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

#### **INDICATE FULL CAPTION:**

MARIO A. SALAS Appellant

vs.

CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT; VISION TECHNOLOGIES, INC. Respondents

No. 83105

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#### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

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

#### WARNING

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

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

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

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1. Judicial District Eighth	Department V
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## 4. Nature of disposition below (check all that apply):

🗌 Judgment after bench trial	🛛 Dismissal:		
🗌 Judgment after jury verdict	Lack of jurisdiction		
🗌 Summary judgment	⊠ Failure to state a claim		
🗌 Default judgment	☐ Failure to prosecute		
$\Box$ Grant/Denial of NRCP 60(b) relief	Other (specify):		
🔲 Grant/Denial of injunction	Divorce Decree:		
🗌 Grant/Denial of declaratory relief	🗌 Original 🛛 Modification		
$\square$ Review of agency determination $\square$ Other disposition (specify):		specify):	
5. Does this appeal raise issues concerning any of the following?			

Child Custody

🗌 Venue

Termination of parental rights

**6. Pending and prior proceedings in this court.** List the case name and docket number of all appeals or original proceedings presently or previously pending before this court which are related to this appeal:

N/A

**7. Pending and prior proceedings in other courts.** List the case name, number and court of all pending and prior proceedings in other courts which are related to this appeal (*e.g.*, bankruptcy, consolidated or bifurcated proceedings) and their dates of disposition: N/A

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

The underlying incident in this matter is an action for damages due to negligence. Respondents harmed Appellant MARIO A. SALAS, by requiring him to work in an area containing a toxic buildup of dust and other particles, while failing to provide any safety masks, supplies or other safety equipment, and without proper ventilation.

After being exposed, Appellant developed sepsis, and pneumonia that ultimately led to his suffering a collapsed lung and pulmonary MRCA. He was intubated for 12 days while in a medically induced coma.

Appellant applied for and was DENIED worker's compensation benefits. Yet, the Court granted Respondents' Motion to Dismiss for Failure to State a Claim, on the basis that NIIA was Appellant's exclusive benefit--although his worker's compensation benefits were denied.

**9. Issues on appeal.** State concisely the principal issue(s) in this appeal (attach separate sheets as necessary):

Did the Court erroneously rule that NIIA is the exclusive remedy for an injured employee who is denied workers compensation benefits in light of NRS 616B.636 which states, "If any employer within the provisions of NRS 616B.633 fails to provide and secure compensation under chapters 616A to 616D, inclusive, of NRS, any injured employee or the dependents of the employee may bring an action at law against the employer for damages as if those chapters did not apply"?

10. Pending proceedings in this court raising the same or similar issues. If you are aware of any proceedings presently pending before this court which raises the same or similar issues raised in this appeal, list the case name and docket numbers and identify the same or similar issue raised:

N/A

**11. Constitutional issues.** If this appeal challenges the constitutionality of a statute, and the state, any state agency, or any officer or employee thereof is not a party to this appeal, have you notified the clerk of this court and the attorney general in accordance with NRAP 44 and NRS 30.130?

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🗌 Yes

🗌 No

If not, explain:

12. Other issues. Does this appeal involve any of the following issues?

Reversal of well-settled Nevada precedent (identify the case(s))

 $\square$  An issue arising under the United States and/or Nevada Constitutions

 $\Box$  A substantial issue of first impression

An issue of public policy

 $\square$  An issue where en banc consideration is necessary to maintain uniformity of this court's decisions

A ballot question

If so, explain:

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

This matter should not be presumptively retained by the Supreme Court. It is properly assigned to the Court of Appeals under NRAP 17(b)(5).

14. Trial. If this action proceeded to trial, how many days did the trial last?

Was it a bench or jury trial?

**15. Judicial Disqualification.** Do you intend to file a motion to disqualify or have a justice recuse him/herself from participation in this appeal? If so, which Justice? N/A

### TIMELINESS OF NOTICE OF APPEAL

## 16. Date of entry of written judgment or order appealed from June 21, 2021

If no written judgment or order was filed in the district court, explain the basis for seeking appellate review:

## 17. Date written notice of entry of judgment or order was served June 21, 2021

Was service by:

□ Delivery

⊠ Mail/electronic/fax

# 18. If the time for filing the notice of appeal was tolled by a post-judgment motion (NRCP 50(b), 52(b), or 59)

(a) Specify the type of motion, the date and method of service of the motion, and the date of filing.

□ NRCP 50(b)	Date of filing
□ NRCP 52(b)	Date of filing

□ NRCP 59 Date of filing

NOTE: Motions made pursuant to NRCP 60 or motions for rehearing or reconsideration may toll the time for filing a notice of appeal. See <u>AA Primo Builders v. Washington</u>, 126 Nev. \_\_\_\_, 245 P.3d 1190 (2010).

(b) Date of entry of written order resolving tolling motion

(c) Date written notice of entry of order resolving tolling motion was served

Was service by:

Delivery

🗌 Mail

#### 19. Date notice of appeal filed June 21, 2021

If more than one party has appealed from the judgment or order, list the date each notice of appeal was filed and identify by name the party filing the notice of appeal:

20. Specify statute or rule governing the time limit for filing the notice of appeal, *e.g.*, NRAP 4(a) or other

NRAP 4(a)

#### SUBSTANTIVE APPEALABILITY

21. Specify the statute or other authority granting this court jurisdiction to review the judgment or order appealed from:

(a)

⊠ NRAP 3A(b)(1)	🗌 NRS 38.205	
□ NRAP 3A(b)(2)	□ NRS 233B.150	
□ NRAP 3A(b)(3)	🗌 NRS 703.376	
Other (specify)		

(b) Explain how each authority provides a basis for appeal from the judgment or order: The Court dismissed Appellant's Case on April 1, 2021 and Denied Appellant's Motion to Reconsider brought under NRCP 60 on June 21, 2021, therefore disposing of Appellant's claims. Appellant appeals from this final judgment.

## 22. List all parties involved in the action or consolidated actions in the district court: (a) Parties:

APPELLANT: MARIO A. SALAS

Respondents: CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT; VISION TECHNOLOGIES, INC.

(b) If all parties in the district court are not parties to this appeal, explain in detail why those parties are not involved in this appeal, *e.g.*, formally dismissed, not served, or other:

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

Appellant Mario Salas: Negligence, Negligent Training, Strict Product Liability. Disposed of on June 21, 2021.

24. Did the judgment or order appealed from adjudicate ALL the claims alleged below and the rights and liabilities of ALL the parties to the action or consolidated actions below?

- $\boxtimes$  Yes
- 🗌 No
- 25. If you answered "No" to question 24, complete the following:

(a) Specify the claims remaining pending below:

(b) Specify the parties remaining below:

(c) Did the district court certify the judgment or order appealed from as a final judgment pursuant to NRCP 54(b)?

🗌 Yes

🛛 No

(d) Did the district court make an express determination, pursuant to NRCP 54(b), that there is no just reason for delay and an express direction for the entry of judgment?

Yes
No

26. If you answered "No" to any part of question 25, explain the basis for seeking appellate review (e.g., order is independently appealable under NRAP 3A(b)): The Court's Order is independently appealable under NRAP 3A(b).

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

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

#### VERIFICATION

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

Mario	Salas
Name	of appellant

Kimball Jones, Esq. Name of counsel of record

Jul 15, 2021 Date

/s/ Kimball Jones, Esq. Signature of counsel of record

Clark County, Nevada State and county where signed

# CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on the 15th day of July ,2021 , I served a copy of this

completed docketing statement upon all counsel of record:

□ By personally serving it upon him/her; or

⊠ By mailing it by first class mail with sufficient postage prepaid to the following address(es): (NOTE: If all names and addresses cannot fit below, please list names below and attach a separate sheet with the addresses.)

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Janet Trost 501 S. Rancho Drive, Ste. H-56 Las Vegas, NV 89106 Settlement Judge

Dated this 15th day of July ,2021

/s/ Erickson Finch Signature

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10	MARIO A. SALAS, an individual,	CASE NO. A-20-826012-C DEPT. 8
	Plaintiff,	
11		
12	v.	
14	CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL	
13	DISTRICT; VISION	
	TECHNOLOGIES, INC., a Foreign	
14	Corporation; DOE SCHOOL	
15	DISTRICT EMPLOYEES I through X;	
10	DOE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT EMPLOYEES I through X;	
16	DOE OWNERS I through X; DOE	
	MANUFACTURER EMPLOYEE I	
17	through X; DOE DESIGNER	
18	EMPLOYEE I through X; ROE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	
10	SUPPORT COMPANIES XI through	
19	XX; ROE OWNERS XI through XX;	
20	ROE EMPLOYERS XI through XX;	
20	ROE DESIGNER XI through XX; ROE	
21	MANUFACTURER XI through XX; DOES XXI through XXV; and ROE	
	CORPORATIONS XXV through XXX,	
22	inclusive, jointly and severally,	
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23	Defendants.	
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1	NOTICE OF ENTRY OF ORDER
2	TO: MARIA A. SALAS AND HER ATTORNEYS OF RECORD:
3	PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on June 18, 2021, the Court entered an order
4	denying plaintiff's motion to reconsider order granting defendants' motions to
5	dismiss. A copy of the order is attached as <u>Exhibit A</u> .
6	Dated this 21 <sup>st</sup> day of June, 2021.
7	CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL
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9	/s/ Melissa L. Alessi
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1	CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE	
2	I HEREBY CERTIFY that on the $21^{st}$ day of June, 2021, I served a true and	
3	correct of the above-entitled document NOTICE OF ENTRY OF ORDER, by	
4	transmitting via the Court's electronic filing services, pursuant to EDCR $7.26(c)(4)$	
5	and NEFCR 9, to all listed on the service list, including the following:	
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21	CORPORATIONS XXV through XXX,		
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	Defendants.		
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24	GRANTING DEFENDANT	<u>S' MOTIONS TO DISMISS</u>	
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Case Number: A-20-826012-C

On June 3, 2021, *Plaintiff's Motion to Reconsider Order Granting Defendants' Motion to Dismiss* ("Motion to Reconsider"), came on for hearing in the Court's chamber calendar pursuant to EDCR 2.23 and Administrative Order 21-03. The Court, having reviewed the briefings on the motions and pleadings on file, and good cause appearing, FINDS and ORDERS as follows:

6 EDCR 2.24(a) states, "No motions once heard and disposed of may be renewed in the same cause, nor may the same matters therein embraced be reheard, unless 7 by leave of the court granted upon motion therefor, after notice of such motion to the 8 adverse parties." A district court may reconsider a previously decided issue if 9 substantially different evidence is subsequently introduced or the decision is clearly 10 erroneous. Masonry & Tile Contractors Ass'n of S. Nevada v. Jollev, Urga & Wirth, 11 12*Ltd.*, 113 Nev. 737, 941 P.2d 486 (1997). "Only in very rare instances in which new 13issues of fact or law are raised supporting a ruling contrary to the ruling already reached should a motion for rehearing be granted." Moore v. City of Las Vegas, 92 1415Nev. 402, 405, 551 P.2d 244, 246 (1976). "Rehearings are not granted as a matter of right and are not allowed for the purpose of reargument, unless there is reasonable 16 17probability that the court may have arrived at an erroneous conclusion. Geller v. 18McCown, 64 Nev. 102, 108, 178 P.2d 380, 381 (1947). "Points or contentions not raised in the original hearing cannot be maintained or considered on rehearing." 1920Achrem v. Expressway Plaza Ltd., 112 Nev. 737, 742, 917 P.2d 447, 450 (1996).

The Court FINDS and CONCLUDES that under NRCP 60(b)(1), Plaintiff's Motion to Reconsider was timely filed and the Motion to Reconsider can be considered on the merits.

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1 The Court FINDS and CONCLUDES that in considering *Defendant Vision*  $\mathbf{2}$ Technologies, Inc.'s ("VTI") Motion to Dismiss and Defendant Clark County School District's ("CCSD") Motion to Dismiss and Joinder to Vision Technologies, Inc.'s 3 Motion to Dismiss (collectively, "Defendants' Motions to Dismiss"), the Court 4 accepted all factual allegations in the complaint as true, and drew all inference in  $\mathbf{5}$ Plaintiff's favor. Nonetheless, Plaintiff's argument, that the Nevada Industrial 6 7 Insurance Act ("NIIA") is not an exclusive remedy for Plaintiff, cannot be accepted. Plaintiff cites to NRS 616B.636(1) for the proposition that Defendants VTI and 8 9 CCSD, as an employer and a contractor of the employer, respectively, have the obligation to provide and secure worker's compensation. This statute cannot be 10 11 interpreted to mean that Defendants have the obligation to pay out all NIIA claims. 12Rather, the requirement is simply that Defendants secure a worker's compensation 13 insurance to ensure that NIIA claims can be considered. In his opposition filed on February 5, 2021, Plaintiff did not allege that Defendants lacked worker's 1415compensation insurance coverage, but rather that they denied his claim and refused to pay the benefits. If that is the case, the proper vehicle would have been making 16 17an administrative appeal under NRS 616C. Thus, the instant case bypassing the 18administrative appeal was incorrectly filed and thus, the dismissal was proper.

The Court FINDS and CONCLUDES that although Plaintiff also argues that
Defendants intentionally created the hazardous conditions and thus, the matter falls
outside of the NIIA, the Court cannot agree. Under *Conway v. Circus*, 116 Nev. 870,
8 P.3d 837 (2000), the Nevada Supreme Court indeed recognized that employers did
not enjoy immunity under the NIIA for intentional torts. However, simply labeling
an employer's conduct as intentional will not subject the employer to liability outside

1 workers' compensation. The relevant inquiry is not the degree of negligence or even  $\mathbf{2}$ depravity on the part of the employer, but the narrower question of whether the 3 specific action that injured the employee was an act intended to cause injury to the employee. That is, even in a motion to dismiss stage, bare allegations are insufficient 4 and an employee must provide facts in the complaint which shows the deliberate  $\mathbf{5}$ intent to bring about the injury. Here, the Complaint does not provide such sufficient 6 7 information and thus, the Court's decision cannot be deemed to be in error. Furthermore, even if the Court is to consider the proposed Amended Complaint, it 8 9 does not provide sufficient information as to Defendants' intentional conduct. The most notable change is in paragraph 17, wherein Plaintiff alleges certain actions by 10 User Support Services, a division of Defendant CCSD. However, the changes still 11 12fail to sufficiently show that Defendants' acts were done with specific intent to cause 13injury to Plaintiff. Thus, the proposed Amended Complaint must be deemed futile. Thus, the proposed amendment cannot be granted. 14

The Court FINDS and CONCLUDES that although the Plaintiff's Motion to
Reconsider is denied, his Motion to Reconsider cannot be deemed to be maintaining
his case without reasonable ground or to harass the prevailing parties. Although he
did not prevail, Plaintiff provided legally cognizable and sufficient argument as to
why an amendment should be allowed. Thus, an award of fees to Defendant VTI
cannot be granted.

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12		<i>Salas v. CCSD, et al.</i> A-20-826012-C
3	IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that P	laintiff's Motion to Reconsider Order
4	<i>Granting Defendants' Motion to Dismiss</i> is I	DENIED.
5	IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that	Defendant Vision Technologies, Inc.'s
6	request for fees is DENIED.	
7		Dated this 18th day of June, 2021
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10		9D8 E46 642D F295 Veronica M. Barisich District Court Judge
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## RE: Salas v. CCSD, VTI - proposed Order Denying Motion to Reconsider [IWOV-IDOCS.FID4116054]

1 message

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Good afternoon Melissa -

Thanks for drafting. You may affix my electronic signature as well.

One note, under the new order submission protocols, the Judge's signature block should just be a line, and not include the Judge's name or department.

Thank you,



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#### **Re: Salas v. CCSD, VTI - proposed Order Denying Motion to Reconsider** 1 message

Kimball Jones, Esq. <kimball@bighornlaw.com>

Thu, Jun 10, 2021 at 1:14 PM

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You may e-sign for me.

On Thu, Jun 10, 2021 at 11:48 AM Melissa Alessi [Office of the General Counsel] <a href="mailto:</a> wrote: Hi Counsel:

Please find attached the proposed Order Denying Plaintiff's Motion to Reconsider. I essentially copied the Minute Order making a few changes for clarity. If the Order is acceptable to you, please either sign and return to my office or let us know that we have your permission to affix your electronic signature. Once we have everybody's signature, we will submit to the Court. If you have any edits, please let me know so that we can evaluate the requested changes. Please respond by the close of business on Monday.

Sincerely, Melissa

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5	Maria Salag Dlaintiff(a)	CASE NO: A-20-826012-C
6	Mario Salas, Plaintiff(s)	
7	VS.	DEPT. NO. Department 5
8 9	Clark County School District, Defendant(s)	
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11	AUTOMATED CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE	
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13	Court. The foregoing Order Denying Motion was served via the court's electronic eFile system to all recipients registered for e-Service on the above entitled case as listed below:	
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2	Inc.'s Motion to Dismiss, and (2) Defendant Clark County School District's Motion to Dismiss and	
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25	County School District's ("CCSD") Motion to Dismiss and Joinder to VTI's Motion to Dismiss came		
	before this honorable Court in chambers on Februar	ry 26, 2021, pursuant to E.D.C.R. 2.23 and the	
26	Administrative Order 20-17. This Court, having a	Administrative Order 20-17. This Court, having reviewed the briefing on the motions and the	
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Nev. R. Civ. P. 12(b)(5) governs a motion to dismiss for failure to state a claim upon which relief can begranted. The court must accept all factual allegations in the complaint as true, and draw all inferences in the plaintiff's favor. *Buzz Stew, LLC v. City of Las Vegas*, 124 Nev. 224, 227-28, 181 P.3d 670, 672 (2008). The test for determining whether the allegations of a complaint are sufficient to assert a claim for relief is whether the allegations give fair notice of the nature and basis of the legally sufficient claim and relief requested. *Breliant v. Preferred Equities Corp.*, 109 Nev. 842, 846, 858 P.3d 1258, 1260 (1993). Dismissal is proper if it appears beyond a doubt that [plaintiff] could prove no set of facts, which, if true, would entitle it to relief. *Buzz Stew*, 124 Nev. at 228, 181 P.3d 672. Additionally, Nev. R. Civ. P. 8(a) allows notice pleading, where all that is required in a complaint is a short and plain statement of the grounds for the court's jurisdiction, a claim showing that the pleader is entitled to relief, a demand for the relief sought, and at least \$15,000 in monetary damages sought.

As a general rule, the court may not consider matters outside the pleading being attacked. Breliant v. Preferred Equities Corp., 109 Nev. 842, 847, 858 P.2d 1258, 1261 (1993). However, the court may take into account matters of public record, orders, items present in the record of the case, and any exhibits attached to the complaint when ruling on a motion to dismiss for failure to state a claim upon which relief can be granted. Id. Additionally, a document is not outside the complaint if the complaint specifically refers to the document and if its authenticity is not questioned. Branch v. Tunnell, 14 F.3d 449, 454 (9th Cir.1994), overruled on other grounds by Galbraith v. Cnty. of Santa Clara, 307 F.3d 1119, 1125 26 (9th Cir.2002). Material which is properly submitted as part of the complaint may be considered on a motion to dismiss. Hal Roach Studios Inc. v. Richard Feiner & Co., 896 F.2d 1542, 1555 n.19 (9th Cir. 1990). If matters outside the pleadings are presented to and not excluded by the court, the motion must be treated as one for summary judgment under Nev. R. Civ. P. 56. All parties must be given a reasonable opportunity to present all the material that is pertinent to the motion. Nev. R. Civ. P. 12(d). A party may move for summary judgment at any time and must be granted such relief if the pleadings and affidavits show that there is no genuine issue as to any material fact and that the moving party is entitled to a judgment as a matter of law. Villescas v. CNA Ins. Companies., 109 Nev. 1075, 1078, 864 P.2d 288, 290 (1993).

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Employers who accept the Nevada Industrial Insurance Act ("NIIA") and provide compensation for injuries by accident sustained by an employee arising out of and in the course of employment are relieved from other liability for recovery of damages or other compensation for such personal injury. N.R.S. § 616A.020; Outboard Marine Corp. v. Schupbach, 93 Nev. 158, 164, 561 P.2d 450, 454 (1976). Facing a motion to dismiss, it is plaintiff's obligation to allege that the NIIA does not apply in order to maintain his action in court. See Flint v. Franktown Meadows, Inc., 449 P.3d at \*2 (Nev. Sept. 26, 2019) (citing See McGinnis v. Consol. Casinos Corp., 94 Nev. 640, 642, 584 P.2d 702, 703 (1978)). Unless the employer acted with the deliberate and specific intent to injure the employee, the employee cannot avoid the exclusive remedy doctrine. Conway v. Circus Circus, 116 Nev. 870, 875, 8 P.3d 837, 839 (2000). An employee must specifically allege that the employer acted with the deliberate and specific intent to injure the employee or plead facts that show the deliberate intent to bring about the injury to avoid the exclusive remedy doctrine. Id. at 874, 8 P.3d at 840. An injury resulting from mere exposure to hazardous workplace conditions, even if known to the employer and the employer failed to correct it, still constitutes an accident within the meaning of the NIIA. Id. at 874, 8 P.3d at 839; see also Snow v. United States, 479 F. Supp. 936, 938 (D. Nev. 1979) (reversed in part on other grounds, United States v. Snow, 671 F.2d 504 (9th Cir. 1981) (Nevada does not recognize any exception to the exclusive remedy doctrine where the employee faces hazardous work conditions). Subcontractors, independent contractors, and the employees of either are considered to be the employees of the principal contractor for the purposes of NIIA. N.R.S. § 616A.210(1).

In his Complaint, Plaintiff alleges that on June 28, 2019, he was an employee of Defendant Vision Technologies, Inc. ("VTI"), which was hired by the Defendant Clark County School District ("CCSD") to perform services for CCSD at the CCSD's building located at 2832 E. Flamingo Rd., Las Vegas, Nevada 89121. Plaintiff does not dispute, but expressly alleges that he was "acting within the course of [VTI's] employment and scope of [VTI's] authority" when he sustained injuries because individuals working near him were permitted to use compressed air to clean dust out of used computers at the worksite, which Plaintiff alleges was maintained in an "unreasonably hazardous and dangerous condition" due to the buildup of dust and other pollutants. Plaintiff alleges that VTI directed Plaintiff to work at the worksite. It is further alleged that neither VTI nor CCSD provided
 Plaintiff with the proper safety masks, supplies, or other safety equipment. As a result, Plaintiff was
 injured.

Both VTI and CCSD moved to dismiss Plaintiff's Complaint on the grounds that because Plaintiff admitted that the injuries arose out of the course and scope of his employment with VTI, the remedy provided by the NIIA is exclusive.

This Court accepts all factual allegations in the Complaint as true and draws all inferences in the Plaintiff's favor as must be done on a motion to dismiss. This Court cannot, and did not, consider matters outside the Complaint. Nevertheless, Plaintiff's allegations are insufficient. As Plaintiff concedes that he was working within the course and scope of his employment with VTI, the NIIA must be applied as an exclusive remedy. There is no applicable exemption to the exclusive remedy doctrine as Plaintiff does not allege that VTI deliberately and specifically intended to injure Plaintiff. Mere allegation that VTI was aware of the alleged hazardous conditions and failed to correct them or provide safety equipment is inadequateto overcome the NIIA exclusive remedy provision.

Furthermore, Plaintiff admits that his employer, VTI, was hired by CCSD for the work at CCSD's premises; therefore, under N.R.S. § 616A.210, Plaintiff must be deemed to be an employee of the principal contractor, CCSD, for the purposes of NIIA. Thus, again, NIIA exclusive remedy provision is applicable to CCSD.

This Court further finds and concludes that Plaintiff's argument that Plaintiff's worker's compensation claim was rejected is irrelevant to the issue at hand. First, Plaintiff did not include this fact in his Complaint. Second, even if the Court entertains this argument that was presented only in Plaintiff's Opposition, N.R.S. § 616C.315 *et seq.* provides for an appropriate administrative appeal procedure of the rejected claim.

This Court also finds and concludes that Plaintiff's request for leave to amend is inappropriate. First, Plaintiff's failed to comply with E.D.C.R. 2.30(a) requiring that Plaintiff attach a copy of the proposed pleading to the request. Second, based on the Plaintiff's contentions, such request would be futile in overcoming the exclusive remedy provision of the NIIA. Furthermore, at the motion to dismiss stage, a party cannot seek to delay the ruling on the motion citing to Nev. R.

1 || Civ. P. 56(d) request for additional discovery.

Finally, this Court finds and concludes that that Plaintiff's argument as to the constitutionality of the exclusive remedy provision is without merit and rejects the same. Such argument was repeatedly rejected by the Nevada Supreme Court. *See Conway*, 116 Nev. at 875, 8 P.3d at 839.

#### <u>ORDER</u>

NOW, THEREFORE,

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that Defendant Vision Technologies, Inc.'s Motion to Dismiss is GRANTED, and VTI is hereby dismissed from this action.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that Defendant Clark County School District's Motion to Dismiss and Joinder to VTI's Motion to Dismiss is GRANTED, and CCSD is hereby dismissed from this action.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Plaintiff's request for leave to amend the Complaint is DENIED as futile.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the hearing set for March 2, 2021, at 9:30 a.m. shall be ADVANCED and VACATED pursuant to E.D.C.R. 2.23 and the Administrative Order 20-17.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that to the extent there are remaining claims asserted against DOE/ROE defendants in this action, this Order dismissing VTI and CCSD shall be considered entry of final judgment of dismissal pursuant to Nev. R. Civ. P. 54(b) as there is no just reason to delay entry of final judgment as to these parties.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated this 31st day of March, 2021

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Prepared and submitted by:

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Based on the out of office message, I understand you are back to work today. I would appreciate your comments on the proposed Order in the *Mario Salas v. Vision Technologies/CCSD* matter, or if none, your consent for me to affix your electronic signature for filing. As previously stated, Plaintiff's counsel, Kimball Jones, has already approved this draft.

We are well past the deadline imposed by the local rules to submit this proposed order, but as the order pertains to CCSD's Motion to Dismiss as well, I wanted to get your comments/approval before submitting to the Court. I request that this be a priority and that you get back to me by the end of today. I appreciate your cooperation to get this done.

Thank you,



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Good morning Melissa and Christine,

I received an out-of-office email response to my email yesterday. I'd like to submit the proposed order for the *Mario Salas v. Vision Technologies/CCSD* matter ASAP as required by the local rules. Please get back to me today. The draft, which has been approved by Kimball Jones, is attached again for your convenience.

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Please advise if you are in agreement with the proposed order in the *Mario Salas v. Vision Technologies/CCSD* matter. The draft, which has been approved by Kimball Jones, is attached again for your convenience.

I intend to submit to the court by the end of today, so please get back to me at your asap.

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On Thu, Mar 4, 2021 at 8:45 AM Michelle D. Alarie <<u>MAlarie@atllp.com</u>> wrote:

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My client has approved the draft sent yesterday. Please review and provide your comments. I intend to submit on Monday, so please get back to me at your earliest convenience.

Thanks,

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Good afternoon counsel,

Per the Court's Minute Order dated February 26, 2021, granting Vision Technologies' Motion to Dismiss and CCSD's Motion to Dismiss and Joinder, please find attached the draft written order. Please note that I do not have final approval from my client on the draft, so it is subject to additional revisions on my end, but I wanted to circulate the draft asap as the deadline to submit is this Monday, March 8, 2021. I believe the draft order is consistent with the Minute Order as well as the submitted briefing and arguments.

Please review and advise if you have any revisions, which I request be redlined for clarity. Please keep in mind the submission deadline imposed by the Court is this coming Monday.

### Thank you,



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22	XX; DOES XXI through XXV; and ROE CORPORATIONS, XXV through XXX, inclusive,	
23	jointly and severally,	
24	Defendants.	
25	COMES NOW District MADIO A SALAS	by and through his councel KIMDALL IONES
26		, by and through his counsel, KIMBALL JONES,
27	ESQ. and ROBERT N. EATON, ESQ., with the law	offices of <b>BIGHORN LAW</b> , and for his causes of
28	action against the Defendants, and each of them, alleg	ges as follows:
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That Plaintiff MARIO A. SALAS (hereinafter referred to as "MARIO") was at all times relevant
 to this action a resident of Boulder City, Clark County, Nevada.

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2. Upon information and belief, and at all times relevant to this action, the Defendant CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT (hereinafter referred to as "CCSD"), and/or DOE OWNERS I through X, and/or ROE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT COMPANIES XI through XX and/or ROE OWNERS XI through XX, and/or ROE EMPLOYERS XI through XX, controlled the premises located at 2832 E. Flamingo Rd., Las Vegas, Nevada 89121.

3. Upon information and belief, and at all times relevant to this action, the Defendant VISION TECHNOLOGIES, INC. (hereinafter referred to as "VISION"), a Foreign Corporation, was conducting business in Las Vegas, Clark County, Nevada and was the employer of Plaintiff MARIO.

Upon information and belief, and at all times relevant to this action, Defendant CCSD, and/or DOE 4. 14 15 OWNERS I through X, and/or ROE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT 16 COMPANIES XI through XX and/or ROE OWNERS XI through XX, and/or ROE 17 EMPLOYERS XI through XX, controlled, operated and supervised User Support Services, a 18 division/entity/organization/group within CCSD and/or controlled by CCSD, who was 19 responsible for providing desktop maintenance support for personal computer (PC) users 20 21 throughout the district, utilizing district personnel and contracted services. This included a Call 22 Support Center that functions as a traditional Help Desk for the entire district for personal 23 computer related trouble calls and dispatching onsite support for both hardware and software 24 failure issues. Additionally, User Support Services provided hardware and software installation 25 for administrative sites, special regional support, and general support for the district. 26

Upon information and belief, and at all times relevant to this action, Defendants DOE SCHOOL
 DISTRICT EMPLOYEES I through X and/or DOE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

SUPPORT EMPLOYEES I through X, who were employees living and working in Clark County, Nevada and who were tasked by Defendant CCSD, and/or DOE OWNERS I through X, and/or ROE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT COMPANIES XI through XX and/or ROE OWNERS XI through XX, and/or ROE EMPLOYERS XI through XX, to repurpose used computers that were pulled out of classrooms, were using compressed Air to clean the dust out of the computers, at the premises located at 2832 E. Flamingo Rd., Las Vegas, Nevada 89121, at the time the subject incident occurred.

- 6. Upon information and belief, and at all times relevant to this action, Defendant CCSD, and/or DOE OWNERS I through X, and/or ROE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT COMPANIES XI through XX and/or ROE OWNERS XI through XX, and/or ROE EMPLOYERS XI through XX, was responsible for properly hiring, training and/or supervising Defendant DOE SCHOOL DISTRICT EMPLOYEES I through X and/or DOE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT EMPLOYEES I through X.
- 7. Upon information and belief, and at all times relevant to this action, Defendant CCSD, and/or DOE
  OWNERS I through X, and/or ROE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT
  COMPANIES XI through XX and/or ROE OWNERS XI through XX, and/or ROE
  EMPLOYERS XI through XX, was responsible to notify anyone working at or near the premises
  located at 2832 E. Flamingo Rd., Las Vegas, Nevada 89121, of any potential or extremely harmful
  hazards, at the time the subject incident occurred.
- 8. Upon information and belief, and at all times relevant to this action, Defendant ROE DESIGNER,
  XI through XX, and/or ROE MANUFACTURER, XI through XX, was, an entity organized and
  existing under the laws of the State of Nevada, authorized to conduct, and actually conducting,
  business in Clark County, Nevada, and was negligent in the creating, designing, manufacturing,
  inspecting and/or repairing, the device(s) utilizing and/or producing compressed Air to clean the

dust out of the computers, at the premises located at 2832 E. Flamingo Rd., Las Vegas, Nevada 89121, at the time the subject incident occurred.

- 9. Upon information and belief, and at all times relevant to this action, Defendants DOE MANUFACTURER EMPLOYEE, I through X, and/or DOE DESIGNER EMPLOYEE, I through X, who were employees living and working in Clark County, Nevada, who were under his/her course and scope of employment with Defendants ROE DESIGNER, XI through XX, and/or ROE MANUFACTURER, XI through XX, and were tasked by Defendants ROE DESIGNER, XI through XX, and/or ROE MANUFACTURER, XI through XX, and were tasked by Defendants ROE DESIGNER, XI through XX, and/or ROE MANUFACTURER, XI through XX, in the creating, designing, manufacturing, inspecting and/or repairing, the device(s) utilizing and/or producing compressed Air to clean the dust out of the computers, at the premises located at 2832 E. Flamingo Rd., Las Vegas, Nevada 89121, at the time the subject incident occurred.
- 10. Upon information and belief, and at all times relevant to this action, Defendant ROE DESIGNER, XI through XX, and/or ROE MANUFACTURER, XI through XX, was, an entity organized and existing under the laws of the State of Nevada, authorized to conduct, and actually conducting, business in Clark County, Nevada, and was negligent in the creating, designing, manufacturing, inspecting and/or repairing, the safety masks, supplies or other safety equipment provided to MARIO, if any, at the time the subject incident occurred.
- 1 Upon information and belief, and at all times relevant to this action, Defendants DOE
  MANUFACTURER EMPLOYEE, I through X, and/or DOE DESIGNER EMPLOYEE, I
  through X, who were employees living and working in Clark County, Nevada, who were under
  his/her course and scope of employment with Defendants ROE DESIGNER, XI through XX,
  and/or ROE MANUFACTURER, XI through XX, and were tasked by Defendants ROE
  DESIGNER, XI through XX, and/or ROE MANUFACTURER, XI through XX, in the creating,

designing, manufacturing, inspecting and/or repairing, of the safety masks, supplies or other safety equipment provided to MARIO, if any, at the time the subject incident occurred.

12. That the true names and capacities, whether individual, corporate, partnership, associate or otherwise, of DOE SCHOOL DISTRICT EMPLOYEES I through X and/or DOE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT EMPLOYEES I through X, and/or DOE OWNERS I through X, and/or DOE MANUFACTURER EMPLOYEE, I through X, and/or DOE DESIGNER EMPLOYEE, I through X, and/or ROE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT COMPANIES XI through XX, and/or ROE OWNERS XI through XX, and/or ROE EMPLOYERS XI through XX, and/or ROE DESIGNER, XI through XX, and/or ROE MANUFACTURER, XI through XX, are unknown to MARIO, who therefore sue said Defendants by such fictitious names accordingly.

13. Plaintiff MARIO is informed, and believes, and thereon alleges that each of the Defendants designated herein as DOES XXI through XXV, and/or ROE CORPORATIONS, XXV through XXX, are responsible in some manner for the events and happenings referred to and caused damages proximately to MARIO as herein alleged, and that MARIO will ask leave of this Court to amend this Complaint to insert the true names and capacities of DOES XXI through XXV, and/or ROE CORPORATIONS, XXV through XXX, when the same have been ascertained, and to join such defendants in this action.

14. At all times relevant hereto the conduct and activities hereinafter complained of occurred within Clark County, Nevada.

## **<u>FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION</u>** (Negligence as to All Defendants)

15. Plaintiff MARIO incorporates by this reference all of the allegations of paragraphs 1 through 14, hereinabove, as though completely set forth herein.

- 16. That upon information and belief, at all times relevant to this action, Defendant CCSD, and/or DOE
   OWNERS I through X, and/or ROE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT
   COMPANIES XI through XX, and/or ROE OWNERS XI through XX, and/or ROE
   EMPLOYERS XI through XX, were the owners or lessees and occupied, operated, maintained and
   controlled those premises located at 2832 E. Flamingo Rd., Las Vegas, Nevada 89121.
  - 17. That on or about the June 28, 2019, and for some time prior thereto, Defendant VISION, and/or ROE OWNERS XI through XX, and/or ROE EMPLOYERS XI through XX, employed MARIO as a Network Engineer III and MARIO was thereby acting within the course of Defendant VISION's employment and scope of Defendant VISION's authority.

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- 18. That on or about the June 28, 2019, and for some time prior thereto, Defendant CCSD, and/or DOE 12 OWNERS I through X, and/or ROE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT 13 COMPANIES XI through XX, and/or ROE OWNERS XI through XX, and/or ROE 14 15 EMPLOYERS XI through XX, and/or DOE SCHOOL DISTRICT EMPLOYEES I through X, 16 and/or DOE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT EMPLOYEES I through X, (by and 17 through Defendant's authorized agents, servants, and employees, acting within the course and scope 18 of their employment), negligently and carelessly owned, maintained, operated, occupied, and 19 controlled the said premises, located at 2832 E. Flamingo Rd., Las Vegas, Nevada 89121, so as to 20 21 cause and allow an unreasonably hazardous and dangerous condition.
- That on or about the June 28, 2019, and for some time prior thereto, Defendant CCSD, and/or DOE
  OWNERS I through X, and/or ROE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT
  COMPANIES XI through XX, and/or ROE OWNERS XI through XX, and/or ROE
  EMPLOYERS XI through XX, and/or DOE SCHOOL DISTRICT EMPLOYEES I through X,
  and/or DOE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT EMPLOYEES I through X, (by and
  through Defendant's authorized agents, servants, and employees, acting within the course and scope

of their employment), negligently and carelessly owned, maintained, operated, occupied, and controlled the said premises, located at 2832 E. Flamingo Rd., Las Vegas, Nevada 89121, in that they maintained the area in such a manner that it presented a dangerous and hazardous condition in an area intended for the use and commonly and regularly used by invitees of the said Defendant.

20. That on or about the June 28, 2019, and for some time prior thereto, and for some time prior thereto, Defendants CCSD, and/or DOE OWNERS I through X, and/or ROE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT COMPANIES XI through XX, and/or ROE OWNERS XI through XX, and/or ROE EMPLOYERS XI through XX, and/or DOE SCHOOL DISTRICT EMPLOYEES I through X, and/or DOE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT EMPLOYEES I through X, (by and through Defendant's authorized agents, servants, and employees, acting within the course and scope of their employment), negligently and carelessly owned, maintained, operated, occupied, and controlled the said premises, located at 2832 E. Flamingo Rd., Las Vegas, Nevada 89121, in that said Defendant permitted, allowed and caused said unsafe condition to remain even though Defendants CCSD, and/or VISION, and/or DOE OWNERS I through X, and/or ROE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT COMPANIES XI through XX, and/or ROE OWNERS XI through XX, and/or ROE EMPLOYERS XI through XX, and/or DOE SCHOOL DISTRICT EMPLOYEES I through X, and/or DOE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT EMPLOYEES I through X, and each of them, knew or, through the exercise of ordinary care and diligence, should have known, that said premises was in an unsafe manner so as to create a defective and dangerous condition for anyone in the area.

21.At all times relevant herein, Defendant CCSD, and/or DOE OWNERS I through X, and/or ROE7INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT COMPANIES XI through XX, and/or ROE8OWNERS XI through XX, and/or ROE EMPLOYERS XI through XX, and/or DOE SCHOOL

DISTRICT EMPLOYEES I through X, and/or DOE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT EMPLOYEES I through X, failed to maintain the aforesaid premises in a reasonably safe condition; and Defendants CCSD, and/or VISION, and/or DOE OWNERS I through X, and/or ROE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT COMPANIES XI through XX, and/or ROE OWNERS XI through XX, and/or ROE EMPLOYERS XI through XX, and/or DOE SCHOOL DISTRICT EMPLOYEES I through X, and/or DOE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT EMPLOYEES I through X, and each of them, negligently, carelessly and recklessly failed to inspect, repair and correct the said condition, or warn MARIO, and others within the area, of the dangers therein.

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22. At all times herein concerned or relevant to this action, Defendant CCSD, and/or DOE OWNERS I through X, and/or ROE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT COMPANIES XI through XX, and/or ROE OWNERS XI through XX, and/or ROE EMPLOYERS XI through XX, and/or 14 DOE SCHOOL DISTRICT EMPLOYEES I through X, and/or DOE INFORMATION 16 TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT EMPLOYEES I through X, acted by and through Defendant's duly authorized agents, servants, workmen and/or employees then and there acting within the course of Defendant's employment and scope of Defendant's authority for the said Defendant.

23. That for some time prior to June 28, 2019, Defendant CCSD, and/or DOE OWNERS I through X, 20 21 and/or ROE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT COMPANIES XI through XX, 22 and/or ROE OWNERS XI through XX, and/or ROE EMPLOYERS XI through XX, negligently 23 failed to maintain and clean the computers and areas housing computers at said premises, located at 24 2832 E. Flamingo Rd., Las Vegas, Nevada 89121. 25

24. That as a result of the negligence of Defendant CCSD, and/or DOE OWNERS I through X, and/or 26 ROE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT COMPANIES XI through XX, and/or ROE 27 28 OWNERS XI through XX, and/or ROE EMPLOYERS XI through XX, the areas housing computers at said premises, located at 2832 E. Flamingo Rd., Las Vegas, Nevada 89121, developed a major buildup of dust and other dangerous and hazardous particles and pollutants, that could easily become airborne and cause serious injury to any person around the area.

25. That Defendant CCSD, and/or DOE OWNERS I through X, and/or ROE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT COMPANIES XI through XX, and/or ROE OWNERS XI through XX, and/or ROE EMPLOYERS XI through XX, employed Defendant VISION, and/or ROE OWNERS XI through XX, and/or ROE EMPLOYERS XI through XX, to perform Information Technology Services in the area of the toxic buildup of dust and other particles.

26. That when Defendant CCSD, and/or DOE OWNERS I through X, and/or ROE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT COMPANIES XI through XX, and/or ROE OWNERS XI through XX, and/or ROE EMPLOYERS XI through XX, directed Defendant VISION, and/or ROE OWNERS XI through XX, and/or ROE EMPLOYERS XI through XX, it did so with a knowledge of the dangers associated with its directive, but acted with a conscious disregard for the safety of the personnel involved even though Defendant CCSD, and/or DOE OWNERS I through X, and/or ROE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT COMPANIES XI through XX, and/or ROE OWNERS XI through XX, and/or ROE EMPLOYERS XI through XX, was aware of the possible and probable consequences of its grossly negligent and malicious behavior.

That Defendant VISION, and/or ROE OWNERS XI through XX, and/or ROE EMPLOYERS XI
 through XX, was aware of the dangers associated with the work requested by Defendant CCSD,
 and/or DOE OWNERS I through X, and/or ROE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT
 COMPANIES XI through XX, and/or ROE OWNERS XI through XX, and/or ROE
 EMPLOYERS XI through XX, at said premises, located at 2832 E. Flamingo Rd., Las Vegas,
 Nevada 89121, and nevertheless directed its employees to work in the toxic area with a conscious

disregard for the safety of its employees and with a knowledge of the probable harmful consequences of its grossly negligent and malicious behavior.
28. That on or about the June 28, 2019, Defendant VISION, and/or ROE OWNERS XI through XX, and/or ROE EMPLOYERS XI through XX, instructed MARIO to perform Information Technology services and support for Defendant CCSD, and/or DOE OWNERS I through X, and/or ROE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT COMPANIES XI through XX, and/or ROE OWNERS XI through XX, and/or ROE EMPLOYERS XI through XX, and/or ROE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT COMPANIES XI through XX, and/or ROE OWNERS XI through XX, and/or ROE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT COMPANIES XI through XX, and/or ROE OWNERS XI through XX, and/or ROE EMPLOYERS XI through XX, at said premises, located at 2832 E. Flamingo Rd., Las Vegas, Nevada 89121.
29. That on or about the June 28, 2019, Defendant VISION, and/or ROE OWNERS XI through XX,

and/or ROE EMPLOYERS XI through XX, failed to provide MARIO with proper safety masks, supplies or other safety equipment, if any at all, and any said safety masks, supplies or other safety equipment provided to MARIO, if any at all, were negligently created, designed, manufactured, inspected and/or repaired by Defendants DOE MANUFACTURER EMPLOYEE, I through X, and/or DOE DESIGNER EMPLOYEE, I through X, and/or ROE DESIGNER, XI through XX, and/or ROE MANUFACTURER, XI through XX, and each of them.

30. That on or about the June 28, 2019, Defendant CCSD, and/or DOE OWNERS I through X, and/or ROE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT COMPANIES XI through XX, and/or ROE OWNERS XI through XX, and/or ROE EMPLOYERS XI through XX, and/or DOE SCHOOL DISTRICT EMPLOYEES I through X, and/or DOE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT EMPLOYEES I through X, (by and through Defendant's authorized agents, servants, and employees, acting within the course and scope of their employment), permitted and instructed the use of compressed Air, to clean the dust out of used computers, indoors, without proper ventilation, and without providing any safety masks, supplies or other safety equipment to MARIO, and others within the area, at said premises, located at 2832 E. Flamingo Rd., Las Vegas, Nevada

89121, and said compressed Air device(s) was negligently created, designed, manufactured, inspected and/or repaired by Defendants DOE MANUFACTURER EMPLOYEE, I through X, and/or DOE DESIGNER EMPLOYEE, I through X, and/or ROE DESIGNER, XI through XX, and/or ROE MANUFACTURER, XI through XX, and each of them.

31. That the carelessness and negligence of Defendants CCSD, and/or VISION, and/or DOE OWNERS I through X, and/or ROE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT COMPANIES XI through XX, and/or ROE OWNERS XI through XX, and/or ROE EMPLOYERS XI through XX, and/or DOE SCHOOL DISTRICT EMPLOYEES I through X, and/or DOE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT EMPLOYEES I through X, and each of them, in breaching a duty owed to MARIO, which directly and proximately caused the injuries and damages to MARIO, consisting in and of, but not limited to, the following acts, to wit:

(a) Failure to provide a safe premise for MARIO;

(b) Failure to warn MARIO, of the dangerous and hazardous condition then and there existing in said premises;

(c) Failure to properly and adequately inspect the said dangerous condition to ascertain its hazardous and dangerous condition;

(d) Actively created hazards to MARIO, and others, by blowing dust and other dangerous particles in dangerous volumes into the air within an enclosed space, without sufficient ventilation;

(e) Failure to properly and adequately maintain said premises;

(f) Failure to provide proper safety masks, supplies or other safety equipment when the conditions and activities indicated the need for the same;

(g) Defendants CCSD, and/or VISION, and/or DOE OWNERS I through X, and/or ROE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT COMPANIES XI through XX, and/or ROE OWNERS XI through XX, and/or ROE EMPLOYERS XI through XX, and/or DOE SCHOOL

DISTRICT EMPLOYEES I through X, and/or DOE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
SUPPORT EMPLOYEES I through X, and each of them, had, or should have had, knowledge or notice of the existence of the said dangerous and hazardous condition which existed on said premises.
32. Defendants CCSD, and/or VISION, and/or DOE OWNERS I through X, and/or ROE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT COMPANIES XI through XX, and/or ROE OWNERS XI through XX, and/or ROE OWNERS XI through XX, and/or ROE EMPLOYERS XI through XX, and/or DOE SCHOOL DISTRICT EMPLOYEES I through X, and/or DOE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT EMPLOYEES I through X, and each of them, have violated certain statutes, ordinances and building codes, which PLAINTIFF ROBERTS prays leave of Court to insert the exact statutes or ordinances or codes at the time of the trial.

33. That on or about the June 28, 2019, MARIO, while lawfully upon said premises of Defendant CCSD, and/or DOE OWNERS I through X, and/or ROE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT COMPANIES XI through XX, and/or ROE OWNERS XI through XX, and/or ROE EMPLOYERS XI through XX, and/or DOE SCHOOL DISTRICT EMPLOYEES I through X, and as a direct and proximate result of the negligence and carelessness of Defendants CCSD, and/or VISION, and/or DOE OWNERS I through X, and/or ROE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT EMPLOYEES I through X, and/or ROE OWNERS XI through X, and/or ROE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT COMPANIES XI through XX, and/or ROE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT COMPANIES XI through XX, and/or ROE OWNERS XI through XX, and/or ROE EMPLOYEES I through XX, and/or DOE SCHOOL DISTRICT EMPLOYEES I through X, and/or ROE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT COMPANIES XI through XX, and/or DOE SCHOOL DISTRICT EMPLOYEES I through X, and/or ROE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT EMPLOYEES I through X, and/or DOE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT EMPLOYEES I through X, and each of them, MARIO was caused to suffer the injuries and damages hereinafter set forth when Defendant permitted and instructed the use of compressed Air, to clean the dust out of used computers, indoors, without proper ventilation, and without providing any safety masks, supplies or other

safety equipment, at said premises located at 2832 E. Flamingo Rd., Las Vegas, Nevada 89121, resulting in the injuries and damages as hereinafter more particularly alleged.

34. By reason of the premises and as a direct and proximate result of the aforesaid negligence and carelessness of Defendants CCSD, and/or VISION, and/or DOE OWNERS I through X, and/or ROE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT COMPANIES XI through XX, and/or ROE OWNERS XI through XX, and/or ROE EMPLOYERS XI through XX, and/or DOE SCHOOL DISTRICT EMPLOYEES I through X, and/or DOE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT EMPLOYEES I through X, and each of them, MARIO was otherwise injured in and about the head, neck, back, legs, knees and heart and caused to suffer great pain of body and mind, all or some of the same of which are chronic conditions, which may result in permanent disability and are disabling, all to which MARIO is entitled to recover damages in an amount in excess of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00).

35. By reason of the premises, and as a direct and proximate result of the aforesaid negligence and carelessness of Defendants CCSD, and/or VISION, and/or DOE OWNERS I through X, and/or ROE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT COMPANIES XI through XX, and/or ROE OWNERS XI through XX, and/or ROE EMPLOYERS XI through XX, and/or DOE SCHOOL DISTRICT EMPLOYEES I through X, and/or DOE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT EMPLOYEES I through X, and each of them, MARIO, has been caused to incur medical expenses, and will in the future be caused to expend monies for medical expenses and additional monies for miscellaneous expenses incidental thereto, in a sum presently unascertainable. MARIO may pray leave of Court to insert the total amount of the medical and miscellaneous expenses when the same have been fully determined at the time of the trial for this action. 

36. Prior to the injuries complained of herein, MARIO, was an able-bodied male, capable of engaging in all activities for which she was otherwise suited. By reason of the condition of the premises

1		described herein, and as a direct and proximate result of the negligence of Defendants CCSD, and/or	
2		VISION, and/or DOE OWNERS I through X, and/or ROE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	
3		SUPPORT COMPANIES XI through XX, and/or ROE OWNERS XI through XX, and/or ROE	
4		EMPLOYERS XI through XX, and/or DOE SCHOOL DISTRICT EMPLOYEES I through X,	
5		and/or DOE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT EMPLOYEES I through X, and each	
6 7		of them, MARIO was caused to be disabled and was limited and restricted in MARIO's occupations	
8		and activities, which caused MARIO loss of wages in a presently unascertainable amount, the	
9		allegations of which MARIO may pray leave of Court to insert herein when the same shall be fully	
10		determined.	
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12	57.	MARIO has been required to retain the Law Offices of <b>BIGHORN LAW</b> to prosecute this action,	
13		and is entitled to recover his reasonable attorney's fees, his litigation costs, and prejudgment	
14		interest.	
15	38.	That this Court has subject matter jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to NRS 4.370(1), as the	
16		matter in controversy exceeds Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00), exclusive of attorney's	
17		fees, interest, and costs.	
18 19	39.	That this Court has personal jurisdiction in this matter, as the incidents and occurrences that	
20		comprise the basis of this lawsuit took place in Clark County, Nevada.	
21		SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION	
22		(Respondeat Superior, Negligent Entrustment, Hiring, Training, and Supervision as to Defendant CCSD, and/or DOE OWNERS I through X, and/or ROE INFORMATION	
23		TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT COMPANIES XI through XX, and/or ROE OWNERS XI through XX, and/or ROE EMPLOYERS XI through XX)	
24	40.	MARIO incorporates by this reference all of the allegations of paragraphs 1 through 39,	
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26		hereinabove, as though completely set forth herein.	
27	41.	Defendant CCSD, and/or DOE OWNERS I through X, and/or ROE INFORMATION	
28		TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT COMPANIES XI through XX, and/or ROE OWNERS XI through	
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XX, and/or ROE EMPLOYERS XI through XX, had a duty to properly hire, train, and supervise all employees to ensure that the property mentioned hereinabove remained in a reasonably safe condition.

- 42. That at all times pertinent hereto, Defendant CCSD, and/or DOE OWNERS I through X, and/or ROE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT COMPANIES XI through XX, and/or ROE OWNERS XI through XX, and/or ROE EMPLOYERS XI through XX, breached its above-referenced duties by failing to properly hire, train and/or supervise Defendant DOE SCHOOL DISTRICT EMPLOYEES I through X, and/or DOE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT EMPLOYEES I through X, in each of his/her duties and actions as employees of Defendant CCSD, and/or DOE OWNERS I through X, and/or ROE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT COMPANIES XI through X, and/or ROE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY XX, and/or ROE EMPLOYERS XI through XX.
- 43. In addition, as the employer of Defendant CCSD, and/or DOE OWNERS I through X, and/or ROE
  INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT COMPANIES XI through XX, and/or ROE
  OWNERS XI through XX, and/or ROE EMPLOYERS XI through XX, is vicariously liable for
  all damage caused by Defendant DOE SCHOOL DISTRICT EMPLOYEES I through X, and/or
  DOE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT EMPLOYEES I through X, as said
  Defendant, was acting within the course and scope of each of his/her employment with Defendant
  CCSD, and/or DOE OWNERS I through X, and/or ROE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
  SUPPORT COMPANIES XI through XX, and/or ROE OWNERS XI through XX, and/or ROE
  EMPLOYERS XI through XX, at the time of the subject incident described herein.

44. By reason of the premises and as a direct and proximate result of the aforesaid negligence and carelessness of Defendant CCSD, and/or DOE OWNERS I through X, and/or ROE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT COMPANIES XI through XX, and/or ROE

OWNERS XI through XX, and/or ROE EMPLOYERS XI through XX, and/or DOE SCHOOL DISTRICT EMPLOYEES I through X, and/or DOE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT EMPLOYEES I through X, MARIO was otherwise injured in and about the head, neck, back, legs, knees and heart and caused to suffer great pain of body and mind, all or some of the same of which are chronic conditions, which may result in permanent disability and are disabling, all to which MARIO is entitled to recover damages in an amount in excess of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00).

45. By reason of the premises, and as a direct and proximate result of the aforesaid negligence and carelessness of Defendant CCSD, and/or DOE OWNERS I through X, and/or ROE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT COMPANIES XI through XX, and/or ROE OWNERS XI through XX, and/or ROE EMPLOYERS XI through XX, and/or DOE SCHOOL DISTRICT EMPLOYEES I through X, and/or DOE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT EMPLOYEES I through X, MARIO, has been caused to incur medical expenses, and will in the future be caused to expend monies for medical expenses and additional monies for miscellaneous expenses incidental thereto, in a sum presently unascertainable. MARIO may pray leave of Court to insert the total amount of the medical and miscellaneous expenses when the same have been fully determined at the time of the trial for this action.

46. Prior to the injuries complained of herein, MARIO, was an able-bodied male, capable of engaging
in all activities for which she was otherwise suited. By reason of the condition of the premises
described herein, and as a direct and proximate result of the negligence of Defendant CCSD, and/or
DOE OWNERS I through X, and/or ROE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT
COMPANIES XI through XX, and/or ROE OWNERS XI through XX, and/or ROE
EMPLOYERS XI through XX, and/or DOE SCHOOL DISTRICT EMPLOYEES I through X,
and/or DOE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT EMPLOYEES I through X, MARIO

was caused to be disabled and was limited and restricted in MARIO's occupations and activities,
which caused MARIO loss of wages in a presently unascertainable amount, the allegations of which
MARIO may pray leave of Court to insert herein when the same shall be fully determined.
MARIO has been required to retain the Law Offices of **BIGHORN LAW** to prosecute this action,
and is entitled to recover his reasonable attorney's fees, his litigation costs, and prejudgment

interest.

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### **THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION**

## (Negligence as to Defendants DOE MANUFACTURER EMPLOYEE, I through X, and/or DOE DESIGNER EMPLOYEE, I through X, and/or ROE DESIGNER, XI through XX, and/or ROE MANUFACTURER, XI through XX)

48. MARIO repeats and realleges those allegations set forth in paragraph 1 through 47 of the above as fully set forth herein.

49. Defendants DOE MANUFACTURER EMPLOYEE, I through X, and/or DOE DESIGNER EMPLOYEE, I through X, and/or ROE DESIGNER, XI through XX, and/or ROE MANUFACTURER, XI through XX, and each of them, had a duty to exercise reasonable care in the designing, researching, manufacturing, marketing, supplying, promoting, packaging, selling and/or distributing the device(s) utilizing and/or producing compressed Air, to clean the dust out of the computers, at the premises located at 2832 E. Flamingo Rd., Las Vegas, Nevada 89121, and the safety masks, supplies or other safety equipment provided to MARIO, if any, at the time the subject incident occurred, including a duty to assure that these products would not cause users to suffer unreasonable, dangerous side effects.

Defendants DOE MANUFACTURER EMPLOYEE, I through X, and/or DOE DESIGNER
 EMPLOYEE, I through X, and/or ROE DESIGNER, XI through XX, and/or ROE
 MANUFACTURER, XI through XX, and each of them, failed to exercise ordinary care in the
 designing, researching, manufacturing, marketing, supplying, promoting, packaging, selling,

testing, quality assurance, quality control, and/or distributing the device(s) utilizing and/or producing compressed Air, to clean the dust out of the computers, at the premises located at 2832 E. Flamingo Rd., Las Vegas, Nevada 89121, and the safety masks, supplies or other safety equipment provided to MARIO, if any, at the time the subject incident occurred, into interstate commerce in that Defendants DOE MANUFACTURER EMPLOYEE, I through X, and/or DOE DESIGNER EMPLOYEE, I through X, and/or ROE DESIGNER, XI through XX, and/or ROE MANUFACTURER, XI through XX, and/or ROE MANUFACTURER, XI through XX, and each of them, knew or should have known that using the device(s) utilizing and/or producing compressed Air, to clean the dust out of the computers, at the premises located at 2832 E. Flamingo Rd., Las Vegas, Nevada 89121, and the safety masks, supplies or other safety equipment provided to MARIO, if any, at the time the subject incident occurred, created a high risk of unreasonable and dangerous side effects.

51. The negligence of the Defendants DOE MANUFACTURER EMPLOYEE, I through X, and/or DOE DESIGNER EMPLOYEE, I through X, and/or ROE DESIGNER, XI through XX, and/or ROE MANUFACTURER, XI through XX, and each of them, their agents, servants, and/or employees, included, but was not limited to, the following acts and/or omissions:

- a. Manufacturing, producing, promoting, formulating, creating, and/or designing the device(s) utilizing and/or producing compressed Air, to clean the dust out of the computers, at the premises located at 2832 E. Flamingo Rd., Las Vegas, Nevada 89121, and the safety masks, supplies or other safety equipment provided to MARIO, if any, at the time the subject incident occurred, without thorough testing;
- b. Manufacturing, producing, promoting, formulating, creating, and/or the device(s) utilizing and/or producing compressed Air, to clean the dust out of the computers, at the premises located at 2832 E. Flamingo Rd., Las Vegas, Nevada 89121, and the safety

masks, supplies or other safety equipment provided to MARIO, if any, at the time the subject incident occurred, without adequate testing;

- c. Not conducting sufficient testing programs to determine whether or not the device(s) utilizing and/or producing compressed Air, to clean the dust out of the computers, at the premises located at 2832 E. Flamingo Rd., Las Vegas, Nevada 89121, and the safety masks, supplies or other safety equipment provided to MARIO, if any, at the time the subject incident occurred, were safe for use; in that Defendants DOE MANUFACTURER EMPLOYEE, I through X, and/or DOE DESIGNER EMPLOYEE, I through X, and/or ROE DESIGNER, XI through XX, and/or ROE MANUFACTURER, XI through XX, and each of them, herein knew or should have known that the device(s) utilizing and/or producing compressed Air, to clean the dust out of the computers, at the premises located at 2832 E. Flamingo Rd., Las Vegas, Nevada 89121, and the safety masks, supplies or other safety equipment provided to MARIO, if any, at the time the subject incident occurred, were unsafe and unfit for use by reason of the dangers to its expected users;
- d. Selling the device(s) utilizing and/or producing compressed Air, to clean the dust out of the computers, at the premises located at 2832 E. Flamingo Rd., Las Vegas, Nevada 89121, and the safety masks, supplies or other safety equipment provided to MARIO, if any, at the time the subject incident occurred, without making proper and sufficient tests to determine the dangers to its expected users;
- e. Negligently failing to adequately and correctly warn the public, the medical and healthcare profession, and the FDA of the dangers with the device(s) utilizing and/or producing compressed Air, to clean the dust out of the computers, at the premises located at 2832 E. Flamingo Rd., Las Vegas, Nevada 89121, and the safety masks,

supplies or other safety equipment provided to MARIO, if any, at the time the subject incident occurred;

- f. Failing to provide adequate instructions regarding safety precautions to be observed by users, handlers, and persons who would reasonably and foreseeably come into contact with, and more particularly, use, the device(s) utilizing and/or producing compressed Air, to clean the dust out of the computers, at the premises located at 2832 E. Flamingo Rd., Las Vegas, Nevada 89121, and the safety masks, supplies or other safety equipment provided to MARIO, if any, at the time the subject incident occurred;
- g. Failing to test the device(s) utilizing and/or producing compressed Air, to clean the dust out of the computers, at the premises located at 2832 E. Flamingo Rd., Las Vegas, Nevada 89121, and the safety masks, supplies or other safety equipment provided to MARIO, if any, at the time the subject incident occurred, and/or failing to adequately, sufficiently and properly test the device(s) utilizing and/or producing compressed Air, to clean the dust out of the computers, at the premises located at 2832 E. Flamingo Rd., Las Vegas, Nevada 89121, and the safety masks, supplies or other safety equipment provided to MARIO, if any, at the time the subject incident occurred;
- h. Negligently advertising and recommending the use of the device(s) utilizing and/or producing compressed Air, to clean the dust out of the computers, at the premises located at 2832 E. Flamingo Rd., Las Vegas, Nevada 89121, and the safety masks, supplies or other safety equipment provided to MARIO, if any, at the time the subject incident occurred, without sufficient knowledge as to its dangerous propensities;
- Negligently representing that the device(s) utilizing and/or producing compressed Air,
   to clean the dust out of the computers, at the premises located at 2832 E. Flamingo Rd.,
   Las Vegas, Nevada 89121, and the safety masks, supplies or other safety equipment

provided to MARIO, if any, at the time the subject incident occurred, were safe for use for its intended purpose, when, in fact, they were unsafe;

- j. Negligently designing the device(s) utilizing and/or producing compressed Air, to clean the dust out of the computers, at the premises located at 2832 E. Flamingo Rd., Las Vegas, Nevada 89121, and the safety masks, supplies or other safety equipment provided to MARIO, if any, at the time the subject incident occurred, in a manner which was dangerous to its users;
- k. Negligently manufacturing the device(s) utilizing and/or producing compressed Air, to clean the dust out of the computers, at the premises located at 2832 E. Flamingo Rd., Las Vegas, Nevada 89121, and the safety masks, supplies or other safety equipment provided to MARIO, if any, at the time the subject incident occurred, in a manner which was dangerous to its users;
- Negligently producing the device(s) utilizing and/or producing compressed Air, to clean the dust out of the computers, at the premises located at 2832 E. Flamingo Rd., Las Vegas, Nevada 89121, and the safety masks, supplies or other safety equipment provided to MARIO, if any, at the time the subject incident occurred, in a manner which was dangerous to its users;
- m. Negligently assembling the device(s) utilizing and/or producing compressed Air, to clean the dust out of the computers, at the premises located at 2832 E. Flamingo Rd., Las Vegas, Nevada 89121, and the safety masks, supplies or other safety equipment provided to MARIO, if any, at the time the subject incident occurred, in a manner which was dangerous to its users;
  - n. Concealing information from the MARIO in knowing that the device(s) utilizing and/or producing compressed Air, to clean the dust out of the computers, at the premises

1		located at 2832 E. Flamingo Rd., Las Vegas, Nevada 89121, and the safety masks,
2		supplies or other safety equipment provided to MARIO, if any, at the time the subject
3		incident occurred, were unsafe, dangerous, and/or non-conforming with FDA
4		regulations;
5		b. Negligently failing to create protocols and safety systems for those purchasing, using
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7		or handling the device(s) utilizing and/or producing compressed Air, to clean the dust
8		out of the computers, at the premises located at 2832 E. Flamingo Rd., Las Vegas,
9		Nevada 89121, and the safety masks, supplies or other safety equipment provided to
10		MARIO, if any, at the time the subject incident occurred;
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13		device(s) utilizing and/or producing compressed Air, to clean the dust out of the
14		computers, at the premises located at 2832 E. Flamingo Rd., Las Vegas, Nevada 89121,
15		and the safety masks, supplies or other safety equipment provided to MARIO, if any, at
16		the time the subject incident occurred; and
17		q. Negligently informing those purchasing, using or handling the device(s) utilizing
18		and/or producing compressed Air, to clean the dust out of the computers, at the
19		premises located at 2832 E. Flamingo Rd., Las Vegas, Nevada 89121, and the safety
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21		masks, supplies or other safety equipment provided to MARIO, if any, at the time the
22		subject incident occurred, that said products were approved by the FDA to be used as
23		directed in this matter.
24	52. Defend	lants DOE MANUFACTURER EMPLOYEE, I through X, and/or DOE DESIGNER
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clean the dust out of the computers, at the premises located at 2832 E. Flamingo Rd., Las Vegas, Nevada 89121, and the safety masks, supplies or other safety equipment provided to MARIO, if any, at the time the subject incident occurred.

- 53. Defendants DOE MANUFACTURER EMPLOYEE, I through X, and/or DOE DESIGNER EMPLOYEE, I through X, and/or ROE DESIGNER, XI through XX, and/or ROE MANUFACTURER, XI through XX, and each of them, were negligent in the designing, researching, supplying, manufacturing, promoting, packaging, distributing, testing, advertising, warning, marketing and selling of the device(s) utilizing and/or producing compressed Air, to clean the dust out of the computers, at the premises located at 2832 E. Flamingo Rd., Las Vegas, Nevada 89121, and the safety masks, supplies or other safety equipment provided to MARIO, if any, at the time the subject incident occurred, in that Defendants DOE MANUFACTURER EMPLOYEE, I through X, and/or DOE DESIGNER EMPLOYEE, I through X, and/or ROE DESIGNER, XI through XX, and/or ROE MANUFACTURER, XI through XX, and each of them,:
  - a. Failed to accompany their product with proper and/or accurate warnings regarding all possible adverse side effects associated with the use of the device(s) utilizing and/or producing compressed Air, to clean the dust out of the computers, at the premises located at 2832 E. Flamingo Rd., Las Vegas, Nevada 89121, and the safety masks, supplies or other safety equipment provided to MARIO, if any, at the time the subject incident occurred;
  - b. Failed to accompany their product with proper warnings regarding all possible adverse side effects concerning any failure and/or malfunction of the device(s) utilizing and/or producing compressed Air, to clean the dust out of the computers, at the premises located at 2832 E. Flamingo Rd., Las Vegas, Nevada 89121, and the safety masks,

supplies or other safety equipment provided to MARIO, if any, at the time the subject incident occurred;

- c. Failed to accompany their product with accurate warnings regarding the risk of all possible adverse side effects concerning the device(s) utilizing and/or producing compressed Air, to clean the dust out of the computers, at the premises located at 2832
  E. Flamingo Rd., Las Vegas, Nevada 89121, and the safety masks, supplies or other safety equipment provided to MARIO, if any, at the time the subject incident occurred;
- d. Failed to conduct adequate testing and post-marketing surveillance to determine safety of the device(s) utilizing and/or producing compressed Air, to clean the dust out of the computers, at the premises located at 2832 E. Flamingo Rd., Las Vegas, Nevada 89121, and the safety masks, supplies or other safety equipment provided to MARIO, if any, at the time the subject incident occurred;
- e. Failed to accompany the product with accurate warnings regarding the risk associated with the device(s) utilizing and/or producing compressed Air, to clean the dust out of the computers, at the premises located at 2832 E. Flamingo Rd., Las Vegas, Nevada 89121, and the safety masks, supplies or other safety equipment provided to MARIO, if any, at the time the subject incident occurred;
- f. Failed to conduct adequate testing, including human factors to determine all risks to individuals using the device(s) utilizing and/or producing compressed Air, to clean the dust out of the computers, at the premises located at 2832 E. Flamingo Rd., Las Vegas, Nevada 89121, and the safety masks, supplies or other safety equipment provided to MARIO, if any, at the time the subject incident occurred; and
  - g. Were otherwise careless and/or negligent.

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54. Despite the fact that Defendants DOE MANUFACTURER EMPLOYEE, I through X, and/or DOE DESIGNER EMPLOYEE, I through X, and/or ROE DESIGNER, XI through XX, and/or ROE MANUFACTURER, XI through XX, and each of them, knew or should have known that the device(s) utilizing and/or producing compressed Air, to clean the dust out of the computers, at the premises located at 2832 E. Flamingo Rd., Las Vegas, Nevada 89121, and the safety masks, supplies or other safety equipment provided to MARIO, if any, at the time the subject incident occurred, caused unreasonably dangerous side effects and had a propensity to produce injuries or other health hazards, Defendants DOE MANUFACTURER EMPLOYEE, I through X, and/or DOE DESIGNER EMPLOYEE, I through X, and/or ROE DESIGNER, XI through XX, and/or ROE MANUFACTURER, XI through XX, and each of them, continued to market, manufacture, distribute and/or sell the device(s) utilizing and/or producing compressed Air, to clean the dust out of the computers, at the premises located at 2832 E. Flamingo Rd., Las Vegas, Nevada 89121, and the safety masks, supplies or other safety equipment provided to MARIO, if any, at the time the subject incident occurred.

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55. Defendants DOE MANUFACTURER EMPLOYEE, I through X, and/or DOE DESIGNER EMPLOYEE, I through X, and/or ROE DESIGNER, XI through XX, and/or ROE MANUFACTURER, XI through XX, and each of them, negligently sold, distributed, and/or manufactured the device(s) utilizing and/or producing compressed Air, to clean the dust out of the computers, at the premises located at 2832 E. Flamingo Rd., Las Vegas, Nevada 89121, and the safety masks, supplies or other safety equipment provided to MARIO, if any, at the time the subject incident occurred, as to allow these products to produce injuries or other health hazards.

56. By reason of the premises and as a direct and proximate result of the aforesaid negligence and carelessness of Defendants DOE MANUFACTURER EMPLOYEE, I through X, and/or DOE DESIGNER EMPLOYEE, I through X, and/or ROE DESIGNER, XI through XX, and/or ROE

MANUFACTURER, XI through XX, and each of them, MARIO was otherwise injured in and about the head, neck, back, legs, knees and heart and caused to suffer great pain of body and mind, all or some of the same of which are chronic conditions, which may result in permanent disability and are disabling, all to which MARIO is entitled to recover damages in an amount in excess of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00).

57. By reason of the premises, and as a direct and proximate result of the aforesaid negligence and carelessness of Defendants DOE MANUFACTURER EMPLOYEE, I through X, and/or DOE DESIGNER EMPLOYEE, I through X, and/or ROE DESIGNER, XI through XX, and/or ROE MANUFACTURER, XI through XX, and each of them, MARIO, has been caused to incur medical expenses, and will in the future be caused to expend monies for medical expenses and additional monies for miscellaneous expenses incidental thereto, in a sum presently unascertainable. MARIO may pray leave of Court to insert the total amount of the medical and miscellaneous expenses when the same have been fully determined at the time of the trial for this action.

58. Prior to the injuries complained of herein, MARIO, was an able-bodied male, capable of engaging in all activities for which she was otherwise suited. By reason of the condition of the premises described herein, and as a direct and proximate result of the negligence of Defendants DOE MANUFACTURER EMPLOYEE, I through X, and/or DOE DESIGNER EMPLOYEE, I through X, and/or ROE DESIGNER, XI through XX, and/or ROE MANUFACTURER, XI through XX, and each of them, MARIO was caused to be disabled and was limited and restricted in MARIO's occupations and activities, which caused MARIO loss of wages in a presently unascertainable amount, the allegations of which MARIO may pray leave of Court to insert herein when the same shall be fully determined.

59. By reason of the negligent acts and breach of the applicable standard of care by Defendants DOE
MANUFACTURER EMPLOYEE, I through X, and/or DOE DESIGNER EMPLOYEE, I

through X, and/or ROE DESIGNER, XI through XX, and/or ROE MANUFACTURER, XI through XX, and each of them, and as a direct and proximate result thereof, MARIO has found it necessary to secure the services of an attorney in order to prosecute this action, has sustained damages to the extent of such attorney fees, and MARIO is entitled to reasonable attorney's fees, case costs and prejudgment interest.

## FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION

# (Strict Product Liability as to Defendants DOE MANUFACTURER EMPLOYEE, I through X, and/or DOE DESIGNER EMPLOYEE, I through X, and/or ROE DESIGNER, XI through XX, and/or ROE MANUFACTURER, XI through XX)

60. MARIO repeats and realleges those allegations set forth in paragraph 1 through 59 of the above as fully set forth herein.

61. MARIO is in the class of persons that Defendants DOE MANUFACTURER EMPLOYEE, I through X, and/or DOE DESIGNER EMPLOYEE, I through X, and/or ROE DESIGNER, XI through XX, and/or ROE MANUFACTURER, XI through XX, and each of them, should reasonably have foreseen as being subject to the harm caused by the defects in designing, manufacturing, marketing, supplying, promoting, packaging, selling and/or distributing the device(s) utilizing and/or producing compressed Air, to clean the dust out of the computers, at the premises located at 2832 E. Flamingo Rd., Las Vegas, Nevada 89121, and the safety masks, supplies or other safety equipment provided to MARIO, if any, at the time the subject incident occurred. 62. Defendants DOE MANUFACTURER EMPLOYEE, I through X, and/or DOE DESIGNER EMPLOYEE, I through X, and/or ROE DESIGNER, XI through XX, and/or ROE MANUFACTURER, XI through XX, and each of them, which are engaged in the business of designing, manufacturing, distributing and selling the device(s) utilizing and/or producing compressed Air, to clean the dust out of the computers, at the premises located at 2832 E. Flamingo Rd., Las Vegas, Nevada 89121, and the safety masks, supplies or other safety equipment provided

to MARIO, if any, at the time the subject incident occurred, placed said products into the stream of commerce, in a defective and unreasonably dangerous condition, even though the foreseeable risks exceeded the benefits associated with the design and/or formulation of said products.

63. The device(s) utilizing and/or producing compressed Air, to clean the dust out of the computers, at the premises located at 2832 E. Flamingo Rd., Las Vegas, Nevada 89121, and the safety masks, supplies or other safety equipment provided to MARIO, if any, at the time the subject incident occurred, were defective in design and formulation and unreasonably dangerous when said products left the hands of Defendants DOE MANUFACTURER EMPLOYEE, I through X, and/or DOE DESIGNER EMPLOYEE, I through X, and/or ROE DESIGNER EMPLOYEE, XI through XX, and each of them, and when said products reached the users and consumers, without substantial alteration in the condition in which they were sold.

- 64. The device(s) utilizing and/or producing compressed Air, to clean the dust out of the computers, at the premises located at 2832 E. Flamingo Rd., Las Vegas, Nevada 89121, and the safety masks, supplies or other safety equipment provided to MARIO, if any, at the time the subject incident occurred, were designed, distributed and sold by Defendants DOE MANUFACTURER EMPLOYEE, I through X, and/or DOE DESIGNER EMPLOYEE, I through X, and/or ROE DESIGNER, XI through XX, and/or ROE MANUFACTURER, XI through XX, and each of them, and were unreasonable and dangerously defective beyond the extent contemplated by ordinary persons with ordinary knowledge regarding said products.
  - 65. The device(s) utilizing and/or producing compressed Air, to clean the dust out of the computers, at the premises located at 2832 E. Flamingo Rd., Las Vegas, Nevada 89121, and the safety masks, supplies or other safety equipment provided to MARIO, if any, at the time the subject incident

occurred, were defective due to inadequate warning and/or inadequate trials, in vivo and in vitro testing and study, and inadequate reporting regarding the results of such studies.

66. The device(s) utilizing and/or producing compressed Air, to clean the dust out of the computers, at the premises located at 2832 E. Flamingo Rd., Las Vegas, Nevada 89121, and the safety masks, supplies or other safety equipment provided to MARIO, if any, at the time the subject incident occurred, were defective due to inadequate post-marketing warning(s) or instruction(s) because, after Defendants DOE MANUFACTURER EMPLOYEE, I through X, and/or DOE DESIGNER EMPLOYEE, I through X, and/or ROE DESIGNER, XI through XX, and/or ROE MANUFACTURER, XI through XX, and each of them, knew or should have known of the risk of injury from these products, said Defendants failed to provide adequate warnings to each and every user and recipient, and more specifically to MARIO in this case and MARIO's community, and continued to promote the products as safe and effective, despite the known defects.

67. The product defects alleged above were a substantial contributing cause of the injuries suffered by MARIO, as alleged herein.

68. WHEREFORE, MARIO prays for judgment against Defendants DOE MANUFACTURER EMPLOYEE, I through X, and/or DOE DESIGNER EMPLOYEE, I through X, and/or ROE DESIGNER, XI through XX, and/or ROE MANUFACTURER, XI through XX, and each of them, jointly and severally, for an amount in excess of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) in compensatory damages, plus interest, costs and attorneys' fees.

69. That as a direct and proximate result of the negligence of the Defendants DOE
MANUFACTURER EMPLOYEE, I through X, and/or DOE DESIGNER EMPLOYEE, I
through X, and/or ROE DESIGNER, XI through XX, and/or ROE MANUFACTURER, XI
through XX, and each of them, MARIO has suffered non-economic damages for an amount in
excess of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00).

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70. By reason of the negligent acts and breach of the applicable standard of care by Defendants DOE MANUFACTURER EMPLOYEE, I through X, and/or DOE DESIGNER EMPLOYEE, I through X, and/or ROE DESIGNER, XI through XX, and/or ROE MANUFACTURER, XI through XX, and as a direct and proximate result thereof, MARIO has found it necessary to secure the services of an attorney in order to prosecute this action, has sustained damages to the extent of such attorney fees, and MARIO is entitled to reasonable attorneys' fees, case costs and prejudgment interest.

## **PRAYER FOR RELIEF:**

General damages for MARIO, in an amount in excess of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00);
 Special damages for said Plaintiff's medical and miscellaneous expenses as of this date, plus future medical expenses and the miscellaneous expenses incidental thereto in a presently unascertainable amount;

3. Special damages for lost wages in a presently unascertainable amount, and/or diminution of the earning capacity of MARIO, plus possible future loss of earnings and/or diminution of said MARIO's earning capacity in a presently unascertainable amount;

4. Punitive and exemplary damages, for implied malice against all Defendants, in an amount in excess of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00);

5. Costs of this suit;

6. Prejudgment Interest;

7. Attorney's fees; and

DATED this <u>8th</u> day of December, 2020.	<b>BIGHORN LAW</b>
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