IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

1 2 3 Electronically Filed DAVID PATRICK STUCKE, Supreme Court Case May 80722021 04:52 p.m. 4 Appellant, Elizabeth A. Brown 5 Clerk of Supreme Court VS. 6 CHRISTIE LEEANN STUCKE, 7 Respondent. 8 9 **GENERAL INFORMATION** 10 11 Judicial District: Eighth Judicial District Court Department: F 1. County: Clark Judge: Hon. Denise Gentile 12 **District Court Docket No.:** D580621 13 14 2. **Attorney filing this docketing statement:** 15 Sheila Tajbakhsh, Esq. 16 Rosenblum Law Offices 7375 South Pecos Road, Ste 101 17 Las Vegas, Nevada 89120 18 702-433-2889 702-425-9642 (fax) 19 Counsel for Appellant DAVID STUCKE 20 21 **Attorney(s) representing respondents: 3.** 22 Fred Page, Esq. 23 4. Nature of the disposition below (list all that apply): 24 25 An order regarding separate assets; an order regarding community waste; a 26 custody order; and a child support order. 27 ///

5. Does this appeal raise issues concerning any of the following:

Child Custody

6. Pending and prior proceedings in this court.

N/A

7. Pending and prior proceedings in other courts.

None, other than the court listed in response to Question 1, *supra*.

8. Nature of the action:

This matter involves a divorce and custody of two (2) minor children. The parties engaged in a four (4) day trial before the District Court for a trial on divorce related issues, included custody, child support, division of assets and debts, and community waste.

This matter was highly contentious, with numerous allegations made on either side and a full outsource evaluation.

9. Issues on appeal:

- a. Whether the district court erred in issuing an order dividing the marital residence equally, despite making a finding that it was the separate property of the Appellant;
- b. Whether the district court erred in denying Appellant's request for recovery of community funds wasted by Respondent/Defendant;
- c. Whether the district court erred in awarding joint physical custody despite the findings made against Respondent that confirms joint custody is adverse to the children's best interest;
- d. Whether the district court abused its discretion in designating the parties joint physical custodians despite Appellant having the children five (5) days per week, plus the third and fifth weekend per month;

| 1 | 15. | Date of entry of written judgment or order appeal from: |
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| 2 | | February 15, 2021. |
| 3 | 16. | Date written notice of entry of judgment or order served: |
| 5 | | February 25, 2021 via e-service. |
| 6 | | (a) Was service by delivery or mail? |
| 7 8 | | The above-referenced Order was e-served. |
| 9 | 17. If the time for fining the notice of appear was toned by a post-jud | |
| 10 | | motion (NRCP 50(b), 52(b), or 59) (Attach copies of all tolling motions) (Motions pursuant to NRCP 60 or motions for rehearing or |
| 12 | | reconsideration do not toll the time for filing a notice of appeal): |
| 13 | | N/A. |
| 14 | 18. | Date notice of appeal was filed: |
| 15 16 | | March 4, 2021 |
| 17 | | (a) If more than one party has appealed from the judgment or order, |
| 18 | | list date each notice of appeal was filed and identify by name the party filing the notice of appeal: |
| 19 20 | | Respondent has filed a Notice of Cross Appeal on March 26, 2021. No case |
| 21 | | number has been provided at this time. |
| 22 | 19. | Specify statute or rule governing the time limit for filing the notice of |
| 23 | | appeal: |
| 24 | | NRAP 4(a). |
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| 26 | | SUBSTANTIVE APPEALABILITY |
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20. Specify the statute or other authority granting this court jurisdiction to review the judgment or order appeal from:

NRS 2.090; NRAP 3A(b)(1)

Explain how each authority provides a basis for appeal from the judgment or order:

NRS 2.090 provides a basis for appeal as the matter in dispute is embraced in the general jurisdiction of the Supreme Court and the orders appealed from involve the merits and they necessarily affect the judgment. The order appealed from was a final order after a bench trial.

NRAP 3A(b)(1) provides a basis for appeal as the orders appealed from are final orders which were entered in an action commenced in the court in which judgment was rendered. The order appealed from was a final order after a bench trial.

21. List all parties to the action in the district court:

Appellant / Plaintiff David Patrick Stucke Respondent / Defendant Christie Leann Stucke

(a) If all parties in the district court are not parties to this appeal, explain in detail why those parties are not involved in this appeal:

N/A.

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

Appellant, David Stucke, filed a Complaint for Divorce and Custody of the minor children. Appellant requested primary custody, confirmation of his separate property, and a community waste claim.

Respondent filed an Answer and Counterclaim, containing false allegations of abuse, requesting primary custody, spousal support, and an equitable division of assets and debts.

The Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Decree of Divorce was entered on February 25, 2021 and appealed therefrom.

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

Yes.

- 24. If you answered "No" to the immediately previous question, complete the following:
 - (a) Specify the claims remaining pending below:

N/A

(b) Specify the parties remaining below:

N/A.

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

N/A.

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

N/A.

25. If you answered "No" to any part of question 24, explain the basis for seeking appellate review:

N/A.

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

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

The following are attached hereto:

- Ex. 1: Complaint for Divorce
- Ex. 2: Answer and Counterclaim for Divorce
- Ex. 3: Order to Show Cause against Defendant
- Ex. 4: Notice of Entry of Order to Show Cause
- Ex. 5: Order after March 10, 2020 Hearing
- Ex. 6: Notice of Entry of Order after March 10, 2020 Hearing
- Ex. 7: Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Decree of Divorce from Trial
- Ex. 8: Notice of Entry of Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Decree of Divorce from Trial

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VERIFICATION

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

DATED this 10th day of May, 2021



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702-433-2889

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Counsel for Appellant

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on the **10**th day of **May**, **2021**, I served APPELLANT'S/CROSS-RESPONDENT'S DOCKETING STATEMENT in the above-entitled matter electronically with the Clerk of the Nevada Supreme Court, and electronic service was made in accordance with the master service list maintained by the Clerk of the Supreme Court, to the Attorney listed below:

Fred Page, Esq.

Page Law Firm

6930 S Cimarron Rd, Ste 140

10 | Las Vegas, NV 89113

Attorney for Respondent/Cross-Appellant

An Employee of ROSENBLUM LAW OFFICES

Exhibit "01"

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COMD 1 Vincent Mayo, Esq. Nevada State Bar Number: 8564 2 THE ABRAMS & MAYO LAW FIRM 6252 South Rainbow Blvd., Suite 100 3 Las Vegas, Nevada 89118 Tel: (702) 222-4021 4 Fax: (702) 248-9750 Email: VMGroup@TheAbramsLawFirm.com 5 Attorney for Plaintiff **Eighth Judicial District Court** 6 **Family Division** Clark County, Nevada 7 D-18-580621-D 8 DAVID PATRICK STUCKE, Case No.: Plaintiff, Department: F 9 10 VS. CHRISTIE LEEANN STUCKE, 11 Defendant. 12 13 COMPLAINT FOR DIVORCE 14

NOW INTO COURT comes Plaintiff, DAVID PATRICK STUCKE, by and through his attorney, VINCENT MAYO, ESQ., of THE ABRAMS & MAYO LAW FIRM, and for his causes of action against Defendant, CHRISTIE LEEANN STUCKE, complains and alleges as follows:

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

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- Plaintiff and Defendant were married on May 28, 2016, in Las 2. Vegas, Nevada, and ever since have been and now are husband and wife.
- There are two (2) minor children of the marriage, to wit: Sarah 3. Laura Stucke, date of birth: July 22, 2016 and David Orion Stucke, date of birth: March 30, 2018. There are no adopted children of the parties. To the best of Plaintiff's knowledge, the Defendant is not currently pregnant.
- Plaintiff and Defendant are fit and proper persons to be awarded joint legal custody of the minor children.
- Plaintiff is a fit and proper person to be awarded primary 5. physical custody of the minor children, subject to Defendant's right of supervised visitation or else successful completion of parenting courses, adherence to a behavior order and counseling.
- Defendant should pay child support in accordance with NRS 6. 125B.070 and NRS 125B.080.
- Plaintiff will continue to maintain medical insurance for the minor children, so long as it available through his employment. The parties should be equally responsible for any insurance premiums, as well as any medical, dental (including orthodontic), psychological, optical and prescription expenses of the minor children, not covered by insurance. The parties should utilize the "30/30 rule" in regard to payment of any such unreimbursed medical expenses of the minor children.

- 8. Defendant should be responsible for all educational and extracurricular activity expenses for the minor children.
- Plaintiff will continue to maintain medical insurance for the
 Defendant pendente lite.
- 10. Defendant should maintain any and all existing insurance policies for the benefit of the Plaintiff pendente lite.
- 11. There are community assets of the parties hereto, the exact amounts and descriptions of which are unknown to Plaintiff at this time. Plaintiff prays leave of this Court to amend this Complaint to insert the same when they have become known to Plaintiff or at the time of trial.
- 12. There are community debts of the parties hereto, the exact amounts and descriptions of which are unknown to Plaintiff at this time. Plaintiff prays leave of this Court to amend this Complaint to insert the same when they have become known to Plaintiff or at the time of trial.
- and separate property, the exact amounts and descriptions of which are unknown to Plaintiff at this time. Plaintiff prays leave of this Court to amend this Complaint to insert the same when they have become known to Plaintiff or at the time of trial.
- 14. Plaintiff requests that this Court confirm to Defendant her sole and separate debt, the exact amounts and descriptions of which are

| 20. | The parties should be placed on notice that they are subject | |
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| orovis | ions of NRS 125C.006, which provides: | |

- 1. If primary physical custody has been established pursuant to an order, judgment or decree of a court and the custodial parent intends to relocate his or her residence to a place outside of this State or to a place within this State that is at such a distance that would substantially impair the ability of the other parent to maintain a meaningful relationship with the child, and the custodial parent desires to take the child with him or her, the custodial parent shall, before relocating:
- (a) Attempt to obtain the written consent of the noncustodial parent to relocate with the child; and
- (b) If the noncustodial parent refuses to give that consent, petition the court for permission to relocate with the child.
- 2. The court may award reasonable attorney's fees and costs to the custodial parent if the court finds that the noncustodial parent refused to consent to the custodial parent's relocation with the child:
- (a) Without having reasonable grounds for such refusal; or
 - (b) For the purpose of harassing the custodial parent.
- 3. A parent who relocates with a child pursuant to this section without the written consent of the noncustodial parent or the permission of the court is subject to the provisions of NRS 200.359.
- 21. The parties should be placed on notice that they are subject to the provisions of NRS 125C.0045(6), which provides: PENALTY FOR VIOLATION OF ORDER: THE ABDUCTION, CONCEALMENT OR DETENTION OF A CHILD IN VIOLATION OF THIS ORDER IS PUNISHABLE AS A CATEGORY D FELONY AS PROVIDED IN NRS 193.130. NRS 200.359 provides that every person having a limited right of custody to a child or any parent having no right of custody to the child who

willfully detains, conceals or removes the child from a parent, guardian or other person having lawful custody or a right of visitation of the child in violation of an order of this court, or removes the child from the jurisdiction of the court without the consent of either the court or all persons who have the right to custody or visitation is subject to being punished for a category D felony as provided in NRS 193.130.

- 22. The parties should be placed on notice that they are subject to the provisions of NRS 125C.0045(7) and (8), which provide the terms of the Hague Convention of October 25, 1980, adopted by the 14th Session of the Hague Conference on Private International Law, apply if a parent abducts or wrongfully retains a child in a foreign country. For the purposes of applying the terms of the Hague Convention, the State of Nevada, United States of America, is the habitual residence of the minor children.
- 23. The parties should be placed on notice that they are subject to the provisions of the Parental Kidnapping Prevention Act, 28 U.S.C. Sec. 1738A, and the Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act, NRS 125A.005 *et seq.*, which provide that the courts of Nevada have exclusive modification jurisdiction of the custody, visitation and child support terms relating to the children at issue in this case so long as either of the parties, or the children, continue to reside in this jurisdiction.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, DAVID PATRICK STUCKE, prays for judgment against Defendant, CHRISTIE LEEANN STUCKE, as follows:

- That the contract of marriage now and therefore existing 1. between Plaintiff and Defendant be dissolved and that Plaintiff be granted an absolute Decree of Divorce and that each of the parties hereto be restored to the status of a single, unmarried person;
- That the Court grant the relief requested in this Complaint for 2. Divorce; and
- For such other relief as the Court finds just and equitable in the 3. premises.

Dated: Tuesday, November 27, 2018.

Respectfully Submitted,

THE ABRAMS & MAYO LAW FIRM

Vincent Mayo, Esq.

Nevada State Bar Number: 8564

6252 South Rainbow Blvd., Suite 100

Las Vegas, Nevada 89118

Tel: (702) 222-4021

Attorney for Plaintiff

| 1 | VERIFICATION |
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| 2 | STATE OF NEVADA |
| 3 | COUNTY OF CLARK) ss: |
| 4 | DAVID PATRICK STUCKE, under penalties of perjury, being first |
| 5 | duly sworn, deposes and says: |
| 6 | That he is the Plaintiff in the above entitled action; that he has read |
| 7 | the foregoing COMPLAINT FOR DIVORCE and knows the contents |
| 8 | thereof; that the same is true of his own knowledge, except for those matter |
| 9 | therein contained stated upon information and belief, and as to those |
| 10 | matters, he believes them to be true. |
| 11 | Dated this 27 th day of November, 2018. |
| 12 | David Patrick Stucke |
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| 14 | SUBSCRIBED and SWORN to me this 37 day of November, 2018. STEPHANIE STOLZ NOTARY PUBLIC STATE OF NEVADA |
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WHEREFORE, the Defendant prays that the Plaintiff take nothing by virtue of his Complaint for Divorce on file herein.

COUNTERCLAIM FOR DIVORCE

COMES NOW, the Defendant/Counterclaimant, CHRISTIE LEANN STUCKE, by and through her attorney of record, BRIAN J. STEINBERG, ESQ., of the STEINBERG LAW GROUP and as and for his Counterclaim For Divorce against the Plaintiff/Counterdefendant states and alleges as follows:

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That the Defendant/Counterclaimant is and for at least six weeks prior to the commencement of this action, has been a bona fide resident of Clark County, Nevada.

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That the Defendant/Counterclaimant and Plaintiff/Counterdefendant were married on May 28, 2016, in Las Vegas, Nevada and have ever since that time have been husband and wife.

III.

That there are two (2) minor children born of the marriage to wit: **DAVID STUCKE**, born March 30, 2018, and **SARAH STUCKE**, born May 22, 2016, further referred to as "the minor child." That both parties are fit and proper persons to be awarded Joint Legal Custody and the Defendant/Counterclaimant should be awarded Primary Physical Custody of the minor children.

IV.

That the Plaintiff/Counterdefendant pay the Defendant/Counterclaimant child support pursuant to NRS 125B.070 consistent with her request for Primary Physical Custody of the minor child.

V.

That Plaintiff/Counterdefendant be directed to continue to provide the minor children with health insurance coverage and that both parties be ordered to equally (50/50) split the monthly premium and any and all un-reimbursed, out-of-pocket expenses incurred on behalf of the minor child, including, but not limited to, co-pays and deductibles relating to medical, dental, orthodontia or optical expenses, psychological and prescription expenses, which are not covered under such insurance policy using the 30/30 day rule.

VI.

That the Defendant/Counterclaimant receive the income tax benefits each and every year for the parties' minor children.

VII.

That there is community property of the parties to be divided or adjudicated by the Court.

VIII.

That each party should be awarded the debts in that party's name only.

IX.

That neither party pays spousal support/alimony to the other party.

X.

That the Defendant/Counterclaimant be awarded exclusive possession of the marital residence located at 3485 W. Maule Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada 89118.

XI.

That the Defendant/Counterclaimant be awarded attorney's fees from the Plaintiff/Counterdefendant.

XII.

That the Plaintiff/Counterdefendant and the Defendant/Counterclaimant are incompatible in their tastes, natures, views, likes and dislikes, which have become widely separate and divergent so that the parties hereto have been, and now are, incompatible to such an extent that it now appears that there is no possibility of reconciliation between the Plaintiff and the Defendant, and that a happy marital status can no longer exist.

WHEREFORE, Defendant/Counterclaimant prays for judgment as follows:

- 1. That the bonds of matrimony now and heretofore existing between Defendant/Counterclaimant and Plaintiff/Counterdefendant be dissolved, that the parties be granted an absolute Decree of Divorce, and that the parties hereto be released from all the obligations thereof and restored to the status of single persons;
- 2. That both parties be awarded Joint Legal Custody and that the Defendant/Counterclaimant be awarded Primary Physical Custody of the minor children;
- 3. That the Plaintiff/Counterdefendant be ordered to pay the Defendant child support pursuant to NRS 125B.070;

- 4. That Plaintiff/Counterdefendant be directed to continue to provide the minor children with health insurance coverage and that both parties be ordered to equally (50/50) split the monthly premium and any and all un-reimbursed, out-of-pocket expenses incurred on behalf of the minor children, including, but not limited to, co-pays and deductibles relating to medical, dental, orthodontia or optical expenses, psychological and prescription expenses, which are not covered under such insurance policy using the 30/30 day rule;
- 5. That the Defendant/Counterclaimant be entitled to declare the minor children on her income tax returns each year;
 - 6. That the Court equitably divides the parties' community property;
 - 7. That each party should pay his/her respective debt in that parties' name only;
 - 8. That neither party pays spousal support/alimony to the other party;
- 9. That the Defendant/Counterclaimant be awarded attorney's fees from the Plaintiff/Counterdefendant; and
 - 10. For such other further relief as the Court deems just and proper in the premises.

 WHEREFORE, Defendant prays that this Court award judgment in her favor.

 DATED this 10 10 day of December, 2018.

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| 1 | <u>VERIFICATION</u> |
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| 2 | STATE OF NEVADA) |
| 3 | COUNTY OF CLARK) ss: |
| 4 | CHRISTIE LEANN STUCKE, being first duly sworn, deposes and says: |
| 5 | That she is the Defendant/Counterclaimant in the above-entitled action; that she has |
| 6 | read the foregoing ANSWER TO COMPLAINT FOR DIVORCE AND |
| 7 | COUNTERCLAIM and knows the contents thereof; that the same is true and correct except |
| 8 | for those matters alleged upon information and belief, and as to those matters, she believes |
| 9 | them to be true. |
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| 11 | CHRISTIE LEANN STUCKE |
| 12 | Subscribed and sworn to before me |
| 13 | this 10 the day of December, 2018. SABINE BELLAMY |
| 14 | Notary Public-State of Nevada APPT. NO. 09-10488-1 |
| 15 | My Appt. Expires 07-06-2021 |
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

| I hereby certify that I am an employee of the Steinberg Law Group and that on December 13, |
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| 2018, pursuant to N.R.C.P. 5(b)(2)(D), and EDCR 8.05, a true and correct copy of the Answer to |
| Complaint for Divorce and Counterclaim was served on Plaintiff by: |
| U.S. Mail, First Class, postage prepaid to the person(s) identified below; |
| Via Facsimile at the number(s) identified below: |
| Via Electronic mail to the person(s) identified below: |
| X Via Electronic mail utilizing the Odyssey E-file and Serve system to the person(s) |
| identified below as follows: |

Vincent Mayo, Esq. 6252 South Rainbow Blvd., Suite 100 Las Vegas, Nevada 89118 vmgroup@theabramslawfirm.com Attorney for Plaintiff

An Employee of the Steinberg Law Group

1/15/2020 11:16 AM Steven D. Grierson OSC 1 Vincent Mayo, Esq. Nevada State Bar Number: 8564 THE ABRAMS & MAYO LAW FIRM 6252 South Rainbow Blvd., Suite 100 Las Vegas, Nevada 89118 Tel: (702) 222-4021 Fax: (702) 248-9750 Email: vmgroup@theabramslawfirm.com Attorney for Plaintiff 6 **Eighth Judicial District Court Family Division** 7 Clark County, Nevada 8 9 D-18-580621-D DAVID PATRICK STUCKE, Case No.: 10 Plaintiff, Department: F 11 VS. 12 CHRISTIE LEEANN STUCKE, 13 Defendant. 14 15 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE 16 Defendant, CHRISTIE LEEANN STUCKE, having failed to comply 17 with this Court's orders without just cause, and good cause appearing, 18 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that CHRISTIE LEEANN STUCKE 19 shall appear before the Honorable Denise L. Gentile, District Court 20 Judge, Department F, of the Family Court Division of the Eighth Judicial 21 District Court, at 601 North Pecos Road, Las Vegas, Nevada 89101, on

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| 1 | January 30, 2020, at 10:00 a.m., to show cause, |
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| 2 | if any, why she should not be held in contempt for her refusal to comply |
| 3 | with this Court's orders. Specifically, her failure to abide by this Court's |
| 4 | Order After Hearing of October 7, 2019, the Court's Order After |
| 5 | Hearing of April 17, 2019 and the Court's Order After Hearing of March |
| 6 | 27, 2019. |
| 7 | To further show cause, if any, why this Court should not impose |
| 8 | additional sanctions against CHRISTIE LEEANN STUCKE for her |
| 9 | disregard of this Court's orders. |
| 10 | IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that if CHRISTIE LEEANN |
| 11 | STUCKE fails to appear at said time for said hearing, a warrant for her |
| 12 | arrest shall issue forthwith. |
| 13 | DATED this _/4 day of, 2020. |
| 14 | Kerise Head |
| 15 | DISTRICT COURT JUDGE |
| 16 | Respectfully Submitted: THE ABRAMS & MAYO LAW FIRM |
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| 18 | Vincent Mayo, Esq. Nevada State Bar Number: 8564 |
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| 16 | PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that an | Order to Sh | ow Cause was duly |
| 17 | entered in the above-referenced matter | | |
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| 1 | A true and correct copy of said Order is attached hereto. |
| 2 | DATED Wednesday, January 15, 2020. |
| 3 | Respectfully Submitted, THE ABRAMS & MAYO LAW FIRM |
| 4 | /s/ Vincent Mayo, Esq. |
| 5 | Vincent Mayo, Esq. Nevada State Bar Number: 8564 |
| 6 | 6252 South Rainbow Blvd., Suite 100 Las Vegas, Nevada 89118 |
| 7 | Attorney for Plaintiff |
| 8 | CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE |
| 9 | I hereby certify that the foregoing Notice of Entry of Order to |
| 10 | Show Cause was filed electronically with the Eighth Judicial District |
| 11 | Court in the above-entitled matter, on Wednesday, January 15, 2020. |
| 12 | Service of the foregoing document, as well as the Ex Parte Application |
| 13 | for an Order to Show Cause, was made on January 15, 2020 via 1st Class |
| 14 | U.S. Mail, postage fully prepaid, addressed to: |
| 15 | Christie Stucke 3485 W. Maule Avenue |
| 16 | Las Vegas, Nevada 89118 Defendant, in proper person |
| 17 | And via email to: |
| 18 | |
| 19 | Christie Stucke Email: <u>christiestucke@gmail.com</u> |
| 20 | /c / Chantal Wada |
| 21 | <u>/s/ Chantel Wade</u> An Employee of The Abrams & Mayo Law Firm |

1/15/2020 11:16 AM Steven D. Grierson CLERK OF THE COURT **OSC** 1 Vincent Mayo, Esq. Nevada State Bar Number: 8564 THE ABRAMS & MAYO LAW FIRM 6252 South Rainbow Blvd., Suite 100 Las Vegas, Nevada 89118 Tel: (702) 222-4021 Fax: (702) 248-9750 Email: vmgroup@theabramslawfirm.com Attorney for Plaintiff 6 **Eighth Judicial District Court** Family Division 7 Clark County, Nevada 8 9 DAVID PATRICK STUCKE, Case No.: D-18-580621-D 10 Plaintiff, Department: F 11 VS. 12 CHRISTIE LEEANN STUCKE, 13 Defendant. 14 15 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE 16 Defendant, CHRISTIE LEEANN STUCKE, having failed to comply 17 with this Court's orders without just cause, and good cause appearing, 18 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that CHRISTIE LEEANN STUCKE 19 shall appear before the Honorable Denise L. Gentile, District Court 20 Judge, Department F, of the Family Court Division of the Eighth Judicial 21 District Court, at 601 North Pecos Road, Las Vegas, Nevada 89101, on

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| 11 | STUCKE fails to appear at said time for said hearing, a warrant for her |
| 12 | arrest shall issue forthwith. |
| 13 | DATED this 14 day of January, 2020. |
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10 Plaintiff, Department: F

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| 1 | A true and correct copy of said Order is attached hereto. | |
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and through his attorney of record, VINCENT MAYO, ESQ., of THE ABRAMS & MAYO LAW FIRM, and Defendant, CHRISTIE LEEANN STUCKE (hereinafter referred to as "Christie"), having appeared personally in proper person, and the Court having listened to the representations and arguments of counsel, and good cause appearing:

THE COURT HEREBY NOTES statements by Attorney Mayo regarding David's refinance of the W. Maule residence, pay-off of the van through escrow and preservation of the funds until a stipulation is reached or further order of the Court.

THE COURT FURTHER NOTES statements by Christie regarding the need for disbursement of funds to allow her the ability to relocate from the residence.

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EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT FAMILY DIVISION

CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

| DAVID STUCKE, |) | |
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| v. | Plaintiff,) | CASE NO. D-18-580621-D DEPT NO. F |
| CHRISTIE STUCKE, | Defendant. | Date of Hearing: 9/10/2020, 12/09/2020 12/10/2020, 12/11/2020, 12/17/2020 |

FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND DECREE OF DIVORCE FROM TRIAL

THE ABOVE MATTER having come on regularly for Trial before the Honorable Judge DENISE GENTILE, for non-jury trial with Plaintiff, DAVID STUCKE ("Plaintiff" or "DAVID"), having appeared personally, and by and through his attorney, VINCENT MAYO, ESQ., and Defendant, CHRISTIE ("Defendant" or CHRISTIE"), having appeared personally by and through her attorney of record, FRED PAGE, ESQ. The Court heard the evidence of the witnesses sworn and examined in open court, which included the parties, Christie and David and John Paglini, PsyD. This Court had the opportunity to assess the demeanor and credibility of the witnesses. The Court examined documentary exhibits admitted into evidence - Plaintiff's Exhibits 1(b), 2, 12(a), (b), and ©, 13-16, 21, 22, 26, 27, 29, 33-37, 39-42, 43(a) and (b), 44, 45(a) and(b), 46 (a) and (b), 47-50, 69, 86, 87, 121, 135, 136, 139, 140, 142, 153, 182, 184, 192, 194-198, 202, 204, 206, 207, 207(a), 208 - 217 were admitted; Defendant's Exhibits A-E were admitted. Being advised as to the law in this case and good cause appearing, this Court renders its decision, as follows:

I.

HISTORY OF THE CASE

THE COURT FINDS that the parties were married on May 28, 2016. The parties have two children, Sarah Stucke, born July 22, 2016, age 4, and David Orion Stuck, born March 30, 2018, age 2. COURT FINDS that David filed this action on November 28, 2018. An Answer was filed by Christie on December 13, 2018. COURT FINDS that this matter was hotly contested and Statistically closed: USJR-FAM-Judgment Reached (Bench Trial) (Close Case) (I

litigated with various motions, discovery disputes, numerous hearings in front of the Court, which included custody, support orders, and related interim issues pertaining to the parties. The parties were not sent to mediation because a joint physical custody schedule was entered by the TPO hearing master, which was confirmed and adopted by this Court. The Court heard various motions entered temporary family support orders, based upon the representations made by the parties as to their financial situations. The case was set for trial after 2 years of discovery and litigation, and this Decree follows:

Preliminary Findings

THE COURT HEREBY FINDS that the Court, as part of the process in formulating the decision, listened to the testimony of witnesses and reviewed the Exhibits offered by the parties that were admitted into the record. THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that the issues before the Court included child custody, child support, the division of assets and debts, confirmation of separate property, and attorney's fees.

The COURT FURTHER FINDS it is to the satisfaction of the Court that the parties are residents of Nevada, as it was undisputed they have lived in the state of Nevada, and based upon the parties' testimony, it is to the satisfaction of the Court that residence is established at least six (6) weeks prior to the commencement of the action.. THE COURT HEREBY FINDS that it has jurisdiction over these parties and the subject matter. THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that the parties are incompatible, with no possibility of reconciliation.

TERMINATION OF THE PARTIES' MARRIAGE

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the bonds of matrimony existing between Christie and David be, and the same are wholly dissolved, and an absolute Decree of Divorce is hereby granted to Christie and David, and each of the parties is restored to the status of a single, unmarried person.

CUSTODY

COURT FINDS the parties have two children, born of this marriage, Sarah Stucke, age 4, and David Stucke, age 2. COURT FINDS the applicable statutory authority that governs this case is as follows:

| 1 | NRS 125C.001 State Policy. The legislature declares that it is the policy of this state: |
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| 2 | 1. To ensure that minor children have frequent associations and a continuing relationship with both parents after the parents have ended their relationship, |
| 3 | become separated or dissolved their marriage; 2. To encourage such parents to share the rights and responsibilities of child |
| 4 | rearing; and 3. To establish that such parents have an equivalent duty to provide their minor |
| 5 | children with necessary maintenance, health care, education and financial support. As used in this subsection, "equivalent" must not be construed to mean that both |
| 7 | parents are responsible for providing the same amount of financial support to their children. |
| 8 | NRS 125C.0015 Parents have joint custody until otherwise ordered by court. 1. The parent and child relationship extends equally to every child and to every |
| 9 | parent, regardless of the marital status of the parents. 2. If a court has not made a determination regarding the custody of a child, each |
| 10 | parent has joint legal custody and joint physical custody of the child until otherwise ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction. |
| 11 | LEGAL CUSTODY |
| 12 | COURT FINDS that NRS 125C.002 provides the court with its authority for establishing |
| 13 | joint legal custody, as follows: |
| 14 | 1. When a court is making a determination regarding the legal custody of a child, |
| 15 | there is a presumption, affecting the burden of proof, that joint legal custody would be in the best interest of a minor child if: |
| 16 | (a) The parents have agreed to an award of joint legal custody or so agree in open court at a hearing for the purpose of determining the legal custody of the |
| 17 | minor child; or (b) A parent has demonstrated, or has attempted to demonstrate but has had |
| 18 | his or her efforts frustrated by the other parent, an intent to establish a meaningful relationship with the minor child. |
| 19 | The court may award joint legal custody without awarding joint physical custody. |
| 20 | COURT FINDS the neither party presented a case to overcome the presumption that it is |
| 21 | in the children's best interests for the court to order joint legal custody; therefore, IT IS HEREBY |
| 22 | ORDERED that each party is awarded Joint Legal Custody of the minor children. |
| 23 | PHYSICAL CUSTODY |
| 24 | NRS 125C.0025 Joint physical custody. 1. When a court is making a determination regarding the physical custody of a |
| 25 26 | child, there is a preference that joint physical custody would be in the best interest of a minor child if: |
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(b) A parent has demonstrated, or has attempted to demonstrate but has had his or her efforts frustrated by the other parent, an intent to establish a meaningful relationship with the minor child.

2. For assistance in determining whether an award of joint physical custody is

appropriate, the court may direct that an investigation be conducted.

NRS 125C.0035 Best interests of child: Joint physical custody; preferences; presumptions when court determines parent or person seeking custody is perpetrator of domestic violence or has committed act of abduction against child or any other child.

1. In any action for determining physical custody of a minor child, the sole consideration of the court is the best interest of the child. If it appears to the court that joint physical custody would be in the best interest of the child, the court may grant physical custody to the parties jointly.

2. Preference must not be given to either parent for the sole reason that the parent

is the mother or the father of the child.

3. The court shall award physical custody in the following order of preference unless in a particular case the best interest of the child requires otherwise:

- (a) To both parents jointly pursuant to NRS 125C.0025 or to either parent pursuant to NRS 125C.003. If the court does not enter an order awarding joint physical custody of a child after either parent has applied for joint physical custody, the court shall state in its decision the reason for its denial of the parent's application.
- (b) To a person or persons in whose home the child has been living and where the child has had a wholesome and stable environment.
- © To any person related within the fifth degree of consanguinity to the child whom the court finds suitable and able to provide proper care and guidance for the child, regardless of whether the relative resides within this State.
- (d) To any other person or persons whom the court finds suitable and able to provide proper care and guidance for the child.

The Nevada Supreme Court has held that in custody matters, the polestar for judicial decision is the best interest of the child, the court has broad discretion. The Supreme Court has held that the district court must make specific findings and provide an adequate explanation of the reasons for a child custody determination, and must tie it to the best interest factors enumerated by statute, and any other relevant factors relevant to the determination. *Davis v. Ewalefo*, 131 Nev. Adv. Op 45, 352 P3d 1139 (2015).

COURT FINDS that the parties shared joint physical custody during the pendency of the action. COURT FINDS that David and Christie could not agree on the final custodial orders and thus, the Court granted permission for Dr. John Paglini to conduct a child custody evaluation, at David's request. COURT FINDS that after a lengthy period of conducting the evaluation; the custody evaluation was completed on July 27, 2020; including the national pandemic, several factors delayed the divorce trial, but the Court was finally able to hear testimony from Dr. Paglini at the second day of the parties' divorce trial conducted on 12/09/2020. COURT FINDS that Dr.

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Paglini's report was admitted as evidence, Plaintiff's Exhibit 207(a). COURT FINDS that Dr. Paglini's report was 88 pages and very detailed as to his findings and recommendations. COURT FINDS that it adopts Dr. Paglini's findings and recommendations, as though set forth fully herein. Dr. Paglini's report and testimony were CREDIBLE and are fair and even-handed when evaluating the parties, their behaviors, and what is best for the parties' minor children.

Based upon the FINDINGS OF FACT, the Court makes the following CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND ORDERS:

NRS 125C.0035(4) states: In determining the best interest of the child, the court shall consider and set forth its specific findings concerning, among other things:

(a) The wishes of the child if the child is of sufficient age and capacity to form an intelligent preference as to his or her physical custody.

Based upon the foregoing Court FINDS there was no testimony presented about this factor, and therefore inapplicable.

(b) Any nomination of a guardian for the child by a parent.

Neither party presented evidence of this factor. This factor is inapplicable.

© Which parent is more likely to allow the child to have frequent associations and a continuing relationship with the noncustodial parent.

Again this Court adopts the findings of Dr. Paglini on this issue. The Court is aware of the struggles experienced during this case and the difficulty the parties have had co-parenting. COURT FINDS that the most concerning was the continued theme learned about Christie in her efforts to gain leverage or control in the custody proceedings. COURT FINDS that Christie made various allegations against David, all in an attempt to gain an advantage, but none of which was substantiated. COURT FINDS that Christie made allegations to denigrate David's image with the Court, such as he was a cheater, that he raped her, that he was a pedophile, but also admitted in some regards that he was good with the children. COURT FINDS that the context of each of such allegations tended to occur when she was unable to gain ground in the divorce action, or there were questions relating to her financial dealings, thus detracting the focus from what would otherwise have been directed to the parties' money issues. COURT FINDS that Dr. Paglini's report addresses this issue extensively in his factual recitation of the numerous reports of the parties regarding the

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above issues. COURT FINDS that Dr. Paglini asserts and this Court ADOPTS that if David Stuck truly were a pedophile or did in fact abuse his daughter, this would have serious ramifications on the custodial recommendations and ultimately the orders. COURT CONFIRMS that there was no evidence presented at trial to suggest that David was a pedophile, and Dr. Paglini's observation of the children with their father indicated they were very bonded, while this would have been the opportunity to observe discomfort of an issue between David and his daughter. COURT FURTHER FINDS that Dr. Paglini asserts and this Court ADOPTS that if Ms. Stucke created sex abuse claims or rape allegations for secondary gains, this would be the ultimate act of parental alienation, and the Court would clearly give David primary custody. COURT ALSO FINDS that there is evidence that Christie has a history of making similar allegations in her prior divorce with the father of her elder children, which calls into question her credibility. However, her ex-husband was unwilling to disparage Christie or offer negative testimony about Christie as he indicated to Dr. Paglini that he and Christie have a good relationship now, and that she is a good mother. But, there was a point when the relationship was not so cooperative.

While David attempted to utilize these findings by Dr. Paglini as a reason to seek primary custody, Dr. Paglini testified that while the allegations of sexual abuse may not have been substantiated, it does not mean that Christie reported it out of spite, but could have reported it because she believed her daughter, as parents want to believe their children, and certainly do not want to be in a position where they have chosen to ignore their children's claims of abuse, and then it turns out to be true, so parents WANT to believe their children. COURT FINDS in conclusion, that neither law enforcement, investigative agencies, nor Dr. Paglini or the Court could find that any of such allegations were true. In this regard, this Court FINDS that it could find neither scenario to be presented in the evidence admitted at trial. As it relates to this factor, there were copious amounts of facts included in Dr. Paglini's report, and this Court adopts them herein. This factor does not favor either party. See Dr. Paglini's report, Exhibit 207(a).

(d) The level of conflict between the parents.

COURT FINDS that there is a high level of conflict between the parties at this time, due to these proceedings; however, this Court believes once the case has concluded, the level of conflict

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should subside to a degree, as this litigation has played a role in the parties' acrimonious relationship. COURT FINDS that the Court's Orders should establish parameters within which the parties shall function, and there should be a reduction in conflict and also instruction for those behaviors the parties should avoid in the future, in order to reduce conflict. Dr. Paglini acknowledged that Christie has demonstrated her dislike for David, and has expressed so in front of the children, and has expressed that if it continues, it would be a hindrance to the parties' ability to co-parent moving forward. This factor favors David. See Dr. Paglini's report, Exhibit 207(a).

(e) The ability of the parents to cooperate to meet the needs of the child.

Other than the acrimony in the parties' divorce, and the issues that have been identified herein and in Dr. Paglini's report, COURT FINDS that historically, both parties have been able to cooperate to meet the needs of the minor children, as evidenced by the testimony at trial.

(f) The mental and physical health of the parents.

There was a concern for Christie's mental health as Dr. Paglini referred to her emotional dysregulation and the increased dysregulation over time when she was upset with David, when she was jealous or angry with David; COURT FINDS that there is concern for Christie's assaults on David and her continued disparagement of David in the presence of the children which could have lasting effects on the children. COURT FINDS that Dr. Paglini indicates Christie is not aware of the impact this behavior would have on the children, and needs to be more mindful of the same. Dr. Paglini noted that David tended to video record certain incidents with Christie that caused the situation to escalate, and cause additional frustration. COURT FINDS that said behavior of each party was intended to prove a point, and caused frustration to the other party, without concern for how this would affect the children. COURT FINDS that Dr. Paglini determined David appreciated the impact this could have on the children, while Christie chose to focus on blaming David for instigating the incidents. COURT FINDS that Dr. Paglini reports Christie also has admitted she has borderline personality disorder - sufferers of such disorder tend to be a challenge in relationships as they are emotional over-reactive or dysregulated, over idealize and devalue very quickly. COURT FINDS that Dr. Paglini's recommendation is that whether Christie suffers from Borderline Personality or not, she needs to learn to regulate her anger/emotions and to express

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herself in a more appropriate manner, and should be addressed in therapy (this will be addressed herein below in the Orders). While Dr. Paglini did not identify specific mental health factors that would prevent either parent from being able to parent the children, Dr. Paglini raised issues of concern that if continued to be present or if increased may support a change in custody in the future. See Dr. Paglini's Report, Exhibit 207(a).

(g) The physical, developmental and emotional needs of the child.

COURT FINDS that it needs to reiterate the concerns raised herein about the issues that exist with the emotional dysregulation of Christie, and the continued acrimony that exists between both parents, to the extent that the children are potentially pawns in the process. COURT FINDS that while neither party demonstrated that either was incapable of providing the children what they need on a day to day basis, physically, developmentally, emotionally, as a loving and caring parent, each parent has behaved in such a way during this process and while in the process of the dissolution of their relationship, that neither took into consideration that the triggering of the other would create tension and behavior in the household to be witnessed by the children, NOT meeting the children's emotional needs, but putting their own needs to win, gain an advantage, or prove a point came first. Does this Court believes that each parent loves the children, yes. Does this Court believe each is capable of meeting the physical, developmental and emotional needs of the children, yes. Dr. Paglini's report indicates that each is a good parent, the children love their parents, and the children are cared for, despite the negative interaction between the parents. COURT FINDS that this factor does not favor either parent, but CAUTIONS both parents to be mindful of the fact that while you may be able to feed, clothe, educate, and care for the children on a daily basis, their emotional needs are important, and often the effects of your misconduct toward each other causes an intangible effect that will come to light in later years, while the children are attempting to conduct themselves in relationships, either familial or romantic type relationships. You are your children's role models; straighten up and act like the two highly intelligent individuals capable of understanding that a moment of indiscretion or inappropriate behavior may affect your children for a lifetime. See Dr. Paglini's Report, Exhibit 207(a).

(h) The nature of the relationship of the child with each parent.

Based upon the testimony, and the report of Dr. Paglini, COURT FINDS the relationship of the children with their parents is good. There was no evidence presented by either parent to suggest otherwise, and Dr. Paglini indicates that during his observations the children were comfortable and bonded with their parents.

(i) The ability of the child to maintain a relationship with any sibling.

COURT FINDS there are no other minor siblings; therefore the ability of the children to maintain a relationship with any sibling is a non-issue, as these children remain together in the custody schedule. COURT FINDS that Christie has children who are much older than the children in this case and Christie is able to ensure the younger children maintain relationship with their elder siblings during her timeshare.

(j) Any history of parental abuse or neglect of the child or a sibling of the child.

COURT FINDS that while there have been multiple reports to CPS and a criminal investigation, there was no evidence presented related to abuse or neglect of the children. This factor is inapplicable.

(k) Whether either parent or any other person seeking physical custody has engaged in an act of domestic violence against the child, a parent of the child or any other person residing with the child.

COURT FINDS there have been allegations of domestic violence by each party. COURT FINDS that David pled no contest to a battery domestic violence case, and there was much evidence presented to Dr. Paglini of Christie's volatile and violent behavior. COURT FINDS that even with this behavior, Dr. Paglini concluded that this should not preclude either party from having custody. This factor does not favor either party.

(1) Whether either parent or any other person seeking physical custody has committed any act of abduction against the child or any other children.

COURT FINDS that there was no evidence presented regarding this factor, and is inapplicable.

Based upon the foregoing FINDINGS, the Court states its ORDERS as follows:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that David and Christie are awarded Joint Legal and Joint Physical Custody of the minor children, to wit: Sarah Stucke and David Stucke. Based upon the

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recommendations of Dr. Paglini, the Court FURTHER ORDERS that the parties shall share the children on an approximately 60/40 time share. COURT ORDERS that David shall have the children each week from Monday at 8 a.m. to Friday at 8 a.m., Christie shall have the children from Friday at 8 a.m. to Monday at 8 a.m. David shall also have the 3rd weekend and the 5th weekend of the month (if there are 5 weekends in a given month), from Friday at 8 a.m. to Monday at 8 a.m., and Mom shall have the children from Monday at 8 a.m. to Wednesday at 8 a.m. of the week following David's weekend. The 3rd weekend shall be defined by the weekend that has the 3rd Friday of the month. COURT ORDERS that the parties shall share the children on a week on/week off basis during the summer months, starting the first Friday of the children's summer school break; the schedule shall continue until the weekend before the children return to school, at which point their weekly custody schedule shall be reinstated. The children shall be with David the first week after school ends, in odd years, and shall be with Christie the first week after school ends in even years. COURT ORDERS that the parties shall take their respective vacations during the summer months, and during their own custody time, and shall be no longer than one (1) week, unless otherwise agreed by the parties. If the parties agree to extend vacation longer than the one week as stated herein, they must do so in writing, and provide the other with compensatory time for the time missed, to be exercised immediately after the children return from vacation.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that David and Christie will alternate the holidays, and adhere to the following holiday schedule (if the holiday is not addressed herein, the holiday shall be exercised by the person who has the children on that date, unless otherwise mutually agreed by the parties, for any given holiday):

| EXTENDED HOLIDAYS | ODD YEAR | EVEN YEAR |
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| Thanksgiving: The holiday visitation shall begin the day school ends for Thanksgiving break (or 3:00 p.m. if the children are not in school) and continue until the day school is scheduled to resume (or 9:00 a.m. if the children are not in school). | Dad | Mom |

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| 1 2 3 4 | Christmas/Winter Break: Winter break shall be divided between the parents, with the first block of time commencing when school ends for the Winter Break (or 3:00 p.m. if the children are not in school), and continue until the mid-point of the Winter Break at 12:00 p.m The second block of time shall commence on mid-point at 12:00 p.m. and continue until school is scheduled to resume (or 9:00 a.m. if the children are not in school). If the break has an odd number of days, the second half of the break shall receive the extra day. | | |
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| 5 | First Block | Mom | Dad |
| 6 | Second Block | Dad | Mom |
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| 8 | EXTENDED HOLIDAYS, contd. | ODD MEAD | EVENIVE AD |
| | EATENDED HOLIDATS, conta. | ODD YEAR | EVEN YEAR |
| 9 | Spring Break: The holiday visitation shall begin on the day school ends before the break (or 3:00 p.m. if the children are | ODD YEAR | EVEN YEAR |
| 9 10 | Spring Break: The holiday visitation shall begin on the day school ends before the break (or 3:00 p.m. if the children are not in school) and continue until the day school is scheduled | Dad | Mom |
| | Spring Break: The holiday visitation shall begin on the day school ends before the break (or 3:00 p.m. if the children are | | |
| 10 | Spring Break: The holiday visitation shall begin on the day school ends before the break (or 3:00 p.m. if the children are not in school) and continue until the day school is scheduled | | |

| SPECIAL OCCASIONS | | |
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| (Special Occasions begin at 9:00 a.m. on the individual day and | ODD YEAR | EVEN YEAR |
| continue until 9:00 p.m. on the same day) | | |
| Mother's Day | Mom | Mom |
| Father's Day | Dad | Dad |

CHILD SUPPORT

COURT FINDS that child support should be set pursuant to NAC 425 and the applicable NRS 125B. COURT FINDS David's most recent financial declarations, amongst other testimonial evidence, demonstrate a gross monthly income of \$8,333 per month. Pursuant to NAC 423, applying the formula to David's income, twenty-two percent (22%) of David's gross monthly income is \$1,833.26. COURT FINDS that Christie's most recent financial declaration from 9/2020 shows that she earns \$4,100 per month, her financial declaration just prior to that which was served but never filed (and much more detailed and likely more accurate from the perspective of reporting from where her income is generated) indicates that she earns \$7,228 gross monthly income; the prior filings had incomes of \$4,100 (2/2019), \$7,021 (4/16/2019), and \$6,221 (4/23/2019).

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COURT FINDS that it is almost impossible to discern what is actually Christie's monthly income. Christie is a master of moving money between accounts, utilizing cash on hand, categorizing personal expenses or paying personal expenses through her various business entities, receiving income for one business entity but running it through a different entity, and frankly, making a difficult accounting task almost insurmountable from the Court's perspective. What is obvious from the information provided is that Christie does not accurately report her income on her financial disclosure forms, as the figures provided do not match the cash withdrawals from the various bank accounts owned by Christie, COURT FINDS that while Christie is willing to admit to an income of \$7,223 on February 2020 and various other numbers in that range until just prior to trial in September 2020, the Court FINDS that Christie is able to earn at minimum the same amount of income as David based upon the disclosures and the withdrawals, and thus the Court shall attribute the same amount of income of \$8,333 to Christie for purposes of calculating child support. COURT FINDS that Christie's child support shall be set at \$1,833.26 per month; and when applying the formula which requires the parties to offset each party's child support against the other, then the child support amount in this case shall be ZERO. IT IS HEREBY ORDERED,

CHILDREN'S HEALTH EXPENSES

ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that NEITHER PARTY shall pay child support to the other.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED the cost of the minor children's medical insurance premium shall be paid by David, and said premium shall be shared equally by the parties. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that each party shall pay one-half (½) of all the reasonable and necessary medical, surgical, dental, orthodontic, psychological, and optical expenses of the minor children not paid by any medical or other insurance covering the minor children. Each party shall be responsible for the payment of his or her share of such expenses, regardless of which party actually pays or incurs such expense, and the party actually paying any such expense shall be reimbursed by the other party for his or her one-half (½) share of the same, in accordance with the 30/30 rules. In this regard, within thirty (30) days from the date either party actually incurs and pays for any such medical related expense for the minor children, such party shall provide the other party with the appropriate billing statement and written verification of such

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expense, and such party also shall provide written verification of his or her actual payment of the same. Any such reimbursement required pursuant to the terms of this provision shall be paid within thirty (30) days of the party's receipt of the other party's written request for reimbursement which includes the above-mentioned written verification of such expense having been incurred by the other party, as provided above. IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that if a receipt or request for reimbursement is not tendered within thirty (30) days, the court may consider it a waiver of right to reimbursement. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that if there is no dispute, or payment, of a reimbursement within the prescribed thirty (30) days, the obligated party may be subject to a finding of contempt and appropriate sanctions.

TAX EXEMPTIONS

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that Christie shall be entitled to claim Sarah as a dependent on her tax returns, and David shall be entitled to claim David Orion, as a dependent on his tax returns. When the eldest child reaches the age of majority, then the parties shall alternate claiming David until such time he reaches the age of majority. In the event the current custodial arrangement changes, the COURT retains jurisdiction to modify this provision, as appropriate, so that it properly reflects which party should receive the exemption, pursuant to I.R.S. Tax Code. COURT FINDS that if either party is unable to utilize the child on his/her tax return, the parties may STIPULATE to the transfer the right to claim the children in any given tax year; if the parties do so, the party transferring the right to claim said child shall sign the necessary forms required to transfer the dependency exemption, if required.

LEGAL AUTHORITY REGARDING DIVISION OF ASSETS

THE COURT HEREBY FINDS that this Court considers the following statutory guidance in evaluating the parties' competing property claims. First, Chapter 123 of the Nevada Revised Statutes governs the property rights of a husband and wife. NRS 123.130 defines separate property of a wife and husband while NRS 123.220 defines community property. NRS 125.150 governs the adjudication of property rights, requiring an equal division, unless compelling circumstances exist which warrant a different division. THE COURT FINDS that each party alleged in his/her Complaints that there is community property, owned by the parties.

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COMMUNITY PROPERTY AND SEPARATE PROPERTY

THE COURT FINDS the parties have the following assets to be adjudicated by the Court:

3485 W. Maule Ave., LV, NV (West Maule):

COURT FINDS this property was purchased in July 2015 by David during the parties' domestic partnership. COURT FINDS that David argues that he signed a contract in March and thus the property was his sole and separate property; however, the closing date for the purchase was on July 28 2015. COURT FINDS that the date the property was acquired was during the domestic partnership and the presumption is that the property acquired during this period is community in nature. COURT FINDS that David argues several theories about the parties' intent, but provides no independent evidence of these theories that he was to maintain the property as his own, prior to the marriage, that the domestic partnership was not to have the legal effect that a partnership applies to property acquired during the same, etc. David's argument fails, as the property was purchased during the domestic partnership, the parties then married, and there is no legal writing or contract, pre-nuptial agreement or post-nuptial agreement indicating that this presumed community property was anything other than a community asset.

COURT FURTHER FINDS that the parties stipulated on March 2020 that David was to purchase Christie's interest in the property, and said purchase was to be based upon the stipulated value of \$500,000. COURT FINDS that Christie argued that the home was worth more than this amount at the time of trial, and that she should be bought out at the higher value, but this COURT FINDS that the stipulation is enforceable pursuant to EDCR 7.50, as consent was given by both parties in the minutes for this amount to be applied to the value of the property, when David is to purchase Christie's interest. There was no time frame or expiration date for the stipulated agreement. COURT FINDS that there was a delay in David's refinance of the home, due to Christie's failure to pay the mortgage, leaving David with a problem with his application. Throughout the proceedings, Christie failed to vacate the residence claiming she had no funds to relocate, despite evidence in the record demonstrating that she continued to gamble consistently; she claimed there were no movers, she claimed that she did not have to execute the quitclaim deed,

and intentionally delayed David from moving into the residence and refinancing the loan. COURT FINDS the property is a community asset, acquired during the parties domestic partnership. COURT ORDERS that the David shall be awarded the W. Maule home, and he shall owe Christie one-half of the net equity interest in the home, as of the date of this Decree of Divorce; David shall pay Christie said one-half after he deducts those amounts paid on her behalf for the mortgage and the van.

(*COURT NOTES that David argued the property should have had a *Malmquist* calculation applied to the home, as he argues 1) that he "purchased" the property in March 2015 prior to the domestic partnership 2) that the home was intended to be his separate property until the parties married 3) that there would only be a small share of the home awarded to Christie based upon these arguments. COURT FURTHER FINDS that the Court was not provided a *Malmquist* calculation for the date of trial, and was only provided Exhibits attached to the Pre-Trial Memorandum with a summary of the calculation, and no underlying documentation to support the figures therein. A brief review of the same, show that the figures do not match the mortgage statements for opening loan amount or ending loan balance at time of trial.)

7211 Birkland Court, LV, NV ("Birkland Court")

COURT FINDS that David purchased a home during the marriage at Birkland Court. David testified that the funds came from a pre-marital retirement account, and this Court FINDS this representation credible, especially based upon the parties' conduct thereafter. COURT FINDS that David would own this home with his friend, Jonathon Morrell as his own separate investment. COURT FINDS that David testified that his partner refused to purchase the property with Christie, so he ensured that the entirety of the transaction did not include Christie. COURT FINDS that Christie contended that the reason for the purchase being in David's name was due to her bad credit. David contends that the home was purchased free and clear, and thus the argument that credit was an issue is NOT CREDIBLE. COURT FINDS that Christie executed the documentation for the home to be vested in the name of David, as his sole and separate property, and he and Mr. Morrell purchased the home on April 13, 2018. COURT FINDS that the property was purchased for the business purpose of rental through AirBnb and the property was transferred into an entity

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because the entity was created for the purpose of the partnership entered into by David and Mr. Morrell. COURT FINDS that Christie argues that because the entity was opened during the marriage, and the property already owned by David was transferred into the entity, that this transmutes the property BACK to being a community asset because the entity was formed during the community. COURT FINDS that this shift in the titling of the asset from David as an individual, as his sole and separate property to an entity where the ownership interest is held by David, does not change the character of the separate property, but merely a vehicle for the two owners of the property to take advantage of the protections afforded by the LLC; the entity would be utilized to manage the expenses, document their business arrangement and ownership percentages of the property, the agreement for distribution of profits related to their ownership, as well as being able to deduct the expenses and utilize the tax benefits associated with holding the property in an LLC. This is no different than transferring property to a family trust for estate planning purposes, and the property is identified by the trust as separate property asset. The character of the separate property asset does not change because a trustor takes advantage of the estate planning vehicle. Christie waived her rights and interest in the property. David held title as his sole and separate property and then later held his interest in the LLC, in which the property was the only asset. Colman v. Collier (In re Colman Revocable Living Trust), 136 Nev Adv Rep 13, 460 P.3d 452 (2020), Sprenger v. Sprenger, 110 Nev. 855, 858, 878 P.2d 284, 286 (1994). If David shared with Christie the profits therefrom, then that was a gift to the community. Christie argued that the parties shared in the responsibility for the property, and that she participated heavily in the maintenance and booking of the property, thus it was and intended to be a community asset. COURT FINDS that there was no evidence that the community was owed money from improving the property or to maintain the property.

called JD Investments, LLC, which was created during the marriage, but COURT FINDS that

Christie testified that the parties devoted time, energy, community money, to maintain the property, but no independent evidence was presented about what amounts of community monies were allegedly expended that would demonstrate the community was owed or somehow there was a transmutation of the property, and therefore any claims of this nature are not credible and cannot

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be sustained, and are hereby DENIED. In this regard, David is entitled to the proceeds from the sale of the residence.

3740 Grandview Place, LV NV ("Grandview")

COURT FINDS that another home was purchased during the marriage, in October 2017, at Grandview. COURT FINDS title is held by David as a married man, as his sole and separate property. COURT FINDS takes judicial notice of the fact that in Nevada, in order for a married man to obtain title in real property as his sole and separate property, the wife must sign a deed relinquishing all right, title and interest in the said property, as escrow will not close without her waiver of her community property interest. COURT FINDS that the title of the property for the Grandview residence was vested in David, a married man, as his sole and separate property. Any and all interest in the monies put into the home for down payment as of the date of the purchase would have been waived at the time of the transaction. COURT FINDS that there was testimony from David that the money utilized to purchase the residence were from separate property sources. COURT FINDS that while David was only able to trace some of the funds which were utilized to purchase the home, his testimony and the tracing of which only confirms that the intent was for the property to be David's separate property. COURT FINDS that there was no credible evidence of a credit problem or other reason as to why the home would be put into David's name solely, but still intended to be community property. COURT FINDS that there was no evidence presented at the time of trial that any additional community monies were used to satisfy the debt on the residence, that would have created a claim for community interest. Further, COURT FINDS that if the down payment were in excess of \$80,000 and the sales proceeds were less than the down payment in the amount of \$63,077.55, then the entirety of the proceeds from the Grandview residence should be awarded to David. IT IS SO ORDERED.

Business Interests

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COURT FINDS that the parties testified there were three businesses which were owned an operated by the parties. COURT FINDS that Atomic Radiology contracted with physicians and medical imaging centers to provide imaging services. COURT FINDS that the two other

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businesses were software vendors for the software utilized by clients of Atomic Radiology. COURT FINDS these three businesses were historically Christie's source of income and were profitable. COURT FINDS that unfortunately Christie threatened and it appears made good on the threat that she would ensure David did not receive anything from the businesses. COURT FINDS that during the pendency of the proceedings this Court had difficulty discerning what was Christie's actual income for purposes of child support, and at trial it was no different. COURT FINDS that the difficulty lies in the fact that the accounting for the businesses was not completed by Christie. There were accusations of theft of hard drives and deleting pertinent information. COURT FURTHER FINDS that Christie tended to utilize the business accounts as both business and personal, with transactions occurring between accounts, in casinos, ATM machines, to pay personal expenses, making it almost impossible for the Court to discern what is business income, what is personal income, what are business expenses versus personal expenses. COURT FINDS that the businesses are alter-egos for Christie, as she failed to maintain the separate nature of the entities from her personal transactions. COURT FURTHER FINDS that there were no business valuations presented for the Court to be able to determine a value of the businesses for purposes of dividing the assets or awarding Christie ownership and ascribing an amount for Christie to purchase the business interest from David. In this regard, the Court has no alternative but to award a 50% interest in the business interests to each party. COURT HEREBY ORDERS that the parties each shall be awarded the 50% interest in the entities created during the marriage. COURT FURTHER FINDS that there was some concern that Christie would commence a new business under a new name and attempt to transfer the business away from the current entities to a new entity. COURT CAUTIONS Christie that if this occurs, and it is brought to the Court's attention, the Court may deem such entity to be the same business and a fraudulent effort to divest David of his ownership interest in the same. COURT NOTES, should David choose not to be associated or retain his ownership interest, he has the right to relinquish the same in writing and divest himself of any interest in the businesses, but the Court cannot do so within the decree, as there is no other way to divide the assets presently held by the parties. If David retains his ownership interest, Christie has a fiduciary obligation to her partner and must conduct the businesses in this regard.

MARITAL WASTE

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| COURT FINDS that David alleges there is marital waste in the amount of thousands of |
| dollars in excess of \$100,000. COURT FINDS that David spent inordinate efforts to attempt to |
| clarify this for the Court with the various spreadsheets and financial statements prepared with the |
| information he obtained during discovery, but even then it was difficult to differentiate, as during |
| testimony, it was clear that some of the statements lacked requisite information for the Court to |
| reach a reasonable conclusion (i.e. there were statements presenting purported business profit, but |
| lacked any information relating to business expenses). COURT has reviewed the records prepared |
| by David, and takes into account that David is not a trained professional in this area, but has a |
| mathematical background. COURT FINDS that while it appreciates the efforts expended by David |
| in his preparation of financial statements with the assistance of his girlfriend who is in the |
| accounting field, the Court cannot find that they are reliable for purposes of making a finding of |
| marital waste. While the Court CAN make the finding that Christie functions in such a manner that |
| causes this Court to question all of her financial dealings - unfortunately those financial dealings |
| were not put to the test by an expert who could have evaluated the records. COURT FINDS that |
| $the information\ provided\ by\ David\ definitely\ convinced\ this\ Court\ that\ Christie\ had\ access\ to\ funds$ |
| in excess of what she presented to the Court at the time of the interim hearings, but it is impossible |
| for this Court to discern what Christie did with the money, what money was transferred between |
| businesses, what paid for personal expenses, and what was utilized by Christie for this venture of |
| advantage gambling, or just recreational gambling. COURT FINDS that Christie's credibility is |
| questionable as it pertains to her representations, as the Court can plainly see that Christie |
| continued to withdraw cash from the business; she did so in gaming establishments, and then |
| expects the Court to believe she did so to pay business expenses. This Court rejects such a notion. |
| HOWEVER, the Court cannot be tasked with performing its own accounting of those transactions |
| within the financial statements, to make a determination as to which transactions were personal, |
| $business, gambling, without an expert forensic accounting of said transactions. \ COURT AGREES$ |
| with the representations made by Christie's counsel that this Court is unable to make the finding, |
| after a review of the documents admitted into evidence, to determine the actual amount of waste. |

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In this regard, while the Court believes there is likely wasteful spending and potential concealment of monies by Christie, he Court must DENY the claim for recovery of a sum certain of wasted funds. COURT FINDS however that the evidence supports the Orders that Christie be responsible for the expenses of the business, any tax ramifications associated with the business, as she has been the party solely operating the business, as well as the party who has sole access to the funds received by the business, which she used for her sole support and enjoyment, and did not utilize for purposes of paying community expenses, as ordered by the Court.

VEHICLES

Each party shall hereby be awarded the vehicle in his/her possession.

FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that Christie shall be awarded any and all financial accounts titled in her name solely (each party utilizes his/her own accounts to function and pay bills on a monthly basis based upon this Court's distribution of community income, so the value of these accounts vary from day to day).

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that David shall be awarded any and all financial accounts titled in his name, including, (each party utilizes his/her own accounts to function and pay bills on a monthly basis based upon this Court's distribution of community income, so the value of these accounts vary from day to day).

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that any and all retirement accounts shall be divided pursuant to the time rule, pursuant to *Gemma* and *Fondi*. COURT FINDS that it did not receive independent documentary evidence of the actual value of the retirement accounts which may be presently owned by the parties, but reference was made to the same, and thus, they acknowledge the accounts were in existence at the time of the trial. In this regard, the parties shall divide equally any and all retirement accounts COURT ORDERS that David's counsel prepare the requisite orders necessary to effectuate the division of said retirement account(s).

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FURNITURE AND FURNISHINGS

THE COURT HEREBY FINDS that neither party made any specific claims regarding the furniture and furnishings in either party's possession. COURT FINDS that certain property has already been divided by the parties, and there are certain furniture and furnishings remaining in the marital home. COURT FINDS that if the parties are unable to reach a resolution within 10 days of the date of this Decree of Divorce, then this Court hereby modifies its prior orders and orders David shall inventory all of the property owned by the parties (those in Christie's and David's possession), and prepare two lists A and B, with as equal a value as possible without having to have the properties valued. COURT ORDERS that David shall provide these two lists to his counsel within 30 days of the date of this Decree of Divorce, and Christie will be entitled to choose the list she desires to keep, and David will be left with the items on the remaining list. COURT ORDERS that Christie must make her selection within 7 days of receipt of the lists. Should she fail to make her selection in writing, then David will be entitled to choose the list he desires. COURT FINDS that the parties shall arrange with counsel the exchange of any items not already in his/her possession.

REMAINING PERSONAL PROPERTY

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that each party shall be awarded their individual clothing, shoes, accessories, jewelry, personal memorabilia and related personal property, already in his/her possession, or which may remain in the possession of the other. David has raised his desire to have his personal possessions returned, many of which have been resolved. David claims there remain items in Christie's possession, which she disputes. Christie is ORDERED to return any and all personal items, memorabilia, jewelry and effects which are in her possession, when she locates them.

DEBTS AND OBLIGATIONS

COURT FINDS the following debts are owed by the community:

TAX LIABILITIES

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that debts and obligations accumulated during a marriage are community in nature. *Wolff v. Wolff*, 112 Nev. 1355 (1996); *Fuller v. Fuller*, 106 Nev. 404

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(1990); NRS 125.150(1)(b). COURT received no independent evidence as to the extent of what is or potentially may be the parties' income tax debt and therefore this Court is unable to specifically identify the amount which may be owed by the parties and who should assume said obligations. COURT ORDERS that each shall be entitled to file his/her own tax returns for the tax year 2021. Any tax filings prior to that tax year, if not already filed, shall be filed in the manner in which the parties deem appropriate for themselves individually or jointly.

CREDIT CARDS

COURT HEREBY ORDERS that each party shall assume, pay, indemnify and defend any and all debt currently owed, in his/her name solely, or incurred on his/her behalf.

CHRISTIE'S FAILURE TO PAY THE W. MAULE MORTGAGE AND VAN PAYMENT

COURT FINDS that Christie unilaterally stopped paying her portion of the monthly expenses starting in late December 2019. Christie was ordered to pay the monthly mortgage on the W. Maule residence, as well as the monthly loan payments on the 2015 Chrysler Van. Commencing in December 2019, she alleged that she did not have the income to make the payments, and she could not afford to satisfy the obligations. David contested the same, and indicated that Christie continued to gamble at the same time she said she was broke.

COURT FINDS it did not have the requisite financial information to confirm or deny that Christie had the funds to pay the expenses, so David was required to withdraw the funds from trust, which held the proceeds from the sale of a residence, and David paid the same on behalf of Christie, which was to be offset from any monies she was to receive in the divorce. COURT FINDS that by the time the Pre-Trial Memorandum was filed the sum of \$15,992.80 was owed for the mortgage payments, and \$2,321.20 was owed on the van payments. COURT ORDERS that David is to be repaid said sums from Christie's portion of the community property, as Christie did not prove that she was unable to pay, and in fact, the evidence demonstrated that she deposited and withdrew significant funds from her business accounts, which could have been used to pay the mortgage and van payments, and Christie's explanation as to why she failed to do so, and alleged poverty was not credible. COURT FINDS that it is without the updated information as to the total amounts paid by David as of the date of this Decree, but David is entitled to be reimbursed all

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payments made on behalf of Christie; upon proof of payment of the additional monies, the amount set forth herein, as well as the additional amounts paid by David since the filing of the Pre-Trial Memorandum, through the date of this Decree.

ALIMONY

COURT FINDS that it must consider the following factors when making an alimony award as enumerated in NRS 125.150(9):

- (a) The financial condition of each spouse;
- The nature and value of the respective property of each spouse: (b)
- The contribution of each spouse to any property held by the spouses, pursuant to NRS 123.030;
- The duration of the marriage; (d)
- The income, earning capacity, age and health of each spouse; (e)
- The standard of living during the marriage; (f)
- The career before the marriage of the spouse who would receive the (g) alimony:
- The existence of specialized education or training or the level of marketable (h) skills attained by each spouse during the marriage;
- The contribution of either spouse as homemaker;
- The award of property granted by the court in the divorce, other than child (i) support and alimony, to the spouse who would receive the alimony;
- The physical and mental condition of each party as it relates to the financial (k) condition, health, and ability to work, of that spouse.

COURT FINDS that neither party sought alimony from the other, and therefore this issue is foreclosed, and ORDERS there shall be no alimony award.

ATTORNEY'S FEES

THE COURT HEREBY FINDS that attorney's fees in this matter are governed by NRS 18.010, EDCR 7.60, and may make an award of fees pursuant to Sargeant v. Sargeant, 88 Nev. 223, 495 P.2d 618 (1972), to ensure that each party meets his adversary on equal footing at trial. COURT FINDS that each party seeks attorney's fees from the Court. COURT FINDS that if either party seeks attorney's fees, such request is permitted pursuant to NRCP 54, upon Motion for postjudgment award of fees.

MISCELLANEOUS

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that each party shall execute any and all legal documents, certificates of title, bills of sale, quitclaim deeds or other evidence of transfer necessary to effectuate this Decree within thirty (30) days of the entry of the Decree of Divorce, unless specified otherwise herein. Should either party fail to execute any of said

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documents to transfer interest to the other, then the parties shall seek relief from this Court pursuant to NRCP 70, so that the Court may determine whether the Clerk of the Court shall sign the necessary documentation on behalf of the non-signing party; in doing so, the Court will empower the Clerk of the Court to sign, on behalf of the non-signing party, any of the said documents of transfer which have not been executed by the party otherwise responsible for such.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that if any claim, action or proceeding is brought seeking to hold the other party liable on account of any debt, obligation, liability, act or omission assumed by the other party, such party will, at his or her sole expense, defend the other against any such claim or demand and that he or she will indemnify, defend and hold harmless the other party.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that if any joint debt, obligation, liability, act or omission creating such liability has been omitted from this Decree and is subsequently discovered, either party may petition the Court for an allocation of that debt, obligation, liability, or liability arising from such act or omission, as permitted by statute.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that except as specifically set forth herein, each party hereto is released and absolved from any and all obligations and liabilities for future acts and duties of the other, and except as specified herein, each of the parties hereby releases the other from any and all liabilities, debts, or obligations of every kind or character incurred up to this date.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that Christie has the right to exercise the option and may to return to her maiden name, to wit: CHRISTIE MARTIN, if she chooses.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that each party shall provide the information required by NRS 125.130, NRS 125.230, and NRS 125B.055 on a separate form to be submitted to the Court and the Welfare Division of the Department of Human Resources ("Welfare Division") within ten (10) days from the date of the entry of this Decree of Divorce. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that each party shall update such information submitted to this Court and the Welfare Division within ten (10) days should any of the information required to be

provided become inaccurate. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that such information shall be maintained by the Clerk of this Court and the Welfare Division in a confidential manner, and the same shall not be part of the public records.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the Court retains jurisdiction of the parties and the subject matter hereof for the purpose of making such other and further orders as relates to the care, custody, support and maintenance of the minor children of the parties as the Court may deem proper from time to time hereafter during the minority of said children.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that in the event either party believes this Court is in error, the parties should avail themselves of the remedies available, including but not limited to Post-trial Motions pursuant to NRCP 52(b), NRCP 59, and NRCP 60.

STATUTORY NOTICES

THE PARTIES ARE HEREBY ON NOTICE that they may request a review of child support every three years pursuant to NRS 125B.145.

THE PARTIES ARE HEREBY ON NOTICE that the non-custodial parent may be subject to the withholding of wages and commissions for delinquent payments of support pursuant to NRS 31A.010, et. seq. and NRS 125.450(2).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that Nevada, United States of America is the habitual residence of the parties' minor child.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the parties and each of them shall be bound by the provisions of NRS125C.0045(6) which states in pertinent part:

VIOLATION OF PENALTY FOR ORDER: THE ABDUCTION, CONCEALMENT OR DETENTION OF A CHILD IN VIOLATION OF THIS ORDER IS PUNISHABLE AS A CATEGORY D FELONY AS PROVIDED IN NRS 193.130. NRS 200.359 provides that every person having a limited right of custody to a child or any parent having no right to custody to the child who willfully detains, conceals or removes the child from a parent, guardian or other person having lawful custody or a right of visitation of the child in violation of an order of this court, or removes the child from the jurisdiction of the court without the consent of either the court or all the persons who have the right to custody or visitation is subject to being punished for a category D felony as provided in NRS 193.130.

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DAO 1 2 EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT FAMILY DIVISION 3 CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA 4 DAVID STUCKE, 5 Plaintiff, 6 CASE NO. D-18-580621-D v. DEPT NO. F 7 CHRISTIE STUCKE, Date of Hearing: 9/10/2020, 12/09/2020 8 12/10/2020, 12/11/2020, 12/17/2020 Defendant. 9 10

FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND DECREE OF DIVORCE FROM TRIAL

THE ABOVE MATTER having come on regularly for Trial before the Honorable Judge DENISE GENTILE, for non-jury trial with Plaintiff, DAVID STUCKE ("Plaintiff" or "DAVID"), having appeared personally, and by and through his attorney, VINCENT MAYO, ESQ., and Defendant, CHRISTIE ("Defendant" or CHRISTIE"), having appeared personally by and through her attorney of record, FRED PAGE, ESQ. The Court heard the evidence of the witnesses sworn and examined in open court, which included the parties, Christie and David and John Paglini, PsyD. This Court had the opportunity to assess the demeanor and credibility of the witnesses. The Court examined documentary exhibits admitted into evidence - Plaintiff's Exhibits 1(b), 2, 12(a), (b), and ©, 13-16, 21, 22, 26, 27, 29, 33-37, 39-42, 43(a) and (b), 44, 45(a) and (b), 46 (a) and (b), 47-50, 69, 86, 87, 121, 135, 136, 139, 140, 142, 153, 182, 184, 192, 194-198, 202, 204, 206, 207, 207(a), 208 - 217 were admitted; Defendant's Exhibits A-E were admitted. Being advised as to the law in this case and good cause appearing, this Court renders its decision, as follows:

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HISTORY OF THE CASE

THE COURT FINDS that the parties were married on May 28, 2016. The parties have two children, Sarah Stucke, born July 22, 2016, age 4, and David Orion Stuck, born March 30, 2018, age 2. COURT FINDS that David filed this action on November 28, 2018. An Answer was filed by Christie on December 13, 2018. COURT FINDS that this matter was hotly contested and

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litigated with various motions, discovery disputes, numerous hearings in front of the Court, which included custody, support orders, and related interim issues pertaining to the parties. The parties were not sent to mediation because a joint physical custody schedule was entered by the TPO hearing master, which was confirmed and adopted by this Court. The Court heard various motions entered temporary family support orders, based upon the representations made by the parties as to their financial situations. The case was set for trial after 2 years of discovery and litigation, and this Decree follows:

Preliminary Findings

THE COURT HEREBY FINDS that the Court, as part of the process in formulating the decision, listened to the testimony of witnesses and reviewed the Exhibits offered by the parties that were admitted into the record. THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that the issues before the Court included child custody, child support, the division of assets and debts, confirmation of separate property, and attorney's fees.

The COURT FURTHER FINDS it is to the satisfaction of the Court that the parties are residents of Nevada, as it was undisputed they have lived in the state of Nevada, and based upon the parties' testimony, it is to the satisfaction of the Court that residence is established at least six (6) weeks prior to the commencement of the action.. THE COURT HEREBY FINDS that it has jurisdiction over these parties and the subject matter. THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that the parties are incompatible, with no possibility of reconciliation.

TERMINATION OF THE PARTIES' MARRIAGE

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the bonds of matrimony existing between Christie and David be, and the same are wholly dissolved, and an absolute Decree of Divorce is hereby granted to Christie and David, and each of the parties is restored to the status of a single, unmarried person.

CUSTODY

COURT FINDS the parties have two children, born of this marriage, Sarah Stucke, age 4, and David Stucke, age 2. COURT FINDS the applicable statutory authority that governs this case is as follows:

| 1 | NRS 125C.001 State Policy. The legislature declares that it is the policy of this state: |
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| 2 | 1. To ensure that minor children have frequent associations and a continuing relationship with both parents after the parents have ended their relationship, |
| 3 | become separated or dissolved their marriage; 2. To encourage such parents to share the rights and responsibilities of child |
| 4 | rearing; and 3. To establish that such parents have an equivalent duty to provide their minor |
| 5 | children with necessary maintenance, health care, education and financial support. As used in this subsection, "equivalent" must not be construed to mean that both |
| 7 | parents are responsible for providing the same amount of financial support to their children. |
| 8 | NRS 125C.0015 Parents have joint custody until otherwise ordered by court. 1. The parent and child relationship extends equally to every child and to every |
| 9 | parent, regardless of the marital status of the parents. 2. If a court has not made a determination regarding the custody of a child, each |
| 10 | parent has joint legal custody and joint physical custody of the child until otherwise ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction. |
| 11 | LEGAL CUSTODY |
| 12 | COURT FINDS that NRS 125C.002 provides the court with its authority for establishing |
| 13 | joint legal custody, as follows: |
| 14 | 1. When a court is making a determination regarding the legal custody of a child, |
| 15 | there is a presumption, affecting the burden of proof, that joint legal custody would be in the best interest of a minor child if: |
| 16 | (a) The parents have agreed to an award of joint legal custody or so agree in open court at a hearing for the purpose of determining the legal custody of the |
| 17 | minor child; or (b) A parent has demonstrated, or has attempted to demonstrate but has had |
| 18 | his or her efforts frustrated by the other parent, an intent to establish a meaningful relationship with the minor child. |
| 19 | The court may award joint legal custody without awarding joint physical custody. |
| 20 | COURT FINDS the neither party presented a case to overcome the presumption that it is |
| 21 | in the children's best interests for the court to order joint legal custody; therefore, IT IS HEREBY |
| 22 | ORDERED that each party is awarded Joint Legal Custody of the minor children. |
| 23 | PHYSICAL CUSTODY |
| 24 | NRS 125C.0025 Joint physical custody. |
| 25 26 | 1. When a court is making a determination regarding the physical custody of a child, there is a preference that joint physical custody would be in the best interest of a minor child if: |
| DENISE L. GENTILE DISTRICT JUDGE FAMILY DIVISION DEPT. F 27 | (a) The parents have agreed to an award of joint physical custody or so agree in open court at a hearing for the purpose of determining the physical custody |
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(b) A parent has demonstrated, or has attempted to demonstrate but has had his or her efforts frustrated by the other parent, an intent to establish a meaningful relationship with the minor child. 2. For assistance in determining whether an award of joint physical custody is

appropriate, the court may direct that an investigation be conducted.

NRS 125C.0035 Best interests of child: Joint physical custody; preferences; presumptions when court determines parent or person seeking custody is perpetrator of domestic violence or has committed act of abduction against child or any other child.

1. In any action for determining physical custody of a minor child, the sole consideration of the court is the best interest of the child. If it appears to the court that joint physical custody would be in the best interest of the child, the court may grant physical custody to the parties jointly.

2. Preference must not be given to either parent for the sole reason that the parent

is the mother or the father of the child.

3. The court shall award physical custody in the following order of preference unless in a particular case the best interest of the child requires otherwise:

(a) To both parents jointly pursuant to NRS 125C.0025 or to either parent pursuant to NRS 125C.003. If the court does not enter an order awarding joint physical custody of a child after either parent has applied for joint physical custody, the court shall state in its decision the reason for its denial of the parent's application.

(b) To a person or persons in whose home the child has been living and where the child has had a wholesome and stable environment.

© To any person related within the fifth degree of consanguinity to the child whom the court finds suitable and able to provide proper care and guidance for the child, regardless of whether the relative resides within this State.

(d) To any other person or persons whom the court finds suitable and able

to provide proper care and guidance for the child.

The Nevada Supreme Court has held that in custody matters, the polestar for judicial decision is the best interest of the child, the court has broad discretion. The Supreme Court has held that the district court must make specific findings and provide an adequate explanation of the reasons for a child custody determination, and must tie it to the best interest factors enumerated by statute, and any other relevant factors relevant to the determination. Davis v. Ewalefo, 131 Nev. Adv. Op 45, 352 P3d 1139 (2015).

COURT FINDS that the parties shared joint physical custody during the pendency of the action. COURT FINDS that David and Christie could not agree on the final custodial orders and thus, the Court granted permission for Dr. John Paglini to conduct a child custody evaluation, at David's request. COURT FINDS that after a lengthy period of conducting the evaluation; the custody evaluation was completed on July 27, 2020; including the national pandemic, several factors delayed the divorce trial, but the Court was finally able to hear testimony from Dr. Paglini at the second day of the parties' divorce trial conducted on 12/09/2020. COURT FINDS that Dr.

Paglini's report was admitted as evidence, Plaintiff's Exhibit 207(a). COURT FINDS that Dr. Paglini's report was 88 pages and very detailed as to his findings and recommendations. COURT FINDS that it adopts Dr. Paglini's findings and recommendations, as though set forth fully herein. Dr. Paglini's report and testimony were CREDIBLE and are fair and even-handed when evaluating the parties, their behaviors, and what is best for the parties' minor children.

Based upon the FINDINGS OF FACT, the Court makes the following CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND ORDERS:

NRS 125C.0035(4) states: In determining the best interest of the child, the court shall consider and set forth its specific findings concerning, among other things:

(a) The wishes of the child if the child is of sufficient age and capacity to form an intelligent preference as to his or her physical custody.

Based upon the foregoing Court FINDS there was no testimony presented about this factor, and therefore inapplicable.

(b) Any nomination of a guardian for the child by a parent.

Neither party presented evidence of this factor. This factor is inapplicable.

© Which parent is more likely to allow the child to have frequent associations and a continuing relationship with the noncustodial parent.

Again this Court adopts the findings of Dr. Paglini on this issue. The Court is aware of the struggles experienced during this case and the difficulty the parties have had co-parenting. COURT FINDS that the most concerning was the continued theme learned about Christie in her efforts to gain leverage or control in the custody proceedings. COURT FINDS that Christie made various allegations against David, all in an attempt to gain an advantage, but none of which was substantiated. COURT FINDS that Christie made allegations to denigrate David's image with the Court, such as he was a cheater, that he raped her, that he was a pedophile, but also admitted in some regards that he was good with the children. COURT FINDS that the context of each of such allegations tended to occur when she was unable to gain ground in the divorce action, or there were questions relating to her financial dealings, thus detracting the focus from what would otherwise have been directed to the parties' money issues. COURT FINDS that Dr. Paglini's report addresses this issue extensively in his factual recitation of the numerous reports of the parties regarding the

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above issues. COURT FINDS that Dr. Paglini asserts and this Court ADOPTS that if David Stuck truly were a pedophile or did in fact abuse his daughter, this would have serious ramifications on the custodial recommendations and ultimately the orders. COURT CONFIRMS that there was no evidence presented at trial to suggest that David was a pedophile, and Dr. Paglini's observation of the children with their father indicated they were very bonded, while this would have been the opportunity to observe discomfort of an issue between David and his daughter. COURT FURTHER FINDS that Dr. Paglini asserts and this Court ADOPTS that if Ms. Stucke created sex abuse claims or rape allegations for secondary gains, this would be the ultimate act of parental alienation, and the Court would clearly give David primary custody. COURT ALSO FINDS that there is evidence that Christie has a history of making similar allegations in her prior divorce with the father of her elder children, which calls into question her credibility. However, her ex-husband was unwilling to disparage Christie or offer negative testimony about Christie as he indicated to Dr. Paglini that he and Christie have a good relationship now, and that she is a good mother. But, there was a point when the relationship was not so cooperative.

While David attempted to utilize these findings by Dr. Paglini as a reason to seek primary custody, Dr. Paglini testified that while the allegations of sexual abuse may not have been substantiated, it does not mean that Christie reported it out of spite, but could have reported it because she believed her daughter, as parents want to believe their children, and certainly do not want to be in a position where they have chosen to ignore their children's claims of abuse, and then it turns out to be true, so parents WANT to believe their children. COURT FINDS in conclusion, that neither law enforcement, investigative agencies, nor Dr. Paglini or the Court could find that any of such allegations were true. In this regard, this Court FINDS that it could find neither scenario to be presented in the evidence admitted at trial. As it relates to this factor, there were copious amounts of facts included in Dr. Paglini's report, and this Court adopts them herein. This factor does not favor either party. See Dr. Paglini's report, Exhibit 207(a).

(d) The level of conflict between the parents.

COURT FINDS that there is a high level of conflict between the parties at this time, due to these proceedings; however, this Court believes once the case has concluded, the level of conflict

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should subside to a degree, as this litigation has played a role in the parties' acrimonious relationship. COURT FINDS that the Court's Orders should establish parameters within which the parties shall function, and there should be a reduction in conflict and also instruction for those behaviors the parties should avoid in the future, in order to reduce conflict. Dr. Paglini acknowledged that Christie has demonstrated her dislike for David, and has expressed so in front of the children, and has expressed that if it continues, it would be a hindrance to the parties' ability to co-parent moving forward. This factor favors David. See Dr. Paglini's report, Exhibit 207(a).

(e) The ability of the parents to cooperate to meet the needs of the child.

Other than the acrimony in the parties' divorce, and the issues that have been identified herein and in Dr. Paglini's report, COURT FINDS that historically, both parties have been able to cooperate to meet the needs of the minor children, as evidenced by the testimony at trial.

(f) The mental and physical health of the parents.

There was a concern for Christie's mental health as Dr. Paglini referred to her emotional dysregulation and the increased dysregulation over time when she was upset with David, when she was jealous or angry with David; COURT FINDS that there is concern for Christie's assaults on David and her continued disparagement of David in the presence of the children which could have lasting effects on the children. COURT FINDS that Dr. Paglini indicates Christie is not aware of the impact this behavior would have on the children, and needs to be more mindful of the same. Dr. Paglini noted that David tended to video record certain incidents with Christie that caused the situation to escalate, and cause additional frustration. COURT FINDS that said behavior of each party was intended to prove a point, and caused frustration to the other party, without concern for how this would affect the children. COURT FINDS that Dr. Paglini determined David appreciated the impact this could have on the children, while Christie chose to focus on blaming David for instigating the incidents. COURT FINDS that Dr. Paglini reports Christie also has admitted she has borderline personality disorder - sufferers of such disorder tend to be a challenge in relationships as they are emotional over-reactive or dysregulated, over idealize and devalue very quickly. COURT FINDS that Dr. Paglini's recommendation is that whether Christie suffers from Borderline Personality or not, she needs to learn to regulate her anger/emotions and to express

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herself in a more appropriate manner, and should be addressed in therapy (this will be addressed herein below in the Orders). While Dr. Paglini did not identify specific mental health factors that would prevent either parent from being able to parent the children, Dr. Paglini raised issues of concern that if continued to be present or if increased may support a change in custody in the future. See Dr. Paglini's Report, Exhibit 207(a).

(g) The physical, developmental and emotional needs of the child.

COURT FINDS that it needs to reiterate the concerns raised herein about the issues that exist with the emotional dysregulation of Christie, and the continued acrimony that exists between both parents, to the extent that the children are potentially pawns in the process. COURT FINDS that while neither party demonstrated that either was incapable of providing the children what they need on a day to day basis, physically, developmentally, emotionally, as a loving and caring parent, each parent has behaved in such a way during this process and while in the process of the dissolution of their relationship, that neither took into consideration that the triggering of the other would create tension and behavior in the household to be witnessed by the children, NOT meeting the children's emotional needs, but putting their own needs to win, gain an advantage, or prove a point came first. Does this Court believes that each parent loves the children, yes. Does this Court believe each is capable of meeting the physical, developmental and emotional needs of the children, yes. Dr. Paglini's report indicates that each is a good parent, the children love their parents, and the children are cared for, despite the negative interaction between the parents. COURT FINDS that this factor does not favor either parent, but CAUTIONS both parents to be mindful of the fact that while you may be able to feed, clothe, educate, and care for the children on a daily basis, their emotional needs are important, and often the effects of your misconduct toward each other causes an intangible effect that will come to light in later years, while the children are attempting to conduct themselves in relationships, either familial or romantic type relationships. You are your children's role models; straighten up and act like the two highly intelligent individuals capable of understanding that a moment of indiscretion or inappropriate behavior may affect your children for a lifetime. See Dr. Paglini's Report, Exhibit 207(a).

(h) The nature of the relationship of the child with each parent.

Based upon the testimony, and the report of Dr. Paglini, COURT FINDS the relationship of the children with their parents is good. There was no evidence presented by either parent to suggest otherwise, and Dr. Paglini indicates that during his observations the children were comfortable and bonded with their parents.

(i) The ability of the child to maintain a relationship with any sibling.

COURT FINDS there are no other minor siblings; therefore the ability of the children to maintain a relationship with any sibling is a non-issue, as these children remain together in the custody schedule. COURT FINDS that Christie has children who are much older than the children in this case and Christie is able to ensure the younger children maintain relationship with their elder siblings during her timeshare.

(j) Any history of parental abuse or neglect of the child or a sibling of the child.

COURT FINDS that while there have been multiple reports to CPS and a criminal investigation, there was no evidence presented related to abuse or neglect of the children. This factor is inapplicable.

(k) Whether either parent or any other person seeking physical custody has engaged in an act of domestic violence against the child, a parent of the child or any other person residing with the child.

COURT FINDS there have been allegations of domestic violence by each party. COURT FINDS that David pled no contest to a battery domestic violence case, and there was much evidence presented to Dr. Paglini of Christie's volatile and violent behavior. COURT FINDS that even with this behavior, Dr. Paglini concluded that this should not preclude either party from having custody. This factor does not favor either party.

(l) Whether either parent or any other person seeking physical custody has committed any act of abduction against the child or any other children.

COURT FINDS that there was no evidence presented regarding this factor, and is inapplicable.

Based upon the foregoing FINDINGS, the Court states its ORDERS as follows:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that David and Christie are awarded Joint Legal and Joint Physical Custody of the minor children, to wit: Sarah Stucke and David Stucke. Based upon the

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recommendations of Dr. Paglini, the Court FURTHER ORDERS that the parties shall share the children on an approximately 60/40 time share. COURT ORDERS that David shall have the children each week from Monday at 8 a.m. to Friday at 8 a.m., Christie shall have the children from Friday at 8 a.m. to Monday at 8 a.m. David shall also have the 3rd weekend and the 5th weekend of the month (if there are 5 weekends in a given month), from Friday at 8 a.m. to Monday at 8 a.m., and Mom shall have the children from Monday at 8 a.m. to Wednesday at 8 a.m. of the week following David's weekend. The 3rd weekend shall be defined by the weekend that has the 3rd Friday of the month. COURT ORDERS that the parties shall share the children on a week on/week off basis during the summer months, starting the first Friday of the children's summer school break; the schedule shall continue until the weekend before the children return to school, at which point their weekly custody schedule shall be reinstated. The children shall be with David the first week after school ends, in odd years, and shall be with Christie the first week after school ends in even years. COURT ORDERS that the parties shall take their respective vacations during the summer months, and during their own custody time, and shall be no longer than one (1) week, unless otherwise agreed by the parties. If the parties agree to extend vacation longer than the one week as stated herein, they must do so in writing, and provide the other with compensatory time for the time missed, to be exercised immediately after the children return from vacation.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that David and Christie will alternate the holidays, and adhere to the following holiday schedule (if the holiday is not addressed herein, the holiday shall be exercised by the person who has the children on that date, unless otherwise mutually agreed by the parties, for any given holiday):

| EXTENDED HOLIDAYS | ODD YEAR | EVEN YEAR |
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| Thanksgiving: The holiday visitation shall begin the day school ends for Thanksgiving break (or 3:00 p.m. if the children are not in school) and continue until the day school is scheduled to resume (or 9:00 a.m. if the children are not in school). | Dad | Mom |

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| 1 2 3 4 | Christmas/Winter Break: Winter break shall be divided between the parents, with the first block of time commencing when school ends for the Winter Break (or 3:00 p.m. if the children are not in school), and continue until the mid-point of the Winter Break at 12:00 p.m The second block of time shall commence on mid-point at 12:00 p.m. and continue until school is scheduled to resume (or 9:00 a.m. if the children are not in school). If the break has an odd number of days, the second half of the break shall receive the extra day. | | |
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| 5 | First Block | Mom | Dad |
| 6 | Second Block | Dad | Mom |
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| 8 | EXTENDED HOLIDAYS, contd. | ODD YEAR | EVEN YEAR |
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| 9 | Spring Break: The holiday visitation shall begin on the day school ends before the break (or 3:00 p.m. if the children are | | |
| 9 | school ends before the break (or 3:00 p.m. if the children are not in school) and continue until the day school is scheduled | Dad | Mom |
| | school ends before the break (or 3:00 p.m. if the children are | Dad | Mom |
| 10 | school ends before the break (or 3:00 p.m. if the children are not in school) and continue until the day school is scheduled | Dad | Mom |

| SPECIAL OCCASIONS | | |
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| (Special Occasions begin at 9:00 a.m. on the individual day and | ODD YEAR | EVEN YEAR |
| continue until 9:00 p.m. on the same day) | | |
| Mother's Day | Mom | Mom |
| Father's Day | Dad | Dad |

CHILD SUPPORT

COURT FINDS that child support should be set pursuant to NAC 425 and the applicable NRS 125B. COURT FINDS David's most recent financial declarations, amongst other testimonial evidence, demonstrate a gross monthly income of \$8,333 per month. Pursuant to NAC 423, applying the formula to David's income, twenty-two percent (22%) of David's gross monthly income is \$1,833.26. COURT FINDS that Christie's most recent financial declaration from 9/2020 shows that she earns \$4,100 per month, her financial declaration just prior to that which was served but never filed (and much more detailed and likely more accurate from the perspective of reporting from where her income is generated) indicates that she earns \$7,228 gross monthly income; the prior filings had incomes of \$4,100 (2/2019), \$7,021 (4/16/2019), and \$6,221 (4/23/2019).

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COURT FINDS that it is almost impossible to discern what is actually Christie's monthly income. Christie is a master of moving money between accounts, utilizing cash on hand, categorizing personal expenses or paying personal expenses through her various business entities, receiving income for one business entity but running it through a different entity, and frankly, making a difficult accounting task almost insurmountable from the Court's perspective. What is obvious from the information provided is that Christie does not accurately report her income on her financial disclosure forms, as the figures provided do not match the cash withdrawals from the various bank accounts owned by Christie, COURT FINDS that while Christie is willing to admit to an income of \$7,223 on February 2020 and various other numbers in that range until just prior to trial in September 2020, the Court FINDS that Christie is able to earn at minimum the same amount of income as David based upon the disclosures and the withdrawals, and thus the Court shall attribute the same amount of income of \$8,333 to Christie for purposes of calculating child support. COURT FINDS that Christie's child support shall be set at \$1,833.26 per month; and when applying the formula which requires the parties to offset each party's child support against the other, then the child support amount in this case shall be ZERO. IT IS HEREBY ORDERED,

CHILDREN'S HEALTH EXPENSES

ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that NEITHER PARTY shall pay child support to the other.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED the cost of the minor children's medical insurance premium shall be paid by David, and said premium shall be shared equally by the parties. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that each party shall pay one-half (½) of all the reasonable and necessary medical, surgical, dental, orthodontic, psychological, and optical expenses of the minor children not paid by any medical or other insurance covering the minor children. Each party shall be responsible for the payment of his or her share of such expenses, regardless of which party actually pays or incurs such expense, and the party actually paying any such expense shall be reimbursed by the other party for his or her one-half (½) share of the same, in accordance with the 30/30 rules. In this regard, within thirty (30) days from the date either party actually incurs and pays for any such medical related expense for the minor children, such party shall provide the other party with the appropriate billing statement and written verification of such

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expense, and such party also shall provide written verification of his or her actual payment of the same. Any such reimbursement required pursuant to the terms of this provision shall be paid within thirty (30) days of the party's receipt of the other party's written request for reimbursement which includes the above-mentioned written verification of such expense having been incurred by the other party, as provided above. IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that if a receipt or request for reimbursement is not tendered within thirty (30) days, the court may consider it a waiver of right to reimbursement. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that if there is no dispute, or payment, of a reimbursement within the prescribed thirty (30) days, the obligated party may be subject to a finding of contempt and appropriate sanctions.

TAX EXEMPTIONS

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that Christie shall be entitled to claim Sarah as a dependent on her tax returns, and David shall be entitled to claim David Orion, as a dependent on his tax returns. When the eldest child reaches the age of majority, then the parties shall alternate claiming David until such time he reaches the age of majority. In the event the current custodial arrangement changes, the COURT retains jurisdiction to modify this provision, as appropriate, so that it properly reflects which party should receive the exemption, pursuant to I.R.S. Tax Code. COURT FINDS that if either party is unable to utilize the child on his/her tax return, the parties may STIPULATE to the transfer the right to claim the children in any given tax year; if the parties do so, the party transferring the right to claim said child shall sign the necessary forms required to transfer the dependency exemption, if required.

LEGAL AUTHORITY REGARDING DIVISION OF ASSETS

THE COURT HEREBY FINDS that this Court considers the following statutory guidance in evaluating the parties' competing property claims. First, Chapter 123 of the Nevada Revised Statutes governs the property rights of a husband and wife. NRS 123.130 defines separate property of a wife and husband while NRS 123.220 defines community property. NRS 125.150 governs the adjudication of property rights, requiring an equal division, unless compelling circumstances exist which warrant a different division. THE COURT FINDS that each party alleged in his/her Complaints that there is community property, owned by the parties.

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COMMUNITY PROPERTY AND SEPARATE PROPERTY

THE COURT FINDS the parties have the following assets to be adjudicated by the Court:

3485 W. Maule Ave., LV, NV (West Maule):

COURT FINDS this property was purchased in July 2015 by David during the parties' domestic partnership. COURT FINDS that David argues that he signed a contract in March and thus the property was his sole and separate property; however, the closing date for the purchase was on July 28 2015. COURT FINDS that the date the property was acquired was during the domestic partnership and the presumption is that the property acquired during this period is community in nature. COURT FINDS that David argues several theories about the parties' intent, but provides no independent evidence of these theories that he was to maintain the property as his own, prior to the marriage, that the domestic partnership was not to have the legal effect that a partnership applies to property acquired during the same, etc. David's argument fails, as the property was purchased during the domestic partnership, the parties then married, and there is no legal writing or contract, pre-nuptial agreement or post-nuptial agreement indicating that this presumed community property was anything other than a community asset.

COURT FURTHER FINDS that the parties stipulated on March 2020 that David was to purchase Christie's interest in the property, and said purchase was to be based upon the stipulated value of \$500,000. COURT FINDS that Christie argued that the home was worth more than this amount at the time of trial, and that she should be bought out at the higher value, but this COURT FINDS that the stipulation is enforceable pursuant to EDCR 7.50, as consent was given by both parties in the minutes for this amount to be applied to the value of the property, when David is to purchase Christie's interest. There was no time frame or expiration date for the stipulated agreement. COURT FINDS that there was a delay in David's refinance of the home, due to Christie's failure to pay the mortgage, leaving David with a problem with his application. Throughout the proceedings, Christie failed to vacate the residence claiming she had no funds to relocate, despite evidence in the record demonstrating that she continued to gamble consistently; she claimed there were no movers, she claimed that she did not have to execute the quitclaim deed,

and intentionally delayed David from moving into the residence and refinancing the loan. COURT FINDS the property is a community asset, acquired during the parties domestic partnership. COURT ORDERS that the David shall be awarded the W. Maule home, and he shall owe Christie one-half of the net equity interest in the home, as of the date of this Decree of Divorce; David shall pay Christie said one-half after he deducts those amounts paid on her behalf for the mortgage and the van.

(*COURT NOTES that David argued the property should have had a *Malmquist* calculation applied to the home, as he argues 1) that he "purchased" the property in March 2015 prior to the domestic partnership 2) that the home was intended to be his separate property until the parties married 3) that there would only be a small share of the home awarded to Christie based upon these arguments. COURT FURTHER FINDS that the Court was not provided a *Malmquist* calculation for the date of trial, and was only provided Exhibits attached to the Pre-Trial Memorandum with a summary of the calculation, and no underlying documentation to support the figures therein. A brief review of the same, show that the figures do not match the mortgage statements for opening loan amount or ending loan balance at time of trial.)

7211 Birkland Court, LV, NV ("Birkland Court")

COURT FINDS that David purchased a home during the marriage at Birkland Court. David testified that the funds came from a pre-marital retirement account, and this Court FINDS this representation credible, especially based upon the parties' conduct thereafter. COURT FINDS that David would own this home with his friend, Jonathon Morrell as his own separate investment. COURT FINDS that David testified that his partner refused to purchase the property with Christie, so he ensured that the entirety of the transaction did not include Christie. COURT FINDS that Christie contended that the reason for the purchase being in David's name was due to her bad credit. David contends that the home was purchased free and clear, and thus the argument that credit was an issue is NOT CREDIBLE. COURT FINDS that Christie executed the documentation for the home to be vested in the name of David, as his sole and separate property, and he and Mr. Morrell purchased the home on April 13, 2018. COURT FINDS that the property was purchased for the business purpose of rental through AirBnb and the property was transferred into an entity

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because the entity was created for the purpose of the partnership entered into by David and Mr. Morrell. COURT FINDS that Christie argues that because the entity was opened during the marriage, and the property already owned by David was transferred into the entity, that this transmutes the property BACK to being a community asset because the entity was formed during the community. COURT FINDS that this shift in the titling of the asset from David as an individual, as his sole and separate property to an entity where the ownership interest is held by David, does not change the character of the separate property, but merely a vehicle for the two owners of the property to take advantage of the protections afforded by the LLC; the entity would be utilized to manage the expenses, document their business arrangement and ownership percentages of the property, the agreement for distribution of profits related to their ownership, as well as being able to deduct the expenses and utilize the tax benefits associated with holding the property in an LLC. This is no different than transferring property to a family trust for estate planning purposes, and the property is identified by the trust as separate property asset. The character of the separate property asset does not change because a trustor takes advantage of the estate planning vehicle. Christie waived her rights and interest in the property. David held title as his sole and separate property and then later held his interest in the LLC, in which the property was the only asset. Colman v. Collier (In re Colman Revocable Living Trust), 136 Nev Adv Rep 13, 460 P.3d 452 (2020), Sprenger v. Sprenger, 110 Nev. 855, 858, 878 P.2d 284, 286 (1994). If David shared with Christie the profits therefrom, then that was a gift to the community. Christie argued that the parties shared in the responsibility for the property, and that she participated heavily in the maintenance and booking of the property, thus it was and intended to be a community asset. COURT FINDS that there was no evidence that the community was owed money from improving the property or to maintain the property.

called JD Investments, LLC, which was created during the marriage, but COURT FINDS that

Christie testified that the parties devoted time, energy, community money, to maintain the property, but no independent evidence was presented about what amounts of community monies were allegedly expended that would demonstrate the community was owed or somehow there was a transmutation of the property, and therefore any claims of this nature are not credible and cannot

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be sustained, and are hereby DENIED. In this regard, David is entitled to the proceeds from the sale of the residence.

3740 Grandview Place, LV NV ("Grandview")

COURT FINDS that another home was purchased during the marriage, in October 2017, at Grandview. COURT FINDS title is held by David as a married man, as his sole and separate property. COURT FINDS takes judicial notice of the fact that in Nevada, in order for a married man to obtain title in real property as his sole and separate property, the wife must sign a deed relinquishing all right, title and interest in the said property, as escrow will not close without her waiver of her community property interest. COURT FINDS that the title of the property for the Grandview residence was vested in David, a married man, as his sole and separate property. Any and all interest in the monies put into the home for down payment as of the date of the purchase would have been waived at the time of the transaction. COURT FINDS that there was testimony from David that the money utilized to purchase the residence were from separate property sources. COURT FINDS that while David was only able to trace some of the funds which were utilized to purchase the home, his testimony and the tracing of which only confirms that the intent was for the property to be David's separate property. COURT FINDS that there was no credible evidence of a credit problem or other reason as to why the home would be put into David's name solely, but still intended to be community property. COURT FINDS that there was no evidence presented at the time of trial that any additional community monies were used to satisfy the debt on the residence, that would have created a claim for community interest. Further, COURT FINDS that if the down payment were in excess of \$80,000 and the sales proceeds were less than the down payment in the amount of \$63,077.55, then the entirety of the proceeds from the Grandview residence should be awarded to David. IT IS SO ORDERED.

Business Interests

ACTION RAD, ATOMIC RADIOLOGY, AND PCCG

COURT FINDS that the parties testified there were three businesses which were owned an operated by the parties. COURT FINDS that Atomic Radiology contracted with physicians and medical imaging centers to provide imaging services. COURT FINDS that the two other

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businesses were software vendors for the software utilized by clients of Atomic Radiology. COURT FINDS these three businesses were historically Christie's source of income and were profitable. COURT FINDS that unfortunately Christie threatened and it appears made good on the threat that she would ensure David did not receive anything from the businesses. COURT FINDS that during the pendency of the proceedings this Court had difficulty discerning what was Christie's actual income for purposes of child support, and at trial it was no different. COURT FINDS that the difficulty lies in the fact that the accounting for the businesses was not completed by Christie. There were accusations of theft of hard drives and deleting pertinent information. COURT FURTHER FINDS that Christie tended to utilize the business accounts as both business and personal, with transactions occurring between accounts, in casinos, ATM machines, to pay personal expenses, making it almost impossible for the Court to discern what is business income, what is personal income, what are business expenses versus personal expenses. COURT FINDS that the businesses are alter-egos for Christie, as she failed to maintain the separate nature of the entities from her personal transactions. COURT FURTHER FINDS that there were no business valuations presented for the Court to be able to determine a value of the businesses for purposes of dividing the assets or awarding Christie ownership and ascribing an amount for Christie to purchase the business interest from David. In this regard, the Court has no alternative but to award a 50% interest in the business interests to each party. COURT HEREBY ORDERS that the parties each shall be awarded the 50% interest in the entities created during the marriage. COURT FURTHER FINDS that there was some concern that Christie would commence a new business under a new name and attempt to transfer the business away from the current entities to a new entity. COURT CAUTIONS Christie that if this occurs, and it is brought to the Court's attention, the Court may deem such entity to be the same business and a fraudulent effort to divest David of his ownership interest in the same. COURT NOTES, should David choose not to be associated or retain his ownership interest, he has the right to relinquish the same in writing and divest himself of any interest in the businesses, but the Court cannot do so within the decree, as there is no other way to divide the assets presently held by the parties. If David retains his ownership interest, Christie has a fiduciary obligation to her partner and must conduct the businesses in this regard.

MARITAL WASTE

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| COURT FINDS that David alleges there is marital waste in the amount of thousands of |
| dollars in excess of \$100,000. COURT FINDS that David spent inordinate efforts to attempt to |
| clarify this for the Court with the various spreadsheets and financial statements prepared with the |
| information he obtained during discovery, but even then it was difficult to differentiate, as during |
| testimony, it was clear that some of the statements lacked requisite information for the Court to |
| reach a reasonable conclusion (i.e. there were statements presenting purported business profit, but |
| lacked any information relating to business expenses). COURT has reviewed the records prepared |
| by David, and takes into account that David is not a trained professional in this area, but has a |
| mathematical background. COURT FINDS that while it appreciates the efforts expended by David |
| in his preparation of financial statements with the assistance of his girlfriend who is in the |
| accounting field, the Court cannot find that they are reliable for purposes of making a finding of |
| marital waste. While the Court CAN make the finding that Christie functions in such a manner that |
| causes this Court to question all of her financial dealings - unfortunately those financial dealings |
| were not put to the test by an expert who could have evaluated the records. COURT FINDS that |
| $the information\ provided\ by\ David\ definitely\ convinced\ this\ Court\ that\ Christie\ had\ access\ to\ funds$ |
| in excess of what she presented to the Court at the time of the interim hearings, but it is impossible |
| for this Court to discern what Christie did with the money, what money was transferred between |
| businesses, what paid for personal expenses, and what was utilized by Christie for this venture of |
| advantage gambling, or just recreational gambling. COURT FINDS that Christie's credibility is |
| questionable as it pertains to her representations, as the Court can plainly see that Christie |
| continued to withdraw cash from the business; she did so in gaming establishments, and then |
| expects the Court to believe she did so to pay business expenses. This Court rejects such a notion. |
| HOWEVER, the Court cannot be tasked with performing its own accounting of those transactions |
| within the financial statements, to make a determination as to which transactions were personal, |
| $business, gambling, without an expert forensic accounting of said transactions. \ COURT AGREES$ |
| with the representations made by Christie's counsel that this Court is unable to make the finding, |
| after a review of the documents admitted into evidence, to determine the actual amount of waste. |

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In this regard, while the Court believes there is likely wasteful spending and potential concealment of monies by Christie, he Court must DENY the claim for recovery of a sum certain of wasted funds. COURT FINDS however that the evidence supports the Orders that Christie be responsible for the expenses of the business, any tax ramifications associated with the business, as she has been the party solely operating the business, as well as the party who has sole access to the funds received by the business, which she used for her sole support and enjoyment, and did not utilize for purposes of paying community expenses, as ordered by the Court.

VEHICLES

Each party shall hereby be awarded the vehicle in his/her possession.

FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that Christie shall be awarded any and all financial accounts titled in her name solely (each party utilizes his/her own accounts to function and pay bills on a monthly basis based upon this Court's distribution of community income, so the value of these accounts vary from day to day).

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that David shall be awarded any and all financial accounts titled in his name, including, (each party utilizes his/her own accounts to function and pay bills on a monthly basis based upon this Court's distribution of community income, so the value of these accounts vary from day to day).

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that any and all retirement accounts shall be divided pursuant to the time rule, pursuant to *Gemma* and *Fondi*. COURT FINDS that it did not receive independent documentary evidence of the actual value of the retirement accounts which may be presently owned by the parties, but reference was made to the same, and thus, they acknowledge the accounts were in existence at the time of the trial. In this regard, the parties shall divide equally any and all retirement accounts COURT ORDERS that David's counsel prepare the requisite orders necessary to effectuate the division of said retirement account(s).

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FURNITURE AND FURNISHINGS

THE COURT HEREBY FINDS that neither party made any specific claims regarding the furniture and furnishings in either party's possession. COURT FINDS that certain property has already been divided by the parties, and there are certain furniture and furnishings remaining in the marital home. COURT FINDS that if the parties are unable to reach a resolution within 10 days of the date of this Decree of Divorce, then this Court hereby modifies its prior orders and orders David shall inventory all of the property owned by the parties (those in Christie's and David's possession), and prepare two lists A and B, with as equal a value as possible without having to have the properties valued. COURT ORDERS that David shall provide these two lists to his counsel within 30 days of the date of this Decree of Divorce, and Christie will be entitled to choose the list she desires to keep, and David will be left with the items on the remaining list. COURT ORDERS that Christie must make her selection within 7 days of receipt of the lists. Should she fail to make her selection in writing, then David will be entitled to choose the list he desires. COURT FINDS that the parties shall arrange with counsel the exchange of any items not already in his/her possession.

REMAINING PERSONAL PROPERTY

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that each party shall be awarded their individual clothing, shoes, accessories, jewelry, personal memorabilia and related personal property, already in his/her possession, or which may remain in the possession of the other. David has raised his desire to have his personal possessions returned, many of which have been resolved. David claims there remain items in Christie's possession, which she disputes. Christie is ORDERED to return any and all personal items, memorabilia, jewelry and effects which are in her possession, when she locates them.

DEBTS AND OBLIGATIONS

COURT FINDS the following debts are owed by the community:

TAX LIABILITIES

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that debts and obligations accumulated during a marriage are community in nature. *Wolff v. Wolff*, 112 Nev. 1355 (1996); *Fuller v. Fuller*, 106 Nev. 404

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(1990); NRS 125.150(1)(b). COURT received no independent evidence as to the extent of what is or potentially may be the parties' income tax debt and therefore this Court is unable to specifically identify the amount which may be owed by the parties and who should assume said obligations. COURT ORDERS that each shall be entitled to file his/her own tax returns for the tax year 2021. Any tax filings prior to that tax year, if not already filed, shall be filed in the manner in which the parties deem appropriate for themselves individually or jointly.

CREDIT CARDS

COURT HEREBY ORDERS that each party shall assume, pay, indemnify and defend any and all debt currently owed, in his/her name solely, or incurred on his/her behalf.

CHRISTIE'S FAILURE TO PAY THE W. MAULE MORTGAGE AND VAN PAYMENT

COURT FINDS that Christie unilaterally stopped paying her portion of the monthly expenses starting in late December 2019. Christie was ordered to pay the monthly mortgage on the W. Maule residence, as well as the monthly loan payments on the 2015 Chrysler Van. Commencing in December 2019, she alleged that she did not have the income to make the payments, and she could not afford to satisfy the obligations. David contested the same, and indicated that Christie continued to gamble at the same time she said she was broke.

COURT FINDS it did not have the requisite financial information to confirm or deny that Christie had the funds to pay the expenses, so David was required to withdraw the funds from trust, which held the proceeds from the sale of a residence, and David paid the same on behalf of Christie, which was to be offset from any monies she was to receive in the divorce. COURT FINDS that by the time the Pre-Trial Memorandum was filed the sum of \$15,992.80 was owed for the mortgage payments, and \$2,321.20 was owed on the van payments. COURT ORDERS that David is to be repaid said sums from Christie's portion of the community property, as Christie did not prove that she was unable to pay, and in fact, the evidence demonstrated that she deposited and withdrew significant funds from her business accounts, which could have been used to pay the mortgage and van payments, and Christie's explanation as to why she failed to do so, and alleged poverty was not credible. COURT FINDS that it is without the updated information as to the total amounts paid by David as of the date of this Decree, but David is entitled to be reimbursed all

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payments made on behalf of Christie; upon proof of payment of the additional monies, the amount set forth herein, as well as the additional amounts paid by David since the filing of the Pre-Trial Memorandum, through the date of this Decree.

ALIMONY

COURT FINDS that it must consider the following factors when making an alimony award as enumerated in NRS 125.150(9):

- (a) The financial condition of each spouse;
- The nature and value of the respective property of each spouse: (b)
- The contribution of each spouse to any property held by the spouses, pursuant to NRS 123.030;
- The duration of the marriage; (d)
- The income, earning capacity, age and health of each spouse; (e)
- The standard of living during the marriage; (f)
- The career before the marriage of the spouse who would receive the (g) alimony:
- The existence of specialized education or training or the level of marketable (h) skills attained by each spouse during the marriage;
- The contribution of either spouse as homemaker;
- The award of property granted by the court in the divorce, other than child (i) support and alimony, to the spouse who would receive the alimony;
- The physical and mental condition of each party as it relates to the financial (k) condition, health, and ability to work, of that spouse.

COURT FINDS that neither party sought alimony from the other, and therefore this issue is foreclosed, and ORDERS there shall be no alimony award.

ATTORNEY'S FEES

THE COURT HEREBY FINDS that attorney's fees in this matter are governed by NRS 18.010, EDCR 7.60, and may make an award of fees pursuant to Sargeant v. Sargeant, 88 Nev. 223, 495 P.2d 618 (1972), to ensure that each party meets his adversary on equal footing at trial. COURT FINDS that each party seeks attorney's fees from the Court. COURT FINDS that if either party seeks attorney's fees, such request is permitted pursuant to NRCP 54, upon Motion for postjudgment award of fees.

MISCELLANEOUS

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that each party shall execute any and all legal documents, certificates of title, bills of sale, quitclaim deeds or other evidence of transfer necessary to effectuate this Decree within thirty (30) days of the entry of the Decree of Divorce, unless specified otherwise herein. Should either party fail to execute any of said

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documents to transfer interest to the other, then the parties shall seek relief from this Court pursuant to NRCP 70, so that the Court may determine whether the Clerk of the Court shall sign the necessary documentation on behalf of the non-signing party; in doing so, the Court will empower the Clerk of the Court to sign, on behalf of the non-signing party, any of the said documents of transfer which have not been executed by the party otherwise responsible for such.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that if any claim, action or proceeding is brought seeking to hold the other party liable on account of any debt, obligation, liability, act or omission assumed by the other party, such party will, at his or her sole expense, defend the other against any such claim or demand and that he or she will indemnify, defend and hold harmless the other party.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that if any joint debt, obligation, liability, act or omission creating such liability has been omitted from this Decree and is subsequently discovered, either party may petition the Court for an allocation of that debt, obligation, liability, or liability arising from such act or omission, as permitted by statute.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that except as specifically set forth herein, each party hereto is released and absolved from any and all obligations and liabilities for future acts and duties of the other, and except as specified herein, each of the parties hereby releases the other from any and all liabilities, debts, or obligations of every kind or character incurred up to this date.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that Christie has the right to exercise the option and may to return to her maiden name, to wit: CHRISTIE MARTIN, if she chooses.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that each party shall provide the information required by NRS 125.130, NRS 125.230, and NRS 125B.055 on a separate form to be submitted to the Court and the Welfare Division of the Department of Human Resources ("Welfare Division") within ten (10) days from the date of the entry of this Decree of Divorce. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that each party shall update such information submitted to this Court and the Welfare Division within ten (10) days should any of the information required to be

provided become inaccurate. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that such information shall be maintained by the Clerk of this Court and the Welfare Division in a confidential manner, and the same shall not be part of the public records.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the Court retains jurisdiction of the parties and the subject matter hereof for the purpose of making such other and further orders as relates to the care, custody, support and maintenance of the minor children of the parties as the Court may deem proper from time to time hereafter during the minority of said children.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that in the event either party believes this Court is in error, the parties should avail themselves of the remedies available, including but not limited to Post-trial Motions pursuant to NRCP 52(b), NRCP 59, and NRCP 60.

STATUTORY NOTICES

THE PARTIES ARE HEREBY ON NOTICE that they may request a review of child support every three years pursuant to NRS 125B.145.

THE PARTIES ARE HEREBY ON NOTICE that the non-custodial parent may be subject to the withholding of wages and commissions for delinquent payments of support pursuant to NRS 31A.010, et. seq. and NRS 125.450(2).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that Nevada, United States of America is the habitual residence of the parties' minor child.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the parties and each of them shall be bound by the provisions of NRS125C.0045(6) which states in pertinent part:

VIOLATION OF PENALTY FOR ORDER: THE ABDUCTION, CONCEALMENT OR DETENTION OF A CHILD IN VIOLATION OF THIS ORDER IS PUNISHABLE AS A CATEGORY D FELONY AS PROVIDED IN NRS 193.130. NRS 200.359 provides that every person having a limited right of custody to a child or any parent having no right to custody to the child who willfully detains, conceals or removes the child from a parent, guardian or other person having lawful custody or a right of visitation of the child in violation of an order of this court, or removes the child from the jurisdiction of the court without the consent of either the court or all the persons who have the right to custody or visitation is subject to being punished for a category D felony as provided in NRS 193.130.

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