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IN THE NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF NEVADA

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF DOUGLAS

LEVERTY & ASSOCIATES LAW, CHT'D,

Plaintiff,

CASE NO:

2021-CV-00057

DEPT. NO:

JUDGE: HON, YOUNG

Athena Medical Group Defined Contribution Pension Plan and Trust Number Three: Athena Medical Group. Inc. E. R. I. S. A. Retirement Trust: Athena Medical Group Inc., a Nevada Corporation, Athena Medical Group Corp., a Nevada non filing entity; Athena Medical Group, Inc. Defined Benefit Pension Plan and Trust Cht'd.: The Estate of Ray W. Exley: Ingrid vats Vuerings individually and as

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Number Three", Juliana Mayer Loza as

Special Administrator and Personal Representative of Ray Exley Estate; Ray W. Exley, M. D. Nevada Family Trust: Juliana Mayer Loza: Athena Medical Group. Inc. Defined Contribution Plan Number Two; Juliana Mayer Loza as Trustee of Athena Medical Group, Inc. Defined Contribution Plan Number Two; Does I through XXX; ABC

24 Corporations A -M; and N- 7. Limited liability 25

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Defendants.

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NOTICE OF APPEAL OF ORDER DENYING THE MOTION TO SET ASIDE DEFAULT AND VACATE DEFAULT JUDGMENT.

NOTICE OF APPEAL

Notice is hereby given that Juliana Loza (aka Juliana Mayer Loza) an individual and as President of the Athena Medical Group, Inc., (A Nevada Corporation) et.al. pursuant to NRS 38.247(1)(a), hereby appeals to the Nevada Supreme Court from the ORDER Denying the Motion to Set Aside Default and Vacate Default Judgment entered in this action by the Honorable District Court Judge Young.

Dated this 18th day of January, 2022.

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JULIANA LOZA, Defendant in Pro-Se

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AFFIRMATION PURSUANT TO NRS 239B.030 AND 603A.040

The undersigned does hereby affirm that this document filed in this case number does not contain the personal information of any person.

Dated this 15th day of June, 2021.

By:

Defendant appearing PRO-SE

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE ì Pursuant to NRCP 5(b) I certify that I am not a party to the above reference ease and I served the 2 3 foregoing document as follows: By placing an original and true copy thereof in a scaled envelope with prepaid postage 4 IXI and placed for collection for mailing in the United States Mail at Beverly Hills, California 5 following the ordinary business practices. 6 Addressed as follows: 7 KIRK NEVADA WALKER, ESQ. LEVERTY AND ASSOCIATES 8 NEVADA WALKER, PLLC 832 WILLOW ST, 400 SOUTH 4TH STREET, SUITE 500 RENO, NV 89502 ø LAS VEGAS, NV 89101 10 ATHENA MEDICAL GROUP, INC. GENE M. KAUFMANN, ESQ. 112 N CURRY ST, 11 **SULLIVAN LAW CARSON CITY, NV 89703** 1625 STATE ROUTE 88, SUITE 401 12 MINDEN, NV 89423 13 14 Dated this 18th Day of January, 2022 15 16 17 18 19 20:

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ATHENA MEDICAL GROUP DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PENSION PLAN AND

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MEDICAL GROUP, INC. E.R.I.S.A.

RETIREMENT TRUST; ATHENA MEDICAL

12 GROUP INC., A NEVADA CORPORATION AKA ATHENA MEDICAL GROUP CORP.,

13 A NEVADA NON FILING ENTITY;

ATHENA MEDICAL GROUP, INC. DEFINED

BENEFIT PENSION PLAN AND TRUST

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ATHENA MEDICAL GROUP AND AS

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MEDICAL GROUP INC. DEFINED BENEFIT

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JULIANA MAYER LOZA AS A CORPORATE

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22 INC., AND AS TRUSTEE OF THE ATHENA

MEDICAL GROUP DEFINED PENSION PLAN

23 AND TRUST NUMBER THREE; JULIANA

MAYER LOZA AS SPECIAL ASMINISTRATOR

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FAMILY TRUST; JULIANA MAYER LOZA;

26 ATHENA MEDICAL GROUP, INC. DEFINED

CONTRIBUTION PLAN NUMBER TWO;

JULIANA MAYER LOZA AS TRUSTEE OF

ATHENA MEDIGAL GROUP, INC. DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PLAN NUMBER TWO: DOES

I THROUGH XXX; ABC CORPORATIONS A-M: AND N-Z LIMITED LIABILITY PARTNERSHIPS. Respondent. CASE APPEAL STATEMENT 1. Name of appellant filing this case appeal statement: Athena Medical Group et al. 2. Identify the Judge issuing the decision, judgment, or order appealed from: Honorable Thomas W. Gregory. 3. Identify each appellant and the name and address of counsel for each appellant: Athena Medical Group represented by Kirk Nevada Walker Esq., 400 South 4th Street. Suite 500, Las Vegas, NV 89101. 4. Identify each respondent and the name and address of appellate counsel, if known, for each respondent (if the name of a defendant's appellate counsel is unknown, indicate as much and provide the name and address of that respondent's trial counsel): Leverty & Associates Law CHTD and represented by Vernon E. Leverty, Esq., 832 Willow Street, Reno, NV 89502, Jess P. Rinehart, Esq., 832 Willow Street, Reno, NV 89502 and William R. Ginn Esq., 832 Willow Street, Reno, NV 89502. 5. Indicate whether any attorney identified above in response to question 3 or 4 is not licensed to practice law in Nevada and, if so, whether the district court granted that attorney permission to appear under SCR 42 (attach a copy of any district court order granting such permission): N/A. Indicate whether appellant was represented by appointed or retained counsel in the district court: Kirk N. Walker Esq. - retained 6. Indicate whether respondent is represented by appointed or retained counsel on appeal: Vernon E. Leverty Esq. - retained Jess P. Rinehart Esq. - retained

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

8. Indicate the date the proceedings commenced in the district court (e.g., date complaint. indictment, information, or petition was filed): The Complaint was filed on August 6, 2021:

9. Provide a brief description of the nature of the action and result in the district court. including the type of judgment or order being appealed and the relief granted by the court: This is a civil matter in which the Order Denying the Motion to Set Aside Default and Vacate Default Judgment was filed on December 2, 2021.

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

11. Indicate whether this appeal involves child custody or visitation: No.

12. If this is a civil case, indicate whether this appeal involves the possibility of settlement: N/A Dated this 15th day of February, 2022 Deputy Clerk P.O. Box 218 Minden, Nevada 89423 775-782-9820

Case #: 2021-CV-00057

Case Title: Leverty & Associates Law Chtd. vs. Athena Medical Group Defined Contribution, Et Al.

Filed: 03/23/2021

Cause: Real Property: Other Title to Property DV: N

Case Status: Reopened Date: 07/15/2021

Archived: 12/03/2021, 12/01/2021, 12/01/2021, 11/10/2021, 10/08/2021, 10/06/2021, 08/23/2021,

Parties

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	<u>Party</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Status</u>
	Plaintiff	Leverty & Associates Law Chtd.	
	Defendant	Athena Medical Group Defined Contribution.	

Et Al.

<u>Party</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Bar #</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Representing</u>
Attorney	Ginn, William R.	6989	Current	
Attorney	Rinehart, Jess P.	11697	Current	
Attorney	Leverty, Vernon E.	1266	Current	
Attorney	Walker, Kirk Nevada	11315	Current	

Events

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11/17/2021	Bench Trial	Concluded	

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03/23/2021	DSBA	Summons Issued - Athena Medical Group Defined Contribution Pension Plan and Trust Number Three
03/31/2021	DPCH	Peremptory Challenge
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		Athena Medical Group Corp., a Nevada non-filing entity
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05/04/0004	DADD	Personal Representative of Ray Exley Estate
05/24/2021	DAPP	Application For - Judgment by Default
05/25/2021	DJJJ	Judgment - by Default
06/07/2021	DNEO	Notice of Entry of Order
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07/30/2021	DORD	Order
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10/08/2021	DORD	Order - [Proposed] Order Granting Continuance of Hearing
10/19/2021	DOSH	Order Setting Hearing
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IN THE NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF DOUGLAS

LEVERTY & ASSOCIATES LAW, CHTD.

Plaintiff

∥∵vs.

Athena Medical Group Defined Contribution Pension Plan and Trust Number Three; Athena Medical Group, Inc. E.R.I.S.A. Retirement Trust; Athena Medical Group Inc., a Nevada corporation; Athena Medical Group Corp., a Nevada non filing entity; Athena Medical Group, Inc. Defined Benefit Pension Plan and Trust Chtd.; The Estate of Ray W. Exley; Ingrid van Vuerings individually and as a corporate officer of Athena Medical Group' and as Trustee of the Athena Medical Group Inc. Defined Pension Plan and Trust Number Three; Ingrid van Vuerings as Trustee for Athena Medical Group Inc. Defined Benefit Pension Plan and Trust, Chtd.; Juliana Mayer Loza as a corporate officer of Athena Medical Group, Inc., and as Trustee of the Athena Medical Group Defined Pension Plan and Trust Number Three; Juliana Mayer Loza as Special Administrator and Personal Representative of Ray Exley Estate; Ray W. Exley M.D. Nevada Family Trust; Juliana Mayer Loza; Athena Medical Group, Inc. Defined Contribution Plan Number Two; Juliana Mayer Loza as Trustee of Athena Medical Group, Inc. Defined Contribution Plan Number Two; Does I through XXX;

Defendants

Liability Partnerships,

ABC Corporations A-M; and N-Z Limited

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<u>ORDER</u>

This matter comes before the Court on the motion to set aside the default judgments filed against Defendants Athena Medical Group, Inc., as administrator of Athena Medical Group Defined Contribution Pension Plan and Trust Number Three; Athena Medical Group, Inc. E.R.I.S.A. Retirement Trust; Athena Medical Group, Inc. Defined Benefit Pension Plan and Trust, Chtd; Athena Medical Group, Inc. Defined Benefit Pension Plan Number Two; and Athena Medical Group, Inc. Defined Benefit Pension Plan Number Three. For ease of reference, these Defendants are referred to collectively as "Athena."

This matter was briefed by a Motion to Set Aside Default and Vacate Default Judgment filed by Athena, an opposition to the motion filed by Plaintiff Leverty & Associates Law, Chtd. No reply was filed by Athena. The matter was heard by the Court on Wednesday, November 17, 2021.

For the reasons set forth herein, the Court DENIES Athena's motion to set aside the defaults.

History

This case began when Leverty & Associates filed its Complaint in this matter against Athena and the other defendants on March 23, 2021. The Complaint contains five causes of action: (1) Fraudulent Transfer; (2) Aiding, Abetting and Conspiracy in Fraudulent Transfers; (3) Aiding and Abetting; (4) Declaratory Relief; and (5) Conspiracy.

On March 31, 2021, service of process for Athena Defendants was made on Juliana Loza at 9504 Highridge Place, Beverly Hills, CA 90210. On April 14, 2021, the declarations of service of Summons and Complaint for the Athena Defendants were filed with the Court.

On April 23, 2021, the "Clerk's default" under NRCP 55(a) was entered by the Ninth Judicial District Court Clerk against the Athena Defendants. On May 24, 2021, Leverty & Associates applied to this Court for a judgment by default pursuant to NRCP 55(b) against the Athena Defendants, except for Defendant Athena Medical Group, Inc. E.R.I.S.A. Retirement Trust. This Court granted the application and Default Judgment against the Athena Defendants,

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except for Defendant Athena Medical Group, Inc. E.R.I.S.A. Retirement Trust, on May 25, 2021. On June 8, 2021, Leverty & Associates applied to this Court for a judgment by default pursuant to NRCP 55(b) against Defendant Athena Medical Group, Inc. E.R.I.S.A. Retirement Trust. The Court granted the application and a Default Judgment against Defendant Athena Medical Group, Inc. E.R.I.S.A. Retirement Trust on June 8, 2021.

On July 15, 2021, Athena filed its application to set aside the default judgment against all defendants. This motion was based on the following bases. First, that service on the Athena Defendants was not properly effectuated. Second, that the default was applied for and granted after Leverty & Associates knew that the Athena Defendants were represented by counsel, and that Athena's counsel did not receive the application for default.

Leverty & Associates opposed Athena's motion to set aside the defaults and vacate the default judgments on July 30, 2021.

On August 23, 2021, this matter was set for hearing to occur on October 11, 2021. Due to a medical issue with one of the parties, the October 11, 2021 hearing was vacated on October 8, 2021, and the matter was set to be heard on November 17, 2021.

The hearing on Athena's Motion to Set Aside Default and Vacate Default Judgment was called to order at approximately 9:00 on November 17, 2021. Athena called its president, Juliana Loza, as a witness to testify on its behalf, and to testify about how she did not receive proper service. Ms. Loza was cross examined by Leverty & Associates, and Athena followed up with questions on its behalf. Leverty & Associates then called the process server, Christopher Demirdjian to testify on its behalf about the service. The attorneys argued their motions. After a short recess, the Court returned and orally announced that it was denying Athena's motion, and provided its reasoning for its decision.

Analysis

Athena has moved to have this Court set aside the defaults and vacate the default judgments against them under Nevada Rule of Civil Procedure 55(c), which provides:

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(c) Setting Aside a Default or a Default Judgment. The court may set aside an entry of default for good cause, and it may set aside a final default judgment under Rule 60(b).

To set aside a default or default judgment under Rule 60, the moving party bears the burden of showing that it met at least one of the five categories enumerated therein. These are:

(1) mistake, inadvertence, surprise, or excusable neglect; (2) newly discovered evidence that, with reasonable diligence, could not have been discovered in time to move for a new trial under Rule 59(b); (3) fraud (whether previously called intrinsic or extrinsic), misrepresentation, or misconduct by an opposing party; (4) the judgment is void; (5) the judgment has been satisfied, released, or discharged; it is based on an earlier judgment that has been reversed or vacated; or applying it prospectively is no longer equitable; or (6) any other reason that justifies relief.

To determine if the defendants' excusable neglect justifies setting aside the default judgment, the Nevada Supreme Court has set out four factors that need to be analyzed. These factors are: (1) a prompt application to remove the judgment; (2) the absence of an intent to delay the proceedings; (3) a lack of knowledge of procedural requirements; and (4) good faith. *Yochum v. Davis*, 98 Nev. 484, 486, 653 P.2d 1215, 1216 (1982), overruled in part on other grounds by *Epstein v. Epstein*, 113 Nev. 1401, 950 P.2d 771 (1997).

Thus, to grant the relief requested, the Court must find not only that there was excusable neglect, but also find the actions of the defendants in seeking relief are done in good faith.

Turning to the application of these factors in this case, the Court finds that there is no good cause to set aside the Defaults or Default Judgments.

Athena has argued that it is entitled to relief due to excusable neglect, specifically that Athena did not receive proper notice of service as required by NRCP 4.2.

At the hearing, Ms. Loza, testified that she is Athena's president and that Athena is a Nevada entity formed in 2012. Ms. Loza also testified that an address where she lives is 9504 Highridge Place, Beverly Hills, CA 90210.

Leverty & Associates claims that they served Ms. Loza at 9504 Highridge Place, Beverly Hills, CA 90210 on March 31, 2021. In obtaining the clerk's defaults pursuant to NRCP 55(a),

and then the default judgments pursuant to NRCP 55(b), Leverty & Associates presented affidavits of service regarding the service of the Summons and Complaint. These affidavits indicate that Ms. Loza was served at 9504 Highridge Place, Beverly Hills, CA 90210. Ms. Loza's declaration attached to Athena's motion clearly states that she can see and communicate with individuals at her front gate via video cameras and an intercom system.

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The facts of the service are largely unopposed. Ms. Loza claims that she was not handed the documents. The process server, Mr. Demirdjian, who testified via Zoom at the hearing from the Philippines, does not contest this issue. Instead, Mr. Demirdjian testified that he spoke with an individual who identified herself as Ms. Loza over the intercom system, that he identified that he was serving legal documents, and that he left the documents as she directed at the 9504 Highridge Place, Beverly Hills, CA 90210 address. Ms. Loza both stated in her declaration and testified at the hearing that she is able to see, hear, and speak to individuals located at her front gate. Mr. Demirdjian further testified that he also mailed the legal documents to 9504 Highridge Place, Beverly Hills, CA 90210. Mr. Demirdjian also testified that the individual who identified herself as Ms. Loza did not inform him that she was not physically present at the 9504 Highridge Place, Beverly Hills, CA 90210 address.

As service was being effectuated on a Nevada domiciled corporation in the State of California, NRCP 4.3 governs service. NRCP 1.3(a)(3) states that when an entity or association is served outside the state of Nevada, but within the United States, then service may be made in the same manner as provided in Rule 4.2(c)(1).

NRCP 4.2(c)(1) provides for service as follows:

- (A) An entity or association that is formed under the laws of this state, is registered to do business in this state, or has appointed a registered agent in this state, may be served by delivering a copy of the summons and complaint to:
 - (i) the registered agent of the entity or association;
 - (ii) any officer or director of a corporation;
 - (iii) any partner of a general partnership;
 - (iv) any general partner of a limited partnership;
 - (v) any member of a member-managed limited liability company; (vi) any manager of a manager-managed limited liability company;

(vii) any trustee of a business trust;

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(viii) any officer or director of a miscellaneous organization mentioned in NRS Chapter 81;

(ix) any managing or general agent of any entity or association; or

(x) any other agent authorized by appointment or by law to receive service of process.

(B) If an agent is one authorized by statute and the statute so requires, a copy of the summons and complaint must also be mailed to the defendant entity or association at its last-known address.

This Court finds service on Ms. Loza, as the president of Athena, is proper pursuant to NRCP 4.2(c)(1)(A)(ii). By following up with the service by mailing a copy of the summons and complaint to the 9504 Highridge Place, Beverly Hills, CA 90210 address, NRCP 4.2(c)(1)(B) was satisfied.

Thus, the only issue to be addressed as to whether service was properly effectuated is whether or not service is proper when a process server follows the directions of the person being served without physically handing the documents to the person being served, or, as in this instance, never actually seeing the individual.

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As the party moving to set aside the default, Athena bears the burden of showing that it acted in good faith. As addressed above, the Nevada Supreme Court has set forth a four factor test to determine if the defendants' excusable neglect. These factors are: (1) a prompt application to remove the judgment; (2) the absence of an intent to delay the proceedings; (3) a lack of knowledge of procedural requirements; and (4) good faith. Yochum v. Davis, 98 Nev. 484, 486, 653 P.2d 1215, 1216 (1982).

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transfers because she did not believe that the default judgment entered in this case was valid. The Court finds that Ms. Loza's responses were strategically designed to justify her conduct, were not made with any legal basis, and were not made in good faith.

As a result, this Court finds Ms. Loza is not a credible or believable witness. This Court further finds that Athena did not act in good faith in its conduct in this litigation.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the Motion to Set Aside Default and Vacate Default Judgment filed by Defendant Athena Medical Group, Inc., as administrator of Athena Medical Group Defined Contribution Pension Plan and Trust Number Three; Athena Medical Group, Inc. E.R.I.S.A. Retirement Trust; Athena Medical Group, Inc. Defined Benefit Pension Plan and Trust, Chtd; Athena Medical Group, Inc. Defined Benefit Pension Plan Number Two; and Athena Medical Group, Inc. Defined Benefit Pension Plan Number Three is hereby DENIED.

Dated this 2 day of December

DISTRICT COURT JUDGE

NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

DEPARTMENT L

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LEVERTY & ASSOCIATES LAW CHTD.,

Plaintiff,

VS.

ATHENA MEDICAL GROUP DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PENSION PLAN AND TRUST NUMBER THREE, et. al.;

Defendants.

NOTICE OF ENTRY OF ORDER

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that, Plaintiff, by and through its counsel of record, hereby notices that on December 2, 2021, the Court entered an Order denying the Motion to Set Aside Default and Vacate Default Judgment. A copy of the order is attached hereto.

day of December 2021.

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Leverty & Associates Law Chtd.

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Pursuant to NRCP 5(b), I certify that I am an employee of Leverty & Associates Law Chtd. and that on this date the foregoing document, Notice of Entry of Order was made through U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, to:

Kirk Nevada Walker, Esq. 400 South 4th Street, Suite 500 Las Vegas, NV 89101

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LEVERTY & ASSOCIATES LAW. CHTD.

Plaintiff

vs.

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<u>ORDER</u>

This matter comes before the Court on the motion to set aside the default judgments filed against Defendants Athena Medical Group, Inc., as administrator of Athena Medical Group Defined Contribution Pension Plan and Trust Number Three; Athena Medical Group, Inc. E.R.I.S.A. Retirement Trust; Athena Medical Group, Inc. Defined Benefit Pension Plan and Trust, Chtd; Athena Medical Group, Inc. Defined Benefit Pension Plan Number Two; and Athena Medical Group, Inc. Defined Benefit Pension Plan Number Three. For case of reference, these Defendants are referred to collectively as "Athena."

This matter was briefed by a Motion to Set Aside Default and Vacate Default Judgment filed by Athena, an opposition to the motion filed by Plaintiff Leverty & Associates Law, Chtd. No reply was filed by Athena. The matter was heard by the Court on Wednesday, November 17, 2021.

For the reasons set forth herein, the Court DENIES Athena's motion to set aside the defaults.

History

This case began when Leverty & Associates filed its Complaint in this matter against Athena and the other defendants on March 23, 2021. The Complaint contains five causes of action: (1) Fraudulent Transfer; (2) Aiding, Abetting and Conspiracy in Fraudulent Transfers; (3) Aiding and Abetting; (4) Declaratory Relief; and (5) Conspiracy.

On March 31, 2021, service of process for Athena Defendants was made on Juliana Loza at 9504 Highridge Place, Beverly Hills, CA 90210. On April 14, 2021, the declarations of service of Summons and Complaint for the Athena Defendants were filed with the Court.

On April 23, 2021, the "Clerk's default" under NRCP 55(a) was entered by the Ninth Judicial District Court Clerk against the Athena Defendants. On May 24, 2021, Leverty & Associates applied to this Court for a judgment by default pursuant to NRCP 55(b) against the Athena Defendants, except for Defendant Athena Medical Group, Inc. E.R.I.S.A. Retirement Trust. This Court granted the application and Default Judgment against the Athena Defendants.

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except for Defendant Athena Medical Group, Inc. E.R.I.S.A. Retirement Trust, on May 25, 2021. On June 8, 2021, Leverty & Associates applied to this Court for a judgment by default pursuant to NRCP 55(b) against Defendant Athena Medical Group, Inc. E.R.I.S.A. Retirement Trust. The Court granted the application and a Default Judgment against Defendant Athena Medical Group, Inc. E.R.I.S.A. Retirement Trust on June 8, 2021.

On July 15, 2021, Athena filed its application to set aside the default judgment against all defendants. This motion was based on the following bases. First, that service on the Athena Defendants was not properly effectuated. Second, that the default was applied for and granted after Leverty & Associates knew that the Athena Defendants were represented by counsel, and that Athena's counsel did not receive the application for default.

Leverty & Associates opposed Athena's motion to set aside the defaults and vacate the default judgments on July 30, 2021.

On August 23, 2021, this matter was set for hearing to occur on October 11, 2021. Due to a medical issue with one of the parties, the October 11, 2021 hearing was vacated on October 8, 2024, and the matter was set to be heard on November 17, 2021.

The hearing on Athena's Motion to Set Aside Default and Vacate Default Judgment was called to order at approximately 9:00 on November 17, 2021. Athena called its president, Juliana Loza, as a witness to testify on its behalf, and to testify about how she did not receive proper service. Ms. Loza was cross examined by Leverty & Associates, and Athena followed up with questions on its behalf. Leverty & Associates then called the process server. Christopher Demirdjian to testify on its behalf about the service. The attorneys argued their motions. After a short recess, the Court returned and orally announced that it was denying Athena's motion, and provided its reasoning for its decision.

Analysis

Athena has moved to have this Court set aside the defaults and vacate the default judgments against them under Nevada Rule of Civil Procedure 55(c), which provides:

(c) Setting Aside a Default or a Default Judgment. The court may set aside an entry of default for good cause, and it may set aside a final default judgment under Rule 60(b).

To set aside a default or default judgment under Rule 60, the moving party bears the burden of showing that it met at least one of the five categories enumerated therein. These are:

(1) mistake, inadvertence, surprise, or excusable neglect; (2) newly discovered evidence that, with reasonable diligence, could not have been discovered in time to move for a new trial under Rule 59(b); (3) fraud (whether previously called intrinsic or extrinsic), misrepresentation, or misconduct by an opposing party; (4) the judgment is void; (5) the judgment has been satisfied, released, or discharged; it is based on an earlier judgment that has been reversed or vacated; or applying it prospectively is no longer equitable; or (6) any other reason that justifies relief.

To determine if the defendants' excusable neglect justifies setting aside the default judgment, the Nevada Supreme Court has set out four factors that need to be analyzed. These factors are: (1) a prompt application to remove the judgment; (2) the absence of an intent to delay the proceedings; (3) a lack of knowledge of procedural requirements; and (4) good faith. *Yochum v. Davis.* 98 Nev. 484, 486, 653 P.2d 1215, 1216 (1982), overruled in part on other grounds by *Epstein v. Epstein*, 113 Nev. 1401, 950 P.2d 771 (1997).

Thus, to grant the relief requested, the Court must find not only that there was excusable neglect, but also find the actions of the defendants in seeking relief are done in good faith.

Turning to the application of these factors in this case, the Court finds that there is no good cause to set aside the Defaults or Default Judgments.

Athena has argued that it is entitled to relief due to excusable neglect, specifically that Athena did not receive proper notice of service as required by NRCP 4.2.

At the hearing, Ms. Loza, testified that she is Athena's president and that Athena is a Nevada entity formed in 2012. Ms. Loza also testified that an address where she lives is 9504 Highridge Place, Beverly Hills, CA 90210.

Leverty & Associates claims that they served Ms. Loza at 9504 Highridge Place, Beverly Hills, CA 90210 on March 31, 2021. In obtaining the clerk's defaults pursuant to NRCP 55(a),

and then the default judgments pursuant to NRCP 55(b), Leverty & Associates presented affidavits of service regarding the service of the Summons and Complaint. These affidavits indicate that Ms. Loza was served at 9504 Highridge Place, Beverly Hills, CA 90210. Ms. Loza's declaration attached to Athena's motion clearly states that she can see and communicate with individuals at her front gate via video cameras and an intercom system.

The facts of the service are largely unopposed. Ms. Loza claims that she was not handed the documents. The process server, Mr. Demirdjian, who testified via Zoom at the hearing from the Philippines, does not contest this issue. Instead, Mr. Demirdjian testified that he spoke with an individual who identified herself as Ms. Loza over the intercom system, that he identified that he was serving legal documents, and that he left the documents as she directed at the 9504 Highridge Place, Beverly Hills, CA 90210 address. Ms. Loza both stated in her declaration and testified at the hearing that she is able to see, hear, and speak to individuals located at her front gate. Mr. Demirdjian further testified that he also mailed the legal documents to 9504 Highridge Place, Beverly Hills, CA 90210. Mr. Demirdjian also testified that the individual who identified herself as Ms. Loza did not inform him that she was not physically present at the 9504 Highridge Place, Beverly Hills, CA 90210 address.

As service was being effectuated on a Nevada domiciled corporation in the State of Galifornia, NRCP 4.3 governs service. NRCP 1.3(a)(3) states that when an entity or association is served outside the state of Nevada, but within the United States, then service may be made in the same manner as provided in Rule 4.2(c)(1).

NRCP 4.2(c)(1) provides for service as follows:

- (A) An entity or association that is formed under the laws of this state, is registered to do business in this state, or has appointed a registered agent in this state, may be served by delivering a copy of the summons and complaint to:
 - (i) the registered agent of the entity or association;
 - (ii) any officer or director of a corporation;
 - (iii) any partner of a general partnership;
 - (iv) any general partner of a limited partnership;
 - (v) any member of a member-managed limited liability company;
 - (vi) any manager of a manager-managed limited liability company:
 - (vii) any trustee of a business trust;

(viii) any officer or director of a miscellaneous organization mentioned in NRS Chapter 81;

(ix) any managing or general agent of any entity or association; or (x) any other agent authorized by appointment or by law to receive service of process.

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Number Three is hereby DENIED.

Dated this 2 day of December

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CASE NO: 2021-CV-00057

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Leverty & Associates Law Chtd.

v.

Athena Medical Group Defined Contribution, Et Al.

DATE: 11/17/2021

JUDGE: Nathan Tod Young

CLERK: Marilyn Carney

COURT REPORTER: Not Reported

PLAINTIFFS COUNSEL: William Ginn/Vernon Leverty

DEFENDANTS COUNSEL: Kirk Nevada Walker

LAW CLERK: John Seddon

BAILIFFS: Les Vido

OTHERS PRESENT:

Gene Kaufmann - Counsel for Administrator of Estate

The above-entitled matter was before the Court this being the time set for EVIDENTIARY HEARING ON MOTION TO SET ASIDE DEFAULT AND VACATE DEFAULT JUDGMENT. The plaintiff was present in court and represented by counsel. The defendant was present in court and represented by counsel.

WITNESSES SWORN & TESTIFIED:

Juliana Loza

Christopher Demirdjian

EXHIBITS MARKED:

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EXHIBITS ADMITTED:

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EXHIBITS NOT ADMITTED:

Mr. Walker presented an opening statement.

Mr. Ginn presented an opening statement.

Mr. Kaufmann orally motioned to join Defendant's Motion to Set Aside Default and Vacate Default Judgment.

Mr. Ginn objected.

The Court denied Mr. Kaufmann's oral motion.

Mr. Walker presented closing argument.

Mr. Ginn presented closing argument.

Mr. Walker was heard on final argument.

The Court denied the Motion to Set Aside Default and Vacate Default Judgment.

Mr. Ginn will prepare the order and provide it to the Court no later than 1 week and 1 day after Thanksgiving.

EXHIBIT LIST

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LEVERTY & ASSOCIATES VS. ATHENA MEDICAL GROUP, ET AL

CASE NUMBER:

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DATE OF HEARING:

NOVEMBER 17, 2021

JUDGE:

NATHAN TOD YOUNG

DEPT NO:

ATTORNEY:

WILLIAM GINN/KURT WALKER

PURPOSE OF HEARING: EVIDENTIARY HEARING ON MOTION TO SET ASIDE

DEFAULT AND VACATE DEFAULT JUDGMENT

EXHIBIT NO.	DESCRIPTION	MARKED FOR ID	ADMITTED	NOT ADMITTED
1	Secretary of State Printout for Athena Medical Group, Inc. (active domestic corporation formed 11/13/2012)	X		Х
2	Secretary of State Printout for Athena Medical Group, Inc. (non-filing domestic entity formed 7/29/2019)	X		X
.3	Complaint dated 10/24/2021	X	X.	
4.	Loza Residence Photographs	Х	X	
. 5 ´	Claim of Right to Possession from Los Angeles Superior Court	Х		Х
6	Motion to Quash Writ of Execution	X	X	
7	Summary of Assets and Liabilities and Certain Statistical Information	Х	X	
8	Quitclaim deed dated 1/22/21	X	X	
9	Quitclaim deed dated 3/30/21	X	Х	
10	Entity Information	X	X	
N	Duplicate Letters of Administration filed 6/22/21	X	Х	
12	Verified Petition to Appoint	X	X	
13	Quitclaim deed dated 6/22/21 requested by Juliana Loza	X	X	
14	Quitclaim deed dated 6/22/21 requested by Gene Kaufmann	Х	X	

15	Quitclaim deed dated 12/18/15	X	X	
16	Affidavit of Service Ingrid Van Vuerings	X	X	
17	Affidavit of Service Athena Medical Group, Inc.	X	Х	
18	Affidavit of Service Juliana Mayer Loza as Trustee of Athena Medical Group, Inc.	Х	Х	
19	Affidavit of Service Athena Medical Group, Inc., E.R., I.S.A.	X	X	
20	Affidavit of Service Juliana Mayer Loza as a Corporate Officer of Athena Medical Group, Inc.	Х	Х	

3 STATE OF NEVADA SS 5 COUNTY OF DOUGLAS I, BOBBIE R. WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Ninth Judicial District Court, State of Nevada, in and for the said County of 10 Douglas; said Court being a Court of Record, having common law 11 urisdiction, and a Clerk and a Seal, do hereby certify that the 12 foregoing are the full, true copies of the NOTICE OF APPEAL; CASE 13 APPEAL STATEMENT; DISTRICT COURT DOCKET ENTRIES; ORDER DENYING 15 THE MOTION TO SET ASIDE DEFAULT AND VACATE DEFAULT JUDGMENT; 16 NOTICE OF ENTRY OF ORDER; DISTRICT COURT MINUTES; EXHIBIT LISTS $17\|$ in Case No. 2021-CV-00057 LEVERTY & ASSOCIATES LAW, CHTD VS. 18 ATHENA MEDICAL ET AL. 19 IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and 20 affixed my Official Seal at Minden, in said County and State this 22 15TH day of February, A.D., 2022. 23 24 Clerk of the Cour 25 26 27

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Ш	Notice of Appeal
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/	Defendant's Request for Transcript of Proceedings
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	Order (NRAP FORM 4)
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✓ _	Certification order directing entry of judgment pursuant to NRCP 54(b)
	District Court Minutes
	Exhibit Lists
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Respectfully,
BOBBIE WILLIAMS
CLERK OF THE COURTS

By:

Clerk