IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

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OLENA KARPENKO,

Appellant/Petitioner,

VS.

THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF CLARK, AND THE HONORABLE DAWN THORNE, DISTRICT JUDGE,

Respondents.

and

ENRIQUE SCHAERER; and DOES I through X,

Real Party of Interest.

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Department: To be determined

DISTRICT COURT

CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

Enrique Schaerer,

Plaintiff,

vs.

Olena Karpenko,

Defendant.

Case No. Dept No.

COMPLAINT FOR DIVORCE

COMES NOW Plaintiff, Enrique Schaerer ("Enrique"), by and through his attorney, Paul A. Lemcke, Esq., of Pecos Law Group, and for his cause of action for divorce, complains and alleges as follows:

 For more than six (6) weeks immediately preceding the commencement of this action, Enrique has been and now is a bona fide and actual resident and domiciliary of the State of Nevada, County of Clark, and has been

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actually and corporeally present in said State and County for more than six (6) weeks prior to the commencement of this action.

- Defendant Olena Karpenko ("Olena") is a Ukrainian national who was a continuous resident and domiciliary of the State of Nevada, Clark County, Nevada from June 2020 through and including April 8, 2021.
- Enrique and Olena were married on the 26th day of December, 2020,
 in Las Vegas, Nevada, and ever since have been and now are husband and wife.
- There are no minor children born the issue of this marriage, and the parties have not legally adopted any children.
- 5. Olena is currently pregnant with a child. Given the parties' marital status, Enrique will be presumed to be the natural father of the child if the child is born during the marriage, or within 285 days of the entry of the parties' divorce.
- 6. Enrique is informed and believes, and thereon alleges, that he is not the natural father of Olena's unborn child. This Court should adjudicate the existence or nonexistence of the father and child relationship. On the birth of the child, Enrique requests that the Court order the taking of specimens for genetic identification in Nevada pursuant to NRS 126.121, and that the Court determine the qualifications of the experts and laboratories to be employed in the genetic sampling and testing.
- 7. On December 21, 2020, the parties entered into a Premarital Agreement (hereinafter the "Premarital Agreement) in Las Vegas. The Premarital Agreement is valid, binding, and legally enforceable.

- 8. The terms and conditions of the Premarital Agreement should be acknowledged, approved, and enforced by the Court in this divorce action.
- Enrique and Olena have not accumulated, nor do they own, any community property or joint property whatsoever.
- Enrique and Olena have not accumulated, nor do they own, any community or joint debts whatsoever.
- 11. Enrique and Olena each have certain separate property and debts (as defined by the Premarital Agreement), and that separate property and debt should be confirmed to each of the parties consistent with the Premarital Agreement.
- 12. Enrique and Olena entered into a mutual waiver of spousal support, alimony, preliminary allowances, and attorney's fees as specified in paragraphs 16.2 and 16.3 of the Premarital Agreement.
- Neither Enrique or Olena should pay spousal support or alimony to the other party.
- 14. The tastes, mental dispositions, views and likes and dislikes of Enrique and Olena have become so widely separated and divergent that the parties are incompatible to such an extent that it is impossible for them to live together as husband and wife, and there is no possibility of reconciliation between them.
- 15. Each party should bear their attorney's fees and costs of suit in finalizing this divorce in accordance with the Premarital Agreement.
- 16. Pursuant to paragraph 19.13 of the Premarital Agreement, in the event either party seeks to litigate the Premarital Agreement, or to otherwise contest, impair, or invalidate the Premarital Agreement, or any provision thereof,

or seeks declaratory or other relief, then the prevailing party in any such action must be awarded his or her reasonable attorney's fees and costs.

WHEREFORE, Enrique prays for judgment as follows:

- 1. That the bonds of matrimony now and heretofore existing between Enrique and Olena be dissolved, that Enrique be granted an absolute Decree of Divorce, and that each of the parties be restored to the status of a single, unmarried person;
- That this Court should adjudicate the existence or nonexistence of Enrique's father and child relationship on the birth of Olena's child;
- 3. That on the birth of Olena's child, this Court order the taking of specimens for genetic identification in Nevada pursuant to NRS 126.121, and that the Court determine the qualifications of the experts and laboratories to be employed in the genetic sampling and testing;
- 4. That the terms and conditions of the Premarital Agreement be acknowledged, approved, and enforced in this divorce action;
- That the parties' separate property and separate debts be confirmed to each of them, respectively, on divorce;
- That neither Enrique nor Olena should pay spousal support or alimony to the other;
- That each party bear their own attorney's fees and costs of suit in finalizing this divorce;
- 8. That to the extent Olena seeks to litigate the Premarital Agreement, or to otherwise contest, impair, or invalidate the Premarital Agreement, or any

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1	provision thereof, or seeks declaratory or other relief, then the prevailing party in
2	any such action be awarded his or her reasonable attorney's fees and costs; and
3	9. For such other and further relief as the court may deem just and
4	proper in the premises.
5	DATED this 28 day of May, 2021.
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11	Henderson, Nevada 89074 Attorney for Plaintiff
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6	I, Enrique Schaerer, under penalties of perjury, declare that I am the
7	Plaintiff in the above-entitled action; that I have read the foregoing "Complaint for
8	Divorce" and know the contents thereof; that the same is true of my own
9	knowledge, except for those matters therein contained stated upon information and
10	belief, and as to those matters, I believe them to be true.
11	Pursuant to NRS 53.045 I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of
12	the State of Nevada that the foregoing is true and correct.
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NOTICE! YOU HAVE BEEN SUED. THE COURT MAY DECIDE AGAINST YOU WITHOUT YOUR BEING HEARD UNLESS YOU RESPOND WITHIN 21 DAYS. READ THE INFORMATION BELOW.

TO THE DEFENDANT: A civil Complaint has been filed by the plaintiff against you for the relief set forth in the Complaint. Note: This is an action for divorce.

- If you intend to defend this lawsuit, within 21 days after this Summons is served on you exclusive of the day
 of service, you must do the following:
- a. File with the clerk of this Court, whose address is shown below, a formal written response to the Complaint in accordance with the rules of the Court.
 - Serve a copy of your response upon the attorney whose name and address is shown below.
- Unless you respond, your default will be entered upon application of the plaintiff and this Court may enter a
 judgment against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint, which could result in the taking of money or
 property or other relief requested in the Complaint.

If you intend to seek the advice of an attorney in this matter, you should do so promptly so that your
response may be filed on time.

Issue pat direction of

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DECLARATION OF INVESTIGATOR VITALY SHEVEL REGARDING SERVICE OF PROCESS ON DEFENDANT OLENA KARPENKO

I, VITALY SHEVEL, declare as follows:

- I am an investigator based in Kyiv, Ukraine affiliated with, and 1. working for, the company known as GCS Ukraine with its registered office located at Ukraine, 03150, Kyiv, 31 Kazymyra Malevycha Str.
- I was retained by Pecos Law Group of Las Vegas, Nevada to hand-2. deliver legal process in this action on behalf of Plaintiff Enrique Schaerer. I am a citizen of Ukraine, am over the age of 21, and I am neither a party to this action Deciaration of Vitaly Shevel

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nor am I an attorney for any party to this action. I make this declaration of my personal knowledge, and if called as a witness, would testify competently to each of the following facts.

- 3. On June 4, 2021, I received from attorney Paul A. Lemcke, Esq. of Pecos Law Group both a physical description and address information in Ukraine for Defendant Olena Karpenko, along with copies of a Summons issued and a Complaint for Divorce filed in this legal action. Mr. Lemcke also provided me with two photographs of Ms. Karpenko for identification purposes. Mr. Lemcke requested that I take steps to serve the Summons and Complaint for Divorce on Ms. Karpenko at the address provided.
- 4. The physical description that Mr. Lemcke provided for Ms. Karpenko was for a 39-year-old woman, 5'6" inches in height, 127 pounds (but now 7 to 8 months pregnant), average build, with gray eyes and strawberry blonde to reddish orange hair.
- 5. The service address provided for Ms. Karpenko was 78 Naberezhna Str., Petrushivka, Ichniansky rajon, Chernihivska oblast, Ukraine. This address is in a rural village a considerable distance away from Kyiv proper.
- 6. On June 11, 2021, I personally visited the village of Petrushivka, and located the house at 78 Neberezhna Str. I encountered a man outside the home, and on confirming the address with him, I explained that I needed to deliver documents to Olena Karpenko. He entered the house and another older man came out, who proposed that he take the documents for Ms. Karpenko. I again OK000009

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explained that I needed to make a hand-to-hand delivery of documents directly to Ms. Karpenko. The older man re-entered the house, and approximately two minutes later, a woman exited the home and stepped outside the fence door where I was standing to accept the documents. The woman matched the one depicted in the physical description and the photographs received from Mr. Lemcke, and she also appeared pregnant. In addition, the woman affirmatively displayed a Ukrainian national passport in the name of Olena Karpenko. I in turn handed the Summons and Complaint for Divorce to Ms. Karpenko, and after I wrote in the service date of June 11, 2021, and the service time of 12:39 p.m., Ms. Karpenko then signed a "Receipt of Delivery" for the documents. A true and correct copy of the Receipt for Delivery is attached to this Declaration.

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

Executed this 16 day of June, 2021.

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Declaration of Vitaly Shevel



RECEIPT OF DELIVERY ЗВІТ ПРО ВРУЧЕННЯ КОРЕСПОНДЕНЦІЇ

Відправник Sender	Paul A. Lemcke, Esq. Pecos Law Group	Одержувач Recipient	Olena Karpenko
Адреса відправника Address of sender	8925 South Pecos Road, Suite 14A Henderson, Nevada, 89074 +1 702 388 1851	Адреса одержувача Address of recipient	78 Naberezhna Str., Petrushivka, Ichniansky rajon, Chernihivska oblast, Ukraine +380 67 736 8397
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OLENA KARPENKO,

allegations as follows:

Defendant.

ANSWER AND COUNTERCLAIM

COMES NOW the Defendant, OLENA KARPENKO (hereinafter "Defendant"), by and through her attorneys, Tin Hwang, Esq. and Linda Lay, Esq., of the HWANG LAW GROUP LLC., and hereby files her ANSWER AND COUNTERCLAIM to the Complaint for Divorce filed by the Plaintiff, ENRIQUE SCHAERER (hereinafter "Plaintiff"), and Defendant now responds to Plaintiff's

1	1.	Defendant	admits	the	allegations	contained	in	Paragraph	1	of	the
2	Complaint f	for Divorce.									
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- 12. Defendant admits the allegations contained in Paragraph 12 of the Complaint for Divorce.
- 13. Defendant admits the allegations contained in Paragraph 13 of the Complaint for Divorce.
- 14. Defendant admits the allegations contained in Paragraph 14 of the Complaint for Divorce.
- 15. Defendant admits the allegations contained in Paragraph 15 of the Complaint for Divorce.
- 16. Defendant admits the allegations contained in Paragraph 16 of the Complaint for Divorce.

<u>AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES</u>

First Affirmative Defense (Failure to State a Claim)

17. Plaintiff has failed to state a claim upon which relief may be granted.

Second Affirmative Defense (Waiver)

18. Plaintiff has waived, and/or is estopped from pursuing his claims against Defendant.

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Third Affirmative Defense (Unclean Hands)

19. Plaintiff is barred from pursuing his claims against Defendant by the doctrine of unclean hands.

Fourth Affirmative Defense (Unconscionability)

20. Plaintiff is barred from pursuing his claims against Defendant by the doctrine of unconscionability.

Fifth Affirmative Defense (Doctrine of Laches)

21. Plaintiff is barred from pursuing his claims against Defendant by the doctrine of laches.

Sixth Affirmative Defense (Misrepresentation)

22. Plaintiff is barred from pursuing his claim against Defendant because of material misrepresentation(s) of facts made by Plaintiff to Defendant.

Seventh Affirmative Defense

23. Pursuant to NRCP 11, as amended, all possible affirmative defenses may not have been stated herein, insofar as insufficient facts were not available after reasonable inquiry upon the filing of Defendant's Answer, and therefore, this answering Defendant reserves the right to amend her answer to allege additional affirmative defenses if subsequent investigation so warrants.

COUNTERCLAIM FOR DIVORCE

COMES NOW the Defendant/Counterclaimant, OLENA KARPENKO (hereinafter "OLENA" and "Defendant/Counterclaimant"), by and through her attorneys, Tin Hwang, Esq., and Linda Lay, Esq., of the HWANG LAW GROUP

LLC., and hereby files her Counterclaim for Divorce against the Plaintiff/CounterDefendant, ENRIQUE SCHAERER ("ENRIQUE" and "Plaintiff/CounterDefendant"), alleging as follows:

- 1. That upon information and belief, for a period longer than six weeks prior to the date of verification of this Complaint, ENRIQUE has been a bona fide and actual resident and domiciliary of the State of Nevada.
- 2. That the Parties were duly and lawfully married in Las Vegas, Nevada, on or about December 26, 2020, and are now and have ever since been husband and wife.
- 3. That there are no minor children born the issue of this marriage. That OLENA is currently pregnant and the expected birth is on or around July of 2021; that there are no adopted minor children.
- 4. That the Parties entered into the *Premarital Agreement* on December 21, 2020, and said agreement is intended to bind the Petitioners as to the distribution of their community and separate properties in accordance with NRS 123.070 and NRS 123.080(2).
- 5. That there is separately owned property of the Defendant/Counterclaimant, the full extent of the Defendant's/Counterclaimant's property is unknown to her at this time, and she prays leave of the Court to amend this Complaint to insert the same when they have become known to her or at the time

of trial in this matter. Defendant/Counterclaimant requests that this Court confirm all of her separate property assets upon Defendant/Counterclaimant.

- 6. That there may be separately owned property of the Plaintiff/Counter-Defendant, the full extent of the Plaintiff's/Counter-Defendant's property is unknown to Defendant/Counterclaimant at this time, and she prays leave of the Court to amend this Complaint to insert the same when they have become known to her or at the time of trial in this matter. Defendant/Counterclaimant requests that this Court confirm all of Plaintiff's/Counter-Defendant's separate property assets upon Plaintiff/Counter-Defendant.
- 7. That no alimony / spousal support should be awarded to either Parties pursuant to the Premarital Agreement entered between the Parties.
 - 8. That a name change is not necessary in this matter.
- 9. That each Party should be responsible for their own attorney's fees and costs pursuant to the Premarital Agreement entered between the Parties.
- 10. During the course of said marriage, the tastes, mental disposition, views, likes and dislikes of Plaintiff and Defendant have become so widely divergent that the Parties have become incompatible in marriage to such an extent that it is impossible for them to live together as husband and wife; that the incompatibility between the Plaintiff and Defendant is so great that there is no possibility of reconciliation.

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WHEREFORE, the Defendant/Counterclaimant, OLENA KARPENKO, prays for judgment against Plaintiff, ENRIQUE SCHAERER, as follows:

- 1. That the contract of marriage now and therefore existing between the Parties be dissolved and that Defendant be granted an absolute Decree of Divorce and that each of the Parties hereto be restored to the status of single, unmarried person;
- 2. That the Court grant the relief requested in this Counterclaim for Divorce; and
- 3. For such other relief this Court may deem just and proper in the premises.

DATED this 2nd day of July, 2021.

Respectfully Submitted by: HWANG LAW GROUP LLC.

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VERIFICATION

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I am the Defendant / Counterclaimant in the instant action, that I have read the foregoing ANSWER AND COUNTERCLAIM, and know the contents thereof; that the pleading is true of my own knowledge, except for those matters therein contained stated upon information and belief, and that as to those matters, I believe them to be true.

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

DATED: _____07/03/2021

OLENA KARPENKO

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I am an employee of the HWANG LAW GROUP LLC., and that on the 2nd day of July, 2021, I served a true and correct copy of the foregoing **ANSWER AND COUNTERCLAIM** in the above-mentioned case via Electronic Service, and addressed to the following:

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/s/ Asiana Landingin

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This document was signed by:

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EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, FAMILY DIVISION **CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA**

ENRIQUE SCHAERER,

Plaintiff,

Case No. D-21-628088-D IJ

Dept.

VS.

OLENA KARPENKO,

Defendant.

AMENDED ANSWER TO COMPLAINT

COMES NOW the Defendant, OLENA KARPENKO (hereinafter

"Defendant"), by and through her attorneys, Tin Hwang, Esq. and Linda Lay,

Esq., of the HWANG LAW GROUP LLC., and hereby files her AMENDED

ANSWER TO COMPLAINT to the Complaint for Divorce filed by the Plaintiff,

ENRIQUE SCHAERER (hereinafter "Plaintiff"), and Defendant now responds to

Plaintiff's allegations as follows:

	1.	Defendant	admits	the	allegations	contained	in	Paragraph	. 1	of	the
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- 2. Defendant admits the allegations contained in Paragraph 2 of the Complaint for Divorce.
- 3. Defendant admits the allegations contained in Paragraph 3 of the Complaint for Divorce.
- 4. Defendant admits the allegations contained in Paragraph 4 of the Complaint for Divorce.
- 5. Defendant admits the allegations contained in Paragraph 5 of the Complaint for Divorce.
- 6. Defendant is without sufficient knowledge to answer to the allegations contained in Paragraph 6 of the Complaint for Divorce; and therefore denies the same.
- 7. Defendant admits the allegations contained in Paragraph 7 of the Complaint for Divorce.
- 8. Defendant admits the allegations contained in Paragraph 8 of the Complaint for Divorce.
- 9. Defendant admits the allegations contained in Paragraph 9 of the Complaint for Divorce.

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- 12. Defendant admits the allegations contained in Paragraph 12 of the Complaint for Divorce.
- 13. Defendant admits the allegations contained in Paragraph 13 of the Complaint for Divorce.
- 14. Defendant admits the allegations contained in Paragraph 14 of the Complaint for Divorce.
- 15. Defendant admits the allegations contained in Paragraph 15 of the Complaint for Divorce.
- 16. Defendant admits the allegations contained in Paragraph 16 of the Complaint for Divorce.

AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES

First Affirmative Defense (Failure to State a Claim)

17. Plaintiff has failed to state a claim upon which relief may be granted.

Second Affirmative Defense (Waiver)

18. Plaintiff has waived, and/or is estopped from pursuing his claims against Defendant.

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Third Affirmative Defense (Unclean Hands)

19. Plaintiff is barred from pursuing his claims against Defendant by the doctrine of unclean hands.

Fourth Affirmative Defense (Unconscionability)

20. Plaintiff is barred from pursuing his claims against Defendant by the doctrine of unconscionability.

Fifth Affirmative Defense (Doctrine of Laches)

21. Plaintiff is barred from pursuing his claims against Defendant by the doctrine of laches.

Sixth Affirmative Defense (Misrepresentation)

22. Plaintiff is barred from pursuing his claim against Defendant because of material misrepresentation(s) of facts made by Plaintiff to Defendant.

Seventh Affirmative Defense

23. Pursuant to NRCP 11, as amended, all possible affirmative defenses may not have been stated herein, insofar as insufficient facts were not available after reasonable inquiry upon the filing of Defendant's Answer, and therefore, this answering Defendant reserves the right to amend her answer to allege additional affirmative defenses if subsequent investigation so warrants.

COUNTERCLAIM FOR DIVORCE

COMES NOW the Defendant/Counterclaimant, OLENA KARPENKO (hereinafter "OLENA" and "Defendant/Counterclaimant"), by and through her attorneys, Tin Hwang, Esq., and Linda Lay, Esq., of the HWANG LAW GROUP

LLC., and hereby files her Counterclaim for Divorce against the Plaintiff/CounterDefendant, ENRIQUE SCHAERER ("ENRIQUE" and "Plaintiff/CounterDefendant"), alleging as follows:

- 1. That upon information and belief, for a period longer than six weeks prior to the date of verification of this Complaint, ENRIQUE has been a bona fide and actual resident and domiciliary of the State of Nevada.
- 2. That the Parties were duly and lawfully married in Las Vegas, Nevada, on or about December 26, 2020, and are now and have ever since been husband and wife.
- 3. That there are no minor children born the issue of this marriage. That OLENA is currently pregnant and the expected birth is on or around July of 2021; that there are no adopted minor children.
- 4. That the Parties entered into the *Premarital Agreement* on December 21, 2020, and said agreement is intended to bind the Petitioners as to the distribution of their community and separate properties in accordance with NRS 123.070 and NRS 123.080(2).
- 5. That there is separately owned property of the Defendant/Counterclaimant, the full extent of the Defendant's/Counterclaimant's property is unknown to her at this time, and she prays leave of the Court to amend this Complaint to insert the same when they have become known to her or at the time

of trial in this matter. Defendant/Counterclaimant requests that this Court confirm all of her separate property assets upon Defendant/Counterclaimant.

- 6. That there may be separately owned property of the Plaintiff/Counter-Defendant, the full extent of the Plaintiff's/Counter-Defendant's property is unknown to Defendant/Counterclaimant at this time, and she prays leave of the Court to amend this Complaint to insert the same when they have become known to her or at the time of trial in this matter. Defendant/Counterclaimant requests that this Court confirm all of Plaintiff's/Counter-Defendant's separate property assets upon Plaintiff/Counter-Defendant.
- 7. That no alimony / spousal support should be awarded to either Parties pursuant to the Premarital Agreement entered between the Parties.
 - 8. That a name change is not necessary in this matter.
- 9. That each Party should be responsible for their own attorney's fees and costs pursuant to the Premarital Agreement entered between the Parties.
- 10. During the course of said marriage, the tastes, mental disposition, views, likes and dislikes of Plaintiff and Defendant have become so widely divergent that the Parties have become incompatible in marriage to such an extent that it is impossible for them to live together as husband and wife; that the incompatibility between the Plaintiff and Defendant is so great that there is no possibility of reconciliation.

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- 2. That the Court grant the relief requested in this Counterclaim for Divorce; and
- 3. For such other relief this Court may deem just and proper in the premises.

DATED this 20th day of July, 2021.

Respectfully Submitted by: **HWANG LAW GROUP LLC.**

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DATED: _____07/20/2021

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DISTRICT COURT CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

Enrique Schaerer,

Plaintiff,

VS.

Olena Karpenko,

Defendant.

Case No. **D-21-628088-D**Dept No. **U**

REPLY TO COUNTERCLAIM FOR DIVORCE

COMES NOW Plaintiff, Enrique Schaerer, by and through his attorney,

Paul A. Lemcke, Esq., of PECOS LAW GROUP, and hereby replies to the

paragraphs in Defendant Olena Karpenko's Counterclaim for Divorce as

follows:

- 1. Admit.
- 2. Admit.
- 3. Admit that as of the date of filing of this Reply to Counterclaim,

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1	Plaintiff is not aware of the birth of any minor children of this marriage. Admit all								
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1	WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays that Defendant take nothing by way of her
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1 CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE 2 Pursuant to NRCP 5(b), I hereby certify that the foregoing "REPLY TO 3 **COUNTERCLAIM**" in the above-captioned case was served this date as follows: 4 $[\chi]$ pursuant to EDCR 8.05(a), EDCR 8.05(f), NRCP (b)(2)(D) and Administrative Order 14-2 Captioned "In the Administrative 5 Matter of Mandatory Electronic Service in the Eighth Judicial District Court," by mandatory electronic service through the 6 Eighth Judicial District Court's electronic filing system; 7 by placing the same to be deposited for mailing in the United 8 States Mail, in a sealed envelope upon which first class postage was prepaid in Las Vegas, Nevada; 9 10 pursuant to EDCR 7.26 to be sent via facsimile, by duly executed consent for service by electronic means; by hand-delivery with signed Receipt of Copy. [] 12 To attorney(s) listed below at the address: asiana@hwanglawgroup.com 14 tin@hwanglawgroup.com linda@hwanglawgroup.com 15 DATED this 22 day of July, 2021. 16 Parlen Allan Brown. An Employee of PECOS LAW GROUP

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ORAL ARGUMENT REQUESTED: YES

NOTICE: YOU ARE REQUIRED TO FILE A WRITTEN RESPONSE TO THIS MOTION WITH THE CLERK OF THE COURT AND TO PROVIDE THE UNDERSIGNED WITH A COPY OF YOUR RESPONSE WITHIN FOURTEEN (14) DAYS OF YOUR RECEIPT OF THIS MOTION. FAILURE TO FILE A WRITTEN RESPONSE WITH THE CLERK OF THE COURT WITHIN FOURTEEN (14) DAYS OF YOUR RECEIPT OF THIS MOTION MAY RESULT IN THE REQUESTED RELIEF BEING GRANTED BY THE COURT WITHOUT HEARING PRIOR TO THE SCHEDULED HEARING.

PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR TAKING OF SPECIMENS FOR GENETIC
IDENTIFICATION AND TESTING IN CLARK COUNTY PURSUANT TO NRS
126.121(1); TO APPOINT GUARDIAN AD LITEM FOR MINOR CHILD; TO
BIFURCATE AND ENTER INTERLOCUTORY DECREE OF DIVORCE (ALL DIVORCE
TERMS RESOLVED PURSUANT TO PARTIES' PLEADINGS), AND TO RESERVE
JURISDICTION TO ADJUDICATE PATERNITY CLAIMS; AND TO COMPEL
DEFENDANT'S PROVISION OF HIPAA RELEASE

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Plaintiff, Enrique Schaerer, by and through his attorney, Paul A. Lemcke, Esq. of PECOS LAW GROUP, moves this Court for the following relief:

- 1. For an order directing Plaintiff, Defendant, and the minor child to appear and submit to the taking of DNA specimens for genetic identification and testing in Clark County, Nevada, with ARCpoint Labs, 3365 East Flamingo Road, #4, Las Vegas, Nevada, within a reasonable period of time coincident with the minor child's ability to travel for that purpose (90 to 120 days).
- 2. For an order appointing an independent guardian *ad litem* for the minor child, to assure that the adjudication of paternity is fully conclusive as to that child.
- 3. For an order bifurcating the divorce claim from the discrete issue of paternity, and entering an interlocutory Decree of Divorce consistent with the resolution of all issues regarding property, debt, spousal support/alimony, and attorneys' fees and costs acknowledged in the parties' pleadings, while expressly reserving jurisdiction to adjudicate all paternity claims.
- 4. For an order compelling Defendant to provide a fully executed HIPAA release related to her treatment with her Las Vegas OB/GYN at any and all times in 2020 and 2021, which was formally requested by letter dated July 28, 2021.
 - 5. For such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

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This motion is made and based upon all the papers and pleadings on file herein, the attached Points and Authorities, and any other evidence and argument as may be adduced at the hearing of this matter.

DATED this day of August, 2021.

PECOS LAW GROUP

Paul A. Lemcke, Esq. Nevada Bar No. 003466 PECOS LAW GROUP 8925 South Pecos Road, Suite 14A Henderson, Nevada 89074 Attorney for Plaintiff

POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

I. FACTS

Plaintiff Enrique Schaerer ("Enrique") and Defendant Olena Karpenko ("Olena") were married on December 26, 2020. Prior to their marriage, on December 21, 2020, the parties entered into a Premarital Agreement. Enrique's Complaint for Divorce in this action alleges – and Olena's Amended Answer to Complaint <u>admits</u> – the following material facts:

The Premarital Agreement is valid, binding, and legally enforceable.

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- The terms and conditions of the Premarital Agreement should be acknowledged, approved, and enforced by the Court in this divorce action.
- Enrique and Olena have not accumulated, nor do they own, any community property or joint property whatsoever.
- Enrique and Olena have not accumulated, nor do they own, any community or joint debts whatsoever.
- Enrique and Olena each have certain separate property and debts (as defined by the Premarital Agreement), and that separate property and debt should be confirmed to each of the parties consistent with the Premarital Agreement.
- Enrique and Olena entered into a mutual waiver of spousal support, alimony, preliminary allowances, and attorney's fees, as specified in paragraphs 16.2 and 16.3 of the Premarital Agreement.
- Neither Enrique or Olena should pay spousal support or alimony to the other party.
- Enrique and Olena should bear their respective attorney's fees and costs of suit in finalizing this divorce in accordance with the Premarital Agreement.
- Enrique and Olena are permanently incompatible in marriage.

In short, the parties' respective pleadings in this case resolve *all* issues of property, debt, spousal support/alimony, and attorneys' fees and costs that would

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action is the paternity of a minor child.

otherwise be at issue in this divorce. The only remaining unresolved issue in this

Paternity Action.

Olena is a Ukrainian national who was a continuous resident and domiciliary of Nevada from June 2020 through and including April 8, 2021. Amended Answer at \(\big| \) 5 (admitted fact). During that period, the parties pursued a romantic relationship. In November 2020, Olena informed Enrique that she was pregnant with a child. The parties married approximately one month later. The timing of Olena's conception in relation to her Nevada residency thereby submits her to the jurisdiction of a Nevada court with respect to a paternity action filed pursuant to NRS Chapter 126. NRS 126.091(1).

In March 2021, in the midst of the parties' disagreements over whether Enrique should petition on behalf of Olena, whether she should petition on her own behalf, or whether she could secure an employer to petition on her behalf, to obtain a more permanent U.S. immigration status for her, Olena secretly and unilaterally made flight arrangements to return to the Ukraine. Despite pleas from Enrique to stay in Las Vegas, Olena subsequently returned to the Ukraine on April 8, 2021, where she has since remained. Enrique is informed and believes, and thereon alleges, that Olena's motivations in seeking his cooperation in her U.S. immigration processes were fraudulent and undertaken in bad faith.

Given the parties' marital status, Enrique will be presumed to be the natural father of Olena's child if the child is born during the parties' marriage, or within

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285 days of the entry of the parties' divorce. NRS 126.051(1)(a). That legal presumption is rebuttable. NRS 126.051(3). Enrique's Complaint for Divorce alleges that he is not the natural father of Olena's child, and requests that the Court formally adjudicate the existence or non-existence of the father and child relationship. *Complaint for Divorce* at \ \bigcap 6.

One other significant fact bears emphasis: <u>nowhere in Olena's Amended</u>

Answer to Complaint and Counterclaim for Divorce, filed July 20, 2021, does

she make any affirmative allegation that Enrique is the natural father of her

unborn child. Through counsel, Enrique requested that Olena provide a more

definite statement as to paternity in her Amended Complaint and Counterclaim,

but Olena did not do so. Notably, she has generally denied his specific allegation

of non-paternity only on the ground that she is without sufficient knowledge or

belief to admit or deny the allegations of non-paternity.

Enrique is informed and believes, and thereon alleges, that Olena was scheduled to give birth to her child sometime between July 25 and August 3, 2021. By letter sent by Enrique's counsel to Olena's counsel on July 22, 2021, and again on July 28, 2021, Enrique requested notification of the date and place of birth of Olena's child as soon as possible after it occurs, as well as the full name of the child. *See* Exhibit "1" to Plaintiff's Appendix. No response has since been forthcoming.¹

¹ Under Nevada law, all paternity proceedings under NRS Chapter 126 must be stayed until after the birth, except service of process and the taking of depositions to perpetuate testimony. NRS 126.071(2).
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On July 28, 2021, Enrique's counsel also made a letter request that Olena execute a HIPAA release related to her medical records while treating with her Las Vegas Ob/Gyn, Tammy Reynolds, M.D., at any and all times in 2020 and 2021, and return the same within seven (7) days, so that a subpoena duces tecum for these materials could be processed promptly once discovery opened in the paternity action. *See* Exhibit "2" to Plaintiff's Appendix. No response has since been forthcoming. This motion ensues.

II. LEGAL ARGUMENT

A. THE COURT SHOULD ORDER THE PARTIES AND THE MINOR CHILD TO APPEAR AND SUBMIT TO THE TAKING OF DNA SPECIMENS FOR GENETIC IDENTIFICATION AND TESTING AT ARCPOINT LABS IN LAS VEGAS, WITHIN A REASONABLE TIME COINCIDENT WITH THE MINOR CHILD'S ABILITY TO TRAVEL FOR THAT PURPOSE.

NRS 126.121(1) provides, in pertinent part:

The Court may, and shall upon motion of a party, order the mother, child, alleged father or any other person so involved to submit to one or more tests for the typing of blood or taking of specimens for genetic identification to be made by a designated person, by qualified physicians or by other qualified persons, under such restrictions and directions as the court or judge deems proper. Whenever such a test is ordered and made, the results of the test must be received in evidence and must be made available to a judge, master, or referee conducting hearing pursuant to NRS 126.111. The results of the test and any sample or specimen taken may be used only for the purpose specified in this chapter. Unless a party files a written objection to the result of a test at least 30 days before the hearing at which the result is to be received in evidence, the result is admissible as evidence of paternity without foundational testimony or other proof of authenticity or accuracy.

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NRS 126.121(4) further provides:

In all cases, the court shall determine the number and qualifications of the experts and laboratories.

Enrique moves for an order directing both parties and the minor child to appear and submit to the taking of DNA specimens for genetic identification in Clark County, with ARCpoint Labs, 3365 East Flamingo Road, #4, Las Vegas, Nevada, within a reasonable time coincident with the minor child's ability to travel for that purpose. The purpose of the testing shall be to genetically determine the existence or non-existence of Enrique's putative paternity of the minor child. ARCpoint Labs is widely regarded one of the gold standards in Las Vegas for court-admissible DNA testing, the integrity of which is assured by a careful chain of custody and testing protocol. ARCpoint Labs' website (https://www.arcpointlabs.com/las-vegas/) describes the company as "...a full-service national third party provider/administrator of accurate, reliable, and confidential diagnostic testing."

It is undeniable from Olena's past presence in Nevada and the admissions in her pleadings that she has submitted herself to the jurisdiction of the Nevada court with respect to the adjudication of the paternity of her child. The Court is also reminded that Olena's hasty relocation to Ukraine and her ongoing residence in that country were both secretive and unilateral decisions made by Olena, without regard for Enrique or his legal status vis-à-vis Olena or the minor child. In

proposing that ARCpoint Labs collect DNA specimens and administer the testing, it is of paramount importance to Enrique that the DNA collection and paternity testing in this case be accurate, reliable, and demonstrably compliant with chainof-custody protocols dictated by law. In view of these facts, Olena should be compelled to appear with the minor child in Las Vegas, Nevada for the taking of DNA specimens for genetic identification. Enrique proposes that this travel be ordered to occur in approximately ninety (90) to one hundred twenty (120 days), when the child's immune system is better developed and the child is then able to In the event that Olena proposes substituted testing protocols within the territorial boundaries of Ukraine as being more "convenient" to her and the child, those alternatives are unacceptable and should be categorically rejected as unreliable, given both her submission to the jurisdiction of the Nevada court as well as the broad societal, political, and judicial corruption that exists within Ukraine.

1. Corruption is institutionally widespread in Ukrainian society, and it is "a component of [the country's] social traditions."

Ukraine is not a suitable or objectively reliable situs for either DNA collection or paternity testing.

Ukraine is a former republic of the Soviet Union, which achieved national independence after the 1991 dissolution of the U.S.S.R. In 2015, *The Guardian* newspaper called Ukraine "the most corrupt nation in Europe." A 2017 poll of

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² Bullough, "Welcome to Ukraine, the most corrupt nation in Europe," *The Guardian* (February 6, 2015).

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experts conducted by the accounting firm of Ernst & Young found that Ukraine was considered to be the 9th most corrupt nation in the world.³ Moreover, in 2020, the public service organization Transparency International calculated their Corruption Perception Index, and it found that Ukraine ranked 117th out of 180 countries, which was second lowest in Europe, just behind Russia.⁴

Equally alarming is the fact that Transparency International found that 23% of public service users in Ukraine paid a bribe within the previous 12 months.⁵ Bribery in Ukraine is a rampant and accepted social phenomenon. The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) attributes the main causes of corruption in Ukraine to a weak justice system and an over-controlling, non-transparent government, combined with business-political ties and a weak civil society.⁶ The U.S. State Department's current online bilateral relations fact sheet on U.S. relations with Ukraine notes that one of the U.S. diplomatic missions in Ukraine is to "fight corruption."

Ukraine's wide-ranging corruption disqualifies it as a suitable or objectively reliable situs for either DNA collection or paternity testing. One rational and

⁶ "Corruption Assessment: Ukraine," USAID (February 10, 2006).

⁷ "U.S. Relations with Ukraine: Bilateral Fact Sheet," (December 18, 2020).

³ Ernst & Young Fraud Survey (November 7, 2018).

⁴ "Corruptions Perceptions Index for 2020 for Ukraine," (https://:transparency.org/en/cpi/2020/ukr)

⁵ Id.

1 entirely foreseeable fear of a Ukrainian society that tolerates bribes as a regular 2 3 5 6 7 10 11

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function of "getting things done" is that DNA collection and/or paternity testing in that nation is ripe for transactional fraud. Enrique's serious concerns on that front are heightened by the fact that Olena's father is a fetal cell biologist, and he must be assumed to have a variety of contacts and personal relationships in both the natural and assisted reproductive technology space in Ukraine. Plainly, this Court has no jurisdiction nor control over bribes or testing protocols within Ukraine. As such, accuracy, integrity, and reliability demand that the DNA collection and paternity testing in this case occur in Las Vegas, using true and verifiable protocols that will assure a judicially reliable result in this action.

B. THE COURT SHOULD APPOINT AN INDEPENDENT GUARDIAN AD LITEM FOR THE MINOR CHILD.

Enrique moves for an order appointing a guardian ad litem for the minor child pursuant to NRS 126.101(1), simply out of an abundance of caution in reaching a fully conclusive and binding adjudication of the issue of paternity as to both the parties and the minor child. While an adjudication incident to the entry of a Decree of Divorce concerning the paternity of a minor child is res judicata as to the husband and wife in any subsequent proceeding, the issue is not as legally definitive as regards the rights of the minor child. See generally <u>Harris v. Harris</u>, 95 Nev. 214, 591 P.2d 1147 (1979); Love v. Love, 114 Nev. 572, 959 P.2d 523 (1998).

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C. THE COURT SHOULD ORDER THE BIFURCATION OF THE DIVORCE CLAIM FROM THE DISCRETE PATERNITY CLAIM, AND ENTER AN INTERLOCUTORY DECREE OF DIVORCE CONSISTENT WITH THE PARTIES' PLEADINGS, WHILE EXPRESSLY RESERVING JURISDICTION TO ADJUDICATE THE MINOR CHILD'S PATERNITY IN A FINAL DECREE.

As of the date of this filing, Enrique and Olena have been married only for approximately 7 ½ months, and they have a valid and binding Premarital Agreement. As previously stated, the allegations and confirming admissions in the parties' respective pleadings effectively resolve <u>all</u> issues as to property, debt, spousal support/alimony, and attorneys' fees and costs otherwise at issue in the parties' divorce.

The only remaining unresolved issue in this action is the paternity of a minor child. The disposition of the paternity issue, however, is almost certain to be delayed due to the travel constraints imposed by virtue of the newborn child. Since Enrique has requested that Olena and the minor child appear for DNA collection and paternity testing in Las Vegas in ninety (90) to one hundred twenty (120) days, it is clear that the adjudication of the paternity issue will unavoidably be deferred for some undetermined length of time. The particular circumstances of this case are therefore unique from a timing perspective. The built-in delay in the resolution of paternity should not prevent the entry of an interlocutory Decree of Divorce.

parties. <u>Gojack v. Second Judicial Dist. Court</u>, 95 Nev. 443, 445, 596 P.2d 237, 239 (1979). The latter task is entirely obviated under the unique circumstances of this case, whereby <u>all</u> such issues have already been resolved by the parties' pleadings. In *Gojack*, the Nevada Supreme Court's identification of problems "inevitably flowing" from interlocutory divorce decrees all focused on the possible effect of that interim decree on the post-entry characterization of the parties' property, including the ongoing accrual of community property. None of those issues exist in this case, where the parties have already acknowledged that their property rights are fixed by their Premarital Agreement.

Moreover, Nevada case law has continued to hold a bifurcated, interlocutory Decree of Divorce appropriate and within a court's sound discretion as long as the bifurcation is not rendered *sua sponte*, but by consent of the parties. *Ellett v. Ellett*, 94 Nev. 34, 38, 573 P.2d 1179, 1181 (1978) (trial court's entry of an interlocutory Decree affirmed where the parties stipulated to separate trials on the issues and the court expressly reserved jurisdiction to later adjudicate and make a final distribution of community property through the entry of a final judgment); *see also Smith v. Smith*, 100 Nev. 610, 613, 691 P.22d 428, 430-31 (1984) (affirmed a bifurcation based on an initial agreement and subsequent failure to object to same, while observing in a trailing footnote that bifurcations are disfavored and should generally be avoided). By letter dated July 7, 2021, Enrique's counsel asked Olena's counsel if Olena would stipulate to bifurcation

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and the entry of an interlocutory Decree of Divorce. To date, no response has been forthcoming.

The circumstances of this case are such that the broad issues already resolved by the pleadings – and the issue still unresolved (paternity) – are irrefutably different and distinct. Given the built-in delays to the resolution of the unresolved paternity issue, Enrique moves for the bifurcation of the divorce claim from the remaining paternity claim, and the entry of an interlocutory Decree of Divorce consistent with the parties' pleadings, while expressly reserving jurisdiction to adjudicate the minor child's paternity in a final Decree of Divorce.

D. THE COURT SHOULD COMPEL OLENA TO PROVIDE THE FULLY EXECUTED HIPAA RELEASE RELATED TO HER TREATMENT WITH HER LAS VEGAS OB/GYN IN 2020 AND 2021, WHICH WAS FORMALLY REQUESTED BY LETTER TO HER COUNSEL DATED JULY 28, 2021.

On July 28, 2021, Enrique's counsel made a letter request that Olena execute a HIPAA release related to her medical records while treating with her Las Vegas Ob/Gyn, Tammy Reynolds, M.D., at any and all times in 2020 and 2021, and return same within seven (7) days, so that a subpoena duces tecum for these materials could be processed promptly once discovery opened in the paternity action. *See* Exhibit "2" to Plaintiff's Appendix. No response has since been forthcoming.

NRS 126.111, pertaining to pretrial hearings and testimony in paternity actions, provides that "testimony of a physician concerning the medical circumstances of the pregnancy and the condition and characteristics of the child

upon birth is not privileged." NRS 126.111(4). The documentation sought 2 through the submitted HIPAA release is relevant, discoverable, and potentially 3 probative of facts central to this paternity case. Olena should be compelled to provide the fully executed HIPAA release. 5 III. CONCLUSION granted. DATED this _____ day of August, 2021. 12 Paul A. Lemcke, Esq. 13 14 Attorney for Plaintiff

WHEREFORE, Enrique respectfully requests that the foregoing relief be

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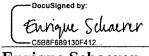
DECLARATION OF ENRIQUE SCHAERER

I, Enrique Schaerer, am the Plaintiff in the above-entitled action. I make this declaration in support of my foregoing "MOTION FOR TAKING OF SPECIMENS FOR GENETIC IDENTIFICATION AND TESTING IN CLARK COUNTY PURSUANT TO NRS 126.121(1); TO APPOINT GUARDIAN AD LITEM FOR MINOR CHILD; TO BIFURCATE AND ENTER INTERLOCUTORY DECREE OF DIVORCE (ALL DIVORCE TERMS RESOLVED PURSUANT TO PARTIES' PLEADINGS), AND TO RESERVE JURISDICTION TO ADJUDICATE PATERNITY CLAIMS; AND TO COMPEL DEFENDANT'S PROVISION OF HIPAA RELEASE." I am over the age of eighteen years and, if called upon to testify, would and could competently testify to the following.

I have read the Motion and hereby certify that the facts set forth in the Points and Authorities attached thereto are true of my own knowledge, except for those matters therein contained stated upon information and belief, and as to those matters, I believe them to be true. I further incorporate these facts into this Declaration as though fully set forth herein.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the contents of this Declaration are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

DATED ______



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Pursuant to NRCP 5(b), I hereby certify that the foregoing "PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR TAKING OF SPECIMENS FOR GENETIC IDENTIFICATION AND TESTING IN CLARK COUNTY PURSUANT TO NRS 126.121(1); TO APPOINT GUARDIAN AD LITEM FOR MINOR CHILD; TO BIFURCATE AND ENTER INTERLOCUTORY DECREE OF DIVORCE (ALL DIVORCE TERMS RESOLVED PURSUANT TO PARTIES' PLEADINGS), AND TO RESERVE JURISDICTION TO ADJUDICATE PATERNITY CLAIMS; AND TO COMPEL DEFENDANT'S PROVISION OF HIPAA RELEASE" in the above-captioned case was served this date as follows:

- pursuant to EDCR 8.05(a), EDCR 8.05(f), NRCP (b)(2)(D) and Administrative Order 14-2 Captioned "In the Administrative Matter of Mandatory Electronic Service in the Eighth Judicial District Court," by mandatory electronic service through the Eighth Judicial District Court's electronic filing system;
- [] by placing the same to be deposited for mailing in the United States Mail, in a sealed envelope upon which first class postage was prepaid in Las Vegas, Nevada;
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To attorney(s)/person(s) listed below at the address:

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DATED this 5 day of August 2021

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- 1. Letter to Linda Lay and Tin Hwang dated July 22, 2021, bates label no. ES0001;
- 2. Letter to Linda Lay and Tin Hwang dated July 28, 2021, bates label nos. ES0002 ES0003.

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Pursuant to NRCP 5(b), I hereby certify that on this 5 2021, the foregoing EXHIBIT APPENDIX TO PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR TAKING OF SPECIMENS FOR GENETIC IDENTIFICATION AND TESTING IN CLARK COUNTY PURSUANT TO NRS 126.121(1); TO APPOINT GUARDIAN AD LITEM FOR MINOR CHILD; TO BIFURCATE AND ENTER INTERLOCUTORY DECREE OF DIVORCE (ALL DIVORCE TERMS RESOLVED PURSUANT TO PARTIES' PLEADINGS), AND TO RESERVE JURISDICTION TO ADJUDICATE PATERNITY CLAIMS; AND TO COMPEL DEFENDANT'S PROVISION OF HIPAA RELEASE in the abovecaptioned case was served this date as follows:

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Linda Lay, Esq. Tin Hwang, Esq. Hwang Law Group, LLC 2880 South Jones Boulevard, Suite 2 Las Vegas, Nevada 89146

Re: Schaerer v. Karpenko

Dear Linda and Tin:

As you know, NRS 126.071(2) provides that with the exception of service of process and certain depositions, all proceedings in my client's paternity action must be stayed until after the child's birth. This highlights the need for you to promptly inform me when Ms. Karpenko gives birth, so that proceedings in the paternity matter may go forward pursuant to law.

I therefore respectfully request that you inform me of the date and place of birth of Ms. Karpenko's child as soon as possible after it occurs, as well as the full name of the child.

I appreciate your cooperation.

Best regards,

PAUL A. LEMCKE

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July 28, 2021

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Linda Lay, Esq. Tin Hwang, Esq. Hwang Law Group, LLC 2880 South Jones Boulevard, Suite 2 Las Vegas, Nevada 89146

Re: Schaerer v. Karpenko

Dear Linda and Tin:

I attach a HIPAA release for Ms. Karpenko's execution, related to her medical records while treating with her Las Vegas Ob/Gyn, Tammy Reynolds, M.D. I would ask that this be signed and returned within seven (7) days of today's date, so that I can thereafter process a subpoena duces tecum for these materials once discovery opens in the paternity matter.

On that issue, have you received any notification from your client of the child's birth? I recall that in my phone call with Linda a few days ago, the birth was expected on July 25. Please advise of that status.

Best regards,

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PATIENTS REQUEST FOR ACCESS TO OR RELEASE AUTHORIZATION FOR PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION (HIPAA Compliant)

Patient: Olena Karpenko (Schaerer)	
DOB: <u>9/16/1981</u>	SSN: <u>513-79-2719</u>
I have fully read this authorization and understand the content of	the information that will be disclosed.
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Please send the entire medical file including, but not limited to records; consultation reports; laboratory records, test results and scans, and any all diagnostic imaging films and/or tests and their any and all medical bills, invoices and statements reflecting provand patient payments/co-payments, liens filed including the amout include amount and name of collection agency; and I underst treatment, testing and/or referrals; (2) HIV related illness and/or genetic testing information, reports or records; and (4) psychologometric testing information, reports or records; and (5) psychologometric testing information, reports or records; and (6) psychologometric testing information, reports or records; and (7) psychologometric testing information, reports or records; and (8) psychologometric testing information, reports or records; and (9) psychologometric testing information in the psychologometric testing information in the psychologometric testing information in the psychologo	It reports; any and all x-ray films and reports, MRI scans, CT associated reports taken by you or contained in your files. Also wider charges and payment history including benefit payments ant of lien; any charges turned over to collection agents/agency, and that these records may include: (1) drug and/or alcohol communicable diseases treatment, testing and/or referrals; (3)
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VS.

Olena Karpenko,

Defendant.

Case No. **D-21-628088-D**Dept No. **U**

Date of Hearing: September 15, 2021 Time of Hearing: 9:30 a.m.

PLAINTIFF'S NOTICE OF DEFENDANT'S FAILURE TO OPPOSE PLAINTIFF'S PENDING MOTION

TO: Olena Karpenko, Defendant, and

TO: Tin Hwang, Esq., and Linda Lay, Esq., attorneys for Defendant:

YOU WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Plaintiff's "MOTION FOR

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2021, and properly served on Defendant's counsel via electronic service or
August 5, 2021. Defendant's opposition to the motion was due on or before
Thursday, August 19, 2021 (14 days from service), but no opposition has been
filed.

EDCR 5.503(b) provides that "[f]ailure of an opposing party to serve and file a written opposition may be construed as an admission that the motion is meritorious and a consent that it be granted."

DATED this <u>26</u> day of August, 2021.

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Attorney for Plaintiff

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Pursuant to NRCP 5(b), I hereby certify that on this 26 th day of August 2021, the Plaintiff's Notice of Defendant's Failure to Oppose Plaintiff's Pending Motion in the above-captioned case was served as follows: pursuant to NEFCR 9, by mandatory electronic service through the \mathbf{X} Eighth Judicial District Court's electronic filing system;

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CHILD SUPPORT PENDING RESULTS OF GENETIC TESTING AND FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF MEDICAL EXPENSES RELATED TO CHILD-BIRTH, AND FOR ENRIQUE TO PAY COSTS OF GENETIC TESTING / ATTORNEY FEES RELATED SOLELY TO THE PATERNITY ACTION.

COMES NOW, OLENA KARPENKO ("Ms. Karpenko"), by and through her attorney JASON ONELLO, ESQ. of ROBBINS AND ONELLO, LLP, and submits this Opposition and Countermotion. This motion is made and based upon the pleadings on file herein, together with the attached Points and Authorities, as well as oral arguments of counsel to be heard at the time of hearing.

DATED this 3^{rd} of September 2021.

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I. FACTS

Plaintiff, Enrique Schaerer ("Enrique") filed an action for Divorce, on or about May 28, 2021. This matter primarily regards allegations related to a minor child that was born in Ukraine; this Court does not have custody jurisdiction. Enrique does not request genetic testing to occur for 90 to 120, yet when a one-week request for time to file an Opposition is requested (and to discuss potential resolution), Enrique is apparently in some sort of hurry to go nowhere; maybe he should go to Ukraine instead. Enrique is more concerned about his bifurcation request than he is about paternity; as explained below, Enrique's request is more about controlling / harassing Olena for returning to Ukraine than it is about paternity.

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Defendant, Olena Karpenko ("Olena") has actively participated in these proceedings while residing in Ukraine, despite logistical complications, recovering from giving birth and nursing her newborn child. Olena is in Ukraine currently because Enrique refused to cooperate for purposes of Olena applying for a green card via marriage, which he agreed to do only if Olena signed a Premarital Agreement; Olena was in the United States on a 2001 Visa that expired April 30, 2021; Enrique dangled the green card like a carrot and then failed to hold up his end of the bargain when it mattered most, resulting in Olena moving back to Ukraine. The US Embassy in Ukraine limited its visa operations due to COVID-19 and there is currently no set date to return to normal operations. Enrique's request is not just impractical; it is impossible.

Enrique is now before the court requesting that a newborn child be brought back to the United States [with his mother] for purposes of genetic testing *during a pandemic* and while *Ukraine is in a state of emergency*; Enrique also knows that Olena cannot return to the United States anyways;⁵ this is the epitome of an unreasonable request. Given the nature of Enrique's discovery, Enrique has requested information that is not relevant to paternity and intended to child custody jurisdiction, which Nevada does not have. Therefore, he makes an impossible request, rather than to travel to Ukraine for purposes of testing. Enrique does not really want to know; he just wants to protect his property.

³ Ukraine is ten (10) hours ahead of Nevada (Carson City), which has presented some difficulties for purposes of coordinating timely substitution of counsel.

⁴ https://ua.usembassy.gov/visas/ - "Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the United States Embassy in Ukraine has not yet returned to normal visa operations. However, we are currently opening as many appointments as resources and safety allow."

⁵ Ukraine is also in a state of emergency through October 1, 2021 due to Covid-19. *See* https://www.reuters.com/world/europe/ukraine-extend-covid-19-restrictions-until-oct-1-2021-08-11/

26, 2021; the undersigned counsel reached out for a conference to discuss the matter and requested an extension to file an Opposition; that request was rejected on / about that same day and Enrique instead filed a Notice of Non-Opposition to take advantage of the change in counsel. At that time, the hearing was set for September 15, 2021. After the filing of the Notice of Non-Opposition, the Court moved the hearing date up to September 7, 2021, likely because it assumed that no Opposition would be filed. Olena's undersigned counsel substituted into the matter on August 31, 2021 and immediately, from Enrique's counsel, requested to push the hearing back a week (or to the original date) so that the parties can fully brief the issues and discuss rational options for genetic testing. That request was rejected, even though Enrique does not request any immediate relief related to paternity; how odd indeed.

Regarding Olena's Opposition - Olena had to change counsel on or about August

Enrique already knows where Olena lives; Enrique's family has already requested [directly to Olena] to visit the newborn child. Enrique's argument that "Ukraine is corrupt" is simple pretext and the argument takes a huge leap of logic. Somehow "corrupt politicians" is imputed upon a private paternity testing center, some of which have international operations that include the United States. Enrique's argument regarding corrupt government [in theory] could be imputed upon the Courts in Ukraine, but this theory cannot logically be imputed upon a private entity that also operates in the United States. Are the testing centers in the United States Corrupt because corruption occurs in somewhere in the United States government? Enrique is also extremely wealthly and has connections in Ukraine; if anyone were to be able to "bribe an official," it's him. Enrique

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27 28 has nothing limiting him from traveling to Ukraine for purposes of a paternity test; he just wants Olena to return to the United States; with a newborn; during a pandemic; while recovering from childbirth; without a Visa; while Olena's country is in a state of emergency; when Enrique could just book a flight. Really?

II. LEGAL ARGUMENT

i. THE COURT SHOULD DENY THE REQUEST FOR THE EXECUTED HIPAA RELEASE AND STAY DISCOVERY; IF POSITIVE, THE GENETIC TEST WOULD GENERATE A "CONCLUSIVE PRESUMPTION" PURSUANT TO NRS 126.051(2), RENDERING THIS OVERLY INTRUSIVE REQUEST UNNECESSARY.

A conclusive presumption that a man is the natural father of a child is established if tests for the typing of blood or tests for genetic identification made pursuant to NRS 126.121 show a probability of 99 percent or more that he is the father except that the presumption may be rebutted if he establishes that he has an identical sibling who may be the father. NRS 126.051(2).

Parties may obtain discovery regarding any nonprivileged matter that is relevant to any party's claims or defenses and proportional to the needs of the case, considering the importance of the issues at stake in the action, the amount in controversy, the parties' relative access to relevant information, the parties' resources, the importance of the discovery in resolving the issues, and whether the burden or expense of the proposed discovery outweighs its likely benefit. Information within this scope of discovery need not be admissible in evidence to be discoverable. NRCP 26(1)

Enrique requested genetic testing, which [if positive] would provide a "conclusive" presumption" as to paternity. The HIPAA request is overly invasive and unnecessary if

This test would also render Enrique's invasive and harassing discovery requests unnecessary and reduce the costs of litigation, which would benefit both parties. If Enrique insists on discovery, he needs to file a Financial Disclosure Form so the Court can determine appropriate attorney fees pursuant to NRS 126.171, which is not prohibited by a Premarital Agreement.

Enrique's request for genetic testing is granted and Olena does not oppose genetic testing.

ii. Enrique Must File a Financial Disclosure Form Upon Receipt of Genetic Testing Results; If Genetic testing Is Positive; Enrique Must Pay Child Support, Child Support Arrears, and Reimburse Olena for-Child Birth Expenses.

After an action is set for trial pursuant to NRS 126.141, the judge, master or referee shall, upon the motion of a party, issue an order providing for the temporary support of the child pending the resolution of the trial if the judge, master or referee determines that there is clear and convincing evidence that the party against whom the order is issued is the father of the child.

The court may order reasonable fees of counsel, experts and the child's guardian ad litem, and other costs of the action and pretrial proceedings, including blood tests or tests for genetic identification, to be paid by the parties in proportions and at times determined by the court. NRS 126.171

The genetic testing will provide a conclusive presumption, if positive. The Court should order Enrique to immediately file a Financial Disclosure Form so Olena can do discovery on Enrique's finances [if necessary] pending the result of genetic testing. Olena reserves her statutory right to request child support arrears and reimbursement of costs related to birth of the minor child.

III. **CONCLUSION**

The Court should deny Plaintiff's motion and stay discovery pending the results of genetic testing; Enrique should be ordered to book a flight to Ukraine immediately, or do a little research to find labs that have partner labs in Ukraine.

Respectfully submitted,

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DECLARATION OF OLENA KARPENKO

- I, Olena Karpenko, declare that I am competent to testify to the facts contained in the preceding filing.
- 2. I have read the preceding document, and I have personal knowledge of the facts contained therein, unless stated otherwise. Further, the factual averments contained therein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, except those matters based on information and belief, and as to those matters, I believe them to be true.
- 3. The factual averments contained in the preceding filing are incorporated herein as if set forth in full.

I declare under penalty of perjury, under the laws of the State of Nevada and the United States (NRS 53.045 and 28 USC § 1746), that the foregoing is true and correct.

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Defendant.

Date of Hearing: September 7, 2021

Time of Hearing: 2:00 p.m.

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DISTRICT COURT

THIS MATTER came on for hearing on the 7th day of September 2021, before the Honorable Dawn R. Throne, on Plaintiff Enrique Schaerer's "Motion for Taking of Specimens for Genetic Identification and Testing in Clark County Pursuant to NRS 126.121(1); to Appoint Guardian Ad Litem for Minor Child; to Bifurcate and Enter Interlocutory Decree of Divorce (All Divorce Terms Resolved Pursuant to Parties' Pleadings), and to Reserve Jurisdiction to Adjudicate Paternity Claims; and to Compel Defendant's Provision of HIPAA Release," and Order After Motion Hearing Schaerer v. Karpenko (D-21-628088-D) 1

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Results of Genetic Testing, for Genetic Testing to Occur in Ukraine, or in the Alternative for Genetic Testing to be Coordinated by Testing Centers in United States and Ukraine to Accommodate the Current Circumstances; for Plaintiff to be Ordered to File a Financial Disclosure Form Within Seven (7) Days of Hearing; for Child Support Pending Results of Genetic Testing and for Reimbursement of Medical Expenses Related to Child-Birth; and for Enrique to Pay Costs of Genetic Testing/Attorney Fees Related Solely to the Paternity Action." Plaintiff Enrique Schaerer ("Enrique") was present and represented by his counsel of record, Paul A. Lemcke, Esq., of PECOS LAW GROUP. Defendant Olena Karpenko ("Olena") was present and represented by her counsel of record, Jason Onello, Esq., of ROBBINS & ONELLO, LLP. All appearances were made remotely via the Court's BlueJeans application.

on Defendant Olena Karpenko's "Countermotion to Stay Discovery Pending

THE COURT having reviewed Enrique's motion and Olena's opposition and countermotion, as well as the related document appendix filed by Enrique, and having heard the oral argument of counsel, and being fully advised in the premises, and good cause appearing therefore:

THE COURT FINDS that it has personal and subject matter jurisdiction over the parties' divorce action pursuant to NRS 125.020.

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that evidence has not as yet been produced or admitted in this action that a live child has actually been born to Olena as required by NRS 126.071(2). Notwithstanding that fact, Olena has made

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an unverified representation through her counsel that a child had been born, that the child is a boy, and that she is the child's natural mother.

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that Olena's Amended Answer to Complaint and Counterclaim for Divorce, filed July 20, 2021, does not make any affirmative allegation that Enrique is the natural father of her child.

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that Olena's Amended Answer to Complaint, filed July 20, 2021, generally denies Enrique's specific allegation of non-paternity on the ground that she is without sufficient knowledge or belief to admit or deny the allegations of non-paternity.

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that Enrique's actual paternity of Olena's minor child would be legally foundational to any putative claim for child support.

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS – based on Olena's representation through her counsel that a child has in fact been born to her – that it has personal and subject matter jurisdiction over Enrique's joined claim for the adjudication of the existence or non-existence of the father and child relationship pursuant to NRS 126.091(2), as the child was conceived in Nevada during Olena's time of residence in Nevada.

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that potential vulnerabilities in accurate and credible DNA collection and paternity testing exist in Ukraine, and the Court will not under any circumstances rely on a Ukrainian laboratory for those

Given the facts of this case, it is imperative that the parties have scientifically purposes reliable maternity testing of the minor child that is produced for testing and then paternity testing.

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THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that Olena's Amended Answer to Complaint, filed July 20, 2021, admits the following material facts:

- The parties' Premarital Agreement is valid, binding, and legally enforceable.
- The terms and conditions of the Premarital Agreement should be acknowledged, approved, and enforced by the Court in this divorce action.
- Enrique and Olena have not accumulated, nor do they own, any community property or joint property whatsoever.
- Enrique and Olena have not accumulated, nor do they own, any community or joint debts whatsoever.
- Enrique and Olena each have certain separate property and debts (as
 defined by the Premarital Agreement), and that separate property and
 debt should be confirmed to each of the parties consistent with the
 Premarital Agreement.
- Enrique and Olena entered into a mutual waiver of spousal support, alimony, preliminary allowances, and attorney's fees, as specified in paragraphs 16.2 and 16.3 of the Premarital Agreement.
- Neither Enrique or Olena should pay spousal support or alimony to the other party.

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Enrique and Olena should bear their respective attorney's fees and costs of suit in finalizing this divorce in accordance with the Premarital Agreement.

• Enrique and Olena are permanently incompatible in marriage.

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that the parties' respective pleadings in this case, sworn under penalty of perjury, resolve all issues of property, debt, spousal support/alimony, and attorneys' fees and costs that would otherwise be at issue in this divorce. The substantive terms of the parties' divorce are therefore not in dispute. The only remaining unresolved issue in this action is the pending paternity claim.

Based upon those findings,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Enrique's "Motion for Taking of Specimens for Genetic Identification and Testing Pursuant to NRS 126.121(1)" is GRANTED. The specimen collection and the testing for genetic identification shall take place in the United States, with the specific situs of that collection and testing within the United States to be determined after the further proceedings specified herein. Both paternity testing and maternity testing shall be conducted, which shall require the in-person, physical presence of Enrique, Olena, and the subject minor child at the court-ordered testing laboratory that is ultimately ordered.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Olena and the minor child shall be required to travel to the United States, on a schedule and to a situs to be

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determined after the further proceedings specified herein, to submit to the specimen collection and the testing for genetic identification ordered herein. The collection and testing shall be administered and conducted by a certified U.S. laboratory still to be determined, which collection and testing shall be compliant with generally accepted chain-of-custody protocols.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that relative to Olena's and the minor child's mandatory travel for the specimen collection and the testing for genetic identification ordered herein, Olena is ordered to use her good faith efforts to investigate and apply for (1) necessary American travel visas; (2) necessary Ukrainian passports; (3) a doctor's medical clearance for the subject minor child's travel; and (4) any and all other documentation necessary to travel from Ukraine to the United States. Further, by the time of the next in-court status check on October 12, 2021, Olena shall provide the Court and opposing counsel with documentary proof of her visa and passport applications, the request for medical clearance, and her application for any and all other documentation necessary to travel from Ukraine to the United States.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that by his agreement, Enrique shall timely advance the reasonable and necessary travel costs necessary for Olena and the subject minor child to travel to/from the United States. At such time as the Court renders further orders on the schedule and situs of Olena's and the minor child's travel, Enrique shall then individually organize and book their travel arrangements. Enrique's responsibility for those costs shall be subject to his

reservation of rights to potentially re-tax and re-allocate those costs on the final adjudication of the child's paternity.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that pursuant to NRS 126.121(2), if Olena refuses to submit to, or fails to appear for, the specimen collection and the testing for genetic identification ordered herein, the court may presume that the result of the test would be adverse to Olena's interests, may declare Enrique not to be the father of the subject child, or may enforce its order if the rights of others and the interests of justice so require.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Olena's "Countermotion for Genetic Testing to Occur in Ukraine, or in the Alternative for Genetic Testing to be Coordinated by Testing Centers in United States and Ukraine to Accommodate the Current Circumstances" is <u>DENIED</u>.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Olena's "Countermotion to Stay Discovery Pending Results of Genetic Testing" is <u>DENIED</u>.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Enrique's "Motion to Compel Defendant's Provision of HIPAA Release" is GRANTED. Discovery in this action on matters relevant to the pending paternity claim has previously been opened consistent with NRCP 16.2. Within ten (10) days of this hearing (i.e., on or before September 17, 2021), Olena shall execute and return the HIPAA release previously requested by Enrique, which is attached to Enrique's Exhibit Appendix, filed August 5, 2021, as bates-stamped document ES0003. The execution of the HIPAA release is necessary and appropriate, as there may be

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admissions or data in the materials sought from Olena's OB/GYN that may be relevant to the child's paternity, and Enrique is entitled to that discovery.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that if Olena does not execute and return the above-referenced HIPAA release within ten (10) days of this hearing, an order shall issue directing Olena's OB/GYN to immediately produce the requested records directly to Enrique's counsel.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Olena, through her counsel, shall immediately produce a copy of the subject minor child's birth certificate to Enrique's counsel, and shall further provide a letter or email disclosure of the child's full name, date of birth, and place of birth.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Olena's "Countermotion for Plaintiff to be Ordered to File a Financial Disclosure Form Within Seven (7) Days of Hearing; for Child Support Pending Results of Genetic Testing and for Reimbursement of Medical Expenses Related to Child-Birth is <u>DENIED</u> without prejudice, until such time as the paternity of the subject minor child is fully and finally adjudicated.

and Enter Interlocutory Decree of Divorce (All Divorce Terms Resolved Pursuant to Parties' Pleadings), and to Reserve Jurisdiction to Adjudicate Paternity Claims" is <u>GRANTED</u>. An interlocutory Decree of Divorce shall be entered that terminates the parties' marriage consistent with the admitted allegations in the parties' pleadings, and the specific terms thereof. The Decree of Divorce shall

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reflect that the Court shall retain jurisdiction to adjudicate the subject minor child's paternity. Enrique's counsel shall immediately prepare and submit the interlocutory Decree of Divorce to Olena's counsel for review and approval.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Enrique's "Motion to Appoint Guardian Ad Litem for Minor Child" is deferred pending a final adjudication of paternity.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Olena's "Motion for Enrique to Pay Costs of Genetic Testing/Attorney Fees Related Solely to the Paternity Action" is deferred pending a final adjudication of paternity.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a status check is set in this action on Tuesday, October 12, 2021, at 3:30 p.m., for the purpose of assessing Olena's good faith efforts and progress in arranging for travel to the United States for the specimen collection and the testing for genetic identification ordered herein.

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Dated this 23rd day of September, 2021

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THIS MATTER came on for hearing on the 7th day of September 2021, before the Honorable Dawn R. Throne, on Plaintiff Enrique Schaerer's "Motion for Taking of Specimens for Genetic Identification and Testing in Clark County Pursuant to NRS 126.121(1); to Appoint Guardian Ad Litem for Minor Child; to Bifurcate and Enter Interlocutory Decree of Divorce (All Divorce Terms Resolved Pursuant to Parties' Pleadings), and to Reserve Jurisdiction to Adjudicate Paternity Claims; and to Compel Defendant's Provision of HIPAA Release," and Order After Motion Hearing Schaerer v. Karpenko (D-21-628088-D)

on Defendant Olena Karpenko's "Countermotion to Stay Discovery Pending Results of Genetic Testing, for Genetic Testing to Occur in Ukraine, or in the Alternative for Genetic Testing to be Coordinated by Testing Centers in United States and Ukraine to Accommodate the Current Circumstances; for Plaintiff to be Ordered to File a Financial Disclosure Form Within Seven (7) Days of Hearing; for Child Support Pending Results of Genetic Testing and for Reimbursement of Medical Expenses Related to Child-Birth; and for Enrique to Pay Costs of Genetic Testing/Attorney Fees Related Solely to the Paternity Action." Plaintiff Enrique Schaerer ("Enrique") was present and represented by his counsel of record, Paul A. Lemcke, Esq., of Pecos Law Group. Defendant Olena Karpenko ("Olena") was present and represented by her counsel of record, Jason Onello, Esq., of Robbins & Onello, Llp. All appearances were made remotely via the Court's BlueJeans application.

THE COURT having reviewed Enrique's motion and Olena's opposition and countermotion, as well as the related document appendix filed by Enrique, and having heard the oral argument of counsel, and being fully advised in the premises, and good cause appearing therefore:

THE COURT FINDS that it has personal and subject matter jurisdiction over the parties' divorce action pursuant to NRS 125.020.

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that evidence has not as yet been produced or admitted in this action that a live child has actually been born to Olena as required by NRS 126.071(2). Notwithstanding that fact, Olena has made

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an unverified representation through her counsel that a child had been born, that the child is a boy, and that she is the child's natural mother.

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that Olena's Amended Answer to Complaint and Counterclaim for Divorce, filed July 20, 2021, does not make any affirmative allegation that Enrique is the natural father of her child.

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that Olena's Amended Answer to Complaint, filed July 20, 2021, generally denies Enrique's specific allegation of non-paternity on the ground that she is without sufficient knowledge or belief to admit or deny the allegations of non-paternity.

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that Enrique's actual paternity of Olena's minor child would be legally foundational to any putative claim for child support.

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS – based on Olena's representation through her counsel that a child has in fact been born to her – that it has personal and subject matter jurisdiction over Enrique's joined claim for the adjudication of the existence or non-existence of the father and child relationship pursuant to NRS 126.091(2), as the child was conceived in Nevada during Olena's time of residence in Nevada.

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that potential vulnerabilities in accurate and credible DNA collection and paternity testing exist in Ukraine, and the Court will not under any circumstances rely on a Ukrainian laboratory for those.

Given the facts of this case, it is imperative that the parties have scientifically purposes. reliable maternity testing of the minor child that is produced for testing and then paternity testing.

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THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that Olena's Amended Answer to Complaint, filed July 20, 2021, admits the following material facts:

- The parties' Premarital Agreement is valid, binding, and legally enforceable.
- The terms and conditions of the Premarital Agreement should be acknowledged, approved, and enforced by the Court in this divorce action.
- Enrique and Olena have not accumulated, nor do they own, any community property or joint property whatsoever.
- Enrique and Olena have not accumulated, nor do they own, any community or joint debts whatsoever.
- Enrique and Olena each have certain separate property and debts (as
 defined by the Premarital Agreement), and that separate property and
 debt should be confirmed to each of the parties consistent with the
 Premarital Agreement.
- Enrique and Olena entered into a mutual waiver of spousal support, alimony, preliminary allowances, and attorney's fees, as specified in paragraphs 16.2 and 16.3 of the Premarital Agreement.
- Neither Enrique or Olena should pay spousal support or alimony to the other party.

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 Enrique and Olena should bear their respective attorney's fees and costs of suit in finalizing this divorce in accordance with the Premarital Agreement.

• Enrique and Olena are permanently incompatible in marriage.

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that the parties' respective pleadings in this case, sworn under penalty of perjury, resolve all issues of property, debt, spousal support/alimony, and attorneys' fees and costs that would otherwise be at issue in this divorce. The substantive terms of the parties' divorce are therefore not in dispute. The only remaining unresolved issue in this action is the pending paternity claim.

Based upon those findings,

Specimens for Genetic Identification and Testing Pursuant to NRS 126.121(1)" is GRANTED. The specimen collection and the testing for genetic identification shall take place in the United States, with the specific situs of that collection and testing within the United States to be determined after the further proceedings specified herein. Both paternity testing and maternity testing shall be conducted, which shall require the in-person, physical presence of Enrique, Olena, and the subject minor child at the court-ordered testing laboratory that is ultimately ordered.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Olena and the minor child shall be required to travel to the United States, on a schedule and to a situs to be

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determined after the further proceedings specified herein, to submit to the specimen collection and the testing for genetic identification ordered herein. The collection and testing shall be administered and conducted by a certified U.S. laboratory still to be determined, which collection and testing shall be compliant with generally accepted chain-of-custody protocols.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that relative to Olena's and the minor child's mandatory travel for the specimen collection and the testing for genetic identification ordered herein, Olena is ordered to use her good faith efforts to investigate and apply for (1) necessary American travel visas; (2) necessary Ukrainian passports; (3) a doctor's medical clearance for the subject minor child's travel; and (4) any and all other documentation necessary to travel from Ukraine to the United States. Further, by the time of the next in-court status check on October 12, 2021, Olena shall provide the Court and opposing counsel with documentary proof of her visa and passport applications, the request for medical clearance, and her application for any and all other documentation necessary to travel from Ukraine to the United States.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that by his agreement, Enrique shall timely advance the reasonable and necessary travel costs necessary for Olena and the subject minor child to travel to/from the United States. At such time as the Court renders further orders on the schedule and situs of Olena's and the minor child's travel, Enrique shall then individually organize and book their travel arrangements. Enrique's responsibility for those costs shall be subject to his

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reservation of rights to potentially re-tax and re-allocate those costs on the final adjudication of the child's paternity.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that pursuant to NRS 126.121(2), if Olena refuses to submit to, or fails to appear for, the specimen collection and the testing for genetic identification ordered herein, the court may presume that the result of the test would be adverse to Olena's interests, may declare Enrique not to be the father of the subject child, or may enforce its order if the rights of others and the interests of justice so require.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Olena's "Countermotion for Genetic Testing to Occur in Ukraine, or in the Alternative for Genetic Testing to be Coordinated by Testing Centers in United States and Ukraine to Accommodate the Current Circumstances" is <u>DENIED</u>.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Olena's "Countermotion to Stay Discovery Pending Results of Genetic Testing" is <u>DENIED</u>.

Defendant's Provision of HIPAA Release" is GRANTED. Discovery in this action on matters relevant to the pending paternity claim has previously been opened consistent with NRCP 16.2. Within ten (10) days of this hearing (i.e., on or before September 17, 2021), Olena shall execute and return the HIPAA release previously requested by Enrique, which is attached to Enrique's Exhibit Appendix, filed August 5, 2021, as bates-stamped document ES0003. The execution of the HIPAA release is necessary and appropriate, as there may be

admissions or data in the materials sought from Olena's OB/GYN that may be relevant to the child's paternity, and Enrique is entitled to that discovery.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that if Olena does not execute and return the above-referenced HIPAA release within ten (10) days of this hearing, an order shall issue directing Olena's OB/GYN to immediately produce the requested records directly to Enrique's counsel.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Olena, through her counsel, shall immediately produce a copy of the subject minor child's birth certificate to Enrique's counsel, and shall further provide a letter or email disclosure of the child's full name, date of birth, and place of birth.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Olena's "Countermotion for Plaintiff to be Ordered to File a Financial Disclosure Form Within Seven (7) Days of Hearing; for Child Support Pending Results of Genetic Testing and for Reimbursement of Medical Expenses Related to Child-Birth is <u>DENIED</u> without prejudice, until such time as the paternity of the subject minor child is fully and finally adjudicated.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Enrique's "Countermotion to Bifurcate and Enter Interlocutory Decree of Divorce (All Divorce Terms Resolved Pursuant to Parties' Pleadings), and to Reserve Jurisdiction to Adjudicate Paternity Claims" is <u>GRANTED</u>. An interlocutory Decree of Divorce shall be entered that terminates the parties' marriage consistent with the admitted allegations in the parties' pleadings, and the specific terms thereof. The Decree of Divorce shall

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reflect that the Court shall retain jurisdiction to adjudicate the subject minor 1 2 child's paternity. Enrique's counsel shall immediately prepare and submit the 3 interlocutory Decree of Divorce to Olena's counsel for review and approval. 4 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Enrique's "Motion to Appoint 5 Guardian Ad Litem for Minor Chila" is deferred pending a final adjudication of 6 paternity. 7 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Olena's "Motion for Enrique to Pay 8 Costs of Genetic Testing/Attorney Fees Related Solely to the Paternity Action" is 9 deferred pending a final adjudication of paternity. 10 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a status check is set in this action on 11 12 Tuesday, October 12, 2021, at 3:30 p.m., for the purpose of assessing Olena's 13 good faith efforts and progress in arranging for travel to the United States for the 14 specimen collection and the testing for genetic identification ordered herein. 15 Dated this 23rd day of September, 2021 16 17 18 65B 9B1 ADE7 3B7A 19 Submitted by: Dawn R. Throne **District Court Judge** PECOS LAW GROUP 20 21 Paul A. Lemcke, Esq. 22 Nevada Bar No. 003466 8925 South Pecos Rd. Suite 14A Henderson, Nevada 89074 24 25 Attorney for Plaintiff Schaerer v. Karpenko (D-21-628088-D) Order After Motion Hearing

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DISTRICT COURT

CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

Enrique Schaerer,

Plaintiff,

vs.

Olena Karpenko,

Defendant.

Case No. **D-21-628088-D**

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Date of Hearing: N/A Time of Hearing: N/A

INTERLOCUTORY DECREE OF DIVORCE

The above-entitled matter having been submitted to the Court for the entry of an Interlocutory Decree of Divorce, Plaintiff Enrique Schaerer (hereinafter referred to as "Enrique"), having filed his Complaint for Divorce and being represented by Paul A. Lemcke, Esq., of Pecos Law Group, and Defendant Olena Karpenko (hereinafter referred to as "Olena"), having filed her Amended Answer to Complaint and being represented by Jason Onello, Esq., of Robbins & Onello, LLP; that by virtue of the sworn allegations and admissions in the parties' respective pleadings, the parties have substantively consented to the entry of this Interlocutory Decree, and the Court being fully advised in the premises, and good cause appearing therefore:

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THE COURT FINDS that Enrique has been a bona fide and actual resident and domiciliary of the State of Nevada, County of Clark, for more than six (6) weeks immediately preceding the commencement of his action and has been actually and corporeally present in said State and County for more than six (6) weeks prior to the commencement of this action.

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that that the parties were married on the 26th day of December 2020, in Las Vegas, Nevada, and ever since said date have been and now are husband and wife.

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that prior to their marriage, on December 21, 2020, the parties entered into a Premarital Agreement. Both were represented by independent counsel in the negotiation and finalization of the Premarital Agreement.

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that Olena's Amended Answer to Complaint, filed July 20, 2021, admits the following material facts:

- The parties' Premarital Agreement is valid, binding, and legally enforceable.
- The terms and conditions of the Premarital Agreement should be acknowledged, approved, and enforced by the Court in this divorce action.
- Enrique and Olena have not accumulated, nor do they own, any community property or joint property whatsoever.

- Enrique and Olena have not accumulated, nor do they own, any community or joint debts whatsoever.
- Enrique and Olena each have certain separate property and debts (as
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 debt should be confirmed to each of the parties consistent with the
 Premarital Agreement.
- Enrique and Olena entered into a mutual waiver of spousal support, alimony, preliminary allowances, and attorney's fees, as specified in paragraphs 16.2 and 16.3 of the Premarital Agreement.
- Neither Enrique or Olena should pay spousal support or alimony to the other party.
- Enrique and Olena should bear their respective attorney's fees and costs of suit in finalizing this divorce in accordance with the Premarital Agreement.
- Enrique and Olena are permanently incompatible in marriage.

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS, accordingly, that the parties' Premarital Agreement is valid, binding, and legally enforceable. A copy of the Premarital Agreement has been lodged confidentially with the Court as an exhibit.

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that on August 5, 2021, Enrique filed, inter alia, his "Motion to Bifurcate and Enter Interlocutory Decree of Divorce (All Divorce Terms Resolved Pursuant to the Parties' Pleadings), and to Reserve Jurisdiction to Adjudicate Paternity Claims" (hereafter the "Motion to Enter Interlocutory Decree of Divorce"). Olena opposed the Motion to Enter OK000100

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Interlocutory Decree of Divorce on September 3, 2021. The motion was heard on September 7, 2021.

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that on September 23, 2021, the Court entered its Order After Motion Hearing granting Enrique's Motion to Enter Interlocutory Decree of Divorce.

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that the parties' respective pleadings in this case, sworn under penalty of perjury, resolve all issues of property, debt, spousal support/alimony, and attorneys' fees and costs that would otherwise be at issue in this divorce. The substantive terms of the parties' divorce are therefore not in dispute. The only remaining unresolved issue in this action is Enrique's claim for the adjudication of the existence or non-existence of the father and child relationship related to Olena's as-yet-unverified representation through counsel that a child had been born, that the child is a boy, and that she is the child's natural mother.

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that evidence has not as yet been produced or admitted in this action that a live child has actually been born to Olena as required by NRS 126.071(2).

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that Enrique's actual paternity of Olena's minor child would be legally foundational to any putative claim for child support.

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THE COURT FURTHER FINDS – based on Olena's representation through her counsel that a child has in fact been born to her – that it has personal and subject matter jurisdiction over Enrique's joined claim for the adjudication of the existence or non-existence of the father and child relationship pursuant to NRS 126.091(2), as the child was conceived in Nevada during Olena's time of residence in Nevada.

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that this Interlocutory Decree of Divorce shall terminate the parties' marriage consistent with the admitted allegations in the parties' pleadings, and the specific terms thereof.

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that it has jurisdiction in the premises, both as to the subject matter thereof as well as the parties thereto; that no children were adopted during their marriage, and that Olena is currently not pregnant; that Enrique is domiciled in, and is an actual resident and domiciliary of the County of Clark, State of Nevada; that Enrique has in fact resided therein for more than six (6) weeks preceding the commencement of this action, and intends to remain indefinitely; therefore, Enrique is entitled to an Interlocutory Decree of Divorce in accordance with the grounds set forth within the *Complaint for Divorce* on file herein.

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that the bonds of matrimony heretofore and now existing between Husband, ENRIQUE SCHAERER, and Wife, OLENA KARPENKO, be, and the same are hereby wholly dissolved, and an Interlocutory Decree of Divorce is OK000102

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hereby granted to Enrique, and each of the parties hereto is hereby restored to the status of a single, unmarried person, and that at all times hereafter, it shall be lawful for each party to live separate and apart from the other free from the marital control, interference, restraint, and authority of the other whatsoever, either directly or indirectly as if each party were single and unmarried.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that the pending issue of paternity shall be bifurcated from the different and distinct claims in the divorce itself. The Court expressly retains jurisdiction to adjudicate the subject minor child's paternity, pending further proceedings as ordered by the Court in its Order After Motion Hearing, entered September 23, 2021.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED if (and in the event) Enrique is adjudicated as the subject minor child's natural father, the Court shall retain jurisdiction over any putative child support claims that may be subsequently asserted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Enrique and Olena have not accumulated, nor do they own, any community property or joint property whatsoever.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Enrique and Olena have not accumulated, nor do they owe, any community or joint debts whatsoever. Any and all debts now owed by Enrique are Enrique's sole and separate obligations. Any and all debts now owed by Olena are Olena's sole and separate obligations.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED Enrique and Olena each have certain separate property. Any and all property now titled to Enrique is Enrique's sole and separate property. Any and all property now titled to Olena is Olena's sole and separate property.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that by their express agreement, Enrique and Olena each mutually waive, release, and relinquish any right to spousal support or alimony in this divorce action.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that by their express agreement, Enrique and Olena each mutually waive, release, and relinquish any right to attorney's fees in this divorce action.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Enrique and Olena should bear their respective attorney's fees and costs of suit in finalizing this divorce.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Olena shall retain the use of her surname "Karpenko" on the finalization of this divorce.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that each party shall submit the information required in NRS 125.130 on a separate form to the Court. Such information shall be maintained by the Clerk in a confidential manner and not part of the public record.

Dated this 30th day of September, 2021

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Electronically Filed 10/1/2021 2:44 PM Steven D. Grierson CLERK OF THE COURT 1 **NED** Paul A. Lemcke, Esq. Nevada Bar No. 003466 PECOS LAW GROUP 8925 South Pecos Road, Suite 14A Henderson, Nevada 89074 Telephone: (702) 388-1851 5 Facsimile: (702) 388-7406 Email: Paul@pecoslawgroup.com 6 Attorney for Plaintiff 7 **DISTRICT COURT** CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA 8 9 Enrique Schaerer, Case No. **D-21-628088-D** 10 Dept No. U Plaintiff, 11 VS. 12 Date of Hearing: n/a Olena Karpenko, Time of Hearing: n/a 13 Defendant. 14 15 16 NOTICE OF ENTRY OF DECREE OF DIVORCE 17 TO: Olena Karpenko, Defendant; and Marshal Willick, Esq., attorney for Defendant. TO: 18 YOU WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that INTERLOCUTORY DECREE OF 19 20 DIVORCE was entered in the above-captioned case on the 30th day of September 21 /// 22 /// 23 /// 24 25 26 1 OK000106

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1 **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE** Pursuant to NRCP 5(b), I hereby certify that on this day of October 2 3 2021, the Notice of Entry of Decree, in the above-captioned case was served as 4 follows: [X]pursuant to NEFCR 9, by mandatory electronic service through the 5 Eighth Judicial District Court's electronic filing system; 6 pursuant to NRCP 5, by placing the same to be deposited for mailing ſ] 7 in the United States Mail, in a sealed envelope upon which first class postage was prepaid in Las Vegas, Nevada; 8 9 pursuant to EDCR 7.26 to be sent via facsimile and/or email, by duly executed consent for service by electronic means; 10 by hand-delivery with signed Receipt of Copy. 11 12 To individual(s) listed below at the address: 13 Marshal Willick, Esq. marshal@willicklawgroup.com 14 Reception email@willicklawgroup.com 15 Victoria Javiel victoria@willicklawgroup.com 16 18 Allan Brown, An employee of PECOS LAW GROUP

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INTERLOCUTORY DECREE OF DIVORCE

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THE COURT FINDS that Enrique has been a bona fide and actual resident and domiciliary of the State of Nevada, County of Clark, for more than six (6) weeks immediately preceding the commencement of his action and has been actually and corporeally present in said State and County for more than six (6) weeks prior to the commencement of this action.

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that that the parties were married on the 26th day of December 2020, in Las Vegas, Nevada, and ever since said date have been and now are husband and wife.

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that prior to their marriage, on December 21, 2020, the parties entered into a Premarital Agreement. Both were represented by independent counsel in the negotiation and finalization of the Premarital Agreement.

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THE COURT FURTHER FINDS, accordingly, that the parties' Premarital Agreement is valid, binding, and legally enforceable. A copy of the Premarital Agreement has been lodged confidentially with the Court as an exhibit.

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that on August 5, 2021, Enrique filed, inter alia, his "Motion to Bifurcate and Enter Interlocutory Decree of Divorce (All Divorce Terms Resolved Pursuant to the Parties' Pleadings), and to Reserve Jurisdiction to Adjudicate Paternity Claims" (hereafter the "Motion to Enter Interlocutory Decree of Divorce"). Olena opposed the Motion to Enter

Interlocutory Decree of Divorce on September 3, 2021. The motion was heard on September 7, 2021.

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that on September 23, 2021, the Court entered its Order After Motion Hearing granting Enrique's Motion to Enter Interlocutory Decree of Divorce.

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THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that evidence has not as yet been produced or admitted in this action that a live child has actually been born to Olena as required by NRS 126.071(2).

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that Enrique's actual paternity of Olena's minor child would be legally foundational to any putative claim for child support.

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THE COURT FURTHER FINDS – based on Olena's representation through her counsel that a child has in fact been born to her – that it has personal and subject matter jurisdiction over Enrique's joined claim for the adjudication of the existence or non-existence of the father and child relationship pursuant to NRS 126.091(2), as the child was conceived in Nevada during Olena's time of residence in Nevada.

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that this Interlocutory Decree of Divorce shall terminate the parties' marriage consistent with the admitted allegations in the parties' pleadings, and the specific terms thereof.

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that it has jurisdiction in the premises, both as to the subject matter thereof as well as the parties thereto; that no children were adopted during their marriage, and that Olena is currently not pregnant; that Enrique is domiciled in, and is an actual resident and domiciliary of the County of Clark, State of Nevada; that Enrique has in fact resided therein for more than six (6) weeks preceding the commencement of this action, and intends to remain indefinitely; therefore, Enrique is entitled to an Interlocutory Decree of Divorce in accordance with the grounds set forth within the *Complaint for Divorce* on file herein.

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that the bonds of matrimony heretofore and now existing between Husband, ENRIQUE SCHAERER, and Wife, OLENA KARPENKO, be, and the same are hereby wholly dissolved, and an Interlocutory Decree of Divorce is

hereby granted to Enrique, and each of the parties hereto is hereby restored to the status of a single, unmarried person, and that at all times hereafter, it shall be lawful for each party to live separate and apart from the other free from the marital control, interference, restraint, and authority of the other whatsoever, either directly or indirectly as if each party were single and unmarried.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that the pending issue of paternity shall be bifurcated from the different and distinct claims in the divorce itself. The Court expressly retains jurisdiction to adjudicate the subject minor child's paternity, pending further proceedings as ordered by the Court in its Order After Motion Hearing, entered September 23, 2021.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED if (and in the event) Enrique is adjudicated as the subject minor child's natural father, the Court shall retain jurisdiction over any putative child support claims that may be subsequently asserted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Enrique and Olena have not accumulated, nor do they own, any community property or joint property whatsoever.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Enrique and Olena have not accumulated, nor do they owe, any community or joint debts whatsoever. Any and all debts now owed by Enrique are Enrique's sole and separate obligations. Any and all debts now owed by Olena are Olena's sole and separate obligations.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED Enrique and Olena each have certain separate property. Any and all property now titled to Enrique is Enrique's sole and separate property. Any and all property now titled to Olena is Olena's sole and separate property.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that by their express agreement, Enrique and Olena each mutually waive, release, and relinquish any right to spousal support or alimony in this divorce action.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that by their express agreement, Enrique and Olena each mutually waive, release, and relinquish any right to attorney's fees in this divorce action.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Enrique and Olena should bear their respective attorney's fees and costs of suit in finalizing this divorce.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Olena shall retain the use of her surname "Karpenko" on the finalization of this divorce.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that each party shall submit the information required in NRS 125.130 on a separate form to the Court. Such information shall be maintained by the Clerk in a confidential manner and not part of the public record.

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Dated this 30th day of September, 2021

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vs. DEPT. NO. Department U

Olena Karpenko, Defendant.

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