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Please take notice that Defendant TKNR INC. ("TKNR" or "Defendant") hereby appeals to the Nevada Court of Appeals from the certain Decision & Order entered on October 25, 2022, denying Defendants' Motion for Attorneys' Fees.

DATED this 31st day of October, 2022.

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CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

CASE NO.: DEPT. NO.:

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Plaintiff,

VS.

TKNR INC., a California Corporation, and CHI ON WONG aka CHI KUEN WONG, an individual, and KENNY ZHONG LIN, aka KEN ZHONG LIN aka KENNETH ZHONG LIN aka WHONG K. LIN aka CHONG LIN aka ZHONG KENNY LIN, individual, and LIWE HELEN CHEN aka HELEN CHEN, an individual and YAN QIU ZHANG, an individual, and INVESTPRO LLC dba INVESTPRO REALTY, a Nevada Limited Liability Company, and MAN CHAU CHENG, an individual, and JOYCE NICKRANDT, an individual, INVESTPRO **INVESTMENTS** LLC, Nevada Limited Liability Company, and INVESTPRO MANAGER LLC, a Nevada Limited Liability Company and JOYCE A. NICKRANDT, an individual and Does 1 through 15 and Roe Corporation I - XXX,

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1. Name of appellant filing this case appeal statement:

Defendant TKNR INC.

Defendants.

2. Identify the judge issuing the decision, judgment, or order appealed from:

Hon. Linda Marie Bell, Department 7, of the Eighth Judicial District Court, County of Clark.

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### 10. Provide a brief description of the nature of the action and result in the district court, including the type of judgment or order being appealed and the relief granted by the district court:

Respondent filed a complaint against Appellants related to the purchase of real property by Respondent from Defendant TKNR. Appellants filed for summary judgment on all of Plaintiff's claims, which was granted by the District Court and affirmed by the Supreme Court. Appellants were granted attorneys' fees by the then-presiding judge, Honorable Judge Adrianna Escobar, in connection with the order granting summary judgment in favor of Appellants. Respondent appealed the entry of summary judgment and award of attorneys' fees. summary judgment was affirmed but the award of attorneys' fees was reversed for procedural concerns. Appellants filed a motion for attorneys' fees following the Supreme Court's decision, which was denied by the Honorable Judge Linda Marie Bell. The Decision & Order denying Appellants' Motion for Attorneys' Fees is the subject of the instant appeal.

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

Supreme Court Case Nos. 82967, 82835, and 83051

Indicate whether this appeal involves child custody or visitation: **12.** 

Not applicable.

13. If this is a civil case, indicate whether this appeal involves the possibility of settlement:

Appellants are open to resolving this case through settlement.

DATED this 31st day of October, 2022.

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W L A B Investment LLC, Plaintiff(s)

vs.
TKNR Inc, Defendant(s)

Location: **Department 7**Judicial Officer: **Bell, Linda Marie**Filed on: 12/11/2018

Case Number History:

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CASE INFORMATION

Statistical Closures Case Type: Other Real Property

 05/25/2021
 Stipulated Judgment

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 Summary Judgment

 03/30/2021
 Summary Judgment

Case Status: 07/26/2022 Reopened

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**Current Case Assignment** 

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Date Assigned 07/05/2022
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Filed by: Plaintiff W L A B Investment LLC

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12/20/2021	Order Granting Motion [124] Order Granting Defendants' Motion for Reconsideration; Vacating the Court's Order Entered 12/1/21; and Vacating a Portion of the 5/25/21 Order
12/21/2021	Notice of Entry of Order  Filed By: Defendant TKNR Inc  [125] Notice of Entry of Order Granting Defendants Motion for Reconsideration; Vacating the Court s Order Entered 12/1/21; and Vacating a Portion of the 5/25/21 Order
12/28/2021	Order Shortening Time Filed By: Plaintiff W L A B Investment LLC [126] Motion for Stay of Execution of Judgment Pending Appeal without Security on Order Shortening Time
12/28/2021	Certificate of Service Filed by: Plaintiff W L A B Investment LLC [127] Certificate of Service
01/07/2022	Opposition to Motion  Filed By: Defendant TKNR Inc  [128] Opposition to Motion for Stay of Execution of Judgment Pending Appeal without  Security on OST
01/14/2022	Reply Filed by: Plaintiff W L A B Investment LLC [129] Plaintiff's Reply to Defendants' Opposition to Motion for Stay of Execution of Judgment Pending Appeal Without Security on Order Shortening Time
01/21/2022	Order [130] Order RE: Plaintiff's Motion for Stay of Execution of Judgment Pending Appeal Without Security
01/21/2022	Notice of Entry of Order Filed By: Plaintiff W L A B Investment LLC [131] Notice of Entry of Order
02/23/2022	Stipulation and Order Filed by: Attorney Lee, Michael B.; Attorney Pierce, Nikita R.; Defendant TKNR Inc; Defendant Wong, Chi On; Defendant Lin, Zhong Kenny; Defendant Investpro LLC; Defendant Nickrandt, Joyce A; Defendant Chen, Liwe Helen; Defendant Cheng, Man Chau; Defendant Investpro Investments I LLC; Defendant Investpro Manager

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	LLC; Defendant Zhang, Yan Qiu [132] Stipulation and Order Settling Protocol for Supercedeas Bond
02/24/2022	Notice of Entry of Stipulation and Order Filed By: Defendant TKNR Inc [133] Notice of Entry of Stipulation and Order Settling Protocol for Supersedes Bond
06/17/2022	Stipulation and Order [134] Stipulation and Order Releasing Trust Monies
06/20/2022	Notice of Entry of Order Filed By: Plaintiff W L A B Investment LLC [135] Notice of Entry of Order
07/05/2022	Case Reassigned to Department 7  Pursuant to Administrative Order 22-09 - Case Reassigned from Judge Jerry A. Wiese to Judge Linda Marie Bell
07/26/2022	NV Supreme Court Clerks Certificate/Judgment -Remanded [136] Nevada Supreme Court Clerk's Certificate/Remittitur Judgment - Affirmed in Docket no. 82835 and Reversed in Docket no. 83051; Rehearing Denied
08/10/2022	Motion for Attorney Fees and Costs Filed By: Defendant TKNR Inc [137] Defendants' Motion for Attorneys' Fees and Costs
08/10/2022	Appendix  Filed By: Attorney Lee, Michael B.; Defendant TKNR Inc; Defendant Wong, Chi On; Defendant Lin, Zhong Kenny; Defendant Investpro LLC; Defendant Nickrandt, Joyce A; Defendant Chen, Liwe Helen; Defendant Cheng, Man Chau; Defendant Investpro Manager LLC; Defendant Zhang, Yan Qiu [138] Appendix to Defendants' Motion for Attorneys' Fees and Costs
08/10/2022	Clerk's Notice of Hearing Party: Defendant TKNR Inc [139] Notice of Hearing
08/22/2022	Motion for Attorney Fees and Costs Filed By: Defendant TKNR Inc [140] Defendants' Motion for Attorneys' Fees and Costs
08/22/2022	Appendix Filed By: Plaintiff W L A B Investment LLC [141] Appendix to Motion for Attorneys' Fees and Costs
08/24/2022	Opposition to Motion Filed By: Plaintiff W L A B Investment LLC [142] Plaintiff's Opposition to Defendants' Motion for Attorney's Fees
08/25/2022	Supplement Filed by: Defendant TKNR Inc [143] Supplement to Defendants' Motion for Attorneys' Fees and Costs
09/01/2022	Response Filed by: Plaintiff W L A B Investment LLC

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	[144] Plaintiff's Response to Defendants' Supplement to Motion for Attorney Fees
09/01/2022	Notice of Change of Hearing [145] Notice of Change of Hearing
09/07/2022	Reply Filed by: Plaintiff W L A B Investment LLC [146] Reply to Plaintiff's Opposition to Defendant's Motion for Attorneys' Fees
09/16/2022	Motion to Withdraw As Counsel Filed By: Plaintiff W L A B Investment LLC [147] Motion to Withdraw
09/19/2022	Clerk's Notice of Nonconforming Document  [148] Clerk's Notice of Nonconforming Document
09/27/2022	Order Granting Motion [149] Order Granting Motion to Withdraw
09/28/2022	Notice of Attorney Lien  Filed By: Plaintiff W L A B Investment LLC  [150] Notice of Attorney Lien
09/28/2022	Notice of Entry of Order  Filed By: Plaintiff W L A B Investment LLC  [151] Notice of Entry of Order
10/13/2022	Clerk's Notice of Nonconforming Document and Curative Action [152] Clerks Notice of Nonconforming Document and Creative Action
10/18/2022	Decision and Order [153] Decision and Order
10/25/2022	Notice of Entry of Order Filed By: Defendant TKNR Inc [154] Notice of Entry of Order Denying Defendats' Motion fo Attorneys' Fees
10/31/2022	Notice of Appeal Filed By: Defendant TKNR Inc [155] Notice of Appeal
10/31/2022	Case Appeal Statement Filed By: Defendant TKNR Inc [156] Case Appeal Statement
04/07/2021	DISPOSITIONS  Amended Summary Judgment (Judicial Officer: Escobar, Adriana)  Debtors: W L A B Investment LLC (Plaintiff)  Creditors: TKNR Inc (Defendant), Chi On Wong (Defendant), Zhong Kenny Lin (Defendant), Investpro LLC (Defendant), Joyce A Nickrandt (Defendant), Liwe Helen Chen (Defendant), Man Chau Cheng (Defendant), Investpro Investments I LLC (Defendant), Investpro Manager LLC (Defendant), Yan Qiu Zhang (Defendant)  Judgment: 04/07/2021, Docketed: 03/31/2021  Comment: Certain Claims

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05/25/2021

Judgment Plus Legal Interest (Judicial Officer: Escobar, Adriana)

Debtors: W L A B Investment LLC (Plaintiff), Benjamin B. Childs, ESQ. (Other)

Creditors: TKNR Inc (Defendant), Chi On Wong (Defendant), Zhong Kenny Lin (Defendant), Investpro LLC (Defendant), Joyce A Nickrandt (Defendant), Liwe Helen Chen (Defendant), Man Chau Cheng (Defendant), Investpro Investments I LLC (Defendant), Investpro Manager LLC

(Defendant), Yan Qiu Zhang (Defendant) Judgment: 05/25/2021, Docketed: 05/26/2021

Total Judgment: 128,166.78

Comment: In Part

07/26/2022

Clerk's Certificate (Judicial Officer: Bell, Linda Marie)

Debtors: W L A B Investment LLC (Plaintiff)

Creditors: TKNR Inc (Defendant), Chi On Wong (Defendant), Zhong Kenny Lin (Defendant), Investpro LLC (Defendant), Joyce A Nickrandt (Defendant), Liwe Helen Chen (Defendant), Man Chau Cheng (Defendant), Investpro Investments I LLC (Defendant), Investpro Manager LLC

(Defendant), Yan Qiu Zhang (Defendant) Judgment: 07/26/2022, Docketed: 07/27/2022

Comment: Supreme Court No. 82835/83051; Judgment Affirmed; Rehearing Denied

## HEARINGS

02/07/2019

Motion to Dismiss (9:30 AM) (Judicial Officer: Escobar, Adriana)

Defendants Motion to Dismiss, Alternative Motion for More Definite Statement, Alternative Motion for Summary Judgment

Granted in Part;

02/07/2019

Opposition and Countermotion (9:30 AM) (Judicial Officer: Escobar, Adriana)

Opposition To Defendants Motion To Dismiss / Alternative For Summary Judgment / Alternative For A More Definite Statement And Conditional Countermotion For Continuance Based On NRCP 56(F) If The Court Treats Defendant s Motion As One For Summary Judgment

Denied;

02/07/2019

All Pending Motions (9:30 AM) (Judicial Officer: Escobar, Adriana)

Granted in Part;

Journal Entry Details:

Mr. Pierce stated he represents the five defendants and the Plaintiff does not allege any false allegations by the licensed broker defendants. Mr. Childs argued that there were permits and inspections required, which were not done. Additionally, electrical, plumbing and natural gas lines were worked on without permits. This work was not disclosed to the buyer, which was fraudulent. Following further arguments by counsel. COURT ORDERED, motion DENIED as to Motion for Summary Judgment and Motion to Dismiss. FURTHER, motion for a more definite statement or amended complaint is GRANTED. Mr. Childs stated this will be filed within fourteen days. The Court advised that once there is Discovery and detail in the amended complaint, defendant may file an amended answer.;

10/09/2019

**Arbitration Hearing** (7:00 AM)

12/12/2019



Mandatory Rule 16 Conference (10:30 AM) (Judicial Officer: Escobar, Adriana)

Trial Date Set;

Journal Entry Details:

This case involves other real property and trial will last five to seven days. The Court informed counsel it will augment time now, and absent extraordinary circumstances, extensions/continuances will not be granted later in the trial. Counsel stated that liability is in dispute and there is intentional misconduct. As no Discovery has been conducted, counsel requested an additional 120 days from the JCCR deadlines. Colloquy regarding settlement. COURT ORDERED, deadlines as follows: Discovery Cut Off, 6/29/20; Amend Pleadings and Add Parties, 4/13/20; Initial Disclosure, 4/13/20; Rebuttal Disclosure, 5/26/20; Dispositive Motions, 7/20/20 and Trial Ready Date 9/28/20. COURT ORDERED, trial date SET and matter set for a status check regarding settlement. 7/30/29 9:30 AM STATUS CHECK: SETTLEMENT 10/29/20 9:30 AM CALENDAR CALL 11/16/20 9:30 AM JURY TRIAL;

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07/30/2020

Status Check (9:30 AM) (Judicial Officer: Escobar, Adriana) 07/30/2020, 10/14/2020, 12/09/2020, 02/03/2021

Settlement

Matter Continued;

Matter Continued; Settlement

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Journal Entry Details:

The parties have not settled and are disagreement about how the parties are, and have, conducted discovery. The Court CONTINUES this status check to March 9, at 10:00AM on civil law and motion calendar. CLERK'S NOTE: This Minute Order was electronically served by Courtroom Clerk, Dauriana Simpson, to all registered parties for Odyssey File and Serve. 2/10/2021/ds;

Matter Continued;

Matter Continued; Settlement

Matter Continued; Matter Continued:

Journal Entry Details:

The parties have a settlement conference scheduled for January 8, 2021. COURT ORDERED, matter CONTINUED to February 3, 2021, on Chambers Calendar. 2/03/21 3:00 AM STATUS CHECK: SETTLEMENT CLERK'S NOTE: A copy of this minute order was distributed to: Michael Lee, Esq., (mike@mblnv.com), Benjamin Childs, Esq., (ben@benchilds.com) and Nikita Burdick, Esq., (nburdick@burdicklawnv.com).;

Matter Continued:

Matter Continued: Settlement

Matter Continued; Matter Continued;

Journal Entry Details:

This matter has not settled. The Court CONTINUES this matter to Wednesday, December 9, 2020 on Chambers Calendar. \*\*CLERK'S NOTE: This Minute Order has been electronically served to all registered parties for Odyssey File & Serve.;

Matter Continued;

Matter Continued; Settlement

Matter Continued;

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Journal Entry Details:

The Court emailed all parties to confirm the status of settlement progress. No party replied. COURT ORDERED, matter CONTINUED. CONTINUED TO: 10/14/20 IN-CHAMBERS;

09/02/2020

Status Check: Settlement/Trial Setting (3:00 AM) (Judicial Officer: Escobar, Adriana) Matter Continued;

Journal Entry Details:

The parties have not responded. This Court CONTINUES this status check to November 4, 2020 on Chambers Calendar. CLERK'S NOTE: The above minute order has been distributed to: Benjamin Childs, Esq. (ben@benchilds.com), and Nikita Pierce (nburdick@burdicklawnv.com) //cbm 09/09/2020;

10/22/2020

Minute Order (3:00 AM) (Judicial Officer: Escobar, Adriana)

Minute Order - No Hearing Held; Defendant Motion to Enlarge Discovery (First Request) on an Order Shortening Time Journal Entry Details:

Defendant's Motion to Enlarge Discovery (First Request) on an Order Shortening Time (Motion), which Plaintiff opposed, was set for hearing before Department 14 of the Eighth Judicial District Court, the Honorable Adriana Escobar presiding, on October 22, 2020. Based on the pleadings and arguments of counsel, the Court issues the following order: There is an "inherent power of the judiciary to economically and fairly manage litigation." Borger v. Eighth Judicial Dist. Court, 120 Nev. 1021, 1029 (2004). NRCP 16(b)(4) provides that a scheduling order for trial may be modified by the court for good cause. Further, EDCR 2.35 (a) allows requests to extend discovery if in writing and supported by a showing of good cause for the extension and be filed no later than 21 days before the discovery cut-off date or any extension thereof. A request made beyond the period specified above shall not be granted

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unless the moving party, attorney or other person demonstrates that the failure to act was the result of excusable neglect. (emphasis added). Defendants bring the instant motion due to their failure to make initial expert disclosures by the October 15, 2020, deadline. Pursuant to the scheduling order entered on June 26, 2020, the discovery cut-off date is October 30, 2020. Defendants filed their Motion on October 15, 2020, more than 21 days before the discovery cut-off date. Here, the Court finds that Defendants failure to seek an extension of the discovery deadline in a timely manner was the result of excusable neglect. Moreover, Defendant demonstrated good cause warranting this Court to extend discovery, namely that due at least in part the current COVID-19 pandemic, the parties have not conducted any depositions. Additionally, Defendants failed to designate a rebuttal expert due to excusable neglect. Based on the foregoing, the Court GRANTS Defendant's Motion. The Court continues discovery as follows: Amend Pleadings: December 14, 2020 Initial Expert Disclosures: November 30, 2020 Rebuttal Expert: December 4, 2020 Discovery Cut-Off: March 2, 2021 Dispositive Motion: January 25, 2021 Calendar Call: April 1, 2021 Trial Stack: April 19, 2021 Counsel for Defendant is directed to prepare a proposed order based on this Minute Order. Counsel for Plaintiff is to approve as to form and content. All parties must submit their orders electronically, in both PDF version and Word version, until further notice. You may do so by emailing DC14Inbox@clarkcountycourts.us. All orders must have either original signatures from all parties or an email appended as the last page of the proposed order confirming that all parties approved use of their electronic signatures. The subject line of the e-mail should identify the full case number, filing code and case caption. CLERK'S NOTE: This Minute Order has been emailed to Benjamin Childs, Esq. (ben@benchilds.com); Nikita Pierce (nburdick@burdicklawnv.com) and Michael Lee (mike@mblnv.com). /lg;

10/22/2020

Motion to Extend Discovery (9:30 AM) (Judicial Officer: Escobar, Adriana)

Defendants Motion to Enlarge Discovery (First Request) On an Order Shortening Time Motion Granted;

Journal Entry Details:

Appearances continued: Michael Lee, Esq., present on behalf of Defendant and Frank Miao, present on behalf of Plaintiff, Corporation. Mr. Lee advised he will be substituting in on behalf of Defendants. Court directed counsel to file a substitution by the end of today. Ms. Pierce stated she was the current attorney and was present should the Court have any questions. Mr. Lee stated he was seeking a five-month extension. Mr. Childs objected stating his client worked zealously to get his expert witness and they are ready to proceed to trial, noting he contacted Department 30 for dates. Mr. Childs proposed a two-month extension. Court advised the case cannot be settled if there is not enough discovery. Court stated it was its understanding there was an issue for four days in August where the server went down in Ms. Pierce's law firm is why they did not see it. COURT finds good cause and ORDERED, Defendant's Motion GRANTED; Discovery CONTINUED as follows: Discovery Cut-Off: March 2, 2021 Amend Pleadings: December 14, 2020 Initial Expert Disclosures: November 30, 2020 Rebuttal Expert: December 4, 2020 Dispositive Motion: January 25, 2021 Calendar Call: April 1, 2021 Trial Stack: April 19, 2021 Ms. Pierce to prepare Order. Court advised it would issue a more detailed minute order.;

10/29/2020

CANCELED Calendar Call (9:31 AM) (Judicial Officer: Escobar, Adriana)

Vacated

11/16/2020

CANCELED Jury Trial (9:30 AM) (Judicial Officer: Escobar, Adriana) Vacated

11/18/2020

Motion for Leave (3:00 AM) (Judicial Officer: Escobar, Adriana)

Defendants' Motion for leave File Amended Answer Counterclaims, and Third -Party Claims on and Order Shortening Time

Minute Order - No Hearing Held;

Journal Entry Details:

Defendants Motion for Leave to File Amended Answer, Counterclaims, and Third-Party Claims on an Order Shortening Time (Motion), which Plaintiff opposed, was set for Chambers Calendar before Department 14 of the Eighth Judicial District Court, the Honorable Adriana Escobar presiding, on November 18, 2020. After considering the pleadings of counsel, the Court enters the following order: A motion for leave to amend is left to the sound discretion of the trial judge, and the trial judge s decision will not be disturbed absent an abuse of discretion. University & Cmty. Coll. Sys. v. Sutton, 120 Nev. 972, 988 (2004). Under NRCP 15 (a)(2), [t]he court should freely give leave when justice so requires. Motions for leave to amend a pleading ought to be granted unless a strong reason exists not to do so, such as

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prejudice to the opponent or lack of good faith by the moving party. Nutton v. Sunset Station, Inc., 131 Nev. 279, 284 (Nev. App. 2015); see also Stephens v. S. Nev. Music Co., 89 Nev. 104, 105 06 (1973) ([I]n the absence of any apparent or declared reason such as undue delay, bad faith or dilatory motive on the part of the movant the leave sought should be freely given. ). Here, Defendants Motion is timely filed as the deadline to amend the pleadings and add parties is December 14, 2020. The Court finds that Defendants should be given leave to amend their complaint. The arguments Plaintiff raises in opposition are meritless. Based on the foregoing, the Court GRANTS Defendants Motion. Counsel for Defendants is directed to prepare a proposed order approved by Plaintiff as to form and content. All parties must submit their orders electronically, in both PDF version and Word version, until further notice. You may do so by emailing DC14Inbox@clarkcountycourts.us. All orders must have either original signatures from all parties or an email appended as the last page of the proposed order confirming that all parties approved use of their electronic signatures. The subject line of the e-mail should identify the full case number, filing code and case caption. CLERK'S NOTE: The above minute order has been distributed to: Michael Lee Esq., and Michael Matthis Esq., at mike@mblnv.com, Benjamin Childs Esq., at ben@benchilds.com, and Nikita Burdick Esq., at nburdick@burdicklawnv.com. 11/18/20 gs;

01/08/2021

CANCELED Settlement Conference (10:30 AM)

Vacated

01/14/2021

CANCELED Motion for Leave (9:30 AM) (Judicial Officer: Escobar, Adriana)

Vacated - per Order

Plaintiff's Motion for Leave to File Second Amended Complaint

02/09/2021

CANCELED Motion to Compel (9:30 AM) (Judicial Officer: Escobar, Adriana)

Vacated

Plaintiff / Counterdefendant's Motion to Compel Discovery and for Impostion of Sactions

02/09/2021

CANCELED Motion for Protective Order (9:30 AM) (Judicial Officer: Truman, Erin)

Vacated

Defendants' Motion for a Protective Order and Other Relief

03/02/2021

Motion to Compel (10:00 AM) (Judicial Officer: Truman, Erin)

Plaintiff's Motion to Compel Discovery and for Imposition of Sanctions re: TKNR - Request for Production of Documents, Chi Wong - Request for Production of Documents and Investpro LLC - Request for Production of Documents on OST

Granted in Part; Plaintiff's Motion to Compel Discovery and for Imposition of Sanctions re: TKNR - Request for Production of Documents, Chi Wong - Request for Production of Documents and Investpro LLC - Request for Production of Documents on OST Journal Entry Details:

Frank Maio present. Arguments by counsel. The Motion for Summary Judgment, or in the alternative, Partial Summary Judgment is set 3-11-2021. Commissioner FINDS there was a misunderstanding, and objections will STAND. Discovery closes today. Upon Commissioner's inquiry, Mr. Lee stated there is no Motion pending to extend the discovery deadlines. As the claims currently stand, Commissioner allowed the discovery to go forward. COMMISSIONER RECOMMENDED, motion is GRANTED IN PART and DENIED IN PART; DENIED as to an award of sanctions. TKNR COMMISSIONER RECOMMENDED, RFP 22 supplemental responses are COMPELLED from Deft; RFP 23 is PROTECTED; RFP 24 objection STANDS; RFP 25 identify and produce documents, receipts, and expenses paid for the property during the relevant timeframe; RFP 26 and 27 identify specific bates ranges in 16.1 documents that support Deft's position; RFP 28 is PROTECTED, and limited to communications between TKNR and InvestPro for the subject property from 2015 to 2018; RFP 29 similarly limited for the same time period. CHI WONG COMMISSIONER RECOMMENDED, RFP 1 through 6 communications limited to any and all documents for the subject property from 2015 to 2018; RFP 7 clarify and give bates numbers in Deft's possession, custody, or control; RFP 8 as Directed on the record; RFP 9 is PROTECTED; RFP 10 produce documents relevant to what ownership interest Deft has. INVESTPRO LLC COMMISSIONER RECOMMENDED, RFP 1 repairs, maintenance, or modifications made from August 2015 to July 31, 2018 at the subject property; RFP 2 is more appropriate for an Interrogatory; RFP 2 and 3 are PROTECTED; RFP 4 supplement required; RFP 5 further supplement required; RFP 6 is PROTECTED; RFP 7 is COMPELLED; RFP 8 is limited to allow communications, Contracts, instructions, and agreements (further response is required); RFP 11 is allowed limited to the subject property for the timeframe, to the extent it exists; RFP 12 is COMPELLED, and supplement; RFP 13,

	14, 15, 16, 17, and 18 must be supplemented. Commissioner will be as consistent as the Commissioner can be on additional Motions. Commissioner Directed counsel to conduct an additional 2.34 conference to resolve any issues in the upcoming Motions based on the rulings given today. If issues are unresolved, the Motions will remain on calendar. COMMISSIONER RECOMMENDED, Countermotion for Protection is GRANTED IN PART and DENIED IN PART as stated. Mr. Childs to prepare the Report and Recommendations, and Mr. Lee to approve as to form and content. Comply with Administrative Order 20-10, and submit the DCRR to DiscoveryInbox@clarkcountycourts.us. A proper report must be timely submitted within 14 days of the hearing. Otherwise, counsel will pay a contribution.;
03/04/2021	CANCELED Motion to Compel (9:30 AM) (Judicial Officer: Truman, Erin)  Vacated  Plaintiff s Motion to Compel Discovery and for Imposition of Sanctions re: Investpro Manager  LLC- Second Request for Production of Documents and Investpro Investments I, LLC -  Request for Production of Documents on Order Shortening Time
03/11/2021	Motion for Summary Judgment (9:30 AM) (Judicial Officer: Escobar, Adriana)  Defendants Motion for Summary Judgment, or in the Alternative, Partial Summary Judgment  Granted;
03/11/2021	Opposition and Countermotion (9:30 AM) (Judicial Officer: Escobar, Adriana)  Opposition to Defendant's Motion for Summary Judgment Countermotion for Continuance Based on NRCP 56(f) and Countermotion for Imposition of Monetary Sanctions  Denied;
03/11/2021	CANCELED Motion to Compel (9:30 AM) (Judicial Officer: Truman, Erin)  Vacated  Plaintiff s Motion to Compel Discovery and for Imposition of Sanctions re: Man Chau Cheng -  Answers to Interrogatories and Investpro Investments I, LLC - Answers to Interrogatories on  Order Shortening Time
03/11/2021	All Pending Motions (9:30 AM) (Judicial Officer: Escobar, Adriana)  Matter Heard; Journal Entry Details:  DEFENDANTS MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT, OR IN THE ALTERNATIVE, PARTIAL SUMMARY JUDGMENTOPPOSITION TO DEFENDANTS MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT COUNTERMOTION FOR CONTINUANCE BASED ON NRCP 56 (F) AND COUNTERMOTION FOR IMPOSITION OF MONETARY SANCTIONS Arguments by counsel regarding the merits and opposition of the Motion. COURT STATED ITS FINDINGS AND ORDERED, motion GRANTED as to all claims and attorney's fees; Countermotion DENIED. Mr. Lee to prepare a detailed order and provide it to opposing counsel for approval as to form and content in both PDF version and Word version to DC14Inbox@clarkcountycourts.us. Pursuant to EDCR 1.90(a)(4), COURT FURTHER ORDERED, Counsel to submit the proposed order within 14 days of this decision.;
03/16/2021	CANCELED Motion to Compel (9:30 AM) (Judicial Officer: Truman, Erin)  Vacated  Plaintiff's Renewed Motion to Compel Discovery and for Imposition of Sanctions
03/16/2021	CANCELED Motion (10:00 AM) (Judicial Officer: Truman, Erin)  Vacated  Plaintiff's Motion to Exceed Page Limit for Plaintiff's Renewed Motion to Compel Discovery and for Imposition of Sanctions
03/16/2021	CANCELED Opposition and Countermotion (10:00 AM) (Judicial Officer: Truman, Erin)  Vacated  Opposition to Plaintiff's Motion to Compel and for Imposition of Sanctions and Countermotion for Protective Order or Other Relief
04/01/2021	CANCELED Calendar Call (3:00 PM) (Judicial Officer: Escobar, Adriana)  Vacated - per Stipulation and Order

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Motion to Withdraw as Counsel (3:00 AM) (Judicial Officer: Escobar, Adriana)

Benjamin Childs' Motion to Withdraw as Attorney for Plaintiff/Counterdefendant Motion Granted:

Journal Entry Details:

Plaintiff's Counsel's Motion to Withdraw as Attorney for Plaintiff (Motion) came on for Chambers Calendar before Department 14 of the Eighth Judicial District Court, the Honorable Adriana Escobar presiding, on April 7, 2021. Upon thorough review of the pleadings, this Court enters the following order: Attorney Benjamin B. Childs seeks to withdraw as counsel of record for Plaintiff W L A B Investment, LLC. On December 15, 2020, Defendants filed their Motion for Summary Judgment, or in the Alternative, Partial Summary Judgment. On March 4, 2021, Mr. Childs filed a Motion to Withdraw as Counsel for Plaintiff. On March 10, 2021, Attorney Steven L. Day, Esq. filed a Substitution of Attorneys, substituting himself as counsel of record for Plaintiff in place and stead Mr. Childs. On March 11, the Court heard Defendants' Motion for Summary Judgment, or in the Alternative, Partial Summary Judgment. Mr. Day appeared on behalf of Plaintiff. On March 30, 2021, this Court issued an Order Granting Defendants' Motion for Summary Judgment, or in the Alternative, Partial Summary Judgment. On April 7, 2021, this Court issued an Amended Order Granting Defendants' Motion for Summary Judgment, or in the Alternative, Partial Summary Judgment, disposing of this matter. In this Order, the Court awarded Defendants attorney fees and costs pursuant to NRCP 11. For good cause showing pursuant to EDCR 7.40(b)(2), RPC 1.16(b), and SCR 46, this Court hereby GRANTS the Motion. This Court notes the following: This matter is closed. However, although this Court awarded Defendants attorney fees and costs under NRCP 11, this Court has not made a final determination regarding the amount of attorney fees and costs Defendants are entitled to. Given that Mr. Childs brought the instant action on behalf of Plaintiff, which was the basis of this Court's award of attorney fees and costs under NRCP 11, Mr. Childs is still within the jurisdiction of this Court until this matter is fully resolved. Mr. Childs must be present for remaining motion practice, if any, on this issue, regardless, of the Court's granting of this Motion. Counsel for Plaintiff is directed to prepare a proposed order that lists all future deadlines and hearings, and includes Plaintiff's last known physical and/or mailing address, email, and phone number. Counsel must submit the proposed order within 14 days of the entry of this minute order. EDCR 1.90(a)(4). All parties must submit orders electronically, in both PDF version and Word version, until further notice. You may do so by emailing DC14Inbox@clarkcountycourts.us. All orders must have either original signatures from all parties or an email - appended as the last page of the proposed order confirming that all parties approved use of their electronic signatures. The subject line of the e-mail should identify the full case number, filing code and case caption. CLERK'S NOTE: This Minute Order was electronically served to all registered parties for Odyssey File & Serve. /mt;

04/08/2021

CANCELED Status Check: Compliance (3:00 AM) (Judicial Officer: Truman, Erin)

Vacated - per Stipulation and Order Status Check: Compliance / 3-2-2021 DCRR

04/09/2021

CANCELED Minute Order (3:00 AM) (Judicial Officer: Escobar, Adriana)

Vacated - On in Error

04/19/2021

CANCELED Jury Trial (9:30 AM) (Judicial Officer: Escobar, Adriana)

Vacated - per Stipulation and Order

05/17/2021

Minute Order (3:00 AM) (Judicial Officer: Escobar, Adriana)

Minute Order - No Hearing Held; Journal Entry Details:

Plaintiffs Motion to Reconsider (Motion), which Defendants opposed, was scheduled for hearing before Department XIV of the Eighth Judicial District Court, the Honorable Adriana Escobar presiding, on May 18, 2021. Pursuant to Administrative Order 21-03 and preceding administrative orders, this matter may be decided after a hearing, decided on the pleadings, or continued. In an effort to comply with Covid-19 restrictions, and to avoid the need for hearings when possible, this Court has determined that it would be appropriate to decide this matter based on the pleadings submitted. Upon thorough review of the pleadings, this Court issues the following order: Leave for reconsideration of motions is within this Court's discretion under EDCR 2.24. A district court may reconsider a previously decided issue if substantially different evidence is subsequently introduced or the decision is clearly erroneous. Masonry & Tile Contractors v. Jolley, Urga & Wirth, 113 Nev. 737, 741 (1997). Unless otherwise ordered by the court, papers submitted in support of pretrial and post-trial briefs shall be limited to 30

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pages, excluding exhibits. EDCR 2.20(a). Plaintiff seeks reconsideration of this Court s April 7, 2021, Amended Order Granting Defendants Motion for Summary Judgment, or in the Alternative, Partial Summary Judgment. It its opposition, Defendants argue that Plaintiff s Notice of Appeal in this matter divests this Court of jurisdiction to rule on Plaintiff's Motion. This Court disagrees. Because Plaintiff filed a motion for reconsideration, the April 7, 2021, order is not final appealable order. Therefore, the appeal was premature. A premature notice of appeal does NOT divest the district court of jurisdiction. NRAP 4(a)(6). Therefore, this Court has jurisdiction to rule on the Motion. Additionally, Defendants argument that Plaintiff s Motion was untimely filed lacks merit. Defendants filed the Notice of Entry of Order on April 8, 2021. Therefore, Plaintiff had until April 22, 2021, to file the instant Motion. Plaintiff filed this Motion on April 16, 2021, and thus, the Motion is timely. Before addressing the substantive merits of Plaintiff's Motion, this Court notes that Plaintiff's 179-page Motion includes 40 pages of argument, notwithstanding the exhibits. Although Plaintiff did not seek an order from this Court permitting a longer brief, Court addresses the Motion in full. Plaintiff spends a majority of its Motion rehashing the facts of the underlying dispute. Plaintiff argues that exhibits the Court relied on in granting Defendants underlying motion for summary judgment namely, the Residential Purchase Agreement and the Second Residential Purchase Agreement were not properly authenticated. Plaintiff additionally argues that Defendants discussed an email from Chen to Ms. Zhu without providing a foundation for the email. Plaintiff s argument is that this Court committed clear error by relying on unauthenticated documents, or hearsay, in ruling on Defendants motion for summary judgment. In opposing summary judgment, Plaintiff was required to point to specific facts creating a genuine issue of material fact. LaMantia v. Redisi, 118 Nev. 27, 29 (2002). Plaintiff did not so. Moreover, Defendants were not required to authenticate the first and second Residential Purchase Agreement before this Court could rely on those documents in granting summary judgment. First, Plaintiff did not contest the authenticity of the disputed documents in opposing summary judgment. Second, Plaintiff could have objected that these documents, which were Defendants repeatedly cite to in their motion for summary judgment, cannot be presented in a form that would be admissible in evidence. NRCP 56(b)(2) it did not. Finally, summary judgment is not trial. Authentication is for purposes of introducing evidence at trial. Therefore, this argument lacks merits. Plaintiff has not demonstrated that this Court s ruling was clearly erroneous. Plaintiff additionally argues that Rule 11 sanctions were not warranted and also asks this Court to clarify whether Mr. Day and his firm are to be included in the sanctions. Plaintiff has not demonstrated that this Court's decision to grant Rule 11 sanctions was clearly erroneous. However, this Court does clarify that the sanctions are awarded against Plaintiff's former counsel, Ben Childs, and not Plaintiff s current counsel, Mr. Day. See NRCP 11(c)(1): (If, after notice and a reasonable opportunity to respond, the court determines that Rule 11(b) has been violated, the court may impose an appropriate sanction on any attorney, law firm, or party that violated the rule or is responsible for the violation. ). The Court additionally notes the following: Although they do not caption their opposition as a countermotion, Defendants opposition raise an argument that Rule 11 sanctions are warranted as to Plaintiff s instant Motion. This Court does not find that Rule 11 sanctions are warranted for Plaintiff s filing of this Motion. Defendants also ask that this Court issue an award of attorney fees and costs in the amount of \$128,166.78. In its April 7, 2021, order, this Court granted Defendants attorney fees and costs pursuant to Rule 11. Plaintiff, through its former or new counsel, does not oppose the specific amounts requested. This Court grants the amount Defendants seek. Based on the foregoing, this Court GRANTS IN PART AND DENIES IN PART Plaintiff s Motion. This Court does not find that its ruling was clearly erroneous. However, the Court clarifies that the attorney fees and costs is awarded against Plaintiff s former counsel. Counsel for Defendants is directed to prepare a proposed order that incorporates the substance of this minute order and the pleadings. Plaintiff must approve as to form and content. Counsel must submit the proposed order within 14 days of the entry of this minute order. EDCR 1.90(a)(4). All parties must submit their orders electronically, in both PDF version and Word version, until further notice. You may do so by emailing DC14Inbox@clarkcountycourts.us. All orders must have either original signatures from all parties or an email appended as the last page of the proposed order confirming that all parties approved use of their electronic signatures. The subject line of the e-mail should identify the full case number, filing code and case caption. CLERK S NOTE: Counsel are to ensure a copy of the forgoing minute order is distributed to all interested parties; additionally, a copy of the foregoing minute order was distributed to the registered service recipients via Odyssey eFileNV E-Service (5-17-21 np).;

Plaintiff's Motion to Reconsider

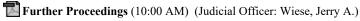
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Further Proceedings Re: Supreme Court Order

Matter Heard;

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All parties present via BlueJeans. Robert Whittier, Esq. present on behalf of Benjamin Childs, Esq. Court advised this matter was reassigned to this Court after an order from the Supreme Court. Court advised District Court was instructed to vacate the part of its order that imposed sanctions against the Petitioner, and have the matter reassigned before a different Judge. Court noted an Order was submitted regarding the same, but there was in issue that needed to be corrected. Court advised the Order indicated it was going to strike a section of the document and it referenced lines 1-2 on the second page,however, it should have been lines 1-4 so that the entire paragraph is stricken. Counsel advised Mr. Childs would send a corrected Order. Colloquy regarding which sections needed to be stricken. Court advised counsel to have someone re-submit the an Order that complies with the things that were being requested, whether it be an order deleting things or an amended order without those things listed. Colloquy regarding jurisdiction since claims between Plaintiff and Defendant were still on appeal. Court encouraged counsel to work together and submit the order.;

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Arguments by counsel regarding the merits of the motion. Colloquy regarding Supreme Court decision. COURT ORDERED, matter UNDER ADVISEMENT; written order TO ISSUE; matter SET for Status Check on decision. 09/28/2022 9:00 A.M STATUS CHECK: DECISION;

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FINANCIAL INFORMATION

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Defendant TKNR Inc	
Total Charges	790.00
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Balance Due as of 11/2/2022	0.00
Other Childs, Benjamin B., ESQ	
Total Charges	3.50
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Plaintiff W L A B Investment LLC	
Total Charges	616.00
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Plaintiff W L A B Investment LLC	
Appeal Bond Balance as of 11/2/2022	1,000.00

# DISTRICT COURT CIVIL COVER SHEET

Clark County, Nevada Case No.

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I. Party Information (provide both ho	me and mailing addresses if different)		
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LINDA MARIE BELL

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LINDA MARIE BELL DISTRICT JUDGE DEPARTMENT VII attorneys' fees and costs is appropriate under NRS § 18.010(2)(a), NRS § 17.117, Nev. R. Civ. P. 68. The TKNR Defendants later filed a Supplement arguing they were entitled to attorney fees under the Residential Purchase Agreement entered into between the parties. WLAB later filed an Opposition to the TKNR Defendants' Motion for Attorney Fees and Costs arguing that the TKNR Defendants' Motion should be denied for failing to follow procedural requirements and as untimely pursuant to NRCP 54(d)(B)(i).

# II. The TKNR Defendants are not entitled to attorney fees and costs under NRCP 11.

Rule 11 requires any motion for sanctions to be made "separately from any other motion and must describe the specific conduct that allegedly violates Rule 11(b)." Nev. R. Civ. P. 11(c)(1)(a). The motion must describe the specific conduct that allegedly violates section 11(b). <u>Id.</u>

The requirement of a separate Rule 11 motion is mandatory. Radcliffe v. Rainbow Constr. Co., 254 F.3d 772, 789 (9th Cir. 2001). A request for Rule 11 sanctions cannot be contained within any other motion. Id. The court in Nuwesra v. Merrill Lynch, Fenner & Smith, Inc., rejected defendants' argument to treat their affidavit of service and reply affidavit as a motion for Rule 11 sanctions because a motion must "be made separately from other motions or requests." Nuwesra v. Merrill Lynch, Fenner & Smith, Inc., 174 F.3d 87, 94 (2d Cir. 1999). In Barber v. Miller, the court acknowledged that defendant gave plaintiff multiple warnings but concluded that such warnings were not motions "and the Rule requires service of a motion." Barber v. Miller, 146 F.3d 707, 710 (9th Cir. 1998)

The Rule 11 motion must be served on opposing counsel but not filed with the court. <u>Id.</u> This is the 21 day "safe harbor" provision which allows the targeted attorney and party the opportunity to correct or withdraw the alleged wrongful claim or assertion. The 21-day safe harbor provision is also considered a mandatory step. <u>Radcliffe</u> at 788. Other federal appellate courts concur. <u>Tompkins v. Cyr.</u>, 202 F.3d 770, 788 (5th Cir.2000); <u>Elliott v. Tilton</u>, 64 F.3d 213, 216 (5th Cir. 1995); <u>Penn, LLC v. Prosper Bus. Dev. Corp.</u>, 773 F.3d 764 (6th Cir. 2014). In <u>Corley v. Rosewood Care Ctr., Inc.</u>, 142 F.3d 1041, 1058 (7th Cir. 1998), the defendants conceded that rule 11 sanctions were improper where they had failed to comply with the separate motion and safe harbor provisions of Rule 11.

Here, the TKNR Defendants' Motion for Rule 11 sanctions is combined with their motion for

attorney fees. Defendants' Motion further fails to describe WLAB's specific conduct that allegedly violates section 11(b). WLAB was served on August 10, 2022, with the TKNR Defendants' Motion for Attorney Fees. WLAB had not, prior to filing the motion, been served with TKNR's Motion for Rule 11 sanctions. WLAB was served a second time with TKNR's filed motion for attorney fees on August 22, 2022. This again is a direct violation of the procedural requirements of NRCP 11(c)(2) requiring a 21 day safe harbor before a motion for Rule 11 sanctions. Furthermore, this was specifically the Nevada Supreme Court's finding with the last Rule 11 motion previously filed for the TKNR Defendants. On May 12, 2022, The Nevada Supreme Court found that the TKNR Defendants' motion for Rule 11 sanctions did not meet the rule's "Mandatory procedural requirements" and reversed the district court's order awarding attorney fees:

In particular, respondents did not serve notice of their motion at least 21 days before they filed the motion with the district court and the motion was not made separately from their summary judgment motion as required by NRCP 11(c)(2). See Supreme Court Order, May 12, 2022, p.7

The targeted party of Rule 11 sanctions must be given an opportunity to respond. In this case, no such opportunity was given and the TKNR Defendants' again failed to follow Rule 11 procedures. Therefore, The TKNR Defendants' request for attorney fees under Rule 11 is denied.

# III. TKNR's request for attorney fees based on NRS 18.010, NRS 17.117 and NRCP 68 is denied as untimely.

NRCP 54(d)(B)(i) states that a motion for attorney fees must be filed within 21 days of notice of entry of order of judgment. Pursuant to NRCP 54(d)(B)(i), The TKNR Defendants' instant motion for attorney fees based on NRS 18.010, NRS 17.117 and NRCP 68 is denied as untimely. Here, the TKNR Defendants in their December 15, 2020, Motion for Summary Judgment, requested attorney fees pursuant to NRS 18.010(2)(b) and Rule 11. The then-presiding Judge chose to award attorney fees pursuant to Rule 11. The TKNR Defendants did not appeal the denial of their request for fees pursuant to NRS 18.010(2)(b). The TKNR Defendants instead decided to request fees pursuant to NRS 18.010(2)(b) over one year post judgment.

In the TKNR Defendants' Motion for Summary Judgment, TKNR argued they were entitled

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Judgment, pp. 30-31. The TKNR Defendants never requested fees pursuant to NRS 17.117 or NRCP 68. <u>Id.</u> The TKNR Defendants have argued for the first time, over 400 days after notice of entry of judgment, that they are entitled to fees pursuant to NRS 17.117 and NRCP 68. The 21 day window to file a motion for attorney fees under NRCP 54(d)(B)(i) has passed. Therefore, the TKNR Defendants' request for attorney fees pursuant to NRS 18.010, NRS 17.117 and NRCP 68 is denied as untimely.

# IV. TKNR's request for attorney fees based on the Residential Purchase Agreement is denied as untimely.

On August 25, 2022, The TKNR Defendants filed a supplement to their original Motion arguing that pursuant to the terms of the Residential Purchase Agreement signed by the parties in this matter, the TKNR Defendants are entitled to their attorney fees and costs. The Supplement includes citation to the provision of the Residential Purchase Agreement between the Parties that provide for recovery of attorneys' fees and costs by the prevailing party.

Here, the TKNR Defendants had 21 days to file their motion for attorney fees to specify "the judgment and the statute, rule, or other grounds entitling the movant to the award." Nev. R. Civ. P 54(d)(2)(B)(i)(ii). The TKNR Defendants filed this supplement to their original Motion for Attorney Fees approximately a year and a half after notice of the entry of judgment. The TKNR Defendants did not mention The Residential Purchase Agreement entered into between both parties as a ground that entitled them to attorney fees when they filed their original motion on December 15, 2020. The TKNR Defendants' request for attorney fees based on the supplement filed on August 25, 2022 is untimely under NRCP 54(d)(2)(B)(i)(ii). Therefore, the Motion for Attorney Fees and Costs pursuant to the Residential Purchase Agreement is denied.

### V. Conclusion

In regards to the request for attorney fees under Rule 11, the TKNR Defendants have again failed to follow procedural requirements. Furthermore, Pursuant to NRCP 54(d)(B)(i), The TKNR Defendants' Motion for Attorney Fees and Costs pursuant to NRS 18.010, NRS 17.117, NRCP 68, and the Residential Purchase Agreement is denied as untimely. Based on the foregoing, the TKNR

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WLAB later filed a Notice of Appeal arguing that factual issues existed which precluded the District Court from granting summary judgment. WLAB further argued that this matter did not warrant Rule 11 sanctions. On May 12, 2022, the Nevada Supreme Court affirmed in part and reversed in part the TKNR Defendants' Motion for Summary Judgment. The Nevada Supreme Court found that issues of fact did not exist in the record and affirmed the District Court's granting of summary judgment. In regards to the Rule 11 sanctions, the Nevada Supreme Court found that the TKNR Defendants' had not complied with Rule 11 procedural rules. The Court concluded that the District Court imposed sanctions without first giving the offending party notice and reasonable opportunity to respond. As such, the Court reversed the award of the TKNR Defendants' attorney's fees. On August 16, 2022, the Remittitur was filed with the Court.

On August 10, 2022, the TKNR Defendants filed the instant motion arguing that recovery of

LINDA MARIE BELL DISTRICT JUDGE DEPARTMENT VII attorneys' fees and costs is appropriate under NRS § 18.010(2)(a), NRS § 17.117, Nev. R. Civ. P. 68. The TKNR Defendants later filed a Supplement arguing they were entitled to attorney fees under the Residential Purchase Agreement entered into between the parties. WLAB later filed an Opposition to the TKNR Defendants' Motion for Attorney Fees and Costs arguing that the TKNR Defendants' Motion should be denied for failing to follow procedural requirements and as untimely pursuant to NRCP 54(d)(B)(i).

#### II. The TKNR Defendants are not entitled to attorney fees and costs under NRCP 11.

Rule 11 requires any motion for sanctions to be made "separately from any other motion and must describe the specific conduct that allegedly violates Rule 11(b)." Nev. R. Civ. P. 11(c)(1)(a). The motion must describe the specific conduct that allegedly violates section 11(b). <u>Id.</u>

The requirement of a separate Rule 11 motion is mandatory. Radcliffe v. Rainbow Constr. Co., 254 F.3d 772, 789 (9th Cir. 2001). A request for Rule 11 sanctions cannot be contained within any other motion. Id. The court in Nuwesra v. Merrill Lynch, Fenner & Smith, Inc., rejected defendants' argument to treat their affidavit of service and reply affidavit as a motion for Rule 11 sanctions because a motion must "be made separately from other motions or requests." Nuwesra v. Merrill Lynch, Fenner & Smith, Inc., 174 F.3d 87, 94 (2d Cir. 1999). In Barber v. Miller, the court acknowledged that defendant gave plaintiff multiple warnings but concluded that such warnings were not motions "and the Rule requires service of a motion." Barber v. Miller, 146 F.3d 707, 710 (9th Cir. 1998)

The Rule 11 motion must be served on opposing counsel but not filed with the court. <u>Id.</u> This is the 21 day "safe harbor" provision which allows the targeted attorney and party the opportunity to correct or withdraw the alleged wrongful claim or assertion. The 21-day safe harbor provision is also considered a mandatory step. <u>Radcliffe</u> at 788. Other federal appellate courts concur. <u>Tompkins v. Cyr.</u>, 202 F.3d 770, 788 (5th Cir.2000); <u>Elliott v. Tilton</u>, 64 F.3d 213, 216 (5th Cir. 1995); <u>Penn, LLC v. Prosper Bus. Dev. Corp.</u>, 773 F.3d 764 (6th Cir. 2014). In <u>Corley v. Rosewood Care Ctr., Inc.</u>, 142 F.3d 1041, 1058 (7th Cir. 1998), the defendants conceded that rule 11 sanctions were improper where they had failed to comply with the separate motion and safe harbor provisions of Rule 11.

Here, the TKNR Defendants' Motion for Rule 11 sanctions is combined with their motion for

attorney fees. Defendants' Motion further fails to describe WLAB's specific conduct that allegedly violates section 11(b). WLAB was served on August 10, 2022, with the TKNR Defendants' Motion for Attorney Fees. WLAB had not, prior to filing the motion, been served with TKNR's Motion for Rule 11 sanctions. WLAB was served a second time with TKNR's filed motion for attorney fees on August 22, 2022. This again is a direct violation of the procedural requirements of NRCP 11(c)(2) requiring a 21 day safe harbor before a motion for Rule 11 sanctions. Furthermore, this was specifically the Nevada Supreme Court's finding with the last Rule 11 motion previously filed for the TKNR Defendants. On May 12, 2022, The Nevada Supreme Court found that the TKNR Defendants' motion for Rule 11 sanctions did not meet the rule's "Mandatory procedural requirements" and reversed the district court's order awarding attorney fees:

In particular, respondents did not serve notice of their motion at least 21 days before they filed the motion with the district court and the motion was not made separately from their summary judgment motion as required by NRCP 11(c)(2). See Supreme Court Order, May 12, 2022, p.7

The targeted party of Rule 11 sanctions must be given an opportunity to respond. In this case, no such opportunity was given and the TKNR Defendants' again failed to follow Rule 11 procedures. Therefore, The TKNR Defendants' request for attorney fees under Rule 11 is denied.

### III. TKNR's request for attorney fees based on NRS 18.010, NRS 17.117 and NRCP 68 is denied as untimely.

NRCP 54(d)(B)(i) states that a motion for attorney fees must be filed within 21 days of notice of entry of order of judgment. Pursuant to NRCP 54(d)(B)(i), The TKNR Defendants' instant motion for attorney fees based on NRS 18.010, NRS 17.117 and NRCP 68 is denied as untimely. Here, the TKNR Defendants in their December 15, 2020, Motion for Summary Judgment, requested attorney fees pursuant to NRS 18.010(2)(b) and Rule 11. The then-presiding Judge chose to award attorney fees pursuant to Rule 11. The TKNR Defendants did not appeal the denial of their request for fees pursuant to NRS 18.010(2)(b). The TKNR Defendants instead decided to request fees pursuant to NRS 18.010(2)(b) over one year post judgment.

In the TKNR Defendants' Motion for Summary Judgment, TKNR argued they were entitled

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to attorney fees based on Rule 11 and NRS 18.010(2)(b). See TKNR Defendants' Motion for Summary Judgment, pp. 30-31. The TKNR Defendants never requested fees pursuant to NRS 17.117 or NRCP 68. Id. The TKNR Defendants have argued for the first time, over 400 days after notice of entry of judgment, that they are entitled to fees pursuant to NRS 17.117 and NRCP 68. The 21 day window to file a motion for attorney fees under NRCP 54(d)(B)(i) has passed. Therefore, the TKNR Defendants' request for attorney fees pursuant to NRS 18.010, NRS 17.117 and NRCP 68 is denied as untimely.

### IV. TKNR's request for attorney fees based on the Residential Purchase Agreement is denied as untimely.

On August 25, 2022, The TKNR Defendants filed a supplement to their original Motion arguing that pursuant to the terms of the Residential Purchase Agreement signed by the parties in this matter, the TKNR Defendants are entitled to their attorney fees and costs. The Supplement includes citation to the provision of the Residential Purchase Agreement between the Parties that provide for recovery of attorneys' fees and costs by the prevailing party.

Here, the TKNR Defendants had 21 days to file their motion for attorney fees to specify "the judgment and the statute, rule, or other grounds entitling the movant to the award." Nev. R. Civ. P 54(d)(2)(B)(i)(ii). The TKNR Defendants filed this supplement to their original Motion for Attorney Fees approximately a year and a half after notice of the entry of judgment. The TKNR Defendants did not mention The Residential Purchase Agreement entered into between both parties as a ground that entitled them to attorney fees when they filed their original motion on December 15, 2020. The TKNR Defendants' request for attorney fees based on the supplement filed on August 25, 2022 is untimely under NRCP 54(d)(2)(B)(i)(ii). Therefore, the Motion for Attorney Fees and Costs pursuant to the Residential Purchase Agreement is denied.

#### V. Conclusion

In regards to the request for attorney fees under Rule 11, the TKNR Defendants have again failed to follow procedural requirements. Furthermore, Pursuant to NRCP 54(d)(B)(i), The TKNR Defendants' Motion for Attorney Fees and Costs pursuant to NRS 18.010, NRS 17.117, NRCP 68, and the Residential Purchase Agreement is denied as untimely. Based on the foregoing, the TKNR

1	Defendants' Motion for Attorneys' Fees and Costs is denied. The October 19, 2022 status check is		
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**COURT MINUTES** 

February 07, 2019

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W L A B Investment LLC, Plaintiff(s)

vs.

TKNR Inc, Defendant(s)

February 07, 2019

9:30 AM

**All Pending Motions** 

**HEARD BY:** Escobar, Adriana

**COURTROOM:** RJC Courtroom 14C

**COURT CLERK:** Denise Husted

**RECORDER:** Sandra Anderson

**REPORTER:** 

**PARTIES** 

**PRESENT:** Childs, Benjamin B., ESQ

Attorney

Pierce, Nikita R.

Attorney

#### **JOURNAL ENTRIES**

- Mr. Pierce stated he represents the five defendants and the Plaintiff does not allege any false allegations by the licensed broker defendants. Mr. Childs argued that there were permits and inspections required, which were not done. Additionally, electrical, plumbing and natural gas lines were worked on without permits. This work was not disclosed to the buyer, which was fraudulent. Following further arguments by counsel. COURT ORDERED, motion DENIED as to Motion for Summary Judgment and Motion to Dismiss. FURTHER, motion for a more definite statement or amended complaint is GRANTED. Mr. Childs stated this will be filed within fourteen days. The Court advised that once there is Discovery and detail in the amended complaint, defendant may file an amended answer.

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### DISTRICT COURT CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

**COURT MINUTES** 

December 12, 2019

A-18-785917-C W L A B Investment LLC, Plaintiff(s)

VS.

TKNR Inc, Defendant(s)

December 12, 2019 10:30 AM Mandatory Rule 16

Conference

**HEARD BY:** Escobar, Adriana COURTROOM: RJC Courtroom 14C

**COURT CLERK:** Denise Husted

**RECORDER:** Sandra Anderson

**REPORTER:** 

**PARTIES** 

**PRESENT:** Marx, Bradley M. Attorney

Pierce, Nikita R. Attorney

#### **JOURNAL ENTRIES**

- This case involves other real property and trial will last five to seven days. The Court informed counsel it will augment time now, and absent extraordinary circumstances, extensions/continuances will not be granted later in the trial. Counsel stated that liability is in dispute and there is intentional misconduct. As no Discovery has been conducted, counsel requested an additional 120 days from the JCCR deadlines. Colloquy regarding settlement. COURT ORDERED, deadlines as follows: Discovery Cut Off, 6/29/20; Amend Pleadings and Add Parties, 4/13/20; Initial Disclosure, 4/13/20; Rebuttal Disclosure, 5/26/20; Dispositive Motions, 7/20/20 and Trial Ready Date 9/28/20. COURT ORDERED, trial date SET and matter set for a status check regarding settlement.

7/30/29 9:30 AM STATUS CHECK: SETTLEMENT

10/29/20 9:30 AM CALENDAR CALL

11/16/20 9:30 AM JURY TRIAL

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A-18-785917-C W L A B Investment LLC, Plaintiff(s)
vs.
TKNR Inc, Defendant(s)

July 30, 2020 9:30 AM Status Check

**HEARD BY:** Escobar, Adriana **COURTROOM:** RJC Courtroom 14C

**COURT CLERK:** Denise Husted

**RECORDER:** 

**REPORTER:** 

PARTIES PRESENT:

#### **JOURNAL ENTRIES**

- The Court emailed all parties to confirm the status of settlement progress. No party replied. COURT ORDERED, matter CONTINUED.

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A-18-785917-C W L A B Investment LLC, Plaintiff(s)
vs.
TKNR Inc, Defendant(s)

September 02, 2020 3:00 AM Status Check:

Settlement/Trial Setting

**HEARD BY:** Escobar, Adriana COURTROOM: Chambers

**COURT CLERK:** Michelle Jones

Carina Bracamontez-Munguia

**RECORDER:** 

**REPORTER:** 

PARTIES PRESENT:

#### **JOURNAL ENTRIES**

- The parties have not responded. This Court CONTINUES this status check to November 4, 2020 on Chambers Calendar.

CLERK'S NOTE: The above minute order has been distributed to: Benjamin Childs, Esq. (ben@benchilds.com), and Nikita Pierce (nburdick@burdicklawnv.com) //cbm 09/09/2020

A-18-785917-C W L A B Investment LLC, Plaintiff(s)
vs.
TKNR Inc, Defendant(s)

October 14, 2020 3:00 AM Status Check Settlement

HEARD BY: Escobar, Adriana COURTROOM: Chambers

COURT CLERK: Louisa Garcia

**RECORDER:** 

**REPORTER:** 

PARTIES PRESENT:

#### **JOURNAL ENTRIES**

- This matter has not settled. The Court CONTINUES this matter to Wednesday, December 9, 2020 on Chambers Calendar.

\*\*CLERK'S NOTE: This Minute Order has been electronically served to all registered parties for Odyssey File & Serve.

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**COURT MINUTES Other Real Property** October 22, 2020 A-18-785917-C W L A B Investment LLC, Plaintiff(s) TKNR Inc, Defendant(s) **Minute Order Defendant Motion to** October 22, 2020 3:00 AM **Enlarge Discovery** (First Request) on an **Order Shortening** Time **HEARD BY:** Escobar, Adriana **COURTROOM:** Chambers

**COURT CLERK:** Louisa Garcia

**RECORDER:** 

**REPORTER:** 

**PARTIES** PRESENT:

#### **JOURNAL ENTRIES**

- Defendant's Motion to Enlarge Discovery (First Request) on an Order Shortening Time (Motion), which Plaintiff opposed, was set for hearing before Department 14 of the Eighth Judicial District Court, the Honorable Adriana Escobar presiding, on October 22, 2020. Based on the pleadings and arguments of counsel, the Court issues the following order:

There is an "inherent power of the judiciary to economically and fairly manage litigation." Borger v. Eighth Judicial Dist. Court, 120 Nev. 1021, 1029 (2004). NRCP 16(b)(4) provides that a scheduling order for trial may be modified by the court for good cause.

Further, EDCR 2.35(a) allows requests to extend discovery if in writing and supported by a showing of good cause for the extension and be filed no later than 21 days before the discovery cut-off date or any extension thereof. A request made beyond the period specified above shall not be granted unless the moving party, attorney or other person demonstrates that the failure to act was the result of excusable neglect. (emphasis added).

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Defendants bring the instant motion due to their failure to make initial expert disclosures by the October 15, 2020, deadline. Pursuant to the scheduling order entered on June 26, 2020, the discovery cut-off date is October 30, 2020. Defendants filed their Motion on October 15, 2020, more than 21 days before the discovery cut-off date. Here, the Court finds that Defendants failure to seek an extension of the discovery deadline in a timely manner was the result of excusable neglect. Moreover, Defendant demonstrated good cause warranting this Court to extend discovery, namely that due at least in part the current COVID-19 pandemic, the parties have not conducted any depositions. Additionally, Defendants failed to designate a rebuttal expert due to excusable neglect.

Based on the foregoing, the Court GRANTS Defendant's Motion.

The Court continues discovery as follows:

Amend Pleadings: December 14, 2020

Initial Expert Disclosures: November 30, 2020

Rebuttal Expert: December 4, 2020 Discovery Cut-Off: March 2, 2021 Dispositive Motion: January 25, 2021

Calendar Call: April 1, 2021 Trial Stack: April 19, 2021

Counsel for Defendant is directed to prepare a proposed order based on this Minute Order. Counsel for Plaintiff is to approve as to form and content.

All parties must submit their orders electronically, in both PDF version and Word version, until further notice. You may do so by emailing DC14Inbox@clarkcountycourts.us. All orders must have either original signatures from all parties or an email appended as the last page of the proposed order confirming that all parties approved use of their electronic signatures. The subject line of the e-mail should identify the full case number, filing code and case caption.

CLERK'S NOTE: This Minute Order has been emailed to Benjamin Childs, Esq. (ben@benchilds.com); Nikita Pierce (nburdick@burdicklawnv.com) and Michael Lee (mike@mblnv.com). /lg

**COURT MINUTES Other Real Property** October 22, 2020 A-18-785917-C W L A B Investment LLC, Plaintiff(s) TKNR Inc, Defendant(s)

October 22, 2020 9:30 AM **Motion to Extend** 

Discovery

**COURTROOM:** RJC Courtroom 14C **HEARD BY:** Escobar, Adriana

**COURT CLERK:** Louisa Garcia

**RECORDER:** 

**REPORTER:** 

**PARTIES** 

PRESENT: Childs, Benjamin B., ESQ Attorney

Pierce, Nikita R. Attorney

#### **JOURNAL ENTRIES**

- Appearances continued: Michael Lee, Esq., present on behalf of Defendant and Frank Miao, present on behalf of Plaintiff, Corporation.

Mr. Lee advised he will be substituting in on behalf of Defendants. Court directed counsel to file a substitution by the end of today. Ms. Pierce stated she was the current attorney and was present should the Court have any questions.

Mr. Lee stated he was seeking a five-month extension. Mr. Childs objected stating his client worked zealously to get his expert witness and they are ready to proceed to trial, noting he contacted Department 30 for dates. Mr. Childs proposed a two-month extension. Court advised the case cannot be settled if there is not enough discovery. Court stated it was its understanding there was an issue for four days in August where the server went down in Ms. Pierce's law firm is why they did not see it. COURT finds good cause and ORDERED, Defendant's Motion GRANTED; Discovery **CONTINUED** as follows:

Discovery Cut-Off: March 2, 2021

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Amend Pleadings: December 14, 2020

Initial Expert Disclosures: November 30, 2020

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Calendar Call: April 1, 2021 Trial Stack: April 19, 2021

Ms. Pierce to prepare Order. Court advised it would issue a more detailed minute order.

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PARTIES PRESENT:

### DISTRICT COURT CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

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November 18, 2020

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#### **JOURNAL ENTRIES**

- Defendants Motion for Leave to File Amended Answer, Counterclaims, and Third-Party Claims on an Order Shortening Time (Motion), which Plaintiff opposed, was set for Chambers Calendar before Department 14 of the Eighth Judicial District Court, the Honorable Adriana Escobar presiding, on November 18, 2020. After considering the pleadings of counsel, the Court enters the following order:

A motion for leave to amend is left to the sound discretion of the trial judge, and the trial judge s decision will not be disturbed absent an abuse of discretion. University & Cmty. Coll. Sys. v. Sutton, 120 Nev. 972, 988 (2004).

Under NRCP 15(a)(2), [t]he court should freely give leave when justice so requires. Motions for leave to amend a pleading ought to be granted unless a strong reason exists not to do so, such as prejudice to the opponent or lack of good faith by the moving party. Nutton v. Sunset Station, Inc., 131 Nev. 279, 284 (Nev. App. 2015); see also Stephens v. S. Nev. Music Co., 89 Nev. 104, 105 06 (1973) ([I]n the absence of any apparent or declared reason such as undue delay, bad faith or dilatory motive on the part of the movant the leave sought should be freely given.).

Here, Defendants Motion is timely filed as the deadline to amend the pleadings and add parties is

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December 14, 2020. The Court finds that Defendants should be given leave to amend their complaint. The arguments Plaintiff raises in opposition are meritless.

Based on the foregoing, the Court GRANTS Defendants Motion.

Counsel for Defendants is directed to prepare a proposed order approved by Plaintiff as to form and content.

All parties must submit their orders electronically, in both PDF version and Word version, until further notice. You may do so by emailing DC14Inbox@clarkcountycourts.us. All orders must have either original signatures from all parties or an email appended as the last page of the proposed order confirming that all parties approved use of their electronic signatures. The subject line of the e-mail should identify the full case number, filing code and case caption.

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December 09, 2020 3:00 AM Status Check

**HEARD BY:** Escobar, Adriana **COURTROOM:** RJC Courtroom 14C

**COURT CLERK:** Kristen Brown

**RECORDER:** 

**REPORTER:** 

PARTIES PRESENT:

#### **JOURNAL ENTRIES**

- The parties have a settlement conference scheduled for January 8, 2021. COURT ORDERED, matter CONTINUED to February 3, 2021, on Chambers Calendar.

2/03/21 3:00 AM STATUS CHECK: SETTLEMENT

CLERK'S NOTE: A copy of this minute order was distributed to: Michael Lee, Esq., (mike@mblnv.com), Benjamin Childs, Esq., (ben@benchilds.com) and Nikita Burdick, Esq., (nburdick@burdicklawnv.com).

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TKNR Inc, Defendant(s)

February 03, 2021 3:00 AM Status Check

**HEARD BY:** Escobar, Adriana COURTROOM: Chambers

**COURT CLERK:** Dauriana Simpson

**RECORDER:** 

**REPORTER:** 

PARTIES PRESENT:

#### **JOURNAL ENTRIES**

- The parties have not settled and are disagreement about how the parties are, and have, conducted discovery. The Court CONTINUES this status check to March 9, at 10:00AM on civil law and motion calendar.

CLERK'S NOTE: This Minute Order was electronically served by Courtroom Clerk, Dauriana Simpson, to all registered parties for Odyssey File and Serve. 2/10/2021/ds

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Other Real Property		COURT MINUTES	March 02, 2021
A-18-785917-C	W L A B Investors. TKNR Inc, De	stment LLC, Plaintiff(s)	
March 02, 2021	10:00 AM	Motion to Compel	Plaintiff's Motion to Compel Discovery and for Imposition of Sanctions re: TKNR - Request for Production of Documents, Chi Wong - Request for Production of Documents and Investpro LLC - Request for Production of Documents on OST

**HEARD BY:** Truman, Erin COURTROOM: RJC Level 5 Hearing Room

**COURT CLERK:** Jennifer Lott

**RECORDER:** Francesca Haak

**REPORTER:** 

**PARTIES** 

PRESENT: Childs, Benjamin B., ESQ Attorney

Lee, Michael B. Attorney

#### **JOURNAL ENTRIES**

- Frank Maio present.

Arguments by counsel. The Motion for Summary Judgment, or in the alternative, Partial Summary Judgment is set 3-11-2021. Commissioner FINDS there was a misunderstanding, and objections will STAND. Discovery closes today. Upon Commissioner's inquiry, Mr. Lee stated there is no Motion PRINT DATE: 11/02/2022 Page 14 of 26 Minutes Date: February 07, 2019

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pending to extend the discovery deadlines. As the claims currently stand, Commissioner allowed the discovery to go forward. COMMISSIONER RECOMMENDED, motion is GRANTED IN PART and DENIED IN PART; DENIED as to an award of sanctions.

#### **TKNR**

COMMISSIONER RECOMMENDED, RFP 22 supplemental responses are COMPELLED from Deft; RFP 23 is PROTECTED; RFP 24 objection STANDS; RFP 25 identify and produce documents, receipts, and expenses paid for the property during the relevant timeframe; RFP 26 and 27 identify specific bates ranges in 16.1 documents that support Deft's position; RFP 28 is PROTECTED, and limited to communications between TKNR and InvestPro for the subject property from 2015 to 2018; RFP 29 similarly limited for the same time period.

#### **CHI WONG**

COMMISSIONER RECOMMENDED, RFP 1 through 6 communications limited to any and all documents for the subject property from 2015 to 2018; RFP 7 clarify and give bates numbers in Deft's possession, custody, or control; RFP 8 as Directed on the record; RFP 9 is PROTECTED; RFP 10 produce documents relevant to what ownership interest Deft has.

#### **INVESTPRO LLC**

COMMISSIONER RECOMMENDED, RFP 1 repairs, maintenance, or modifications made from August 2015 to July 31, 2018 at the subject property; RFP 2 is more appropriate for an Interrogatory; RFP 2 and 3 are PROTECTED; RFP 4 supplement required; RFP 5 further supplement required; RFP 6 is PROTECTED; RFP 7 is COMPELLED; RFP 8 is limited to allow communications, Contracts, instructions, and agreements (further response is required); RFP 11 is allowed limited to the subject property for the timeframe, to the extent it exists; RFP 12 is COMPELLED, and supplement; RFP 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, and 18 must be supplemented.

Commissioner will be as consistent as the Commissioner can be on additional Motions. Commissioner Directed counsel to conduct an additional 2.34 conference to resolve any issues in the upcoming Motions based on the rulings given today. If issues are unresolved, the Motions will remain on calendar. COMMISSIONER RECOMMENDED, Countermotion for Protection is GRANTED IN PART and DENIED IN PART as stated.

Mr. Childs to prepare the Report and Recommendations, and Mr. Lee to approve as to form and content. Comply with Administrative Order 20-10, and submit the DCRR to DiscoveryInbox@clarkcountycourts.us. A proper report must be timely submitted within 14 days of the hearing. Otherwise, counsel will pay a contribution.

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TKNR Inc, Defendant(s)

March 11, 2021 9:30 AM All Pending Motions

**HEARD BY:** Escobar, Adriana **COURTROOM:** RJC Courtroom 14C

**COURT CLERK:** Grecia Snow

**RECORDER:** 

REPORTER:

**PARTIES** 

**PRESENT:** Day, Steven L. Attorney

Lee, Michael B. Attorney W L A B Investment LLC Plaintiff

#### **JOURNAL ENTRIES**

- DEFENDANTS MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT, OR IN THE ALTERNATIVE, PARTIAL SUMMARY JUDGMENT...OPPOSITION TO DEFENDANTS MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT COUNTERMOTION FOR CONTINUANCE BASED ON NRCP 56(F) AND COUNTERMOTION FOR IMPOSITION OF MONETARY SANCTIONS

Arguments by counsel regarding the merits and opposition of the Motion. COURT STATED ITS FINDINGS AND ORDERED, motion GRANTED as to all claims and attorney's fees; Countermotion DENIED. Mr. Lee to prepare a detailed order and provide it to opposing counsel for approval as to form and content in both PDF version and Word version to DC14Inbox@clarkcountycourts.us. Pursuant to EDCR 1.90(a)(4), COURT FURTHER ORDERED, Counsel to submit the proposed order within 14 days of this decision.

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April 07, 2021
3:00 AM Motion to Withdraw as

**HEARD BY:** Escobar, Adriana COURTROOM: RJC Courtroom 14C

Counsel

**COURT CLERK:** 

**RECORDER:** Sandra Anderson

**REPORTER:** 

PARTIES PRESENT:

#### **JOURNAL ENTRIES**

- Plaintiff's Counsel's Motion to Withdraw as Attorney for Plaintiff (Motion) came on for Chambers Calendar before Department 14 of the Eighth Judicial District Court, the Honorable Adriana Escobar presiding, on April 7, 2021. Upon thorough review of the pleadings, this Court enters the following order:

Attorney Benjamin B. Childs seeks to withdraw as counsel of record for Plaintiff W L A B Investment, LLC.

On December 15, 2020, Defendants filed their Motion for Summary Judgment, or in the Alternative, Partial Summary Judgment.

On March 4, 2021, Mr. Childs filed a Motion to Withdraw as Counsel for Plaintiff.

On March 10, 2021, Attorney Steven L. Day, Esq. filed a Substitution of Attorneys, substituting himself as counsel of record for Plaintiff in place and stead Mr. Childs.

On March 11, the Court heard Defendants' Motion for Summary Judgment, or in the Alternative,

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Partial Summary Judgment. Mr. Day appeared on behalf of Plaintiff.

On March 30, 2021, this Court issued an Order Granting Defendants' Motion for Summary Judgment, or in the Alternative, Partial Summary Judgment.

On April 7, 2021, this Court issued an Amended Order Granting Defendants' Motion for Summary Judgment, or in the Alternative, Partial Summary Judgment, disposing of this matter. In this Order, the Court awarded Defendants attorney fees and costs pursuant to NRCP 11.

For good cause showing pursuant to EDCR 7.40(b)(2), RPC 1.16(b), and SCR 46, this Court hereby GRANTS the Motion.

This Court notes the following: This matter is closed. However, although this Court awarded Defendants attorney fees and costs under NRCP 11, this Court has not made a final determination regarding the amount of attorney fees and costs Defendants are entitled to. Given that Mr. Childs brought the instant action on behalf of Plaintiff, which was the basis of this Court's award of attorney fees and costs under NRCP 11, Mr. Childs is still within the jurisdiction of this Court until this matter is fully resolved. Mr. Childs must be present for remaining motion practice, if any, on this issue, regardless, of the Court's granting of this Motion.

Counsel for Plaintiff is directed to prepare a proposed order that lists all future deadlines and hearings, and includes Plaintiff's last known physical and/or mailing address, email, and phone number.

Counsel must submit the proposed order within 14 days of the entry of this minute order. EDCR 1.90(a)(4).

All parties must submit orders electronically, in both PDF version and Word version, until further notice. You may do so by emailing DC14Inbox@clarkcountycourts.us. All orders must have either original signatures from all parties or an email - appended as the last page of the proposed order - confirming that all parties approved use of their electronic signatures. The subject line of the e-mail should identify the full case number, filing code and case caption.

CLERK'S NOTE: This Minute Order was electronically served to all registered parties for Odyssey File & Serve. /mt

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May 17, 2021 3:00 AM Minute Order

**HEARD BY:** Escobar, Adriana COURTROOM: RJC Courtroom 14C

**COURT CLERK:** Nylasia Packer

**RECORDER:** 

**REPORTER:** 

PARTIES PRESENT:

#### **JOURNAL ENTRIES**

- Plaintiffs Motion to Reconsider (Motion), which Defendants opposed, was scheduled for hearing before Department XIV of the Eighth Judicial District Court, the Honorable Adriana Escobar presiding, on May 18, 2021. Pursuant to Administrative Order 21-03 and preceding administrative orders, this matter may be decided after a hearing, decided on the pleadings, or continued. In an effort to comply with Covid-19 restrictions, and to avoid the need for hearings when possible, this Court has determined that it would be appropriate to decide this matter based on the pleadings submitted. Upon thorough review of the pleadings, this Court issues the following order:

Leave for reconsideration of motions is within this Court's discretion under EDCR 2.24.

A district court may reconsider a previously decided issue if substantially different evidence is subsequently introduced or the decision is clearly erroneous. Masonry & Tile Contractors v. Jolley, Urga & Wirth, 113 Nev. 737, 741 (1997).

Unless otherwise ordered by the court, papers submitted in support of pretrial and post-trial briefs shall be limited to 30 pages, excluding exhibits. EDCR 2.20(a).

Plaintiff seeks reconsideration of this Court's April 7, 2021, Amended Order Granting Defendants

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Motion for Summary Judgment, or in the Alternative, Partial Summary Judgment.

It its opposition, Defendants argue that Plaintiff's Notice of Appeal in this matter divests this Court of jurisdiction to rule on Plaintiff's Motion. This Court disagrees. Because Plaintiff filed a motion for reconsideration, the April 7, 2021, order is not final appealable order. Therefore, the appeal was premature. A premature notice of appeal does NOT divest the district court of jurisdiction. NRAP 4(a)(6). Therefore, this Court has jurisdiction to rule on the Motion.

Additionally, Defendants argument that Plaintiff's Motion was untimely filed lacks merit. Defendants filed the Notice of Entry of Order on April 8, 2021. Therefore, Plaintiff had until April 22, 2021, to file the instant Motion. Plaintiff filed this Motion on April 16, 2021, and thus, the Motion is timely.

Before addressing the substantive merits of Plaintiff's Motion, this Court notes that Plaintiff's 179-page Motion includes 40 pages of argument, notwithstanding the exhibits. Although Plaintiff did not seek an order from this Court permitting a longer brief, Court addresses the Motion in full.

Plaintiff spends a majority of its Motion rehashing the facts of the underlying dispute. Plaintiff argues that exhibits the Court relied on in granting Defendants underlying motion for summary judgment namely, the Residential Purchase Agreement and the Second Residential Purchase Agreement were not properly authenticated. Plaintiff additionally argues that Defendants discussed an email from Chen to Ms. Zhu without providing a foundation for the email. Plaintiff s argument is that this Court committed clear error by relying on unauthenticated documents, or hearsay, in ruling on Defendants motion for summary judgment.

In opposing summary judgment, Plaintiff was required to point to specific facts creating a genuine issue of material fact. LaMantia v. Redisi, 118 Nev. 27, 29 (2002). Plaintiff did not so.

Moreover, Defendants were not required to authenticate the first and second Residential Purchase Agreement before this Court could rely on those documents in granting summary judgment. First, Plaintiff did not contest the authenticity of the disputed documents in opposing summary judgment. Second, Plaintiff could have objected that these documents, which were Defendants repeatedly cite to in their motion for summary judgment, cannot be presented in a form that would be admissible in evidence. NRCP 56(b)(2) it did not. Finally, summary judgment is not trial. Authentication is for purposes of introducing evidence at trial. Therefore, this argument lacks merits.

Plaintiff has not demonstrated that this Court's ruling was clearly erroneous.

Plaintiff additionally argues that Rule 11 sanctions were not warranted and also asks this Court to clarify whether Mr. Day and his firm are to be included in the sanctions. Plaintiff has not demonstrated that this Court s decision to grant Rule 11 sanctions was clearly erroneous. However, this Court does clarify that the sanctions are awarded against Plaintiff s former counsel, Ben Childs, and not Plaintiff s current counsel, Mr. Day. See NRCP 11(c)(1): (If, after notice and a reasonable

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opportunity to respond, the court determines that Rule 11(b) has been violated, the court may impose an appropriate sanction on any attorney, law firm, or party that violated the rule or is responsible for the violation. ).

The Court additionally notes the following: Although they do not caption their opposition as a countermotion, Defendants opposition raise an argument that Rule 11 sanctions are warranted as to Plaintiff's instant Motion. This Court does not find that Rule 11 sanctions are warranted for Plaintiff's filing of this Motion.

Defendants also ask that this Court issue an award of attorney fees and costs in the amount of \$128,166.78. In its April 7, 2021, order, this Court granted Defendants attorney fees and costs pursuant to Rule 11. Plaintiff, through its former or new counsel, does not oppose the specific amounts requested. This Court grants the amount Defendants seek.

Based on the foregoing, this Court GRANTS IN PART AND DENIES IN PART Plaintiff's Motion. This Court does not find that its ruling was clearly erroneous. However, the Court clarifies that the attorney fees and costs is awarded against Plaintiff's former counsel.

Counsel for Defendants is directed to prepare a proposed order that incorporates the substance of this minute order and the pleadings. Plaintiff must approve as to form and content.

Counsel must submit the proposed order within 14 days of the entry of this minute order. EDCR 1.90(a)(4).

All parties must submit their orders electronically, in both PDF version and Word version, until further notice. You may do so by emailing DC14Inbox@clarkcountycourts.us. All orders must have either original signatures from all parties or an email appended as the last page of the proposed order confirming that all parties approved use of their electronic signatures. The subject line of the e-mail should identify the full case number, filing code and case caption.

CLERK S NOTE: Counsel are to ensure a copy of the forgoing minute order is distributed to all interested parties; additionally, a copy of the foregoing minute order was distributed to the registered service recipients via Odyssey eFileNV E-Service (5-17-21 np).

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November 18, 2021 10:00 AM Further Proceedings

**HEARD BY:** Wiese, Jerry A. **COURTROOM:** RJC Courtroom 14A

COURT CLERK: Lauren Kidd

**RECORDER:** Vanessa Medina

REPORTER:

**PARTIES** 

**PRESENT:** Day, Steven L. Attorney Matthis, Michael N. Attorney

#### **JOURNAL ENTRIES**

- All parties present via BlueJeans. Robert Whittier, Esq. present on behalf of Benjamin Childs, Esq.

Court advised this matter was reassigned to this Court after an order from the Supreme Court. Court advised District Court was instructed to vacate the part of its order that imposed sanctions against the Petitioner, and have the matter reassigned before a different Judge. Court noted an Order was submitted regarding the same, but there was in issue that needed to be corrected. Court advised the Order indicated it was going to strike a section of the document and it referenced lines 1-2 on the second page,however, it should have been lines 1-4 so that the entire paragraph is stricken. Counsel advised Mr. Childs would send a corrected Order. Colloquy regarding which sections needed to be stricken. Court advised counsel to have someone re-submit the an Order that complies with the things that were being requested, whether it be an order deleting things or an amended order without those things listed. Colloquy regarding jurisdiction since claims between Plaintiff and Defendant were still on appeal. Court encouraged counsel to work together and submit the order.

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**COURT MINUTES Other Real Property September 14, 2022** W L A B Investment LLC, Plaintiff(s) A-18-785917-C

TKNR Inc, Defendant(s)

**September 14, 2022 Motion for Attorney Fees** 9:00 AM

**HEARD BY:** Bell, Linda Marie **COURTROOM:** RJC Courtroom 05B

**COURT CLERK:** Sandra Matute

**RECORDER:** Kimberly Estala

**REPORTER:** 

**PARTIES** 

PRESENT: Day, Steven L. Attorney Matthis, Michael N.

Attorney

#### **JOURNAL ENTRIES**

- Arguments by counsel regarding the merits of the motion. Colloquy regarding Supreme Court decision. COURT ORDERED, matter UNDER ADVISEMENT; written order TO ISSUE; matter SET for Status Check on decision.

09/28/2022 9:00 A.M STATUS CHECK: DECISION

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Other Real Property COURT MINUTES September 28, 2022

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September 28, 2022 9:00 AM Status Check

**HEARD BY:** Bell, Linda Marie **COURTROOM:** RJC Courtroom 05B

**COURT CLERK:** Sandra Matute

**RECORDER:** Kimberly Estala

**REPORTER:** 

PARTIES PRESENT:

**JOURNAL ENTRIES** 

- COURT ORDERED, matter CONTINUED.

CONTINUED TO: 10/12/2022 9:00 A.M

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**COURT MINUTES** 

October 12, 2022

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**Other Real Property** 

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VS.

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October 12, 2022

9:00 AM

**Status Check** 

**HEARD BY:** Bell, Linda Marie

**COURTROOM:** RJC Courtroom 05B

**COURT CLERK:** Sandra Matute

**RECORDER:** Kimberly Estala

**REPORTER:** 

PARTIES PRESENT:

**JOURNAL ENTRIES** 

- COURT ORDERED, matter CONTINUED.

CONTINUED TO: 10/19/22 9:00 A.M

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**COURT MINUTES** 

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October 19, 2022

**Other Real Property** 

W L A B Investment LLC, Plaintiff(s)

TKNR Inc, Defendant(s)

October 19, 2022 9:00 AM **Status Check** 

**COURTROOM:** RJC Courtroom 05B **HEARD BY:** Bell, Linda Marie

**COURT CLERK:** Louisa Garcia

**RECORDER:** Kimberly Estala

**REPORTER:** 

**PARTIES** PRESENT:

**JOURNAL ENTRIES** 

- COURT ORDERED, matter OFF CALENDAR.

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# EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT CLERK'S OFFICE NOTICE OF DEFICIENCY ON APPEAL TO NEVADA SUPREME COURT

MICHAEL B. LEE, ESQ. 1820 E. SAHARA AVE., SUITE 110 LAS VEGAS, NV 89104

DATE: November 2, 2022 CASE: A-18-785917-C

**RE CASE:** W L A B INVESTMENTS, LLC vs. TKNR, INC.; CHI ON WONG aka CHI KUEN WONG; KENNY ZHONG LIN aka KEN ZHONG LIN aka KENNETH ZHONG LIN aka WHONG K. LIN aka CHONG KENNY LIN aka ZHONG LIN; LIWE HELEN CHEN aka HELEN CHEN; YAN QIU ZHANG; INVESTPRO LLC dba INVESTPRO REALTY; MAN CHAU CHENG; JOYCE A. NICKRANDT; INVESTPRO INVESTMENTS LLC; INVESTPRO MANAGER LLC

NOTICE OF APPEAL FILED: October 31, 2022

YOUR APPEAL HAS BEEN SENT TO THE SUPREME COURT.

#### PLEASE NOTE: DOCUMENTS **NOT** TRANSMITTED HAVE BEEN MARKED:

#### NEVADA RULES OF APPELLATE PROCEDURE 3 (a) (3) states:

Order

Notice of Entry of Order

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"The district court clerk must file appellant's notice of appeal despite perceived deficiencies in the notice, including the failure to pay the district court or Supreme Court filing fee. The district court clerk shall apprise appellant of the deficiencies in writing, and shall transmit the notice of appeal to the Supreme Court in accordance with subdivision (g) of this Rule with a notation to the clerk of the Supreme Court setting forth the deficiencies. Despite any deficiencies in the notice of appeal, the clerk of the Supreme Court shall docket the appeal in accordance with Rule 12."

Please refer to Rule 3 for an explanation of any possible deficiencies.

**Per District Court Administrative Order 2012-01, in regards to civil litigant the date of issuance." You must reapply for in Forma Pauperis status.	ts, "all Orders to Appear in Forma Pauperis expire one year from

### **Certification of Copy**

State of Nevada
County of Clark

I, Steven D. Grierson, the Clerk of the Court of the Eighth Judicial District Court, Clark County, State of Nevada, does hereby certify that the foregoing is a true, full and correct copy of the hereinafter stated original document(s):

NOTICE OF APPEAL; CASE APPEAL STATEMENT; DISTRICT COURT DOCKET ENTRIES; CIVIL COVER SHEET; DECISION AND ORDER; NOTICE OF ENTRY OF ORDER DENYING DEFENDANTS' MOTION FO ATTORNEYS' FEES; DISTRICT COURT MINUTES; NOTICE OF DEFICIENCY

W L A B INVESTMENTS, LLC,

Plaintiff(s),

VS.

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Defendant(s),

now on file and of record in this office.

Case No: A-18-785917-C

Dept No: XIV

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto Set my hand and Affixed the seal of the Court at my office, Las Vegas, Nevada This 2 day of November 2022.

Steven D. Grierson, Clerk of the Court

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Heather Ungermann, Deputy Clerk