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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Plaintiff DAISY TRUST, by and through its attorneys, Roger P. Croteau & Associates, Ltd., hereby appeals to the Supreme Court of Nevada the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and Order Granting El Capitan Ranch Landscape Maintenance Associations' Motion for Summary Judgment, and all rulings and interlocutory orders giving rise to or made appealable by the final judgment.

Dated August 18, 2021.

ROGER P. CROTEAU & ASSOCIATES, LTD.

/s/ Christopher L. Benner

Roger P. Croteau, Esq.
Nevada Bar No. 4958
Christopher L. Benner, Esq.
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Plaintiff Daisy Trust

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### **DISTRICT COURT**

### **CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA**

DAISY TRUST, a Nevada trust,

Plaintiff,

Vs.

EL CAPITAN RANCH LANDSCAPE
MAINTENANCE ASSOCIATION, a
domestic Nevada non-profit corporation,

Defendants.

Case No: A-19-789674-C
Dept. No: 14

CASE APPEAL STATEMENT

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Plaintiff Daisy Trust, by and through its attorneys, Roger P. Croteau & Associates, Ltd., submits its Case Appeal Statement.

- 1. Name of appellant filing this case appeal statement:
  - Daisy Trust
- 2. Identify the judge issuing the decision, judgment, or order appealed from:
- The Honorable Adriana Escobar
  - 3. Set forth the name, law firm, address, and telephone number of all counsel on appeal and identify the party or parties whom they represent:
    - a. Daisy Trust

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	4.	Identify each respondent and the name and address of appellate counsel, if known, for
6		each respondent (if the name of a respondent's counsel is unknown, indicate as much
7		and provide the name and address of that respondent's trial counsel):
8 9		a. El Capitan Ranch Landscape Maintenance Association
10		Respondent's appellate counsel is unknown at this time but will presumably be Respondent's trial counsel.
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12		Sean L. Anderson Nevada Bar No. 7259
13		T. Chase Pittsenbarger Nevada Bar No. 13740
14		2525 Box Canyon Drive
15		Las Vegas, Nevada 89128 Attorneys for Defendant El Capitan
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18	5.	Indicate whether any attorney identified above in response to question 3 or 4 is not
19		licensed to practice law in Nevada and, if so, whether the district court granted that
20		attorney permission to appear under SCR 42 (attach a copy of any district court order
21		granting such permission):
22		N/A
23	6.	Indicate whether appellant was represented by appointed or retained counsel in the
24		district court:
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26		Retained counsel.
27	7.	Indicate whether appellant is represented by appointed or retained counsel on appeal:
28		Retained counsel.

Roger P. Croteau, Esq. Christopher L. Benner, Esq.

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

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

The original Complaint in this matter was filed on February 19th, 2019 in the Eighth Judicial District Court of the State of Nevada in and for Clark County, Nevada, Case No. A-19-789674-C

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

The instant action relates to real property that was the subject of a homeowners' association lien foreclosure sale pursuant to NRS Chapter 116. Generally, based upon current case law, absent some special circumstances, foreclosure trustees performing foreclosure sales pursuant to NRS Chapter 107 have no duty to the bidders and/or purchasers of the property being foreclosed upon. The body of common law has developed from the precept that information exists in the public domain to conduct reasonable due diligence under the circumstances to properly inform a potential bidder; however, that information is not available under any circumstances to the bidder of all liens and their priority in a NRS Chapter 116 foreclosure sale.

This case focuses on the duties and obligations owed by a homeowners' association by and through its agent, the foreclosure trustee, to inform the bidders and purchasers at the NRS Chapter 116 foreclosure sale as to the bifurcated status of the homeowners' association's lien vis a vis the first deed of trust secured by the property, pursuant to NRS 116.3116. The

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question is whether, with inquiry from an NRS Chapter 116 bidder, and certainly with actual
inquiry by the actual purchaser of the homeowner's foreclosure sale, does that homeowners'
association and/or its foreclosure trustee have an obligation of good faith, honesty in fact, and
candor pursuant to NRS 116.3116 to the NRS Chapter 116 foreclosure bidders to disclose
any attempted and/or actual tender or payment of the superpriority lien amounts, thereby
rendering the sale, and the purchaser's interest in the property, subject to the first deed of trust
or not?

On May 27, 2021, the HOA filed a Motion for Summary Judgment (the "HOA's MSJ"). After briefing and argument, the district court granted the HOA's MSJ. Plaintiff contends that the district court erred as a matter of law. The Notice of entry of the Finding of Facts, Conclusions of Law and Judgment granting the HOA's MSJ was filed on July 21, 2021.

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

N/A.

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

N/A

13. If this is a civil case, indicate whether this appeal involves the possibility of settlement:

Appellant believes that the possibility of settlement exists.

Dated this 18th day of August, 2021.

ROGER P. CROTEAU & ASSOCIATES, LTD.

/s/ Christopher L. Benner Roger P. Croteau, Esq. Nevada Bar No. 4958 Christopher L. Benner, Esq.

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### **CASE SUMMARY** CASE No. A-19-789674-C

Daisy Trust, Plaintiff(s)

El Capitan Ranch Landscape Maintenance Association,

Defendant(s)

Location: Department 14 Judicial Officer: Escobar, Adriana Filed on: **02/19/2019** 

Cross-Reference Case A789674

Number:

**CASE INFORMATION** 

**Statistical Closures** 

07/20/2021 Summary Judgment Case Type: Intentional Misconduct

Case 07/20/2021 Closed Status:

DATE CASE ASSIGNMENT

**Current Case Assignment** 

Case Number A-19-789674-C Court Department 14 Date Assigned 02/19/2019 Judicial Officer Escobar, Adriana

PARTY INFORMATION

Lead Attorneys **Plaintiff Daisy Trust** 

Croteau, Roger P, ESQ Retained 702-254-7775(W)

**Defendant** El Capitan Ranch Landscape Maintenance Association Anderson, Sean L.

Retained 702-538-9074(W)

**EVENTS & ORDERS OF THE COURT** DATE INDEX

**EVENTS** 

02/19/2019

Complaint

Filed By: Plaintiff Daisy Trust

[1] Complaint

02/19/2019 Initial Appearance Fee Disclosure

> Filed By: Plaintiff Daisy Trust [2] Initial Appearance Fee Disclosure

02/19/2019 Summons Electronically Issued - Service Pending

Party: Plaintiff Daisy Trust

[3] Summons

02/22/2019 Affidavit of Service

Filed By: Plaintiff Daisy Trust

[4] Affidavit of Service

03/13/2019 Answer

Filed By: Defendant El Capitan Ranch Landscape Maintenance Association

[5] El Capitan Ranch Landscape Maintenance Aassociation's Answer to Complaint

03/13/2019 Initial Appearance Fee Disclosure

### CASE SUMMARY

### CASE NO. A-19-789674-C

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	Filed By: Defendant El Capitan Ranch Landscape Maintenance Association [6] Initial Appearance Fee Disclosure
04/29/2019	Appointment of Arbitrator [7] Appointment of Arbitrator
05/15/2019	Arbitration Discovery Order Filed By: Arbitrator Leung, Ka H., ESQ [8] DISCOVERY SCHEDULING ORDER AND NOTICE OF APPEAR FOR ARBITRATION HEARING
10/03/2019	Stipulation and Order Filed by: Plaintiff Daisy Trust [9] Stipulation and Order to extend Deadlines and Continue Hearing
10/03/2019	Stipulation and Order Filed by: Plaintiff Daisy Trust [10] Stipulation and Order to Extend Deadlines and Continue Hearing
01/10/2020	Notice to Appear for Arbitration Hearing Filed by: Arbitrator Leung, Ka H., ESQ [11] Amended Notice to Appear for Arbitration Hearing
02/20/2020	Motion Filed By: Defendant El Capitan Ranch Landscape Maintenance Association [12] El Capitan Ranch Landscape Maintenance Association's Motion to Dismiss Arbitration
02/21/2020	Opposition to Motion Filed By: Plaintiff Daisy Trust [13] Plaintiff's Opposition To El Capitan Ranch Landscape Maintenance Association's Motion To Dismiss Arbitration
03/09/2020	Arbitration Award Filed By: Arbitrator Leung, Ka H., ESQ [14] Arbitration Award
03/09/2020	Arbitrator's Decision [15] Arbitrator's Decision
03/13/2020	Application for Attorney's Fees, Costs and/or Interest Filed by: Defendant El Capitan Ranch Landscape Maintenance Association [16] El Capitan Ranch Landscape Maintenance Association's Application for Attorney's Fees and Costs
03/18/2020	Opposition Filed By: Plaintiff Daisy Trust [17] Plaintiff's Opposition to El Capitan Ranch Landscape Maintenance Association's Application For Attorney's Fees And Costs
03/25/2020	Reply to Application for Attorney's Fees Filed by: Defendant El Capitan Ranch Landscape Maintenance Association [18] El Capitan Ranch Landscape Maintenance Association's Reply in Support of Application for Attorney's Fees and Costs
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	Arbitrator's Decision on Request for Fees/Costs/Interest Filed by: Arbitrator Leung, Ka H., ESQ [19] ARBITRATOR'S DECISION ON REQUEST FOR FEES/COSTS/INTEREST
04/02/2020	Arbitrators Bill for Fees and Costs Filed By: Arbitrator Leung, Ka H., ESQ [20] Arbitrator's Bill for Fees and Costs
04/06/2020	Request for Trial De Novo Date Served: 04/06/2020 Filed by: Plaintiff Daisy Trust [21] Request for Trial De Novo
04/15/2020	Demand for Removal from the Short Trial Program Filed By: Plaintiff Daisy Trust [22] Demand for Removal from the Short Trial Program
04/16/2020	Demand for Jury Trial  Filed By: Plaintiff Daisy Trust  [23] Demand for Jury Trial
05/14/2020	Joint Case Conference Report Filed By: Plaintiff Daisy Trust [24] Joint Case Conference Report
06/09/2020	Mandatory Rule 16 Conference Order [25] Mandatory Rule 16 Conference Order
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07/28/2020	Order Setting Civil Jury Trial and Calendar Call [27] Scheduling Order And Order Setting Civil Jury Trial
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06/07/2021	Motion to Compel Filed By: Defendant El Capitan Ranch Landscape Maintenance Association [30] El Capitan Ranch Landscape Maintenance Association's Motion to Compel Responses to Discovery
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06/10/2021	Joint Case Conference Report  Filed By: Plaintiff Daisy Trust  [34] Joint Case Conference Report
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07/20/2021	Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Judgment Filed by: Defendant El Capitan Ranch Landscape Maintenance Association [39] Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law
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08/11/2021	Clerk's Notice of Hearing [44] Notice of Hearing
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08/18/2021	Case Appeal Statement

### CASE SUMMARY CASE NO. A-19-789674-C

Filed By: Plaintiff Daisy Trust [46] Case Appeal Statement

### **DISPOSITIONS**

07/20/2021

Summary Judgment (Judicial Officer: Escobar, Adriana)

Debtors: Daisy Trust (Plaintiff)

Creditors: El Capitan Ranch Landscape Maintenance Association (Defendant)

Judgment: 07/20/2021, Docketed: 07/21/2021

### **HEARINGS**

02/24/2020

**Arbitration Hearing** (7:00 AM)

07/08/2020



Mandatory Rule 16 Conference (10:30 AM) (Judicial Officer: Escobar, Adriana)

Trial Date Set;

Journal Entry Details:

Case involves intentional misconduct with trial to last two to three days. Mr. Glover requested that deadlines be extended due to COVID-19. Mr. Pittsenbarger did not concur. The Court informed counsel the deadlines will be extended an additional sixty days. Colloquy regarding settlement discussions. COURT ORDERED, deadlines as follows: Discovery Cut Off, 4/29/21; Amend Pleadings and Add Parties, 1/27/21; Initial Disclosure, 1/27/21/ Rebuttal Disclosure, 2/26/21 Dispositive Motions, 5/27/21; Trial Ready Date, 7/26/21. COURT FURTHER ORDERED, trial and status check dates SET. 5/18/21 9:30 AM STATUS CHECK: SETTLEMENT PROGRESS 8/19/21 9:30 AM CALENDAR CALL 9/7/21 9:30 AM JURY TRIAL;

05/18/2021



Status Check (10:00 AM) (Judicial Officer: Escobar, Adriana)

Settlement Progress

Set Status Check;

Journal Entry Details:

Christopher Benner, Esq. present. Upon Court's inquiry, parties are conducting discovery and working through a discovery dispute and do not believe settlement discussion will be fruitful. Colloquy. COURT ORDERED, parties to schedule and settlement conference and send a detailed e-mail to the Judicial Executive Assistant (JEA) and Law Clerk stating who the settlement is with, where, when, and the time. FURTHER ORDERED, status check SET. 06/16/21 STATUS CHECK: SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE (CHAMBERS CALENDAR);

06/16/2021

CANCELED Status Check (3:00 AM) (Judicial Officer: Escobar, Adriana)

Vacated - Case Closed

STATUS CHECK: SCHEDULING OF SETTLEMENT CONF.

06/29/2021



Motion for Summary Judgment (9:30 AM) (Judicial Officer: Escobar, Adriana)

El Capitan Ranch Landscape Maintenance Association's Motion for Summary Judgment Granted;

Journal Entry Details:

All appearances made via the BlueJeans Videoconferencing Application Arguments by counsel regarding the merits of and opposition to the motion. COURT ORDERED, El Capitan Ranch Landscape Maintenance Association's Motion for Summary Judgment GRANTED. Mr. Pittsenbarger to prepare the order and submit it to opposing counsel for approval as to form and content. Court directed Mr. Pittsenbarger to include in the order the findings in his pleadings.;

07/13/2021

CANCELED Motion to Compel (9:30 AM) (Judicial Officer: Truman, Erin)

Vacated

El Capitan Ranch Landscape Maintenance Association's Motion to Compel Responses to Discovery

08/12/2021

CANCELED Settlement Conference (10:30 AM)

Vacated

08/19/2021

CANCELED Calendar Call (2:00 PM) (Judicial Officer: Escobar, Adriana)

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	Vacated - Case Closed	
09/07/2021	CANCELED Jury Trial (9:30 AM) (Judicial Officer: Escobar, Adriana)  Vacated - Case Closed	
10/21/2021	Motion for Attorney Fees (10:00 AM) (Judicial Officer: Escobar, Adriana) [43] Defendant Motion for Attorneys' Fees and Costs	
DATE FINANCIAL INFORMATION		
	Defendant El Capitan Ranch Landscape Maintenance Association Total Charges Total Payments and Credits Balance Due as of 8/20/2021	423.00 423.00 <b>0.00</b>
	Plaintiff Daisy Trust Total Charges Total Payments and Credits Balance Due as of 8/20/2021  Plaintiff Daisy Trust	294.00 294.00 <b>0.00</b>
	Plaintiff Daisy Trust Short Trial - Removal Balance as of 8/20/2021	1,000.00

### DISTRICT COURT CIVIL COVER SHEET

County, Nevada

Case No.

(Assigned by Clerk's Office)

I. Party Information (provide both )	home and mailing addresses if different)	
Plaintiff(s) (name/address/phone):		Defendant(s) (name/address/phone):
Daisy T		El Capitan Ranch Landscape Maintenance Assn.
c/o Roger P. Croteau	& Associates, Ltd	
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Las Vegas, N	VV 89102	
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General Administration	Other Construction Defect	Petition to Seal Records
Special Administration	Contract Case	Mental Competency
Set Aside	Uniform Commercial Code	Nevada State Agency Appeal
Trust/Conservatorship	Building and Construction	Department of Motor Vehicle
Other Probate	Insurance Carrier	Worker's Compensation
Estate Value	Commercial Instrument	Other Nevada State Agency
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FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

On May 27, 2021, El Capitan Ranch Landscape Maintenance Association (the "Association") filed its Motion for Summary Judgment ("Motion"). On June 10, 2021, Daisy Trust ("Plaintiff") filed its Opposition to Motion for Summary Judgment. On June 22, 2021, the Association filed its Reply in Support of Motion for Summary Judgment.

Said Motion was set for hearing on June 28, 2021, before this Court and the Honorable Adriana Escobar. T. Chase Pittsenbarger appeared for the Association; Christopher L. Benner appeared on behalf of Plaintiff Daisy Trust. The Court, having carefully considered all pleadings and papers on file herein and for good cause appearing, finds as follows:

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### **FINDINGS OF FACT**

- 1. On or about September 5, 2012, the Association conducted a foreclosure sale pursuant to NRS 116 upon the real property located at 8721 Country Pines Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada 89129 (the "Property").
- 2. Plaintiff was the successful bidder at the foreclosure sale taking title to the Property by way of a Foreclosure Deed that conveyed "without warrant or covenant, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances."
- 3. On February 19, 2019, Plaintiff filed its Complaint against the Association asserting claims for misrepresentation, breach of duty of good faith under NRS 116.1113 and civil conspiracy.
- 4. On or about April 19, 2019, the case was assigned to the Court Annexed Arbitration Program.
  - 5. On February 24, 2020, the Arbitration was held.
- 6. On March 9, 2020, the Arbitrator issued his decision finding in favor of the Association.
  - 7. On April 6, 2020, Plaintiff requested Trial De Novo.

### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

- 1. In Nevada, "summary judgment is appropriate when the moving party is entitled to judgment as a matter of law, and no genuine issue remains for trial." *Shepard v. Harrison*, 100 Nev. 178,179, 678 P.2d 674 (1984)(*citing Cladianos v. Coldwell Banker*, 100 Nev. 138, 676 P.2d 804 (1984); *Allied Fidelity Ins. Co. v. Pico*, 99 Nev. 15, 656 P.2d 849 (1983); *Nehls v. Leonard*, 97 Nev. 325, 630 P.2d 258 (1981)).
- 2. Summary judgment is appropriate under NRCP 56 if "the pleadings, depositions, answer to interrogatories, admissions, and affidavits, if any, that are properly before the court demonstrates that no genuine issue of material fact exists, and the moving party is entitled to judgment as a matter of law." NRCP 56(c); *Cuzze v. Univ. and Cmty Coll. Sys. of Nev.*, 123 Nev. 598,602, 172 P.3d 131, 134 (Nev. 2008).
  - 3. Summary judgment should not be regarded as a "disfavored procedural short cut;"

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rather, where appropriate, it furthers the "just, speedy and inexpensive determination of every action." Celotex Corp v. Catrell, 477 U.S. 317, 327, 106 S.Ct. 2548 (1986).

- 4. Plaintiff's Complaint is premised on the allegations that NRS Chapter 116 contains a duty to disclose that a law firm "attempted to contact" a third party to make a partial payment of the Association's delinquent assessment lien.
- 5. NRS 116.31162 through NRS 116.31168 details the procedures with which an HOA must comply to initiate and complete a foreclosure on its lien.
- 6. Absent from NRS 116.31162 through NRS 116.31168 is any requirement to announce at the foreclosure sale that a law firm "attempted to contact" a third party to make a partial payment of the Association's lien.
- 7. State foreclosure statutes should not be second guessed or usurped, otherwise "every piece of realty purchased at foreclosure" would be challenged and title would be clouded in contravention of the very policies underlying non-judicial foreclosure sales. Resolution Trust Company, 511 U.S. 531, 539-40, 544, 144 S.Ct. 1757, 128 L.Ed.2d 556 (1994); Golden v. Tomiyasu, 79 Nev. 503, 387 P.2d 989, 997 (1969).
- 8. Nevada has followed this same line, i.e. Charmicor Inc. v. Bradshaw Finance Co., 550 P.2d 413, 92 Nev. 310 (1976) (Court did not abuse its discretion in denying an injunction of the foreclosure procedure under the theory that non-judicial foreclosure sales violate the principles of due process and equal protection).
- 9. The Association was simply not required pursuant to NRS 116.31162 through NRS 116.31168 to disclose that a law firm "attempted to contact" a third party to make a partial payment of the Association's lien.
- 10. There is no Nevada authority creating a separate common law duty to announce that a law firm "attempted to contact" a third party to make a partial payment of the Association's lien.
  - 11. An HOA non-judicial foreclosure sale is a creature of statute.
- 12. NRS Chapter 116 contains a comprehensive statutory scheme regulating nonjudicial foreclosures. See generally NRS 116.3116-31168.

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- 16. In fact, the Supreme Court of Nevada has affirmed dismissal of the exact claims asserted against the Association in this matter. See Saticoy Bay, LLC Series 8320 Bermuda Beach, 2020 WL 6130913, at \*1; Saticoy Bay LLC 6408 Hillside Brook, 2020 WL 6129970, at \*1; Saticoy Bay, LLC, Series 8920 El Diablo, 2020 WL 6129887, at \*1; Saticoy Bay, LLC, Series 3123 Inlet Bay, 2020 WL 6130912, at \*1; Saticoy Bay LLC, Series 11339 Colinward, 2020 WL 6129987, at \*1.
- 17. Additionally, the Supreme Court of Nevada has unanimously rejected Petitions for Rehearing in the afore-mentioned cases.
- 18. Finally, the Arbitrator expressly rejected Plaintiff's allegations in his Arbitrator's Decision.
- 19. Specifically, the Arbitrator held "Plaintiff has cited no statutory authority mandating the Defendant to make disclosure as to any attempted tender."

### Plaintiff's Claim for Intentional/Negligent Misrepresentation.

- 20. In Noonan, Appellants' argued the lower court erred in awarding summary judgment in favor of the collection company on Appellants' claim for negligent misrepresentation. Id.
- 21. Appellants' claim for misrepresentation in *Noonan* was premised on the same allegations asserted by Plaintiff in this matter—that Hampton and Hampton failed to disclose an attempt to pay a portion of the Association's lien. *Id*.
  - 22. The Supreme Court of Nevada affirmed the lowers court's award of summary

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23. Since Noonan, the Supreme Court of Nevada has rejected Plaintiff's claims of misrepresentation on numerous occasions. See Saticoy Bay, LLC Series 8320 Bermuda Beach, 2020 WL 6130913, at \*1; Saticoy Bay LLC 6408 Hillside Brook, 2020 WL 6129970, at \*1; Saticoy Bay, LLC, Series 8920 El Diablo, 2020 WL 6129887, at \*1; Saticoy Bay, LLC, Series 3123 Inlet Bay, 2020 WL 6130912, at \*1; Saticov Bay LLC, Series 11339 Colinward, 2020 WL 6129987, at \*1.

### Plaintiff's Claim for Breach of Good Faith.

24. The Supreme Court of Nevada has affirmed dismissal of the exact claim on numerous occasions. See Saticoy Bay, LLC Series 8320 Bermuda Beach, 2020 WL 6130913, at \*1 ("In particular, appellant's claims for misrepresentation and breach of NRS 116.1113 fail because respondents had no duty to proactively disclose whether a superpriority tender had been made"); Saticov Bay, LLC, Series 3123 Inlet Bay, No. 80135, 2020 WL 6130912, at \*1("In particular, appellant's claims for misrepresentation and breach of NRS 116.1113 fail because respondents had no duty to proactively disclose whether a superpriority tender had been made"); LN Management LLC Series 4980 Droubay, No. 79035, 2020 WL 6131470 ("We next conclude that appellant failed to state a viable claim for breach of the duty of good faith and fair dealing because such duty presupposes the existence of a contract. . . To the extent that appellant seeks to

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base this claim on NRS 116.1113, we note that nothing in the applicable version of NRS 116.3116-.3117 imposes a duty on an HOA to disclose whether a superpriority tender had been made.").

### Plaintiff's Claim for Civil Conspiracy.

- Similar to the other claims asserted by Plaintiff in this action, the Supreme Court 25. of Nevada has rejected this claim on numerous occasions. See Saticov Bay, LLC Series 8320 Bermuda Beach, 2020 WL 6130913, at \*1; Saticoy Bay LLC 6408 Hillside Brook, 2020 WL 6129970, at \*1; Saticoy Bay, LLC, Series 8920 El Diablo, 2020 WL 6129887, at \*1; Saticoy Bay, LLC, Series 3123 Inlet Bay, 2020 WL 6130912, at \*1; Saticoy Bay LLC, Series 11339 Colinward, 2020 WL 6129987, at \*1.
- 26. Specifically, the Supreme Court of Nevada held "because respondent did not do anything unlawful, appellant's civil conspiracy claim necessarily fails. See Consol. Generator-Nev., Inc. v. Cummins Engine Co., 114 Nev. 1304, 1311, 971 P.2d 1251, 1256 (1998) (providing that a civil conspiracy requires, among other things, a "concerted action, intend[ed] to accomplish an unlawful objective for the purpose of harming another")."

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1	THEREFORE, IT IS HERI	EBY ORDERED that the Association's Motion for
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3	IT IS SO ORDERED this	day of July 202 Pated this 20th day of July, 2021
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DAISY TRUST, a Nevada trust, Case No.: A-19-789674-C Dept. No.: 14 Plaintiff, VS. **OF LAW** EL CAPITAN RANCH LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE ASSOCIATION, a domestic non-profit corporation, Defendant.

FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS

On May 27, 2021, El Capitan Ranch Landscape Maintenance Association (the "Association") filed its Motion for Summary Judgment ("Motion"). On June 10, 2021, Daisy Trust ("Plaintiff") filed its Opposition to Motion for Summary Judgment. On June 22, 2021, the Association filed its Reply in Support of Motion for Summary Judgment.

Said Motion was set for hearing on June 28, 2021, before this Court and the Honorable Adriana Escobar. T. Chase Pittsenbarger appeared for the Association; Christopher L. Benner appeared on behalf of Plaintiff Daisy Trust. The Court, having carefully considered all pleadings and papers on file herein and for good cause appearing, finds as follows:

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### FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. On or about September 5, 2012, the Association conducted a foreclosure sale pursuant to NRS 116 upon the real property located at 8721 Country Pines Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada 89129 (the "Property").
- 2. Plaintiff was the successful bidder at the foreclosure sale taking title to the Property by way of a Foreclosure Deed that conveyed "without warrant or covenant, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances."
- 3. On February 19, 2019, Plaintiff filed its Complaint against the Association asserting claims for misrepresentation, breach of duty of good faith under NRS 116.1113 and civil conspiracy.
- 4. On or about April 19, 2019, the case was assigned to the Court Annexed Arbitration Program.
  - 5. On February 24, 2020, the Arbitration was held.
- 6. On March 9, 2020, the Arbitrator issued his decision finding in favor of the Association.
  - 7. On April 6, 2020, Plaintiff requested Trial De Novo.

### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

- 1. In Nevada, "summary judgment is appropriate when the moving party is entitled to judgment as a matter of law, and no genuine issue remains for trial." *Shepard v. Harrison*, 100 Nev. 178,179, 678 P.2d 674 (1984)(*citing Cladianos v. Coldwell Banker*, 100 Nev. 138, 676 P.2d 804 (1984); *Allied Fidelity Ins. Co. v. Pico*, 99 Nev. 15, 656 P.2d 849 (1983); *Nehls v. Leonard*, 97 Nev. 325, 630 P.2d 258 (1981)).
- 2. Summary judgment is appropriate under NRCP 56 if "the pleadings, depositions, answer to interrogatories, admissions, and affidavits, if any, that are properly before the court demonstrates that no genuine issue of material fact exists, and the moving party is entitled to judgment as a matter of law." NRCP 56(c); *Cuzze v. Univ. and Cmty Coll. Sys. of Nev.*, 123 Nev. 598,602, 172 P.3d 131, 134 (Nev. 2008).
  - 3. Summary judgment should not be regarded as a "disfavored procedural short cut;"

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rather, where appropriate, it furthers the "just, speedy and inexpensive determination of every action." Celotex Corp v. Catrell, 477 U.S. 317, 327, 106 S.Ct. 2548 (1986).

- 4. Plaintiff's Complaint is premised on the allegations that NRS Chapter 116 contains a duty to disclose that a law firm "attempted to contact" a third party to make a partial payment of the Association's delinquent assessment lien.
- 5. NRS 116.31162 through NRS 116.31168 details the procedures with which an HOA must comply to initiate and complete a foreclosure on its lien.
- 6. Absent from NRS 116.31162 through NRS 116.31168 is any requirement to announce at the foreclosure sale that a law firm "attempted to contact" a third party to make a partial payment of the Association's lien.
- 7. State foreclosure statutes should not be second guessed or usurped, otherwise "every piece of realty purchased at foreclosure" would be challenged and title would be clouded in contravention of the very policies underlying non-judicial foreclosure sales. Resolution Trust Company, 511 U.S. 531, 539-40, 544, 144 S.Ct. 1757, 128 L.Ed.2d 556 (1994); Golden v. Tomiyasu, 79 Nev. 503, 387 P.2d 989, 997 (1969).
- 8. Nevada has followed this same line, i.e. Charmicor Inc. v. Bradshaw Finance Co., 550 P.2d 413, 92 Nev. 310 (1976) (Court did not abuse its discretion in denying an injunction of the foreclosure procedure under the theory that non-judicial foreclosure sales violate the principles of due process and equal protection).
- 9. The Association was simply not required pursuant to NRS 116.31162 through NRS 116.31168 to disclose that a law firm "attempted to contact" a third party to make a partial payment of the Association's lien.
- 10. There is no Nevada authority creating a separate common law duty to announce that a law firm "attempted to contact" a third party to make a partial payment of the Association's lien.
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6131435, at \*1 (Nev. Oct. 16, 2020); Saticov Bay LLC, Series 11339 Colinward v. Travata and Montage, No. 80162, 2020 WL 6129987, at \*1 (Nev. Oct. 16, 2020). LN Management LLC Series 2216 Saxton Hill, v. Summit Hills Homeowners Association, No. 80436, 2021 WL 620513, at \*1 (Nev. Feb. 16, 2021); LN Management LLC Series 5246 Ferrell, v. Treasures Landscape Maintenance Association, No. 80437, 2021 WL 620930, at \*1 (Nev. Feb. 16, 2021); Saticov Bay, LLC, Series 3237 Perching Bird, v. Aliante Master Association, No. 80760, 2021 WL 620978, at \*1 (Nev. Feb. 16, 2021); Saticoy Bay, LLC, Series 9157 Desirable v. Tapestry at Town Ctr. Homeowners Ass'n, No. 80969, 2021 WL 620427, at \*1 (Nev. Feb. 16, 2021).

- In fact, the Supreme Court of Nevada has affirmed dismissal of the exact claims 16. asserted against the Association in this matter. See Saticov Bay, LLC Series 8320 Bermuda Beach, 2020 WL 6130913, at \*1; Saticov Bay LLC 6408 Hillside Brook, 2020 WL 6129970, at \*1; Saticoy Bay, LLC, Series 8920 El Diablo, 2020 WL 6129887, at \*1; Saticoy Bay, LLC, Series 3123 Inlet Bay, 2020 WL 6130912, at \*1; Saticov Bay LLC, Series 11339 Colinward, 2020 WL 6129987, at \*1.
- 17. Additionally, the Supreme Court of Nevada has unanimously rejected Petitions for Rehearing in the afore-mentioned cases.
- 18. Finally, the Arbitrator expressly rejected Plaintiff's allegations in his Arbitrator's Decision.
- 19. Specifically, the Arbitrator held "Plaintiff has cited no statutory authority mandating the Defendant to make disclosure as to any attempted tender."

### Plaintiff's Claim for Intentional/Negligent Misrepresentation.

- 20. In Noonan, Appellants' argued the lower court erred in awarding summary judgment in favor of the collection company on Appellants' claim for negligent misrepresentation. Id.
- 21. Appellants' claim for misrepresentation in *Noonan* was premised on the same allegations asserted by Plaintiff in this matter—that Hampton and Hampton failed to disclose an attempt to pay a portion of the Association's lien. *Id.* 
  - 22. The Supreme Court of Nevada affirmed the lowers court's award of summary

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judgment in favor of the collection company holding that "[s]ummary judgment was appropriate on the negligent misrepresentation claim because Hampton neither made an affirmative false statement nor omitted a material fact it was bound to disclose." Id. (citing Halcrow, Inc. v. Eighth Judicial Dist. Court, 129 Nev. 394, 400, 302 P.3d 1148, 1153 (2013) (providing the elements for a negligent misrepresentation claim); Nelson v. Heer, 123 Nev. 217, 225, 163 P.3d 420, 426 (2007) ("[T]he suppression or omission of a material fact which a party is bound in good faith to disclose is equivalent to a false representation."(internal quotation marks omitted)). Compare NRS 116.31162(1)(b)(3)(II)(2017) (requiring an HOA to disclose if tender of the superpriority portion of the lien has been made), with NRS 116.31162 (2013) (not requiring any such disclosure).) As such, Appellant's argument that there was a misrepresentation by omission fails because the Association did not "omit a material fact it was bound to disclose." Id.

23. Since Noonan, the Supreme Court of Nevada has rejected Plaintiff's claims of misrepresentation on numerous occasions. See Saticoy Bay, LLC Series 8320 Bermuda Beach, 2020 WL 6130913, at \*1; Saticov Bay LLC 6408 Hillside Brook, 2020 WL 6129970, at \*1; Saticoy Bay, LLC, Series 8920 El Diablo, 2020 WL 6129887, at \*1; Saticoy Bay, LLC, Series 3123 Inlet Bay, 2020 WL 6130912, at \*1; Saticov Bay LLC, Series 11339 Colinward, 2020 WL 6129987, at \*1.

### Plaintiff's Claim for Breach of Good Faith.

24. The Supreme Court of Nevada has affirmed dismissal of the exact claim on numerous occasions. See Saticoy Bay, LLC Series 8320 Bermuda Beach, 2020 WL 6130913, at \*1 ("In particular, appellant's claims for misrepresentation and breach of NRS 116.1113 fail because respondents had no duty to proactively disclose whether a superpriority tender had been made"); Saticoy Bay, LLC, Series 3123 Inlet Bay, No. 80135, 2020 WL 6130912, at \*1("In particular, appellant's claims for misrepresentation and breach of NRS 116.1113 fail because respondents had no duty to proactively disclose whether a superpriority tender had been made"); LN Management LLC Series 4980 Droubay, No. 79035, 2020 WL 6131470 ("We next conclude that appellant failed to state a viable claim for breach of the duty of good faith and fair dealing because such duty presupposes the existence of a contract. . . To the extent that appellant seeks to

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base this claim on NRS 116.1113, we note that nothing in the applicable version of NRS 116.3116-.3117 imposes a duty on an HOA to disclose whether a superpriority tender had been made.").

### Plaintiff's Claim for Civil Conspiracy.

25. Similar to the other claims asserted by Plaintiff in this action, the Supreme Court of Nevada has rejected this claim on numerous occasions. See Saticov Bay, LLC Series 8320 Bermuda Beach, 2020 WL 6130913, at \*1; Saticov Bay LLC 6408 Hillside Brook, 2020 WL 6129970, at \*1; Saticov Bay, LLC, Series 8920 El Diablo, 2020 WL 6129887, at \*1; Saticov Bay, LLC, Series 3123 Inlet Bay, 2020 WL 6130912, at \*1; Saticoy Bay LLC, Series 11339 Colinward, 2020 WL 6129987, at \*1.

26. Specifically, the Supreme Court of Nevada held "because respondent did not do anything unlawful, appellant's civil conspiracy claim necessarily fails. See Consol. Generator-Nev., Inc. v. Cummins Engine Co., 114 Nev. 1304, 1311, 971 P.2d 1251, 1256 (1998) (providing that a civil conspiracy requires, among other things, a "concerted action, intend[ed] to accomplish an unlawful objective for the purpose of harming another")."

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1	THEREFORE, IT IS HERI	EBY ORDERED that the Association's Motion
2	Summary Judgment is <b>GRANTED</b> .	
3	IT IS SO ORDERED this	_ day of July 202 Pated this 20th day of July, 2021
5		HONORABLE ADRIANA ESCOBAR DISTRICT COURT JUDGE
6		A1A 4E3 95B7 E9F0 Adriana Escobar
7 8	Submitted By:	<b>District Court Judge</b> Approved as to content and form:
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From: Chris Benner

To: <u>Chase Pittsenbarger</u>; <u>Yalonda Dekle</u>

Subject: RE: Daisy Trust v. El Capitan Ranch LMA -Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law

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The additional facts are not dispositive, so leaving them out is fine, I just added them present the additional context for the final conclusion. In any case, you can remove them and submit with my esignature.

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Chris,

I will agree to everything but the addition of paragraphs 1-10 to the findings of fact. Let me know.



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Sorry for the delay, I added some additional facts and made some minor format edits. If acceptable, please feel free to use my e-signature.

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### Good afternoon Mr. Benner:

Please find attached a Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law in the above-entitled matter. Please review and advise if you have any revisions. Also, please advise if we may use your e-signature to submit to the department.

Thank you.

Our Las Vegas and Reno offices are currently closed to clients and visitors in order to comply with best practices for minimizing the spread of COVID-19. LKG is committed to serving our clients and will continue to operate during this period, but most of our attorneys and staff are working remotely and there may be a delay in responses. The best way to contact us is by e-mail. You may also e-mail our offices at <a href="mailto:info@lkglawfirm.com">info@lkglawfirm.com</a>.

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5	Daisy Trust, Plaintiff(s)	CASE NO: A-19-789674-C	
6	Vs.	DEPT. NO. Department 14	
7 8	El Capitan Ranch Landscape	DEI 1. NO. Department 14	
9	Maintenance Association,		
10	Defendant(s)		
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### DISTRICT COURT **CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA**

**Intentional Misconduct** 

### **COURT MINUTES**

July 08, 2020

A-19-789674-C

Daisy Trust, Plaintiff(s)

El Capitan Ranch Landscape Maintenance Association, Defendant(s)

July 08, 2020

10:30 AM

**Mandatory Rule 16** 

Conference

**HEARD BY:** Escobar, Adriana

**COURTROOM:** RIC Courtroom 14C

**COURT CLERK:** Denise Husted

**RECORDER:** 

Sandra Anderson

**REPORTER:** 

**PARTIES** 

PRESENT:

Glover, Chet A. Attorney Pittsenbarger, Timothy C. Attorney

### **JOURNAL ENTRIES**

- Case involves intentional misconduct with trial to last two to three days. Mr. Glover requested that deadlines be extended due to COVID-19. Mr. Pittsenbarger did not concur. The Court informed counsel the deadlines will be extended an additional sixty days. Colloquy regarding settlement discussions. COURT ORDERED, deadlines as follows: Discovery Cut Off, 4/29/21; Amend Pleadings and Add Parties, 1/27/21; Initial Disclosure, 1/27/21/ Rebuttal Disclosure, 2/26/21 Dispositive Motions, 5/27/21; Trial Ready Date, 7/26/21. COURT FURTHER ORDERED, trial and status check dates SET.

5/18/21 9:30 AM STATUS CHECK: SETTLEMENT PROGRESS

8/19/21 9:30 AM CALENDAR CALL

9/7/21 9:30 AM JURY TRIAL

PRINT DATE: 08/20/2021 Page 1 of 3 Minutes Date: July 08, 2020

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

**Intentional Misconduct** 

### **COURT MINUTES**

May 18, 2021

A-19-789674-C

Daisy Trust, Plaintiff(s)

El Capitan Ranch Landscape Maintenance Association, Defendant(s)

May 18, 2021

10:00 AM

Status Check

**HEARD BY:** Escobar, Adriana

**COURTROOM:** RJC Courtroom 14C

COURT CLERK: Nylasia Packer

RECORDER:

Stacey Ray

**REPORTER:** 

**PARTIES** 

PRESENT:

Pittsenbarger, Timothy C.

Attorney

### **JOURNAL ENTRIES**

- Christopher Benner, Esq. present.

Upon Court's inquiry, parties are conducting discovery and working through a discovery dispute and do not believe settlement discussion will be fruitful. Colloquy. COURT ORDERED, parties to schedule and settlement conference and send a detailed e-mail to the Judicial Executive Assistant (JEA) and Law Clerk stating who the settlement is with, where, when, and the time. FURTHER ORDERED, status check SET.

06/16/21 STATUS CHECK: SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE (CHAMBERS CALENDAR)

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

**Intentional Misconduct** 

### **COURT MINUTES**

June 29, 2021

A-19-789674-C

Daisy Trust, Plaintiff(s)

El Capitan Ranch Landscape Maintenance Association, Defendant(s)

June 29, 2021

9:30 AM

**Motion for Summary** 

**Judgment** 

**HEARD BY:** Escobar, Adriana

**COURTROOM:** RJC Courtroom 14C

**COURT CLERK:** Nicole McDevitt

**RECORDER:** 

Stacey Ray

**REPORTER:** 

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### **JOURNAL ENTRIES**

- All appearances made via the BlueJeans Videoconferencing Application

Arguments by counsel regarding the merits of and opposition to the motion. COURT ORDERED, El Capitan Ranch Landscape Maintenance Association's Motion for Summary Judgment GRANTED. Mr. Pittsenbarger to prepare the order and submit it to opposing counsel for approval as to form and content. Court directed Mr. Pittsenbarger to include in the order the findings in his pleadings.



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

ROGER P. CROTEAU, ESQ. 2810 W. CHARLESTON BLVD., STE. 75 LAS VEGAS, NV 89102

DATE: August 20, 2021 CASE: A-19-789674-C

**RE CASE**: DAISY TRUST vs. EL CAPITAN RANCH LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE ASSOCIATION

NOTICE OF APPEAL FILED: August 18, 2021

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

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DAISY TRUST,

Plaintiff(s),

VS.

EL CAPITAN RANCH LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE ASSOCIATION,

Defendant(s),

now on file and of record in this office.

Case No: A-19-789674-C

Dept No: XIV

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto Set my hand and Affixed the seal of the Court at my office, Las Vegas, Nevada This 20 day of August 2021.

Steven D. Grierson, Clerk of the Court

Heather Ungermann, Deputy Clerk