#### IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

ZION WOOD OBI WAN TRUST AND SHAWN WRIGHT AS TRUSTEE OF THE ZION WOOD OBI WAN TRUST Appellant

vs.

MMAWC, LLC d/b/a WORLD SERIES OF FIGHTING a Nevada Limited Liability Company; MMAX INVESTMENT PARTNERS d/b/a PROFESSIONAL FIGHTERS LEAGUE; NANCY and BRUCE DEIFIK FAMILY PARTNERSHIP, LLP., a Colorado limited liability partnership 0E0E1

**Supreme Court Case No:** 

85051

**District Court Case No:** 

A-17-764118-C

Respondents

#### **APPEAL**

From the Eighth Judicial District Court
Department I
Clark County Nevada
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APPELLANTS' APPENDIX VOL 5

LAW OFFICES OF BYRON THOMAS BYRON THOMAS, ESQ. BAR NO: 8906

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**MMAX'S JOINT MOTION TO** CONFIRM ARBITRATION AWARDS

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IT IS FUTHER ORDERED that the 06/25/21 Award and 10/24/21 Award are hereby confirmed, and judgment shall be entered thereon in favor of MMAWC and DFP in the amount of \$43,687.20 and in favor of PFL in the amount \$49,320.90.

#### IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated this 13th day of June, 2022

District Court Judge

Dated:

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Nancy Allf **District Court Judge** 

#### Respectfully Submitted By,

/s/Maximiliano D. Couvillier III

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/s/Michael N. Feder

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/s/Byron Thomas	
Byron Thomas, Esq. (Bar 890)	5)
Attorney for Plaintiffs	

From:

Michael N. Feder

To:

Max Couvillier

Cc:

Byron Thomas; Gabriel A. Blumberg; Dianne M. Kelling

Subject:

Re: EXTERNAL: Zion

Date:

Wednesday, June 8, 2022 2:35:54 PM

You have approval to affix my e-signature.

Thank you Michael

Sent from my iPhone please excuse any typos

On Jun 8, 2022, at 2:32 PM, Max Couvillier <mcouvillier@kclawnv.com> wrote:

Attached is the proposed order regarding the joint motion to reopen action and to confirm arbitration award.

Please let me know if I have your consent to affix your electronic signature and submit

Due to my schedule, I intend to submit by 10am Friday June 10.

Thanks

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"Byron Thomas"

Subject:

Max Couvillier; Michael Feder; Gabriel A. Blumberg RE: Eighth Judicial District Court - Proposed Order Returned

Date:

Friday, June 10, 2022 12:01:26 PM

Understandable; Mr. Couvillier, please resend the order with Mr. Thomas's signature.



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To: White, Terrance

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I approve it as to form in that the proposed order correctly states the Court's oral decision.

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Zion's counsel refused to sign the order granting joint motion to confirm arbitration awards. Did not contact us with any objections. Did not contact us at all. We don't know what else to do to comply with the generic message below.

We know that Zion's counsel received the proposed order granting joint motion to confirm arbitration awards because he responded to the proposed order regarding the related joint motion to seal.

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Zion Wood v. MMAWC et al, Case No. A-17-764118-C

Your proposed order or document requiring a judge's signature to the court has been returned for the following reason(s): All Parties must sign and approve the Order. If Parties object to the Order, they can file an Objection on the record or redlining the Proposed Order. Please email the law clerk at <a href="Dept27LC@clarkcountycourts.us">Dept27LC@clarkcountycourts.us</a> to inform them this is a CO. Also, include a word version of the Order, hearing transcript, and the objection/redlining of the Order for the Court's consideration.

**CSERV** 2 DISTRICT COURT 3 CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA 4 5 Zion Wood Obi Wan Trust, CASE NO: A-17-764118-C 6 Plaintiff(s) 7 DEPT. NO. Department 27 vs. 8 MMAWC LLC, Defendant(s) 9 10 AUTOMATED CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE 11 12 This automated certificate of service was generated by the Eighth Judicial District Court. The foregoing Order Granting Motion was served via the court's electronic eFile 13 system to all recipients registered for e-Service on the above entitled case as listed below: 14 Service Date: 6/13/2022 15 Michael Feder mfeder@dickinsonwright.com 16 Gabriel Blumberg gblumberg@dickinsonwright.com 17 Docket Clerk - LV Litigation LV LitDocket@dickinsonwright.com 18 byron Thomas Byronthomaslaw@gmail.com 19 20 Byron Thomas Byronthomaslaw@gmail.com 21 Maximiliano Couvillier mcouvillier@kclawnv.com 22 Todd Kennedy tkennedy@kclawnv.com 23 Paul Haire paul.m.haire@gmail.com 24 Dianne Kelling DKelling@dickinsonwright.com 25 Traci Burns tburns@dickinsonwright.com 26 27

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NOTICE OF ENTRY OF ORDER GRANTING MMAWC AND MMAX'S JOINT MOTION TO CONFIRM ARBITRATION AWARDS

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2022, an Order Granting MMAWC and MMAX'S Joint Motion to Confirm Arbitration Awards was entered by the Court. A copy of said Order is attached hereto as **Exhibit 1**.

Dated: this 14th day of June, 2022.

#### **DICKINSON WRIGHT PLLC**

/s/: Michael N. Feder
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#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned, an employee of Dickinson Wright PLLC, hereby certifies that on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of June 2022, she caused a copy of the foregoing NOTICE OF ENTRY OF ORDER GRANTING MMAWC AND MMAX'S JOINT MOTION TO CONFIRM ARBITRATION AWARDS to be transmitted by electronic service in accordance with Administrative Order 14.2, to all interested parties, through the Court's Odyssey E-File & Serve system addressed to:

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Cc: Subject: Max Couvillier; Michael Feder; Gabriel A. Blumberg RE: Eighth Judicial District Court - Proposed Order Returned

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Zion's counsel refused to sign the order granting joint motion to confirm arbitration awards. Did not contact us with any objections. Did not contact us at all. We don't know what else to do to comply with the generic message below.

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Pursuant to the Nevada Uniform Arbitration Act at NRS 38.243, defendants MMAWC, LLC ("MMAWC"), The Nancy And Bruce Deifik Family Partnership LLLP ("DFP") and MMAX Investment Partners, Inc. dba Professional Fighters League ("MMAX"), by and through their respective counsel, jointly move for an award of reasonable attorneys' fees and costs incurred in connection with the proceedings to confirm the arbitration awards in their favor issued by the American Arbitration Association ("AAA").

This Motion is made and based upon the Memorandum of Points and Authorities below, the Court's record, and any argument of counsel the Court may consider.

Dated: July 1, 2022.

#### KENNEDY & COUVILLIER, PLLC

## /s/Maximiliano D. Couvillier III Maximiliano D. Couvillier III, Esq. (NBN 7661) mcouvillier@kclawnv.com Attorneys for Defendant MMAWC, LLC and The Nancy And Bruce Deifik Family Partnership

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## /s/Michael N. Feder Michael N. Feder (NBN. 7332) MFeder@dickinsonwright.com Gabriel A. Blumberg (NBN. 12332) GBlumberg@dickinsonwright.com Attorneys for MMAX Investment Partners, Inc. dba Professional Fighters League

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> MMAX is now known as Professional Fighters League, LLC.

# Las Vegas, Nevada

#### **MEMORANDUM OF POINTS & AUTHORITIES**

#### I. **FACTS**

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On April 4, 2022, MMAWC, DFP and MMAX filed a joint motion ("Joint Motion") (Doc ID# 99) per NRS 38.239 to confirm the arbitration awards in their favor issued by the AAA on June 25, 2021 and October 4, 2021 ("Arbitration Awards"). Plaintiffs Zion Obi Wan Trust ("Zion") and its trustee Shawn Wright ("Wright") contested confirmation and filed an opposition on April 28, 2022 (Doc ID# 102), seeking to vacate or modify those Arbitration Awards.

MMAWC, DFP and MMAX filed their joint reply on May 6, 2022 (Doc ID#104). The Court heard the joint motion on June 8, 2022, and, on June 13, 2022, the Court entered an order (Doc ID #109) granting the joint motion and confirming the Arbitration Awards in favor of MMAWC, DFP and MMAX. The notice of entry of order was filed and served on June 14, 2022 (Doc ID# 110).

#### Reasonable Fees and Costs Incurred By MMAWC & DFP A.

To date, MMAWC and DFP have incurred \$4,500.00 in reasonable attorneys' fees and \$3.50 in reasonable costs. See Declaration of Maximiliano D. Couvillier III, Esq. ("Couvillier Declaration") at ¶¶3, 4, attached hereto as Exhibit A. As stated in the attached Declaration of their counsel, MMAWC and DFP anticipate incurring an additional \$2,250.00 in fees in connection with this Joint Motion and related proceedings. Id. at ¶5. Thus, MMAWC and DFP seek a total of \$6.750.00 in reasonable attorneys' fees and \$3.50 in reasonable costs. Id. at \$\quad \quad 8. 10.

#### В. Reasonable Fees and Costs Incurred By MMAX

MMAX has incurred \$9,780.00 in reasonable attorneys' fees and \$10.50 in reasonable costs relating to the motion confirming the arbitration awards. See Declaration of Michael N. Feder, Esq. ("Feder Declaration") at ¶¶ 4-5, attached hereto as Exhibit B; see also Exhibit B-1. As noted in the Feder Declaration, MMAX anticipates incurring an additional \$3,500 in attorneys' fees in connection with this Joint Motion and related proceedings. See Exhibit B at ¶¶ 6. Thus, MMAX requests a total of \$13,290.50 in reasonable attorneys' fees and costs. See Exhibit B at ¶¶ 4-6.

#### II. **ARGUMENT**

The Nevada Uniform Arbitration Act expressly provides an award of reasonable attorneys' fees and costs to prevailing parties in contested proceedings to confirm arbitration awards. NRS 38.243(3) provides:

> On application of a prevailing party to a contested judicial proceeding under NRS 38.239, 38.241 or 38.242, the court may add reasonable attorney's fees and other reasonable expenses of litigation incurred in a judicial proceeding after the award is made to a judgment confirming, vacating without directing a rehearing, modifying or correcting an award.

Id.

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As discussed above, Zion and Wright not only contested the NRS 38.239 Joint Motion to confirm the Arbitration Awards, but further sought to vacate or modify those awards per NRS 38.241 and NRS 38.242. Having prevailed, MMAWC, DFP and MMAX are therefore entitled to their reasonable attorneys' fees and costs per NRS 38.243(3).

When considering the reasonableness of attorneys' fees to award, courts consider the following factors (1) the qualities of the advocate: ability, training, education, experience, professional standing and skill; (2) the character of the work to be done: its difficulty, its intricacy, its importance, time and skill required, the responsibility imposed and the prominence and character of the parties where they affect the importance of the litigation; (3) the work actually performed by the lawyer: the skill, time and attention given to the work; (4) the result: whether the attorney was successful and what benefits were derived. Brunzell v. Golden Gate Nat. Bank, 85 Nev. 345, 349, 455 P.2d 31, 33 (1969).

When considering these factors, MMAWC and DFP are entitled to \$6,975.00 in reasonable attorneys' fees and \$3.50 in reasonable costs (see Exhibit A at ¶8, 10), and MMAX is entitled to \$13,280.00 in reasonable attorneys' fees and \$10.50 in reasonable costs (see Exhibit B at ¶¶ 4-6, see also Exhibit B-1);.

#### Qualities of the advocates (1).

#### MMAWC & DFP

As demonstrated by the Couvillier Declaration attached here as Exhibit A, the matter

required the skills and experience of an experienced lawyer, who was able to efficiently and successfully confirm the Arbitration Awards. The qualities of counsel for MMAWC and DFP are further established by the Couvillier Declaration, which counsel has several leadership roles within the legal profession and are considered preeminent attorneys by their peers. The hourly rate charged by counsel for MMAWC and DFP are either well within, or below, the general prevailing rates in this locality for attorneys of comparable reputation and experience. See Convillier Declaration at ¶6.

#### **MMAX**

The qualities of the attorneys at Dickinson Wright are well-known in the community. As detailed in the Feder Declaration, the attorneys and paralegals working on this matter have vast litigation experience spanning multiple decades, are well respected in the legal community, have received numerous accolades and recognition in the legal industry, and, have impressive training and educational backgrounds. See Ex. B at ¶¶ 4-5. The hourly rates charged by counsel for MMAX are either within, or below, the general prevailing rates in this locality for attorneys of comparable reputation and experience. Id. at ¶ 7.

#### (2). Character of work done

The proceedings to confirm the Arbitration Award required full briefing and preparation and attendance for hearing. The briefs required a detailed summary of the arbitration proceedings and analysis and discussion of the Arbitration Awards. Notably, the proceedings should have been streamlined, and unopposed, because Zion and Wright failed to timely seek to vacate or modify the Arbitration Awards under NRS 38.241 or NRS 38.242.

Zion and Wright received notice of the Arbitration Awards on June 25, 2021, and October 4, 2021, respectively. Zion and Wright, however, did not file a motion to vacate those awards per NRS 38.241, which, by the most generous timeline, required them to have made such a motion by no later than January 2, 2022. See NRS 38.241(2) (motions to vacate an arbitration award must be made within 90 days). Similarly, Zion and Wright did not file a motion to modify or correct those arbitration awards per NRS 38.242, which, again by the most generous timeline, required Zion to have made such motion by no later than January 2, 2022. See NRS 38.242(1)

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(motions to modify or correct an arbitration award must be made within 90 days).

Thus, Zion and Wright lost their right to seek to vacate or modify the Arbitration Awards. Richardson v. Harris, 107 Nev. 763, 765, 818 P.2d 1209, 1210 (1991)("[W]e conclude that Harris' motion to correct or modify the award was not timely filed under NRS 38.155. Therefore, the district court erred in refusing to confirm the arbitration award upon Richardson's motion.") (NRS 38.155 was superseded; NRS 38.241 and 38.242 provide identical language regarding 90 day deadline); Casev v. Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., 128 Nev. 713, 716-18, 290 P.3d 265, 267-68 (2012) (if a party does not timely file motions to vacate or modify an arbitration award, the confirmation of such award is mandatory). Nevertheless, Zion and Wright expanded the proceedings by not only opposing the Joint Motion, but also by [untimely] seeking to vacate or modify the Arbitration Awards. See 4/28/22 Opposition (Doc ID# 102). Thus, Zion and Wright greatly expanded the issues, the briefing and the scope of the proceedings.

Notably, MMAWC, DFP and MMAX filed their briefs jointly for judicial economy. And thus, the attorneys' fees and costs sought here are particularly reasonable.

#### Work Actually Performed - The Attorney Hours Covered By This Request (3).

The attached attorney Declarations and Invoices establish the services provided for each hour billed. In undersigned counsels' experience, the hours expended are reasonable and in-line with the scope of the work and tasks that were required in this matter, particularly as Zion and Wright expanded the proceedings, as discussed above.

#### (4). Results obtained by counsel

MMAWC, DFP and MMAX prevailed in upholding and confirming the Arbitration Awards; and in defeating Zion and Wright's substantive (and untimely) contest of those awards.

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#### III. <u>CONCLUSION</u>

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Taken together, an evaluation of the foregoing factors support an award to MMAWC and DFP in the total sum of <u>\$6,753.50</u> for their reasonable and necessary fees and costs incurred; and an award to MMAX in the total sum of <u>\$13,290.50</u> for its reasonable and necessary fees and costs incurred.

Respectfully,

#### KENNEDY & COUVILLIER, PLLC

#### /s/Maximiliano D. Couvillier III

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#### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned, an employee of Dickinson Wright PLLC, hereby certifies that on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2022, I caused a copy of the foregoing JOINT MOTION FOR ATTORNEYS' FEES PER NRS 38.243 to be transmitted by electronic service in accordance with Administrative Order 14.2, to all interested parties, through the Court's Odyssey *E-File & Serve* system addressed to:

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/s/: Dianne M. Kelling
An Employee of DICKINSON WRIGHT PLLC

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#### AMERICAN ARBITRATION ASSOCIATION

Zion Wood OB Wan Trust and Shawn Wright as	
Trustee,	DISTRICT COURT DEPT:

#### Plaintiffs,

MMAWC, LLC dba World Series of Fighting;

Nancy and Bruce Deifik Family Partnership, LLP, MMAX Investment Partners, Inc. dba Professional Fighters League; Carlos Silva, an individual,

Defendants.

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DECLARATION OF MAXIMILIANO D. COUVILLIER III, ESQ. IN SUPPORT OF JOINT MOTION FOR **ATTORNEYS' FEES PER NRS 38.243** 

Pursuant to NRS 53.045, Maximiliano D. Couvillier III, Esq. declare as follows:

- I the attorney of record for defendants MMAWC, LLC ("MMAWC"), The Nancy 1. And Bruce Deifik Family Partnership LLLP ("DFP") in the above-captioned action ("Action"). I am over 18 years of age and make this Declaration on my personal knowledge, unless facts are otherwise stated on information and belief, to which I believe such facts to be true.
- 2. I am familiar with all of the attorneys' fees and costs incurred by MMAWC and the DFP in connection with their proceedings in this Action to confirm the arbitration awards in their favor issued by the AAA on June 25, 2021 and October 4, 2021 ("Arbitration Awards").
- As of the date of this Declaration, MMAWC and DFP has reasonably and 3. necessarily incurred \$4,500.00 in attorneys' fees, and \$3.50 in costs. The reasonable attorneys' fees represent 12.00 hours of legal services that I provided at my hourly rate of \$375.00.

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- Attached to this Application as Exhibit A-1 is a true and correct copy of Kennedy & Couvillier, PLLC Activities Report ("KC Law Invoice") for our file, which details all of the legal services, including description and time, rendered by attorneys for MMAWC and DFP in connection with the proceedings to confirm the Arbitration Awards. I am personally familiar with the contents of the KC Law Invoice, as they reflect services rendered and description and time entries that I personally prepared and documented. Attached as Exhibit A-2 is the electronic invoice from the Eighth Judicial District Court Clerk for the \$3.50 filing fee in connection with the proceedings to confirm the Arbitration Awards.
- Based on personal experience, I reasonably anticipate that MMAWC and DFP 5. will reasonably incur an additional \$2,250.00 for 6 attorney hours in connection with review of the opposition, preparation of the Joint Reply and attendance and participation at the anticipated hearing on this matter.
- I graduated from California Western School of Law in 2001 and have been 6. practicing complex, commercial litigation in Nevada for 20 years. I am an author of the Nevada Practice Manual. I am the Chair of the Nevada State Bar Litigation Section. I am the Chairman of the Board of Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada. I was recently appointed by Nevada Senators Masto or Rosen to the U.S. District Court Judicial Selection Committee. I have a AV-Preeminent Peer Review Rating by Martindale-Hubbell, and been rated by Best Lawyers® for Commercial Litigation, Super Lawyers Mountain States ® for Business Litigation and been recognized by Nevada Business Magazine as one of the "Top Lawyers" in Southern Nevada.
- My hourly fee to MMAWC and DFP is \$375. As the Managing Partner for 7. Kennedy & Couvillier, PLLC and the Chair of the Nevada State Bar Litigation Section, I am generally familiar with the fees other attorneys practicing in commercial litigation charge in Clark County, Nevada. Through my career, I have been responsible for overseeing the billing of many clients on many substantial and ordinary pieces of commercial litigation. I have attempted to keep abreast of the fees charged by comparable firms and attorneys. Based on my experience,

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I believe that my \$375 hourly fee is reasonable and in-line with, or below that of, other commercial litigators in Clark County with similar experience.

- The \$6,750.00 in attorneys' fees reasonably and necessarily incurred by 8. MMAWC and the Partnership in connection with the proceedings to confirm the Arbitration Awards.
- The 18.00 attorney hours expended were reasonable and necessary for the 9. successful confirmation of the Arbitration Awards in favor of MMAWC and DFP.
- The \$3.50 in costs incurred by MMAWC and DFP in connection with the 10. proceedings to confirm the Arbitration Awards are also reasonable and necessary.
- The Court should award MMAWC and DFP the total reasonable attorneys' fees 11. and costs in the amount of \$6,753.50 pursuant to NRS 38.243(3).
  - I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. 12. Dated: July 1, 2022.

/s/Maximiliano D. Couvillier III Maximiliano D. Couvillier III, Esq.

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# **EXHIBIT B**

herein and know them to be true except for matters set forth herein on information and belief, and as to those matters, I believe them to be true.

- 2. I am submitting this declaration in support of MMAX and MMAWC's Joint Motion for Attorneys' Fees Per NRS 38.243 (the "Joint Fee Motion").
- 3. A true and correct copy of redacted billing records reflecting attorneys' fees and costs incurred by Dickinson Wright on behalf of MMAX in relation to confirming the arbitration awards is attached hereto as Exhibit B-1. The time entries identified in the June billing statement run through June 27, 2022 and do not include the time incurred relating to the Joint Fee Motion. The records have been redacted to exclude unrelated attorneys' fees and costs and to preserve attorney-client privilege. An unredacted version can be produced to the Court for in camera review upon request
- 4. I am a member with Dickinson Wright. I graduated cum laude from Temple University Beasley School of Law in 1992 and have been admitted to practice in Nevada since 2000. During my career, I have handled numerous commercial and business litigation matters on behalf of, among others, national and regional businesses, firms, and institutions. I also have earned an AV preeminent peer-review rating from Martindale-Hubbell, been recognized by Chambers USA since 2017, been honored in the Mountain States Super Lawyers since 2011, been recognized by Best Lawyers since 2012, and been recognized as Legal Elite by Nevada Business Magazine since 2009. My standard billing rate is \$710 per hour, but I charged a discounted rate of \$580 per hour for the tasks identified in Exhibit B-1. I billed 14.1 hours relating to the previously filed joint motion seeking confirmation of the arbitration awards for a total cost of \$8,178.00, but MMAX is only seeking to recover 12.8 hours for my time for a total cost of \$7,424.00. The entries for which MMAX is not seeking reimbursement are highlighted in Exhibit B-1.
- 5. Brooks Westergard is an associate with Dickinson Wright. He graduated from Williamette University College of Law in 2016 and then clerked for the Honorable Justice James W. Hardesty of the Supreme Court of Nevada and the Honorable Judge Howard D. McKibben of the United States District Court, District of Nevada. Following his clerkships, Mr. Westergard

has practiced in the area of complex business litigation. His billing rate on this matter was \$380 per hour and he billed 8.6 hours for a total cost of \$3,268, but MMAX is only seeking to recover 6.2 hours of his time for a total cost of \$2,356.00. The entries for which MMAX is not seeking reimbursement are highlighted in Exhibit B-1.

- 6. In addition, I anticipate that MMAX will incur an additional \$3,500.00 to \$4,000.00 in attorneys' fees and costs in connection with the preparation of the Joint Fee Motion and reply in support of the Joint Fee Motion, and the preparation and attendance at the anticipated hearing on this matter.
- 7. I am familiar with the rates charged by attorneys in Nevada with comparable skill and experience. The hourly rates for the attorneys and staff who worked on this case are at or below the prevailing market rates in Las Vegas, Nevada. I believe the hours spent by MMAX's counsel on this matter are fair and reasonable.
- 8. As the responsible attorney for this matter, I regularly reviewed and edited the invoices sent to MMAX in this matter. I believe the fees and costs charged to MMAX were reasonable.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

Dated this 1st day of July, 2022.

<u>/s/ Michael N. Feder</u> MICHAEL N. FEDER

# **EXHIBIT B-1**



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MMAX INVESTMENT PARTNERS INC.

ATTN: Jim Bramson

CLIENT/MATTER NO.: 088397-00004

RE: AAA DEMAND: ZION WOOD V. MMAWC ET AL.

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AAA DEMAND: ZION WOOD V. MMAWC ET AL. CLIENT/MATTER NO.:088397-00004

INVOICE DATE: MARCH 11, 2022

INVOICE NO.: 1672205

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INVOICE DATE: APRIL 12, 2022 INVOICE NO.: 1681742

MMAX INVESTMENT PARTNERS INC.

ATTN: Jim Bramson

CLIENT/MATTER NO.: 088397-00004

RE: AAA DEMAND: ZION WOOD V. MMAWC ET AL.

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FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES THROUGH MARCH 31, 2022		<u>USD</u>
TOTAL FEES CURRENT INVOICE	\$_	638.00
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INVOICE DATE: MAY 10, 2022 INVOICE NO.: 1690815

MMAX INVESTMENT PARTNERS INC.

ATTN: Jim Bramson

CLIENT/MATTER NO.: 088397-00004

RE: AAA DEMAND: ZION WOOD V. MMAWC ET AL.

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04/04/22	MNF		al draft of motion to confirm n M. Couvillier re same	arbitration award and	0.3	174.00
04/05/22	MNF	Emails with	J. Bramson re		0.1	58.00
04/15/22	MNF	request for	Emails with B. Thomas and M. Couvillier re B. Thomas's request for additional time to respond oppose motion to confirm arbitration award; emails with M. Couvillier re same			116.00
04/25/22	MNF	request for	Emails with B. Thomas and M. Couvillier re B. Thomas's request for extension of time to oppose motion to confirm arbitration award; Emails with M. Couvillier re same			174.00
04/26/22	MNF	extending b	Review, revise and comment on drafts of stipulation extending briefing deadlines on motion to confirm arbitration award; Emails with B. Thomas and M. Couvillier re same			348.00
04/27/22	MNF		Emails with counsel re stipulation extending briefing schedule on arbitration motion; Review order approving same			116.00
04/28/22	MNF	Initial reviev award	Initial review of opposition to motion to confirm arbitration award			174.00
04/29/22	MNF	Telephone of same; Email	Further review of opposition to arbitration motion; Telephone conference and emails with M. Couvillier re same; Emails and telephone conference with B. Westergard re			812.00
04/29/22	BTW	legal resear	Review file and relevant pleadings; conduct preliminary legal research related to reply in support of motion to confirm arbitration award; discussed with M. Feder			 532,00
		7	TOTAL FEES		4.8	\$ 2,504.00
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MICHAEL	N. FEDER		MEMBER	580.00	3.40	1,972.00
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INVOICE DATE: JUNE 8, 2022 INVOICE NO.: 1700735

MMAX INVESTMENT PARTNERS INC.

ATTN: Jim Bramson

CLIENT/MATTER NO.: 088397-00004

RE: AAA DEMAND: ZION WOOD V. MMAWC ET AL.

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05/02/22	BTW	Conduct legal research re applicability of N Civil Procedure to arbitration proceedings; corresponding section of Reply in Support Confirm	draft	2.8	1,064.00
05/02/22	BTW	Conduct legal research re standard to vaca award and timeliness of filing motion to vac arbitration award; draft corresponding secti Support of Motion to Confirm	ate or modify	2.4	912.00
05/03/22	BTW	Complete initial draft of Reply in Support of Confirm Arbitration Award	Motion to	1.5	570.00
05/03/22	MNF	Review, revise and comment on draft reply in support of motion to confirm arbitration awards and emails with B. Westergard re same		1.2	696.00
05/04/22	BTW	Revised Reply in Support of Motion to Conf same to co-defendant's counsel	îrm; transmitted	0.5	190.00
05/04/22	MNF	Review, revise and comment on updated dr support of motion confirm arbitration awards with B. Westergard re	raft of reply in s and emails	1.1	638.00
05/05/22	MNF	Review M. Couvillier's comments to draft reply brief to confirm arbitration awards; Review and revise reply brief; emails with M. Couvillier and B. Westergard re same; Draft motion to file exhibit to reply brief under seal; emails with J. Bramson re		1.3	754.00
05/06/22	MNF	Emails with M. Couvillier re reply brief; Reviereply brief and motion to file exhibit under se		8.0	464.00
05/11/22	MNF	Prepare for and attend hearing on motion to arbitration awards (during hearing, senior judhandle hearing continued the hearing to date available to hear motion); Emails with couns hearing; Review minute order re continued hearing.	dge assigned to e trial judge el and court re	1.2	696.00
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MICHAEL N. FEDER	MEMBER	580.00	5.60	3,248.00
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6/8/2022 2817	Feder, Michael N.	1.60	928.00 088397-00004	AAA Demand; Zion Wood v. MMAWC et al.	to file under seal Final preparation for and attend hearing on motion to confirm arbitration awards; emails with J. Bramson re
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6/10/2022 2817	Feder, Michael N.	0.30	174.00 088397-00004	AAA Demand: Zlon Wood v.	confirm arbitration awards Emails with court and counsel re order granting arbitration
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6/14/2022 2817	Feder, Michael N.	0.20	116.00 088397-00004	AAA Demand: Zion Wood v.	arbitration awards Prepare notice of entry of order confirming arbitration
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MMAWC, LLC d/b/a WORLD SERIES OF

FIGHTING a Nevada limited liability company;

Defendants.

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Attorneys for Plaintiff

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EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

CASE NO: A-17-764118-C DEPT NO: XXVII

STIPULATION AND ORDER TO EXTEND THE DEADLINES TO FILE OPPOSITION AND REPLY TO DEFENDANTS' JOINT MOTION FOR ATTORNEY FEES PURSUANT TO NRS 38.243

(FIRST REQUEST)

Date of Hearing: August, 3, 2022 Time of Hearing: 9 a.m.

Zion Wood Obi Wan Trust, and Defendants MMAWC LLC d/b/a World Series of Fighting ("MMAWC"), The Nancy And Bruce Deifik Family Partnership LLLP ("DFP") and MMAX Investments Partners, Inc. dba Professional Fighters League ("MMAX"), by and through their respective counsels of record have agreed to enter into a Stipulation based on the following terms and conditions:

On July 1, 2022, Defendants filed a "Joint Motion for Attorneys' Fees Pursuant to NRS 38.243" (the "Motion"). The parties have agreed to extend the deadline for Plaintiff's opposition/response to the Motion from July, 15, 2022 to July 19, 2022 and to extend the deadline for Defendants' to file their reply from July 27, 2022 to July 29, 2022. This is the parties' First Request. The extensions are necessary to accommodate the schedules and workload of counsel.

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MMAX is now known as Professional Fighters League, LLC.

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8	Las Vegas, Nevada 89120 Attorneys for 170615 Alberta Ltd. Attorneys for MMAWC LLC; Bruce Deifik;
	and The Nancy And Bruce Deifik Family Partnership LLLP
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18	Attorneys for MMAX Investment Partners, Inc. dba Professional Fighters League
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20	ORDER  COOD CALISE APPEADING IT IS SO OPPEDED 41.44
21	GOOD CAUSE APPEARING, IT IS SO ORDERED that:
22	1. Plaintiff's opposition/response to the "Joint Motion for Attorneys' Fees Pursuant to NRS 38.243" (the "Motion") is due on or before July 19, 2022; and
23	2. Defendants' reply to the Motion is due July 29, 2022.
24	DATED thisDateththisf14th day of July, 2022 , 2022
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26	DISTRICT COURT JUDGE
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#### Byron Thomas <br/> <br/> syronthomaslaw@gmail.com>

#### RE: EXTERNAL: RE: Stipulation with Revisions for approval

1 message

Michael N. Feder < MFeder@dickinson-wright.com>

Thu, Jul 14, 2022 at 3:36 PM

To: Max Couvillier <mcouvillier@kclawnv.com>, Byron Thomas <byronthomaslaw@gmail.com>

Cc: "Dianne M. Kelling" < DKelling@dickinson-wright.com>, "Gabriel A. Blumberg" < GBlumberg@dickinson-wright.com>

You may affix my e-signature as well.

#### Michael N. Feder Member

3883 Howard Hughes Parkway Phone 702-550-4440 Suite 800

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From: Max Couvillier < mcouvillier@kclawnv.com>

Sent: Thursday, July 14, 2022 3:34 PM

Subject: EXTERNAL: RE: Stipulation with Revisions for approval

I am fine with your edits Byron. You may submit the stipulation with my e-signature.



Maximiliano D. Couvillier III, Esq. **KENNEDY & COUVILLIER** 3271 E. Warm Springs Rd. Las Vegas, NV 89120 Office: (702) 605-3440

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"In a lawsuit the first to speak seems right, until counsel comes forward to cross-examine."

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To: Max Couvillier <mcouvillier@kclawnv.com>; Michael N. Feder <MFeder@dickinson-wright.com>

Subject: Stipulation with Revisions for approval

Attached is the stipulation with revisions for your approval,

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13	Court. The foregoing Stipulation and Order was served via the court's electronic eFile system to all recipients registered for e-Service on the above entitled case as listed below:			
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#### NOTICE OF APPEAL 1 2 Plaintiff ZION WOOD OBI WAN TRUST and SHAWN WRIGHT in his capacity as Trustee, 3 by and through its undersigned counsel Law Offices of Byron Thomas, hereby gives notice to 4 MMA WC, LLC d/b/a WORLD SERIES OF FIGHTING, NANCY AND BRUCE DEIFIK 5 FAMILY PARTNERSHIP LLLP and MMAX INVESTMENT PARTNERS, INC. dba 6 PROFESSIONAL FIGHTERS LEAGUE now known as the PROFESSIONAL FIGHTERS LEAGUE, LLC of its appeal to the Nevada Supreme Court of the ORDER GRANTING MMAWC AND MMAX'S JOINT MOTION TO CONFIRM ARBITRATION AWARDS attached hereto as 10 Exhibit "A." 11 Dated this 14th day of July 2022 12 13 LAW OFFICES OF BYRON THOMAS 14 /s/ Byron E. Thomas 15 BYRON E. THOMAS, ESQ. Nevada Bar No. 8906 16 3275 S. Jones Blvd. Ste. 104 Las Vegas, Nevada 89146 Phone: 702 747-3103 17 Facsimile: (702) 543-4855 18 Byronthomaslaw@gmail.com Attorney for Zion Wood Obi Want Trust and 19 its Trustee 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28

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3883 Howard Hughes Parkway, Suite 800 Las Vegas, Nevada 891 PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2022, an Order Granting MMAWC and MMAX'S Joint Motion to Confirm Arbitration Awards was entered by the Court. A copy of said Order is attached hereto as **Exhibit 1**.

Dated: this 14th day of June, 2022.

#### **DICKINSON WRIGHT PLLC**

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned, an employee of Dickinson Wright PLLC, hereby certifies that on the 14th day of June 2022, she caused a copy of the foregoing NOTICE OF ENTRY OF ORDER GRANTING MMAWC AND MMAX'S **JOINT MOTION** TO **CONFIRM** ARBITRATION AWARDS to be transmitted by electronic service in accordance with Administrative Order 14.2, to all interested parties, through the Court's Odyssey E-File & Serve system addressed to:

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#### DISTRICT COURT

#### CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

ZION WOOD OBI WAN TRUST and SHAWN WRIGHT as trustee of ZION WOOD OBI WAN TRUST; WSOF GLOBAL, LLC, a Wyoming limited liability company,

CASE NO.: A-17-764118-C DISTRICT COURT DEPT: 27

Plaintiffs,

v.

MMAWC, LLC d/b/a WORLD SERIES OF FIGHTING a Nevada limited liability company; MMAX INVESTMENT PARTNERS, INC. dba PROFESSIONAL FIGHTERS LEAGUE, a Delaware corporation; BRUCE DEIFIK, an individual; CARLOS SILVA, an individual; NANCY AND BRUCE DEIFIK FAMILY PARTNERSHIP LLLP, a Colorado limited liability partnership; KEITH REDMOND, an individual; DOES I through X, inclusive; and ROE Corporations XX through XXX, inclusive,

ORDER GRANTING MMAWC AND MMAX'S JOINT MOTION TO CONFIRM ARBITRATION AWARDS

Defendants.

On June 8, 2022, the Court heard the Joint Motion to Reopen this Matter and to Confirm Arbitration Awards in Favor of Defendants and for Judgment Thereon ("Motion") filed by

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1	defendants MMAWC, LLC ("MMAWC"), The Nancy And Bruce Deifik Family Partnership
2	LLLP ("DFP") and MMAX Investment Partners, Inc. now known as Professional Fighters
3	League, LLC ("PFL"). Maximiliano D. Couvillier III, Esq. appeared on behalf of defendants
4	MMAWC and DFP. Michael N. Feder, Esq. appeared on behalf of MMAX. Byron Thomas,
5	Esq. appeared on behalf of the plaintiffs Zion Obi Wan Trust ("Zion") and its trustee Shawn
6	Wright ("Wright")(together Zion and Wright, "Plaintiffs").
7	The Court has considered the Motion, all related briefs and exhibits, the Court's record,
8	and the argument of counsel. For good cause appearing,
9	IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Motion is GRANTED in all respects. The Court
10	concludes that: (a) no manifest error or injustice exist with respect to the June 25, 2021 Summary
11	Judgment Award ("06/25/21 Award") and October 4, 2021 Fees and Costs Award ("10/4/21
12	Award") entered in the subject America Arbitration Association arbitration ("Arbitration"); (b)
13	the 06/25/21 Award and 10/24/21 Award are not arbitrary or capricious; and (c) the Arbitrator
14	did not manifestly disregard the law with respect to the 06/25/21 Award or the 10/24/21 Award.
15	IT IS FUTHER ORDERED that the 06/25/21 Award and 10/24/21 Award are hereby
16	confirmed, and judgment shall be entered thereon in favor of MMAWC and DFP in the amount
17	of \$43,687.20 and in favor of PFL in the amount \$49,320.90.
18	IT IS SO ORDERED.
10	Dated this 13th day of June, 2022
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22	Respectfully Submitted By,  District Court Judge
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Attorney for Plaintiffs

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Michael N. Feder

To:

Max Couvillier

Cc:

Byron Thomas; Gabriel A. Blumberg; Dianne M. Kelling

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Re: EXTERNAL: Zion

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Thank you Michael

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Attached is the proposed order regarding the joint motion to reopen action and to confirm arbitration award.

Please let me know if I have your consent to affix your electronic signature and submit

Due to my schedule, I intend to submit by 10am Friday June 10.

Thanks

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Max Couvillier; Michael Feder; Gabriel A. Blumberg RE: Eighth Judicial District Court - Proposed Order Returned

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Understandable; Mr. Couvillier, please resend the order with Mr. Thomas's signature.



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I approve it as to form in that the proposed order correctly states the Court's oral decision.

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Mr. Thomas,

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1 **CSERV** 2 DISTRICT COURT CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA 3 4 5 CASE NO: A-17-764118-C Zion Wood Obi Wan Trust, 6 Plaintiff(s) DEPT. NO. Department 27 7 VS. 8 MMAWC LLC, Defendant(s) 9 10 AUTOMATED CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE 11 This automated certificate of service was generated by the Eighth Judicial District 12 Court. The foregoing Order Granting Motion was served via the court's electronic eFile system to all recipients registered for e-Service on the above entitled case as listed below: 13 14 Service Date: 6/13/2022 15 mfeder@dickinsonwright.com Michael Feder 16 gblumberg@dickinsonwright.com Gabriel Blumberg 17 LV\_LitDocket@dickinsonwright.com Docket Clerk - LV Litigation 18 Byronthomaslaw@gmail.com byron Thomas 19 Byronthomaslaw@gmail.com Byron Thomas 20 mcouvillier@kclawnv.com 21 Maximiliano Couvillier 22 tkennedy@kclawnv.com Todd Kennedy 23 paul.m.haire@gmail.com Paul Haire 24 DKelling@dickinsonwright.com Dianne Kelling 25 tburns@dickinsonwright.com Traci Burns 26 27

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COMES now Plaintiff ZION WOOD OBI WAN TRUST and SHAWN WRIGHT as 1 2 trustee of ZION WOOD OBI WAN TRUST by and through counsel of record Law Offices of Byron Thomas as files the Opposition to the Defendants Joint Motion for Attorney Fees (the "Opposition"). The Opposition is based on the pleadings and papers of counsel and any argument ordered by the Court. POINTS AND AUTHORITIES A. The Court Should Exercise its Discretionary Authority and Deny the Joint Motion for Fees Pursuant to NRS 38.243(3) NRS 38.243(3) authorizes a discretionary award of fees. NRS 38.243, provides as follows On application of a prevailing party to a contested judicial proceeding under NRS 38.239, 38.241 or 38.242, the court may add reasonable attorney's fees and other reasonable expenses of litigation incurred in a judicial proceeding after the award is made to a judgment confirming, vacating without directing a rehearing, modifying or correcting an award. (emphasis added). The statute does not provide guidance as to when a court should exercise its discretion to award attorney's fees and costs. Similarly, Plaintiffs have been unable to find Nevada Supreme Court authority setting a standard for awarding attorney fees pursuant to NRS 38.243(3). However, the comments section to Section 25 of the Uniform Arbitration Act (2000), does provides some guidance as to the applicable standard for awarding attorney fees pursuant to the arbitration act: 3. Section 25(c) promotes the statutory policy of finality of arbitration awards by adding a provision for recovery of reasonable attorney's fees and reasonable expenses of litigation to prevailing parties in contested judicial actions to confirm, vacate, modify or correct an award. Potential liability for the opposing parties' post award litigation expenditures will tend to discourage all but the most meritorious challenges of arbitration awards. If a party prevails in a contested judicial proceeding over an arbitration award, Section 25(c) allows the court discretion to award attorney's fees and litigation expenses. Blitz v. Bath Isaac Adas Isrea Congregation, 352 Md. 31, 720 A.2d 912 (1998)(permitting award of attorney's fees in both the trial and appeal of an action to confirm and enforce an arbitration award against party who refused to comply with it)

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5. A court has discretion to award fees under Section 25(c). Courts acting under

similar language in fee-shifting statutes have not been reluctant to exercise their

discretion to take equitable considerations into account.

Other states that have adopted the uniform act, have some decisions on point. For instance, 1 2 the Utah case, Duke v. Graham, 158 P.3d 540, 547-48 (2007). As in Nevada, the Utah arbitration 3 statute leaves an award of fees and costs to the court's discretion. Id., at 548. Similarly to Nevada, the Utah statute gives no guidance on how the court should exercise its discretion. In Duke, the 5 Utah Supreme Court looked to policies behind the statue and reasoned that: [t]he inclusion of an attorney fees provision within the Arbitration Act suggests that our policies favor the enforceability of arbitration awards and discourage relitigation of valid awards. . . . Against this policy of finality, we must balance the need not to unduly burden parties with the threat of fees when they have legitimate concerns about the legal validity of an award.

<u>Id.</u>, (internal quotations omitted).

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In order to balance these equities, the Utah Supreme Court "found it necessary to assess the merits of the party's arguments in order to balance the competing policy concerns." The above persuasive authority thus emphasizes not only the District Court's discretion, which the Nevada Supreme Court has recognized in countless cases, but also the emphasis that an award of fees should be used as a tool to discourage meritless or frivolous litigation after the conclusion of an Geo-Logic Associates, Inc. v. Metal Recovery Sols., Inc., 2020 WL arbitration proceeding. 59816, at \*4 (D. Nev. Jan. 6, 2020);

But while § 38.234 seeks to promote a policy of finality of arbitration awards, this must be balanced with the "need to avoid unduly burden[ing] parties with the threat of fees when they have legitimate concerns about the legal validity of an award." Summa Emergency Assocs., Inc. v. Emergency Physicians Ins. Co., No. 72913, 2018 WL 2041544, at \*2 n.3 (Nev. App. Apr. 20, 2018) (quoting Duke v. Graham, 158 P.3d 540, 548 (Utah 2007)).

In the instant case the challenge was not meritless or frivolous. As Plaintiffs have stated, the Nevada Supreme Court that there is also a common law challenge to an arbitration award. Clark Cty. Educ. Ass'n v. Clark Cty. Sch. Dist., 122 Nev. 337, 341, 131 P.3d 5, 8 (2006). The Common 26 law challenge allows the court to review the award for arbitrary and capriciousness. Id. at Thus, the Nevada Supreme Court, through judge made law, has created two additional grounds to allow

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the court to review an arbitration award. The time limit that Defendants vociferously argue precludes Plaintiffs' common law challenge is found in the statute. 2 3 Defendants cite no case law that extends the statutory time limit to the Court's ability to review 4 the award pursuant to the common-law. The Defendants' caselaw does not discuss the common 5 law basis for the court to review an arbitration award at all. Joint Motion for Attorney Fees p. 6:1-6 12. 7 Nonetheless, even if the court were to treat the Supreme Court's silence regarding the 8 application of the ninety (90) day window to a district court's common law review of an arbitrator's 9 award as tacit approval that the 90 day window is applicable, Plaintiffs are arguing for a good faith 10 modification of the law. Since, the Nevada Supreme Court has deviated from the statute, and 11 enlarged the grounds for challenging an arbitrator's award, it is certainly reasonable to argue that 12 the time period in the statute should not apply to a district court's common law review of an 13 Thus, Plaintiff's arguments are not meritless or frivolous: arbitration award. 14 since a frivolous action has been defined as one that is "baseless," and "baseless" 15 means that "the pleading is [not] well grounded in fact [or is not] warranted by existing law or a good faith argument for the extension, modification or reversal of 16 law."38 existing 17 Simonian v. Univ. & Cmty. Coll. Sys. of Nevada, 122 Nev. 187, 196, 128 P.3d 1057, 1063 18 (2006). In addition, it is without question that the arbitrator's, finding that Defendants could not 19 have requested attorney fees at the district court level was clearly erroneous, and it is also clear that there can be a violation of the duty of good faith and fair dealing even if there is technical 21 compliance with an agreement. See Opposition to Joint Motion to Confirm Arbitration Award 22 23 Dk # 102, p. 2-6; see also Joint Motion to Confirm Award, Arbitrator Decision Exhibit 5 p. 4. 24 Therefore, the challenge to the confirmation award was bought in good faith and supported by 25 facts. 26 // 27 28

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#### B. Joint Defendants Should not Receive any Fees for Filing the Reply.

The Defendants' counsel spent a little over seventeen (17) hours on drafting the reply. Exhibit A-1 to Joint Motion for Attorney Fees 4/9/22-6/8/22 and Exhibit B-1 4/29/22-5/11/22. That seems quite excessive given the experience and acumen of Defendants' counsel. See Exhibits A and B to Joint Motion for Attorney Fees.

Moreover, to grant Defendants' request attorney fees related to the drafting of the Reply to the Opposition to Confirm Award would also contravene the award of the arbitrator. It is uncontested that Plaintiffs made these same arguments during the arbitration. Yet, Defendants did 11 not address the arguments in the arbitration, nor when they filed their motion to confirm the arbitration award. They should not be allowed to collect attorney fees for arguments raised for the first time in the Reply and arguments that they did not make during the arbitration. See Carstarphen v. Milsner, 594 F. Supp. 2d 1201, 1204 (D. Nev. 2009); see also Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Salesdrivers & Helpers, Local Union No. 330 v. Elgin Eby-Brown Co., 670 F. Supp. 1393, 1397 (N.D. 111. 1987); see also United Food & Commercial Workers, Local 400 v. Marval Poultry Co., 645 F. Supp. 1174, 1180 (W.D.Va. 1986).

In addition, granting the Defendants fees for preparing the Reply to the Opposition to Confirm Arbitration would have the perverse effect of actually contravening the parties' arbitration agreement and the arbitrator's award. The arbitrator ruled that Defendants' were not entitled to any fees incurred during the arbitration. Joint Motion for Attorney Fees Exhibit 5 p. 5. Thus, if Defendants had raised the issues in the reply during the arbitration, as they were required to do, then they would have been denied those fees. They certainly could not have then argued in a motion for fees before this Court that seventeen (17) hours was a reasonable amount of time to spend on the Reply to the Opposition to Confirm Arbitration when they would simply be rehashing arguments made in the arbitration.

1	CONCLUSION
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3	For the foregoing the Plaintiffs requests that the Court deny the Defendants' Joint request for
4	attorney fees.
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6	Dated this 19 <sup>th</sup> day of July 2022
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The Court should grant the Joint Motion for Fees by defendants MMAWC, LLC ("MMAWC"), The Nancy And Bruce Deifik Family Partnership LLLP ("DFP") and MMAX Investment Partners, Inc. dba Professional Fighters League ("MMAX" and together with MMAWC and DFP, the "Defendants").1

The July 19, 2022 opposition to Defendants' Joint Motion for Fees ("7/19/22 Fees Opposition") by plaintiffs Zion Obi Wan Trust ("Zion") and its trustee Shawn Wright ("Wright") (together Zion and Wright, "Plaintiffs") is not clear and their arguments, as with past briefs, are underdeveloped or ambiguous. Plaintiffs appear to argue that: (a) fees per NRS 38.243 are somehow only appropriate when an opposition to confirm an arbitration award is "frivolous;" (b) their April 28, 2022, opposition/request to vacate the Arbitration Awards (Plaintiffs' "4/28/22 Brief") was not "frivolous" because it was based on common law standards, which Plaintiffs allege were not considered or somehow ignored as untimely; and (c) Defendants should be precluded from recovering attorneys' fees for addressing Plaintiffs' arguments pertaining to the common law standards in their reply brief.

Plaintiffs' arguments are unreasonable, and the Court should grant the motion because:

- (a) the standard for fees under NRS 38.243 is not whether a parties' opposition to confirm arbitration is "frivolous." Rather, the standard is simply whether a party seeking fees prevailed in confirming the arbitration award, which Defendants indisputably meet;
- (b) the Court confirmed the Arbitration Awards under both statutory and common law standards; and
- (c) Plaintiffs do not actually dispute the vast majority of the attorneys' fees requested by Defendants and only present a conclusory argument concerning the attorneys' fees requested relating to Defendants' reply brief in support of their 4/4/22 Joint Motion to Confirm Arbitration Awards (the "Joint Motion to Confirm").

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> MMAX is now known as Professional Fighters League, LLC.

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#### **MEMORANDUM OF POINTS & AUTHORITIES**

#### I. DEFENDANTS ARE ENTITLED TO THEIR FEES UNDER NRS 38.243 AS THE PREVAILING PARTY

Plaintiffs are attempting to usurp the legislature and re-cast the fees provision under NRS 38.243 as some sort of sanction that requires frivolousness, akin to sanctions under NRS 18.010(2)(b). But NRS 38.243 is not a sanction statute. It does not require a showing of frivolousness. NRS 38.243 is a prevailing party statute, stating in relevant part: "On application of a prevailing party to a contested judicial proceeding...the court may add reasonable attorney's fees and other reasonable expenses of litigation..." NRS 38.243(3)(emphasis added). See e.g., White v. Baum, 134 Nev. 1031, 427 P.3d 1038, 2018 WL 4697257 at \*3 (2018)(persuasive value under NRAP 36(c)(3))(objective of NRS 38.243(3) is to compensate fees of the prevailing party).<sup>2</sup>

Moreover, the Nevada Supreme Court has determined that a party is entitled to its fees so long as it is the "prevailing party," without consideration of the underlying merits relative to the party's success. See e.g., Sunlight Tr. v. Hsieh Ying-Man, 453 P.3d 398, 2019 WL 6840117 at \*1 (Nev. 2019)(unpublished persuasive authority per NRAP 36(c)(3))(directing district court to award defendant fees as a prevailing party solely because the party prevailed, without

Appellants finally argue that the district court improperly awarded respondents attorney fees for a first round of motion practice because respondents were not the "prevailing party" in that round of motion practice for purposes of NRS 38.243(3). We disagree. Even if NRS 38.243(3) envisions a motion-by-motion analysis of who is the "prevailing party" as appellants are suggesting, respondents did prevail in the first round of motion practice by virtue of the district court rejecting all of appellants' arguments and denying their motion to vacate the arbitration award. Accordingly, the district court properly awarded respondents attorney fees for the first round of motion practice.

White, 134 Nev. 1031, 427 P.3d 1038, 2018 WL 4697257 at \*3.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> In White, the Nevada Supreme Court observed:

consideration of the underlying merits of how or why the party prevailed).

Thus, the Court should award Defendants their attorneys' fees because they were the prevailing party in regards to confirming the arbitration award.

### II. DEFENDANTS ARE ENTITLED TO FEES EVEN UTILIZING PLAINTIFFS' PROFERRED STANDARD

Likely recognizing there is no dispute regarding Defendants status as the prevailing party, Plaintiffs attempt to argue, without any legitimate basis, that Defendants' request for attorneys' fees can only be granted if Plaintiffs presented frivolous arguments. As stated above, this is not the governing standard. Even if it were, however, the Court still should award Defendants their attorneys' fees because Plaintiffs' 4/28/22 Brief and recent July 19, 2022 Opposition are frivolous.

### A. Plaintiffs Wholly Failed to Address the Time Limits Contained in NRS 38.231 and NRS 38.242

Plaintiffs' 4/28/22 Brief conceded that the Motion was meritorious and never should have been opposed because Plaintiffs failed to submit any timely motion to vacate, modify, or correct the Arbitration Award. Indeed, in their Joint Motion to Confirm, Defendants highlighted the fact that their motion was required to be granted as a matter of law because Plaintiffs had failed to file any motion to vacate, modify, or correct within the time limits provided by NRS 38.231 or NRS 38.242. Thus, prior to filing the meritless 4/28/22 Brief and electing to force Defendants to incur additional attorneys' in drafting a reply brief and attending two hearings on the matter, Plaintiffs knew they had no valid argument to contest the Joint Motion to Confirm that Defendants submitted pursuant to NRS 38.239.<sup>3</sup> Indeed, Plaintiffs confirmed this point by

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> This fact pattern stands in direct contrast to that of <u>Geo-Logic Assocs., Inc. v. Metal Recovery Sols., Inc.</u>, No. 317CV00563MMDWGC, 2020 WL 59816, at \*4 (D. Nev. Jan. 6, 2020), where the court refused to award attorneys' fees under NRS 38.234 (as opposed to NRS 38.243 at issue here), because: (1) the party moved for an award of attorneys' fees prior to the opposing party filing its opposition to the motion to enforce the arbitration award and (2) the opposing party presented legitimate concerns regarding the award. Here, Defendants waited to move for attorneys' fees until the Court determined that Plaintiffs' opposition to the motion to enforce the arbitration award was meritless and entered an order directing entry of judgment on the arbitration award.

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failing to address the statutory time bar at all in the 4/28/22 Brief.<sup>4</sup>

#### В. The Court Considered and Properly Rejected Plaintiffs' Frivolous Common Law Arguments

In an attempt to sidestep its failure to address the time limits during the briefing on the Joint Motion to Confirm, Plaintiffs now argue that the statutory time limits do not apply to common law challenges and that Plaintiffs only sought to raise common law challenges. Even this argument, however, is frivolous because the Court analyzed and rejected Plaintiffs' baseless common law challenges. Indeed, the Court

Nevada recognizes two common-law standards in evaluating arbitration awards: (1) whether the award is arbitrary or capricious; and (2) whether the arbitrator manifestly disregarded the law. Clark Cnty. Educ. Ass'n v. Clark Cnty. Sch. Dist., 122 Nev. 337, 341, 131 P.3d 5, 8 (2006); Wichinsky v. Mosa, 109 Nev. 84, 89-90, 847 P.2d 727, 731 (1993). "The grounds for overturning an arbitration award are extremely limited and that errors of fact or law—even arguably serious ones—do not justify vacating an award." Indeed, a "factual finding is arbitrary and capricious only if it is not supported by substantial evidence in the record" and "an arbitrator [only] manifestly disregards the law only when he or she knowingly disregards clearly controlling law. News+Media Cap. Grp. LLC v. Las Vegas Sun, Inc., 137 Nev. Adv. Op. 45, 495 P.3d 108, 119 (2021).

In their Joint Motion to Confirm at page 7, Defendants raised and argued the two common law standards. Defendants further addressed those common law standards at pages 4-7 in their 5/6/22 Reply To Confirm Arbitration Awards. Finally, the Court's 6/13/22 Order Granting MMAWC and MMAX's Joint Motion to Confirm Arbitration Awards expressly provides that the Court considered both statutory and common law standards in confirming the awards:

> IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Motion is GRANTED in all respects. The Court concludes that: (a) no manifest error or injustice exist with respect to the June 25, 2021 Summary

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Thus, Plaintiffs argument in their July 19, 2022 Fees Opposition that they previously made a "good faith argument to change the law" regarding the timelines to challenge arbitration awards codified in NRS Chapter 53 is baseless.

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Judgment Award ("06/25/21 Award") and October 4, 2021 Fees and Costs Award ("10/4/21 Award") entered in the Arbitration subject America Association arbitration ("Arbitration"); (b) the 06/25/21 Award and 10/24/21 Award are not arbitrary or capricious; and (c) the Arbitrator did not manifestly disregard the law with respect to the 06/25/21 Award or the 10/24/21 Award.

Id. at 2:9-14 (emphasis added).

Thus, as set forth in the 6/13/22 Order, the Court expressly considered Plaintiffs' common law arguments and rejected them because they lacked any merit, thereby justifying an award of attorneys' fees to Defendants even under Plaintiffs' unsupported, requested standard. See 7/19/22 Fees Opposition at 2:22-23 (noting that such a statute is designed "to discourage all but the most meritorious challenges of arbitration awards"); 3:6-7 (noting an intent to "discourage re-litigation of valid awards" and providing a narrow avenue for "legitimate concerns about the legal validity of an award.") 3:14-16 ("an award of fees should be used as a tool to discourage meritless or frivolous litigation after the conclusion of an arbitration proceeding").

#### DEFENDANTS ARE ENTITLED TO ALL OF THEIR REASONABLE FEES III. INCURRED IN THE PROCEEDINGS

Plaintiffs do not challenge the quality of the advocates, character of the work done, results obtained, billing rates of counsel, or the hours spent on the initial Joint Motion to Confirm, reviewing Plaintiffs' baseless 4/28/22 Brief, or preparing and attending for the hearings. Thus, Plaintiffs must be deemed to have conceded that these amounts are reasonable and should be awarded if the Court determines that attorneys' are awardable under NRS 38.243(3). See EDCR 2.20(e); EDCR 2.20(i)...

Instead, the lone item Plaintiffs challenge is Defendants' request for attorneys' fees relating to their Joint Reply in Support of its Joint Motion to Confirm.

First, Plaintiffs incorrectly argue that Defendants spent more than seventeen hours drafting their reply in support of the Joint Motion to Confirm. As evidenced by the exhibits to the Joint Fee Motion, Defendants combined to spend fourteen hours preparing the reply brief, not

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seventeen hours. Furthermore, as noted in the Feder Declaration attached to the Joint Fee Motion as Exhibit B, Dickinson Wright reduced this amount by 2.4 hours for which it is not seeking reimbursement in relation to the Reply. Motion at Ex. B, ¶ 5. Thus, Defendants are only seeking reimbursement for 11.6 hours of time spent addressing the myriad of baseless arguments presented by Plaintiffs.

Second, Plaintiffs argue that Defendants should be precluded from recovering any attorneys' fees for the Reply because the Reply included arguments addressing common law issues raised by Plaintiffs in their 4/28/22 Brief. Plaintiffs' nonsensical argument seems to suggest that parties should never be permitted to file reply briefs or address arguments raised in an opposition. Indeed, if Plaintiffs' argument is accepted, it would bar any party from ever recovering attorneys' fees for a reply brief and undercut the entire concept of a reply brief. Plaintiffs' argument therefore must be rejected as it fails to offer the Court any basis to reduce the amount of attorneys' fees requested by Defendants.

#### IV. CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons and the reasons set forth in the motion, the Court should grant Defendants' 7/1/22 Joint Motion For Attorneys' Fees Per NRS 38.243 in its entirety awarding MMAWC and DFP \$6,753.50 and MMAX \$13,290.50.

Respectfully,

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Dated this 16th day of August, 2022

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