IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

INDICATE FULL CAPTION:

KEITH BRILL, M.D., FACOG, FACS, AN INDIVIDUAL; AND WOMEN'S HEALTH ASSOCIATES OF SOUTHERN NEVADAMARTIN, Appellant, vs. KIMBERLY TAYLOR, AN INDIVIDUAL

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GENERAL INFORMATION

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

WARNING

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

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

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

1. Judicial District EIGHT	Department III
County CLARK	Judge HON. MONICA TRUJILLO
District Ct. Case No. <u>A-18-773472-C</u>	
2. Attorney filing this docketing statemen	t:
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4. Nature of disposition below (check	all that apply):		
\square Judgment after bench trial	☐ Dismissal:		
☐ Judgment after jury verdict	☐ Lack of jurisdiction		
☐ Summary judgment	☐ Failure to state a claim		
☐ Default judgment	☐ Failure to prosecute		
\square Grant/Denial of NRCP 60(b) relief	☐ Other (specify):		
☐ Grant/Denial of injunction	☐ Divorce Decree:		
\square Grant/Denial of declaratory relief	☐ Original ☐ Modification		
☐ Review of agency determination	\boxtimes Other disposition (specify): Post-verdict order		
5. Does this appeal raise issues concerning any of the following?			
☐ Child Custody			
□ Venue			
☐ Termination of parental rights			
of all appeals or original proceedings presare related to this appeal:	this court. List the case name and docket number sently or previously pending before this court which		
This action has three other, related appe	ais.		
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In the current appeal, Brill v. Taylor, Ca Defendants' Motion for Attorney's Fees.	se No. 84881 Defendants appeal the denial of		
court of all pending and prior proceedings	other courts. List the case name, number and s in other courts which are related to this appeal and proceedings) and their dates of disposition:		

There are no other related lower court actions or actions pending in another jurisdiction.

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

This is a medical malpractice action tried to a defense verdict.

11. Constitutional issues. If this appeal challenges the constitutionality of a statute, and the state, any state agency, or any officer or employee thereof is not a party to this appeal, have you notified the clerk of this court and the attorney general in accordance with NRAP and NRS 30.130?
⊠ N/A
☐ Yes
□ No
If not, explain:
12. Other issues. Does this appeal involve any of the following issues?
☐ Reversal of well-settled Nevada precedent (identify the case(s))
\square An issue arising under the United States and/or Nevada Constitutions
\square A substantial issue of first impression
☐ An issue of public policy
\square An issue where en banc consideration is necessary to maintain uniformity of this court's decisions
\square A ballot question
If so, explain:

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

This case is presumptively assigned to the Court of Appeals under NRAP 17(b)(7).

14. Trial. If this action proceeded to trial, how many days did the trial last? 8

Was it a bench or jury trial? Jury trial

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

The Appellants do not anticipate such a motion.

TIMELINESS OF NOTICE OF APPEAL

16. Date of entry of	written judgment or order appealed from May 12, 2022
If no written judg seeking appellate	ment or order was filed in the district court, explain the basis for review:
17. Date written no	tice of entry of judgment or order was served May 13, 2022
Was service by:	
☐ Delivery	
⊠ Mail/electronic	2/fax
18. If the time for find (NRCP 50(b), 52(b),	iling the notice of appeal was tolled by a post-judgment motion or 59)
(a) Specify the the date of the	type of motion, the date and method of service of the motion, and filing.
☐ NRCP 50(b)	Date of filing
☐ NRCP 52(b)	Date of filing
\square NRCP 59	Date of filing
	pursuant to NRCP 60 or motions for rehearing or reconsideration may toll the a notice of appeal. See AA Primo Builders v. Washington, 126 Nev, 245 0).
(b) Date of entr	ry of written order resolving tolling motion
(c) Date writte	n notice of entry of order resolving tolling motion was served
Was service	by:
☐ Delivery	
□ Mail	

19. Date notice of ap	peal filed June 13, 2022
-	party has appealed from the judgment or order, list the date each as filed and identify by name the party filing the notice of appeal:
e.g., NRAP 4(a) or otl	rule governing the time limit for filing the notice of appeal, her
NRAP 4(a)(5).	
	SUBSTANTIVE APPEALABILITY
21. Specify the statut the judgment or orde (a)	te or other authority granting this court jurisdiction to review er appealed from:
☐ NRAP 3A(b)(1)	□ NRS 38.205
☐ NRAP 3A(b)(2)	□ NRS 233B.150
☐ NRAP 3A(b)(3)	\square NRS 703.376
⊠ Other (specify)	NRAP 3A(b)(8)- special order filed after judgment
	uthority provides a basis for appeal from the judgment or order: ts' Motion for Attorneys' Fees and Costs was heard by the District
Court on January 18, 2	2022 in Department III, Honorable Michael A. Cherry presiding. The Fees was denied after oral argument.

22. List all parties involved in the a	action or consolidated actions in the district court:
(a) Parties:	
Kimberly Taylor	
Keith Brill, M.D.	
Women's Health Associates of Sou	ıthern Nevada-Martin, PLLC
Bruce Hutchins RN	

Henderson Hospital/Valley Health Systems, LLC

Todd Christensen, MD

Dignity Health d/b/a St. Rose Dominican Hospital

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

Of the above parties, all other parties settled out prior to trial and were formally dismissed by the District Court except:

Kimberly Taylor

Keith Brill, M.D.

Women's Health Associates of Southern Nevada-Martin, PLLC

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

Plaintiff Ms. Taylor filed an action for professional negligence/medical malpractice against the Defendants. A jury unanimously found in favor of Defendants Dr. Brill and Women's Health Associates, returning a jury verdict in favor of Defendants on October 19, 2021. The judgment on the jury verdict was entered on November 19, 2021.

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

⊠ Yes

 \square No

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

(b) Specify the parties remaining below:
(c) Did the district court certify the judgment or order appealed from as a final judgment pursuant to NRCP $54(b)$?
☐ Yes
\square No
(d) Did the district court make an express determination, pursuant to NRCP 54(b), that there is no just reason for delay and an express direction for the entry of judgment?
\square Yes
□ No
26. If you answered "No" to any part of question 25, explain the basis for seeking appellate review (e.g., order is independently appealable under NRAP 3A(b)):

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

VERIFICATION

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

Keith Brill, M.D. & WHA	SN - Martin	Heather S. Hall
Name of appellant		Name of counsel of record
7/7/2022 Date		/s/Heather S. Hall Signature of counsel of record
Clark County, Nevada State and county where s	igned	
	CERTIFICATE	OF SERVICE
I certify that on the	day of	, , I served a copy of this
completed docketing state	ement upon all counse	d of record:
☐ By personally ser	ving it upon him/her;	or
address(es): (NOT		fficient postage prepaid to the following ddresses cannot fit below, please list names the addresses.)
See attached.		
Dated this 7th	day of July	,2022
		/s/Candace Cullina
		Signature

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on the 7th day of July 2022, service of the foregoing **DOCKETING STATEMENT** was served electronically to all parties of interest through the Court's CM/ECF system as follows:

ADAM J. BREEDEN, ESQ. Nevada Bar No. 008768 BREEDEN & ASSOCIATES, PLLC 376 E. Warm Springs Rd., Suite 120 Las Vegas, NV 89119 Attorney for Respondent

An employee of
McBRIDE HALL

Electronically Filed 4/25/2018 2:26 PM Steven D. Grierson **CLERK OF THE COURT COMP** JAMES S. KENT, ESQ. Nevada Bar No. 5034 9480 S. Eastern Ave. Suite 228 Las Vegas, Nevada 89123 (702) 385-1100 Attorney for Plaintiff 5 DISTRICT COURT **CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA** 8 KIMBERLY D. TAYLOR, an Individual, 11 Plaintiff, CASE NO.: A-18-773472-C 12 Department 10 DEPT. NO.: 13 VS. KEITH BRILL, MD, FACOG, FACS, an Individual; WOMEN'S HEALTH ASSOCIATES OF SOUTHERN NEVADA - MARTIN, PLLC, a Nevada Professional Limited Liability Company; **EXEMPT FROM ARBITRATION:** BRUCE HUTCHINS, RN, an Individual; HENDERSON HOSPITAL and/or VALLEY COMPLAINT FOR MEDICAL 17 HEALTH SYSTEM, LLC, a Foreign LLC dba **MALPRACTICE** HENDERSON HOSPITAL, and/or HENDERSON 18 HOSPITAL, a subsidiary of UNITED HEALTH SERVICES, a Foreign LLC; TODD W. 19 CHRISTENSEN, MD, an Individual; DIGNITY HEALTH d/b/a ST. ROSE DOMINICAN HOSPITAL; DOES I through XXX, inclusive; and ROE CORPORATIONS I through XXX, 21 inclusive; 22 Defendants. 23 **COMPLAINT** 25 COMES NOW Plaintiff, KIMBERLY D. TAYLOR (Kimberly), an individual, by and through his counsel, JAMES S. KENT, ESQ., and for his causes of action against Defendants, and each of them, 26 27 alleges and complains as follows: 28 ///

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GENERAL ALLEGATIONS

- 1. That the Plaintiff, KIMBERLY D. TAYLOR (Kimberly), an individual, was at all times mentioned herein a resident of the State of Nevada.
- 2. Upon information and belief, Defendant, KEITH BRILL, MD, FACOG, FACS (Dr. Brill), an individual, was at all times mentioned herein a resident of Clark County, State of Nevada.
- 3. Upon information and belief, Defendant WOMEN'S HEALTH ASSOCIATES OF SOUTHERN NEVADA - MARTIN, PLLC, (WHASN) was a Nevada Professional Limited Liability Company and was licensed to do business in, and at all relevant times was doing business in, Clark County, Nevada.
- 4. Upon information and belief, Defendant, BRUCE HUTCHINS, RN (Hutchins), an individual, was at all times mentioned herein a resident of Clark County, State of Nevada.
- 5. Upon information and belief, Defendant HENDERSON HOSPITAL and/or VALLEY HEALTH SYSTEM, LLC, dba HENDERSON HOSPITAL, and/or HENDERSON HOSPITAL, a subsidiary of UNITED HEALTH SERVICES (HH), was a Foreign LLC and was licensed to do business in, and at all relevant times was doing business in, Clark County, Nevada.
- 6. Upon information and belief, Defendant, TODD W. CHRISTENSEN, MD, (Dr. Christensen), an individual, was at all times mentioned herein a resident of Clark County, State of Nevada.
- 7. Upon information and belief, Defendant DIGNITY HEALTH d/b/a ST. ROSE DOMINICAN HOSPITAL (St. Rose) was a Foreign Non-Profit Corporation and was licensed to do business in, and at all relevant times was doing business in, Clark County, Nevada.
- 8. That at all relevant times mentioned herein, Defendant Dr. Brill was a licensed physician pursuant to NRS §630.014, and was duly admitted and authorized to practice medicine in the State of Nevada.
- 9. That at all relevant times mentioned herein, Defendant Hutchins was a registered nurse licensed to practice as a nurse in the State of Nevada.

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- 10. That at all relevant times mentioned herein, Defendant Dr. Christensen was a licensed physician pursuant to NRS §630.014, and was duly admitted and authorized to practice medicine in the State of Nevada.
- 11. That at all relevant times mentioned herein, Defendant WHASN was the employer for some or all of the other Defendants herein, all of whom were acting within the scope of their employment with full authority.
- 12. That at all relevant times mentioned herein, Defendant HH was the employer for some or all of the other Defendants herein, all of whom were acting within the scope of their employment with full authority.
- 13. That at all relevant times mentioned herein, Defendant St. Rose Dominican was the employer for some or all of the other Defendants herein, all of whom were acting within the scope of their employment with full authority.
- 14. That at all relevant times mentioned herein, Roe Corporation I was the employer for some or all of the other Defendants herein, all of whom were acting within the scope of their employment with full authority.
- ROE CORPORATIONS I through XXX, in their true capacities, whether individual, corporate, associate or otherwise of the Defendants named herein are unknown to Plaintiff who, therefore, sues said Defendants by said fictitious names; Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that each of the Defendants designated as a DOES I through XXX and ROE CORPORATIONS I through XXX are responsible in some manner for the events and happenings referred to herein, and caused damages proximately to Plaintiff as herein alleged, and Plaintiff will ask leave of this court to amend this Complaint to insert the true names and capacities of DOES I through XXX and ROE CORPORATIONS I through XXX, when the same have been ascertained and to join such Defendants in this action.
 - 16. That all events mentioned herein occurred in Clark County, Nevada.
- 17. On or about April 26, 2017 Plaintiff Kimberly Taylor appeared at Henderson Hospital to undergo a dilation and curettage with hysteroscopy with fibroid removal and hydrothermal ablation.

- 18. That Dr. Brill was to perform, and did partially perform, the surgery referenced in Paragraph 17.
 - 19. During the procedure, Dr. Brill perforated Kimberly's uterine wall and her small bowel.
- 20. Dr. Brill only confirmed the perforation with the hysteroscope and did not perform laparoscopy to evaluate for bowel or other injury to Kimberly.
- 21. Dr. Brill continued with the surgical procedure, but ultimately terminated it before completion.
 - 22. Dr. Brill never informed Kimberly of the complication of perforating her uterine wall.
- 23. Dr. Brill did not inform the anesthesiologist of the complication of perforating Kimberly's uterine wall.
 - 24. Dr. Brill informed the PACU that there were no complications as a result of the surgery.
 - 25. After the surgery, Kimberly was transferred to the care of HH and Hutchins.
- 26. Kimberly was in the care of Hutchins and HH for approximately 7 hours, despite normal recovery for this procedure being 1-2 hours or less due to the failure to complete the surgical procedure.
 - 27. While in post-operative care, Kimberly complained of severe abdominal pain and nausea.
- 28. Hutchins gave Kimberly significant amounts and types of medications to address her concerns.
- 29. Hutchins and HH never communicated with Dr. Brill, WHASN, or any other physician during the time Kimberly was in their care.
- 30. Hutchins and HH released Kimberly without contacting Dr. Brill despite her still having continuing abdominal pains and nausea.
- 31. On the evening of April 25/early morning of April 26, 2017, Kimberly was transported to the St. Rose emergency department via ambulance.
 - 32. Dr. Christensen treated Kimberly at St. Rose for the visit referenced in Paragraph 32.
- 33. Kimberly appeared at St. Rose with complaints of extreme abdominal pain and diffuse torso pain.

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- 34. Dr. Christensen and St. Rose had a CT Abdomen and Pelvis performed, which noted postoperative pneumoperitoneum and small to moderate ascites.
 - 35. Dr. Christensen was aware of the surgical procedure Kimberly underwent by Dr. Brill.
 - 36. Dr. Christensen did not seek a consult with an OB/GYN and/or surgeon.
- 37. Dr. Christensen did not rule out a more serious injury despite the CT findings consistent with visceral perforation and injury.
- 38. Despite the forgoing, as well as Kimberly still having ongoing severe abdominal pain, she was treated for nausea and released after approximately three hours.
- 39. Later on April 27, 2017, Kimberly appeared yet again at St. Rose, where she was eventually admitted.
- 40. Kimberly underwent a surgical consult, which included examination and review of the previously taken CT scan.
- 41. Based upon the surgical consults examination findings, the clinical significant pain of Kimberly, and the CT findings (which findings were consistent with visceral perforation and injury), Kimberly underwent a diagnostic laparoscopy which was then converted to an exploratory laparotomy with a small bowel resection.
- 42. During the surgical procedure referenced in Paragraph 41, a 3 cm perforation of the small bowel was discovered and a resection was performed; Kimberly was also discovered to have suffered gross peritonitis in all 4 quadrants.
- 43. Kimberly thereafter suffered a prolonged, critical, post-operative course, and was discharged on May 5, 2017.
- 44. Kimberly continues to suffer ongoing repercussions from the aforementioned treatment and care.
- 45. Each of the Defendants were responsible for safely and properly following the standards of care for the medical treatment rendered to Kimberly for the periods referenced above.
- 46. As a result of the actions and inactions listed herein, Kimberly has incurred significant injury to her person and special damages by way of past and future lost personal services, past and future medical costs for treatment, and other losses that are ongoing and not fully calculated at this time.

FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF (Medical Malpractice/Professional Negligence of Defendant Dr. Brill (41A.100))

- 47. Plaintiff repeats and re-alleges each and every above paragraph as though fully set forth hereunder and incorporate the same by reference.
- 48. At all times pertinent hereto, Defendant Dr. Brill had a duty to adequately and properly provide competent and reasonably safe medical care within the accepted standard of care to Kimberly, as well as properly supervise, monitor, communicate with others, and otherwise ensure her health and safety while she was under his care and recovering from his treatment.
- 49. Dr. David Berke, DO, FACOOG, has opined in his report attached as Exhibit 1 that Defendant Dr. Brill's care and treatment of Kimberly, to a reasonable degree of medical probability and certainty, fell below the accepted standards of care as follows:
 - a. Not properly performing the surgical procedure, causing perforations of Kimberly's uterine wall and small bowel with use of a thermal instrument;
 - b. Continuing the surgery, including use of the curretage, after noting the perforation of the uterine wall;
 - c. Failing to properly evaluate and diagnose the extent of damage to Kimberly after the perforation of the uterine wall was noted;
 - d. Failing to inform and instruct PACU of the uterine perforation and to look for specific concerns which could evidence additional damage and require additional examination; and
 - e. Failing to inform Kimberly of the complications resulting from the surgical procedure.
- 50. As a direct and proximate result of the medical malpractice, professional negligence and failures to meet the standard of care by Defendant Dr. Brill, Plaintiff Kimberly Taylor suffered injuries and damages, including but not limited to perforation of her uterus, perforation of her small bowel and burn injury to her small bowel, removal of a section of her small bowel, gross peritonitis, and a prolonged, critical, post-operative course, all within a reasonable degree of medical probability and certainty as per Dr. Berke, and all to Plaintiff's damages in an amount in excess of TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000).

51. As a direct and proximate result of the medical malpractice, professional negligence and failures to meet the standard of care by Defendant Dr. Brill, Plaintiff Kimberly Taylor has sustained physical and mental injuries, which have caused and will continue to cause physical and mental pain and suffering with loss of enjoyment of life. For these damages, Plaintiff is entitled to be compensated in an amount to be determined at the time of trial in this matter and which is in excess of TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000).

- 52. As a direct, proximate, and legal result of the medical malpractice, professional negligence and failures to meet the standard of care by Defendant Dr. Brill, Plaintiff Kimberly Taylor has incurred and will continue to incur medical expenses and other special damages for which Plaintiff Kimberly Taylor is entitled to be compensated in an amount to be determined at the time of trial in this matter and which is in excess of TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000).
- 53. As a direct, proximate, and legal result of the medical malpractice, professional negligence and failures to meet the standard of care by Defendant Dr. Brill, it has been necessary for Plaintiff Kimberly Taylor to retain the law firm of James S. Kent, Ltd., to prosecute this action, and Plaintiff is entitled to recover reasonable attorney's fees and costs.

SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF (Medical Malpractice/Professional Negligence of Defendant Hutchins (41A.100))

- 54. Plaintiff repeats and re-alleges each and every above paragraph as though fully set forth hereunder and incorporate the same by reference.
- 55. At all times pertinent hereto, Defendant Hutchinsl had a duty to adequately and properly provide competent and reasonably safe medical care with the accepted standard of care to Kimberly, as well as properly supervise, monitor, communicate with others, and otherwise ensure her health and safety while she was under his care and recovering from his treatment.
- 56. Dr. David Berke, DO, FACOOG, has opined in his report attached as Exhibit 1 that Defendant Hutchin's care and treatment of Kimberly, to a reasonable degree of medical probability and certainty, fell below the accepted standards of care as follows:
 - a. Failure to contact Dr. Brill or obtain a GYN consult despite the excessive pain medications being given to Ms. Taylor;

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- b. Failure to contact Dr. Brill prior to releasing Ms. Taylor; and
- c. Releasing Ms. Taylor despite her ongoing severe abdominal pain.
- 57. As a direct and proximate result of the medical malpractice, professional negligence and failures to meet the standard of care by Defendant Hutchins, Plaintiff Kimberly Taylor suffered injuries and damages, including but not limited to gross peritonitis and a prolonged, critical, post-operative course, all within a reasonable degree of medical probability and certainty as per Dr. Berke, and all to Plaintiff's damages in an amount in excess of TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000).
- 58. As a direct and proximate result of the medical malpractice, professional negligence and failures to meet the standard of care by Defendant Hutchins, Plaintiff Kimberly Taylor has sustained physical and mental injuries, which have caused and will continue to cause physical and mental pain and suffering with loss of enjoyment of life. For these damages, Plaintiff is entitled to be compensated in an amount to be determined at the time of trial in this matter and which is in excess of TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000).
- 59. As a direct, proximate, and legal result of the medical malpractice, professional negligence and failures to meet the standard of care by Defendant Hutchins, Plaintiff Kimberly Taylor has incurred and will continue to incur medical expenses and other special damages for which Plaintiff Kimberly Taylor is entitled to be compensated in an amount to be determined at the time of trial in this matter and which is in excess of TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000).
- 60. As a direct, proximate, and legal result of the medical malpractice, professional negligence and failures to meet the standard of care by Defendant Hutchins, it has been necessary for Plaintiff Kimberly Taylor to retain the law firm of James S. Kent, Ltd., to prosecute this action, and Plaintiff is entitled to recover reasonable attorney's fees and costs.

THIRD CLAIM FOR RELIEF (Medical Malpractice/Professional Negligence of Defendant Dr. Christensen (41A.100))

- 61. Plaintiff repeats and re-alleges each and every above paragraph as though fully set forth hereunder and incorporate the same by reference.
- 62. At all times pertinent hereto, Defendant Dr. Christensen had a duty to adequately and properly provide competent and reasonably safe medical care with the accepted standard of care to

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Kimberly, as well as properly supervise, monitor, communicate with others, and otherwise ensure her health and safety while she was under his care and recovering from his treatment.

- 63. Dr. David Berke, DO, FACOOG, has opined in his report attached as Exhibit 1 that Defendant Dr. Christensen's care and treatment of Kimberly, to a reasonable degree of medical probability and certainty, fell below the accepted standards of care as follows:
 - a. Failure to obtain a consult with OB/GYN and/or surgeon based upon the CT report; and
 - b. Release of Ms. Taylor despite the CT report and ongoing severe abdominal pain without ruling out a more serious injury with CT findings consistent with visceral perforation and injury.
- 64. As a direct and proximate result of the medical malpractice, professional negligence and failures to meet the standard of care by Defendant Dr. Christensen, Plaintiff Kimberly Taylor suffered injuries and damages, including but not limited to gross peritonitis and a prolonged, critical, post-operative course, all within a reasonable degree of medical probability and certainty as per Dr. Berke, and all to Plaintiff's damages in an amount in excess of TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000).
- 65. As a direct and proximate result of the medical malpractice, professional negligence and failures to meet the standard of care by Defendant Dr. Christensen, Plaintiff Kimberly Taylor has sustained physical and mental injuries, which have caused and will continue to cause physical and mental pain and suffering with loss of enjoyment of life. For these damages, Plaintiff is entitled to be compensated in an amount to be determined at the time of trial in this matter and which is in excess of TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000).
- 66. As a direct, proximate, and legal result of the medical malpractice, professional negligence and failures to meet the standard of care by Defendant Dr. Christensen, Plaintiff Kimberly Taylor has incurred and will continue to incur medical expenses and other special damages for which Plaintiff Kimberly Taylor is entitled to be compensated in an amount to be determined at the time of trial in this matter and which is in excess of TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000).
- 67. As a direct, proximate, and legal result of the medical malpractice, professional negligence and failures to meet the standard of care by Defendant Dr. Christensen, it has been necessary

for Plaintiff Kimberly Taylor to retain the law firm of James S. Kent, Ltd., to prosecute this action, and Plaintiff is entitled to recover reasonable attorney's fees and costs.

FOURTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF (Res Ipsa Loqitur - NRS 41A.100; Medical Malpractice/Professional Negligence of Defendant Dr. Brill)

- 68. Plaintiff repeats and re-alleges each and every above paragraph as though fully set forth hereunder and incorporate the same by reference.
- 69. At all times pertinent hereto, Defendant Dr. Brill was the physician performing Kimberly's dilation and curettage with hysteroscopy with fibroid removal and hydrothermal ablation.
- 70. During the course of his medical care, in particular his surgery, Defendant Dr. Brill unintentionally caused burn injuries by heat, radiation, or chemicals to Kimberly's uterus and bowel.
- 71. These injuries do not normally occur in the absence of negligence and a failure to meet the standard of care.
- 72. Kimberly could not and does not have comparative negligence as she was under general anesthesia, completely dependent, and under the total control of Dr. Brill during the entire period in which she sustained these injuries, which caused the intestinal contents to leak into the abdominal and pelvis cavities and directly result in infection and gross peritonitis.
- 73. Pursuant to Nevada Revised Statute 41A.100, Dr. Brill is therefore presumed professionally negligent (i.e. to have fallen below the standard of care).
- 74. As a direct and proximate result of Defendant Dr. Brill's negligent acts and omissions, including, but not limited to, the above-stated res ipsa, presumption of professional negligence, Plaintiff Kimberly suffered injuries and damages, all to Plaintiff Kimberly Taylor's detriment, in an amount in excess of TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000).
- 75. As a direct and proximate result of Defendant Dr. Brill's negligent acts and omissions, including, but not limited to, the above-stated res ipsa, presumption of professional negligence, Plaintiff Kimberly Taylor has sustained physical and mental injuries, which have caused and will continue to cause physical and mental pain and suffering with loss of enjoyment of life. For these damages, Plaintiff is entitled to be compensated in an amount to be determined at the time of trial in this matter and which is in excess of TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000).

76. As a direct and proximate result of Defendant Dr. Brill's negligent acts and omissions, including, but not limited to, the above-stated res ipsa, presumption of professional negligence, Plaintiff Kimberly Taylor has incurred and will continue to incur medical expenses and other special damages for which Plaintiff Kimberly Taylor is entitled to be compensated in an amount to be determined at the time of trial in this matter and which is in excess of TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000).

77. As a direct and proximate result of Defendant Dr. Brill's negligent acts and omissions, including, but not limited to, the above-stated res ipsa, presumption of professional negligence, it has been necessary for Plaintiff Kimberly Taylor to retain the law firm of James S. Kent, Ltd., to prosecute this action, and Plaintiff is entitled to recover reasonable attorney's fees and costs.

FIFTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF (Res Ipsa Loqitur - NRS 41A.100; Medical Malpractice/Professional Negligence of Defendant Henderson Hospital et al)

- 78. Plaintiff repeats and re-alleges each and every above paragraph as though fully set forth hereunder and incorporate the same by reference.
- 79. At all times pertinent hereto, Defendants Henderson Hospital et al were the owners, managers, distributors, retailers and/or otherwise providers of Henderson Hospital, its operating facility and surgical equipment, including but not limited to the facility used for and equipment used during Kimberly's surgery by Dr. Brill on April 26, 2017.
- 80. During the use of this equipment in Defendant Henderson Hospital's facility, Kimberly received multiple unintentional burn injuries caused by heat, radiation, or chemicals to Kimberly's uterus and bowel.
- 81. These injuries do not normally occur in the absence of negligence and a failure to meet the standard of care.
- 82. Kimberly could not and does not have comparative negligence as she was under general anesthesia, completely dependent, and under the defendants' control during the entire period in which she sustained these injuries, which caused the intestinal contents to leak into the abdominal and pelvis cavities and directly result in infection and gross peritonitis.
- 83. Pursuant to Nevada Revised Statute 41A.100, Dr. Brill is therefore presumed professionally negligent (i.e. to have fallen below the standard of care).

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- 84. As a direct and proximate result of Defendant Henderson Hospital et al's negligent acts and omissions, including, but not limited to, the above-stated res ipsa, presumption of professional negligence, Plaintiff Kimberly Taylor suffered injuries and damages, all to Plaintiff Kimberly Taylor's detriment, in an amount in excess of TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000).
- 85. As a direct and proximate result of Defendant Henderson Hospital et al's negligent acts and omissions, including, but not limited to, the above-stated res ipsa, presumption of professional negligence, Plaintiff Kimberly Taylor has sustained physical and mental injuries, which have caused and will continue to cause physical and mental pain and suffering with loss of enjoyment of life. For these damages, Plaintiff is entitled to be compensated in an amount to be determined at the time of trial in this matter and which is in excess of TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000).
- 86. As a direct and proximate result of Defendant Henderson Hospital et al's negligent acts and omissions, including, but not limited to, the above-stated res ipsa, presumption of professional negligence, Plaintiff Kimberly Taylor has incurred and will continue to incur medical expenses and other special damages for which Plaintiff Kimberly Taylor is entitled to be compensated in an amount to be determined at the time of trial in this matter and which is in excess of TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000).
- As a direct and proximate result of Defendant Henderson Hospital et al's negligent acts and omissions, including, but not limited to, the above-stated res ipsa, presumption of professional negligence, it has been necessary for Plaintiff Kimberly Taylor to retain the law firm of James S. Kent, Ltd., to prosecute this action, and Plaintiff is entitled to recover reasonable attorney's fees and costs.

SIXTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF (Vicarious Liability of Defendant Women's Health Associates of Southern Nevada)

- 88. Plaintiff repeats and re-alleges each and every above paragraph as though fully set forth hereunder and incorporate the same by reference.
- 89. Defendant Dr. Brill was an agent and/or employee of Defendant WHASN, and was acting in the scope of his employment, under WHASN's control, and in furtherance of WHASN's interests at the time their actions caused Plaintiff's injuries.

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- 90. Defendant WHASN is vicariously liable for damages resulting from their employees', agents', and/or independent contractors' negligent actions against Kimberly during the scope of their employment.
 - 91. That Kimberly entrusted to Defendants Dr. Brill's and WHASN's care and treatment.
- 92. That as a direct and proximate result of the negligence and failures to meet the standard of care by Defendants Dr. Brill and WHASN, Plaintiff Kimberly Taylor suffered injuries and damages, including but not limited to gross peritonitis and a prolonged, critical, post-operative course, and all to Plaintiff's damages in an amount in excess of TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000).
- 93. That as a direct and proximate result of the negligence and failures to meet the standard of care by Defendants Dr. Brill and WHASN, Plaintiff Kimberly Taylor has sustained physical and mental injuries, which have caused and will continue to cause physical and mental pain and suffering with loss of enjoyment of life. For these damages, Plaintiff is entitled to be compensated in an amount to be determined at the time of trial in this matter and which is in excess of TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000).
- 94. That as a direct and proximate result of the negligence and failures to meet the standard of care by Defendants Dr. Brill and WHASN, Plaintiff Kimberly Taylor has incurred and will continue to incur medical expenses and other special damages for which Plaintiff Kimberly Taylor is entitled to be compensated in an amount to be determined at the time of trial in this matter and which is in excess of TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000).
- 95. As That as a direct and proximate result of the negligence and failures to meet the standard of care by Defendants Dr. Brill and WHASN, it has been necessary for Plaintiff Kimberly Taylor to retain the law firm of James S. Kent, Ltd., to prosecute this action, and Plaintiff is entitled to recover reasonable attorney's fees and costs.

SIXTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF (Vicarious Liability of Defendant Henderson Hospital et al)

96. Plaintiff repeats and re-alleges each and every above paragraph as though fully set forth hereunder and incorporate the same by reference.

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- 97. Defendant Hutchins was an agent and/or employee of Defendant Henderson Hospital and was acting in the scope of his employment, under HH's control, and in furtherance of HH's interests at the time their actions caused Plaintiff's injuries.
- 98. Defendant HH is vicariously liable for damages resulting from their employees', agents', and/or independent contractors' negligent actions against Kimberly during the scope of their employment.
 - 99. That Kimberly entrusted to HH's care and treatment.
 - 100. That HH selected the medical care providers who rendered care to Kimberly.
- 101. That Kimberly reasonably believed that the medical care providers selected by HH were the agents, employees, or servants of HH.
- 102. That as a direct and proximate result of the negligence and failures to meet the standard of care by Hutchins and/or other employees, agents, or servants of HH, Plaintiff Kimberly Taylor suffered injuries and damages, including but not limited to gross peritonitis and a prolonged, critical, post-operative course, and all to Plaintiff's damages in an amount in excess of TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000).
- 103. That as a direct and proximate result of the negligence and failures to meet the standard of care by Hutchins and/or other employees, agents, or servants of HH, Plaintiff Kimberly Taylor has sustained physical and mental injuries, which have caused and will continue to cause physical and mental pain and suffering with loss of enjoyment of life. For these damages, Plaintiff is entitled to be compensated in an amount to be determined at the time of trial in this matter and which is in excess of TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000).
- 104. That as a direct and proximate result of the negligence and failures to meet the standard of care by Hutchins and/or other employees, agents, or servants of HH, Plaintiff Kimberly Taylor has incurred and will continue to incur medical expenses and other special damages for which Plaintiff Kimberly Taylor is entitled to be compensated in an amount to be determined at the time of trial in this matter and which is in excess of TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000).
- 105. That as a direct and proximate result of the negligence and failures to meet the standard of care by Hutchins and/or other employees, agents, or servants of HH, it has been necessary for Plaintiff

Kimberly Taylor to retain the law firm of James S. Kent, Ltd., to prosecute this action, and Plaintiff is entitled to recover reasonable attorney's fees and costs.

EIGHTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF (Vicarious Liability of Defendant St. Rose)

- 106. Plaintiff repeats and re-alleges each and every above paragraph as though fully set forth hereunder and incorporate the same by reference.
- 107. Defendant Dr. Christensen was an agent and/or employee and/or independent contractor of Defendant St. Rose and was acting in the scope of his employment and/or agency and/or contract, under St. Rose's control, and in furtherance of St. Rose's interests at the time their actions caused Plaintiff's injuries.
- 108. Defendant St. Rose is vicariously liable for damages resulting from their employees', agents', and/or independent contractors' negligent actions against Kimberly during the scope of their employment, agency, appointment, or other similar relationship.
 - 109. That Kimberly entrusted to St. Rose's care and treatment.
- 110. That St. Rose selected the doctor, doctors, and/or medical care providers who rendered care to Kimberly.
- 111. That Kimberly reasonably believed that the doctor, doctors, and/or medical care providers selected by St. Rose were the agents, employees, or servants of St. Rose.
- 112. That as a direct and proximate result of the negligence and failures to meet the standard of care by Dr. Christensen and/or other employees, agents, or servants of St. Rose, Plaintiff Kimberly Taylor suffered injuries and damages, including but not limited to gross peritonitis and a prolonged, critical, post-operative course, and all to Plaintiff's damages in an amount in excess of TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000).
- of care by Dr. Christensen and/or other employees, agents, or servants of St. Rose, Plaintiff Kimberly Taylor has sustained physical and mental injuries, which have caused and will continue to cause physical and mental pain and suffering with loss of enjoyment of life. For these damages, Plaintiff is entitled to be compensated in an amount to be determined at the time of trial in this matter and which is in excess of TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000).

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114. That as a direct and proximate result of the negligence and failures to meet the standard of care by Dr. Christensen and/or other employees, agents, or servants of St. Rose, Plaintiff Kimberly Taylor has incurred and will continue to incur medical expenses and other special damages for which Plaintiff Kimberly Taylor is entitled to be compensated in an amount to be determined at the time of trial in this matter and which is in excess of TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000).

115. That as a direct and proximate result of the negligence and failures to meet the standard of care by Hutchins and/or other employees, agents, or servants of St. Rose, it has been necessary for Plaintiff Kimberly Taylor to retain the law firm of James S. Kent, Ltd., to prosecute this action, and Plaintiff is entitled to recover reasonable attorney's fees and costs.

NINTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

(Negligent Hiring, Training, and Supervision of Defendants Women's Health Associates of Southern Nevada, Henderson Hospital et al, and St. Rose)

- 116. Plaintiff repeats and re-alleges each and every allegation and fact contained herein and incorporate the same by reference.
- 117. Defendants had a duty to hire, properly train, properly supervise, and properly retain competent employees, agents, independent contractors, and representatives.
- 118. Defendants breached their duty by improperly hiring, improperly training, improperly supervising, and improperly retaining incompetent persons regarding their examination, diagnosis, and treatment of Kimberly during the times referenced herein.
- 119. Defendants breached the applicable standard of care directly resulting in Kimberly sustaining significant injuries including but not limited to perforation of her uterus, perforation of her small bowel and burn injury to her small bowel, removal of a section of her small bowel, gross peritonitis, and a prolonged, critical, post-operative course.
- 120. As a direct and proximate result of the Defendants' negligence, medical malpractice, and carelessness, Plaintiff Kimberly Taylor suffered injuries and damages, including but not limited to perforation of her uterus, perforation of her small bowel and thermal injury to her small bowel, removal of a section of her small bowel, gross peritonitis, and a prolonged, critical, post-operative course, all to Plaintiff's damages in an amount in excess of TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000).

121. As a direct and proximate result of the Defendants' negligence, medical malpractice, and carelessness, Plaintiff Kimberly Taylor has sustained physical and mental injuries, which have caused and will continue to cause physical and mental pain and suffering with loss of enjoyment of life. For these damages, Plaintiff is entitled to be compensated in an amount to be determined at the time of trial in this matter and which is in excess of TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000).

- 122. As a direct and proximate result of the Defendants' negligence, medical malpractice, and carelessness, Plaintiff Kimberly Taylor has incurred and will continue to incur medical expenses and other special damages for which Plaintiff Kimberly Taylor is entitled to be compensated in an amount to be determined at the time of trial in this matter and which is in excess of TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000).
- 123. As a direct and proximate result of the Defendants' negligence, medical malpractice, and carelessness, it has been necessary for Plaintiff Kimberly Taylor to retain the law firm of James S. Kent, Ltd., to prosecute this action, and Plaintiff is entitled to recover reasonable attorney's fees and costs.

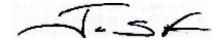
WHEREFORE, Plaintiff Kimberly Taylor, reserving the right to amend this Complaint at the time of trial to include all items of damages not yet ascertained, prays for judgment against the Defendants, and each of them, as follows:

1. FOR EACH AND EVERY CAUSE OF ACTION:

- a. For past and future general damages in a sum in excess of \$10,000.00;
- b. For past and future special damages in a sum in excess of \$10,000.00;
- c. For Plaintiff's Court costs and attorney's fees; and,
- d. For such other and further relief as to the Court may seem proper.

DATED this 25th day of April, 2018.

JAMES S. KENT, LTD.



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EXHIBIT 1

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DECLARATION OF DAVID BERKE, DO, FACOOG

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

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DAVID BERKE, having been duly sworn, deposes and says:

- I am a board certified Obstetrician and Gynecologist. I am currently in full-time practice in Riverside, California. All of my licenses are on file with the appropriate authorities in California. My additional qualifications and training are further set forth in my Curriculum Vitae, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference. Based upon my training, background, knowledge, and experience in gynecology and obstetrics, I am familiar with the applicable standards of care for the treatment of individuals demonstrating the symptoms and conditions presented by the Plaintiff in this action. Further, I am qualified on the basis of my training, background, knowledge and experience to offer expert medical care, the breaches thereof in this case, and any resulting injuries and damages arising therefrom. The opinions I give are within the reasonable medical probability and certainty.
 - 2. I have reviewed the physician and hospital records pertaining to this matter:
 - Medical records from the office of Keith Brill, M.D./Women's Health Associates of Southern Nevada;
 - b. Medical records from Henderson Hospital; and
 - c. Medical records from Dignity Health D/b/a St. Rose Dominican Hospital.
- My opinions below pertaining to the care of Kimberly D. Taylor are based upon my review of the aforementioned records, photographs, etc., from the referenced parties.
- 4. Ms. Taylor was a 45 year old woman who had been treated by Dr. Brill for several years prior to the incident in question. She had a history of menorrhagia, and had a bicornuate uterus with a fibroid. After counseling with Dr. Brill, she agreed to dilation and curettage with hysteroscopy with fibroid removal and hydrothermal ablation, all to be performed by Dr. Brill.
- 5. On April 26, 2017, Ms. Taylor appeared at Henderson Hospital for the referenced surgical procedure. During the procedure, Dr. Brill was using a symphion hysteroscope to begin resecting an apparent uterine septum when he noted a uterine perforation. Despite experiencing a



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1 Juterine perforation during the use of a device that cuts with energy, Dr. Brill only confirmed the perforation with the hysteroscope and did not perform laparoscopy to evaluate for bowel or other injury. He continued with the procedure, thereafter using a #2 sharp curette to remove a small amount of endometrial tissue, but thereafter terminated the procedure. Ms. Taylor was thereafter removed to recovery. There was no record of Ms. Taylor being informed of the perforation by Dr. Brill.

- 6. During a procedure such as the one performed herein, once the perforation of the uterine wall was noted, the proper standard of care is to identify and locate the extent of the injury, and cease all further invasive procedures which may cause injury to adjacent structures. Since a thermal instrument was being used at the time of the injury, a laparoscopy should have been performed immediately to determine if any further damage occurred, and/or obtain a surgical consult. The surgeon then has a duty to inform the patient about the condition and what occurred during surgery. The doctor is also obligated to inform current and subsequent providers of the concern to insure proper and appropriate treatment to the patient.
- Ms. Taylor was thereafter in recovery at Henderson Hospital under the care of Bruce Hutchins, RN, where she remained for approximately 7 hours. It appears Ms. Taylor was discharged despite still complaining of severe abdominal pain. The PACU notes state that per surgeon, there were no complications. No complications were noted by the anesthesiologist. During her post operative stay, Ms. Taylor was medicated for ongoing pain and nausea. No communications to Dr. Brill were noted.
- 8. The normal recovery for the type of procedure performed in this instance would be an hour or two, and generally with minimal pain medications, and the PACU nurse should know this. If a patient is in recovery for 7 hours, and having been given significant pain medications to alleviate the pain being expressed, the proper standard of care is for the PACU nurse to contact the surgeon and inform the surgeon of the patient's condition so the surgeon may determine if alternative or additional treatment should be provided.
- Approximately 7.5 hours after being released from Henderson Hospital, Ms. Taylor appeared via ambulance at St. Rose Dominican ER where she was received by Dr. Todd Christensen.

1 Her complaints at that time were extreme abdominal pain and diffuse torso pain. A CT Abdomen and Pelvis was performed, noting postoperative pneumoperitoneum and small to moderate ascites. Despite these findings, she was treated for nausea and released after approximately three hours without further workup or consultation regarding a possible bowel injury.

- 10. When the CT Abdomen and Pelvis showed "postoperative pneumoperitoneum and small to moderate ascites" following the procedure noted herein, the proper standard of care would be to seek a surgical consult to rule out any possible bowel or other injury.
- Ms. Taylor subsequently appeared at St. Rose ER approximately 6 hours later, again via ambulance, complaining of worsening abdominal pain. A call was placed to Dr. Brill, who was unavailable. Samantha Schoenhause, DO, OB-GYN, covering for Dr. Brill, admitted Ms. Taylor, but despite her condition, there was still no indication any person associated with the matter had any knowledge that Ms. Taylor's uterine wall had been perforated during the surgery the day before. Elizabeth Hamilton, M.D., was eventually consulted and was eventually informed by report that a uterine perforation had occurred during the prior surgery. Based upon her examination findings, clinical significant pain, and the CT findings (which suggested evidence of perforation), Dr. Hamilton felt it was highly likely Ms. Taylor had a bowel perforation. Dr. Hamilton performed a diagnostic laparoscopy which was then converted to an exploratory laparotomy with a small bowel resection. A 3 cm perforation of the small bowel was discovered and a resection was performed. Ms. Taylor also suffered gross peritonitis in all 4 quadrants. She was eventually discharged nine days later.
- 12. It is my professional opinion, to a reasonable degree of medical certainty, that the care and treatment provided by Dr. Brill, Bruce Hutchins RN, Henderson Hospital, Dr. Christensen, and St. Rose was grossly deficient, negligent, and below the standard of carc, including but not limited to the following:

Dr. Brill

Not properly performing surgical procedure causing perforations of i. Ms. Taylor's utcrine wall and small bowel with use of a thermal instrument;.

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1			ii.	Continuing the surgery, including use of the curretage, after noting
2				the perforation of the uterine wall;
3			iii.	Failing to properly evaluate and diagnose the extent of damage to Ms.
4				Taylor after the perforation of the uterine wall was noted;
5			iv.	Failing to inform and instruct PACU of the uterine perforation and to
6				look for specific concerns which could evidence additional damage
7				and require additional examination;
8			v.	Failing to inform Ms. Taylor of the complications resulting from the
9				surgical procedure;
10		b.	Bruce	Hutchins, RN, and Henderson Hospital
11			i.	Failure to contact Dr. Brill or obtain a GYN consult despite the
12				excessive pain medications being given to Ms. Taylor;
13			ii.	Failure to contact Dr. Brill prior to releasing Ms. Taylor;
14			iii.	Releasing Ms. Taylor despite her ongoing severe abdominal pain;
15		c.	Dr. C	hristensen and St. Rose (first visit to ER)
16			i.	Failure to obtain a consult with OB/GYN and/or surgeon based upon
17				the CT report;
18			ii.	Release of Ms. Taylor despite the CT report and ongoing severe
19				abdominal pain without ruling out a more serious injury with CT
20				findings consistent with visceral perforation and injury
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to uterine perforation, bowel perforation, bowel resection, gross peritonitis in all 4 quadrants, and a prolonged, critical, post-operative course. I reserve the rights to amend my findings upon the presentation of additional facts and/or records related to this matter. SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 25 day of April, 2018. J. BERGSTROM Commission No. 2067304 OTARY PUBLIC-CALIFORNIA RIVERSIDE COUNTY My Comm. Expires JUNE 4, 2018

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Riverside Medical Clinic 6/2013 –present Riverside, CA

Obstetrician and Gynecologist

- Full spectrum OB/GYN care, with emphasis on minimally invasive Gynecologic procedures, in large multi-specialty Medical Group
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Magnolia Women's Center 7/2011 – 6/2013 Riverside, CA

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1 **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE** I HEREBY CERTIFY that on the 13th day of May 2022, I served a true and correct copy 2 3 of the foregoing NOTICE OF ENTRY OF ORDER DENYING DEFENDANT KEITH 4 BRILL, M.D. AND WOMEN'S HEALTH ASSOCIATES OF SOUTHERN NEVADA-5 MARTIN, PLLC'S MOTION FOR ATTORNEY'S FEES addressed to the following counsel 6 of record at the following address(es): 7 8 \boxtimes VIA ELECTRONIC SERVICE: By mandatory electronic service (e-service), proof of eservice attached to any copy filed with the Court; or 9 10 VIA U.S. MAIL: By placing a true copy thereof enclosed in a sealed envelope with postage thereon fully prepaid, addressed as indicated on the service list below in the United 11 States mail at Las Vegas, Nevada 12 VIA FACSIMILE: By causing a true copy thereof to be telecopied to the number 13 indicated on the service list below. 14 15 Adam J. Breeden, Esq. 16 BREEDEN & ASSOCIATES, PLLC 376 E. Warm Springs Road, Suite 120 17 Las Vegas, Nevada 89119 Attorneys for Plaintiff 18 19 20 21 22 /s/ Candace Cullina An Employee of McBRIDE HALL 23 24 25 26 27 28

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25	Defendants' Motion for Attorney's Fees came for oral argument on January 18, 2022 at				
26	9:00 a.m. Plaintiff, KIMBERLY TAYLOR was represented by her counsel Adam J. Breeden,				
27	Esq. of BREEDEN & ASSOCIATES, PLLC. Defendants, KEITH BRILL, M.D. and WOMEN'S				
28	HEALTH ASSOCIATES OF SOUTHERN NEVADA- MARTIN, PLLC were represented by				
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their counsel Heather Hall, Esq. of McBRIDE HALL. Hon. Michael Cherry presided over the hearing. Having reviewed the pleadings and papers on file and heard oral argument;

THE COURT FINDS that attorney's fees are not recoverable under NRS § 18.010(2)(b) because this action was not filed "without reasonable ground or to harass the prevailing party." *Duff v. Foster*, 110 Nev. 1306, 1308, 885 P.2d 589, 591 (1994). Attorney's fees are also not recoverable under NRS § 18.010(2)(a) because the Defendants did not recover on any of their own claims. *Key Bank v. Donnels*, 106 Nev. 49, 53, 787 P.2d 382, 385 (1990) ("when attorney's fees are based on the provisions in [NRS 18.010(2)] subsection (a), we have held that an award of a money judgment is a prerequisite to an award of attorney's fees.").

THE COURT FINDS that attorney's fees are not recoverable under NRCP 68 either. On June 29, 2021, Defendants served an offer of judgment for a mutual waiver of attorneys' fees and costs. Defense attorneys' fees incurred as of the date of service of the Offer were \$41,552.25 and costs were \$19,200.53. This Offer expired on July 13, 2021. The Court has reviewed the parties' arguments and the factors under *Beattie v. Thomas*, 99 Nev. 579, 668 P.2d 268 (Nev. 1983) and *Brunzell v. Golden Gate National Bank*, 85 Nev. 345, 455 P. 2d 31, 33 (Nev. 1969). The Court finds that Defendants' offer of judgment for a mutual waiver of attorneys' fee and costs does not entitle Defendants to attorneys' fees. Therefore;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDICATED AND DECREED that Defendants' Motion for Attorney Fees is denied, Plaintiff's counsel shall prepare the Order.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated this 12th day of May, 2022

Onlynde

for Sr. Judge Cherry

0CB 53E D335 20C5 Monica Trujillo District Court Judge

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1	Respectfully Submitted by:	Approved as to Form and Content by:
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Subject: RE: Taylor v. Brill, A-18-773472-C- Order Regarding Attorney Fees

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I will submit a competing order.

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Heather,

The attorney's fees were denied. Judge Cherry gave little analysis at the hearing on the issue but he apparently adopted Plaintiff's opposition. I felt the order should explain the position and contain some legal analysis. I am inclined to submit my version as a disputed order today, I will notify the Court that it appears you dispute the language of the Order and may submit a competing order.

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Adam,

Here are my changes to your Order. I am also attaching a copy of the transcript. The comments regarding bad faith, \$0, etc. were your comments and not findings of the Court.

With these changes, you may use my e-signature.

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Heather,					
The Court directed my firm to prepare an order on the attorney's fees issues and your firm to prepare an order on the costs issues. I waited a few days but no minutes have posted. I have drafted the attached Order, please advise if I may affix your e-signature and submit to the Court.					
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