IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

YEONHEE LEE,

Petitioner,

v.

EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF CLARK, THE HONORABLE DAVID M. JONES, DISTRICT JUDGE,

Respondent,

and

ALBERTO EDUARDO CARIO,

Real Party in Interest.

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Defendant's Objection is made and based upon the papers and pleadings on file herein, the exhibits attached hereto, and the following points and authorities submitted in support hereof.

Dated this 21st day of October, 2020.

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DECLARATION OF RHONDA LONG, ESQ. IN SUPPORT OF THE OBJECTION TO DISCOVERY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

RHONDA LONG, declares under penalty of perjury as follows:

1. That Declarant is an attorney duly licensed to practice in the State of Nevada and is an attorney at the law firm of LAW OFFICE OF LEE J. GRANT, II, counsel for Defendant in the within action. Declarant is over the age of 18 years and is in all respects competent to make this Declaration. This Declaration is based upon my personal knowledge unless stated upon information and belief and, if called to testify, Declarant would testify as set forth in this declaration.

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- 2. That on August 7, 2020, paralegal for Declarant, Candice Harris, reached out to Plaintiff's counsel, the law firm of MAIER GUTIERREZ & ASSOCIATES with proposed dates for an independent medical exam of Plaintiff. See, August 2020 Rule 35 E-Mail Chain attached as Exhibit A.
- 3. That on or about August 20, 2020, paralegal for Plaintiff's firm provided a proposed stipulation and order setting forth parameters and restrictions on the independent medical exam.
- 4. That on August 21, 2020, Declarant replied that she would not agree the stipulation and order as written. Declarant provided a redlined version which struck the parameters allowing a nurse consultant as an observer and the provision providing that the expert must retain his drafts and notes and that such is subject to be subpoenaed by Plaintiff. See, Exhibit B.
- 6. That in reply to this objection, Plaintiff's counsel, Jason Maier, Esq. said he would not agree to the redline revisions. See, **Exhibit A**.
- 7. On August 25, 2020, an EDCR 2.34 conference was held regarding the IME dispute and parties were not able to come to an agreement.
- 8. Pursuant to EDCR 2.34, Declarant attempted to resolve this matter as described above.
- 9. After review of Defendant's Motion to Compel Rule 35 Exam, Plaintiff's Opposition, and Defendant's Reply thereto, on October 8, 2020, the Discovery Commissioner entered a Report and Recommendations which included permitting Plaintiff to have a legal nurse consultant observe and record the Rule 35 exam and also permitted Plaintiff the ability to subpoena the Rule 35 expert's drafts and notes.

- 10. Defendant now seek an order from this Honorable Court denying the Discovery Commissioner's Report and Recommendations on the matters listed in the above paragraph.
 - 11. This Objection is made in good faith and is not made for purposes of delay.
 - 12. FURTHER DECLARANT SAYETH NAUGHT

RHONDA LONG, ESQ.

MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

<u>I.</u>

ISSUES PRESENTED

The issue before the Court is whether Plaintiff Alberto Cario ("Plaintiff CARIO") should be permitted to (1). have an observer at the Rule 35 Exam who is a nurse and legal expert consultant and more generally any observer who is an attorney, attorney representative, or paid for expert/consultant; (2). record the exam even though Plaintiff provided no good cause for recording the same; and (3). have a court order allowing Plaintiff to subpoena the Rule 35 expert's draft reports and notes.

<u>II.</u>

NATURE OF OBJECTION

This litigation arises from a personal injury claim stemming from an automobile accident which occurred on November 24, 2018 involving Plaintiff CARIO and Defendant Yeonhee Lee ("Defendant LEE"). Defendant has requested that Plaintiff CARIO submit to a Nevada Rule of Civil Procedure Rule 35 medical examination to be conducted by Dr. Mark Rosen. See, Curriculum Vitae of Dr. Rosen attached as **Exhibit C**. The examination will

concern the current status and future prognosis of Plaintiff's alleged back injury which is the basis for Plaintiff's claim for damages against Defendant.

In this lawsuit, Plaintiff CARIO seeks recovery of damages, resulting from an automobile accident including actual medical specials, unspecified past and continuing suffering, and physical limitations and restrictions according to Plaintiff's written answers to discovery. Plaintiff's attorney has agreed to a Rule 35 exam of their client; however, Plaintiff's attorney wishes to impose restrictions on the exam which are not required by Rule 35 including specifically having Lynn Belcher Legal Nurse Consulting & Life Care Planning Associates attend and record the Rule 35 exam and has also requested that Plaintiff be allowed to subpoena the experts' draft reports and notes. As such, Defendant brought a Motion before the Discovery Commissioner to request that such not be permitted.

On October 8, 2020, the Discovery Commissioner entered a report and recommendations that provided, in pertinent part, that there is a conflict between NRCP 35 and NRS 52.380. The Commissioner found that NRS 52.380 is applicable to Rule 35 exams and that such statute is controlling in this matter. The Commissioner found that a Rule 35 exam involves a substantive right of privacy that is covered by NRS 52.380. In addition, the Commissioner found that the examination doctor shall keep and maintain all notes and draft reports in his or her file and the examination doctor may not destroy any documents related to the examination.

As detailed below, this Court should decline to adopt the Discovery Commissioner's recommendations. The Nevada Rules of Civil Procedure should govern the parties' dispute as the issue pertains to the Court's procedures rather than any substantive right of Plaintiff; as such, NRS 52.380 should be of no effect. In light of the significance of the issue and the apparent conflict in laws, Defendant requests that this Court issue an order denying Plaintiff the

right to a nurse/legal expert consultant observer, denying that such observe be permitted to record, and denying Plaintiff an order permitting them to subpoena the expert's draft reports.

III.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

This matter arises from a two-car accident which occurred in the early morning hours around 4:30 am on November 24, 2018 at the intersection of Sahara Avenue and Buffalo Drive. Defendant LEE was driving a 2017 Audi A4 and the Plaintiff CARIO, was operating a 2018 Dodge Challenger. The two vehicles collided at the intersection. Plaintiff has alleged that he was injured in the automobile accident and has made this lawsuit seeking damages.

<u>IV.</u>

LEGAL ARGUMENT

A.

LEGAL STANDARD - NRCP 35

Nevada Rule of Civil Procedure 35 provides in pertinent part as follows:

"Rule 35. Physical and Mental Examinations

- (a) Order for Examination.
- (1) In General. The court where the action is pending may order a party whose mental or physical condition including blood group is in controversy to submit to a physical or mental examination by a suitably licensed or certified examiner. The court has the same authority to order a party to produce for examination a person who is in the party's custody or under the party's legal control.
- (2) Motion and Notice; Contents of the Order.
 - (A) The order may be made only on motion for good cause and on notice to all parties and the person to be examined.
 - (B) The order must specify the time, place, manner, conditions, and scope of the examination, as well as the person or persons who

will perform it. The examination must take place in an appropriate professional setting in the judicial district in which the action is pending, unless otherwise agreed by the parties or ordered by the court.

- (3) Recording the Examination. On request of a party or the examiner, the court may, for good cause shown, require as a condition of the examination that the examination be audio recorded. The party or examiner who requests the audio recording must arrange and pay for the recording and provide a copy of the recording on written request. The examiner and all persons present must be notified before the examination begins that it is being recorded.
- (4) Observers at the Examination. The party against whom an examination is sought may request as a condition of the examination to have an observer present at the examination. When making the request, the party must identify the observer and state his or her relationship to the party being examined. The observer may not be the party's attorney or anyone employed by the party or the party's attorney.
 - (A) The party may have one observer present for the examination, unless:
 - (i) the examination is a neuropsychological, psychological, or psychiatric examination; or
 - (ii) the court orders otherwise for good cause shown.
 - (B) The party may not have any observer present for a neuropsychological, psychological, or psychiatric examination, unless the court orders otherwise for good cause shown.
 - (C) An observer must not in any way interfere, obstruct, or participate in the examination.

A party seeking to compel a plaintiff's physical examination must show that the plaintiff's physical condition is in controversy and there is good cause for the examination. Requests under Rule 35 are liberally constructed in favor of granting discovery, but due to their intrusive nature remain a matter of discretion. See <u>Schlagenhauf v. Holder</u>, (1964) 379 U.S. 104, 114-15 (interpreting the analogous federal rule concerning independent medical examinations). As so stated in the rule, it is proper to order a plaintiff in a personal injury

lawsuit to submit to an independent medical examination by the defendant when good cause has been shown, and the time, place, manner, conditions, and scope of the examination and the person by whom it is to be made have been specified.

<u>A.</u>

NRCP 35 CONTROLS PARAMETERS OF INDEPENDENT MEDICAL EXAMS IN NEVADA COURTS NOT NRS 52.380 BECAUSE NRS 52.380 VIOLATES THE SEPARATION OF POWERS CLAUSE OF THE NEVADA CONSTITUTION

Plaintiff's position is that NRS 52.380 supersedes any language in NRCP 35 concerning Rule 35 exams. Specifically, Plaintiff relies on NRS 52.380 for its position that they be entitled to have an observer at the Rule 35 Exam who is both a nurse and legal consultant and that observer should be permitted to record the exam. The Discovery Commissioner's report and recommendations agree with Plaintiff's position. Defendant maintains that NRS 52.380 is an inappropriate infringement by the Nevada legislature upon the powers of the Nevada judicial branch, and as NRS 52.380 violates the Separation of Powers Clause of Nevada's Constitution and, that statute has no effect on Rule 35 Exams.

In Defendant's Motion to Compel the Rule 35 Exam, Defendant cited <u>Berkson v. LePome</u>, 126 Nev. 492, 498, 245 P.3d 560, 564 (2010) for its essential premise that "[t]he separation of powers doctrine is the most important foundation for preserving and protecting liberty by preventing the accumulation of power in any one branch of government." <u>Berkson v. LePome</u>, 126 Nev. 492, 498, 245 P.3d 560, 564 (2010). To this end and pursuant to Article 3, Section 1(1) of the Nevada Constitution, governmental power of the State of Nevada is divided into three separate, coequal departments: legislative, executive, and judicial. The powers specific to each department, or branch, are set forth within Articles 4, 5, and 6. Each branch has "inherent power to administer its own affairs and perform its duties, so as not to become a

subordinate branch of government." <u>Id.</u> The judicial branch is entrusted with "rule-making and other incidental powers reasonable and necessary to carry out the duties required for the administration of justice and to economically and fairly manage litigation." <u>Id.</u> at 499 (internal quotations omitted); See also, <u>Halverson v. Hardcastle</u>, 123 Nev. 245, 261, 163 P.3d 428, 439 (2007) and <u>Blackjack Bonding v. Las Vegas Mun. Ct.</u>, 116 Nev. 1213, 1218, 14 P.3d 1275, 1279 (2000).

The Nevada Supreme Court has "been especially prudent to keep the powers of the judiciary separate from those of either the legislative or the executive branches." <u>Berkson</u>, at 498, 245 P.3d at 565 (citing, e.g., <u>Galloway v. Truesdell</u>, 83 Nev. 13, 19, 422 P.2d 237, 242 (1967)). "This separation is fundamentally necessary because '[w]ere the power of judging joined with the legislative, the life and liberty of the subject would be exposed to arbitrary control, for the judge would be the legislator: Were it joined to the executive power the judge might behave with all the violence of an oppressor.' <u>Berkson</u>, at 498-99, 245 P.3d at 565.

In <u>Berkson</u>, the Nevada Supreme Court held that a statute enacted by the Legislature which attempted to supersede a procedural rule regarding the course of litigation violated the separation of powers doctrine of the Nevada Constitution. <u>Id.</u> at 501, 245 P.3d at 566. To arrive at their holding, the <u>Berkson</u> Court stated:

Regarding such discord between the legislative and judicial branches of government, it is well settled that the judiciary retains the authority to "hear and determine justiciable controversies" as a coequal power to the Legislature's broad authority to enact, amend, and repeal legislation. <u>Halverson</u>, 123 Nev. at 260, 163 P.3d at439 (quoting <u>Galloway</u>, 83 Nev. at 20, 422 P.2d at 242). And as one commentator aptly explained this distinction, "[t]o declare what the law *is or has been* is judicial power; to declare what the law *shall be* is legislative." 1 Thomas M. Cooley, *Constitutional Limitations* 191 (8th ed.1927).

In keeping with this theory, "'[t]he judiciary ... has the inherent power to govern its own procedures." State v. Dist Ct. [Marshall], 116 Nev. 953, 959, 11 P.3d

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1209, 1212 (2000) (quoting Whitlock v. Salmon, 104 Nev. 24, 26, 752 P.2d 210, 211 (1988)); See also NRS 2.120(2) (legislative recognition that this court regulates civil practice in order to promote "the speedy determination of litigation upon its merits"). The judiciary is entrusted with "rule-making and other incidental powers reasonable and necessary to carry out the duties required for the administration of justice" and "to economically and fairly manage litigation." Borger v. Dist. Ct., 120 Nev. 1021, 1029, 102 P.3d 600, 606 (2004) (quoting Goldberg v. District Court, 93 Nev. 614, 616, 572 P.2d 521, 522 (1977)); See also Marshall, 116 Nev. at 959, 11 P.3d at 1213 (stating that "'[t]here are regulating ... powers of the Judicial Department that are within the province of the judicial function, i.e., ... promulgating and prescribing any and all rules necessary or desirable to handle the business of the courts or their judicial functions" (second and hird alterations in original) (quoting Galloway, 83 Nev. at 23, 422 P.2d at 244)). Thus, "the legislature may not enact a procedural statute that conflicts with a preexisting procedural rule, without violating the doctrine of separation of powers, and ... such a statute is of no effect." Marshall, 116 Nev. at 959, 11 P.3d at 1213 (quoting State v. Connery, 99 Nev. 342, 345, 661 P.2d 1298, 1300 (1983)); See also, Secretary of State, 120 Nev. at 465, 93 P.3d at 752 (explaining that the Legislature cannot restrict, substantially impair, or defeat the exercise of this court's constitutional powers); Whitlock, 104 Nev. at 26, 752 P.2d at 211 (concluding that a particular statute did not encroach on judicial authority because it did not disrupt or abrogate a court rule); but see Connery, 99 Nev. at 345, 661 P.2d at 1300 (noting that any courtcreated procedural rules "may not conflict with the state constitution or abridge, enlarge or modify any substantive right" (internal quotations omitted)). In addition to the constitutionally mandated bases for keeping separate those inherent powers of the judiciary, leaving control of court rules and the administration of justice to the judiciary, and thereby placing the responsibility for the system's continued effectiveness with those most familiar with the latest issues and the experience and flexibility to more quickly bring into effect workable solutions and amendments, makes good sense. Goldberg, 93 Nev. at 617-18, 572 P.2d at 523.

Berkson, at 499-500, 245 P.3d at 565 (emphasis added).

The <u>Berkson</u> Court's holding extended the long-standing rule that the Legislature cannot enact a procedural statute that conflicts with a pre-existing procedural rule to apply to legal doctrines, such as issue and claim preclusion, which the Court recognized were not procedural rules. <u>Id.</u> at 500, 245 P.3d at 566.

On December 31, 2018, the Nevada Supreme Court adopted revisions to NRCP 35 which specifically addressed audio recording and the presence of observers during Rule 35 exams. The changes were made effective on March 1, 2019. The current Rule 35 permits, for

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"good cause" shown, audio recording of an independent examination under the Rule. See, NRCP 35(a)(3). Further, any observer to such examination may not be the party's attorney or anyone employed by the party or the party's attorney. See, NRCP 35(a)(4).

The 2019 Advisory Committee Notes Subsection (a) provides the rationale for the changes to the observer and recording language as follows:

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Subsection (a). Rule 35(a) expressly addresses audio recording and attendance by an observer at court-ordered physical and mental examinations. A court may for good cause shown direct that an examination be audio recorded. A generalized fear that the examiner might distort or inaccurately report what occurs at the examination is not sufficient to establish good cause to audio record the examination. In addition, a party whose examination is ordered may have an observer present, typically a family member or trusted companion, provided the party identifies the observer and his or her relationship to the party in time for that information to be included in the order for the examination. Psychological and neuropsychological examinations raise subtler questions of influence and confidential and proprietary testing materials that make it appropriate to condition the attendance of an observer on court permission, to be granted for good cause shown. In either event, the observer should not be the attorney or employed by the attorney for the party against whom the request for examination is made, and the observer may not disrupt or participate in the examination. A party requesting an audio recording or an observer should request such a condition when making or opposing a motion for an examination or at a hearing on the motion."

On or about May 29, 2019, after the recent Nevada Supreme Court Rule changes to NRCP 35, the Nevada legislature passed NRS 52.380. This statutory language allows attorney and attorney employee observers at a Rule 35 exam. In addition, the language does not expressly contain any good cause requirements for recording.

NRCP 35 is a procedural rule over which the judiciary has exclusive power to regulate and control. The United States Supreme has long held that "rules authorizing court order[s] for physical and mental examination of a party are rules of 'procedure[.]'" Sibbach v.

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Wilson & Co., 312 U.S. 1, 13-14 (1941) (emphasis added). In contrast, "[s]ubstantive rules 'are directed at individuals and government and tell them to do or abstain from certain conduct on pain of some sanction. Substantive rules are based on legislative and judicial assessments of the society's wants and needs and they help to shape the world of primary activity outside the courtroom." Sims v. Great American Life Insurance Company, 469 F.3d 870, 882 (10th Cir. 2006) (quoting Barron v. Ford Motor Co., 965 F.2d 195 (7th Cir. 1992)). The Court in Sims went on to propound a litmus test to distinguish between procedural and substantive rules, stating:

"In short, although the distinction between substance and procedure is not always clear, we can distinguish a substantive rule form a procedural rule by examining the language and the policy of the rule in question. If these inquiries point to achieving fair, accurate and efficient resolution of disputes, the rule is procedural. If however, the primary objective is directed to influencing conduct through legal incentives, the rule is substantive."

Sims, at 883 (emphasis added).

NRCP 35 is not directed at influencing conduct through legal incentives but, instead, is a rule aimed at achieving fair, accurate and efficient resolution of disputes through the discovery process and to allow a defendant the opportunity to have its own chosen medical professional evaluate a plaintiff. NRCP 35, is nothing more than the procedure required to be followed when a defendant requests that a plaintiff, who has put his physical condition at issue by way of litigation, to present for a Rule 35 Exam to allow that defendant an opportunity to have an examination performed by someone other than that plaintiff's treatment provider(s). Specifically, NRCP 35, is simply a procedural roadmap as to how the Rule 35 Exam will be conducted.

While it is true the Nevada legislature has the power and authority to create and modify substantive rights, NRS 52.380 did not create or modify any substantive rights, meaning causes of action that can be alleged or damages that may be sought. The statute instead expressly attempts to modify the process by which the Nevada judiciary governs a specific part of personal injury litigation. It is expressly procedural and nothing within NRCP 35 conflicts with the Nevada Constitution, nor does it abridge, enlarge or modify any substantive right. See, Connery, 99 Nev. At 345, 661 P.2d at 1300 (noting that any court-created procedural rules "may not conflict with the state constitution or abridge, enlarge or modify any substantive right" (internal quotations omitted)).

Plaintiff contends that NRS 52.380 created or reinforced a substantive right. However, to the extent this was NRS 52.280's intention, it interferes "with procedure to a point of disruption" and attempts to abrogate the existing Court rule (NRCP) concerning physical examinations of personal injury plaintiffs. See contra, Whitlock v. Salmon, 104 Nev. 24, 26 (1988)("[a]]though the statute does implicate trial procedure, it does not interfere with procedure to a point of disruption or attempted abrogation of an existing court rule....").

In fact, the legislative history of NRS 52.380 indicates the statute's express purpose was to enact a draft of Rule 35 the Supreme Court rejected. On March 18, 2019, AB 285 was introduced. The legislative minutes make clear AB 285 was expressly intended to implement changes to Rule 35. Supporters of NRS 52.390 noted what became AB 285 was rejected during the process that led to Nevada's amended rules of civil procedure:

"We voted 7-to-1 to make substantial changes, the changes that are set forth or embodied in the bill before you, Assembly Bill 285. Unfortunately, when our recommendations went to the full Supreme Court of Nevada, they rejected our changes for reasons we are still not clear on. At that point, we reassessed our position." See, Minutes of Assembly Committee on Judiciary, March 27, 2019, Page 4, statement of Graham Galloway.

The Nevada Supreme Court, which has promulgated the Nevada Rules of Civil Procedure, and the Nevada Legislature, which issues the Nevada Revised Statutes, serve separate and distinct purposes. Obviously, both NRCP 35 and NRS 52.380 cannot both govern this issue as they conflict. The issues of audio recording and the presence of observers during an independent medical examinations are procedural in nature, and therefore, the Nevada Rules of Civil Procedure Rule 35 governs.

<u>B.</u>

THE ONLY LIMITATIONS TO THE RULE 35 EXAM SHOULD BE THOSE PARAMETERS SET FORTH IN RULE 35

Plaintiff's proposed Rule 35 observer is Lynn Belcher Legal Nurse Consulting & Life Care Planning Associates. The consultant's website is www.lynnbelcherlnc.com. This firm represents itself as a legal consultant that provides "professional, evidence based opinion[s]" regarding medical issues. The website also provides that their representatives "can collaborate with plaintiff or defendant attorneys, healthcare organizations, insurance providers, or any organization needing medical record review, interpretation, analysis or summary."

It is obvious that Plaintiff seeks to have a 2nd medical expert in the Rule 35 exam, an expert who is a nurse and not a doctor, not just to observe, but to also render an opinion regarding what was right or wrong about the way the exam was conducted. According to the NRCP 35 2019 Advisory Committee Notes, the drafters of the current NRCP 35 rules did not envision having—competing medical professional observers in the room during the exam. Moreover, the rule explicitly states that such observer may not be an attorney or an attorney representative. Instead, the drafters envisioned an observer being a family friend or trusted companion; not a paid legal medical consultant.

In addition, Plaintiff has not provided good cause for having the Rule 35 exam be recorded. As provided in the above 2019 Advisory Committee Notes, a Plaintiff has not established good cause simply because they state a general fear of the integrity of the exam process. Plaintiff has not provided any specific reason necessitating the recording of this exam.

As NRS 52.380 is of no effect on Rule 35 exams, Plaintiff should be compelled to present without an observer, unless Plaintiff has made a showing of good cause for same, which Plaintiff simply had not accomplished by way of Plaintiff's Opposition to Defendant's Motion to Compel Rule 35 Exam. Furthermore, even if Plaintiff had good cause for an observer, he should not be allowed a legal nurse expert observer. In addition, Plaintiff has not showed good cause as to why this physical exam should be recorded. As such, Defendant asks that the Discovery Commissioner's recommendations which allowed an attorney/attorney representative observer and recording be overturned.

<u>C.</u>

NRCP 26 PROVIDES THAT THE MEDICAL EXPERT'S DRAFT REPORTS ARE PROTECTED FROM DISCLOSURE

NRCP26(b)(3) provides as follows:

- "(3) Trial Preparation: Materials.
 - (A) Documents and Tangible Things. Ordinarily, a party may not discover documents and tangible things that are prepared in anticipation of litigation or for trial by or for another party or its representative (including the other party's attorney, consultant, surety, indemnitor, insurer, or agent). But, subject to Rule 26(b)(4), those materials may be discovered if:
 - (i) they are otherwise discoverable under Rule 26(b)(1); and

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As with the previous rules discussed in these pleadings, NRCP 26 was also revised on March 1, 2019. The revisions specifically included protection of disclosure of draft reports made by experts. Here, Plaintiff wants to include a provision in the Rule 35 examination order which states that the medical expert must maintain all drafts and that Plaintiff has the right to subpoena such drafts.

NRCP 26 provides that an expert's drafts are protected under a work product privilege protection. The Discovery Commissioner has recommended that Plaintiff be permitted to have a finding in the Rule 35 exam order that the medical expert must keep all draft reports and that Plaintiff may have the right to subpoena the same. The Commissioner also provided that Defendant could object to such subpoena. However, Defendant believes that the Commissioner's ruling is incorrect as the newly revised 2019 rule explicitly states that expert draft reports are not subject to disclosure regardless of the form of the draft. See, NRCP26(b)(4)(B). As such, Plaintiff should not be permitted by court order the automatic right to subpoena draft expert reports, even if Defendant may object.

<u>V.</u>

CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing, Defendant respectfully requests that the Discovery Commissioner's recommendations be denied. Defendant requests that the Court issue an order:

(1) compelling Plaintiff Albert Lee Cario to submit to a Rule 35 Exam; (2) precluding audio

recording; (3) precluding the presence of any observer who is an attorney, attorney representative, or paid for expert/consultant; and (4) finding that expert drafts and notes are protected from disclosure.

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By: RHONDA LONG, ESO

Nevada Bar #10921

8345 West Sunset Road, Suite 250

Las Vegas, Nevada 89113 Attorney for Defendant, YEONHEE LEE

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE 1 I HEREBY CERTIFY that I am an employee of LAW OFFICE OF LEE J. GRANT, II, 2 and that on this 21st day of October 2020, I caused a true and correct copy of the foregoing 3 document OBJECTION TO DISCOVERY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT AND 4 5 RECOMMENDATIONS RE: DEFENDANT'S MOTION TO COMPEL RULE 35 6 **EXAM**to be served as follows: X VIA ECF: by electronic filing with the Court delivering the document(s) 7 listed above via the Court's e-filing and service system, upon each party in this case who is registered as an electronic case filing user with the Clerk. 8 9 VIA U.S. POSTAL MAIL: by placing a true and correct copy thereof enclosed in a sealed envelope with the postage thereon fully prepaid, addresses 10 attached service list in the United States Mail. as indicated on the 11 VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL: by causing a true and correct copy thereof to 12 be mailed electronically to the email addressee(s) at the attached email addresses set forth in the service list. 13 Jason R. Maier, Esq. 14 Julia M. Chumbler, Esq. 15 MAIER GUTIERREZ & ASSOCIATES 8816 Spanish Ridge Avenue 16 Las Vegas, Nevada 89148 Attorneys for Plaintiff 17 18 19 20 /s/ Jackie De La Paz EMPLOYEE OF LAW OFFICE OF LEE J. 21 GRANT, II 22 DATED: <u>10/21/2020</u> 23 24 25 26

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EXHIBIT A

AUGUST 2020 E-MAIL CHAIN RE: IME ISSUES

EXHIBIT A

Long, Rhonda

From:

Jason Maier < jrm@mgalaw.com>

Sent:

Friday, August 21, 2020 2:47 PM Long, Rhonda; Harris, Candice

To: Cc:

Natalie Vazquez; Julia Chumbler

Subject:

RE: [SECURE] RE: [SAO for Rule 35 examination] LEE adv. Cario

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Hi Rhonda. Based on your proposed edits, it appears we will not be able to stipulate to a Rule 35 exam. Feel free to file a motion with the discovery commissioner. Thanks.

Jason R. Maier MAIER GUTIERREZ & ASSOCIATES 8816 Spanish Ridge Avenue Las Vegas, Nevada 89148 Tel: 702.629.7900 | Fax: 702.629.7925

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From: Long, Rhonda < RhLong@geico.com> Sent: Friday, August 21, 2020 1:00 PM

To: Natalie Vazquez < ndv@mgalaw.com >; Julia Chumbler < imc@mgalaw.com >

Cc: Harris, Candice < CandHarris@geico.com>

Subject: [SECURE] RE: [SAO for Rule 35 examination] LEE adv. Cario

Attached is my version with red line revisions.

Sincerely,

Rhonda Long, Esq. LAW OFFICE OF LEE J. GRANT II Attorneys and Support Staff are Employees of Government Employees Insurance Company

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Sent: Thursday, August 20, 2020 11:03 AM

To: Harris, Candice < CandHarris@geico.com>; Julia Chumbler < imc@mgalaw.com>

Cc: Long, Rhonda < RhLong@geico.com >

Subject: RE: [SAO for Rule 35 examination] LEE adv. Cario

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Mr. Cario is available on 9/17, please see the attached for the proposed stipulation and order for Mr. Cario's Rule 35 examination. Please redline any edits and/or advise if you are agreeable so we may submit to the Discovery Commissioner.

Thank you,

Natalie D. Vazquez | Paralegal MAIER GUTIERREZ & ASSOCIATES 8816 Spanish Ridge Avenue Las Vegas, Nevada 89148 Tel: 702.629.7900 | Fax: 702.629.7925 ndv@mgalaw.com | www.mgalaw.com

From: Harris, Candice <<u>CandHarris@geico.com</u>>
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To: Julia Chumbler <<u>imc@mgalaw.com</u>>
Cc: Natalie Vazquez <<u>ndv@mgalaw.com</u>>; Long, Rhonda <<u>RhLong@geico.com</u>>
Subject: RE: LEE adv. Cario

Hello Julia,

Dr. Rosen's availability has changed. Dr. Rosen's updated availability is:

Sept 15th Sept 17th

Sept 29th all for a start time of 1:15pm, check-in of 12:45pm. The dates and times fill up fast so please let me know ASAP when your client will be available. I appreciate your assistance in this matter.

Kind Regards,
Candice Harris

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To: Harris, Candice < CandHarris@geico.com>

Cc: Natalie Vazquez <<u>ndv@mgalaw.com</u>>; Long, Rhonda <<u>RhLong@geico.com</u>> Subject: Re: LEE adv. Cario

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On Aug 13, 2020, at 9:11 AM, Julia Chumbler < imc@mgalaw.com > wrote:

Your original email gave the 21st at 10a as an option . Is that date no longer available?

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 13, 2020, at 9:03 AM, Harris, Candice < CandHarris@geico.com > wrote:

Hi Julia, Thank you for responding. Do you mean the August 20th date?

Kind Regards,
Candice Harris

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To: Harris, Candice < CandHarris@geico.com>

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Subject: Re: LEE adv. Cario

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Candice I apologize I thought I responded last week that he can make the 21st. Is that not available anymore?

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On Aug 13, 2020, at 8:20 AM, Harris, Candice < CandHarris@geico.com > wrote:

Hello Ladies,

I am following up on the previous email sent last week regarding scheduling your client's Rule 35 Exam. I haven't received a response and dates with doctors fill up fast. Please respond at your earliest convenience. I appreciate your assistance in this matter.

Kind Regards,
Candice Harris

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From: Harris, Candice

Sent: Friday, August 7, 2020 2:42 PM

To: Natalie Vazquez < ndv@mgalaw.com >; Julia Chumbler < imc@mgalaw.com >

Cc: Long, Rhonda < RhLong@geico.com >

Subject: LEE adv. Cario

Hello,

We are in the process of setting up a Rule 35 Exam for Albert Cario. The doctor we are planning to retain for the exam is Mark Rosen, MD. Dr. Rosen is available the following dates:

- Aug 20 at 2:30pm
- Sept 8 at 1:15pm
- Sept 10 at 1:15pm

There is a 30min check-in required prior to the scheduled time. Please let me know if one of the dates works for Mr. Cario. I appreciate your assistance in this matter.

Kind Regards,
Candice Harris

Paralegal

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EXHIBIT B

DRAFT STIPULATION AND ORDER W/REDLINE REVISIONS

RE: RULE 35 EXAM

EXHIBIT B

1	SAO				
2	JASON R. MAIER, Nevada Bar No. 8	3557			
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13	ALBERTO EDU	JARDO CARIO, an individual,	Case No.: A-19-803446-C Dept. No.: XXIX		
14		Plaintiff,	STIPULATION AND ORDER FOR		
15	vs.		RULE 35 EXAMINATION OF PLAINTIFF		
16	YEONHEE LEE X; and ROE C inclusive,	E; an individual; DOES I through CORPORATIONS I through X,			
17	i	Defendants.			
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19	IT IS HE	REBY STIPULATED AND AGR	EED:		
20	Defendant has requested that plaintiff Alberto Eduardo Cario submit to a Rule 35 medica				
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22		-	e conducted pursuant to Nevada Rule of Civil		
23		ocedure 35, as amended.	- -		
24			osen, M.D. to conduct the Rule 35 examination of		
25		r. Cario			
26		ne scope of the Rule 35 examination ario's injuries and treatment.	on is as follows: the Dr. Rosen's evaluation of Mr.		
27		•	ule 35 examination are as follows: September 17,		
28		120 at 1:15pm with an arrival time			

- 5. The Rule 35 examination shall be held in a medical office in compliance with HIPAA.
- 6. Dr. Rosen will not require Mr. Cario to sign any paperwork at the time of the Rule 35 examination other than a "sign-in" sheet limited to his name, date and time of arrival.
- 7. The intake forms to be completed by Mr. Cario shall be provided to plaintiff's counsel at least ten business days prior to the Rule 35 examination and will be returned to defense counsel prior to the examination.
- 8. Mr. Cario shall not be required to wait in the waiting room for longer than 30 minutes before the commencement of the Rule 35 examination.
- 9. The Rule 35 examination will be audio recorded by LYNN BELCHER LNC ASSOCIATES, in which Mr. Cario's counsel will arrange and pay for the recording. Mr. Cario's counsel shall disclose a copy of the recording within 30 days of receipt of the same. The doctor and all persons present must be notified that the examination will be recorded before the examination begins.
- 10. Mr. Cario will have a nurse observer present at the Rule 35 examination from LYNN BELCHER LNC ASSOCIATES. The nurse observer must not in any way interfere, obstruct, or participate in the examination.
- 11.9. Defense counsel, or any other representatives of defendants, will not attend the Rule 35 examination.
- 12.10. Liability questions may not be asked by Dr. Rosen or any of his agents or representatives during the Rule 35 examination.
- 13.11. No x-rays or radiographs may be obtained during the Rule 35 examination. Dr. Rosen can rely upon the same film studies relied upon by the treating physicians in this case. If additional film studies are necessary for the Rule 35 examination, this must be detailed in writing by Dr. Rosen at least 30 days prior to the examination and this issue may be revisited.
- 14.12. No invasive procedures shall be allowed during the Rule 35 examination.
- 15.13. Mr. Cario shall not be required to disrobe during the Rule 35 examination.
- 16.14. If Dr. Rosen subjects Mr. Cario to physically painful or invasive procedures, Mr. Cario reserves the right to immediately terminate the examination in his sole discretion.
- 17.15. Dr. Rosen shall not engage in ex parte contact with Mr. Cario's treating health care providers.
- 18.16. Dr. Rosen must prepare and disclose a written report within 30 days of the Rule 35 examination that accurately sets out in detail his findings, including diagnosis, conclusions, and the results of any tests, as required by Rule 35(b)(2). Dr. Rosen's written report must include a complete statement of all opinions he will express, and

1	the basis and reasons for the forming said opinions, as requ	m, as well as all of the facts or data he considered in ired by Rule 16.1(a)(2)(B).		
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3	19.17. Defense counsel shall disclose a copy of Dr. Rosen's written report within 30 days the Rule 35 examination or by the Rule 16.1(a)(2) initial expert disclosure deadling			
4	whichever occurs first.			
5		plete copy of the entire file pertaining to the Rule 35 of limited to draft reports, handwritten notes, e-mails or		
6	other communications sent a	nd received, and all documents generated or received,		
7	including draft reports shared with defense counsel, defendants or an agent defendants, communications regarding draft reports with defense counsel, defendants			
8	or an agent of defendants, redlines of draft reports shared with defense counsel defendants or an agent of defendants, and test materials and/or raw data related to the			
9		ving the disclosure of the Rule 35 examination report,		
10	counsel for plaintiff may servith a request for production	ve Dr. Rosen with a subpoena and/or serve defendants to produce these materials.		
11	21-18 Defense counsel shall be res	ponsible for providing Dr. Rosen with a copy of this		
12	21.18. Defense counsel shall be responsible for providing Dr. Rosen with a copy of th stipulation and order prior to the Rule 35 examination.			
13				
14	DATED this day of August, 2020.	DATED this day of August, 2020.		
15	Maier Gutierrez & Associates	LAW OFFICE OF LEE J. GRANT, II		
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17	JASON R. MAIER, ESQ. Nevada Bar No. 8557	RHONDA LONG, ESQ. Nevada Bar No. 10921		
18	Julia M. Chumbler, Esq.	8345 West Sunset Road, Suite 250		
	Nevada Bar No. 15025 8816 Spanish Ridge Avenue	Las Vegas, Nevada 89113 Attorneys for Defendant Yeonhee Lee		
19	Las Vegas, Nevada 89148 Attorneys for Plaintiff Alberto Cario			
20	120000000000000000000000000000000000000	<u>ORDER</u>		
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- 1	IT IS SO ORDERED.			
22	IT IS SO ORDERED. DATED this day of	, 2020.		
22 23		, 2020.		
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EXHIBIT C

CURRICULUM VITAE OF DR. ROSEN

EXHIBIT C

MARK J. ROSEN M.D.

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Cambridge, Massachusetts B.S. in Management B.S. in Chemical Engineering 07/80 to 05/84

MEDICAL EDUCATION:

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Houston, Texas

M.D.

08/84 to 06/88

POST GRADUATE TRAINING:

Orthopaedic Surgery Residency

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San Antonio , Texas 07/88 to 06/93

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Bone & Joint Specialist 2020 Palomino Lane Suite 220 Las Vegas Nevada 89106 1994 to present

Founding Member Trauma Orthopaedics Surgical Services 701 South Tonopah Drive Las Vegas Nevada 89106 2000 to present

Member Orthopaedic Trauma Services University Medical Center 1800 West Charleston Blvd Las Vegas Nevada 89102

Orthopaedic Associates of Nevada 700 Shadow Lane Suite 165 Las Vegas Nevada 89106 1993 to 1994 LICENSURE:

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CERTIFICATION:

Board Certified, American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery

Re-Board Certified, American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery

March 2005

Re-Board Certified, American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery

January 2017

PROFESSIONAL AND ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS: Vice Chief of Orthopaedic Surgery University Medical Center Las Vegas Nevada 2001 to 2010

Acting Chief of Orthopaedic Surgery University Medical Center Las Vegas Nevada 2002

Chief of Orthopaedic Surgery Mountain View Hospital Las Vegas Nevada 2000 to 2002

Chairman Utilization Review Committee Member Medical Executive Committee Mountain View Hospital Las Vegas Nevada 2003 to 2005

Chief of Orthopaedic Surgery Summerlin Hospital Las Vegas Nevada 2007 to 2008

Vice Chief of Staff Centennial Hills Hospital Las Vegas Nevada 2008 to 2010

HOSPITAL AFFILIATIONS:

University Medical Center Valley Hospital Mountain View Hospital

Summerlin Hospital Centennial Hills Hospital

CIME/COURSES:

Available by request

TRIAL TESTIMONY'S DONE BY DR. ROSEN Updated 10/31/2013

03/22/01	Frances Clappetta
05/03/01	Derrick Leblanc
07/12/01	Debra Magee
09/13/01	Anna Wilson
08/01/04	Wynanda Hoffman
08/19/05	Terry Barcus
09/13/05	Michelle Gillum
06/09/06	Guy Zewadski
12/13/06	Lucy Morelli
03/06/07	Darren Carney
03/15/07	Katrina Duncan
10/11/07	Randy Hipple
03/27/08	Eva Buff
04/04/08	Audrey Quinian
03/24/09	Kevîn Bibbins
09/30/10	Livia Farina
01/18/11	Gerardo Lopez-Celelos
04/08/11	Katrina Duncan
11/30/11	Cano, Angela
04/18/12	Desalvo, Nancy
06/19/12	Axtell, Catherine
08/30/12	Garabedian, Tom
10/17/13	John Phillips (Arbitration)
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TRIALS FROM 2014 TO PRESENT FOR DR MARK ROSEN

10/2/2014

Gerald Geiger (treating) v Joshua Galloway and dominos Pizza Case N# A-12_66312-663843-C Deposed by Jolley Urg Wirth Plantiff

Oct 13,16

Blanca Jimenez (plaintiff) vs Blue Martini Las Vegas Case # A-15-716334-C Deposed by Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith

2/1/2018

Joshua Nieto (Plaintiff) Vs Chandler, et al. Case# A-13-686092-C Deposed by Kirst & Associates

3/8/2018

George Paz (plaintiff) Vs Rent a Center, Case # se # A-15-7154448-C Deposed by Wilson Elser

5/31/2018

Robert Novak (plaintiff) vs Nexcom Deposed by Aleccia & Mitani

Updated 12/13/13

DEPOSITIONS BY DR. MARK ROSEN

10/24/02 Sylvia Atencio 11/12/02 Dale Alumbaugh 09/09/03 Velma Lee Armstrong 09/23/03 Shaun Johnson 10/22/03 Kenneth Morris 02/25/04 Karen Lindblom 08/27/04 David Beatty 09/07/04 David Cozart	
02/08/05 Robert Arechiga 06/06/05 Lance Otterstein 06/07/05 Terry Barcus 07/11/05 Michelle Gillum 07/25/05 Donna Preedan 08/16/05 James Williams 09/20/05 Ronald Calhoun 02/13/06 Sandra Terreberry 04/12/06 Guy Zewadski 05/15/06 Andrea Ackers 06/16/06 Katrina Duncan 09/15/06 Harry Glasser 10/24/06 Darren Carney 02/22/07 Susan Gargiulo 04/23/07 Joe Zaczek 05/07/07 Gregory Peters 06/19/07 Rose Garcia 07/19/07 Patricia Bonesteele 07/31/07 Sandy Meier 04/15/08 Alan Jensen 05/01/08 Maricela Arenas De Castillo 05/16/08 Głoria Loyd 07/21/08 Hilda Moss 10/28/08 Lola Anastasia 10/28/08 Christina Ashenfelter-Tisdal 01/20/09 Shirley Whitney 02/12/09 Livla Farina 04/15/09 Alexandrea Striegel 05/11/09 Jose Cabrera 06/19/09 Candece Nason 06/23/09 Sara Conley 07/20/09 Nellie Macdairmid 07/30/09 Carmelita Musni Lina Khachekian 11/25/09 Roberta Tillinger	

05/04/10 Raymond Lanplear 05/06/10 Sam Mofford 05/06/10 Clayton Mofford 05/09/11 Ann Johnson 06/22/11 Jaqueline Van Wagner 07/15/11 Willaim Stout 08/17/11 Joseph Allison 09/12/11 Barbara Dvorak 01/16/12 Debra Partridge 01/31/12 Joan Gaiptman 02/23/12 Digiovanna, Debby 05/17/12 Wendy Biettchart 08/09/12 Cho, Jae

03/28/13 Diane Vogelzang 05/06/13 Maryann Medina 07/25/13 Benjamin Martin 08/27/13 Wendy Wood 10/08/13 John Phillips 12/10/13 James Pedersen

DEPOSITIONS GOING FORWARD FROM 2014

DR MARK ROSEN

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1/14/2014

Gerald Geiger v Dominoes No.8006-11

Deposed by Jolley Urga Wirth Woodbury & Standish (treating)

1/23/2014

William Candow Plaintiff v David Dust defendant Case No. 2:11-CV-00343-LRH-GWF.

Deposed by Barron & Pruitt (expert)

2/25/2014

Tina Thomas Plaintiff v MGM Case#: A-12-661785-C

Deposed by Kunin & Carman (expert)

4/15/2014

Karen Milmesister Plaintiff v Coast Hotels & Casinos Inc d/b/a The Orl: Orleans Hotel Case# A-12-672331 Deposed by t Thorndal

8/27/2014

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Robert Kilroy Plaintiff vs Steven Taylor & Mary Taylor Case# A580860 Deposed by Atkin Winner & Sherrod (expert)

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Carlos Diaz Plaintiff vs MGM Grand Hotel Case#A-12-658149-C Deposed by Harris & Harris Law Firm (expert)

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Shan Terada Plaintiff vs Ma Lynn Aguilar Individual Case #A-17-757912-C Deposed by Steven Burris (expert 3/13/2018 Page 3

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Enrique Garcia-Lopez Plaintiff vs Checker Cab Corp Case # A-16-739239-C Deposed by Ladah Law Firm (expert)

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Tracy Sunahara vs Yichang Fu Individual Case# A-16-743707-C Deposed by Maler Gutierrez & Assoc (expert)

7/24/2018

Rebecca Todorovich Plaintiff vs Smiths Food & Drug Case# A-16-742940-C Deposed by Glen Lerner (expert)

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DISTRICT COURT

CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

ALBERTO EDUARDO CARIO, an individual,

Plaintiff,

vs.

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YEONHEE LEE; an individual; DOES I through X; and ROE CORPORATIONS I through X, inclusive,

Defendants.

Case No.:

A-19-803446-C

Dept. No.: XXIX

PLAINTIFF'S OPPOSITION TO DEFENDANT'S OBJECTION TO DISCOVERY REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS RE: DEFENDANT'S MOTION TO COMPEL RULE 35 EXAM

Plaintiff Alberto Eduardo Cario, by and through his attorneys, the law firm MAIER GUTIERREZ & ASSOCIATES, hereby submits this opposition to defendant Yeonhee Lee's objection to the Discovery Commissioner's Report and Recommendations regarding Defendant's motion to compel a Rule 35 examination. This opposition is made and based on the following memorandum of points and authorities, the pleadings and papers on file in this matter, and any oral argument the Court may allow at the hearing on this matter.

MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

I. INTRODUCTION

In this matter, plaintiff had no opposition to undergoing a Rule 35 examination. In fact, plaintiff's counsel prepared and provided defendant's counsel with a draft stipulation and order for

the Rule 35 examination that was consistent with NRCP 35 and NRS 52.380. After defendant decided not to abide by the straightforward parameters set forth in the draft stipulation that has been used and approved in numerous other cases, defendant filed a motion to compel plaintiff to participate in a Rule 35 examination that would violate both NRCP 35 and NRS 52.380. *See* Exhibit 1, motion to compel, filed on 9/2/2020.

Specifically, defendant asked the Discovery Commissioner to ignore NRS 52.380 and refuse to allow plaintiff to have an observer appear at and audio record the Rule 35 examination. *Id.* at p. 9. Defendant also asked the Discovery Commissioner to allow the Rule 35 examination doctor to destroy all draft reports, which would obviously create a spoliation of evidence issue and preclude plaintiff from attempting to subpoena such documents should doing so become needed. *Id.* at p. 9. Defendant also asked to not be held to the 30 day reporting requirements set forth in Rule 35. *Id.* at Ex. B, p. 2.

Plaintiff duly opposed the motion to compel, noting that it would be improper for the Discovery Commissioner to disregard the requirements of NRCP 35 and NRS 52.380, as defendant was requesting. See Exhibit 2, opposition to motion to compel, filed on 9/15/2020.

Defendant then raised constitutional arguments for the first time in her reply and at the hearing before the Discovery Commissioner, insisting that NRCP 35 controls the parameters of Rule 35 examinations and not NRS 52.380 because NRS 52.380 allegedly "violates the separation of powers clause of the Nevada Constitution." *See* Exhibit 3, reply in support of motion to compel at p. 4, filed on 9/16/2020. Crucially, defendant failed to provide the requisite notice of her constitutional argument to the Nevada Attorney General – a clear violation of NRS 30.130 which deems defendant's constitutional argument invalid.

Despite the obvious deficiencies with defendant's improperly-raised position on the constitutionality of NRS 52.380, the Discovery Commissioner still heard arguments on the issue before largely ruling in favor of plaintiff, finding that NRS 52.380, which allows for an observer to attend and audio record the Rule 35 examination, is "substantive in nature" and "controlling in this matter." See Exhibit 4, 10/8/2020 DCRR. Thus, the Discovery Commissioner recommended that plaintiff be permitted to select the observer to be present at the examination, with an audio recording of the examination being allowed. *Id*.

The Discovery Commissioner also recommended that the Rule 35 examination report requirements concerning disclosure time will apply, meaning the Rule 35 examination doctor must disclose his written report within 30 days of the examination, and defendant's counsel must disclose a copy of that report within 30 days of the Rule 35 examination, or by the Rule 16.1(a)(2) initial expert disclosure deadline, whichever comes first. *Id*.

Finally, the Discovery Commissioner recommended that the examination doctor keep and maintain all notes and draft reports in his or her file and cannot destroy any documents related to the examination, with any party being permitted to file an objection to a notice of intent to subpoena such documents. *Id.* To be clear, the Discovery Commissioner did not enter an order "allowing Plaintiff to subpoena the Rule 35 expert's draft reports and notes" as defendant has represented. Obj. at p. 4. Defendant is disingenuously overstating what is actually just a preservation of evidence recommendation.

Dissatisfied with the DCRR, defendant has now filed an objection that distorts the Discovery Commissioner's recommendations and creates new "issues" that do not actually exist. The objection asks this district court to disregard NRS 52.380 and refuse to allow plaintiff to have an observer appear at and audio record the Rule 35 examination. Obj. at p. 4. Incredibly, defendant repeated her constitutional arguments while once again failing to provide the required notice to the Nevada Attorney General, thus making those arguments invalid per NRS 30.130. Defendant also argues that NRCP 26 states that medical expert's draft reports are "protected from disclosure." Obj. at pp. 16-17. But merely requiring that the medical expert maintain such drafts does not contravene NRCP 26.

There is no legal basis to disregard NRS 52.380, which provides Mr. Cario with the substantive right to have an observer attend and make an audio or stenographic recording of an examination. There is no legal basis to deviate from the Discovery Commissioner's recommendation that the 30-day report requirement contained in NRCP 35 should apply. And there is no legal basis to deviate from the mere requirement that the Rule 35 examiner maintain and not destroy documents related to the examination.

Accordingly, the Court should sustain the Discovery Commissioner's Report and Recommendations in the entirety and deny defendant's objection.

II. LEGAL ARGUMENT

A. DEFENDANT HAS WAIVED ANY CONSTITUTIONAL ARGUMENTS

As a preliminary matter, defendant's constitutional arguments (claiming that NRS 52.380 violates the separation of powers clause of the Nevada Constitution) are all procedurally defective due to defendant's failure to provide proper notice of such arguments to the Nevada Attorney General. See NRS 30.130 ("[I]f the statute, ordinance, or franchise is alleged to be unconstitutional, the Attorney General shall also be served with a copy of the proceeding and be entitled to be heard.") (emphasis added). See also, Moldon v. Cty. of Clark, 124 Nev. 507, 516, 188 P.3d 76, 82 (2008) ("NRS 30.130 provides that when declaratory relief is sought as to the validity of a statute, the Attorney General must be served with a copy of the proceedings.") (emphasis added).

Defendant failed to abide by NRS 30.130 twice: <u>first</u>, when she failed to serve the Nevada Attorney General with a copy of her reply brief in support of her motion to compel (as the reply brief is the first time constitutional arguments were raised, which is a separate defective issue); and <u>second</u>, when she failed to serve the Nevada Attorney General with a copy of this instant objection.

This Court should not condone defendant's blatant violation of NRS 30.130, especially as defendant was already made aware of this issue during the hearing before the Discovery Commissioner. Because the Nevada Attorney General has not had the opportunity to be heard, the Court should refuse to entertain any arguments on the constitutionality of NRS 52.380.

B. NRS 52.380 AFFECTS SUBSTANTIVE RIGHTS AND THEREFORE SUPERSEDES NRS 35 WHERE THE TWO CONFLICT

In the unlikely event the Court is inclined to consider defendant's procedurally-defective constitutional arguments, they still lack merit. Defendant contends that NRS 52.380 is an infringement by the Nevada legislature upon the powers of the Nevada juridical branch, and that it "violates the Separation of Powers Clause of Nevada's Constitution." Obj. at p. 8. It does no such thing.

Nevada's separation of powers provision, contained in Article 3, Section 1(1) of the Nevada Constitution, provides that:

[t]he powers of the Government of the State of Nevada shall be

divided into three separate departments,—the Legislative,—the Executive and the Judicial; and no persons charged with the exercise of powers properly belonging to one of these departments shall exercise any functions, appertaining to either of the others, except in the cases expressly directed or permitted in this constitution.

As coequal branches, each of the three governmental departments has "inherent power to administer its own affairs and perform its duties, so as not to become a subordinate branch of government." *Halverson v. Hardcastle*, 123 Nev. 245, 261, 163 P.3d 428, 439 (2007). The Nevada Supreme Court has been "especially prudent to keep the powers of the judiciary separate from those of either the legislative or the executive." *Berkson v. LePome*, 126 Nev. 492, 498, 245 P.3d 560, 564 (2010). This separation is fundamentally necessary because "[w]ere the power of judging joined with the legislative, the life and liberty of the subject would be exposed to arbitrary control, for the judge would be the legislator: Were it joined to the executive power the judge might behave with all the violence of an oppressor." *Id.* at 498-99, 565 (2010).

The judiciary is entrusted with governing its own procedures and with "rule-making and other incidental powers reasonable and necessary to carry out the duties required for the administration of justice" and "to economically and fairly manage litigation." *Borger v. Dist. Ct.*, 120 Nev. 1021, 1029, 102 P.3d 600, 606 (2004).

With respect to the separation of powers doctrine, the Nevada Supreme Court has clarified that while the Legislature may not enact a *procedural* statute that conflicts with a pre-existing procedural rule, it may enact statutes that affect *substantive* rights, which will in fact supersede any conflicting procedural rules.

The judiciary has the inherent power to govern its own procedures, and this power includes the right to promulgate rules of appellate procedure as provided by law. NRS 2.120; see Goldberg v. District Court, 93 Nev. 614, 572 P.2d 521 (1977). Although such rules may not conflict with the state constitution or "abridge, enlarge or modify any substantive right," NRS 2.120, the authority of the judiciary to promulgate procedural rules is independent of legislative power, and may not be diminished or compromised by the legislature. Goldberg v. District Court, supra. We have held that the legislature may not enact a procedural statute that conflicts with a pre-existing procedural rule, without violating the doctrine of separation of powers, and that such a statute is of no effect. Lindauer v. Allen, 85 Nev. 430, 456 P.2d 851 (1969). Furthermore, where, as here, a rule of procedure is promulgated in conflict with a pre-existing

procedural statute, the rule supersedes the statute and controls.

State v. Connery, 99 Nev. 342, 345, 661 P.2d 1298, 1300 (1983).

In *State v. Connery*, the Nevada Supreme Court held that NRAP 4(b) may supersede NRS 177.066 and govern the period of time during which a timely notice of appeal must be filed, "so long as the rule does not conflict with the state constitution or alter a substantive right." 99 Nev. at 345, 1300 (1983). Similarly, to the extent that NRCP 35 conflicts with NRS 52.380, the statute prevails on issues that go to substantive rights.

A statute is substantive when it concerns matters that are based upon subjects other than court administration. *See Muci v. State Farm Mut. Auto Ins.*, 732 N.W.2d 88, 96 (Mich. 2007). And the enactment of substantive rules is well within the powers conferred upon the Legislature by the Nevada Constitution and courts must defer to the Legislature regarding the statute's validity. *See Zamora v. Price*, 125 Nev. 388, 392 (2009).

The Discovery Commissioner has found that NRS 52.380 provides plaintiffs like Mr. Cario with the <u>substantive right</u> to have an observer attend and make an audio or stenographic recording of an examination. *See* Ex. 4 at p. 2.

The Discovery Commissioner's findings are sound, as NRCP 35 set forth a *procedure* for permitting an observer at a Rule 35 examination and allowing the recording of the examination. However, these procedures were conditioned upon the plaintiff requesting an observer, a showing of good cause for recording, limited to exclude the examinee's attorney or the attorney's employee as the observer, and precluded for neuropsychological, psychological, or psychiatric examinations absent a showing of good cause. NRCP 35.

The Legislature's enactment of NRS 52.380 eliminated these conditional elements of the examination, and instilled *substantive rights* for the examinee by taking away the conditions and limitations set forth in NRCP 35. NRS 52.380 allows an observer to attend the examination (removing the previous requirement for the examinee to "request" the observer per NRCP 35), allows the observer to make an audio or stenographic recording of the examination (removing the previous condition set forth in NRCP 35 that such a recording can only take place upon a showing of good cause), allows the observer to be either an attorney of the examinee or a designated representative of

the attorney (removing this limitation set forth in NRCP 35), and allows an observer to appear regardless of the type of examination (removing the previous conditions on neuropsychological, psychological, or psychiatric examinations set forth in NRCP 35).

Thus, NRS 52.380 granted examinees the substantive rights to have an observer present at the examination, have the examination recorded, and have the examinee's attorney serve as the observer. The legislative history confirms that NRS 52.380 goes to substantive, and not procedural, rights:

Contrary to opponents of this bill who want to say this is a procedural matter, this is not a procedural matter; it is a substantive right. It is the right to protect and control your own body.

The reason we are before you today is because this bill protects substantive rights. This is not a procedural rule, which you would usually find within our NRCP. Our Nevada Rules of Civil Procedure involve things such as how many years someone has to file a lawsuit and how many days someone has to file a motion or an opposition to a motion. This bill does not involve those types of issues but, instead, involves a substantive right of a person during an examination by a doctor whom he did not chose, does not know, and has no relationship with whatsoever, a doctor who was chosen by an insurance defense attorney. This is a doctor who is going to handle this patient. It is not really a patient because there is no doctor-patient relationship. This examinee is going to be touched and handled by this doctor with whom he has zero relationship. It is before forced upon him as part of this examination. That is why this is a substantive right, and this is why we are before you here today.

The procedural part of Rule 35 is, how do you get there? You agree to it or you file a motion. That stays with NRCP 35. The mechanics of the actual examination is a whole other issue. That is a person being handled and touched by a doctor who is not chosen by them but selected by an insurance defense attorney. That is why that is a substantive right.

Assembly Committee on Judiciary Hearing on AB 285, March 27, 2019.

Also acknowledged during the Judiciary Hearing on AB 285 was that having someone present at an examination and audio recording the examination were already substantive rights individuals have in California, Utah and Arizona, as well as in Nevada worker compensation cases. *See id.* Additionally, recording of the examination promotes openness and transparency during the examinations. *See id.*

While defendant heavily relies on the United States Supreme Court decision that in general,

Rule 35 is a rule of procedure,¹ this issue is more nuanced, as it goes to the fact that NRS 52.380 has provided Rule 35 examinees with *substantive* rights that now supersede NRCP 35. Tellingly, defendant's objection fails to provide any authority indicating that NRS 52.380 is in any way unconstitutional because it is procedural or interferes with procedural rights. Instead, defendant just repeatedly alleges that the issues of audio recording and the presence of observers during Rule 35 examinations are "procedural in nature," without supporting such conclusory arguments with actual case law.

In other words, defendant does not come close to providing enough of a basis to defeat the presumption that statutes are constitutional, as the party challenging a statute has "the burden of making a clear showing of invalidity." *Silvar v. Dist. Ct.*, 122 Nev. 289, 292, 129 P.3d 682, 684 (2006). Further, "every reasonable construction must be resorted to, in order to save a statute from unconstitutionality." *Hooper v. California*, 155 U.S. 648, 657, 15 S.Ct. 207 (1895); *accord Virginia and Truckee R.R. Co. v. Henry*, 8 Nev. 165, 174 (1873) ("It requires neither argument nor reference to authorities to show that when the language of a statute admits of two constructions, one of which would render it constitutional and valid and the other unconstitutional and void, that construction should be adopted which will save the statute."). This canon of constitutional avoidance dates back to *Murray v. The Charming Betsy*, 2 Cranch 64, 6 U.S. 64 (1804), and remains in full force today. *Skilling v. United States*, 561 U.S. 358, 423, 130 S. Ct. 2896, 2940 (2010).

Defendant also fails to acknowledge authority from other states indicating that statutes regarding medical examinations are <u>substantive</u> law, and therefore supreme over state and federal procedural court rules. *See, e.g. Muci v. State Farm Mut. Auto. Ins. Co.*, 478 Mich. 178, 191, 732 N.W.2d 88, 96 (2007) ("[T]he provisions concerning medical examinations . . . are substantive, not procedural, and are supreme over the court rule."); *Brooks v. First Nat'l Ins. Co. of Am.*, No. 18-12627, 2019 WL 3296237, at *2 (E.D. Mich. Apr. 17, 2019) (holding that a legislative statute governs the conduct of examinations in a Michigan insurance case because the statute is substantive and Rule 35 does not alter the parties' substantive rights and duties, therefore the substantive law supersedes the

 $^{^{1}}$ See Sibbach v. Wilson & Co., 312 U.S. 1, 11, 61 S. Ct. 422, 425 (1941).

procedural rule.).

Accordingly, although plaintiff agrees that "both NRCP 35 and NRS 52.380 cannot both govern this issue as they conflict," it is clear that NRS 52.380 supersedes NRCP 35 to the extent that there are conflicts, as NRS 52.380 has set forth *substantive rights* for examinees that are not bound by procedural rules, terms, and conditions.

While defendant may take umbrage with the fact that Rule 35 examinees are now entitled to have an observer appear at and audio record the examination, and while defendant may try to negatively taint plaintiff's observer as a "legal nurse expert observer" (whatever that means), any objections that defendant has need to be taken up with the Legislature, not through the court system.

In any event, defendant's allegations that a mere observer who happens to be a nurse somehow amounts to a "second medical expert" and there will now be "competing medical professional observers in the room during the exam" are pure histrionics that only serve to underscore the illegitimate nature of defendant's objection. Obj. at p. 14.

This Court should not deviate from well-set rules of construction and take the extreme action of finding that the substantive rights afforded to Rule 35 examinees under NRS 52.380 are unconstitutional and should be disregarded in favor of the procedural rules set forth in NRCP 35.

C. THE DISCOVERY COMMISSIONER DID NOT STATE THAT PLAINTIFF HAS A "RIGHT" TO SUBPOENA THE RULE 35 MEDICAL EXPERT'S DRAFT REPORTS

Finally, defendant contends that the Discovery Commissioner's recommendation that defendant's medical examination doctor shall "keep and maintain all notes and draft reports in his or her file and the examination doctor may not destroy any documents related to the examination" somehow amounts to a violation of NRCP 26(b)(3). It does not.

Plaintiff understands that NRCP 26(b)(4)(B) states that Rule 26(b)(3) protects drafts of any report or disclosure required under Rule 16.1(a), 16.2(d) or (e), 16.205(d) or (e), or 26(b)(1), regardless of the form in which the draft is recorded. Respectfully, that has nothing to do with the medical examination doctor being required to not destroy documents, which is what the Discovery Commissioner's recommendation speaks to. Nevertheless, defendant is insisting that plaintiff wants to have the "right to subpoena such drafts." Obj. at p. 17.

But the Discovery Commissioner did not grant plaintiff an automatic right to subpoena the drafts. The Discovery Commissioner specifically recommended that "any party has the right to file an objection to the subpoena pursuant to Rule 34, Rule 45 or Rule 26." Ex. 4 at p. 2. As such, this is a non-problem that defendant has manufactured by refusing to correctly comprehend the DCRR, which actually only requires the preservation – not the production or disclosure – of documents. To the extent defendant has objections about a future subpoena or request for production that has not yet been drafted or served, such objections are premature at this time, just as they were when this issue was in front of the Discovery Commissioner.

III. CONCLUSION

Based upon the foregoing, Mr. Cario respectfully requests that the court deny defendant's objection in its entirety and sustain the Discovery Commissioner's Report and Recommendations on defendant's motion to compel the Rule 35 exam.

DATED this 28th day of October, 2020.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE Pursuant to Administrative Order 14-2, a copy of the PLAINTIFF'S OPPOSITION TO DEFENDANT'S OBJECTION TO DISCOVERY REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS RE: DEFENDANT'S MOTION TO COMPEL RULE 35 EXAM was electronically filed on the 28th day of October, 2020, and served through the Notice of Electronic Filing automatically generated by the Court's facilities to those parties listed on the Court's Master Service List as follows: Rhonda Long, Esq. LAW OFFICE OF LEE J. GRANT II 8345 West Sunset Road, Suite 250 Las Vegas, Nevada 89113 Attorneys for Defendant Yeonhee Lee /s/ Natalie Vazquez An Employee of MAIER GUTIERREZ & ASSOCIATES

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1	Defendant's Motion is made and based upon the papers and pleadings on file herein, the		
2	exhibits attached hereto, and the following points and authorities submitted in support hereof.		
3	Dated this 27th day of August, 2020.		
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14	GOOD CAUSE APPEARING THEREFORE, it is hereby ORDERED, that the time for		
15	the hearing of the foregoing Defendant's MOTION TO COMPEL RULE 35 EXAM be		
16	shortened the 17th day of September , 2020, at 9:30 a.m.		
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<u>DECLARATION OF RHONDA LONG, ESQ. IN SUPPORT OF THE</u> MOTION TO COMPEL RULE 35 EXAM AND ORDER SHORTENING TIME

RHONDA LONG, declares under penalty of perjury as follows:

- 1. That Declarant is an attorney duly licensed to practice in the State of Nevada and is an attorney at the law firm of LAW OFFICE OF LEE J. GRANT, II, counsel for Defendant in the within action. Declarant is over the age of 18 years and is in all respects competent to make this Declaration. This Declaration is based upon my personal knowledge unless stated upon information and belief and, if called to testify, Declarant would testify as set forth in this declaration.
- 2. That on August 7, 2020, paralegal for Declarant, Candice Harris, reached out to Plaintiff's counsel, the law firm of MAIER GUTIERREZ & ASSOCIATES with proposed dates for an independent medical exam of Plaintiff. See, August 2020 Rule 35 E-Mail Chain attached as Exhibit A.
- 3. That on or about August 20, 2020, paralegal for Plaintiff's firm provided a proposed stipulation and order setting forth parameters and restrictions on the independent medical exam.
- 4. That on August 21, 2020, Declarant replied that she would not agree the stipulation and order as written. Declarant provided a redlined version which struck the parameters allowing a nurse consultant as an observer and the provision providing that the expert must retain his drafts and notes and that such is subject to be subpoenaed by Plaintiff. See, Exhibit B.
- 6. That in reply to this objection, Plaintiff's counsel, Jason Maeier, Esq. said he would not agree to the redline revisions. See, Exhibit A.

- 7. On August 25, 2020, an EDCR 2.34 conference was held regarding the IME dispute and parties were not able to come to an agreement.
- 9. That good cause exists to hear this motion on order shortening time as the initial expert disclosure deadline is October 9, 2020 and as this motion concerns actions required of Plaintiff for an expert disclosure.
- 10. Pursuant to EDCR 2.34, Declarant attempted to resolve this matter as described above. As such, Defendant now seek an order from the Discovery Commissioner compelling an exam pursuant to NRCP 35.
- 11. This motion is made in good faith and is not made for purposes of delay. An Order Shortening Time and a setting before September 1, 2020 is respectfully requested.

12. FURTHER DECLARANT SAYETH NAUGHT

RHONDA LONG ESQ

MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

<u>I.</u>

INTRODUCTION

Defendant Yeonhee Lee ("Defendant LEE") respectfully requests an order compelling Plaintiff Alberto Cario ("Plaintiff CARIO") to submit to a Nevada Rule of Civil Procedure Rule 35 medical examination to be conducted by Dr. Mark Rosen. See, Curriculum Vitae of Dr. Rosen attached as **Exhibit C**. The examination will concern the current status and future prognosis of Plaintiff's alleged back injury which is the basis for Plaintiff's claim for damages against Defendant.

In this lawsuit, Plaintiff seeks recovery of damages, resulting from an automobile accident including actual medical specials, unspecified past and continuing suffering, and physical limitations and restrictions according to Plaintiff's written answers to discovery. See, Plaintiff's responses to Interrogatories and Requests for Admissions attached as **Exhibit D**. Plaintiff's attorney has agreed to a Rule 35 exam of their client; however, Plaintiff's attorney wishes to impose restrictions on the exam which are not required by Rule 35. As such, Defendant brings this Motion to obtain an order compelling an exam per the terms of Rule 35.

<u>II.</u>

STATEMENT OF FACTS

This matter arises from a two-car accident which occurred in the early morning hours around 4:30 am on November 24, 2018 at the intersection of Sahara Avenue and Buffalo Drive. Defendant LEE was driving a 2017 Audi A4 and the Plaintiff CARIO, was operating a 2018 Dodge Challenger. The two vehicles collided at the intersection. Plaintiff has alleged that he

was injured in the automobile accident and has made this lawsuit seeking damages. See, Exhibit D.

III.

LEGAL ARGUMENT

A.

LEGAL STANDARD

Nevada Rule of Civil Procedure 35 provides in pertinent part as follows:

- "Rule 35. Physical and Mental Examinations
- (a) Order for Examination.
- (1) In General. The court where the action is pending may order a party whose mental or physical condition including blood group is in controversy to submit to a physical or mental examination by a suitably licensed or certified examiner. The court has the same authority to order a party to produce for examination a person who is in the party's custody or under the party's legal control.
- (2) Motion and Notice; Contents of the Order.
 - (A) The order may be made only on motion for good cause and on notice to all parties and the person to be examined.
 - (B) The order must specify the time, place, manner, conditions, and scope of the examination, as well as the person or persons who will perform it. The examination must take place in an appropriate professional setting in the judicial district in which the action is pending, unless otherwise agreed by the parties or ordered by the court.
- (3) Recording the Examination. On request of a party or the examiner, the court may, for good cause shown, require as a condition of the examination that the examination be audio recorded. The party or examiner who requests the audio recording must arrange and pay for the recording and provide a copy of the recording on written request. The examiner and all persons present must be notified before the examination begins that it is being recorded.
- (4) Observers at the Examination. The party against whom an examination is sought may request as a condition of the examination to have an observer present

at the examination. When making the request, the party must identify the observer and state his or her relationship to the party being examined. The observer may not be the party's attorney or anyone employed by the party or the party's attorney.

- (A) The party may have one observer present for the examination, unless:
 - (i) the examination is a neuropsychological, psychological, or psychiatric examination; or
 - (ii) the court orders otherwise for good cause shown.
- (B) The party may not have any observer present for a neuropsychological, psychological, or psychiatric examination, unless the court orders otherwise for good cause shown.
- (C) An observer must not in any way interfere, obstruct, or participate in the examination.

Thus, a party seeking to compel a plaintiff's physical examination must show that the plaintiff's physical condition is in controversy and there is good cause for the examination. Requests under Rule 35 are liberally constructed in favor of granting discovery, but due to their intrusive nature remain a matter of discretion. See Schlagenhauf v. Holder, (1964) 379 U.S. 104, 114-15 (interpreting the analogous federal rule concerning independent medical examinations). As so stated in the rule, it is proper to order a plaintiff in a personal injury lawsuit to submit to an independent medical examination by the defendant when good cause has been shown, and the time, place, manner, conditions, and scope of the examination and the person by whom it is to be made have been specified.

As will be demonstrated below, good cause exists and all requirements of NRCP 35(a) have been satisfied for ordering Plaintiff to submit to a defense Independent Medical Examination ("IME") and Plaintiff should be compelled to attend the IME by Dr. Rosen sought by Defendant in this matter.

В.

PLAINTIFF'S PHYSICAL CONDITION IS IN CONTROVERSY AND GOOD CAUSE EXISTS FOR AN EXAMINATION

"A plaintiff in a negligence action who asserts mental or physical injury . . . places that mental or physical injury clearly in controversy and provides the defendant with good cause for an examination to determine the existence and extent of such asserted injury." Schlagenhauf, 379 U.S. at 119. There is no doubt Plaintiff's physical condition is "in controversy" – Plaintiff placed his physical condition in controversy by filing this action to recover monetary damages for her claimed physical injuries and purported on going pain and suffering and physical limitations and restrictions. Thus, by filing suit seeking recovery for his physical and emotional injuries, Plaintiff placed his condition in controversy.

Moreover, Plaintiff has asserted that he has continued and ongoing pain complaints since the accident. See, **Exhibit D**. In fact, in Plaintiff's deposition, which took place on August 21, 2020, he stated that he had an upcoming appointment with a chiropractor at ChiroYoga. Accordingly, there is good cause for the examination requested.

<u>C.</u>

THE ONLY LIMITATIONS TO THE RULE 35 EXAM SHOULD BE THOSE PARAMETERS SET FORTH IN RULE 35

The judiciary has the inherent power to govern its own procedures. See, Nev. Const. Art. 3 and <u>Berkson v. Lepome</u>, 126 Nev. 492 (2010). "The judiciary is entrusted with rule-making and other incidental powers reasonable and necessary to carry out the duties required for the administration of justice and to economically and fairly manage litigation." <u>Berkson</u>, 126 Nev. at 499 (citing in part <u>Borger v. Dist. Ct.</u>, 120 Nev. 1021, 1029, 102 P.3d 600, 606 (2004); <u>State</u>

v. Dist Ct. [Marshall], 116 Nev. 953, 959, 11 P.3d 1209, 1212 (2000); Goldberg v. District Court, 93 Nev. 614, 616, 572 P.2d 521, 522 (1977)). This means "the legislature may not enact a procedural statute that conflicts with a pre-existing procedural rule, without violating the doctrine of separation of powers, and such a statute is of no effect." Id. The judiciary's authority "to promulgate procedural rules is independent of legislative power, and may not be diminished or compromised by the legislature...[f]urthermore, where, as here, a rule of procedure is promulgated in conflict with a preexisting procedural statute, the rule supersedes the statute and controls." State v. Connery, 99 Nev. 342, 345 (1983).

Accordingly, Defendant requests that any order for a Rule 35 exam be limited to the provisions which are in Rule 35 and not any other rule, statute, or unilateral parameters set forth by Plaintiff's counsel. To the extent any statute conflicts with Rule 35, the provisions of Rule 35 control. Specifically, Defendant asks that no parameters be included in the order which limit the opinions of the doctor or which asks that observers or recording be permitted unless there is good cause as established by the Discovery Commissioner.

Further, Plaintiff's request that the independent medical exam doctor retain all of his draft reports and that such drafts may be subpoenaed by Plaintiff is also in dispute. NRCP 16.1(a)(2), which governs expert disclosures, does not have such a requirement. Moreover, the March 2019 changes to the Nevada Rules of Civil Procedure specifically wrote this rule to avoid any request made by a party to compel drafts from an expert¹.

¹ See, Advisory Committee Note—2019 Amendment: "Rule 16.1(a)(2) incorporates the federal rule requirement that the report of a retained expert witness disclose "the facts or data considered by the witness" in forming his or her opinions. The former language—"the data or other information considered by the witness"—has been construed broadly by most federal courts to include drafts of expert reports and virtually any communications between counsel and the expert. The new language avoids that result. The 2019 amendments do not abrogate the 2012 drafter's notes to Rule 16.1.").

<u>IV.</u>

CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing, Defendant respectfully requests relief from the Discovery Commissioner an order compelling that a Rule 35 Exam will be conducted by Dr. Mark Rosen at his office on a date and time agreed upon by the parties; and that no other parameters except for those allowed under NRCP 35 be imposed.

Dated this 27th day of August 2020.

LAW OFFICE OF LEE J. GRANT, II

RHONDA LONG, ESQ

Nevada Bar #10921

8345 West Sunset Road, Suite 250

Las Vegas, Nevada 89113 Attorney for Defendant

YEONHEE LEE

1	CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
2	I HEREBY CERTIFY that I am an employee of LAW OFFICES OF LEE J. GRANT I
3	and that on this 27th day of August 2020, I caused a true and correct copy of the foregoin
4	document MOTION TO COMPEL RULE 35 EXAM - ORDER SHORTENING TIM
5	REQUESTED to be served as follows:
6 7	X VIA ECF: by electronic filing with the Court delivering the document(s) listed above via the Court's e-filing and service system, upon each party in this case who is registered as an electronic case filing user with the Clerk.
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9	VIA U.S. POSTAL MAIL: by placing a true and correct copy thereof enclosed in a sealed envelope with the postage thereon fully prepaid, addresses as indicated on the attached service list in the United States Mail.
10	VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL: by causing a true and correct copy thereof to
11	be mailed electronically to the email addressee(s) at the attached email
12	addresses set forth in the service list.
13 14	Jason R. Maier, Esq. Julia M. Chumbler, Esq. MAIER GUTIERREZ & ASSOCIATES
15	8816 Spanish Ridge Avenue Las Vegas, Nevada 89148
16	Attorneys for Plaintiff
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19	<u>/s/ Jackie De La Paz</u> EMPLOYEE OF LAW OFFICE OF LEE J.
20	GRANT, II
21	DATED: <u>8/27/2020</u>
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EXHIBIT A

AUGUST 2020 E-MAIL CHAIN RE: IME ISSUES

EXHIBIT A

Long, Rhonda

From: Sent: Jason Maier <jrm@mgalaw.com>

Sent: To: Friday, August 21, 2020 2:47 PM Long, Rhonda; Harris, Candice Natalie Vazquez; Julia Chumbler

Cc: Subject:

RE: [SECURE] RE: [SAO for Rule 35 examination] LEE adv. Cario

CAUTION EXTERNAL EMAIL. This email originated outside of GEICO.

Hi Rhonda. Based on your proposed edits, it appears we will not be able to stipulate to a Rule 35 exam. Feel free to file a motion with the discovery commissioner. Thanks.

Jason R. Maier Maier Gutierrez & Associates

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From: Long, Rhonda < RhLong@geico.com Sent: Friday, August 21, 2020 1:00 PM

To: Natalie Vazquez < ndv@mgalaw.com >; Julia Chumbler < imc@mgalaw.com >

Cc: Harris, Candice < CandHarris@geico.com>

Subject: [SECURE] RE: [SAO for Rule 35 examination] LEE adv. Cario

Attached is my version with red line revisions.

Sincerely,

Rhonda Long, Esq.

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From: Natalie Vazquez < ndv@mgalaw.com > Sent: Thursday, August 20, 2020 11:03 AM

To: Harris, Candice < CandHarris@geico.com >; Julia Chumbler < imc@mgalaw.com >

Cc: Long, Rhonda < RhLong@geico.com>

Subject: RE: [SAO for Rule 35 examination] LEE adv. Cario

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Ms. Long,

Mr. Cario is available on 9/17, please see the attached for the proposed stipulation and order for Mr. Cario's Rule 35 examination. Please redline any edits and/or advise if you are agreeable so we may submit to the Discovery Commissioner.

Thank you,

Natalie D. Vazquez | Paralegal MAIER GUTIERREZ & ASSOCIATES 8816 Spanish Ridge Avenue Las Vegas, Nevada 89148 Tel: 702.629.7900 | Fax: 702.629.7925 ndv@mgalaw.com | www.mgalaw.com

From: Harris, Candice < CandHarris@geico.com > Sent: Monday, August 17, 2020 9:34 AM
To: Julia Chumbler < imc@mgalaw.com >

Cc: Natalie Vazquez < ndv@mgalaw.com >; Long, Rhonda < RhLong@geico.com >

Subject: RE: LEE adv. Cario

Hello Julia,

Dr. Rosen's availability has changed. Dr. Rosen's updated availability is:

Sept 15th Sept 17th

Sept 29th all for a start time of 1:15pm, check-in of 12:45pm. The dates and times fill up fast so please let me know ASAP when your client will be available. I appreciate your assistance in this matter.

Kind Regards,
Candice Harris

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From: Julia Chumbler [mailto:imc@mgalaw.com]
Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2020 9:12 AM
To: Harris, Candice < CandHarris@geico.com>

Cc: Natalie Vazquez <<u>ndv@mgalaw.com</u>>; Long, Rhonda <<u>RhLong@geico.com</u>> Subject: Re: LEE adv. Cario

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On Aug 13, 2020, at 9:11 AM, Julia Chumbler < imc@mgalaw.com > wrote:

Your original email gave the 21st at 10a as an option . Is that date no longer available?

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 13, 2020, at 9:03 AM, Harris, Candice < CandHarris@geico.com > wrote:

Hi Julia, Thank you for responding. Do you mean the August 20th date?

Kind Regards,
Candice Harris

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To: Harris, Candlee < CandHarris@geico.com>

Cc: Natalie Vazquez < ndv@mgalaw.com>; Long, Rhonda < RhLong@geico.com>

Subject: Re: LEE adv. Cario

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Candice I apologize I thought I responded last week that he can make the 21st. Is that not available anymore?

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 13, 2020, at 8:20 AM, Harris, Candice < CandHarris@geico.com > wrote:

Hello Ladies,

I am following up on the previous email sent last week regarding scheduling your client's Rule 35 Exam. I haven't received a response and dates with doctors fill up fast. Please respond at your earliest convenience. I appreciate your assistance in this matter.

Kind Regards,

Candice Harris

Paralegal

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From: Harris, Candice

Sent: Friday, August 7, 2020 2:42 PM

To: Natalie Vazquez <ndv@mgalaw.com>; Julia Chumbler <imc@mgalaw.com>

Cc: Long, Rhonda < RhLong@geico.com>

Subject: LEE adv. Cario

Hello.

We are in the process of setting up a Rule 35 Exam for Albert Cario. The doctor we are planning to retain for the exam is Mark Rosen, MD. Dr. Rosen is available the following dates:

- Aug 20 at 2:30pm
- Sept 8 at 1:15pm
- Sept 10 at 1:15pm

There is a 30min check-in required prior to the scheduled time. Please let me know if one of the dates works for Mr. Cario. I appreciate your assistance in this matter.

Kind Regards,
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EXHIBIT B

DRAFT STIPULATION AND ORDER W/REDLINE REVISIONS

RE: RULE 35 EXAM

EXHIBIT B

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2	JASON R. MAIER, ESQ. Nevada Bar No. 8557 JULIA M. CHUMBLER, ESQ.				
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10		DISTRICT			
11		CLARK COUNT	TY, NEVADA		
12	ALBERTO	EDUARDO CARIO, an individual,	Case No.: A-19-803446-C		
13		Plaintiff,	Dept. No.: XXIX		
14	vs.		STIPULATION AND ORDER FOR RULE 35 EXAMINATION OF PLAINTIFF		
15	YEONHEE LEE; an individual; DOES I through				
16	X; and RO inclusive,	E CORPORATIONS I through X,			
17	Defendants.				
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20	IT IS	HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGR	EED:		
21	Defendant has requested that plaintiff Alberto Eduardo Cario submit to a Rule 35 medical				
22	examination,	and Mr. Cario has agreed to the reque	st subject to the following rules and conditions:		
23	1.	The Rule 35 examination shall be Procedure 35, as amended.	conducted pursuant to Nevada Rule of Civil		
24	2.	Defendants have selected Mark J. Re	osen, M.D. to conduct the Rule 35 examination of		
25		Mr. Cario			
26	3.	The scope of the Rule 35 examination Cario's injuries and treatment.	n is as follows: the Dr. Rosen's evaluation of Mr.		
27	4	·	ulo 25 overmination are as follows: Santomber 17		
28	4.	2020 at 1:15pm with an arrival time	ule 35 examination are as follows: September 17, of 12:45pm.		

- 5. The Rule 35 examination shall be held in a medical office in compliance with HIPAA.
- 6. Dr. Rosen will not require Mr. Cario to sign any paperwork at the time of the Rule 35 examination other than a "sign-in" sheet limited to his name, date and time of arrival.
- 7. The intake forms to be completed by Mr. Cario shall be provided to plaintiff's counsel at least ten business days prior to the Rule 35 examination and will be returned to defense counsel prior to the examination.
- 8. Mr. Cario shall not be required to wait in the waiting room for longer than 30 minutes before the commencement of the Rule 35 examination.
- 9. The Rule 35 examination will be audio recorded by LYNN BELCHER LNC ASSOCIATES, in which Mr. Cario's counsel will arrange and pay for the recording. Mr. Cario's counsel shall disclose a copy of the recording within 30 days of receipt of the same. The doctor and all persons present must be notified that the examination will be recorded before the examination begins.
- 10. Mr. Cario will have a nurse observer present at the Rule 35 examination from LYNN BELCHER LNC ASSOCIATES. The nurse observer must not in any way interfere, obstruct, or participate in the examination.
- 11.9. Defense counsel, or any other representatives of defendants, will not attend the Rule 35 examination.
- 12.10. Liability questions may not be asked by Dr. Rosen or any of his agents or representatives during the Rule 35 examination.
- 13.11. No x-rays or radiographs may be obtained during the Rule 35 examination. Dr. Rosen can rely upon the same film studies relied upon by the treating physicians in this case. If additional film studies are necessary for the Rule 35 examination, this must be detailed in writing by Dr. Rosen at least 30 days prior to the examination and this issue may be revisited.
- 14.12. No invasive procedures shall be allowed during the Rule 35 examination.
- 15.13. Mr. Cario shall not be required to disrobe during the Rule 35 examination.
- 16.14. If Dr. Rosen subjects Mr. Cario to physically painful or invasive procedures, Mr. Cario reserves the right to immediately terminate the examination in his sole discretion.
- 47.15. Dr. Rosen shall not engage in ex parte contact with Mr. Cario's treating health care providers.
- 18.16. Dr. Rosen must prepare and disclose a written report within 30 days of the Rule 35 examination that accurately sets out in detail his findings, including diagnosis, conclusions, and the results of any tests, as required by Rule 35(b)(2). Dr. Rosen's written report must include a complete statement of all opinions he will express, and

1 2	the basis and reasons for them, as well as all of the facts or data he considered in forming said opinions, as required by Rule 16.1(a)(2)(B).		
3	19.17. Defense counsel shall disclose	e a copy of Dr. Rosen's written report within 30 days of	
4	the Rule 35 examination or b whichever occurs first.	by the Rule 16.1(a)(2) initial expert disclosure deadline,	
5		uplete copy of the entire file pertaining to the Rule 35	
6		ot limited to draft reports, handwritten notes, e-mails or nd received, and all documents generated or received,	
7	including draft reports share	ed with defense counsel, defendants or an agent of regarding draft reports with defense counsel, defendants	
8	or an agent of defendants, i	redlines of draft reports shared with defense counsel,	
9		endants, and test materials and/or raw data related to the wing the disclosure of the Rule 35 examination report,	
10	counsel for plaintiff may ser with a request for production	ve Dr. Rosen with a subpoena and/or serve defendants to produce these materials.	
11		•	
12	stipulation and order prior to	sponsible for providing Dr. Rosen with a copy of this the Rule 35 examination.	
13			
14	DATED this day of August, 2020.	DATED this day of August, 2020.	
15	MAIER GUTIERREZ & ASSOCIATES	LAW OFFICE OF LEE J. GRANT, II	
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17	JASON R. MAIER, ESQ. Nevada Bar No. 8557	RHONDA LONG, ESQ. Nevada Bar No. 10921	
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19	8816 Spanish Ridge Avenue Las Vegas, Nevada 89148	Attorneys for Defendant Yeonhee Lee	
20	Attorneys for Plaintiff Alberto Cario	ORDER	
21	IT IS SO ORDERED.		
22	DATED this day of	. 2020.	
23	B/1125 tins tuly 01		
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25	Dis	COVERY COMMISSIONER	
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EXHIBIT C

CURRICULUM VITAE OF DR. ROSEN

EXHIBIT C

MARK J. ROSEN M.D.

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CERTIFICATION:

Board Certified, American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery

Re-Board Certified, American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery March 2005 Re-Board Certified, American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery

January 2017

PROFESSIONAL AND ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS: Vice Chief of Orthopaedic Surgery University Medical Center Las Vegas Nevada 2001 to 2010

Acting Chief of Orthopaedic Surgery University Medical Center Las Vegas Nevada 2002

Chief of Orthopaedic Surgery Mountain View Hospital Las Vegas Nevada 2000 to 2002

Chairman Utilization Review Committee Member Medical Executive Committee Mountain View Hospital Las Vegas Nevada 2003 to 2005

Chief of Orthopaedic Surgery Summerlin Hospital Las Vegas Nevada 2007 to 2008

Vice Chief of Staff Centennial Hills Hospital Las Vegas Nevada 2008 to 2010

HOSPITAL AFFILIATIONS:

University Medical Center Valley Hospital Mountain View Hospital Summeriin Hospital Centennial Hills Hospital

CME/COURSES:

Available by request

TRIAL TESTIMONY'S DONE BY DR. ROSEN Updated 10/31/2013

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05/03/01	Derrick Leblanc
07/12/01	Debra Magee
09/13/01	Anna Wilson ·
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03/27/08	Eva Buff
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03/24/09	Kevin Bibbins
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01/18/11	Gerardo Lopez-Celelos
04/08/11	Katrina Duncan
11/30/11	Cano, Angela
04/18/12	Desalvo, Nancy
06/19/12	Axtell, Catherine
08/30/12	Garabedian, Tom
10/17/13	John Phillips (Arbitration)

TRIALS FROM 2014 TO PRESENT FOR DR MARK ROSEN

10/2/2014

Gerald Geiger (treating) v Joshua Galloway and dominos Pizza Case N# A-12_66312-663843 C Deposed by Jolley Urg Wirth Plantiff

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Blanca Jimenez (plaintiff) vs Blue Martini Las Vegas Case # A-15-716334-C Deposed by Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith

2/1/2018

Joshua Nieto (Plaintiff) Vs Chandler, et al. Case# A-13-686092-C Deposed by Kirst & Associates

3/8/2018

George Paz (plaintiff) Vs Rent a Center, Case # se # A-15-7154448-C Deposed by Wilson Elser

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Robert Novak (plaintiff) vs Nexcom Deposed by Aleccia & Mitani

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1/14/2014

Gerald Geiger v Dominoes No.8006-11 Deposed by Jolley Urga Wirth Woodbury & Standish (treating)

William Candow Plaintiff v David Dust defendant Case No. 2:11-CV-00343-LRH-GWF. Deposed by Barron & Pruitt (expert)

2/25/2014

Tina Thomas Plaintiff v MGM Case#: A-12-661785-C Deposed by Kunin & Carman (expert)

4/15/2014

Karen Milmesister Plaintiff v Coast Hotels & Casinos Inc d/b/a The Orl Orleans Hotel Case# A-12-672331 Deposed by t Thorndal

8/27/2014

Sheila Galper Plaintiff v Merck, Sharp and Dohme, Corp Case# JCCP 4644/30-2012-00547764 Deposed by Mark P. Rob (treating)

9/12/2014

Mohammad Sultan Plaintiff v Mission essential Personnel, LLC (expert) Deposed by Flicker, Garelick & Associates

File#228-1378

2/12/2015

Norma Cantero Plaintiff v Kusina Ni Loraine Case No: A-13-691384-C Deposed by Hall Jaffe & Clayton Tre: (treating)

4/16/2015

Sheree Hufstetler v Dependable Highway Express Inc. File# a-14-698141-C Deposed by Christopher Geliner (expert)

4/30/2015

Stefani Caneva Plaintiff v Jeffy Holland and Russel Sigler Inc File # YKZ AL 98038 Deposted by Robert Amick (expert)

5/16/2016

Michael Kling Plaintiff vs IDS Property Casualty Ins (Ameriprise) File# A-13-6892244-C Deposed by Brown, Bonn & Friedmann (expert)

6/20/2016

William Lacomb Plaintiff vs Dewqne White: Lifetrans Inc (Roe Corp) Case No# A-15-720164-C Deposed by Bremer Whyte Brown & O'Meara (expert)

6/14/2016

Doris Yahraus Plaintiff vs Paragon Tavern Dba (off the Strip) Case#A-12-667376-C Deposed by Kenneth Go: Goates (expert)

8/29/2016

Dale Maxwell Plaintiff vs Arizona charlies Case# A-15-720740-C Deposed by Morris, Sullivan, Lemkul & Pitegoff (treating)

9/7/2016

Robert Kilroy Plaintiff vs Steven Taylor & Mary Taylor Case# A580860 Deposed by Atkin Winner & Sherrod (expert)

10/11/2016

Manuel Cruz Plaintiff vs Ashley Cockrell Individual goes through Roe Corp 1 Case# CV15-01441 Dept#D8 Deposed by Golightly & Vannah PLLC (expert)

3/7/2017

Donna Apostolec Plaintiff vs Target Corp Case # CV 2:16 CV-01184-JCM-VCF Deposed by Trevor Atkin, Atkin winner & Sherrod (expert)

3/9/2017

Charles Bertrand Plaintiff vs Goodwill Industries of S. NV NV Case# A-15-715208-C
Deposed by Richard Harris Law Firm (expert)

3/27/2017

Jeanne Wondra Plaintiff vs Old Fenr m Case# P949-259168-01 Deposed by Attorney John Shannon (expert)

10/10/2017

Carlos Diaz Plaintiff vs MGM Grand Hotel Case#A-12-658149-C Deposed by Harris & Harris Law Firm (expert)

11/16/2017

Nicolas Scott Plaintiff vs Ethan Hoopes Corp. of Church Latter Day Saints Case No. 2:16-CV-02646-APG-PAL Deposed by Clear Counsel Law Group (expert)

2/19/2018

Shan Terada Plaintiff vs Ma Lynn Agullar Indlvidual Case #A-17-757912-C Deposed by Steven Burris (expert 3/13/2018

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Shaun Phillips vs Tre Builders LLC, Great Salt Lake Electrical Case# A-16-743080-C Deposed by Clsneros & Marias (expert)

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Enrique Garcia-Lopez Plaintiff vs Checker Cab Corp Case # A-16-739239-C Deposed by Ladah Law Firm (expert)

6/26/2018

Tracy Sunahara vs Yichang Fu Individual Case# A-16-743707-C Deposed by Maler Gutierrez & Assoc (expert)

7/24/2018

Rebecca Todorovich Plaintiff vs Smiths Food & Drug Case# A-16-742940-C Deposed by Glen Lerner (expert)

9/27/2018

Trixa Belloso-Rivas Plaintiff vs Covenant Care Ca LLC, Johnathan Geocanny Amaya Individual Case# A-16-74-2390-C
Deposed by Eric Blank (expert)

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EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2019 PRICE CHANGE

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Deposit \$1900.00 Due **prior** to the appointment.

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Hourly Rate	\$ 900.00	1 Hour Minimum
Deposit	\$ 1800,00	Due with records under 3 inches
Deposit	\$ 2700.00	Due with records up to 5 inches
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Full Day	\$10,000.00	
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Date

Please Sign & fax back to me at 702-228-4499

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Send Records to:

Bone & Joint Specialist Attn: Debra Cosgrove 2680 Crimson Canyon Drive Las Vegas NV 89128

Thank you

Debra Cosgrove Legal Assist to Dr. Rosen

EXHIBIT D

PLAINTIFF'S ANSWERS TO DEFENDANT'S INTERROGATORIES AND REQUESTS FOR ADMISSIONS

EXHIBIT D

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13	ALBERTO EDUARDO CARIO, an individual,	Case No.: A-19-803446-C		
14	Plaintiff,	Dept. No.: XXIX		
15	vs.	PLAINTIFF'S RESPONSES TO DEFENDANT'S INTERROGATORIES		
16 17	YEONHEE LEE; an individual; DOES I through X; and ROE CORPORATIONS I through X, inclusive,			
18	Defendants.			
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20	Pursuant to Rule 33 of the Nevada Rules of	Civil Procedure, plaintiff ALBERTO EDUARDO		
21	CARIO ("Plaintiff"), by and through his attorneys of record, the law firm MAIER GUTIERREZ &			
22	ASSOCIATES hereby responds to defendant YEONHEE LEE's interrogatories.			
23	These responses are made solely for the purpose of, and in relation to, this action. Each			
24	response is given subject to all appropriate obje	ctions (including, but not limited to, objections		
25	concerning competency, relevancy, materiality, pro	priety and admissibility) which would require the		
26	exclusion of any statement contained herein if the			
27	contained herein were made by, a witness present	and testifying in court. All such objections and		
28	grounds therefore are reserved and may be interpos	ed at the time of trial.		

The party on whose behalf the responses are given has not yet completed their investigation of the facts relating to this action, has not yet completed their discovery in this action, and has not yet completed their preparation for trial. Consequently, the following responses are given without prejudice to the responding party's right to produce, at the time of trial, subsequently-discovered material.

Except for the facts explicitly admitted herein, no admission of any nature whatsoever is to be implied or inferred. The fact that any interrogatory herein has been answered should not be taken as an admission, or a concession, of the existence of any facts set forth or assumed by such interrogatory, or that such answer constitutes evidence of any facts set forth or assumed. All responses must be construed as given on the basis of present recollection.

RESPONSES TO INTERROGATORIES

INTERROGATORY NO. 1:

Please state your full name, any aliases, current residence address, date of birth, marital status, and social security number.

RESPONSE TO INTERROGATORY NO. 1:

Objection. The request for Plaintiff's social security number as an improper request for confidential information, an invasion of privacy, not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible information and precluded by NRS 239B.030. Furthermore, this interrogatory is overbroad and compound, and appears to constitute at least six distinct interrogatories. Subject to and without waiver of the foregoing objection, plaintiff responds as follows:

Full legal name: Alberto Eduardo Cario;

Aliases: None;

Date of birth:

Marital Status:

Address:

SSN:

necessary.

As discovery is ongoing, plaintiff reserves the right to amend or supplement this response as

INTERROGATORY NO. 2:

If you have ever been convicted of a felony and/or convicted of any crime involving deceit or lying, state the original charge made against you, the court and the case number and the disposition of the charges.

RESPONSE TO INTERROGATORY NO. 2:

Objection. NRCP 26(b) allows parties to "obtain discovery regarding any nonprivileged matter that is relevant to any party's claims or defenses and proportional to the needs of the case." This information requested is not relevant to any claim or defense of any of the parties hereto. Subject to and without waiver of the foregoing objections, plaintiff responds as follows:

No, I have never been convicted of a felony and/or convicted of any crime involving deceit or lying.

INTERROGATORY NO. 3:

If you have ever served in the Armed Forces, please set forth the details of your military history, such as the branch of service, the date and place of induction, the highest rank obtained, the type, date and place of discharge, etc.

RESPONSE TO INTERROGATORY NO. 3:

I have never served in the Armed Forces.

INTERROGATORY NO. 4:

List your complete educational history including in your response the highest level of education you have obtained.

RESPONSE TO INTERROGATORY NO. 4:

Objection. NRCP 26(b) allows parties to "obtain discovery regarding any nonprivileged matter that is relevant to any party's claims or defenses and proportional to the needs of the case." This information requested is not relevant to any claim or defense of any of the parties hereto. Subject to and without waiver of the foregoing objections, plaintiff responds as follows:

I am currently working on my associates degree at College of Southern Nevada for business management, my highest level completed is a high school diploma at this time.

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INTERROGATORY NO. 5:

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If you have ever had your driver's license suspended or revoked, please state all details regarding such suspension or revocation including the agency taking such action and the date and reason for such action.

RESPONSE TO INTERROGATORY NO. 5:

Objection. This request is overly broad as to its timing and scope. Subject to and without waiver of the foregoing objection, plaintiff responds as follows:

I had my driver's license suspended when I was 18 years-old in California due to an unpaid speeding ticket, I paid it and got my license reinstated before I received my Nevada driver's License around 2012.

INTERROGATORY NO. 6:

Please provide your employment history for the period of five (5) years before the Subject Incident date until present including in your response: (a) name of employer; (b) city and state where employed; (c) your stated title or position and accompanying duties and responsibilities; and (d) the length of your employment.

RESPONSE TO INTERROGATORY NO. 6:

- a. Lowe's Home Improvement
- b. Las Vegas, Nevada
- c. Store Manager (recent promotion);
 - a. Assistant Store Manager (previous position past 4 years) over sees daily operations; employment; manage existing employees; opening closing store; shipping receiving; day to day retail operations.
- d. 11 years

INTERROGATORY NO. 7:

With respect to the Subject Accident, describe the details of the accident or incident in your own words, describing factually (without legal conclusion) what caused it to happen.

RESPONSE TO INTERROGATORY NO. 7:

I was driving north on Buffalo Drive, I came to a red light on Buffalo Drive and Sahara

Avenue, when my light turned green I drove through the intersection, when I was a 3/4 through the intersection I was struck by a vehicle traveling west on Sahara Avenue. I saw the white Audi coming towards me and I slammed on my brakes and tried to turn left away from the vehicle but it was too late, the vehicle hit me and everything in the car exploded around me.

INTERROGATORY NO. 8:

Describe in detail any conversations you had with anyone at the scene of the accident during the ten (10)-minute period immediately before and the ten (10)-minute period immediately after the accident in question.

RESPONSE TO INTERROGATORY NO. 8:

I had no conversations in the ten (10) minutes prior to the accident. In the ten (10) minutes after the accident, I spoke to a few witnesses and borrowed one of their phones to call my fiancé, I also spoke to the driver of the white Audi to see if she was okay. The people at the accident had already called the police.

As discovery is ongoing, Plaintiff reserves the right to amend or supplement this response as necessary.

INTERROGATORY NO. 9:

Describe in detail the physical layout of the area of the Subject Accident, including in your answer the locations and types of any traffic control devices, the number of travel lanes for the direction in which you were traveling, and the locations and types of any traffic barriers (including but not limited to concrete barriers, traffic cones, traffic barrels, etc.).

RESPONSE TO INTERROGATORY NO. 9:

Objection. This request is vague and ambiguous in regards to the use and meaning of the terms: "physical layout", "locations", "types", and "traffic barriers". The interrogatory is also overly broad in its request to "describe in detail" as such a threshold is subjective. Subject to and without waiving said objection, Plaintiff responds as follows:

Sahara and Buffalo is a four-way intersection, there were two lanes of travel in the direction I was going, there are four (4) traffic lights. There was no traffic at the time of the accident.

INTERROGATORY NO. 10:

What was your place of departure and intended destination immediately prior to the Subject Accident?

RESPONSE TO INTERROGATORY NO. 10:

I left home from and was traveling to work at Lowe's located at 7550 W. Washington, Las Vegas, Nevada 89128.

INTERROGATORY NO. 11:

Describe in detail the manner in which your body moved as a result of Subject Accident. Include in your answer a description of any parts of your body which struck any part of your vehicle or any other foreign object during the accident and the object(s) which was (were) struck.

RESPONSE TO INTERROGATORY NO. 11:

Objection. This request is vague and ambiguous in regards to the use and meaning of the terms: "manner", "body", "moved", "parts", "struck", and "foreign object". The interrogatory is also overly broad in its request to "describe in detail" as such a threshold is subjective. Subject to and without waiving said objection, Plaintiff responds as follows:

To the best of my recollection, I remember my body jerked forward, my wrist hit the door when the air bag went off, my face struck the airbag and my body slammed back into my seat where my head hit the seat. I do not remember how every part of my body moved and in what ways what parts struck what parts of the inside of the vehicle. The accident was loud, fast and violent with enough force to cause every part of my body to move, only inhibited to the extent of my seatbelt, and the impact caused parts of my body to hit the inside of the car and the airbags that were simultaneously deploying. I do not remember if items in my car that were thrown about.

INTERROGATORY NO. 12:

If you have ever been involved in any claim or any lawsuit with any person, group, or organization, corporation, or industrial commission, or any other entity, either as a plaintiff or a defendant, in the five years prior to the Subject Incident, or at any time subsequent to the Subject Incident, please describe in detail the nature of the claim or lawsuit, when it was made and how it was resolved.

RESPONSE TO INTERROGATORY NO. 12:

Objection. NRCP 26(b) allows parties to "obtain discovery regarding any nonprivileged matter that is relevant to any party's claims or defenses and proportional to the needs of the case." This information requested is not relevant to any claim or defense of any of the parties hereto. Further, this request is improperly overbroad as to its timing and scope and will be limited to five years before the November 24, 2018, collision. Subject to and without waiver of the foregoing objection, plaintiff responds as follows:

I have not made any claims or lawsuits other than this case.

INTERROGATORY NO. 13:

How fast were you traveling immediately prior to the collision?

RESPONSE TO INTERROGATORY NO. 13:

I do not recall my speed, I had just left from a full stop.

INTERROGATORY NO. 14:

If, during the three-minute period immediately before impact, you were engaged in any activity which required the use of one or both hands, such as smoking, drinking, talking on a cellular phone, eating, adjusting equipment, or touching some person or object, please describe such conduct or activity in detail, setting forth a complete description of each activity, the duration of each activity, and how long in seconds before the occurrence such activity ended.

RESPONSE TO INTERROGATORY NO. 14:

None. I also forgot my phone at home, which is why I used the cell phone of one of the witnesses to call my fiancé.

INTERROGATORY NO. 15:

Were you suffering from physical infirmity, disability, or sickness at the time of the Subject Incident? If so, what was the nature of the infirmity, disability, or sickness?

RESPONSE TO INTERROGATORY NO. 15:

No, I was not suffering from physical infirmity, disability, or sickness at the time of the accident.

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INTERROGATORY NO. 16:

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Did you consume any alcoholic beverages or take any drugs or medications within 12 hours before the Subject Incident? If so, state the type and amount of alcoholic beverages, drugs, or medication which were consumed, and when and where you consumed them.

RESPONSE TO INTERROGATORY NO. 16:

I did not consume alcohol, medications and/or drugs 12 hours prior to the collision.

INTERROGATORY NO. 17:

Did any mechanical defects in the motor vehicle in which you were operating/riding at the time of the Subject Accident contribute to the accident? If so, describe the nature of the defect and how it contributed to the accident.

RESPONSE TO INTERROGATORY NO. 17:

No, my vehicle did not have any mechanical defects that contributed to the accident.

INTERROGATORY NO. 18:

Did you do anything to cause or to contribute to cause Subject Accident? If so, please describe fully, and not by way of conclusions, how you caused or contributed to the said accident.

RESPONSE TO INTERROGATORY NO. 18:

No, I did not cause or contribute to the accident.

INTERROGATORY NO. 19:

Please state if the vehicle you were operating or riding in at the time of the Subject Accident was equipped with a dash cam, a "Nexar" system, an "On Star" system, or another in-vehicle camera/video, security, communications, and detection system. If so, please state: (a) the company providing such service; and (b) whether you were contacted by the company following the accident.

RESPONSE TO INTERROGATORY NO. 19:

No, my vehicle did not have any of the above.

INTERROGATORY NO. 20:

If you received any injuries of any kind whatsoever (whether objective or subjective) as a result of this accident or incident of which you, your attorney, or your health care providers are aware of or suspect, please list and describe each in specific detail, giving the exact location within or upon

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nervous, mental, or psychological.

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RESPONSE TO INTERROGATORY NO. 20:

4 5 Objection. This request is cumulative, duplicative and in violation of NRCP 26(g)(1)(B)(ii). Furthermore this request requires an expert medical opinion for which Plaintiff is not qualified to give. Subject to and without waiving stated objections, Plaintiff responds as follows:

I injured my wrist, I had pain in my neck and the middle of my back, and I hurt my lower

If any of the injuries which you claim were caused by the Defendant are an aggravation of a

Objection. This interrogatory requires an expert medical opinion. Subject to and without

your body of all your injuries, and the nature of your complaint, whether physical, dental, emotional,

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8 back significantly. I also was very nervous for a few weeks after the accident when going through an

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INTERROGATORY NO. 21:

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INTERROGATORY NO. 22:

If you claim that any of your injuries are permanent, state which of your injuries you claim to be permanent and what, if any, disabilities you contend such injuries will cause.

I did not have any prior existing conditions prior to the subject collision.

RESPONSE TO INTERROGATORY NO. 22:

RESPONSE TO INTERROGATORY NO. 21:

waiver of the foregoing objection, plaintiff responds as follows:

Objection. This interrogatory is compound and comprised of at least two distinct interrogatory requests. Further, the interrogatory is vague and ambiguous regarding the meaning and scope of the terms "permanent" and "disabilities". The interrogatory is also overbroad in regards to the term "any". Most importantly, the interrogatory calls for expert medical opinions, which Plaintiff is not qualified to provide. Subject to and without waiver of the foregoing objections, plaintiff responds as follows:

27 I am unsure if my injuries are permanent.

As discovery is ongoing, Plaintiff reserves the right to amend or supplement this response as

necessary.

INTERROGATORY NO. 23:

If, in the five (5) years *prior* to the Subject Accident, you suffered any injuries, caused accidentally, intentionally, or otherwise, that required medical care, please state the nature of the injuries sustained, the date and place it was sustained and the name and address of the medical provider giving such medical care.

RESPONSE TO INTERROGATORY NO. 23:

Objection. This request is vague and ambiguous in regards to the term "injuries". Subject to and without waiving the foregoing objection, Plaintiff responds as follows:

None, five (5) years prior to the accident, I did not suffer from any injuries or accidents.

INTERROGATORY NO. 24:

List the name, address, and specialty of each health care provider who has examined or treated you for any of the injuries *resulting from* the Subject Accident and list the date of each examination or treatment.

RESPONSE TO INTERROGATORY NO. 24:

Objection. This interrogatory is cumulative, duplicative and in direct violation of NRCP 26(g)(1)(B)(ii). Plaintiff previously disclosed complete names of medical providers, addresses, and phone numbers and produced supporting medical/billing records with dates of treatment in Plaintiff's NRCP 16.1 disclosures and supplements thereto.

INTERROGATORY NO. 25:

List the name and address of each pharmacy and/or pharmaceutical provider, where you have obtained prescription pain medication for the *period of five (5) years prior to the Subject Accident until present.*

RESPONSE TO INTERROGATORY NO. 25:

Prescriptions from Interventional Pain & Spine Institute have been filled at CVS Pharmacy:

CVS Pharmacy 9405 West Russell Road Las Vegas, Nevada 89148 (702) 262-7854

INTERROGATORY NO. 26:

If, in the time period *subsequent* to the Subject Accident, you suffered any injuries, caused accidentally, intentionally, or otherwise, that required medical care, please state the nature of the injuries sustained, the date and place it was sustained and the name and address of the health care provider giving such medical care.

RESPONSE TO INTERROGATORY NO. 26:

None, subsequently to the accident, I did not suffer from any injuries or accidents.

INTERROGATORY NO. 27:

State the name and location of any hospital in which you have been admitted since the time of the Subject Accident, the inclusive dates of admission and the purpose for such admission.

RESPONSE TO INTERROGATORY NO. 27:

None.

INTERROGATORY NO. 28:

If you claim that any medical treatment or expense will be necessary in the future as a result of the incident in question, please state the nature of the treatment and/or expense and the name of the person advising of such necessity.

RESPONSE TO INTERROGATORY NO. 28:

Objection. This interrogatory is overbroad as the term "any" and the interrogatory calls for expert medical opinions. Subject to and without waiver of the foregoing objections, Plaintiff responds as follows:

I was advised by Dr. Rosler I would need injections in the future. Injections were scheduled for March 19, 2020, but my procedure did not move forward as the surgery center was delayed.

As discovery is ongoing, Plaintiff reserves the right to amend or supplement this response as necessary.

INTERROGATORY NO. 29:

If any of your health care providers has recommended you undergo any specific course of medical treatment (including but not limited to injection treatments, physical therapy or surgical intervention) to treat any of the injuries you claim to have received in the Subject Accident, which

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treatment you have not undergone, describe in detail the nature of the treatment in question, the medical provider recommending such treatment, the date such treatment was first recommended, and the reason(s) why you have not undergone such treatment.

RESPONSE TO INTERROGATORY NO. 29:

Objection. This interrogatory is compound, vague and ambiguous, overbroad, and calls for expert medical opinions. Subject to and without waiver of the foregoing objections, plaintiff responds as follows:

See plaintiff's response to Interrogatory No. 28.

INTERROGATORY NO. 30:

If you claim that any of your injuries has resulted in restrictions on your ability to work or perform activities of daily living, state which of your body parts you claim to suffer such restrictions, the specific nature of such restrictions and the medical provider(s) who imposed such restrictions on your activities.

RESPONSE TO INTERROGATORY NO. 30:

I cannot carry heavy objects or stand or sit for long periods of time. The doctors at Interventional Pain & Spine Institute advised against these activities.

INTERROGATORY NO. 31:

If you are making a claim for lost wages as a result of the Subject Incident, please set forth the specific injury, symptom or disability which you claim caused the loss of time, the amount of time and wages lost, the name and address of your employer, and your current rate of wages or salary with said employer has testified as an expert at trial or by deposition within the preceding four years.

RESPONSE TO INTERROGATORY NO. 31:

Plaintiff is not making a wage loss claim at this time. Plaintiff reserves the right to amend or supplement this interrogatory response.

INTERROGATORY NO. 32:

If you are making a claim for property damage as a result of the Subject Incident, please set describe the property damaged, the amount to repair, and any individuals or companies who estimated the repair cost.

RESPONSE TO INTERROGATORY NO. 32:

Plaintiff is not making a property damage claim.

INTERROGATORY NO. 33:

Identify all person(s) who you to your knowledge have or may have any relevant information regarding the Subject Incident.

RESPONSE TO INTERROGATORY NO. 33:

A witness by the name of Frank, I do not know his last name and responding Las Vegas Metropolitan officers.

INTERROGATORY NO. 34:

If you provided a written or recorded statement to anyone regarding the subject accident, please state:(a)whether the statement was written or recorded,(b)the name and address of the person or company who requested the statement.

RESPONSE TO INTERROGATORY NO. 34:

My written statement to Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department. I gave a verbal statement I gave to GEICO, but it was not recorded.

INTERROGATORY NO. 35:

Were you a Medicare or Medicaid insured, or otherwise eligible for or entitled to benefits of Medicare or Medicaid? If so, please identify by which entity you were insured/entitled and state the nature and amount of any existing or anticipated lien(s) on any past, present or future payments from any source for any and all claims, medical expenses/damages as they may relate to the facts and allegations of this suit. Include in your answer to this interrogatory whether this lawsuit and/or claim has been self-reported to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, and whether you, or anyone on your behalf, intends to self-report to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

RESPONSE TO INTERROGATORY NO. 35:

Plaintiff does not have Medicare and/or Medicaid.

INTERROGATORY NO. 36:

Other than your attorneys or your attorneys' staff, identify all persons who assisted you in responding to the Interrogatories, Request for Production of Documents, and Requests for

1	Admissions.	
2	RESPONSE TO INTERROGATORY NO. 3	<u>6:</u>
3	None.	
4	DATED this 2nd day of April, 2020.	
5		Respectfully submitted,
6		MAIER GUTIERREZ & ASSOCIATES
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1 **VERIFICATION** 2 STATE OF NEVADA)ss: 3 COUNTY OF CLARK I, ALBERTO EDUARDO CARIO, declare, under penalty of perjury, that the following statement 4 5 is true: I am the plaintiff in the above-entitled action. The entitled document PLAINTIFF'S 6 RESPONSES TO DEFENDANT'S INTERROGATORIES and know the contents therein. The 7 same is true of my knowledge, except as to those matter therein stated on information and belief, and 8 as to those matters, I believe them to be true. 9 10 11 12 RTO EDUARDO CARIO 13 14 SUBSCRIBED and SWORN to before 15 me this 27 day of March, 2020. 16 17 Notary Public in and for said County and State 18 NATALIE AZQUEZ 19 NOTARY PUBLIC

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Pursuant to Administrative Order 14-2, a copy of the PLAINTIFF'S RESPONSES TO DEFENDANT'S INTERROGATORIES was electronically served on the 2nd day of April, 2020, through the Notice of Electronic Filing automatically generated by the Court's facilities to those parties listed on the Court's Master Service List, as follows:

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16	YEONHEE LEE; an individual; DOES I through	ADMISSIONS			
17	X; and ROE CORPORATIONS I through X, inclusive,				
18	Defendants.				
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20		Civil Procedure, plaintiff ALBERTO EDUARDO			
21	CARIO ("Plaintiff"), by and through his attorney				
22	ASSOCIATES, hereby responds to defendant YEONF	•			
23		ourpose of, and in relation to, this action. Each			
24	response is given subject to all appropriate object				
25	concerning competency, relevancy, materiality, propriety and admissibility) which would require the				
26	exclusion of any statement contained herein if the interrogatory were asked of, or any statement				
27	contained herein were made by, a witness present and testifying in court. All such objections and				
28	grounds therefore are reserved and may be interpos	ed at the time of trial.			

1 The party on whose behalf the responses are given has not yet completed their investigation 2 of the facts relating to this action, has not yet completed their discovery in this action, and has not yet 3 completed their preparation for trial. Consequently, the following responses are given without prejudice to the responding party's right to produce, at the time of trial, subsequently-discovered 4 5 material. 6 Except for the facts explicitly admitted herein, no admission of any nature whatsoever is to be 7 implied or inferred. The fact that any interrogatory herein has been answered should not be taken as 8 an admission, or a concession, of the existence of any facts set forth or assumed by such interrogatory, 9 or that such answer constitutes evidence of any facts set forth or assumed. All responses must be 10 construed as given on the basis of present recollection. 11 RESPONSES TO REQUEST FOR ADMISSIONS 12 REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 1: 13 Admit that you are not claiming property damages in this lawsuit. 14 RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 1: 15 Admit. 16 **REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 2:** Admit that you are not claiming damages for lost wages or income in this lawsuit. 17 18 RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 2: 19 Deny. 20 **REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 3:** 21 Admit that you are not claiming damages for lost earning capacity in this lawsuit. 22 RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 3: 23 Deny. 24 **REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 4:** 25 Admit that you are not claiming damages for travel expenses in this lawsuit.

RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 4:

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Admit.

REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 5:

Admit that you did not break any bones as a result of the Subject Accident.

RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 5:

Objection. This request calls for a medical expert opinion. Subject to and without waiver of the foregoing objection, Plaintiff responds as follows:

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REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 6:

Admit that the back injuries that you are claiming resulted from the Subject Accident are soft tissue injuries.

RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 6:

Objection. This request calls for a medical expert opinion. Further, this request is vague and ambiguous in regards to the term "soft tissue injuries". Moreover, this request does not comply with the purpose of NRCP 36, which is to obtain admission of facts that are in no real dispute and that the adverse party can admit cleanly, without qualifications. *See Morgan v. Demille*, 106 Nev. 671, 799 P.2d 561 (1990). Subject to and without waiver of the foregoing objection, Plaintiff responds as follows:

Deny.

REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 7:

Admit that you were not transported from the Subject Accident scene by ambulance.

RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 7:

Admit.

REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 8:

Admit that you were able to get out of your car, unassisted, at the scene of the accident.

RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 8:

Admit.

REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 9:

Admit that you were able to walk into the emergency room at the ER at the Lakes (Southern Hills Hospital).

RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 9:

Admit.

REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 10:

Admit that you were able to walk out of the emergency room at the ER at the Lakes (Southern Hills Hospital) with no apparent pain or distress.

RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 10:

Objection. This request does not comply with the purpose of NRCP 36, which is to obtain admission of facts that are in no real dispute and that the adverse party can admit cleanly, without qualifications. *See Morgan v. Demille*, 106 Nev. 671, 799 P.2d 561 (1990). Subject to and without waiver of the foregoing objection, Plaintiff responds as follows:

Deny.

REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 11:

Admit that no health care provider has told you that any injury or damages alleged from the Subject Accident are permanent.

RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 11:

Objection. This request is not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of relevant or admissible evidence. Moreover, this request does not comply with the purpose of NRCP 36, which is to obtain admission of facts that are in no real dispute and that the adverse party can admit cleanly, without qualifications. *See Morgan v. Demille*, 106 Nev. 671, 799 P.2d 561 (1990). Subject to and without waiver of the foregoing objections, Plaintiff responds as follows:

Deny.

REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 12:

Admit that your body did not strike anything inside the cab of your vehicle at the time of the Subject Accident.

RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 12:

Deny.

REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 13:

Admit that you have provided a written or recorded statement to an insurance company

1	providing your account of what occurred during the Subject Accident.
2	RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 13:
3	Deny.
4	REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 14:
5	Admit that, to date, no health care provider has recommended future surgery related to
6	injuries you alleged to have sustained in the Subject Accident.
7	RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 14:
8	Deny
9	REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 15:
10	Admit that, to date, no health care provider has recommended future injections related
11	to injuries you alleged to have sustained in the Subject Accident.
12	RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 15:
13	Deny
14	REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 16:
15	Admit that your home life activities have not been limited as a result of the Subject Accident
16	RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 16:
17	Deny.
18	REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 17:
19	Admit that you have no personal knowledge of any persons who witnessed the Subjec
20	Accident except for those persons occupying the vehicles involved in the Subject Accident.
21	RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 17:
22	Deny.
23	REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 18:
24	Admit that the medical expenses you incurred in this incident were unnecessary.
25	RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 18:
26	Deny.
27	REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 19:
28	Admit that the medical expenses you incurred in this incident were unreasonable.

1	RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 19:
2	Deny.
3	REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 20:
4	Admit that the medical treatment you sought for injuries you relate to this Subject Accident
5	was excessive.
6	RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 20:
7	Deny.
8	REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 21:
9	Admit that you have delayed treatment recommended by health care providers which would
10	have promoted recovery for injuries you claim arise from the Subject Accident.
11	RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 21:
12	Deny.
13	REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 22:
14	Admit that you failed to keep proper lookout of the road ahead of you which resulted in the
15	collision that caused the Subject Accident.
16	RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 22:
17	Deny.
18	REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 23:
19	Admit that you could have taken evasive action to avoid the collision which resulted in the
20	Subject Accident.
21	RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 23:
22	Deny.
23	REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 24:
24	Admit that were going above the posted speed limit at the time of the Subject Accident.
25	RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 24:
26	Deny.
27	REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 25:
28	Admit that there was nothing that Defendant could have done to avoid or minimize the

1	collision between the vehicles which resulted in the Subject Accident.
2	RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 25:
3	Deny.
4	REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 26:
5	Admit that Defendant did not cause the Subject Accident.
6	RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 26:
7	Deny.
8	REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 27:
9	Admit that your operation of the vehicle you were driving was the actual cause of the Subject
10	Accident.
11	RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 27:
12	Deny.
13	REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 28:
14	Admit that your operation of the vehicle you were driving was the proximate cause of the
15	Subject Accident.
16	RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 28:
17	Deny.
18	DATED this 18 th day of March, 2020.
19	Respectfully submitted,
20	Maier Gutierrez & Associates
21	/s/ Julia M. Chumbler
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ALBERTO EDUARDO CARIO, an individual,

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vs.

YEONHEE LEE; an individual; DOES I through X; and ROE CORPORATIONS I through X, inclusive,

Defendants.

Case No.:

A-19-803446-C

Dept. No.: XXIX

PLAINTIFF'S OPPOSITION TO DEFENDANT'S MOTION TO COMPEL RULE 35 EXAM – ORDER SHORTENING TIME

[DISCOVERY COMMISSIONER]

Plaintiff Alberto Eduardo Cario, by and through his attorneys, the law firm MAIER GUTIERREZ & ASSOCIATES, hereby submits this opposition to defendant Yeonhee Lee's motion to compel Rule 35 examination on order shortening time. This opposition is made and based on the following memorandum of points and authorities, the pleadings and papers on file in this matter, and any oral argument the Discovery Commissioner may allow at the hearing on this matter.

MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

Plaintiff does not oppose defendant's request to perform a Rule 35 examination. In fact, it was plaintiff's counsel who actually took the time to prepare and provide defendant with the draft stipulation and order for Rule 35 examination that is now at issue, which is based on the same template that has been used and approved in numerous other cases. See Ex. B. to defendant's motion.

In response, defendant insisted on striking the entirety of item nos. 9 (audio recording), 10 (observer) and 20 (preservation of files) without providing any basis in law or fact for such strikes. See Ex. B. to defendant's motion. Defendant also insisted on striking the 30-day report deadlines within item nos. 18-19.

During the EDCR 2.34 conference, it was explained to defendant that plaintiff's draft stipulation and order is consistent with both NRCP 35 and NRS 52.380, as well as consistent with prior discovery dispute conferences and rulings by the Discovery Commissioner in numerous other cases.¹

Despite these representations by plaintiff's counsel during the EDCR 2.34 conference, defendant could not reference any authority whatsoever to substantiate defendant's requested strikes, preferring instead to skip straight to the instant motion to compel.

As outlined below, each of defendant's proposed strikes are contrary to Nevada law and inconsistent with the Discovery Commissioner's prior rulings.

Item Nos. 9 (audio recording) and 10 (observer) are as follows:

- 9. The Rule 35 examination will be audio recorded by LYNN BELCHER LNC ASSOCIATES, in which Mr. Cario's counsel will arrange and pay for the recording. Mr. Cario's counsel shall disclose a copy of the recording within 30 days of receipt of the same. The doctor and all persons present must be notified that the examination will be recorded before the examination begins.
- 10. Mr. Cario will have a nurse observer present at the Rule 35 examination from LYNN BELCHER LNC ASSOCIATES. The nurse observer must not in any way interfere, obstruct, or participate in the examination.

Defendant requests that the Discovery Commissioner disregard NRS 52.380, which provides Mr. Cario with the substantive right to have an observer attend and make an audio or stenographic recording of an examination.

The Nevada Legislature enacted NRS 52.380 in 2019 to provide individuals, such as Mr. Cario, with the substantive right to record examinations and have observers present:

Contrary to opponents of this bill who want to say this is a

¹ Plaintiff's counsel acknowledges that on September 9, 2020, the Discovery Commissioner recently modified item no. 12 in another case. In the other case, the Discovery Commissioner added that the doctor "may ask how the incident occurred and how Plaintiff was injured" to the end of item no. 12.

procedural matter, this is not a procedural matter; it is a substantive right. It is the right to protect and control your own body.

The reason we are before you today is because this bill protects substantive rights. This is not a procedural rule, which you would usually find within our NRCP. Our Nevada Rules of Civil Procedure involve things such as how many years someone has to file a lawsuit and how many days someone has to file a motion or an opposition to a motion. This bill does not involve those types of issues but, instead, involves a substantive right of a person during an examination by a doctor whom he did not chose, does not know, and has no relationship with whatsoever, a doctor who was chosen by an insurance defense attorney. This is a doctor who is going to handle this patient. It is not really a patient because there is no doctorpatient relationship. This examinee is going to be touched and handled by this doctor with whom he has zero relationship. It is before forced upon him as part of this examination. That is why this is a substantive right, and this is why we are before you here today.

The procedural part of Rule 35 is, how do you get there? You agree to it or you file a motion. That stays with NRCP 35. The mechanics of the actual examination is a whole other issue. That is a person being handled and touched by a doctor who is not chosen by them but selected by an insurance defense attorney. That is why that is a substantive right.

Assembly Committee on Judiciary Hearing on AB 285, March 27, 2019.

Also considered during the Judiciary Hearing on AB 285 was that having someone present at an examination and audio recording the examination were already substantive rights individuals have in California, Utah and Arizona, as well as in Nevada worker compensation cases. *See id.* Additionally, recording of the examination promotes openness and transparency during the examinations. *See id.*

Mr. Cario has the substantive rights² to an audio recording and observer, which will serve to minimize future disputes over what occurred during the examination, eliminate disputes over what was said at the examination, and ensure the report is consistent with the examination. In other words, an audio recording and observer will ensure the integrity of the process, which one would think both

² To the extent defendant argues these are not substantive rights, such argument is contrary to the above Legislative History as well as the law on substantive rights. A statute is substantive when it concerns matters that are based upon subjects other than court administration. *See Muci v. State Farm Mut. Auto Ins.*, 732 N.W.2d 88, 96 (Mich. 2007). And the enactment of substantive rules is well within the powers conferred upon the Legislature by the Nevada Constitution and courts must defer to the Legislature regarding the statute's validity. *See Zamora v. Price*, 125 Nev. 388, 392 (2009).

plaintiff and defendant would want.

Accordingly, defendant's motion to compel Mr. Cario to submit to a Rule 35 examination without the protections afforded by item nos. 9 (audio recording) and 10 (observer) should be denied.

Item Nos. 18-19 (report deadline) are as follows:

- Dr. Rosen must prepare and disclose a written report within 30 days of the Rule 35 examination that accurately sets out in detail his findings, including diagnosis, conclusions, and the results of any tests, as required by Rule 35(b)(2). Dr. Rosen's written report must include a complete statement of all opinions he will express, and the basis and reasons for them, as well as all of the facts or data he considered in forming said opinions, as required by Rule 16.1(a)(2)(B).
- Defense counsel shall disclose a copy of Dr. Rosen's written report within 30 days of the Rule 35 examination or by the Rule 16.1(a)(2) initial expert disclosure deadline, whichever occurs first.

For some unknown reason, defendant is asking the Discovery Commissioner to ignore and strike the 30-day report requirement contained in NRCP 35.

Specifically, NRCP 35(b)(1) provides:

Unless otherwise ordered by the court or discovery commissioner for good cause, the party who moved for the examination must, upon a request by the party against whom the examination order was issued, provide a copy of the examiner's report within 30 days of the examination or by the date of the applicable expert disclosure deadline, whichever occurs first.

Despite the express procedural requirements of NRCP 35, which were incorporated directly into item nos. 18-19, defendant did not bother to explain during the EDCR 2.34 conference any reason, never mind good cause, to deviate from the 30-day report requirement. Nor has defendant put forth any reason or good cause in the motion presently before the Discovery Commissioner to deviate from the 30-day report requirement.

Accordingly, defendant's motion to compel Mr. Cario to submit to a Rule 35 examination without the protections afforded by item nos. 18-19 (report deadline) should be denied.

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Item No. 20 (preservation of files) is as follows:

20. Dr. Rosen shall retain a complete copy of the entire file pertaining to the Rule 35 examination, including but not limited to draft reports, handwritten notes, e-mails or other communications sent and received, and all documents generated or received, including draft reports shared with defense counsel, defendants or an agent of defendants, communications regarding draft reports with defense counsel, defendants or an agent of defendants, redlines of draft reports shared with defense counsel, defendants or an agent of defendants, and test materials and/or raw data related to the Rule 35 examination. Following the disclosure of the Rule 35 examination report, counsel for plaintiff may serve Dr. Rosen with a subpoena and/or serve defendants with a request for production to produce these materials.

Although not discussed during the EDCR 2.34 conference, defendant argues item no. 20 (preservation of files) is inappropriate because plaintiff is not permitted to compel draft reports of an expert. Had a meaningful EDCR 2.34 conference actually taken place, plaintiff's counsel would have explained to defendant that item no. 20 does not automatically mean plaintiff will or shall serve a subpoena or request for production, but rather that plaintiff may do so if preservation issues arise.

Additionally, the purpose of item no. 20 is to place the doctor on notice *before* the Rule 35 examination that he or she is not to destroy any documents that may be subject to production or subpoena *after* the Rule 35 examination. This is because plaintiff's counsel has had problems in the past with examiners not retaining a complete copy of their files *after* Rule 35 examinations, so including item no. 20 has been an attempt to head off any potential problems in advance, and plaintiff's counsel has not encountered any such problems since including this type of language in Rule 35 examination stipulations and orders in other cases.

Further, to the extent defendant has objections about a future subpoena or request for production that has not yet been drafted or served, such objections are premature at this time. Nothing in item no. 20 waives any substantive objections regarding a future subpoena or request for production.

Next, plaintiff's counsel also would have explained that the "draft reports" language of item no. 20 is only triggered if such draft reports are actually *shared with defense counsel*, and that the Discovery Commissioner has previously reviewed item no. 20 on multiple occasions and it was the Discovery Commissioner who added the limiting language used in plaintiff counsel's templates regarding communications or sharing such documents with defense counsel: "draft reports *shared*

with defense counsel, defendants or an agent of defendants, communications regarding draft reports with defense counsel, defendants or an agent of defendants, redlines of draft reports shared with defense counsel, defendants or an agent of defendants."

Finally, it is unclear from the motion why defendant objects to an expert witness preserving test materials and/or raw data related to a Rule 35 examination. The disclosure of such items are specifically contemplated and required by NRCP 16.1(a)(2)(B), and such items should not destroyed by an expert witness.

CONCLUSION

Based upon the foregoing, Mr. Cario respectfully requests that the Discovery Commissioner deny defendant's motion to compel Mr. Cario to submit to a Rule 35 examination without the protections afforded by item nos. 9 (audio recording), 10 (observer), 18-19 (report deadline) and 20 (preservation of files).

DATED this 15th day of September, 2020.

MAIER GUTIERREZ & ASSOCIATES

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Pursuant to Administrative Order 14-2, a copy of the PLAINTIFF'S OPPOSITION TO DEFENDANT'S MOTION TO COMPEL RULE 35 EXAM – ORDER SHORTENING TIME was electronically filed on the 15th day of September, 2020, and served through the Notice of Electronic Filing automatically generated by the Court's facilities to those parties listed on the Court's Master Service List as follows:

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Defendant's Reply is made and based upon the papers and pleadings on file herein, the exhibits attached hereto, and the following points and authorities submitted in support hereof.

DATED this 16th day of September 2020.

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YEONHEE LEE

MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

<u>I.</u>

INTRODUCTION

Defendant Yeonhee Lee ("Defendant LEE") has requested an order compelling Plaintiff Alberto Cario ("Plaintiff CARIO") to submit to a Nevada Rule of Civil Procedure Rule 35 medical examination. While Plaintiff consents to an independent medical exam, a dispute arose as to the parameters of such exam. Plaintiff seeks parameters outside of the scope of Rule 35. Specifically, Plaintiff requests that his nursing expert and/or consultant be permitted to observe and record the exam. In addition, Plaintiff has asked that the independent medical exam doctor keep all drafts of his expert report so that they may be subpoenaed by Plaintiff's counsel.

Plaintiff relies upon NRS 52.380 which provides, in part, that observers may attend and that audio recordings may take place subject to certain conditions. However, this language is inconsistent with the older rule NRCP 35, promulgated by the Nevada Supreme Court, which contains different criteria for the presence of observers and a good cause requirement for audio recording. As will be detailed in Defendant's pleadings and in any arguments at hearing,

NRCP 35 should govern the parties' dispute as an independent medical exam relates to the court's procedures rather than any substantive right of Plaintiff. With respect to the issue of draft expert reports, NRCP 26(b)(4)(B) specifically prohibits any disclosure of the same. In light of the parties' dispute, Defendant requests that the Discovery Commissioner issue an order: (1) compelling Plaintiff Albert Lee Cario to submit to a Rule 35 Exam; (2) precluding audio recording; (3) precluding the presence of any observer who is an attorney, attorney representative, or paid for expert/consultant; and (4) finding that expert drafts and notes are protected from disclosure.

<u>II.</u>

LEGAL ARGUMENT

<u>A.</u>

LEGAL STANDARD

Nevada Rule of Civil Procedure 35 provides in pertinent part as follows:

- "Rule 35. Physical and Mental Examinations
- (a) Order for Examination.
- (1) In General. The court where the action is pending may order a party whose mental or physical condition including blood group is in controversy to submit to a physical or mental examination by a suitably licensed or certified examiner. The court has the same authority to order a party to produce for examination a person who is in the party's custody or under the party's legal control.
- (2) Motion and Notice; Contents of the Order.
 - (A) The order may be made only on motion for good cause and on notice to all parties and the person to be examined.
 - (B) The order must specify the time, place, manner, conditions, and scope of the examination, as well as the person or persons who will perform it. The examination must take place in an appropriate professional setting in the judicial district in which

the action is pending, unless otherwise agreed by the parties or ordered by the court.

- (3) Recording the Examination. On request of a party or the examiner, the court may, for good cause shown, require as a condition of the examination that the examination be audio recorded. The party or examiner who requests the audio recording must arrange and pay for the recording and provide a copy of the recording on written request. The examiner and all persons present must be notified before the examination begins that it is being recorded.
- (4) Observers at the Examination. The party against whom an examination is sought may request as a condition of the examination to have an observer present at the examination. When making the request, the party must identify the observer and state his or her relationship to the party being examined. The observer may not be the party's attorney or anyone employed by the party or the party's attorney.
 - (A) The party may have one observer present for the examination, unless:
 - (i) the examination is a neuropsychological, psychological, or psychiatric examination; or
 - (ii) the court orders otherwise for good cause shown.
 - (B) The party may not have any observer present for a neuropsychological, psychological, or psychiatric examination, unless the court orders otherwise for good cause shown.
 - (C) An observer must not in any way interfere, obstruct, or participate in the examination.

<u>B.</u>

NRCP 35 CONTROLS PARAMETERS OF INDEPENDENT MEDICAL EXAMS IN NEVADA COURTS NOT NRS 52.380 BECAUSE NRS 52.380 VIOLATES THE SEPARATION OF POWERS CLAUSE OF THE NEVADA CONSTITUTION

In Defendant's Motion to Compel, Defendant cited <u>Berkson v. LePome</u>, 126 Nev. 492, 498, 245 P.3d 560, 564 (2010) for its essential premise that "[t]he separation of powers doctrine is the most important foundation for preserving and protecting liberty by preventing the accumulation of power in any one branch of government." <u>Berkson v. LePome</u>, 126 Nev. 492,

498, 245 P.3d 560, 564 (2010). To this end and pursuant to Article 3, Section 1(1) of the Nevada Constitution, governmental power of the State of Nevada is divided into three separate, coequal departments: legislative, executive, and judicial. The powers specific to each department, or branch, are set forth within Articles 4, 5, and 6. Each branch has "inherent power to administer its own affairs and perform its duties, so as not to become a subordinate branch of government." <u>Id.</u> The judicial branch is entrusted with "rule-making and other incidental powers reasonable and necessary to carry out the duties required for the administration of justice and to economically and fairly manage litigation." <u>Id.</u> at 499 (internal quotations omitted).

On December 31, 2018, the Nevada Supreme Court adopted revisions to NRCP 35 which specifically addressed audio recording and the presence of observers during Rule 35 exams. The changes were made effective on March 1, 2019. The current Rule 35 permits, for "good cause" shown, audio recording of an independent examination under the Rule. See, NRCP 35(a)(3). Further, any observer to such examination may not be the party's attorney or anyone employed by the party or the party's attorney. See, NRCP 35(a)(4).

The 2019 Advisory Committee Notes Subsection (a) provides the rationale for the changes to the observer and recording language as follows:

"ADVISORY COMMITTEE NOTES 2019 Amendment

Subsection (a). Rule 35(a) expressly addresses audio recording and attendance by an observer at court-ordered physical and mental examinations. A court may for good cause shown direct that an examination be audio recorded. A generalized fear that the examiner might distort or inaccurately report what occurs at the examination is not sufficient to establish good cause to audio record the examination. In addition, a party whose examination is ordered may have an observer present, typically a family member or trusted companion, provided the party identifies the observer and his or her relationship to the party in time for that information to be included in the order for the examination. Psychological and neuropsychological examinations raise

subtler questions of influence and confidential and proprietary testing materials that make it appropriate to condition the attendance of an observer on court permission, to be granted for good cause shown. In either event, the observer should not be the attorney or employed by the attorney for the party against whom the request for examination is made, and the observer may not disrupt or participate in the examination. A party requesting an audio recording or an observer should request such a condition when making or opposing a motion for an examination or at a hearing on the motion."

On or about May 29, 2019, after the recent Nevada Supreme Court Rule changes to NRCP 35, the Nevada legislature passed NRS 52.380. This statutory language allows attorney and attorney employee observers at a Rule 35 exam. In addition, the language does not expressly contain any good cause requirements for recording.

The Nevada Supreme Court, which has promulgated the Nevada Rules of Civil Procedure, and the Nevada Legislature, which issues the Nevada Revised Statutes, serve separate and distinct purposes. Obviously, both NRCP 35 and NRS 52.380 cannot both govern this issue as they conflict. The issues of audio recording and the presence of observers during an independent medical examinations are procedural in nature, and therefore, the Nevada Rules of Civil Procedure Rule 35 governs.

Plaintiff's counsel argues that NRS 52.380 supersedes any language in NRCP 35. Plaintiff's position in this regard is without merit as the Nevada Supreme Court's exclusive authority to regulate the procedural discovery rules regarding Nevada Rules of Civil Procedure and specifically Rule 35 exams. The Nevada Supreme Court is tasked with the authority to administer its own rules governing court procedure. As such, NRS 52.380 unconstitutional, unenforceable, and inapplicable to the case at bar.

Moreover, Plaintiff's request for his own nurse consultant to be present at the Rule 35 exam and record is an issue of procedure which is within the Discovery Commissioner's domain. The proposed consultant is Lynn Belcher Legal Nurse Consulting & Life Care Planning Associates. The consultant's website is www.lynnbelcherlnc.com. This firm represents itself as a legal consultant that provides "professional, evidence based opinion[s]" regarding medical issues. The website also provides that their representatives "can collaborate with plaintiff or defendant attorneys, healthcare organizations, insurance providers, or any organization needing medical record review, interpretation, analysis or summary." It is obvious that Plaintiff seeks to have a 2nd medical expert in the Rule 35 exam, an expert who is a nurse and not a doctor, not just to observe, but to also render an opinion regarding what was right or wrong about the way the exam was conducted. According to the NRCP 35 2019 Advisory Committee Notes, the drafters of the current NRCP 35 rules did not envision having competing medical professional observers in the room during the exam. Moreover, the rule explicitly states that such observer may not be an attorney or an attorney representative. Instead, the drafters envisioned an observer being a family friend or trusted companion; not a paid legal medical consultant.

In addition, Plaintiff has not provided good cause for having the Rule 35 exam be recorded. As provided in the above 2019 Advisory Committee Notes, a Plaintiff has not established good cause simply because they state a general fear of the integrity of the exam process. Plaintiff has not provided any specific reason necessitating the recording of this exam. Accordingly, Defendant asks that Plaintiff's request for a recording be denied.

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NRCP 26 PROVIDES THAT THE MEDICAL EXPERT'S DRAFT REPORTS ARE PROTECTED FROM DISCLOSURE

NRCP26(b)(3) provides as follows:

- "(3) Trial Preparation: Materials.
 - (A) Documents and Tangible Things. Ordinarily, a party may not discover documents and tangible things that are prepared in anticipation of litigation or for trial by or for another party or its representative (including the other party's attorney, consultant, surety, indemnitor, insurer, or agent). But, subject to Rule 26(b)(4), those materials may be discovered if:
 - (i) they are otherwise discoverable under Rule 26(b)(1); and
 - (ii) the party shows that it has substantial need for the materials to prepare its case and cannot, without undue hardship, obtain their substantial equivalent by other means.
 - (B) Protection Against Disclosure. If the court orders discovery of those materials, it must protect against disclosure of the mental impressions, conclusions, opinions, or legal theories of a party's attorney or other representative concerning the litigation.
 - (C) Previous Statement. Any party or other person may, on request and without the required showing, obtain the person's own previous statement about the action or its subject matter. If the request is refused, the person may move for a court order, and Rule 37(a)(5) applies to the award of expenses. A previous statement is either:
 - (i) a written statement that the person has signed or otherwise adopted or approved; or
 - (ii) a contemporaneous stenographic, mechanical, electrical, or other recording or a transcription of it that recites substantially verbatim the person's oral statement."

NRCP26(b)(4)(B) provides as follows:

"Trial Preparation: Experts.

(B) Trial-Preparation Protection for Draft Reports or Disclosures.

Rule 26(b)(3) protects drafts of any report or disclosure required under Rule 16.1(a), 16.2(d) or (e), 16.205(d) or (e) 26(b)(1), regardless of the form in which the draft is recorded." (emphasis added).

As with the previous rules discussed in these pleadings, NRCP 26 was also revised on March 1, 2019. The revisions specifically included protection of disclosure of draft reports made by experts. Here, Plaintiff wants to include a provision in the Rule 35 examination order which states that the medical expert must maintain all drafts and that Plaintiff has the right to subpoena such drafts.

Plaintiff is wrong when he states that this issue was not discussed at the EDCR 2.34 conference. Defendant's counsel and Plaintiff did discuss the same. Plaintiff stated that he was entitled to subpoena any draft reports which were redlined by defense counsel. Defendant's counsel stated that she had never redlined or edited an expert report. Defendant's counsel is not a medical expert and does not interfere with the expert's opinion. Still, NRCP 26 provides that an expert's drafts are protected under a work product privilege protection. As such, Defendant can not agree to that stipulated provision that the expert must keep all drafts and that Plaintiff may subpoena such drafts.

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CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing, Defendant respectfully requests relief from the Discovery Commissioner an order compelling that a Rule 35 Exam will be conducted by Dr. Mark Rosen at his office on a date and time agreed upon by the parties; and that no other parameters except for those allowed under NRCP 35 be imposed. In addition, if the Discovery Commissioner is inclined to agree to Plaintiff's proposed parameters, Defendant reserves the right to make an objection and asks that discovery be stayed to allow for a ruling on an objection.

DATED this 16th day of September 2020.

LAW OFFICE OF LEE J. GRANT, II

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Attorney for Defendant,
YEONHEE LEE

1	<u>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</u>	
2	I HEREBY CERTIFY that I am an employee of LAW OFFICE OF LEE J. GRANT, II,	
3	and that on this 16th day of September 2020, I caused a true and correct copy of the foregoing	
4	document REPLY IN SUPPORT OF DEFENDANT'S MOTION TO COMPEL RULE 3	
5	EXAM to be served as follows:	
.6 7	X VIA ECF: by electronic filing with the Court delivering the document(s) listed above via the Court's e-filing and service system, upon each party in this case who is registered as an electronic case filing user with the Clerk.	
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DCCR RHONDA LONG, ESQ. 2 Nevada Bar No.: 10921 LAW OFFICE OF LEE J. GRANT, II 3 8345 West Sunset Road, Suite 250 4 Las Vegas, Nevada 89113 Telephone: 702-233-9303 5 E-mail: rhlong@geico.com Attorney for Defendant 6 YEONHEE LEE 7 DISTRICT COURT 8 9 CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA 10 ALBERTO EDUARDO CARIO, an individual, Case No.: A-19-803446-C 11 Plaintiff, 12 Dept. No.: 29 VS. 13 YEONHEE LEE, an individual; DOES I through X and ROE CORPORATIONS I through X, 14 inclusive, 15 Defendants. 16 **DISCOVERY COMMISSIONER'S** 17 REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS 18 Date of Hearing: September 17, 2020 19 Time of Hearing: 9:30 a.m. 20 Attorney for Plaintiff: Jason R. Maier, Esq. of MAIER GUTIERREZ & ASSOCIATES 21 Attorney for Defendant: Rhonda Long, Esq. of the LAW OFFICE OF LEE J. GRANT, II 22 23 I. 24 FINDINGS 25 26 Defendant's Motion to Compel the Rule 35 Examination of Plaintiff Alberto Eduardo 27 Cario came on for hearing before the Honorable Discovery Commissioner Erin Truman on 28 September 17, 2020 at 9:30 A.M.

was not disputed by parties. The Commissioner further finds that the parties only disputes are regarding 5 of the 21 proposed conditions and parameters for the Rule 35 examination, those being the presence of a legal nurse consultant observer Lynn Belcher LNC Associates (no. 9), an audio recording (no. 10), the deadline for the examiner to prepare and disclose a written report (nos. 18-19), and the medical examination doctor retaining his notes (no. 20). The Commissioner also heard constitutionality arguments by Defendant concerning the separation of powers between the state legislative functions and the rule making functions of the Nevada Supreme Court regarding medical examinations, over Plaintiff's objection pursuant to NRS 30.130. The Commissioner also heard arguments about NRCP 26 applicability to the disclosure of draft expert reports.

The Discovery Commissioner finds that the issue of good cause for a Rule 35 examination

The Commissioner acknowledged that there is a conflict between NRCP 35 and NRS 52.380. The Commissioner finds that NRS 52.380 is applicable to Rule 35 exams and that such statute is controlling in this matter. The Commissioner further finds that a Rule 35 exam is substantive in nature, and involves a substantive right of privacy that is covered by NRS 52.386.

The Commissioner finds there is no good cause to deviate from the 30-day report requirement within NRCP 35.

Finally, the Commissioner finds that the examination doctor shall keep and maintain all notes and draft reports in his or her file and the examination doctor may not destroy any documents related to the examination. The Commissioner further finds that the following language is to be added to the end of item no. 20: "Any party has the right to file an objection to the subpoena pursuant to Rule 34, Rule 45 or Rule 26."

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RECOMMENDATIONS

IT IS THEREFORE RECOMMENDED that Defendant's Motion to Compel a Rule 35 Exam is GRANTED in part and DENIED in part, as follows:

- The examination will be subject to the parameters set forth in NRS 52.380.
- Plaintiff will be permitted to select the observer to be present at the examination, an audio recording is allowed, and Plaintiff's proposed item nos. 9 and 10 are approved.
- The Rule 35 examination report requirements concerning disclosure time will apply
 and Plaintiff's proposed item nos. 18 and 19 are approved.
- The Rule 35 examination doctor is instructed to maintain all notes in his file as Plaintiff may subpoen such information and Plaintiff's proposed item no. 20 is approved with the following addition: "Any party has the right to file an objection to the subpoena Served on the Pulc 35 examine.

 A pursuant to Rule 34, Rule 45 or Rule 26."
- The remaining 16 proposed conditions and parameters that have been agreed to and stipulated by the parties are approved.
- Accordingly, the examination shall be governed by the following conditions and parameters:
 - 1. The Rule 35 examination shall be conducted pursuant to Nevada Rule of Civil Procedure 35 and Nevada Revised Statute 52.380.
 - 2. Defendants have selected Mark J. Rosen, M.D. to conduct the Rule 35 examination of Mr. Cario
 - The scope of the Rule 35 examination is as follows: Dr. Rosen's evaluation of Mr. Cario's injuries and treatment.
 - 4. The date, time and location of the Rule 35 examination is to be a mutually agreeable date, time and location.

- 5. The Rule 35 examination shall be held in a medical office in compliance with HIPAA.
- 6. Dr. Rosen will not require Mr. Cario to sign any paperwork at the time of the Rule 35 examination other than a "sign-in" sheet limited to his name, date and time of arrival.
- 7. The intake forms to be completed by Mr. Cario shall be provided to plaintiff's counsel at least ten business days prior to the Rule 35 examination and will be returned to defense counsel prior to the examination.
- 8. Mr. Cario shall not be required to wait in the waiting room for longer than 30 minutes before the commencement of the Rule 35 examination.
- 9. The Rule 35 examination will be audio recorded by LYNN BELCHER LNC ASSOCIATES, in which Mr. Cario's counsel will arrange and pay for the recording. Mr. Cario's counsel shall disclose a copy of the recording within 30 days of receipt of the same. The doctor and all persons present must be notified that the examination will be recorded before the examination begins.
- 10. Mr. Cario will have a nurse observer present at the Rule 35 examination from LYNN BELCHER LNC ASSOCIATES. The nurse observer must not in any way interfere, obstruct, or participate in the examination.
- 11. Defense counsel, or any other representatives of defendants, will not attend the Rule 35 examination.
- 12. Liability questions may not be asked by Dr. Rosen or any of his agents or representatives during the Rule 35 examination.
- 13. No x-rays or radiographs may be obtained during the Rule 35 examination. Dr. Rosen can rely upon the same film studies relied upon by the treating physicians in this case. If additional film studies are necessary for the Rule 35 examination, this must be detailed in writing by Dr. Rosen at least 30 days prior to the examination and this issue may be revisited.
- 14. No invasive procedures shall be allowed during the Rule 35 examination.
- 15. Mr. Cario shall not be required to disrobe during the Rule 35 examination.
- 16. If Dr. Rosen subjects Mr. Cario to physically painful or invasive procedures, Mr. Cario reserves the right to immediately terminate the examination in his sole discretion.
- 17. Dr. Rosen shall not engage in ex parte contact with Mr. Cario's treating health care providers.

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18. Dr. Rosen must prepare and disclose a written report within 30 days of the Rule 35 examination that accurately sets out in detail his findings, including diagnosis, conclusions, and the results of any tests, as required by Rule 35(b)(2). Dr. Rosen's written report must include a complete statement of all opinions he will express, and the basis and reasons for them, as well as all of the facts or data he considered in forming said opinions, as required by Rule 16.1(a)(2)(B).

- 19. Defense counsel shall disclose a copy of Dr. Rosen's written report within 30 days of the Rule 35 examination or by the Rule 16.1(a)(2) initial expert disclosure deadline, whichever occurs first.
- 20. Dr. Rosen shall retain a complete copy of the entire file pertaining to the Rule 35 examination, including but not limited to draft reports, handwritten notes, e-mails or other communications sent and received, and all documents generated or received, including draft reports shared with defense counsel, defendants or an agent of defendants, communications regarding draft reports with defense counsel, defendants or an agent of defendants, redlines of draft reports shared with defense counsel, defendants or an agent of defendants, and test materials and/or raw data related to the Rule 35 examination. Following the disclosure of the Rule 35 examination report, counsel for plaintiff may serve Dr. Rosen with a subpoena and/or serve defendants with a request for production to produce these materials. Any party has the right to file an objection to the subpoena pursuant to Rule 34, Rule 45 or Rule 26.
- 21. Defense counsel shall be responsible for providing Dr. Rosen with a copy of this stipulation and order prior to the Rule 35 examination.

1 The Discovery Commissioner, met with counsel for the parties, having discussed the 2 issues noted above and having reviewed any materials proposed in support thereof, hereby 3 submits the above recommendations. 4 DATED this Mot day of September, 2020 5 6 7 8 Draffed and Submitted by: 9 10 RHONDA LONG, ESQ. 11 Nevada Bar No.: 10921 12 LAW OFFICE OF LEE J. GRANT, II 8345 West Sunset Road, Suite 250 13 Las Vegas, Nevada 89113 Attorney for Defendant 14 YEONHEE LEE 15 Draft and Approved as to form and content by: 16 17 Jason R. J. Maier, Esu 18 Julia M. Chumbler, Esq. MAIER GUTIERREZ & ASSOCIATES 19 8816 Spanish Ridge Avenue Las Vegas, Nevada 89148 20 Attorneys for Plaintiff 21 22 23 24 25 26

NOTICE

Pursuant to NRCP 16.3(c)(2), you are hereby notified that within fourteen (14) days after being served with a report any party may file and serve written objections to the recommendations. Written authorities may be filed with objections, but are not mandatory. If written authorities are filed, any other party may file and serve responding authorities within seven (7) days after being served with objections.

Objection time will expire on October 222020.

A copy of the foregoing Discovery Commissioner's Report was:	
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By: Atill Schonetti
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A-19-803446-C

DISTRICT COURT CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

A-19-803446-C Alberto Cario, Plaintiff(s)
vs.
Yeonhee Lee, Defendant(s)

COURT MINUTES

April 05, 2021

April 05, 2021 3:00 AM Minute Order

HEARD BY: Jones, David M **COURTROOM:** Chambers

COURT CLERK: Michaela Tapia

JOURNAL ENTRIES

- Defendant's Objection to the Discovery Commissioner's Report and Recommendation

The Court agrees with the Discovery Commissioner that a Rule 35 examination is substantive in nature and thus NRS 52.380 is applicable to Rule 35 exams. Thus the objection to the Discovery Commissioner's Report and Recommendation is DENIED.

Plaintiff counsel to prepare order.

CLERK'S NOTE: This Minute Order was electronically served to all registered parties for Odyssey File & Serve. /mt

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ALBERTO EDUARDO CARIO, an individual,

Plaintiff,

VS.

YEONHEE LEE; an individual; DOES I through X; and ROE CORPORATIONS I through X, inclusive,

Defendants.

Case No.: A-19-803446-C

Dept. No.: XXIX

ORDER

This matter came on for hearing before the Court in Chambers on April 5, 2021, on defendant, Yeonhee Lee's objection to the Discovery Commissioner's Report and Recommendations filed on October 21, 2020.

The Court, having reviewed the pleadings and papers on file herein relative to the Discovery Commissioner's Report and Recommendations filed on October 8, 2020, and good cause appearing, makes the following rulings:

THE COURT FINDS and agrees with the Discovery Commissioner that a Rule 35 examination is substantive in nature and thus NRS 52.380 is applicable to Rule 35 exams. Thus the objection to the Discovery Commissioner's Report and Recommendation is DENIED.

Therefore: 1 2 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that defendant's objection to the Discovery Commissioner's Report and Recommendations filed on October 21, 2020, is DENIED. 3 Dated this 28th day of April, 2021 4 5 6 7 5AB 9DE 9C1B F319 Approve bavia in months content: Respectfully submitted, 8 District Court Judge LAW OFFICE OF LEE J. GRANT, II 9 MAIER GUTIERREZ & ASSOCIATES 10 /s/ Rhonda Long /s/ Stephen G. Clough 11 RHONDA LONG, ESQ. JASON R. MAIER, ESQ. Nevada Bar No. 10921 Nevada Bar No. 8557 12 8345 West Sunset Road, Suite 250 STEPHEN G. CLOUGH, ESO. Nevada Bar No. 10549 Las Vegas, Nevada 89113 13 Attorneys for Defendant Yeonhee Lee 8816 Spanish Ridge Avenue Las Vegas, Nevada 89148 14 Attorneys for Plaintiff Alberto Eduardo Cario 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27