1 **NOAS** BRIAN C. WHITAKER Nevada Bar No. 2329 Email: bwhitaker@ericksonwhitaker.com **ERICKSON & WHITAKER PC** 3 1349 Galleria Drive, Suite 200 4 Henderson NV 89014 Telephone: 702-433-9696 5 Facsimile: 702-434-0615 Attorneys for Plaintiff/Counterdefendant Brad L. Knowlton 6 7 1349 Galleria Drive, Suite 200, Henderson, Nevada 89014 8 BRAD L. KNOWLTON, an individual, 9 Plaintiff. (702) 433-9696 ◆ Fax: (702) 434-0615 10 v. 11 VALLEY ASCENT, LLC, a Nevada limited liability company, WILLIAM L. LINDNER, as Trustee of the William L. Lindner and Maxine G. Lindner Trust of 1988, JUEL A. PARKER, as Trustee of the Juel 13 A. Parker Family Trust, LISA PARKER, as Trustee 14 of the Juel A. Parker Family Trust, LISA PARKER, an individual, and S. BRUCE PARKER, as Trustee 15 of the Steven Bruce Parker Family Trust, ERICKSON & WHITAKER PC 16 Defendants. 17 WILLIAM L. LINDNER, as Trustee of the William L. Lindner and Maxine G. Lindner Trust of 1988, 18 individually and derivatively; LISA PARKER, as Trustee of the Juel A. Parker Family Trust, 19 individually and derivatively; S. BRUCE PARKER, as Trustee of the Steven Bruce Parker Family Trust, 20 individually and derivatively; and JUEL PARKER, individually, 21 Counterclaimants, 22 v. 23 BRAD L. KNOWLTON, individually and derivatively; and DOE Individuals I - X and ROE 24 Entities I - X, inclusive, 25 Counterdefendants 26 and 27 Nominal party VALLEY ASCENT, LLC, a Nevada 28 limited liability company.

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DISTRICT COURT CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

CASE NO. A-20-809612-B

DEPT. NO. XI

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NOTICE OF APPEAL

Notice is hereby given that BRAD L. KNOWLTON, Plaintiff/Counterdefendant above named, by and through his attorney, Brian C. Whitaker, Esq., of the law firm of Erickson & Whitaker PC, hereby appeals to the Supreme Court of the State of Nevada from the following:

- 1.) Order Granting Defendants' Motion for Summary Judgment entered in this action on the 13th day of November, 2020 and
- 2.) Order Granting Counterclaimants' Motion to Dismiss Counterclaims entered in this action on the 25th day of February, 2021.

DATED this 25th day of March, 2021.

ERICKSON & WHITAKER PC

BY

Nevada Bar No. 2329 1349 Galleria Drive, Suite 200

Henderson, NV 89014

Attorney for Plaintiff/Counterdefendant

Brad L. Knowlton

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I am an employee of Erickson & Whitaker PC, and that on the 25 March, 2021 I submitted the within NOTICE OF APPEAL to Odyssey eFileNV for filing and service through the District Court's electronic filing system to the following counsel of record:

> Mark E. Ferrario; ferrariom@gtlaw.com Kara B. Hendricks; hendricksk@gtlaw.com Alayne M. Opie; opiea@gtlaw.com Attorneys for Defendants/Counterclaimants

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CASE APPEAL STATEMENT

Nominal party VALLEY ASCENT, LLC, a Nevada limited liability company.

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Pursuant to NRAP 3(f), Plaintiff/Counterdefendant, BRAD L. KNOWLTON, by and through his attorney, Brian C. Whitaker, Esq., of the law firm of Erickson & Whitaker PC, hereby files this Case Appeal Statement. DATED this 25 day of March, 2021. ERICKSON & WHITAKER PC BY Nevada Bar No. 2329

1. NAME OF APPELLANT FILING THIS CASE APPEAL STATEMENT:

Brad L. Knowlton

2. IDENTIFY THE JUDGE ISSUING THE DECISION, JUDGMENT, OR ORDER **APPEALED FROM:**

CASE APPEAL STATEMENT

Elizabeth Gonzalez

IDENTIFY EACH APPELLANT AND THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF COUNSEL 3. FOR EACH APPELLANT:

Appellant:

Brad L. Knowlton

Counsel for Appellant:

Brian C. Whitaker, Esq.

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IDENTIFY EACH RESPONDENT AND THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF 4. APPELLATE COUNSEL, IF KNOWN, FOR EACH RESPONDENT:

Respondent:

William L. Lindner, as Trustee of the William L. Lindner and

AKER, ESO.

1349 Galleria Drive, Suite 200

Attorney for Plaintiff/Counterdefendant

Henderson, NV 89014

Brad L. Knowlton

Maxine G. Lindner Trust of 1988

Respondent:

Juel A. Parker, individually and as Trustee of the

Juel A. Parker Family Trust

Respondent:

Lisa Parker, individually and as Trustee of the Juel A. Parker

Family Trust

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	Respondent:	S. Bruce Parker, as Trustee of the Steven Bruce Parker Family Trust
	Counsel for Respondents:	The name of Respondents' appellate counsel is unknown. The name and address of Respondents' trial counsel is as follows:
		Mark E. Ferrario, Esq. Kara B. Hendricks, Esq. Alayne M. Opie, Esq. GREENBERG TRAURIG, LLP 10845 Griffith Peak Drive, Suite 600 Las Vegas, Nevada 89144
5.	QUESTION 3 OR 4 IS NO	ANY ATTORNEY IDENTIFIED ABOVE IN RESPONSE TO DT LICENSED TO PRACTICE LAW IN NEVADA AND, IF STRICT COURT GRANTED THAT ATTORNEY AR UNDER SCR 42:
	All attorneys listed in respon	nse to question three (3) and question four (4) are licensed to
pract	ice law in the State of Nevada.	
6.	INDICATE WHETHER A RETAINED COUNSEL II	APPELLANT WAS REPRESENTED BY APPOINTED OR N THE DISTRICT COURT:
	Appellant was represented b	by retained counsel in the District Court.
7.	INDICATE WHETHER A RETAINED COUNSEL O	APPELLANT IS REPRESENTED BY APPOINTED OR ON APPEAL:
	Appellant is represented by	retained counsel on appeal.
8.	INDICATE WHETHER A FORMA PAUPERIS, ANI ORDER GRANTING SUC	APPELLANT WAS GRANTED LEAVE TO PROCEED IN DIFFERENCE OF ENTRY OF THE DISTRICT COURT CH LEAVE:
	Appellant was not granted le	eave to proceed in forma pauperis.
9.	INDICATE THE DATE TOURT:	HE PROCEEDINGS COMMENCED IN THE DISTRICT
	A Complaint in this matter v	was filed in Business Court on January 31, 2020.
10.		CRIPTION OF THE NATURE OF THE ACTION AND CT COURT, INCLUDING THE TYPE OF JUDGMENT OR

ORDER BEING APPEALED AND THE RELIEF GRANTED BY THE DISTRICT COURT:

Appellant, Brad L. Knowlton, commenced this lawsuit in District Court on January 31, 2020

liability company. Appellant alleged breach of contract, breach of the implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing, declaratory relief, intentional interference with contractual relations, expulsion as a member, breach of fiduciary duty, receivership, and preliminary injunction.

Respondents filed an Answer and Counterclaim on March 20, 2020, objecting to Appellant's

after Respondents unlawfully removed Appellant as manager of Valley Ascent, LLC, a Nevada limited

Respondents filed an Answer and Counterclaim on March 20, 2020, objecting to Appellant's claims and submitting several counterclaims. Subsequently, on September 23, 2020, Respondents filed a Motion for Summary Judgment. In it, Respondents alleged Appellant lacked standing to commence litigation against them because Appellant's ex-wife had been awarded all rights, title, and interest to Appellant's interest in Valley Ascent, LLC in a Judgment and Decree of Divorce in the State of Utah.

Despite Appellant's opposition to Respondents' claims, the District Court granted summary judgment on November 13, 2020, finding Appellant failed to demonstrate a right to pursue any of the claims asserted in his Complaint. The District Court subsequently dismissed the case on February 25, 2021 after a Motion from Respondents requesting their counterclaims be dismissed. With the dismissal of the counterclaims the decision of the Court on the Motion for Summary Judgment became final.

11. INDICATE WHETHER THE CASE HAS PREVIOUSLY BEEN THE SUBJECT OF AN APPEAL TO OR ORIGINAL WRIT PROCEEDING IN THE SUPREME COURT AND, IF SO, THE CAPTION AND SUPREME COURT DOCKET NUMBER OF THE PRIOR PROCEEDING:

This case has not previously been the subject of an appeal to or original writ proceeding in the Supreme Court.

12. <u>INDICATE WHETHER THIS APPEAL INVOLVES CHILD CUSTODY OR VISITATION:</u>

This appeal does not involve child custody or visitation.

13. <u>IF THIS IS A CIVIL CASE, INDICATE WHETHER THIS APPEAL INVOLVES THE POSSIBILITY OF SETTLEMENT:</u>

Appellant remains open to the possibility of settling this appeal. The Court should note, however, that the parties have already participated in settlement discussion to no avail. On August 14, 2020, the parties engaged in a remote Settlement Conference with Judicial Officer Timothy C.

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Williams but were unable to resolve the matter.

DATED this _______ day of March, 2021.

ERICKSON & WHITAKER PC

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Nevada Bar No. 2329 1349 Galleria Drive, Suite 200 Henderson, NV 89014 Attorney for Plaintiff/Counterdefendant Brad L. Knowlton

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I certify that I am an employee of Erickson & Whitaker PC, and that on the 25 day of March, 2021 I submitted the within CASE APPEAL STATEMENT to Odyssey eFileNV for filing and service through the District Court's electronic filing system to the following counsel of record:

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Employee of Erickson & Whitaker PC

CASE SUMMARY CASE NO. A-20-809612-B

Brad Knowlton, Plaintiff(s)

William L Lindner and Maxine G Lindner Trust of 1988,

Defendant(s)

Location: Department 11 Judicial Officer: Gonzalez, Elizabeth Filed on: 01/31/2020

Cross-Reference Case A809612

Number:

CASE INFORMATION

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Case Type: NRS Chapters 78-89

Case 01/31/2020 Open Status:

DATE **CASE ASSIGNMENT**

Current Case Assignment

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PARTY INFORMATION

Lead Attorneys **Plaintiff** Knowlton, Brad L.

Whitaker, Brian C. Retained 7024339696(W)

Defendant Juel A Parker Family Trust Ferrario, Mark E., ESQ

Retained 702-792-3773(W)

Parker, Lisa Ferrario, Mark E., ESQ

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Steven Bruce Parker Family Trust Ferrario, Mark E., ESQ

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Valley Ascent, LLC

William L Lindner and Maxine G Lindner Trust of 1988 Ferrario, Mark E., ESQ

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Counter Claimant Juel A Parker Family Trust Ferrario, Mark E., ESQ

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Lindner, William L Ferrario, Mark E., ESQ

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Parker, Juel A Ferrario, Mark E., ESQ

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Dismissed 7024339696(W)

Trustee Lindner, William L Ferrario, Mark E., ESQ
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Parker, Juel A Ferrario, Mark E., ESQ
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Removed: 03/25/2020 Data Entry Error

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01/31/2020	EVENTS Complaint (Business Court) Filed By: Plaintiff Knowlton, Brad L. Complaint	
01/31/2020	Initial Appearance Fee Disclosure Filed By: Plaintiff Knowlton, Brad L. Initial Appearance Fee Disclosure	
01/31/2020	Redacted Version PER MOTION PENDING ORDER 3/19/20 Redacted version of Complaint (provided by Motion)	
02/04/2020	Summons Electronically Issued - Service Pending Party: Plaintiff Knowlton, Brad L. Summons on Valley Ascent, LLC	
02/04/2020	Summons Electronically Issued - Service Pending Party: Plaintiff Knowlton, Brad L. Summons on William L. Lindner, as Trustee of the William L. Lindner and Maxine G. Lindner Trust of 1988	
02/04/2020	Summons Electronically Issued - Service Pending Party: Plaintiff Knowlton, Brad L. Summons on Juel A. Parker, as Trustee of the Juel A. Parker Family Trust	
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Party: Plaintiff Knowlton, Brad L. Summons on Lisa A. Parker

02/04/2020 Summons Electronically Issued - Service Pending

Party: Plaintiff Knowlton, Brad L.

Summons on S. Bruce Parker, as Trustee of the Steven Bruce Parker Family Trust

02/27/2020 Acceptance of Service

Filed By: Plaintiff Knowlton, Brad L.

Party Served: Attorney Beckstrom, Steven W.; Defendant William L Lindner and Maxine G Lindner Trust of 1988; Defendant Valley Ascent, LLC; Defendant Juel A Parker Family Trust; Trustee Parker, Lisa; Defendant Steven Bruce Parker Family Trust; Trustee Parker, Lisa

Acceptance of Service of Summons and Complaint

02/27/2020 Affidavit of Service

Filed By: Plaintiff Knowlton, Brad L.

Affidavit of Service

03/02/2020 Motion for Preliminary Injunction

Filed By: Plaintiff Knowlton, Brad L.

Motion for Preliminary Injunction of Order Shortening Time

03/02/2020 Redacted Version

PER MOTION PENDING ORDER 3/19/20 Redacted version of Motion for Preliminary Injunction (provided by Motion)

03/03/2020 Receipt of Copy

Filed by: Plaintiff Knowlton, Brad L.

Receipt of Copy

03/06/2020 Initial Appearance Fee Disclosure

Filed By: Defendant William L Lindner and Maxine G Lindner Trust of 1988; Defendant Juel A Parker Family Trust; Defendant Steven Bruce Parker Family Trust; Trustee Parker, Lisa

Initial Appearance Fee Disclosure

03/06/2020 Deposition to Motion

Filed By: Defendant William L Lindner and Maxine G Lindner Trust of 1988; Defendant Juel A Parker Family Trust; Trustee Parker, Lisa; Defendant Steven Bruce Parker Family Trust; Trustee Parker, Lisa

Defendants Opposition to Plaintiff's Motion for Preliminary Injunction on Order Shortening Time and Countermotion to Appoint Interim Manager and Order Compelling Plaintiff to Produce Valley Ascent, LLC's Books and Records

03/19/2020 Motion to Seal/Redact Records

Filed By: Plaintiff Knowlton, Brad L.

Ex Parte Motion to Seal, Redact or Deem Protected (1) Complaint, and (2) Motion for Preliminary Injunction

03/19/2020 Corder

Filed By: Defendant William L Lindner and Maxine G Lindner Trust of 1988; Defendant Juel A Parker Family Trust; Trustee Parker, Lisa; Defendant Steven Bruce Parker Family Trust; Trustee Parker, Lisa

Order Regarding Plaintiff's Motion for Preliminary Injunction on Order Shortening Time and Countermotion to Appoint Interim Manager and Order Compelling Plaintiff to Produce Valley Ascent, LLC's Books and Records

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03/20/2020	Notice of Entry of Order Filed By: Defendant William L Lindner and Maxine G Lindner Trust of 1988; Defendant Juel A Parker Family Trust; Trustee Parker, Lisa; Defendant Steven Bruce Parker Family Trust; Trustee Parker, Lisa Notice of Entry of Order
03/20/2020	Answer and Counterclaim Filed By: Defendant William L Lindner and Maxine G Lindner Trust of 1988; Defendant Juel A Parker Family Trust; Trustee Parker, Lisa; Defendant Steven Bruce Parker Family Trust; Trustee Parker, Lisa Answer and Counterclaims
03/20/2020	Demand for Jury Trial Filed By: Defendant William L Lindner and Maxine G Lindner Trust of 1988; Defendant Juel A Parker Family Trust; Trustee Parker, Lisa; Defendant Steven Bruce Parker Family Trust; Trustee Parker, Lisa Demand for Jury Trial
03/23/2020	Filing Fee Remittance Filed By: Defendant William L Lindner and Maxine G Lindner Trust of 1988; Trustee Parker, Lisa Filing Fee Remittance
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03/23/2020	Filing Fee Remittance Filed By: Defendant Juel A Parker Family Trust Filing Fee Remittance - Add'l Party
03/24/2020	Errata Filed By: Plaintiff Knowlton, Brad L. Errata to Ex Parte Motion to Seal, Redact or Deem Protected (1) Complaint, and (2) Motion for Preliminary Injunction
04/09/2020	Answer to Counterclaim Filed By: Plaintiff Knowlton, Brad L. Answer to Counterclaim
05/01/2020	Notice of Submission of Record Filed By: Defendant William L Lindner and Maxine G Lindner Trust of 1988; Defendant Juel A Parker Family Trust; Defendant Steven Bruce Parker Family Trust; Trustee Parker, Lisa; Trustee Lindner, William L; Trustee Parker, Juel A Notice of Submission
05/01/2020	Notice Filed By: Plaintiff Knowlton, Brad L. Notice Regarding Continued Hearing on Plaintiff's Ex Parte Motion to Redact or File Under Seal (1) Exhibit 1 to the Complaint, and (2) Exhibit 3 to the Declaration of Brad L. Knowlton in Support of Motion for Preliminary Injunction
06/08/2020	Business Court Order Business Court Order
06/24/2020	Scheduling and Trial Order

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Business Court Scheduling Order and Order Setting Civil Jury Trial, Pretrial Conference, and Calendar Call

08/05/2020

Notice of Hearing

Notice of Telephonic Status Check Hearing

08/10/2020

Notice

Filed By: Defendant William L Lindner and Maxine G Lindner Trust of 1988; Defendant Valley Ascent, LLC; Defendant Juel A Parker Family Trust; Defendant Steven Bruce Parker Family Trust; Trustee Parker, Lisa; Trustee Lindner, William L; Trustee Parker, Juel A Notice of Assignment of Membership Interest in Valley Ascent, LLC

09/23/2020

Motion for Summary Judgment

Filed By: Defendant William L Lindner and Maxine G Lindner Trust of 1988; Defendant Valley Ascent, LLC; Defendant Juel A Parker Family Trust; Defendant Steven Bruce Parker Family Trust; Trustee Parker, Lisa; Trustee Lindner, William L; Trustee Parker, Juel A Defendants' Motion for Summary Judgment

09/24/2020

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10/07/2020

Opposition to Motion For Summary Judgment

Filed By: Plaintiff Knowlton, Brad L.

Opposition to Defendants' Motion for Summary Judgment

10/26/2020

Reply in Support

Filed By: Defendant William L Lindner and Maxine G Lindner Trust of 1988; Defendant Juel A Parker Family Trust; Defendant Steven Bruce Parker Family Trust; Trustee Parker, Lisa; Trustee Lindner, William L; Trustee Parker, Juel A Reply in Support of Defendants' Motion for Summary Judgment

11/05/2020

Transcript of Proceedings

Transcript of Proceedings: Defendants' Motion for Summary Judgment

11/13/2020

Order

Filed By: Trustee Lindner, William L

Order Granting Defendants Motion for Summary Judgment

11/13/2020

Notice of Entry of Order

Filed By: Defendant William L Lindner and Maxine G Lindner Trust of 1988; Defendant Juel A Parker Family Trust; Defendant Steven Bruce Parker Family Trust; Trustee Parker, Lisa; Trustee Lindner, William L; Trustee Parker, Juel A

Notice of Entry of Order

02/05/2021

Motion to Dismiss

Filed By: Defendant William L Lindner and Maxine G Lindner Trust of 1988; Defendant Juel A Parker Family Trust; Defendant Steven Bruce Parker Family Trust; Trustee Parker, Lisa; Trustee Lindner, William L; Trustee Parker, Juel A

Counterclaimants' Motion to Dismiss Counterclaims

02/05/2021

Clerk's Notice of Hearing

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Non Opposition

Filed By: Plaintiff Knowlton, Brad L.

CASE SUMMARY

Statement of Non-Opposition to Counterclaimant's Motion to Dismiss Counterclaims

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Order Granting Counterclaimants Motion to Dismiss Counterclaims

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Notice of Entry of Order

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Notice of Entry of Order

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Substitution of Attorneys

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Filed By: Plaintiff Knowlton, Brad L.

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Filed By: Plaintiff Knowlton, Brad L.

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DISPOSITIONS

11/13/2020

Summary Judgment (Judicial Officer: Gonzalez, Elizabeth)

Debtors: Brad L. Knowlton (Counter Defendant, Plaintiff)

Creditors: William L Lindner and Maxine G Lindner Trust of 1988 (Counter Claimant, Defendant), Juel A Parker Family Trust (Counter Claimant, Defendant), Steven Bruce Parker Family Trust (Counter Claimant, Defendant), Lisa Parker (Counter Claimant, Defendant),

William L Lindner (Counter Claimant), Juel A Parker (Counter Claimant)

Judgment: 11/13/2020, Docketed: 11/13/2020

02/25/2021

Order of Dismissal With Prejudice (Judicial Officer: Gonzalez, Elizabeth)

Debtors: Brad L. Knowlton (Counter Defendant)

Creditors: William L Lindner and Maxine G Lindner Trust of 1988 (Counter Claimant), Juel A Parker Family Trust (Counter Claimant), Steven Bruce Parker Family Trust (Counter Claimant), Lisa Parker (Counter Claimant), William L Lindner (Counter Claimant), Juel A Parker (Counter Claimant)

Judgment: 02/25/2021, Docketed: 02/25/2021

HEARINGS

03/09/2020



Motion for Preliminary Injunction (9:00 AM) (Judicial Officer: Gonzalez, Elizabeth)

Plaintiff's Motion for Preliminary Injunction of Order Shortening Time Denied;

Journal Entry Details:

Following arguments by Mr. Beckstrom and Mr. Ferrario, COURT ORDERED, injunctive relief will be DENIED at this point; there has been a facial showing of financial misconduct by the management fee that was taken and the failure to provide books and records as requested by the other members. At this time the Court will NOT CONFIRM Ms. Lisa Parker as interim manager and will APPOINT Brian Gordon who has previously been used by the company to act as the interim manager. The Court will not permit him at any time to testify as an expert for either side; he will manage the ongoing daily operations and respond to document requests by the members. Counsel for Defendants to prepare the order.;

03/31/2020

Minute Order (8:32 AM) (Judicial Officer: Gonzalez, Elizabeth)

Minute Order Suspending Requirements Minute Order - No Hearing Held;

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Journal Entry Details:

COURT ORDERED, pursuant to Administrative Order 20-01 the time requirements of NRCP 16(b)(2) are SUSPENDED, and the requirement of filing a Joint Case Conference Report is SUSPENDED. CLERK'S NOTE: A copy of this minute order was provided to Odyssey File and *Serve.* / *dr 3-31-20*;

04/03/2020

Motion to Seal/Redact Records (9:01 AM) (Judicial Officer: Gonzalez, Elizabeth) 04/03/2020, 04/17/2020, 05/01/2020

Events: 03/19/2020 Motion to Seal/Redact Records

Ex Parte Motion to Seal, Redact or Deem Protected (1) Complaint, and (2) Motion for

Preliminary Injunction

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Off Calendar;

Journal Entry Details:

COURT ORDERED, given the notice of submission of redacted versions, matter OFF CALENDAR. CLERK'S NOTE: A copy of this minute order was distributed via Odyssey File and Serve. / dr 5-4-20;

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Off Calendar:

Journal Entry Details:

COURT NOTED no supplement to redactions provided, ORDERED, matter CONTINUED for 2 weeks. ...5-1-20 - CHAMBERS CLERK'S NOTE: A copy of this minute order was distributed via Odyssey File and Serve. / dr 4-20-20;

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Off Calendar;

Journal Entry Details:

COURT ORDERED, the ex parte motion to seal the complaint and motion for preliminary injunction filed March 19, 2020 is DENIED. The Court has reviewed the "Redacted" versions which contain only one redaction. Plaintiff may within 10 days provide proposed redactions in addition to the one social security number that has been redacted. Matter CONTINUED to April 17, 2020 in chambers. 4-17-20 CHAMBERS EX PARTE MOTION TO SEAL, REDACT OR DEEM PROTECTED (1) COMPLAINT, AND (2) MOTION FOR PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION CLERK'S NOTE: A copy of this minute order was distributed via Odyssey File and Serve. / dr 4-3-20;

06/22/2020



Mandatory Rule 16 Conference (9:00 AM) (Judicial Officer: Gonzalez, Elizabeth)

Trial Date Set:

Journal Entry Details:

All parties appeared by telephone. Ms. Hendricks advised, noting no offense meant to Mr. Beckstrom, that his client has ownership over 30% of the interest in the LLC lost as part of the divorce proceeding, so his ex-wife will now be a controlling member; this case is ripe for a settlement conference before they spend additional time and money on discovery. Mr. Beckstrom responded that while he does not necessarily agree with the claims going away in light of the divorce, he does agree with the case being ripe for a settlement conference. Parties advised they have not yet done their initial disclosures. Per the parties' request, matter REFERRED to Judge Williams for a settlement conference on Friday, August 14, 2020. COURT ORDERED as follows: Initial disclosures pursuant to rule 16.1 to be exchanged in 2 weeks; Motions to amend pleadings or add parties TO BE FILED by August 7, 2020; Initial expert disclosures where a party bears the burden of proof DUE by November 20, 2020; Rebuttal expert disclosures where a party does not bear the burden of proof DUE by January 29, 2021; Discovery cut-off SET for March 22, 2021; Dispositive motions and motions in limine TO BE FILED by May 7, 2021; Matter SET for trial on the stack beginning on June 28, 2021. Jury DEMANDED. Trial Setting Order will ISSUE. Parties advised they do not need an ESI Protocol or Stipulated Protective Order and that they do not have any issues with the Rule on 10 depositions per side, not including custodians of records, and the 7-hour limit per deposition. COURT ORDERED, today is the parties' joint case conference and the filing of the joint case conference report (JCCR) is WAIVED. 8-14-20 9:30 AM SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE (DEPT XVI - Williams);

08/11/2020

Status Check (9:00 AM) (Judicial Officer: Williams, Timothy C.)

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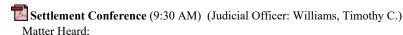
Status Check re Remote Settlement Conference

Matter Heard;

Journal Entry Details:

Colloquy regarding nature of dispute, ongoing settlement discussions, and manner that 8/14/20 settlement conference to proceed. Upon Court's inquiry, Mr. Beckstrom advised his side intends to proceed remotely for the conference; Ms. Hendricks advised counsel and client representative with her intend to appear in-person. COURT ORDERED, will require all appearances and discussions be remote in light of current health environment as discussed. COURT FURTHER ORDERED, settlement briefs DUE Thursday, August 13, 2020 by 10:00 a.m.; submissions to be made by email to Dept16LC@clarkcountycourts.us. Colloquy regarding coordinating remote appearances. Court directed parties coordinate with Courtroom Clerk prior to the conference to establish their connection and use of private sessions. Courtroom Clerk advised will initiate communication with counsel in that regard.;

08/14/2020



Journal Entry Details:

The above-referenced matter came on for a settlement conference with Judge Williams on August 14, 2020. The Plaintiff, Brad Knowlton, was present and represented by Steven Beckstrom, Esq. The Defendants Lisa Parker, Bruce Parker, and William Linder, were present and represented by Kara Hendricks, Esq. and Mark Ferrario, Esq. Unfortunately, the parties were unable to resolve their differences and the case did not settle. The case is now referred back to the originating department for further handling.;

11/02/2020

Motion for Summary Judgment (9:00 AM) (Judicial Officer: Gonzalez, Elizabeth)

Defendants' Motion for Summary Judgment

Granted;

Journal Entry Details:

Parties appeared by telephone. Following arguments by Mr. Ferrario and Mr. Beckstrom, COURT ORDERED, here there are no genuine issues of material fact as the assignment resolves all of the currently pled claims, because they are intricately intertwined with the ownership issues; for that reason, the motion for summary judgment is GRANTED. Mr. Ferrario to prepare the order and run it by Mr. Beckstrom prior to submission. COURT FURTHER ORDERED, all future dates VACATED.;

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Counterclaimants' Motion to Dismiss Counterclaims Granted;

Journal Entry Details:

Pursuant to Administrative Order 21-01, the Court decides this matter without the necessity of oral argument. The Court, having reviewed Counterclaimants' Motion to Dismiss their Counterclaims and the related briefing and being fully informed, GRANTS the motion. Counsel for Counterclaimant is directed to submit a proposed order approved by opposing counsel consistent with the foregoing within ten (10) days and distribute a filed copy to all parties involved in this matter. Such order should set forth a synopsis of the supporting reasons proffered to the Court in briefing. This Decision sets forth the Court's intended disposition on the subject but anticipates further order of the Court to make such disposition effective as an order. CLERK'S NOTE: A copy of this minute order was distributed via Odyssey File and Serve. / dr 3-8-21;

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06/03/2021 CANCELED Pre Trial Conference (9:15 AM) (Judicial Officer: Gonzalez, Elizabeth)

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CASE SUMMARY CASE NO. A-20-809612-B

Defendant Valley Ascent, LLC Total Charges Total Payments and Credits Balance Due as of 3/29/2021	200.00 200.00 0.00
Defendant William L Lindner and Maxine G Lindner Trust of 1988 Total Charges Total Payments and Credits Balance Due as of 3/29/2021	1,573.00 1,573.00 0.00
Plaintiff Knowlton, Brad L. Total Charges Total Payments and Credits Balance Due as of 3/29/2021	1,557.00 1,557.00 0.00
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Plaintiff Knowlton, Brad L. Appeal Bond Balance as of 3/29/2021	500.00

BUSINESS COURT CIVIL COVER SHEET

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Other Title to Property	Medical/Dental		Purchase/Sale of Stock, Assets, or Real Estate		
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Chapter 40	Intentional Misconduct		WASHOE COUNTY BUSINESS COURT		
Other Construction Defect	Employment Tort		NRS Chapters 78-88		
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Building and Construction	Civil Writs		Investments (NRS 104 Art.8)		
Insurance Carrier	Writ of Habeas Corpus		Deceptive Trade Practices (NRS 598)		
Commercial Instrument	Writ of Mandamus		Trademark/Trade Name (NRS 600)		
Collection of Accounts	Writ of Quo Warrant		Trade Secrets (NRS 600A)		
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DEPT. XI

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- 3. On or about June 27, 2017, Shondell Swenson filed for divorce against Brad L. Knowlton, said proceeding bearing Utah Civil Case No. 174701016.
- 4. After battling with highly-contentious divorce proceedings for nearly three years, the Court in Utah divided the marital assets and liabilities, and entered a Judgment and Decree of Divorce on June 5, 2020.
- 5. In connection therewith, Ms. Swenson was awarded all rights, title and interest to Mr. Knowlton's 38.55% membership interest in Valley Ascent.
- 6. On or about June 19, 2020, Mr. Knowlton executed an Assignment of Membership Interest in Valley Ascent ("Assignment").
- 7. Therein, Mr. Knowlton "transfer[ed] and assign[ed] his interest in Valley Ascent, LLC, a Nevada Limited Liability Company, to Shondell Swenson; and...permanently relinquish[ed], waiv[ed], and/or release[d] any and all rights, interests, and/or claims related to his ownership interest in Valley Ascent, LLC, all of which have been transferred to Shondell Swenson by virtue of this Assignment of Interest."
 - 8. Said Assignment was filed in this action on August 10, 2020.
- 9. By way of the Assignment, all of Mr. Knowlton's claims pled in the instant action were transferred to Ms. Swenson.
- 10. If any finding of fact is properly a conclusion of law, it shall be treated as if it was appropriately identified and designated.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

STANDARD OF REVIEW.

1. Summary judgment under Rule 56 is appropriate and "shall be rendered forthwith" when the pleadings and other evidence on file demonstrate that no "genuine issue as to any material fact [remains] and that the moving party is entitled to judgment as a matter of law." See NRCP 56(c), Tucker v. Action Equip. and Scaffold Co., 113 Nev. 1349, 1353, 951 P.2d 1027, 1029 (1997).

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The Nevada Supreme Court has defined a *genuine issue* as "evidence such that a rational trier of fact could return a verdict for the nonmoving party." *Id.* (citing *Matsushita Electric Industrial Co.* v. Zenith Radio, 475 U.S. 574, 586 (1986)). As to materiality, only disputes over facts that might affect the outcome of the suit under the governing law will preclude the entry of summary judgment. Wood v. Safeway, Inc., 121 Nev. 724, 121 P.3d 1026, 1030 (2005). Factual disputes which are irrelevant or unnecessary will not be considered. Id. Summary judgment is appropriate if the nonmoving party fails to set forth facts demonstrating the existence of a genuine issue. Bulbman, *Inc. v. Nevada Bell*, 108 Nev. 105, 110, 825 P.2d 588, 592 (1992).

2. Here, there are no issues of material or genuine fact that prevent granting summary judgment.

KNOWLTON LACKS STANDING TO PURSUE THE CLAIMS ASSERTED IN THE В. COMPLAINT.

- 1. Under Nevada law, an action must be commenced by the real party-in-interest – "one who possesses the right to enforce the claim and has a significant interest in the litigation." Szilagyi v. Testa, 99 Nev. 834, 838, 673 P.2d 495, 498 (1983); see NRCP 17(a). Due to this limitation, a party generally has standing to assert only its own rights and cannot raise the claims of a third party not before the court. See Deal v. 999 Lakeshore Association, 94 Nev. 301, 304, 579 P.2d 775, 777 (1978). The burden of demonstrating the right to pursue a claim is properly placed upon the claimant. Mortgage Elec. Reg. Sys. v. Chong, 2009 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 127500 at *6 (D. Nev. Dec. 4, 2009).
- 2. Mr. Knowlton failed to demonstrate a right to pursue any of the claims asserted in the Complaint after transferring and assigning his interest in Valley Ascent to Ms. Swenson and permanently relinquishing, waiving, and/or releasing any and all rights, interests, and/or claims related to his ownership interest in Valley Ascent, as set forth in the Assignment.
- 3. The Assignment resolves all currently pled claims because all are intricately intertwined with the ownership of Valley Ascent.
- 4. Accordingly, Defendants are entitled to summary judgment in their favor on all of Mr. Knowlton's claims, including (1) breach of contract, (2) breach of the implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing, (3) declaratory relief, (4) intentional interference with contractual relations,

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(5) expulsion as a member, (6) breach of fiduciary duties, (7) receivership and (8) preliminary injunction. **ORDER** Based on the foregoing, and good cause appearing therefor: IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Defendants/ Counterclaimants' Motion for Summary Judgment is GRANTED. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that judgment is rendered in Defendants/Counterclaimants' favor on all claims asserted in the Complaint, specifically, Mr. Knowlton's claims for (1) breach of contract, (2) breach of the implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing, (3) declaratory relief, (4) intentional interference with contractual relations, (5) expulsion as a member, (6) breach of fiduciary duties, (7) receivership and (8) preliminary injunction. IT IS SO ORDERED. DATED this 12th day of November, 2020. Respectfully Submitted by: GREENBURG TRAURIG, LLP /s/ Kara B. Hendricks MARK E. FERRARIO, ESQ. Nevada Bar No. 1625 KARA B. HENDRICKS, ESQ. Nevada Bar No. 7743 ALAYNE M. OPIE, ESQ. Nevada Bar No. 12623 10845 Griffith Peak Drive, Suite 600 Las Vegas, Nevada 89144 Attorneys for Defendants/Counterclaimants

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Thank you Steven. We have accepted your revisions. I also found a typo in the last paragraph which has been corrected. (The change is highlighted in the attached.)

Please confirm we have authorization to submit to the court with your e-signature.

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Kara- Attached are some revisions to the proposed orders that you prepared. My revisions are minor and are found in redline format. If these revisions are acceptable, please let me know. Thanks!

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I hereby certify that on this 13th day of November, 2020, a true and correct copy of the foregoing **NOTICE OF ENTRY OF ORDER** was served by electronically filing with the Clerk of the Court using the Odyssey eFileNV Electronic Filing system and serving all parties with an email address on record, pursuant to Administrative Order 14-2 and Rule 9 of the N.E.F.C.R.

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- 3. On or about June 27, 2017, Shondell Swenson filed for divorce against Brad L. Knowlton, said proceeding bearing Utah Civil Case No. 174701016.
- 4. After battling with highly-contentious divorce proceedings for nearly three years, the Court in Utah divided the marital assets and liabilities, and entered a Judgment and Decree of Divorce on June 5, 2020.
- 5. In connection therewith, Ms. Swenson was awarded all rights, title and interest to Mr. Knowlton's 38.55% membership interest in Valley Ascent.
- 6. On or about June 19, 2020, Mr. Knowlton executed an Assignment of Membership Interest in Valley Ascent ("Assignment").
- 7. Therein, Mr. Knowlton "transfer[ed] and assign[ed] his interest in Valley Ascent, LLC, a Nevada Limited Liability Company, to Shondell Swenson; and...permanently relinquish[ed], waiv[ed], and/or release[d] any and all rights, interests, and/or claims related to his ownership interest in Valley Ascent, LLC, all of which have been transferred to Shondell Swenson by virtue of this Assignment of Interest."
 - 8. Said Assignment was filed in this action on August 10, 2020.
- 9. By way of the Assignment, all of Mr. Knowlton's claims pled in the instant action were transferred to Ms. Swenson.
- 10. If any finding of fact is properly a conclusion of law, it shall be treated as if it was appropriately identified and designated.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

STANDARD OF REVIEW.

1. Summary judgment under Rule 56 is appropriate and "shall be rendered forthwith" when the pleadings and other evidence on file demonstrate that no "genuine issue as to any material fact [remains] and that the moving party is entitled to judgment as a matter of law." See NRCP 56(c), Tucker v. Action Equip. and Scaffold Co., 113 Nev. 1349, 1353, 951 P.2d 1027, 1029 (1997).

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The Nevada Supreme Court has defined a *genuine issue* as "evidence such that a rational trier of fact could return a verdict for the nonmoving party." *Id.* (citing *Matsushita Electric Industrial Co.* v. Zenith Radio, 475 U.S. 574, 586 (1986)). As to materiality, only disputes over facts that might affect the outcome of the suit under the governing law will preclude the entry of summary judgment. Wood v. Safeway, Inc., 121 Nev. 724, 121 P.3d 1026, 1030 (2005). Factual disputes which are irrelevant or unnecessary will not be considered. Id. Summary judgment is appropriate if the nonmoving party fails to set forth facts demonstrating the existence of a genuine issue. Bulbman, *Inc. v. Nevada Bell*, 108 Nev. 105, 110, 825 P.2d 588, 592 (1992).

2. Here, there are no issues of material or genuine fact that prevent granting summary judgment.

KNOWLTON LACKS STANDING TO PURSUE THE CLAIMS ASSERTED IN THE В. COMPLAINT.

- 1. Under Nevada law, an action must be commenced by the real party-in-interest – "one who possesses the right to enforce the claim and has a significant interest in the litigation." Szilagyi v. Testa, 99 Nev. 834, 838, 673 P.2d 495, 498 (1983); see NRCP 17(a). Due to this limitation, a party generally has standing to assert only its own rights and cannot raise the claims of a third party not before the court. See Deal v. 999 Lakeshore Association, 94 Nev. 301, 304, 579 P.2d 775, 777 (1978). The burden of demonstrating the right to pursue a claim is properly placed upon the claimant. Mortgage Elec. Reg. Sys. v. Chong, 2009 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 127500 at *6 (D. Nev. Dec. 4, 2009).
- 2. Mr. Knowlton failed to demonstrate a right to pursue any of the claims asserted in the Complaint after transferring and assigning his interest in Valley Ascent to Ms. Swenson and permanently relinquishing, waiving, and/or releasing any and all rights, interests, and/or claims related to his ownership interest in Valley Ascent, as set forth in the Assignment.
- 3. The Assignment resolves all currently pled claims because all are intricately intertwined with the ownership of Valley Ascent.
- 4. Accordingly, Defendants are entitled to summary judgment in their favor on all of Mr. Knowlton's claims, including (1) breach of contract, (2) breach of the implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing, (3) declaratory relief, (4) intentional interference with contractual relations,

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(5) expulsion as a member, (6) breach of fiduciary duties, (7) receivership and (8) preliminary injunction. **ORDER** Based on the foregoing, and good cause appearing therefor: IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Defendants/ Counterclaimants' Motion for Summary Judgment is GRANTED. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that judgment is rendered in Defendants/Counterclaimants' favor on all claims asserted in the Complaint, specifically, Mr. Knowlton's claims for (1) breach of contract, (2) breach of the implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing, (3) declaratory relief, (4) intentional interference with contractual relations, (5) expulsion as a member, (6) breach of fiduciary duties, (7) receivership and (8) preliminary injunction. IT IS SO ORDERED. DATED this 12th day of November, 2020. Respectfully Submitted by: GREENBURG TRAURIG, LLP /s/ Kara B. Hendricks MARK E. FERRARIO, ESQ. Nevada Bar No. 1625 KARA B. HENDRICKS, ESQ. Nevada Bar No. 7743 ALAYNE M. OPIE, ESQ. Nevada Bar No. 12623 10845 Griffith Peak Drive, Suite 600 Las Vegas, Nevada 89144 Attorneys for Defendants/Counterclaimants

Approved as to form by: SNOW, CHRISTENSEN & MARTINEAU /s/ Steven W. Beckstrom STEVEN W. BECKSTROM, ESQ. Nevada Bar No. 8372 555 South Bluff Street, Suite 301 St. George, Utah 84770 and ANDREW D. SMITH, ESQ. Nevada Bar No. 8890 WINNER& SHERROD, LTD. 1117 South Rancho Drive Las Vegas, Nevada 89102 Attorneys for Plaintiff Brad L. Knowlton

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To: Hendricks, Kara (Shld-LV-LT)
Subject: Re: Knowlton v. Juel Order re: MSJ
Date: Thursday, November 12, 2020 9:00:40 AM

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Thank you Steven. We have accepted your revisions. I also found a typo in the last paragraph which has been corrected. (The change is highlighted in the attached.)

Please confirm we have authorization to submit to the court with your e-signature.

Best,

Kara

Kara Hendricks

Shareholder

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Sent: Monday, November 9, 2020 12:45 PM

To: Hendricks, Kara (Shld-LV-LT) <hendricksk@gtlaw.com>

Subject: Re: Knowlton v. Juel Order re: MSJ

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Kara- Attached are some revisions to the proposed orders that you prepared. My revisions are minor and are found in redline format. If these revisions are acceptable, please let me know. Thanks!

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Sent: Thursday, November 5, 2020 2:18 PM **To:** Steven W. Beckstrom < <u>SWB@scmlaw.com</u>>

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EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

CASE NO: A-20-809612-B

DEPT. XI

ORDER GRANTING COUNTERCLAIMANTS' MOTION TO DISMISS COUNTERCLAIMS

Case Number: A-20-809612-B

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Counter-Plaintiffs,

v.

BRAD L. KNOWLTON, individually and derivatively; and DOE Individuals I-X and ROE Entities I-X, inclusive,

Counter-Defendant,

and

Nominal party VALLEY ASCENT, LLC, a Nevada limited liability company.

Defendants/Counterclaimants WILLIAM L. LINDNER, as Trustee of the William L. Lindner and Maxine G. Lindner Trust of 1988; JUEL A. PARKER, individually and as Trustee of the Juel A. Parker Family Trust; LISA PARKER, individually and as Trustee of the Juel A. Parker Family Trust; and S. BRUCE PARKER, as Trustee of the Steven Bruce Parker Family Trust (collectively "Counterdefendants" or "Majority Members") filed a Motion to Dismiss Counterclaims on February 5, 2021 ("Motion").

On February 19, 2021, Plaintiff Brad L. Knowlton ("Knowlton") filed his Statement of Non-Opposition to Conterclaimants' Motion to Dismiss Counterclaims.

The Court, having considered the Motion filed by the Majority Members and the Non-Opposition to the Motion filed by Brad L. Knowlton, and good cause existing therefore finds and orders as follows:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Counterclaimants' Motion to Dismiss Counterclaims is **GRANTED** and the counterclaims asserted by the Marjority Members are dismissed with prejudice with each side to bear their own attorneys's fees and costs.

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Defendants.

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NOTICE OF ENTRY OF ORDER

CASE NO: A-20-809612-B

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 25th day of February, 2021, a true and correct copy of the foregoing **NOTICE OF ENTRY OF ORDER** was served by electronically filing with the Clerk of the Court using the Odyssey eFileNV Electronic Filing system and serving all parties with an email address on record, pursuant to Administrative Order 14-2 and Rule 9 of the N.E.F.C.R.

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COURT MINUTES NRS Chapters 78-89 March 09, 2020 Brad Knowlton, Plaintiff(s) A-20-809612-B William L Lindner and Maxine G Lindner Trust of 1988, Defendant(s) March 09, 2020 9:00 AM **Motion for Preliminary**

Injunction

HEARD BY: Gonzalez, Elizabeth **COURTROOM:** RJC Courtroom 03E

COURT CLERK: Dulce Romea

RECORDER: Jill Hawkins

REPORTER:

PARTIES

PRESENT: Beckstrom, Steven W. Attorney

> Ferrario, Mark E., ESQ Attorney Hendricks, Kara B. Attorney Knowlton, Brad L. Plaintiff Parker, Lisa Defendant Smith, Andrew D. Attorney

JOURNAL ENTRIES

- Following arguments by Mr. Beckstrom and Mr. Ferrario, COURT ORDERED, injunctive relief will be DENIED at this point; there has been a facial showing of financial misconduct by the management fee that was taken and the failure to provide books and records as requested by the other members. At this time the Court will NOT CONFIRM Ms. Lisa Parker as interim manager and will APPOINT Brian Gordon who has previously been used by the company to act as the interim manager. The Court will not permit him at any time to testify as an expert for either side; he will manage the ongoing daily operations and respond to document requests by the members.

Counsel for Defendants to prepare the order.

PRINT DATE: 03/29/2021 Page 1 of 11 Minutes Date: March 09, 2020

A-20-809612-B Brad Knowlton, Plaintiff(s)
vs.
William L Lindner and Maxine G Lindner Trust of 1988, Defendant(s)

March 31, 2020 8:32 AM Minute Order

HEARD BY: Gonzalez, Elizabeth COURTROOM: Chambers

COURT CLERK: Dulce Romea

RECORDER:

REPORTER:

PARTIES PRESENT:

JOURNAL ENTRIES

- COURT ORDERED, pursuant to Administrative Order 20-01 the time requirements of NRCP 16(b)(2) are SUSPENDED, and the requirement of filing a Joint Case Conference Report is SUSPENDED.

CLERK'S NOTE: A copy of this minute order was provided to Odyssey File and Serve. / dr 3-31-20

A-20-809612-B

Brad Knowlton, Plaintiff(s)
vs.
William L Lindner and Maxine G Lindner Trust of 1988, Defendant(s)

April 03, 2020

9:01 AM Motion to Seal/Redact
Records

HEARD BY: Gonzalez, Elizabeth COURTROOM: Chambers

COURT CLERK: Dulce Romea

RECORDER:

REPORTER:

PARTIES PRESENT:

JOURNAL ENTRIES

- COURT ORDERED, the ex parte motion to seal the complaint and motion for preliminary injunction filed March 19, 2020 is DENIED. The Court has reviewed the "Redacted" versions which contain only one redaction. Plaintiff may within 10 days provide proposed redactions in addition to the one social security number that has been redacted. Matter CONTINUED to April 17, 2020 in chambers.

4-17-20 CHAMBERS EX PARTE MOTION TO SEAL, REDACT OR DEEM PROTECTED (1) COMPLAINT, AND (2) MOTION FOR PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION

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PRINT DATE: 03/29/2021 Page 3 of 11 Minutes Date: March 09, 2020

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Brad Knowlton, Plaintiff(s)
vs.
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April 17, 2020

3:00 AM Motion to Seal/Redact

HEARD BY: Gonzalez, Elizabeth COURTROOM: Chambers

Records

COURT CLERK: Dulce Romea

RECORDER:

REPORTER:

PARTIES PRESENT:

JOURNAL ENTRIES

- COURT NOTED no supplement to redactions provided, ORDERED, matter CONTINUED for 2 weeks.

...5-1-20 - CHAMBERS

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PRINT DATE: 03/29/2021 Page 4 of 11 Minutes Date: March 09, 2020

NRS Chapters 78-89 COURT MINUTES May 01, 2020

A-20-809612-B Brad Knowlton, Plaintiff(s)
vs.
William L Lindner and Maxine G Lindner Trust of 1988, Defendant(s)

May 01, 2020 3:00 AM Motion to Seal/Redact
Records

HEARD BY: Gonzalez, Elizabeth COURTROOM: Chambers

COURT CLERK: Dulce Romea

RECORDER:

REPORTER:

PARTIES PRESENT:

JOURNAL ENTRIES

- COURT ORDERED, given the notice of submission of redacted versions, matter OFF CALENDAR.

CLERK'S NOTE: A copy of this minute order was distributed via Odyssey File and Serve. / dr 5-4-20

PRINT DATE: 03/29/2021 Page 5 of 11 Minutes Date: March 09, 2020

NRS Chapters 78-89

COURT MINUTES

June 22, 2020

A-20-809612-B

Brad Knowlton, Plaintiff(s)

William L Lindner and Maxine G Lindner Trust of 1988, Defendant(s)

June 22, 2020

9:00 AM

Mandatory Rule 16

Conference

HEARD BY: Gonzalez, Elizabeth

COURTROOM: RJC Courtroom 03E

COURT CLERK: Dulce Romea

RECORDER:

Jill Hawkins

REPORTER:

PARTIES

PRESENT:

Beckstrom, Steven W. Attorney Ferrario, Mark E., ESQ Attorney Hendricks, Kara B. Attorney

JOURNAL ENTRIES

- All parties appeared by telephone.

Ms. Hendricks advised, noting no offense meant to Mr. Beckstrom, that his client has ownership over 30% of the interest in the LLC lost as part of the divorce proceeding, so his ex-wife will now be a controlling member; this case is ripe for a settlement conference before they spend additional time and money on discovery. Mr. Beckstrom responded that while he does not necessarily agree with the claims going away in light of the divorce, he does agree with the case being ripe for a settlement conference. Parties advised they have not yet done their initial disclosures.

Per the parties' request, matter REFERRED to Judge Williams for a settlement conference on Friday, August 14, 2020.

COURT ORDERED as follows:

Initial disclosures pursuant to rule 16.1 to be exchanged in 2 weeks;

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Motions to amend pleadings or add parties TO BE FILED by August 7, 2020;

Initial expert disclosures where a party bears the burden of proof DUE by November 20, 2020;

Rebuttal expert disclosures where a party does not bear the burden of proof DUE by January 29, 2021;

Discovery cut-off SET for March 22, 2021;

Dispositive motions and motions in limine TO BE FILED by May 7, 2021;

Matter SET for trial on the stack beginning on June 28, 2021. Jury DEMANDED. Trial Setting Order will ISSUE.

Parties advised they do not need an ESI Protocol or Stipulated Protective Order and that they do not have any issues with the Rule on 10 depositions per side, not including custodians of records, and the 7-hour limit per deposition.

COURT ORDERED, today is the parties' joint case conference and the filing of the joint case conference report (JCCR) is WAIVED.

8-14-20 9:30 AM SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE (DEPT XVI - Williams)

NRS Chapters 78-89

COURT MINUTES

August 11, 2020

A-20-809612-B

Brad Knowlton, Plaintiff(s)

VS.

William L Lindner and Maxine G Lindner Trust of 1988, Defendant(s)

August 11, 2020

9:00 AM

Status Check

HEARD BY: Williams, Timothy C.

COURTROOM: RJC Courtroom 03H

COURT CLERK: Christopher Darling

RECORDER:

REPORTER:

PARTIES

PRESENT: Beckstrom, Steven W.

Attorney

Hendricks, Kara B.

Attorney

JOURNAL ENTRIES

- Colloquy regarding nature of dispute, ongoing settlement discussions, and manner that 8/14/20 settlement conference to proceed. Upon Court's inquiry, Mr. Beckstrom advised his side intends to proceed remotely for the conference; Ms. Hendricks advised counsel and client representative with her intend to appear in-person. COURT ORDERED, will require all appearances and discussions be remote in light of current health environment as discussed. COURT FURTHER ORDERED, settlement briefs DUE Thursday, August 13, 2020 by 10:00 a.m.; submissions to be made by email to Dept16LC@clarkcountycourts.us. Colloquy regarding coordinating remote appearances. Court directed parties coordinate with Courtroom Clerk prior to the conference to establish their connection and use of private sessions. Courtroom Clerk advised will initiate communication with counsel in that regard.

PRINT DATE: 03/29/2021 Page 8 of 11 Minutes Date: March 09, 2020

A-20-809612-B Brad Knowlton, Plaintiff(s)
vs.
William L Lindner and Maxine G Lindner Trust of 1988, Defendant(s)

August 14, 2020 9:30 AM Settlement Conference

HEARD BY: Williams, Timothy C. **COURTROOM:** RJC Courtroom 03H

COURT CLERK: Christopher Darling

RECORDER:

REPORTER:

PARTIES PRESENT:

JOURNAL ENTRIES

- The above-referenced matter came on for a settlement conference with Judge Williams on August 14, 2020. The Plaintiff, Brad Knowlton, was present and represented by Steven Beckstrom, Esq. The Defendants Lisa Parker, Bruce Parker, and William Linder, were present and represented by Kara Hendricks, Esq. and Mark Ferrario, Esq. Unfortunately, the parties were unable to resolve their differences and the case did not settle. The case is now referred back to the originating department for further handling.

NRS Chapters 78-89

COURT MINUTES

November 02, 2020

A-20-809612-B

Brad Knowlton, Plaintiff(s)

William L Lindner and Maxine G Lindner Trust of 1988, Defendant(s)

November 02, 2020

9:00 AM

Motion for Summary

Judgment

HEARD BY: Gonzalez, Elizabeth

COURTROOM: RJC Courtroom 03E

COURT CLERK: Dulce Romea

RECORDER:

Jill Hawkins

REPORTER:

PARTIES

PRESENT: Beckstrom, Steven W. Attorney

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Attorney

JOURNAL ENTRIES

- Parties appeared by telephone.

Following arguments by Mr. Ferrario and Mr. Beckstrom, COURT ORDERED, here there are no genuine issues of material fact as the assignment resolves all of the currently pled claims, because they are intricately intertwined with the ownership issues; for that reason, the motion for summary judgment is GRANTED. Mr. Ferrario to prepare the order and run it by Mr. Beckstrom prior to submission.

COURT FURTHER ORDERED, all future dates VACATED.

PRINT DATE: 03/29/2021 Page 10 of 11 March 09, 2020 Minutes Date:

A-20-809612-B Brad Knowlton, Plaintiff(s)
vs.
William L Lindner and Maxine G Lindner Trust of 1988, Defendant(s)

March 08, 2021 9:00 AM Motion to Dismiss

HEARD BY: Gonzalez, Elizabeth **COURTROOM:** RJC Courtroom 03E

COURT CLERK: Dulce Romea

RECORDER:

REPORTER:

PARTIES PRESENT:

JOURNAL ENTRIES

- Pursuant to Administrative Order 21-01, the Court decides this matter without the necessity of oral argument. The Court, having reviewed Counterclaimants' Motion to Dismiss their Counterclaims and the related briefing and being fully informed, GRANTS the motion. Counsel for Counterclaimant is directed to submit a proposed order approved by opposing counsel consistent with the foregoing within ten (10) days and distribute a filed copy to all parties involved in this matter. Such order should set forth a synopsis of the supporting reasons proffered to the Court in briefing. This Decision sets forth the Court's intended disposition on the subject but anticipates further order of the Court to make such disposition effective as an order.

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

NOTICE OF APPEAL; CASE APPEAL STATEMENT; DISTRICT COURT DOCKET ENTRIES; CIVIL COVER SHEET; ORDER GRANTING DEFENDANTS' MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT; NOTICE OF ENTRY OF ORDER; ORDER GRANTING COUNTERCLAIMANTS' MOTION TO DISMISS COUNTERCLAIMS; NOTICE OF ENTRY OF ORDER; DISTRICT COURT MINUTES

BRAD L. KNOWLTON,

Plaintiff(s),

VS.

VALLEY ASCENT, LLC; WILLIAM L. LINDNER, as Trustee of the WILLIAM L. LINDNER AND MAZINE G. LINDNER TRUST OF 1988; JUEL A. PARKER, as Trustee of the JUEL A. PARKER FAMILY TRUST; LISA PARKER, as Trustee of the JUEL A. PARKER FAMILY TRUST; LISA PARKER, an Individual; S. BRUCE PARKER, as Trustee of the STEVEN BRUCE PARKER FAMILY TRUST.

Defendant(s),

now on file and of record in this office.

Case No: A-20-809612-B

Dept No: XI

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto Set my hand and Affixed the seal of the Court at my office, Las Vegas, Nevada This 29 day of March 2021.

Steven D. Grierson, Clerk of the Court

Heather Ungermann, Deputy Clerk

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