IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

INDICATE FULL CAPTION:

MARIA MCMILLIN, an individual Appellant

vs.

ROBERT THOMPSON, individually and as franchise; TYRON HENDERSON. individually

Respondent

No. 85065

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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 KDI Sylvan Pools v. Workman, 107 Nev. 340, 344, 810 P.2d 1217, 1220 (1991). Please use tab dividers to separate any attached documents.

1. Judicial District 8	Department 1
County Clark	Judge <u>Honorable Bita Yeager</u>
District Ct. Case No. A-19-787989-C	
2. Attorney filing this docketing statemen	t:
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Client(s) Maria McMillin	
If this is a joint statement by multiple appellants, add t the names of theirclients on an additional sheet accomp filing of this statement.	
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Client(s) Robert Thompson & Tyrone Henders	on
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Client(s)	

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		
☐ Grant/Denial of NRCP 60(b) relief	☐ Other (specify):		
☐ Grant/Denial of injunction	☐ Divorce Decree:		
☐ Grant/Denial of declaratory relief	☐ Original ☐ Modification		
☐ Review of agency determination	☐ Other disposition (specify):		
5. Does this appeal raise issues conce	rning any of the following?		
☐ Child Custody			
☐ Venue			
☐ Termination of parental rights			
6. Pending and prior proceedings in this court. List the case name and docket number of all appeals or original proceedings presently or previously pending before this court which are related to this appeal: Maria McMillin v. Robert Thompson - 84015 - Dismissed on procedural grounds			
court of all pending and prior proceedings	other courts. List the case name, number and in other courts which are related to this appeal ed proceedings) and their dates of disposition:		

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8. Nature of the action. Brieflydescribe the nature of the action and the result below:

This is a personal injury case. While on premises operated by Defendant Robert Thompson, Defendant Tyrone Henderson collided with Plaintiff Maria McMillin. (Tyrone is spelled Tyron or Tyron[e] in some documents). At the time, Mr. Henderson was an employee of Mr. Thompson. Ms. McMillin was badly injured and required extensive medical attention, including surgery to recover.

The case was disposed of by a dismissal of the entire case by order signed November 23, 2021. However, the Court granted in part a motion to alter or amend that decision on 06/24/2022. After the order was altered, the claim for negligence had been dismissed with a claim for negligent hiring, training, and supervision remaining. This amended order removed Defendant Henderson entirely from the case.

- 9. Issues on appeal. State concisely the principal issue(s) in this appeal (attach separate sheets as necessary):
- 1. Whether the District Court erred by granting summary judgment regarding the negligence claim based on a finding that there are no allegations that the Defendants owed a duty of care when complaints should be interpreted liberally;
- 2. Whether the District Court erred by by denying leave to amend when there were minor technical deficiencies in the pleading that could have easily been cured and about which the Defendants had notice.
- 3. Whether the Court erred by granting summary judgment sua sponte regarding negligence and saying that there were no questions of material fact when evidence had been submitted showing Mr. Henderson was unaware of his surroundings and not looking in the direction he was walking.
- 10. Pending proceedings in this court raising the same or similar issues. If you are aware of any proceedings presently pending before this court which raises the same or similar issues raised in this appeal, list the case name and docket numbers and identify the same or similar issue raised:

NA.

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 44 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))
☐ An issue arising under the United States and/or Nevada Constitutions
☐ 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
☐ 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 circumstance(s) that warrant retaining the case, and include an explanation of their importance or significance:

No paragraph of NRAP 17 is directly applicable since this involves a tort case which has a likely jury verdict in excess of \$250,000.00. See NRAP 17(b)(5). However, despite the amount in controversy Plaintiff-Appellant believes this should be addressed by the Nevada Court of Appeals. Plaintiff anticipates that the Order will be reversed based upon well settled precedent regarding the liberal interpretation of pleadings and the fact that leave to amend should be liberally granted and on the standards for summary judgment.

14. Trial. If this action proceeded to trial, how many days did the tr	ial last?
Was it a bench or jury trial? NA	

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? NA

TIMELINESS OF NOTICE OF APPEAL

16. Date of entry of	f written judgment or order appeale	d from <u>Nov 23, 20</u>)21
If no written judg seeking appellate	gment or order was filed in the district co e review:	ourt, explain the ba	asis for
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☐ NRCP 52(b)	Date of filing		
NRCP 59	Date of filing 12/14/2021		
	pursuant to NRCP 60 or motions for reheat a notice of appeal. See AA Primo Builders 0).		
(b) Date of entry of v	vritten order resolving tolling motion	6/24/2022	
(c) Date written noti	ce of entry of order resolving tolling mot	ion was served	6/24/2022
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19. Date notice of appeal filed 7/18/2022			
	y has appealed from the judgment or order, list the date each led and identify by name the party filing the notice of appeal:		
20. Specify statute or rule governing the time limit for filing the notice of appeal, e.g., NRAP 4(a) or other			
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5	SUBSTANTIVE APPEALABILITY		
21. Specify the statute of the judgment or order as	other authority granting this court jurisdiction to review ppealed from:		
✓ NRAP 3A(b)(1)	□ NRS 38.205		
☐ NRAP 3A(b)(2)	□ NRS 233B.150		
☐ NRAP 3A(b)(3)	□ NRS 703.376		
☐ Other (specify)			
The order from which this	ority provides a basis for appeal from the judgment or order: appeal is taken is a final judgment as to Mr. Tyrone Henderson im for negligence as to any Defendant. The order was certified as (b).		

22. List all parties involved in the action or consolidated actions in the district court: (a) Parties: Maria McMillin - Plaintiff Robert Thompson - Defendant Tyrone Henderson - Defendant (Tyrone is spelled Tyron or Tyron[e] in some documents)
(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: NA
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.
Negligence - Disposed of on 06/24/2022 through Order to Alter or Amend Judgment Negligent Hiring, Retention, and Supervision - remains pending.
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 consolidated actions below? ☐ Yes
ĭ No
25. If you answered "No" to question 24, complete the following:(a) Specify the claims remaining pending below:Negligent Hiring, Training, and Supervision

(b) Specify the parties remaining below: Maria McMillin - Plaintiff
Robert Thompson - Defendant
(c) Did the district court certify the judgment or order appealed from as a final judgmen 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?
¥ Yes
□No
6. If you answered "No" to any part of question 25, explain the basis for seeking ppellate review (e.g., order is independentlyappealable under NRAP 3A(b)):

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

- e The latest-filed complaint, counterclaims, cross-claims, and third-party claims
- Any tolling motion(s) and order(s) resolving tolling motion(s)
- e 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
- è Any other order challenged on appeal
- e 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.

Maria McM	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		Timothy A. Wiseman, Esq.	
Name of ap	ppellant		Name of counsel of record	
August 14,	2022		/s/ Timothy A. Wiseman	
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		/s	s/ Nikki Beard	
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Exhibit 1

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PARTIES AND JURISDICTION

- 1. Plaintiff, MARIA MCMILLIN, ("MCMILLIN") is, and at all relevant times herein, was a resident of Clark County, State of Nevada.
- 2. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and thereupon alleges, that Defendant, ROBERT THOMPSON, ("THOMPSON") is, and at all relevant times herein was, a franchisee of 7-ELEVEN INC., duly licensed and doing business in Clark County, State of Nevada.
- 3. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and thereupon alleges, that Defendant, TYRON HENDERSON, ("HENDERSON") is, and at all relevant times herein was, a resident in Clark County, State of Nevada.
- 4. The identities of the Defendants, DOES I through XX, are unknown at this time and may be individuals, partnerships or corporations. Plaintiff alleges that each of the Defendants designated herein as DOE DEFENDANTS are responsible in some manner for the damages herein alleged. Plaintiff will request leave of the Court to amend this Complaint to name the Defendants specifically when their identities become known.
- 5. The names and capacities, whether individual, corporate, associates, copartnership, or any other business form or entity of defendants named herein as ROE CORPORATIONS I through XX, inclusive, are unknown at this time and therefore said defendants are sued by such fictitious names. The roles of these defendants may include, but is not necessarily limited to, (i) owning and/or operating any employees, agents, servants, and/or joint ventures of the defendants named herein responsible in some manner for the losses, injuries, and damages alleged herein, (ii) managers with some control over and responsibility for DOE DEFENDANTS, (iii) business entities controlled by and/or associated with the defendants named herein, including but not limited to parent corporations, wholly owned subsidiaries, and/or alter egos, (iv) persons and/or business entities who bear some responsibility for the policies and procedures that caused or contributed to the losses, injuries, and damages alleged herein, (v) active tortfeasors individually responsible in some manner for the losses, injuries, and damages alleged herein, (vii) passive tortfeasors individually responsible in some manner for the losses, injuries, and damages alleged herein, (viii) employers, principles, masters, and/or joint ventures of the

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defendants named herein responsible in some manner for the losses, injuries, and damages alleged herein, (viii) individuals and/or business entities involved in the hiring, firing, and/or supervision of DOE DEFENDANTS. Based upon information and belief, the defendants so designated herein as ROE CORPORATIONS I through XX, inclusive, are responsible in some manner for their agency, master/servant or joint venture relationship with the defendants named herein, or otherwise contributed to, as a proximate cause, the events complained of herein. Leave of this Court will be requested to amend this complaint to name the defendants specifically when their identities become known.

- 6. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereupon alleges that at all relevant times, each of the Defendants, including such fictitiously named Defendants, were the agents and employees of each of the remaining Defendants and were at all times mentioned, acting within the course and scope of that agency and employment. Each of the Defendants authorized and ratified the acts of the remaining Defendants.
- 7. That all the facts and circumstances that give rise to the subject lawsuit occurred within the County of Clark, State of Nevada.

II.

FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

(Negligence)

- 8. Plaintiff repeats, realleges, and incorporates by reference Paragraphs 1 through 7 above as if fully set forth herein.
- 9. At all times herein relevant, Defendant THOMPSON was the Franchise owner and/or operators of a certain 7-ELEVEN located at 4800 N. Jones Blvd., Las Vegas, NV 89130, wherein the below incident occurred.
- 10. On or about September 17, 2017, Plaintiff MCMILLIN (was a business invitee at Defendant THOMPSON'S 7-ELEVEN, establishment located at 4800 N. Jones Blvd., Las Vegas, NV 89130.
- 11. On said date, Plaintiff MCMILLIN was retrieved a donut from a display case in the store. Unexpectedly, a 7-Eleven employee Defendant HENDERSON collided with her person

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and caused her to fall to the ground. Plaintiff landed on her hip and sustained significant injury that required surgical intervention.

- 12. At the time of the subject incident, Defendant DOE EMPLOYEE was working within the course and scope of his employment with Defendant, 7-ELEVEN, INC. Because Defendant DOE EMPLOYEE was acting within the course and scope of his employment, service, or agency with Defendant 7-ELEVEN, INC., said Defendant is vicariously liable for the injuries sustained by Plaintiff as alleged above.
- 13. As a direct and proximate result of the negligence of Defendants, and each of them, Plaintiff was seriously injured and caused to suffer great pain of body and mind, all or some of which may be permanent and disabling in nature, aggravating to her general and compensatory damages in an amount in excess of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00).
- 14. As a further direct and proximate result of the negligence of Defendants, and each of them, Plaintiff incurred expenses for medical care, treatment and expenses incidental thereto, and Plaintiff may be required in the future to incur expenses for medical care and treatment.
- 15. That Plaintiff has been required to retain the services of MAINOR WIRTH, LLP to prosecute this action and is entitled to reasonable attorney's fees and costs incurred herein.

III.

SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION

(Negligent Hiring, Training and Supervision)

- 16. Plaintiff repeats, realleges, and incorporates by reference Paragraphs 1 through 15 above as if fully set forth herein.
- 17. Defendant THOMPSON, as the Franchisee and owner/operator of a 7-ELEVEN, store, DOES I through XX, and/or ROE CORPORATIONS I through XX, had a duty to exercise due care in the selection, training, supervision, oversight, direction, retention and control of its employees and/or agents, retained by it to perform and provide services.
- 18. Defendants owed a duty to Plaintiff to hire responsible employees who could perform the duties assigned to them without invading the rights of Plaintiff.
 - 19. Defendants breached the above-referenced duty when they negligently, carelessly,

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and recklessly hired, trained, supervised, oversaw, directed and/or retained Defendant HENDERSON, who negligently ran through the aisles of the store before colliding with Plaintiff's person.

- 20. As a direct and proximate result of the negligence of Defendants, and each of them, Plaintiff was seriously injured and caused to suffer great pain of body and mind, all or some of which may be permanent and disabling in nature, aggravating to her general and compensatory damages in an amount in excess of Fifteen thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00).
- 21. As a further direct and proximate result of the negligence of Defendants, and each of them, Plaintiff incurred expenses for medical care, treatment and expenses incidental thereto, and Plaintiff may be required in the future to incur expenses for medical care and treatment.
- 22. That Plaintiff has been required to retain the services of MAINOR WIRTH, LLP to prosecute this action and is entitled to reasonable attorney's fees and costs incurred herein.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays judgment against the Defendants, and each of them, as follows:

- 1. General and compensatory damages in an amount in excess of \$15,000.00;
- 2. For special damages in excess of \$15,000.00;
- 3. Medical and incidental expenses incurred and to be incurred;
- 4. Lost wages and loss of earning capacity;
- 5. Loss of household services;
- 6. Costs of suit, reasonable attorney fees, interest incurred herein; and
- 7. For other and further relief as is just and proper.

DATED this <u>14th</u> day of January, 2020.

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/s/ Ash M. Ganier
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Exhibit 2

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1	TO: ALL PARTIES ABOVE-NAMED; and
2	TO: THEIR RESPECTIVE ATTORNEYS OF RECORD.
3	PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that an ORDER GRANTING DEFENDANT TYRON[E]
4	HENDERSON'S MOTION FOR JUDGMENT ON THE PLEADINGS, OR IN THE
5	ALTERNATIVE, MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT, AND ORDER GRANTING
6	DEFENDANT ROBERT THOMSPON'S MOTION FOR JUDGMENT ON THE
7	PLEADINGS, OR IN THE ALTERNATIVE, MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT,
8	AND ORDER DENYING PLAINTIFF'S COUNTERMOTION TO AMEND COMPLAINT
9	was entered on November 23, 2021, a copy of which is attached hereto.
10	DATED this 23rd day of November, 2021.
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12	HALL JAFFE & CLAYTON, LLP
13	By: <u>/s/ Cindie D. Hernandez, Esq.</u>
14	STEVEN T. JAFFE, ESQ. Nevada Bar No. 7035
15	CINDIE D. HERNANDEZ, ESQ.
16	Nevada Bar No. 7218 7425 Peak Drive
17	Las Vegas, Nevada 89128 Attorney for Defendants Robert
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1 **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE** Pursuant to NRCP 5(b), I certify that I am an employee of **HALL JAFFE &** 2 3 **CLAYTON, LLP**, and on this 23rd day of November, 2021, I served a copy of the foregoing NOTICE OF ENTRY OF ORDER GRANTING DEFENDANT TYRON[E] 4 HENDERSON'S MOTION FOR JUDGMENT ON THE PLEADINGS, OR IN THE 5 ALTERNATIVE, MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT, AND ORDER 6 7 GRANTING DEFENDANT ROBERT THOMSPON'S MOTION FOR JUDGMENT ON THE PLEADINGS, OR IN THE ALTERNATIVE, MOTION FOR SUMMARY 8 JUDGMENT, AND ORDER DENYING PLAINTIFF'S COUNTERMOTION TO 9 **AMEND COMPLAINT** as follows: 10 11 U.S. MAIL — By depositing a true copy thereof in the U.S. Mail, first class postage prepaid and addressed as listed below; and/or 12 [] **FACSIMILE** — By facsimile transmission to the facsimile number(s) shown below; 13 and/or 14 [] **HAND DELIVERY** — By hand-delivery to the addresses listed below; and/or 15 [X]**ELECTRONIC SERVICE** — Pursuant to the Court's CM/ECF e-filing system. 16 17 Bradley S. Mainor, Esq. Joseph J. Wirth, Esq. 18 Ash Marie Blackburn, Esq. Joseph W. Guindy, Esq. 19 MAINOR WIRTH, LLP 6018 S. Fort Apache Rd. Ste. 150 20 Las Vegas, NV 89148 Attorneys for Plaintiff 21 22 /s/ Jamie Soquena An Employee of 23 HALL JAFFE & CLAYTON, LLP 24 25 26

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EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

MARIA MCMILLIN, an individual,

Plaintiff,

VS.

ROBERT THOMPSON; Individually and as Franchisee; TYRON HENDERSON, Individually; DOES I-XX, inclusive; and ROE CORPORATIONS I - XX, inclusive,

Defendants.

Case No.: A-19-787989-C

Department: 1

ORDER GRANTING DEFENDANT TYRON[E] HENDERSON'S MOTION FOR JUDGMENT ON THE PLEADINGS, OR IN THE ALTERNATIVE, MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT

AND

ORDER GRANTING DEFENDANT ROBERT THOMSPON'S MOTION FOR JUDGMENT ON THE PLEADINGS, OR IN THE ALTERNATIVE, MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT

AND

ORDER DENYING PLAINTIFF'S COUNTERMOTION TO AMEND COMPLAINT

HEARING DATE: October 27, 2021 HEARING TIME: 9:30 A.M.

On October 27, 2021, the hearing was conducted on Defendant TYRON[E] HENDERSON'S MOTION FOR JUDGMENT ON THE PLEADINGS, OR IN THE ALTERNATIVE, MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT – and – DEFENDANT ROBERT THOMPSON'S MOTION FOR JUDGMENT ON THE PLEADINGS, OR IN THE ALTERNATIVE, MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT – and – COUNTERMOTION FOR LEAVE TO AMEND PLAINTIFF'S COMPLAINT, with Steven T. Jaffe, Esq., appearing on behalf of the Defendants, and Ash Marie Blackburn, Esq., appearing on behalf of the Plaintiff, the matter having been fully briefed and all supporting materials been reviewed, and having heard oral argument

by counsel, the court hereby makes the following findings of fact and conclusions of law pursuant to NRCP 56(c), the standard of review afforded to the Defendants' motion:

I.

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. On September 17, 2017, Plaintiff Maria McMillin and Defendant Tyron[e] Henderson were involved in an incident at a 7-Eleven, Inc. store, owned and operated by Defendant Robert Thompson, when they accidentally bumped into each other.
- 2. Their incident was recorded on video surveillance footage through equipment of Mr. Thompson and 7-Eleven, Inc., the authenticity of which the parties do not dispute, and which was considered by the court when entertaining argument herein.
- 3. Plaintiff learned of Defendant Tyron[e] Henderson's true identity, and correct name spelling, on July 18, 2019.
- 4. Their incident is the subject of the litigation as set forth in Plaintiff's First Amended Complaint.
- 5. Plaintiff's First Amended Complaint contains two causes of action for negligence and negligent hiring, retention and supervision.
- 6. Plaintiff's First Cause of Action, however, includes no allegations regarding any duty(ies) owed by either Mr. Thompson or Mr. Henderson to Plaintiff.
- 7. Plaintiff's First Cause of Action includes no allegations that either Mr. Thompson or Mr. Henderson breached any duty(ies) to Plaintiff.
- 8. Plaintiff's First Cause of Action includes no allegations that Plaintiff's injuries were legally caused by the breaches of the duty(ies).
- 9. Mr. Henderson is Mr. Thompson's employee, not an employee of 7-Eleven, Inc. as plead by the Plaintiff.
 - 10. The deadline to amend pleadings expired on April 22, 2021.
- 11. Plaintiff did not move for leave to further amend her pleadings by the April 22, 2021, deadline as required by court order.

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II.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

DEFENDANTS' MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT

- 1. Under NRCP 56(c), summary judgment is appropriate when "after a review of the record viewed in a light most favorable to the nonmoving party, there remains no issues of material fact." Barmettler v. Reno Air, Inc., 114 Nev. 441, 444, 956 P.2d 1382, 1385 (1998), citing Butler v. Bogdanovich, 101 Nev. 449, 451, 705 P.2d 662, 663 (1985).
- 2. Summary judgment will be granted "if the pleadings, depositions, answers to interrogatories, and admissions on file, together with the affidavits, if any, show that there is no genuine issue as to any material fact and that the moving party is entitled to judgment as a matter of law." NRCP 56(c); see also Wood v. Safeway, Inc., 121 Nev. 724, 731, 121 P.3d 1026, 1030-31 (2005), quoting Pegasus v. Reno Newspapers, Inc., 118 Nev. 706, 713, 57 P.3d 82, 87 (2002).
- 3. Under Sadler v. PacifiCare of Nev, "in order to state a claim for negligence a plaintiff must allege that (1) the defendant owed the plaintiff a duty of care, (2) the defendant breached that duty, (3) the breach was the legal cause of the plaintiff's injuries, and (4) the plaintiff suffered damages." 130 Nev. 990, 995, 340 P.3d 1264, 1265 (2014).
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EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

MARIA MCMILLIN, an individual,

Plaintiff,

VS.

ROBERT THOMPSON; Individually and as Franchisee; TYRON HENDERSON, Individually; DOES I-XX, inclusive; and ROE CORPORATIONS I - XX, inclusive,

Defendants.

Case No.: A-19-787989-C Department: 1

ORDER GRANTING DEFENDANT TYRON[E] HENDERSON'S MOTION FOR JUDGMENT ON THE PLEADINGS, OR IN THE ALTERNATIVE, MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT

AND

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AND

ORDER DENYING PLAINTIFF'S COUNTERMOTION TO AMEND COMPLAINT

HEARING DATE: October 27, 2021 HEARING TIME: 9:30 A.M.

On October 27, 2021, the hearing was conducted on Defendant TYRON[E] HENDERSON'S MOTION FOR JUDGMENT ON THE PLEADINGS, OR IN THE ALTERNATIVE, MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT – and – DEFENDANT ROBERT THOMPSON'S MOTION FOR JUDGMENT ON THE PLEADINGS, OR IN THE ALTERNATIVE, MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT – and – COUNTERMOTION FOR LEAVE TO AMEND PLAINTIFF'S COMPLAINT, with Steven T. Jaffe, Esq., appearing on behalf of the Defendants, and Ash Marie Blackburn, Esq., appearing on behalf of the Plaintiff, the matter having been fully briefed and all supporting materials been reviewed, and having heard oral argument

by counsel, the court hereby makes the following findings of fact and conclusions of law pursuant to NRCP 56(c), the standard of review afforded to the Defendants' motion:

I.

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. On September 17, 2017, Plaintiff Maria McMillin and Defendant Tyron[e] Henderson were involved in an incident at a 7-Eleven, Inc. store, owned and operated by Defendant Robert Thompson, when they accidentally bumped into each other.
- 2. Their incident was recorded on video surveillance footage through equipment of Mr. Thompson and 7-Eleven, Inc., the authenticity of which the parties do not dispute, and which was considered by the court when entertaining argument herein.
- 3. Plaintiff learned of Defendant Tyron[e] Henderson's true identity, and correct name spelling, on July 18, 2019.
- 4. Their incident is the subject of the litigation as set forth in Plaintiff's First Amended Complaint.
- 5. Plaintiff's First Amended Complaint contains two causes of action for negligence and negligent hiring, retention and supervision.
- 6. Plaintiff's First Cause of Action, however, includes no allegations regarding any duty(ies) owed by either Mr. Thompson or Mr. Henderson to Plaintiff.
- 7. Plaintiff's First Cause of Action includes no allegations that either Mr. Thompson or Mr. Henderson breached any duty(ies) to Plaintiff.
- 8. Plaintiff's First Cause of Action includes no allegations that Plaintiff's injuries were legally caused by the breaches of the duty(ies).
- 9. Mr. Henderson is Mr. Thompson's employee, not an employee of 7-Eleven, Inc. as plead by the Plaintiff.
 - 10. The deadline to amend pleadings expired on April 22, 2021.
- 11. Plaintiff did not move for leave to further amend her pleadings by the April 22, 2021, deadline as required by court order.

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CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

DEFENDANTS' MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT

- 1. Under NRCP 56(c), summary judgment is appropriate when "after a review of the record viewed in a light most favorable to the nonmoving party, there remains no issues of material fact." Barmettler v. Reno Air, Inc., 114 Nev. 441, 444, 956 P.2d 1382, 1385 (1998), citing Butler v. Bogdanovich, 101 Nev. 449, 451, 705 P.2d 662, 663 (1985).
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DISTRICT COURT

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Individually; DOES I-XX, inclusive; and ROE CORPORATIONS I - XX, inclusive,

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ORDER GRANTING IN PART AND DENYING IN PART PLAINTIFF'S MOTION TO ALTER OR AMEND JUDGMENT PURSUANT TO NRCP 59

On February 2, 2022, a hearing was conducted on PLAINTIFF'S MOTION TO ALTER OR AMEND JUDGMENT PURSUANT TO NRCP 59, with Ash Marie Blackburn, Esq., appearing on behalf of Plaintiff, and Steven T. Jaffe, Esq., appearing on behalf of the Defendants. The matter having been fully briefed, all supporting materials having been reviewed, and following oral argument by counsel. The Court hereby orders as follows:

PROCEDURAL HSTORY

On December 13, 2019, a Stipulation and Order to Allow Plaintiff to Amend Complaint was filed, to add Robert Thompson, Franchisee, as a party in the place and stead of 7-ELEVEN Inc., and Tyron[e] Henderson be substituted in the place and stead of Doe Employee. On January 14, 2020, Plaintiff filed an Amended Complaint; however, it did not fully replace "Doe Employee" with "Defendant Tyron[e] Henderson" and "7-Eleven, Inc." with "Defendant Robert Thompson." The deadline to amend pleadings was April 22, 2021. On September 22, 2021, Defendants Robert

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Thompson and Tyrone Henderson filed a Motion for Judgment on the Pleadings, or in the Alternative, Motion for Summary Judgment on Plaintiff's Negligence claim. Plaintiff filed an Opposition and Countermotion to Amend on October 6, 2021. The parties presented oral argument on the motion on October 27, 2021. On that day, the Court granted the motion applying a summary judgment standard. An Order Granting Summary Judgment was filed on November 23, 2021.

On December 14, 2021, Plaintiff filed their Motion to Alter or Amend Judgment Pursuant to NRCP 59. Before the Motion was heard in District Court, Plaintiff filed a Notice of Appeal on December 22, 2021. The appeal was dismissed by the Nevada Supreme Court on January 25, 2022. The Nevada Supreme Court subsequently denied a motion to vacate or modify the order dismissing their appeal, noting that the appeal "may have been prematurely filed because appellant filed a timely NRCP 59 motion to alter or amend in the district court and the motion remained pending when the instant appeal was filed." *McMillin v. Thompson* (Feb. 11, 2022), Order Denying Motion, No. 22-04613. Remittitur issued on February 23, 2022.

ORDER

NRCP 59(e) allows a party to file a motion to alter or amend a judgment in cases where it "may be appropriate to correct 'manifest errors of law or fact,' address 'newly discovered or previously unavailable evidence,' 'prevent manifest injustice,' or address a 'change in controlling law.'" *Panorama Towers Condo. Unit Owners' Ass'n v. Hallier*, 137 Nev. Adv. Op. 67, 498 P.3d 222, 224 (2021) (citing *AA Primo Builders, LLC v. Washington*, 126 Nev. 578, 582, 245 P.3d 1190, 1193 (2010)).

I. <u>Negligence</u>

"In order to state a claim for negligence, a plaintiff must allege that (1) the defendant owed the plaintiff a duty of care, (2) the defendant breached that duty, (3) the breach was the legal cause of the plaintiff's injuries, and (4) the plaintiff suffered damages." *Sadler v. PacifiCare of Nev.*, 130

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Nev. 990, 993–94, 340 P.3d 1264, 1266–67 (2014). The Court ruled that Plaintiff's Complaint should be dismissed for failure to allege that the Defendants owed Plaintiff a duty of care. In the Order Granting Tyron[e] Henderson's Motion for Judgment on the Pleadings, or in the Alternative Motion for Summary Judgment and Defendant Robert Thompson's Motion for Judgment on the Pleadings or in the Alternative, Motion for Partial Summary Judgment filed on November 23, 2021, the Court found that there are no allegations that "the Defendants owed Plaintiff a duty of care, or that they breached that duty." The Court clarifies that this finding is premised on the fact that the correct defendants were not properly listed in the operating Amended Complaint, and the proper parties had not been properly substituted therein after leave was provided to the Plaintiff. Thus, Negligence had not been properly pled against the correct defendants. Therefore, the Court did not err in concluding that Plaintiff did not properly plead Negligence.

II. Leave to Amend Complaint

Under Nutton v. Sunset Station, Inc, "when a motion seeking leave to amend a pleading is filed after the expiration of the deadline for filing such motions, the district court must first determine whether 'good cause' exists for missing the deadline under NRCP 16(b) before the court can consider the merits of the motion under the standards of NRCP 15(a)." 131 Nev. 279, 281, 357 P.3d 966, 968 (2015). "In determining whether 'good cause' exists under Rule 16(b), the basic inquiry for the trial court is whether the filing deadline cannot reasonably be met despite the diligence of the party seeking the amendment." 131 Nev. at 287, 357 P.3d at 971. In evaluating whether or not good cause has been shown, the Court can consider: (1) the explanation for the untimely conduct, (2) the importance of the requested untimely action, (3) the potential prejudice in allowing the untimely conduct, and (4) the availability of a continuance to cure such prejudice. *Id*.

The Court did not err in denying leave to amend here. The deadline to amend pleadings expired on April 22, 2021. Plaintiff brought her Countermotion for Leave to Amend on October 6,

2021, after the deadline to amend pleadings. However, as the Court reasoned, Plaintiff did not demonstrate good cause under Rule 16(b) for missing the deadline to support her leave to amend her pleadings. Plaintiff made no showing that the filing deadline cannot reasonably be met despite her diligence and Plaintiff did not address any of the four factors set forth in *Nutton* for the Court to consider. Therefore, the Court could not consider her countermotion under NRCP 15(a) in the absence of a "good cause" showing under NRCP 16(1), and did not err in denying Plaintiff's Countermotion for Leave to Amend.

III. Sua Sponte Summary Judgment

If on a motion to dismiss, under NRCP 12(b)(5), the Court considers matters outside the pleadings, the motion must be treated as one for summary judgment under Rule 56. NRCP 12(c); see also *Stevens v. McGimsey*, 99 Nev. 840, 841, 673 P.2d 499, 500 (1983). Summary judgment is "appropriate when the pleadings, depositions, answers to interrogatories, admissions, and affidavits, if any, that are properly before the court demonstrate that no genuine issue of material fact exists, and the moving party is entitled to judgment as a matter of law." *Wood v. Safeway, Inc.*, 121 Nev. 724, 731, 121 P.3d 1026, 1031 (2005). When evaluating facts for the purpose of Summary Judgment, a factual dispute is genuine, and therefore summary judgment is inappropriate, when the evidence is such that a rational trier of fact could return a verdict for the nonmoving party. *Id*.

NRCP 56(f) provides that the court, after giving notice and a reasonable time to respond, "may (1) grant summary judgment for a nonmovant, (2) grant the motion on grounds not raised by a party; or (3) consider summary judgment on its own after identifying for the parties material facts that may not be genuinely in dispute." "Although district courts have the inherent power to enter summary judgment sua sponte pursuant to [NRCP] 56, that power is contingent upon giving the losing party notice that it must defend its claim." *Soebbing v. Carpet Barn, Inc.*, 109 Nev. 78, 83, 847 P.2d 731, 735 (1993). It is "troubling when a district court grants summary judgment sua sponte

without having taken evidence in the form of affidavits or other documents." *Renown Reg'l. Med. v. Second Jud. Dist. Ct.*, 130 Nev. 824, 828, 335 P.3d 199, 202 (2014). The defending party must be given notice and an opportunity to defend itself before a court may grant summary judgment sua sponte. *Id. Renown* and NRCP 56(f) make it clear that a District Court can sua sponte grant summary judgment as long as the other side has notice and an opportunity to be heard. 130 Nev. at 828, 335 P.3d at 202.

a. Summary Judgment on Negligence

Plaintiff here had sufficient notice and opportunity to be heard as it pertains to her Negligence claim because 1) Defendants requested summary judgment as to Plaintiff's negligence claim in the alternative and 2) Plaintiff offered evidence outside of the pleadings, which created the possibility of the motion to dismiss the negligence claim being treated as a motion for summary judgment. The Court also found no genuine issue of material fact. Therefore, the Court did not err in granting summary judgment sua sponte as to Plaintiff's claim of Negligence.

b. Summary Judgment on Negligent Hiring, Training, and Supervision

Plaintiff here did not have sufficient notice or an opportunity to be heard regarding the Court's sua sponte decision to grant summary judgment as to the negligent hiring, training, and supervision claim. Defendants did not request in their motion that the negligent hiring, training, and supervision claim be dismissed. There was no indication that this claim was at issue until the court made its ruling. Plaintiff did not have sufficient notice and the opportunity to defend herself on that cause of action before the district court's ruling was made. Therefore, the Court committed clear error in granting summary judgment as to Plaintiff's second cause of action for negligent hiring, training, and supervision.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED, that Plaintiff's Motion to Alter or Amend Judgment Pursuant to NRCP 59 is **GRANTED IN PART** only as it pertains to

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Plaintiff's cause of action for negligent hiring, training, and supervision. Accordingly, the court's prior order entered on November 23, 2021, is hereby amended pursuant to *Renown* and NRCP 59(e) to reinstate that cause of action.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED, that Plaintiff's Motion to Alter or Amend Judgment Pursuant to NRCP 59 is DENIED in all other aspects.

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This Court notes that this order, combined with the prior order that is hereby incorporated by reference, resolves all claims by or against Defendant Tyron[e] Henderson and removes him as a party from the case.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that there is no just reason for delay for entry or enforcement of this Order, and as such this Order is certified as final pursuant to NRCP 54(b) as to the basis for Defendant Tyron[e] Henderson's dismissal from this case.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated this 24th day of June, 2022

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DISTRICT COURT

CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

MARIA MCMILLIN, an individual,

Plaintiff,

ROBERT THOMPSON; Individually and as Franchisee; TYRON HENDERSON,

Individually; DOES I-XX, inclusive; and ROE CORPORATIONS I - XX, inclusive,

Defendants.

Case No. A-19-787989-C

Dept. No. 1

ORDER GRANTING IN PART AND DENYING IN PART PLAINTIFF'S MOTION TO ALTER OR AMEND JUDGMENT PURSUANT TO NRCP 59

On February 2, 2022, a hearing was conducted on PLAINTIFF'S MOTION TO ALTER OR AMEND JUDGMENT PURSUANT TO NRCP 59, with Ash Marie Blackburn, Esq., appearing on behalf of Plaintiff, and Steven T. Jaffe, Esq., appearing on behalf of the Defendants. The matter having been fully briefed, all supporting materials having been reviewed, and following oral argument by counsel. The Court hereby orders as follows:

PROCEDURAL HSTORY

On December 13, 2019, a Stipulation and Order to Allow Plaintiff to Amend Complaint was filed, to add Robert Thompson, Franchisee, as a party in the place and stead of 7-ELEVEN Inc., and Tyron[e] Henderson be substituted in the place and stead of Doe Employee. On January 14, 2020, Plaintiff filed an Amended Complaint; however, it did not fully replace "Doe Employee" with "Defendant Tyron[e] Henderson" and "7-Eleven, Inc." with "Defendant Robert Thompson." The deadline to amend pleadings was April 22, 2021. On September 22, 2021, Defendants Robert

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Thompson and Tyrone Henderson filed a Motion for Judgment on the Pleadings, or in the Alternative, Motion for Summary Judgment on Plaintiff's Negligence claim. Plaintiff filed an Opposition and Countermotion to Amend on October 6, 2021. The parties presented oral argument on the motion on October 27, 2021. On that day, the Court granted the motion applying a summary judgment standard. An Order Granting Summary Judgment was filed on November 23, 2021.

On December 14, 2021, Plaintiff filed their Motion to Alter or Amend Judgment Pursuant to NRCP 59. Before the Motion was heard in District Court, Plaintiff filed a Notice of Appeal on December 22, 2021. The appeal was dismissed by the Nevada Supreme Court on January 25, 2022. The Nevada Supreme Court subsequently denied a motion to vacate or modify the order dismissing their appeal, noting that the appeal "may have been prematurely filed because appellant filed a timely NRCP 59 motion to alter or amend in the district court and the motion remained pending when the instant appeal was filed." McMillin v. Thompson (Feb. 11, 2022), Order Denying Motion, No. 22-04613. Remittitur issued on February 23, 2022.

ORDER

NRCP 59(e) allows a party to file a motion to alter or amend a judgment in cases where it "may be appropriate to correct 'manifest errors of law or fact,' address 'newly discovered or previously unavailable evidence, 'prevent manifest injustice,' or address a 'change in controlling law." Panorama Towers Condo. Unit Owners' Ass'n v. Hallier, 137 Nev. Adv. Op. 67, 498 P.3d 222, 224 (2021) (citing AA Primo Builders, LLC v. Washington, 126 Nev. 578, 582, 245 P.3d 1190, 1193 (2010)).

I. Negligence

"In order to state a claim for negligence, a plaintiff must allege that (1) the defendant owed the plaintiff a duty of care, (2) the defendant breached that duty, (3) the breach was the legal cause of the plaintiff's injuries, and (4) the plaintiff suffered damages." Sadler v. PacifiCare of Nev., 130

Nev. 990, 993–94, 340 P.3d 1264, 1266–67 (2014). The Court ruled that Plaintiff's Complaint should be dismissed for failure to allege that the Defendants owed Plaintiff a duty of care. In the Order Granting Tyron[e] Henderson's Motion for Judgment on the Pleadings, or in the Alternative Motion for Summary Judgment and Defendant Robert Thompson's Motion for Judgment on the Pleadings or in the Alternative, Motion for Partial Summary Judgment filed on November 23, 2021, the Court found that there are no allegations that "the Defendants owed Plaintiff a duty of care, or that they breached that duty." The Court clarifies that this finding is premised on the fact that the correct defendants were not properly listed in the operating Amended Complaint, and the proper parties had not been properly substituted therein after leave was provided to the Plaintiff. Thus, Negligence had not been properly pled against the correct defendants. Therefore, the Court did not err in concluding that Plaintiff did not properly plead Negligence.

II. <u>Leave to Amend Complaint</u>

Under *Nutton v. Sunset Station, Inc,* "when a motion seeking leave to amend a pleading is filed after the expiration of the deadline for filing such motions, the district court must first determine whether 'good cause' exists for missing the deadline under NRCP 16(b) before the court can consider the merits of the motion under the standards of NRCP 15(a)." 131 Nev. 279, 281, 357 P.3d 966, 968 (2015). "In determining whether 'good cause' exists under Rule 16(b), the basic inquiry for the trial court is whether the filing deadline cannot reasonably be met despite the diligence of the party seeking the amendment." 131 Nev. at 287, 357 P.3d at 971. In evaluating whether or not good cause has been shown, the Court can consider: (1) the explanation for the untimely conduct, (2) the importance of the requested untimely action, (3) the potential prejudice in allowing the untimely conduct, and (4) the availability of a continuance to cure such prejudice. *Id.*

The Court did not err in denying leave to amend here. The deadline to amend pleadings expired on April 22, 2021. Plaintiff brought her Countermotion for Leave to Amend on October 6,

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2021, after the deadline to amend pleadings. However, as the Court reasoned, Plaintiff did not demonstrate good cause under Rule 16(b) for missing the deadline to support her leave to amend her pleadings. Plaintiff made no showing that the filing deadline cannot reasonably be met despite her diligence and Plaintiff did not address any of the four factors set forth in Nutton for the Court to consider. Therefore, the Court could not consider her countermotion under NRCP 15(a) in the absence of a "good cause" showing under NRCP 16(1), and did not err in denying Plaintiff's Countermotion for Leave to Amend.

III. Sua Sponte Summary Judgment

If on a motion to dismiss, under NRCP 12(b)(5), the Court considers matters outside the pleadings, the motion must be treated as one for summary judgment under Rule 56. NRCP 12(c); see also Stevens v. McGimsey, 99 Nev. 840, 841, 673 P.2d 499, 500 (1983). Summary judgment is "appropriate when the pleadings, depositions, answers to interrogatories, admissions, and affidavits, if any, that are properly before the court demonstrate that no genuine issue of material fact exists, and the moving party is entitled to judgment as a matter of law." Wood v. Safeway, Inc., 121 Nev. 724, 731, 121 P.3d 1026, 1031 (2005). When evaluating facts for the purpose of Summary Judgment, a factual dispute is genuine, and therefore summary judgment is inappropriate, when the evidence is such that a rational trier of fact could return a verdict for the nonmoving party. Id.

NRCP 56(f) provides that the court, after giving notice and a reasonable time to respond, "may (1) grant summary judgment for a nonmovant, (2) grant the motion on grounds not raised by a party; or (3) consider summary judgment on its own after identifying for the parties material facts that may not be genuinely in dispute." "Although district courts have the inherent power to enter summary judgment sua sponte pursuant to [NRCP] 56, that power is contingent upon giving the losing party notice that it must defend its claim." Soebbing v. Carpet Barn, Inc., 109 Nev. 78, 83, 847 P.2d 731, 735 (1993). It is "troubling when a district court grants summary judgment sua sponte

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without having taken evidence in the form of affidavits or other documents." Renown Reg'l. Med. v. Second Jud. Dist. Ct., 130 Nev. 824, 828, 335 P.3d 199, 202 (2014). The defending party must be given notice and an opportunity to defend itself before a court may grant summary judgment sua sponte. Id. Renown and NRCP 56(f) make it clear that a District Court can sua sponte grant summary judgment as long as the other side has notice and an opportunity to be heard. 130 Nev. at 828, 335 P.3d at 202.

a. Summary Judgment on Negligence

Plaintiff here had sufficient notice and opportunity to be heard as it pertains to her Negligence claim because 1) Defendants requested summary judgment as to Plaintiff's negligence claim in the alternative and 2) Plaintiff offered evidence outside of the pleadings, which created the possibility of the motion to dismiss the negligence claim being treated as a motion for summary judgment. The Court also found no genuine issue of material fact. Therefore, the Court did not err in granting summary judgment sua sponte as to Plaintiff's claim of Negligence.

b. Summary Judgment on Negligent Hiring, Training, and Supervision

Plaintiff here did not have sufficient notice or an opportunity to be heard regarding the Court's sua sponte decision to grant summary judgment as to the negligent hiring, training, and supervision claim. Defendants did not request in their motion that the negligent hiring, training, and supervision claim be dismissed. There was no indication that this claim was at issue until the court made its ruling. Plaintiff did not have sufficient notice and the opportunity to defend herself on that cause of action before the district court's ruling was made. Therefore, the Court committed clear error in granting summary judgment as to Plaintiff's second cause of action for negligent hiring, training, and supervision.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED, that Plaintiff's Motion to Alter or Amend Judgment Pursuant to NRCP 59 is GRANTED IN PART only as it pertains to

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Plaintiff's cause of action for negligent hiring, training, and supervision. Accordingly, the court's prior order entered on November 23, 2021, is hereby amended pursuant to *Renown* and NRCP 59(e) to reinstate that cause of action.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED, that Plaintiff's Motion to

Alter or Amend Judgment Pursuant to NRCP 59 is **DENIED** in all other aspects.

This Court notes that this order, combined with the prior order that is hereby incorporated by reference, resolves all claims by or against Defendant Tyron[e] Henderson and removes him as a party from the case.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that there is no just reason for delay for entry or enforcement of this Order, and as such this Order is certified as final pursuant to NRCP 54(b) as to the basis for Defendant Tyron[e] Henderson's dismissal from this case.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated this 24th day of June, 2022

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NOTICE OF APPEAL

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NOTICE is hereby given that the Plaintiff, Maria McMillan, appeal to the Supreme Court of Nevada from the District Court's ORDER GRANTING IN PART AND DENYING IN PART PLAINTIFF'S MOTION TO ALTER OR AMEND JUDGMENT PURSUANT TO NRCP 59 and all orders merged into that order.¹

Dated this 18th day of July, 2022.

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¹ This expressly includes the Order Granting Summary Judgment filed on November 23, 2021.

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I, the undersigned, declare under penalty of perjury, that I am over the age
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Dated this 18^{th} day of July, 2022.

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