edward R. Miley, Esq. DR. SHARDA acknowledges that he was advised by Edward R. Miley, Esq. of his right to retain counsel to represent him and review and advise him on this Agreement. DR. SHARDA has waived the right to independent representation and has consented to Edward R. Miley, Esq preparing this Agreement. Edward R. Miley, Esq cannot and has not given DR. SHARDA legal advice. In the event of



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litigation under this Agreement Edward R. Miley, Esq may represent STEVEN without having a conflict of interest with the interests of DR. SHARDA.

STEVEN BARKET
Dba REP SENTRY

Dated: 8.15.20/6

Subscribed and sworn to before me this day of August, 2016.

MANA PUBLIC

SHARI NORTON
Notary Public, State of Nevada
Appointment No. 08-6262-1
My Appt. Expires Feb 15, 2020

DR. NAVNEET SHARDA, M.D.

Dated: Acy 15, 2016

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

15 day of August

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SHARI NORTON Notary Public, State of Nevada

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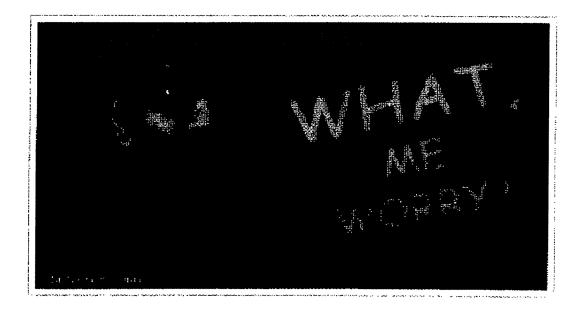
## **EXHIBIT 6**

## Dr. Nav Sharda, Radiation Oncologist Las Vegas, A K A Dr. Deadbeat — Unofficial Site By G Hopscotch

News, Information, Opinion and Satire Regarding Dr. Nav Sharda and His Complex, Turbulent Life and Times

# For Dr. "Deadbeat" Navneet Sharda, Distractions Detailed On This Website Must Pose a Challenge to His Concentration and Focus

Posted on July 28, 2017



Dr. "Deadbeat" Navneet Sharda must be a master of concentration and focus. Either that, or he's not. Which would not be good.

How can someone possibly focus on their work — and in Sharda's case, hyper-critical work as a radiation oncologist doctor — when you have all the districtions going on in your life that Dr. Deadbeat has in his life: state of Nevada medical board write-ups (see the list here: medical board

http://navneetshardaexamined.com/

complaints), massive debt, bankruptcy (US Bankruptcy Court, state of Nevada), judgments, high-value assets being seized, in and out of lawsuits (count them: 13 according to my research), and I'm just skimming the surface.

How is it possible for a person to stay focused on their job with all of that and then some going on? Just go through each one of the tabs listed across the top of this website — Nevada Medical Board Complaints, Court Cases, Bankruptcy, 1800 Melfi Court, Furniture Fashions, Sunrise Hospital. Again, I'm just skimming the surface. So much more detail will be coming to light on these and other aspects of Sharda's life.

The people he's associated himself with, both professionally and personally, and the entanglements he's been caught up in will astonish you. He has a business partner who's a convicted felon (check out this website: ShafikHirjl.com) and has had personal assets seized as a result of debt he's accumulated.

You need to stop, think about that, and let that sink in for a minute or two.

Here's a guy who's supposedly devoted his life to the care and healing of people with cancer, using some very sophisticated radiation equipment to zap people, which can have devastating effect if it's done incorrectly, who sees patient after patient during the day — different patients, different cancer, different protocols — and he's having to deal with a convicted felon as a business partner in other ventures, seizure of assets due to debt (cars, motorcycles, furniture, electronics, etc.), bankruptcy, medical board complaints, an arm's-length list of court cases, judgments, losing privileges to practice medicine at a hospital ...

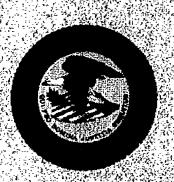
The cumulative effect of all this B.S. must be overwhelming. Wouldn't it be to you? I mean, honestly. It would be to me. Just my humble opinion.

Posted in Uncategorized | Leave a reply

## Dr. Navneet Sharda — Poster Boy for the U.S. District Attorney's Office

Posted on July 25, 2017

This is pretty unbelievable. Right from the brochure listing the accomplishments of the District of Nevada U.S. Attorney's Office District Accomplishments booklet that lists their top cases and what they were most proud of accomplishing in 2012. Check it out:



## DISTRICT OF NEVADA UNITED STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

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#### PROGRAM DEVELOPMENTS & HIGHLIGHTS

#### Violent Crime

The U.S. Attorney's Office receives and protecutes violent craite cases under a number of different Department of Justice sponsored programs, including Project Safe Neighborhoods and its anti-gaing and organized craite initiatives. During federal fiscal year 2012, 203 persons were charged with federal violent crimes in the District of Nevada. The majority (154) of these persons were charged and sonvicted of Sederal guin crimes, such as felph in possession and use of a freatment diring a drug trafficking of violent crime; and sentenced to more than five years in prison.



Significant violent crime cases prosecuted in solution Neysda include Corey Thompson, who was sentenced in October 2012 to 1937 years in prison for mandering a woman with a friedrin during a drug deat at the Moulin Rouge apartments in Las Vegas, Jose Figheroa, Raymond Juarez, and Chase Sitton, who were sentenced to 25, 19, and 2 years in prison, respectively, for cobbing six Las Vegas area convenience stores; and Jason Wiley, a 28-year-old Las Vegas man who was convicted by a jury and sentenced to 237 years in prison for commuting nine armed rebberies of convenience stores in Eas Vegas.

In Jine 2013, the Reno Branch Office helped create a main, agency risk force to investigate and prosecute the most problematic violent criminals in northern Nevada. During 2012, this task force screened 86 investmes violent crimic cases and filed federal charges against 25 individuals for federal gun or violent crimes. Cases of note include a 24-year-old Reno man, Randy Anchera, who was registered to 20 years in prison in December for robbing five convenience states over an eight day period during late 2011 and early 2012, another Reno man, James Jackson, who had eight prior fetony convictions and was sentenced in November to 15 years in prison for carrying a loaded gun into a Reno casino, and John Devencenzi, who had several prior fetony convictions and was sentenced to 25 years in prison in December 2012 for robbing two brothers at gunpoint in their Reno home and earlacking them.



None other than the US Attorney's Office in the District of Nevada is trumpeting their victory that year over Dr. Navneet Sharda, MD, for health care fraud, specifically for allegedly overbilling "federal healthcare insurance programs, such as Medicare, TRICARE [an Armed Forces and Veterans healthcare program] and the FEHB [Federal Employee Health Benefits]."

Perfect. A poster boy for the Nevada US Attorney's Office — just what every doctor should aspire to, right?

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# Dr. Navneet Sharda (Dr. Deadbeat in My Opinion): 2 + 2 Never = 4; Things Never Seem to Add Up In the End in My Opinion

Posted on July 17, 2017

A fact sheet related to Dr. Nav Sharda:



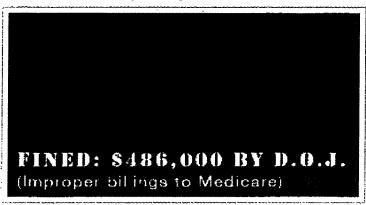
DR. DEADBEAT, A K A NAV SHARDA -- WHERE TWO AND TWO NEVER EQUALS FOUR -- THINGS NEVER ADD UP IN THE REAL WORLD WITH HIM

- FACT: DECEMBER 2011, \$4,581,000 JUDGMENT ENTERED AGAINST DR. NAVNEET SHARDA PERSONALLY
- FACT: SEPTEMBER 2012, DR. NAVNEET SHARDA AGREES TO PAY JUSTICE DEPT. \$486,000 TO RESOLVE ALLEGATIONS OF MEDICARE FRAUD
- •FACT: 2016 SHARDA WRITES \$300,000 IN CHECKS TO BOULEVARD FURNITURE INC.
- FACT: 2017, CURRENT OFFICE BUILDING AT 3509 HARMON AVE, LAS VEGAS UNDERGOES MILLION-DOLLAR RENOVATION
- FACT: 2017, SHARDA WRITES TWO CHECKS TOTALLING \$1 MILLION TO SUNSET FURNITURE INC.
- •FACT: TO DATE, 2017 SHARDA STILL OWES ORIGINAL \$4.58 MILLION-PLUS

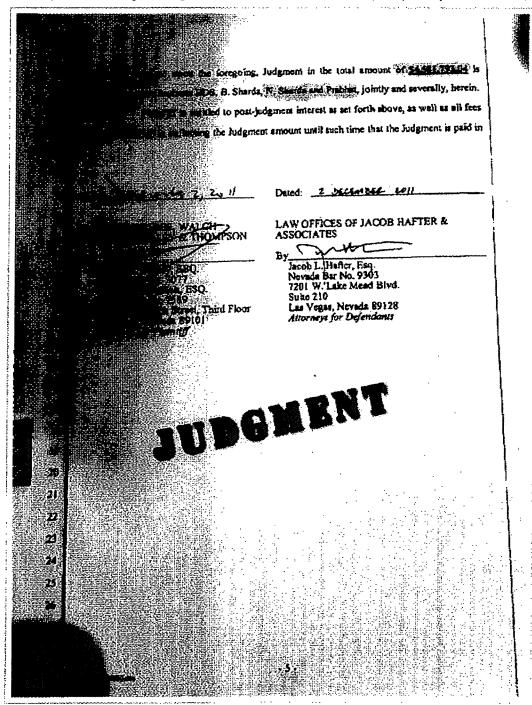
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Dr. Navneet Sharda (Dr. Deadbeat, in My Opinion)

Posted on July 15, 2017



Dr. Navneet Sharda — "Dr. Deadbeat" — is being so named primarily because of a couple of major judgments filed against him: this \$486,000 Department of Justice judgment for improper billings to Medicare as well as the \$4.5 million bankruptcy filing he made to get out from underneath all that debt (see page from bankruptcy filing showing the debts below and the creditors).



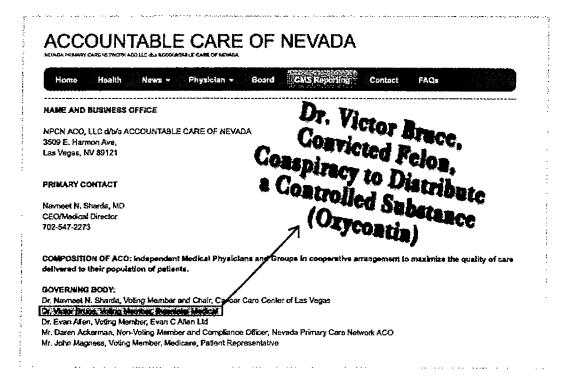
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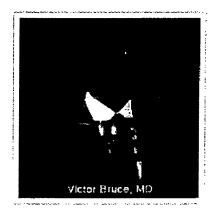
Dr. Nav Sharda & the Nevada Primary Care Network ACO, LLC; dba Accountable Care OF Nevada —

### Victor Bruce MD, Convicted Felon for Trafficking Oxycodone as No. 2 Voting Member, Shows Questionable Leadership in My Opinion

Posted on July 13, 2017



In checking out Dr. Nav Sharda and the wide variety of entities he's involved in, I came across this Nevada Primary Care Network ACO, LLC. Sharda is listed as the CEO and Medical Director of this organization (see screen shot above). In other words, he's the head cheese in charge of this group. An ACO is an Accountable Care Organization. Here in Las Vegas, Sharda heads the Accountable Care of Nevada ACO.



http://navneetshardaexamined.com/

I wanted to know a little bit more about this organization, what it does, who's involved with it, etc. So I decided to do a little Googling and just started with the list of doctors in the Governing Body of the organization. Of course at the top of the list there's Dr. Navneet N. Sharda who is also listed in the Governing Body as a "Voting Member and and Chair, Cancer Care Center of Las Vegas." Next on the Governing Body list is a Dr. Victor Bruce, Voting Member, Swanlake Medical. Very interesting what I turned up. According to the United States Department of Justice, United States Attorney's Office, District of Nevada, convicted felon, Dr. Victor Bruce was a pill-pusher. Here's what that office has to say about it (see screen shot of this office's statement below):

"Victor Bruce, M.D., 49, who operates Swan Lake Medical Center in Las Vegas, was sentenced [Thursday, October 16, 2014] to 46 months in federal prison and three years of supervised release for writing prescriptions for oxycodone for persons he did not see or treat, announced U.S. Attorney Daniel G. Bogden for the District of Nevada.

Bruce, who pleaded guilty in July to one count of conspiracy to distribute a controlled substance, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Andrew P. Gordon. Bruce was permitted to self-report to federal prison by Jan. 16, 2015.

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Wow. I'm speechless.

And this is who Sharda has installed as a top member of his ACO's Governing Body? Peeling back the layers of the onion here reveals Sharda to be a questionable decision maker, in my opinion. As I mentioned above, please see the screen shot below of the press release from the U.S. Attorney's Office regarding Dr. Victor Bruce's conviction, and you can see the entire indictment in four separate files below that:

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Thursday, October 16, 2014

#### Las Vegas Doctor Sentenced to 46 Months in Prison for Writing Unlawful Oxycodone Prescriptions

LAS VEGAS, Nev. - Victor Bruce, M.D., 49, who operates Swan Lake Medical Center in Las Vegas, was sentenced this afternoon to 46 months in federal prison and three years of supervised release for writing prescriptions for oxycodone for persons he did not see or treat, announced U.S. Attorney Daniel G. Bogden for the District of Nevada.

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According to Bruce's guilty plea agreement, he represents himself to be a pain management specialist and is the only physician working at the practice. Beginning at a date unknown and continuing to around November 2013, Bruce and several co-conspirators, including Robert Wolfe, aka "old man," Millicent Epino, Dylan DuBois, Jennifer Monge, and Jade Lepoma, conspired to distribute oxycodone. Wolfe would provide Bruce a list of names, and Bruce would write prescriptions for oxycodone for those names and give them to Wolfe. Bruce also created "dummy" medical records for those persons, to make it appear as if a legitimate patient encounter had taken place. On four occasions in June 2013, an undercover law enforcement officer purchased Bruce-written oxycodone prescriptions from Wolfe for \$700 each. On each occasion, the undercover provided Wolfe or another co-conspirator with copies of Nevada driver's licenses bearing the names of customers. Usually within a day, Wolfe or another co-conspirator would then provide the undercover with written prescriptions for oxycodone. Bruce knew he was writing prescriptions for controlled substances to customers he did not treat and who did not need the prescriptions. None of the prescriptions were issued for a legitimate medical purpose or in the usual course of profession practice.

According to the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners, Bruce's license to practice medicine in Nevada is still active; bowever, there is a pending board action against him related to the unlawful administering, dispensing or prescribing of controlled substances.

Wolfe and several of the other co-conspirators were also charged in the drug conspiracy.

This case was investigated by the Nevada High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (Nevada HIDTA)

Pharm-Net Task Force, including the DEA, IRS Criminal Investigation, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police

Department, Henderson Police Department, North Las Vegas Police Department, and the Nevada Division

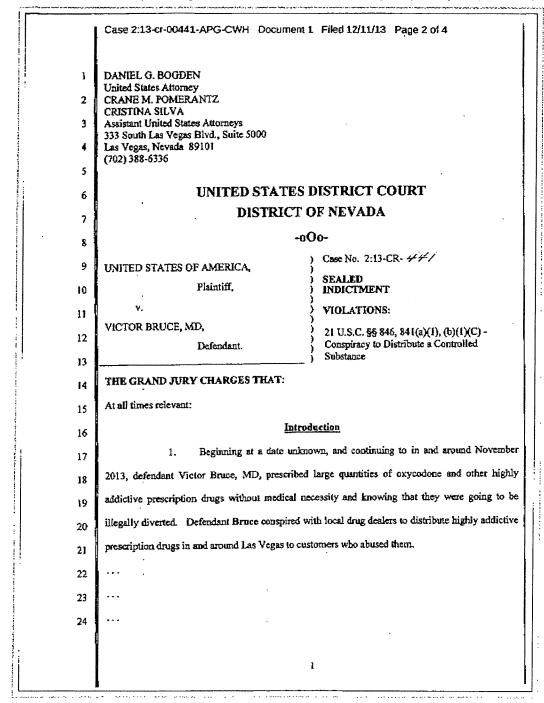
of Investigations, and prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorneys Crane M. Pomerantz and Cristina D. Silva.

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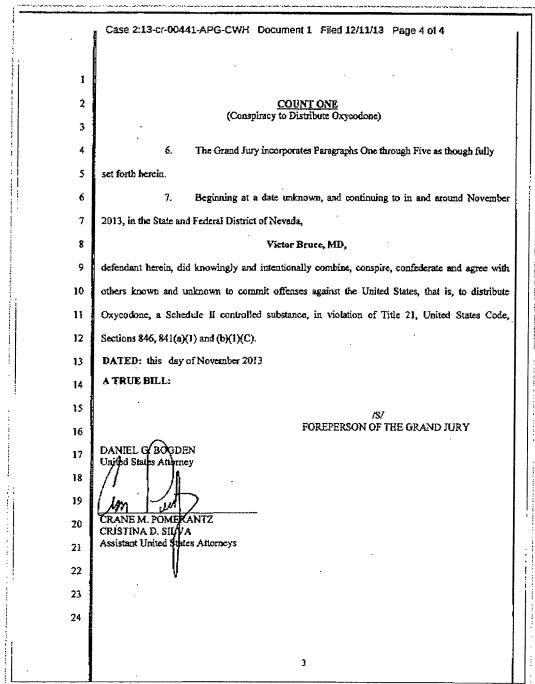


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3	legitimate medical purpose, oxycodone typically is used for the relief of moderate to severe short-		
4	term pain and can be extremely habit forming.		
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6	taken only in a manner prescribed by a doctor for a particular patient.		
7	4. Under the Controlled Substances Act, Title 21, United States Code, Section		
8	841(a) et seq., and Title 21, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1306.04, a prescription for a		
9	controlled substance is not legal or effective unless it was issued for a legitimate medical purpose by		
10	a practitioner acting in the usual course of professional practice.		
11	5. Defendant Bruce is a physician licensed to practice medicine in the State of		
12	Nevada. He maintains a medical practice known as Swan Lake Medical Center at 3330 South		
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# Dr. Nav Sharda's Bankruptcy Filing Brings to Light Millions of Dollars in Debt

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I suppose it's not surprising, but Navneet Sharda's bankruptcy filing (see images above and below) shows millions of dollars in debt that he welched on.

The name of the debtor in the bankrūptcy was BDS and Son, LLC. Dr. Navneet N. Sharda is listed as the Managing Member of this entity. You can see that Page 3 below bears his electronic signature acknowledging the document.

The list of creditors holding the largest unsecured claims shows debt owed to Irwin Union Bank and Trust Co. that totals \$4,527,000. That's over \$4.5 million dollars!

And as you can see from page two of the filing (bottom), there's also an outstanding debt of \$2.2 million dollars owed for a new linear accelerator purchase.

#### Astonishing.

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### Dr. Nav Sharda Says, "Happy Birthday, Ma! Sorry, Ma, I Didn't Pay a Bill and They Came and Took My

## Couch, TVs, Etc., Because of My Debt!"

Posted on July 13, 2017

I've learned that today apparently is Dr. Navneet Sharda's mother's birthday. Records I've located show that Sharda's mother, Chander Kanta Sharda, apparently was born 87 years ago, in 1930.

I can't imagine how that birthday celebration might go. Well, actually, I can:



Nav Sharda (A K A Dr. Deadbeat): "Happy birthday, mom!"

Chander Kanta Sharda: "Happy birthday, my a\*\*! Where's your couch and TV??!! How do you expect me to visit you in an empty house??!!"

Dr. Deadbeat's mother, Chander Kanta Sharda, who lives in India full time and visits her son's million-dollar, 11,000-square-foot house in a very exclusive gated community in Henderson, NV, might be a little surprised to see the current state of the house. (See this "Day of Reckoning" post.) When Sharda's assets were being seized on June 2 of this year, he kept telling the authorities overseeing the seizing of cars, electronics, furniture, etc. — pretty much anything of substantive value — that they were all his mother's and were in his mother's name.

Sorry, morn, but because your son didn't pay his debt, the court allowed the seizure of the house's assets to be held to be liquidated to pay off the debt. Ouch. Such drama.

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# Navneet Sharda, A K A "Dr. Deadbeat," Las Vegas Nevada

Posted on July 12, 2017

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- a person who tries to evade paying their debts

Here's Webster's dictionary definition of a deadbeat: "A person who tries to evade paying their debts."

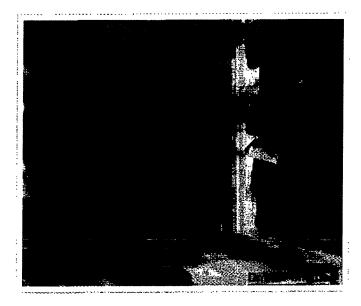
Seems pretty fitting in my opinion.

I'll post documents that show specifically what I'm talking about. You'd be surprised the bill that "Dr. Deadbeat" has run up.

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# Dr. Nav Sharda of Las Vegas Nevada, A K A "Dr. Deadbeat" — Day of Reckoning for Stiffing Gordon Silver Law Firm Over \$60,000

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It was like a scene out of a movie. A neighborhood of upscale, \$2 million-plus houses, law enforcement, tow trucks and a moving company methodically doing their work — all this greeted Dr. Nav Sharda on the bright morning of June 2, 2017.

Sharda exited his house, shirtless, after law enforcement knocked on his door to see all that was in front of him with a wideeyed, slack-jawed look on his face. It was priceless. As three cars, two motorcycles and the basic contents of an 11,000 square-foot house were removed. Why? For the execution of an order seizing assets from Dr. Deadbeat, my opinionated moniker for Dr. Sharda, who had not paid a judgment levied against him.

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## Dr. Navneet (Nav) Sharda, Las Vegas Radiation Oncologist and His Jekyll & Hyde Ways (In My Opinion)

Posted on July 12, 2017

What I've witnessed and what I've experienced cannot describe the Jekyll and Hyde, condescending behavior displayed by Dr. Navneet (Nav) Sharda to other people, who he clearly sees as inferior to him, in my opinion. He plays the humble doctor role in front of his patients, but to others, he clearly feels as if they are impediments that are in his way to be run over, ignored and/or discarded and dismissed as so much trash.

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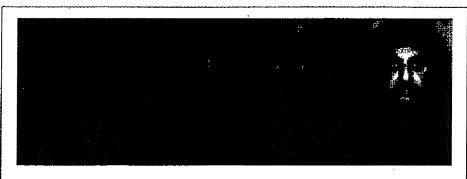
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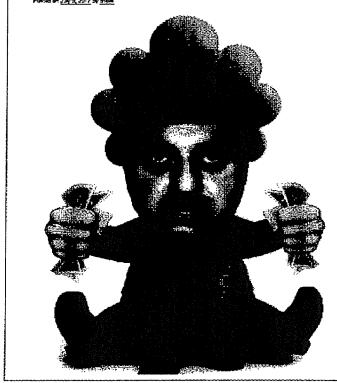
### Shafik Hirji (Convicted Felon)

Another Dr. Nav Sharda relationship with a convicted felon. It's a known fact that Navneet Sharda has invested more than \$1.3 million in the last several months with convicted felon Shafik Hirji in a group of stores known as Furniture Fashions. The strange part of the story is that Dr. Nav Sharda has more than \$4.5 million in judgments, yet they go unfulfilled and he uses his apparently sizable resources to collude with a convicted felon.



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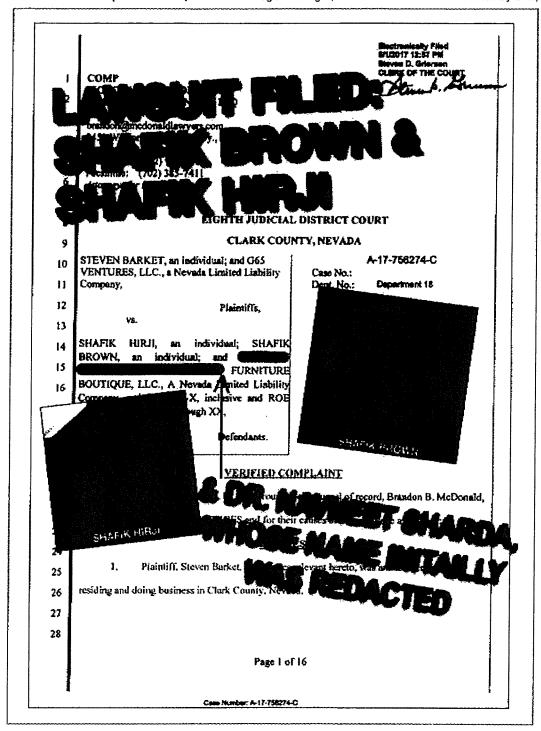
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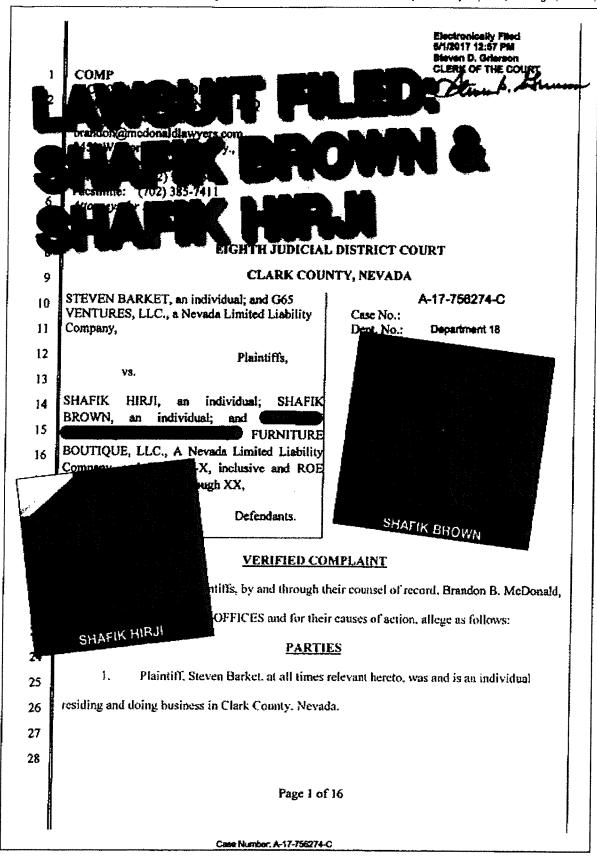


## Shafik Hirji Exposed, Las Vegas, Nevada, Convicted Felon, Unofficial Site by S. A. Barket

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### Shafik Brown & Shafik Hirji Lawsuit Filed Among Causes of Action: Fraud in the Inducement

Posted on June 6, 2017 by Steve



Fraud in the inducement, negligent misrepresentation, civil conspiracy ... it just goes on and on.

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The noose is starting to tighten around the neck of Shafik Hirji and now his son, Shafik Brown, as well.

Hirji has taken great pride in telling the world that he has nothing in his name. I'm not so sure that's the smartest thing to do. But then again, a raccoon can't change its stripes. Hirji doesn't change up his modus operandi. He's set in his ways.

But I have found several assets, LLCs and bank accounts in the name of Shafik Brown. Shafik Brown drives an "M" series BMW, has several bank accounts and has squandered money from our venture on stupid things, including iTunes purchases with a corporate account.

Only time will tell if Shafik Brown, at 22 years old, will end up like Shafik Hirji, 59. I thought a father was supposed to protect his children, not put them in harm's way.

What a Father's Day present!

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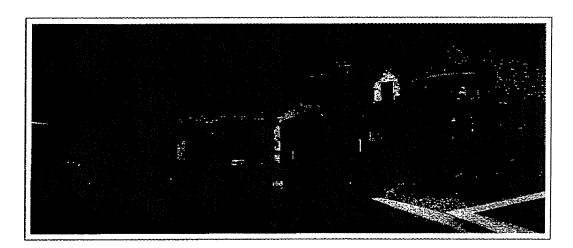
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### 1800 Melfi Court

1800 Melfi Court — site of the seizure of Dr. Navneet Sharda assets:



Nav Sharda's driveway at 1800 Melfi Court is blocked by a tow truck with one of two seized motorcycles already on it, a law enforcement vehicle, and attorney's vehicle. One of Sharda's vehicles, which later that morning would also be seized, is visible at the garage entrance. Click on the photo to see a larger view of the scene.

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### **Sunrise Hospital**

Dr. Navneet Sharda sues Sunrise Hospital for lost privileges.

VegasDesi.com reported that Dr. Sharda has been licensed to practice in Nevada since 1997. In 2001, he was given temporary privileges for inpatient consultation services and oncology surgical procedures, then in 2003, he went to full-time status. However, in November 2013, Sharda's privileges at Sunrise lapsed. That happened as well at about the same time.

Click on the image to read the full story and see below that Sharda's hand-written lawsuit cover sheet:

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It is further alleged that actions by Sunrise indicate a pattern of behavior designed to hinder deter Sharda's medical practice and Sharda has be damaged, both economically and professionally, as a direct and proximate result of Sunrise's action.

Sharda's legal counsel is asking an award of punitive or exemplary damages in an amount to compensate Sharda for mental anguish, humiliat and outrage that Sharda has suffered. Sharda through his attorney is demanding a jury trial in this matter.

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VS.

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1	STEVEN BARKET, an individual,
2	Counter-Defendant.
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4	MICHAEL AHDERS, an individual,
5	Plaintiff,
6	vs.
7 8	BOULEVARD FURNITURE, INC., a Nevada corporation; SHAFIK HIR.II, an individual; and SHAFIK
9	BROWN, an individual.
10	Defendants. /
11	NOTICE OF ENTRY OF FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW FOR
12	NOVEMBER 19, 2020 ORDER DISMISSING PLAINTIFFS' MATTER WITH PREJUDICE
13	PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law for November 19,
14	2020 Order Dismissing Plaintiffs' Matter with Prejudice was entered in the above-entitled action on the
15	14th day of December, 2020, a copy of which is attached hereto.
16	DATED this 14 <sup>th</sup> day of December, 2020.
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10	VENTURES, LLC, a Nevada Limited Liability  Case No.: A-18-770121-C  Company,  Dept. No.: IV	
11	Plaintiffs,	
12	VS.	
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14	BROWN, an individual; and NAVEET SHARDA, an individual; FURNITURE	
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Counter-Defendant. MICHAEL AHDERS, an individual, Plaintiff, VS. BOULEVARD FURNITURE, INC., a Nevada corporation; SHAFIK HIRJI, an individual; and SHAFIK BROWN, an individual. Defendants. 

## FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW FOR NOVEMBER 19, 2020 ORDER DISMISSING PLAINTIFFS' MATTER WITH PREJUDICE

THIS MATTER came before the Court on Plaintiffs' Motion for Entry of Confession of Judgment, filed January 19, 2020; Defendants' Opposition to Plaintiffs' Motion for Entry of Confession of Judgment and Countermotion for Sanctions Pursuant to EDCR 7.60, filed February 12, 2020; Plaintiffs' Reply in Support of Motion for Entry of Confession of Judgment and Opposition to Countermotion For Sanctions, filed March 11, 2020; Plaintiffs' Motion for Sanctions Pursuant to NRCP 11, filed May 1, 2020; Defendants' Opposition to Plaintiffs' Motion for Sanctions Pursuant to NRCP 11, filed May 22, 2020; Defendants' Reply to Countermotion for Sanctions Per EDCR 7.60 Pertaining to Plaintiffs' Motion for Entry of Judgment, filed October 13, 2020; Defendants' Motion to Dismiss With Prejudice and for Related Relief, filed on July 29, 2020; Plaintiffs' Opposition thereto filed September 2, 2020; and Defendant' Reply filed October 13, 2020. The Court having reviewed the matter, including all points and authorities, and exhibits, and good cause appearing, hereby issues its decision.

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#### FINDINGS OF FACT

THE COURT FINDS that as a brief recitation of the underlying facts, the nature of the dispute between Plaintiffs and Defendants surround a series of five loans: 1) November 7, 2016 in the amount of \$200,000; 2) November 21, 2016 in the amount of \$100,000; 3) December 20, 2016 in the amount of \$100,000; 4) January 20, 2017 in the amount of \$1,000,000; and 5) March 15, 2017 in the amount of \$200,000.

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that on July 29, 2017 the parties entered into a Settlement Agreement in which Defendant (Sharda) allegedly would assign all rights, title and interest in the five promissory notes to Plaintiff, Steven Barket or his assigns.

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that the Settlement Agreement is part of the action currently pending before Judge Williams in Case No. A-15-712697-C. At the hearing held on March 17, 2020, Judge Williams denied Plaintiffs' motion to enforce the Settlement Agreement. An Evidentiary Hearing is currently set in that matter for March 29, 2021.

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that on April 5, 2018, in Case No. A-17-763985-C, Judge Williams entered an Order finding that the Confession of Judgment entered in that case was an attempt to circumvent the loans in dispute in Case No. A-17-756274-C (this instant matter) and held that the Confession of Judgment was void under NRCP 60(b). Judge Williams ordered that the Confession of Judgment filed by Cancer Care on November 1, 2017 was void and set aside. The Confession of Judgment addressed by Judge Williams encompassed the November 7, 2016 loan in the amount of \$200,000 (Loan No. 1) and the December 20, 2016 loan in the amount of \$100,000 (Loan No. 3).

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that on April 17, 2018, in Case No. A-17-763995-C Judge Cadish entered an Order voiding the Confessions of Judgment finding that the judgment was obtained by fraud, misrepresentation, or other misconduct of an adverse party within the meaning of NRCP 60(b)(3). This decision applied to the Confession of Judgment filed in that matter on November 1, 2017 that encompassed the January 20, 2017 loan in the amount of

\$1,000,000 (Loan No. 4) and the March 15, 2017 loan in the amount of \$200,000 (Loan No. 5).

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that on May 17, 2019 this Court voided and set aside the Confession of Judgment associated with Loan No. 2, dated November 21, 2016 in the amount of \$100,000 plus interest pursuant to NRCP 60(b) in Case No. A-18-770121-C, which was consolidated with this matter (Case No.: A-17-756274-C).

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that Plaintiffs' Motion for Entry of Confession of Judgment essentially seeks reconsideration of this Court's Order entered on May 17, 2019.

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that the same Confession of Judgment was addressed by Judge Cory in Case No.: A-19-806944-C during a hearing held on January 29, 2020. Pursuant to Judge Cory s Order entered on February 21, 2020, Defendants Emergency Motion to Vacate the Confession of Judgment Pursuant To NRCP 60(b); to Quash Any and All Writs of Execution and/or Garnishment Pursuant to NRCP 60(b) Because the Judgment was Obtained by Fraud; to Stay All Collection Activity, Including Writs of Execution; for Attorney's Fees and Costs; and to Dismiss [the] Action With Prejudice, was granted and the matter was dismissed with prejudice. Judge Cory noted that the Confession of Judgment was the same as was previously filed in this case.

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that to the extent that Plaintiffs' motion seeks reconsideration of this Court's May 15, 2019 Order, the motion is untimely under EDCR 2.24(b), which requires a party seeking reconsideration of a ruling of the court must file a motion for such relief within 14 days after service of written notice of the order. When a timely motion for reconsideration is filed, a district court may reconsider a previously decided issue if substantially different evidence is subsequently introduced or the decision is clearly erroneous.

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that there is no legal basis supporting Plaintiffs now third request to enforce a Confession of Judgment that has been voided by this Court and Judge Cory.

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that the district court has broad discretion to impose sanctions pursuant to EDCR 7.60, but finds that an award of sanctions is not warranted at this time.

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that while Plaintiffs' motion for sanctions pursuant to NRCP 11 asserts that Defendants Shafik Hirji and Shafik Brown and their counsels have allegedly knowingly, purposefully and intentionally misrepresented the nature of payments made by them to Steven Barket and Michael Ahders, there is no legal basis for an award of Rule 11 sanctions against Defendants or defense counsel.

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that Defendants request for reasonable attorney's fees and costs pursuant to EDCR 7.60(b) is not warranted at this time.

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that with respect to Defendants' motion to dismiss with prejudice pursuant to NRCP 41 (e)(6) and related relief should be GRANTED in part to the extent that the facts in this case implicate the doctrines of collateral estoppel, claim preclusion, and res judicata; and DENIED with respect to the other issues as moot.

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THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that each and every Confession of Judgment pertaining to the loans alleged by Plaintiffs have been adjudicated as follows:

- Loan No. 1: November 7, 2016 in the amount of \$200,000 declared void by Judge Williams in Case No. A-17-763985-C, Order entered April 5, 2018;
- Loan No. 2: November 21, 2016 in the amount of \$100,000 declared void by this Court in Case No. A-18-770121-C, Order entered May 15, 2019, and declared void by Judge Cory in Case No.: A-19-806944-C, Order entered February 21, 2020;
- Loan No. 3: December 20, 2016 in the amount of \$100,000 declared void by Judge Williams in Case No.: A-17-763985-C, Order entered April 5, 2018;
- Loan No. 4: January 20, 2017 in the amount of \$1,000,000 declared void by Judge Cadish in Case No. A-17-763995-C, ordered entered April 17, 2018; and
- Loan No. 5: March 15, 2017 in the amount of \$200,000 declared void by Judge Cadish in Case No. A-17-763995-C, ordered entered April 17, 2018.

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that it is appropriate to dismiss this action with prejudice because the parties have already litigated each and every Confession of Judgment pertaining to the loans alleged by Plaintiffs. Each Confession of Judgment has been adjudicated and declared void. The determination regarding each Confession of Judgment was actually decided and necessary to the final order in each separate suit. Therefore, the doctrine of collateral estoppel precludes the parties from relitigating these issues. Univ. of Nevada v. Tarkanian, 110 Nev. 581, 598 99, 879 P.2d 1180, 1191 (1994).

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THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that it is appropriate and necessary based upon the history of the case and the related cases to dismiss this action with prejudice under the doctrine of res judicata, claim preclusion, because these disputes involved the same parties or their privies, valid and final judgments have been entered in each case, and this action is based on the same claims, part of them, and/or could have been brought in the prior actions. *Kuptz-Blinkinsop v. Blinkinsop*, 136 Nev. Adv. Op. 40, 466 P.3d 1271, 1275 (2020) citing *Univ. of Nevada v. Tarkanian*, 110 Nev. at 598-99, 879 P.2d at 1191.

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that the facts of this case satisfy the three-part test the Nevada Supreme Court adopted in *Five Star Capital Corp. v. Ruby*, 124 Nev. 1048, 194 P.3d 709 (2008) for claim preclusion: (1) the parties or their privies are the same, (2) the final judgment is valid, and (3) the subsequent action is based on the same claims or any part of them that were or could have been brought in the first case. Further, the Nevada Supreme Court has held that the doctrine of res judicata precludes parties or those in privity with them from relitigating a cause of action or an issue which has been finally determined by a court of competent jurisdiction. *Kuptz-Blinkinsop v. Blinkinsop*, 136 Nev. Adv. Op. 40, 466 P.3d 1271, 1275 (2020). The doctrine is intended to prevent multiple litigation causing vexation and expense to the parties and wasted judicial resources by precluding parties from relitigating issues they could have raised in a prior action concerning the same controversy. *Id.* Therefore, the doctrine of res judiciata precludes the parties in this case from relitigating these claims or any claims that could have been brought.

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### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

- 1. THE COURT HEREBY CONCLUDES that EDCR 2.24(b) states that a party seeking reconsideration of a ruling of the court must file a motion for such relief within 14 days after service of written notice of the order. A district court may reconsider a previously decided issue if substantially different evidence is subsequently introduced or the decision is clearly erroneous. *Masomy & Tile Contractors Ass'n of S. Nevada v. Jolley, Urga & Wirth, Ltd.*, 113 Nev. 737, 741, 941 P.2d 486, 489 (1997).
- 2. THE COURT FURTHER CONCLUDES that Plaintiffs' motion for entry of confession of judgment essentially seeks reconsideration of this Court's Order entered on May 17, 2019 in Case No. A-18-770121-C, which was consolidated with this matter (Case No.: A-17-756274-C), wherein the Court held that the Confession of Judgment dated November 21, 2016 for \$100,000 plus interest was void under NRCP 60(b). This Court set aside and vacated the Confession of Judgment, granted Defendants motion for stay of execution, and consolidated the two matters.
- 3. THE COURT FURTHER CONCLUDES that Defendants filed a
  Countermotion for Sanctions Pursuant to EDCR 7.60 requesting sanctions under
  EDCR 7.60. Defendants argue that Plaintiffs motion is a frivolous motion and
  unnecessarily multiplies proceedings in a case to increase costs because Plaintiffs
  blatantly disregarded this Court's April 25, 2019 Order (which was entered on
  May 17, 2019). On December 13, 2019, Plaintiffs re-filed the same voided
  Confession of Judgment in the new action Case No. A-19-806944-C before Judge
  Cory and began to execute upon it, and attempted to take a third bite at the apple
  by filing the pending motion to enforce the same voided confession of judgment
  for a third time.

- 4. THE COURT FURTHER CONCLUDES that EDCR 7.60(b) states that the court may, after notice and an opportunity to be heard, impose upon an attorney or a party any and all sanctions which may, under the facts of the case, be reasonable, including the imposition of fines, costs or attorney's fees when an attorney or a party without just cause: (1) Presents to the court a motion or an opposition to a motion which is obviously frivolous, unnecessary or unwarranted; [] or (3) So multiplies the proceedings in a case as to increase costs unreasonably and vexatiously. Despite the district court's broad discretion to impose sanctions, a district court may only impose sanctions that are reasonably proportionate to the litigant's misconduct. Proportionate sanctions are those which are roughly proportionate to sanctions imposed in similar situations or for analogous levels of culpability. Emerson v. Eighth Judicial Dist. Court of State, ex rel. Cty. of Clark, 127 Nev. 672, 681, 263 P.3d 224, 230 (2011) (internal citations and quotations omitted).
- 5. THE COURT FURTHER CONCLUDES that Plaintiffs' filed a Motion for Sanctions Pursuant to NRCP 11 on the basis that Defendants Shafik Hirji and Shafik Brown and their counsels have allegedly knowingly, purposefully and intentionally misrepresented the nature of payments made by them to Steven Barket and Michael Ahders, because said arguments are false, have no merit, and are without any evidentiary support.
- 6. THE COURT FURTHER CONCLUDES that the decision to award sanctions is within the district court's sound discretion and will not be overturned absent a manifest abuse of discretion. *Edwards v. Emperor's Garden Rest.*, 122 Nev. 317, 330, 130 P.3d 1280, 1288 (2006). Rule 11 sanctions should be imposed for frivolous actions, but they should not be imposed where the sanctions would have a chilling effect and discourage attorneys from exercising imagination and

- perseverance on behalf of their clients. Marshall v. Eighth Judicial Dist. Court In & For Cty. of Clark, 108 Nev. 459, 465, 836 P.2d 47, 52 (1992).
- THE COURT FURTHER CONCLUDES that there is no legal basis for an award of Rule 11 sanctions against Defendants or defense counsel.
- 8. THE COURT FURTHER CONCLUDES that issue preclusion, or collateral estoppel, may be implicated when one or more of the parties to an earlier suit are involved in subsequent litigation on a different claim. Issues that were determined in the prior litigation arise in the later suit. If the common issue was actually decided and necessary to the judgment in the earlier suit, its relitigation will be precluded. *Univ. of Nevada v. Tarkanian, 110 Nev. 581, 598 99, 879 P.2d 1180, 1191 (1994).* On the other hand, claim preclusion, or merger and bar, is triggered when a judgment is entered. *Id.* While issue preclusion is implicated when the parties to an earlier suit are involved in a subsequent litigation on a different claim, claim preclusion applies when a valid and final judgment on a claim precludes a second action on that claim or any part of it. *Kuptz-Blinkinsop v. Blinkinsop, 136 Nev. Adv. Op. 40, 466 P.3d 1271, 1275 (2020) citing Univ. of Nevada v. Tarkanian, 110 Nev. at 598-99, 879 P.2d at 1191.*
- 9. THE COURT FURTHER CONCLUDES that the Nevada Supreme Court has adopted a three-part test from *Five Star Capital Corp. v. Ruby*, 124 Nev. 1048, 194 P.3d 709 (2008) for claim preclusion: (1) the parties or their privies are the same, (2) the final judgment is valid, and (3) the subsequent action is based on the same claims or any part of them that were or could have been brought in the first case.
- 10. THE COURT FURTHER CONCLUDES that the Nevada Supreme Court has held that the doctrine of res judicata precludes parties or those in privity with them from relitigating a cause of action or an issue which has been finally determined

by a court of competent jurisdiction. *Kuptz-Blinkinsop v. Blinkinsop*, 136 Nev. Adv. Op. 40, 466 P.3d 1271, 1275 (2020). The doctrine is intended to prevent multiple litigation causing vexation and expense to the parties and wasted judicial resources by precluding parties from relitigating issues they could have raised in a prior action concerning the same controversy. *Id.* 

11. If any of these Conclusions of Law are more appropriately deemed Findings of Fact, they shall be so deemed.

#### **ORDERS**

#### WHEREFORE, BASED UPON THE ABOVE FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that Plaintiffs Motion for Entry of Confession of Judgment is DENIED WITH PREJUDICE as it is essentially a motion for reconsideration of this Court's Order entered on May 17, 2019, which is untimely pursuant to EDCR 2.24.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the Court exercises its discretion and finds that an award of sanctions is not warranted at this time. Therefore, Defendants' countermotion for sanctions pursuant to EDCR 7.60 is DENIED.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the Plaintiffs' motion for sanctions pursuant to NRCP 11 against Defendants and defense counsel is hereby DENIED because there is no legal basis for an award of Rule 11 sanctions.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Defendants request for reasonable attorney's fees and costs pursuant to EDCR 7.60(b) for having to oppose Plaintiffs' motion for sanctions is DENIED.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that this matter is DISMISSED WITH PREJUDICE, pursuant to the three-part test from *Five Star Capital Corp. v. Ruby*, 124 Nev. 1048, 194 P.3d 709 (2008). Each and every Confession of Judgment pertaining to the loans alleged by Plaintiffs have been adjudicated as follows:

#### 1 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the remaining 2 issues in Defendants' motion are DENIED as MOOT. 3 Dated this 14th day of December, 2020 4 5 6 C79 527 3602 8FF2 7 Kerry Earley Respectfully submitted by: Applistricts Gould Hudgecontent: 8 LAW OFFICE OF DANIEL MARKS MÜSHKIN & COPPEDGE 9 10 /s/ Teletha Zupan /s/ Michael Mushkin DANIEL MARKS, ESQ. MICHAEL R. MUSHKIN, ESQ. 11 Nevada State Bar No. 002003 Nevada State Bar No. 002421 TELETHA ZUPAN, ESQ. 6070 S. Eastern Ave., Ste. 270 12 Nevada State Bar No. 012660 Las Vegas, Nevada 89119 610 South Ninth Street Attorney for Plaintiffs, Steven Barket and 13 Las Vegas, Nevada 89101 G65 Ventures, LLC Attorneys for Defendants, Shafik Hirji, 14 Shafik Brown, Furniture Boutique, LLC, and Boulevard Furniture, INC. 15 Approved as to form and content: Approved as to form and content: 16 THE BARNABI LAW FIRM, PLLC HAROLD P. GEWERTER, ESQ. LTD. 17 18 CHARLES BARNABI, ESQ., HAROLD P. GEWERTER, ESQ. 19 Nevada State Bar No. 000499 Nevada State Bar No. 014477 375 E. Warm Springs Road, Ste. 104 1212 Casino Center Blvd. 20 Las Vegas, Nevada 89119 Las Vegas, Nevada 89104 Attorney for Plaintiff, Michael Ahders Attorney for Defendants, Navneet Sharda 21 and Trata, Inc. 22 23 24 25 26 27

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