## IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

TKNR, INC., a California Corporation,

Appellant,

v.

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W L A B INVESTMENT GROUP, LLC,

Respondent.

## From the Eighth Judicial District Court The Honorable Linda Marie Bell, District Judge District Court Case No. A-18-785917-C

# **APPELLANT'S APPENDIX**

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8	W L A B INVESTMENT, LLC,	CASE NO.: A-18-785917-C DEPT. NO.: XIV
9	Plaintiff,	
10	VS.	
11	TKNR INC., a California Corporation, and CHI ON WONG aka CHI KUEN WONG, an	APPENDIX TO DEFENDANTS' MOTION FOR ATTORNEY'S FEES
12	individual, and KENNY ZHONG LIN, aka KEN ZHONG LIN aka KENNETH ZHONG	
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14	KENNY LIN aka ZHONG LIN, an individual, and LIWE HELEN CHEN aka	
15	HELEN CHEN, an individual and YAN QIU ZHANG, an individual, and INVESTPRO	
16	LLC dba INVESTPRO REALTY, a Nevada Limited Liability Company, and MAN CHAU CHENG, an individual, and JOYCE	
17	A. NICKRANDT, an individual, and	
18	INVESTPRO INVESTMENTS LLC, a Nevada Limited Liability Company, and	
19	INVESTPRO MANAGER LLC, a Nevada Limited Liability Company and JOYCE A.	Date of Hearing:
20	NICKRANDT, an individual and Does 1 through 15 and Roe Corporation I - XXX,	Time of Hearing:
21	Defendants.	
22	Defendants TKNR INC. ("TKNR"), CH	HI ON WONG ("WONG"), KENNY ZHONG
23	LIN ("LIN"), LIWE HELEN CHEN ("CHEN"),	YAN QIU ZHANG ("ZHANG"), INVESTPRO
24	LLC ("INVESTPRO"), MAN CHAU CHEI	NG ("CHENG"), JOYCE A. NICKRANDT
25	("NICKRANDT"), INVESTPRO INVESTME	NTS, LLC ("Investments"), and INVESTPRO
26	MANAGER LLC (hereinafter collectively referr	red to as the "Defendants"), by and through their
27	counsel of record, MICHAEL B. LEE, P.C., he	ereby files this APPENDIX to its Motion for
28	Attorneys' Fees ("Motion").	
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10	vs.	DEFENDANTS' OFFER OF JUDGMENT	
11	TKNR INC., a California Corporation, and	<u>TO PLAINTIFF WLAB INVESTMENT,</u> <u>LLC</u>	
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15	ZHANG, an individual, and INVESTPRO LLC dba INVESTPRO REALTY, a Nevada		
16	Limited Liability Company, and MAN CHAU CHENG, an individual, and JOYCE		
17	A. NICKRANDT, an individual, and JOTCE NVESTPRO INVESTMENTS LLC, a		
18	Nevada Limited Liability Company, and INVESTPRO MANAGER LLC, a Nevada		
19	Limited Liability Company and JOYCE A. NICKRANDT, an individual and Does 1		
20	through 15 and Roe Corporation I - XXX,		
21	Defendants.		
22	TO: W L A B INVESTMENT, LLC, Plaintiff	; and	
23	BENJAMIN B. CHILDS, ESQ., Attorne	y for Plaintiff.	
24	Defendants TKNR INC. ("TKNR"), Cl	HI ON WONG ("WONG"), KENNY ZHONG	
25	LIN ("LIN"), LIWE HELEN CHEN ("CHEN"),	YAN QIU ZHANG ("ZHANG"), INVESTPRO	
26	LLC ("INVESTPRO"), MAN CHAU CHE	NG ("CHENG"), JOYCE A. NICKRANDT	
27	("NICKRANDT"), INVESTPRO INVESTME	NTS, LLC ("Investments"), and INVESTPRO	
28	MANAGER LLC (hereinafter collectively refer	red to as the "Defendants"), by and through their	
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counsel of record, MICHAEL B. LEE, P.C., hereby offers to allow judgment to be taken against them as provided in Rule 68(b) of the Nevada Rules of Civil Procedure and NRS § 17.115 in the above-entitled action in the amount of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), which includes any applicable attorneys' fees, liens, costs, and prejudgment interest.

Acceptance by Plaintiff will therefore result in satisfaction of past, present and future damages with respect to Plaintiff's claims in the case against Defendants and will serve to dismiss and bar the bringing of any and all future causes of action against Defendants by Plaintiff arising out of this matter as identified and referenced in the Complaint filed by Plaintiff in this action. If you accept this offer and give written notice thereof within fourteen (14) days, you may file this offer with proof of service of notice of acceptance. In the event this Offer of Judgment is accepted by Plaintiff, Defendants will obtain a dismissal of the claims as provided by N.R.C.P. 68(d), rather than to allow judgment to be entered against Defendants. Accordingly, and pursuant to these rules and statutes, judgment against Defendants cannot be entered unless ordered by the District Court. This Offer of Judgment shall be deemed withdrawn if not accepted by the deadline.

As to the reasonableness of this offer, the underlying evidentiary supports shows that: (1) 17 Plaintiff's action was not brought in good faith as: the Property was originally constructed in 18 1954; Marie Zhu ("Zhu") executed a residential purchase agreement ("RPA") for the Property 19 waiving her due diligence; Zhu did not do any inspections although she had the right to conduct, 20 non-invasive/non-destructive inspections of all structural, roofing, mechanical, electrical, 21 plumbing, heating/air conditioning, water/well/septic, pool/spa, survey, square footage, and any 22 other property or systems, through licensed and bonded contractors or other qualified 23 professionals; Zhu waived the Due Diligence condition under Paragraph 7(C) of the RPA; 24 ignored the recommendation to conduct an inspection under Paragraph 7(D) of the RPA; waived 25 the energy audit, pest inspection, roof inspection, septic lid removal inspection, mechanical 26 inspection, soil inspection, and structural inspection; failed to inspect the Property sufficiently as to satisfy her use as required by the RPA; had actual knowledge of TKNR's disclosure that "3 27 28 units has brand new AC installed within 3 months," and further that the "owner never resided in

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1 the property and never visited the property"; was also aware that the minor renovations, such as 2 painting, was conducted by the Seller's "handyman" as disclosed in the Seller's Disclosures; Zhu 3 agreed that she was not relying upon any representations made by Brokers or Broker's agent; Zhu 4 agreed to purchase the Property AS-IS, WHERE-IS, without any representations or warranties; 5 Zhu agreed to satisfy herself, as to the condition of the Property, prior to the close of escrow; Zhu waived all claims against Brokers or their agents for defects in the Property and factors 6 7 related to Zhu's failure to conduct walk-throughs or inspections; Zhu assumed full responsibility 8 and agreed to conduct such tests, walk-throughs, inspections and research, as she deemed 9 necessary; Nevada Revised Statute ("NRS") § 113.140 clearly provides that the Seller 10 Disclosures does not constitute a warranty of the Subject Property and that the Buyer still has a 11 duty to exercise reasonable care to protect himself; NRS § 113.140 also provides that the Seller 12 does not have to disclose any defect that he is unaware of; NRS § 113.130 does not require a 13 seller to disclose a defect in residential property of which the seller is not aware; a completed 14 disclosure form does not constitute an express or implied warranty regarding any condition of 15 residential property; Chapters 113 and 645 of Nevada Revised Statutes do not relieve a buyer or 16 prospective buyer of the duty to exercise reasonable care to protect himself or herself; Zhu did 17 not exercise reasonable care in protecting herself by conducting an inspection of the Subject 18 Property or the newly installed HVAC systems even though the Purchase Agreement allowed her 19 to; Plaintiff owned the Property for more than a year since before making any inspections about 20 the Property; Defendants was aware of any issues with any structural, electrical, plumbing, 21 sewer, mechanical, roof, fungus/mold, flooring, and/or foundation issues with the Property 22 before the time of the sale to Zhu; Defendants were not aware of any issues with any structural, 23 electrical, plumbing, sewer, mechanical, roof, fungus/mold, flooring, and/or foundation issues 24 with the Property at the time of the sale to Zhu; Defendants were not aware of any issues with 25 any structural, electrical, plumbing, sewer, mechanical, roof, fungus/mold, flooring, and/or 26 foundation issues with the Property after the sale to Zhu; any alleged conditions were open, 27 obvious, and could have been discovered by a reasonable inspection; Seller disclosed there were 28 issues with the heating and cooling systems with the Property; Seller disclosed that there were

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1 construction, modifications, alterations, and/or repairs made without required state, city, or 2 county building permits; Seller disclosed that the Property was constructed before 1977; Seller 3 disclosed that the kitchen cabinets were brand new; Seller disclosed the sprinklers for the 4 landscaping did not work, all pipes were broken; Seller disclosed that the work, other than the 5 mechanical installation, was done by a handyman; and Seller disclosed that he never resided in 6 the property and/or visited it.

(2) This the offer of judgment is reasonable in light of the foregoing analysis providing both the factual basis for the claims and the legal authority showing the lack of merit of the action; (3) your refusal to accept the offer of judgment will be in bad faith and unreasonable; and
(4) the fees sought are reasonable in light of the demand to resolve this matter prior to the commencement of heavy litigation. *See Beattie v. Thomas*, 99 Nev. 579, 588-89, 668 P.2d 268, 274 (1983).

This Offer of Judgment is made solely for the purposes intended by N.R.C.P. 68, and is not to be construed as an admission in any form that Defendants are liable for any of the allegations made by Plaintiff in the Complaint.

DATED this 19 day of November, 2020.

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### **REGISTER OF ACTIONS** CASE NO. A-18-785917-C

# W L A B Investment LLC, Plaintiff(s) vs. TKNR Inc, Defendant(s)

Case Type:	Other Real Property
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	Party Information	
Arbitrator	Savage, John J.	Lead Attorneys
Defendant	Chen, Liwe Helen <i>Also Known</i> <i>As</i> Chen, Helen	<b>Michael B. Lee</b> <i>Retained</i> 702-477-7030(W)
Defendant	Cheng, Man Chau	<b>Michael B. Lee</b> <i>Retained</i> 702-477-7030(W)
Defendant	Investpro Investments I LLC	Nikita R. Pierce Retained 702-481-9207(W)
Defendant	Investpro LLC <i>Doing Business</i> As Investpro Realty	<b>Michael B. Lee</b> <i>Retained</i> 702-477-7030(W)
Defendant	Investpro Manager LLC	<b>Michael B. Lee</b> <i>Retained</i> 702-477-7030(W)
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Defendant	Nickrandt, Joyce A	<b>Michael B. Lee</b> <i>Retained</i> 702-477-7030(W)
Defendant	TKNR Inc	<b>Michael B. Lee</b> <i>Retained</i> 702-477-7030(W)
Defendant	Wong, Chi On <i>Also Known As</i> Wong, Chi Kuen	Michael B. Lee Retained 702-477-7030(M)

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Defendant Zhang, Yan Qiu Michael B. Lee Retained 702-477-7030(W)

**EVENTS & ORDERS OF THE COURT** 

Other Childs, Benjamin B., ESQ

Plaintiff W L A B Investment LLC

Steven L. Day Retained 7023093333(W)

03/11/2021	All Pending Motions (9:30 AM) (Judicial Officer Escobar, Adriana)
03/11/2021	Minutes 03/11/2021 9:30 AM - 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.
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1 (collectively, the "Defendants"), Motion for Summary Judgment, or in the Alternative, Partial 2 Summary Judgment ("Motion"), by and through their attorney of record, MICHAEL B. LEE, P.C. 3 Plaintiff W L A B INVESTMENT, LLC appeared on and through its counsel of record, DAY & 4 NANCE. Defendants filed the Motion on December 15, 2020. Plaintiff filed an Opposition to the 5 Motion ("Opposition"), Countermotion for Continuance Based on NRCP 56(f) ("56(f) Countermotion"), and Countermotion for Imposition of Monetary Sanctions (collectively, 6 7 "Countermotion") on December 29, 2020. On January 20, 2021, Defendants filed a Reply brief. 8 On January 29, 2021, Defendants filed a Supplement ("Supplement") to Defendants' Motion for 9 Summary Judgment. The Supplement included the deposition of Frank Miao ("Miao"), the 10 designated person most knowledgeable for Plaintiff, from January 12, 2021. Plaintiff did not file 11 a response to the Supplement. Mr. Miao attended the hearing.

After considering the pleadings of counsel, the Court enters the following order **GRANTING** the Motion, **DENYING** the 56(f) Countermotion, and Countermotion, and GRANTING attorneys' fees and costs to Defendants pursuant to Nevada Rule of Civil Procedure 11:

### **Findings of Facts**

### First Residential Purchase Agreement and Waiver of Inspections, Contractual Broker *Limitations*

19 1. 2132 Houston Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89104 ("Property") was originally 20 constructed in 1954. On or about August 11, 2017, Marie Zhu ("Zhu"), the original purchaser, 21 executed a residential purchase agreement ("RPA") for the Property. At all times relevant, Ms. 22 Zhu and Mr. Miao, the managing member of Plaintiff, were sophisticated buyers related to 23 "property management, property acquisition, and property maintenance." The purchase price for 24 the property was \$200,000.

25 2. Through the RPA, Ms. Zhu waived her due diligence, although she had a right to 26 conduct inspections:

> During such Period, Buyer shall have the right to conduct, noninvasive/non-destructive inspections of all structural, roofing, electrical, mechanical, plumbing, heating/air conditioning,

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1 water/well/septic, pool/spa, survey, square footage, and any other property or systems, through licensed and bonded contractors or 2 other qualified professionals. 3 3. Ms. Zhu did not cancel the contract related to any issues with the Property. 4 4. Under Paragraph 7(C) of the RPA, Ms. Zhu waived the Due Diligence condition. 5 *Id.* Under Paragraph 7(D) of the RPA, it provided: 6 It is strongly recommended that Buyer retain licensed Nevada professionals to conduct inspections. If any inspection is not 7 completed and requested repairs are not delivered to Seller within the Due Diligence Period, Buyer is deemed to have waived the 8 right to that inspection and Seller's liability for the cost of all repairs that inspection would have reasonably identified had it 9 been conducted, except as otherwise provided by law. 5. 10 Ms. Zhu waived any liability of Defendants for the cost of all repairs that 11 inspection would have reasonably identified had it been conducted. Ms. Zhu also waived the 12 energy audit, pest inspection, roof inspection, septic lid removal inspection, mechanical 13 inspection, soil inspection, and structural inspection. 14 Under Paragraph 7(F), it was Ms. Zhu's responsibility to inspect the Property 6. 15 sufficiently as to satisfy her use. Additionally, Wong, Lin, Chen, Zhang, Cheng, and Nickrandt 16 (collectively, "Brokers" or "Broker Defendants") had "no responsibility to assist in the payment 17 of any repair, correction or deferred maintenance on the Property which may have been revealed 18 by the above inspections, agreed upon by the Buyer and Seller or requested by one party." 19 7. On August 2, 2017, TKNR submitted Seller's Real Property Disclosure Form 20 ("SRPDF" or "Seller's Disclosures") timely indicating all known conditions of the Subject 21 Property. In fact, TKNR disclosed that "3 units has (sic) brand new AC installed within 3 22 months," and further that the "owner never resided in the property and never visited the 23 property." It also disclosed that the minor renovations, such as painting, were conducted by the 24 Seller's "handyman" as disclosed in the Seller's Disclosures. Seller also disclosed that it had done construction, modification, alterations, or repairs without permits. Despite these 25 26 disclosures, Plaintiff chose not to inspect the Subject Property, request additional information 27 and/or conduct any reasonable inquires.

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1 Second Residential Purchase Agreement and Waiver of Inspections, Contractual Broker **Limitations** 2 3 8. On or before September 5, 2017, Ms. Zhu had issues related to the financing for 4 the Property because of an appraisal, so Ms. Zhu executed a new purchase agreement, and would 5 agree to pay the difference in an appraisal with a lower value than the purchase price, and waive inspections: 6 7 Please note that seller agree the rest of terms and request to add the below term on the contract: 8 "Buyer agree to pay the difference in cash if appraisal come in lower than purchase price, not to exceed purchase price of \$200k" 9 I just send you the docs, please review and sign if you are agree. Thank you! (Per buyer's request will waive licensed home inspector to do 10 the home inspection) 11 On the same day, Ms. Zhu and TKNR agreed to Addendum No. 1 to cancel the 12 9. 13 RPA dated August 11, 2017 and entered into a new Residential Purchase Agreement dated September 5, 2017 ("2<sup>nd</sup> RPA"). As before, the overall purchase price for the Property was 14 15 \$200,000, but Ms. Zhu changed the contingency for the loan to \$150,000 with earnest money deposit of \$500 and a balance of \$49,500 owed at the close of escrow ("COE" or "Closing"). 16

The COE was set for September 22, 2017.

18 10. Notably, although Ms. Zhu had not initialed the "Failure to Cancel or Resolve
19 Objections" provision in the RPA, she initialed the corresponding provision in the 2<sup>nd</sup> RPA. This
20 was consistent with Ms. Zhu's instructions to Ms. Chen. Ex. D. This is the second time that Ms.
21 Zhu waived inspections for the Property despite the language in the 2<sup>nd</sup> RPA that strongly
22 advised to get an inspection done.

11. As noted, Ms. Zhu waived any inspections related to the purchase of the Property
in the 2<sup>nd</sup> RPA. Although Ms. Zhu had actual knowledge of the Seller's Disclosures, and the
Parties agreed to extend the COE to January 5, 2018, Ms. Zhu did not conduct professional
inspections. Instead, she put down an additional \$60,000 as a non-refundable deposit to the
TNKR. Moreover, she also agreed to pay rent in the amount of \$650 per month for one of the
units, and to also pay the property manager \$800 for the tenant placement fee. Through

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Addendum 2 to the 2<sup>nd</sup> RPA, Ms. Zhu later changed the purchaser to Plaintiff. 1 2 Deposition of Plaintiff's Person Most Knowledgeable – Mr. Miao 3 12. Since 2008, Mr. Miao, Ms. Zhu, and/or Plaintiff have been involved in the 4 purchase of approximately twenty residential properties. In Clark County alone, Ms. Zhu and 5 Mr. Miao were involved with the purchase of at least eight rental properties starting in 2014. Plaintiff understands the importance of reading contracts. 6 13. 7 14. Mr. Miao specified that he understands that he needs to check public records 8 when conducting his due diligence. 9 15. Plaintiff was a sophisticated buyer who understood the necessity of getting 10 properties inspected. 11 Requirement to Inspect was Known 12 16. The terms of the RPA were clear to Plaintiff. 13 17. As to Paragraph 7(A), Mr. Miao specified that he believed that his inspection and 14 conversations with the tenant constituted the actions necessary to deem the Property as 15 satisfactory for Plaintiff's purchase.  $19 \cdot \cdot \cdot A \cdot \cdot Yes \cdot Based on -- we bought this -- we go$ 16 20 to the inspection, then we also talk to the tenant, 17 21 so we thinking this is investment property; right? 22 So financial it's looking at the rent, it's 18 23 reasonable, it's not very high compared with the 24 surrounding area. Then also financially, it's good. 19  $25 \cdots$  Then I take a look at the – everything Page 164 20 ·1 outside. · Good. · So I said, Fine. · That's satisfied.  $\cdot$ 2 That's the reason I command my wife to sign the 21  $\cdot$ 3 purchase agreement. 22 18. At all times relevant prior to the purchase of the Property, Plaintiff had access to 23 inspect the entire property and conduct non-invasive, non-destructive inspections:  $\cdot 2 \cdot \cdot \cdot 0 \cdot \cdot So$  at the time when you did your 24 ·3 diligence, you had a right to conduct noninvasive, •4 nondestructive inspection; correct? 25  $\cdot 5 \cdot \cdot A \cdot \cdot Yes$ , I did. 26  $\cdot 6 \cdot \cdot Q \cdot \cdot And$  you had the opportunity to inspect all  $\cdot$ 7 the structures?  $\cdot 8 \cdot \cdot A \cdot \cdot I$  check the other one -- on the walk. I 27 •9 don't see the new cracking, so the -- some older 28 10 cracking.  $\cdot$  I check the neighbor who also have that Page 5 of 41 AA001121 0015

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1 11 one.  $\cdot$  I think it's okay; right?  $\cdot$  Then the – 2 Supplement at 166:2-11. 3  $8 \cdot \cdot \cdot Q \cdot \cdot So$  you had the right to inspect the •9 structure; correct?  $10 \cdot \cdot \cdot A \cdot \cdot Yes$ , yes, I did that. 4  $11 \cdots Q$ . You had the right to inspect the roof; is 5 12 that correct?  $13 \cdot \cdot \cdot A \cdot \cdot Yes.$  $14 \cdot \cdot \cdot \mathbf{Q} \cdot \cdot \mathbf{O}$ kay.  $\cdot$  Did you do that? 6  $15 \cdot \cdot \cdot A \cdot \cdot I$  forgot.  $\cdot I$  maybe did that because 7 16 usually I go to the roof. \* \* \* 8  $22 \cdot \cdot \cdot Q \cdot \cdot Y$  ou had the right to inspect the 23 mechanical system; correct? 9  $24 \cdot \cdot \cdot A \cdot \cdot Right \cdot Yes, yes.$  $25 \cdots Q \cdots Y$  ou had the right to inspect the 10 Page 167 ·1 electrical systems; correct? 11  $\cdot 2 \cdot \cdot \cdot A \cdot \cdot I$  check the electrical system, yes.  $\cdot 3 \cdot \cdot \cdot Q \cdot \cdot Y$  ou had a right to inspect the plumbing 12 •4 systems; correct?  $\cdot 5 \cdot \cdot \cdot A \cdot \cdot Yes.$ rel - (702) 477.7030; Fax - (702) 477.0096 13  $\cdot 6 \cdot \cdot \cdot Q \cdot \cdot Y$ ou had the right to inspect the •7 heating/air conditioning system; correct? 14  $\cdot 8 \cdot \cdot A \cdot \cdot Yes.$ \* \* \* 15  $\cdot 3 \cdot \cdot \cdot Q \cdot \cdot And$  then you could have inspected any •4 other property or system within the property itself; 16  $\cdot$ 5 correct?  $\cdot 6 \cdot \cdot A \cdot \cdot Yes$ , yes. 17 18 Id. at 167:8-16, 167:22-25-168:1-11, 168:25-169:1-6. 19 19. Prior to the purchase, Mr. Miao was always aware that the Seller "strongly 20 recommended that buyer retain licensed Nevada professionals to conduct inspections": 21  $13 \cdot \cdot \cdot Q \cdot \cdot$ "It is strongly recommended that buyer 14 retain licensed Nevada professionals to conduct 22 15 inspections."  $16 \cdot \cdot \cdot A \cdot \cdot Yes.$  $17 \cdot \cdot \cdot Q \cdot \cdot Yeah \cdot \cdot So$  you were aware of this 23 18 recommendation at the time --24  $19 \cdot \cdot \cdot A \cdot \cdot Yeah$ . I know. Id. at 176:13-19. 25 26 20. Plaintiff was also aware of the language in the RPA under Paragraph 7(D) that 27 limited potential damages that could have been discovered by an inspection: 28 1111 Page 6 of 41 AA001122 0016

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1 18. · · Q. · · Okay. · So going back to paragraph 7D -- $19 \cdot \cdot \cdot A \cdot \cdot Yeah.$ 2  $20 \cdot \cdot \cdot Q \cdot \cdot - right$ , after the language that's in 21 italics, would you admit that because it's in the 3 22 italics, it's conspicuous, you can see this 23 language?  $24 \cdot \cdot \cdot A \cdot \cdot Yeah \cdot Yeah.$ 4  $25 \cdot \cdot \cdot \mathbf{Q} \cdot \cdot \mathbf{O}$ kay. Then it goes on to say, "If any 5 Page 179 ·1 inspection is not completed and requested repairs  $\cdot 2$  are not delivered to seller within the due diligence 6  $\cdot$ 3 period, buyer is deemed to have waived the right to 7 •4 that inspection and seller's liability for the cost •5 of all repairs that inspection would have reasonably 8 ·6 identified had it been conducted."  $\cdot 7 \cdot \cdot \cdot \cdot$  Did I read that correctly?  $\cdot 8 \cdot \cdot \cdot A \cdot \cdot Yes$ , yes. 9  $\cdot 9 \cdot \cdot \cdot Q \cdot \cdot O$ kay. So we'll eventually get to the 10 10 issues that, you know, Ms. Chen identified that you 11 wanted corrected in the emails or text messages. 11  $12 \cdot \cdot \cdot \cdot$  Is that fair to say that those are the 13 only issues that you deemed needed to be resolved to 12 14 go forward with the purchase?  $15 \cdot \cdot \cdot A \cdot \cdot Yeah \cdot \cdot After that time, yes.$ 13 Id. at 179:18-25-180:1-15. 14 15 21. Finally, as to the RPA, Mr. Miao agreed that all the terms in it were conspicuous 16 and understandable, and it was a standard agreement similar to the other agreements he had used 17 in purchasing the other properties in Clark County, Nevada. Id. at 198:19-25-199:1-2, 200:3-15. 18 Mr. Miao Does Inspections for Plaintiff Although he is not a Licensed, Bonded Professional Inspector 19 20 22. As to all the properties purchased by Plaintiff, Mr. Miao always does the 21 inspections and does not believe a professional inspection is necessary. Id. at 116:2-9, 119:3-25, 22 140:5-10. Based on his own belief, he does not believe that a professional inspection is 23 necessary for multi-tenant residential properties. Id. at 120:6-9 (his own understanding), 120:16-24 25 (second-hand information he received). 25 23. Notably, he does not have any professional license related to being a general 26 contractor, inspector, appraiser, or project manager. Id. at 123:5-16 (no professional licenses), 27 123:23-24 (no property management license), 169:7-14 (no licensed or bonded inspector),

28 171:23-25 (have not read the 1952 Uninformed Building Code), 172:17-19 (not an electrician),

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	1	172:23-25-1-16 (no general contractor license or qualified under the intentional building code),
	1 2	172.23-23-1-16 (no general contractor license of quantied under the intentional building code), 174:13-23 (not familiar with the international residential code).
		24. Mr. Miao has never hired a professional inspector in Clark County, <i>Id.</i> at 140:19-
	3	
	4	21, so he does not actually know what a professional inspection would encompass here. <i>Id.</i> at
	5	<ul><li>143:9-13, 144:8-19.</li><li>25. The main reason Plaintiff does not use a professional inspector is because of the</li></ul>
	6 7	25. The main reason Plaintiff does not use a professional inspector is because of the cost. <i>Id.</i> at 147:2-7.
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	8	26. On or about August 10, 2017, Mr. Miao did an inspection of the Property. <i>Id.</i> at
	9	158:1-25-159:1-12. During that time, he admitted that he noticed some issues with the Property
	10	that were not up to code, finishing issues, GFCI outlets, and electrical issues:
	11	$16 \cdots A \cdots I$ looked at a lot of things. For example, 17 like, the I point out some drywall is not
96(	12	18 finished; right? And the some of smoke alarm is 19 not is missing and which is law required to
) 477.0(	13	20 put in for smoke alarm. Then no carbon monoxide 21 alarm, so I ask them to put in.
c – (702	14	22Then in the kitchen, lot of electrical, 23 the outlet is not a GFCI outlet, so I tell them, I
30; FAX	15	24 said, You need to change this GFCI. · Right now this 25 outlet is not meet code. · You probably have problem.
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-(702)	17	Id.
Tel	18	27. Similarly, he also specified that there was an issue with exposed electrical in Unit
	19	C. <i>Id.</i> at 175:10-24. He also noted that there could have been a potential asbestos issue as well.
	20	<i>Id</i> . at 160:7-12.
	21	28. Additionally, Mr. Miao noted that there were cracks in the ceramic floor tiles, <i>Id</i> .
	22	at 249:22-25, and he was aware of visible cracks in the concrete foundation, Id. at 269:13-22
	23	(aware of slab cracks), which were open and obvious. Id. at 270:14-24.
	24	29. Mr. Miao admitted that he could also have seen the dryer vent during his
	25	inspection. Id. at 269:23-25.
	26	30. As to those issues, Mr. Miao determined that the aforementioned issues were the
	27	only issues that TKNR needed to fix after his inspection. Id. at 171:2-9 (was only concerned
	28	about the appraisal), <i>Id</i> . at 219:13-25-221:1-2.
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1	31. Moreover, Mr. Miao received the SRPDF prior to the purchase of the Property.
2	Id. at 201:22-25. As to SRPDF, Plaintiff was aware that TKNR was an investor who had not
3	resided in the Property, and there were issues with the heating systems, cooling systems, and that
4	there was work done without permits. Id. at 201:1-25-202:1-12. Similarly, it was aware that the
5	Property was 63 years old at that time, Id. at 204:4-7, and all the work was done by a handyman
6	other than the HVAC installation. Id. at 205:14-25, Id. at 134:14-25 (understands the difference
7	between a handyman and a licensed contractor), 243:2 ("Yes. They did by the handyman, yes.").
8	32. Despite these disclosures, Mr. Miao never followed up:
9	$23 \cdot \cdot \cdot Q \cdot \cdot O$ kay. $\cdot$ So when they disclosed that there 24 was construction and modification, alterations,
10	25 and/or repairs made without State, City, County Page 205
11	<ul> <li>1 building permits, which was also work that was done</li> <li>2 by owner's handyman, did you ever do any follow-up</li> </ul>
12 R	$\cdot$ 3 inquiries to the seller about this issue? $\cdot$ 4 $\cdot$ $\cdot$ A. $\cdot$ No, I didn't follow up. $\cdot$
13 13 14 14	
	<i>Id.</i> at 204:23-25-205:1-4.
15 15 16	33. However, Mr. Miao also admitted that he could have followed up on the issues
÷	identified in the SRPDF that included the HVAC and the permits:
17 18	$10 \cdot \cdot \cdot Q. \cdot \cdot Under$ the disclosure form $11 \cdot \cdot \cdot A. \cdot \cdot Yeah.$
-	$12 \cdots Q$ like, where it specified that there 13 were heating system/cooling system issues that
19	14 they're aware of, that you could have elected to 15 have an inspection done at that time; correct?
20	$16 \cdot \cdot \cdot A \cdot \cdot Yes.$
21	<i>Id.</i> at 206:10-16.
22	$15 \cdot \cdot \cdot Q. \cdot \cdot Okay. \cdot So as your attorney said, you could16 have obtained a copy of the permits at any time?$
23 24	17 Yes? $18 \cdots A \cdots Yes.$ 10 Okay And then it's fair to say that just
24 25	$19 \cdots Q \cdots O$ kay. And then it's fair to say that just 20 put you on notice of the potential permit issue; 21 correct?
23 26	21  content? $22 \cdot \cdot \cdot \text{A.} \cdot \text{Yes.}$ $23 \cdot \cdot \cdot \text{Q.} \cdot \text{It also put you on notice of the issues of}$
20	24 everything that's basically specified on page 38; 25 correct?
28	Page 209 $1 \cdot \cdot \cdot A \cdot \cdot Yes.$
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	2	Id. at 209:15-25-210:1, 245:22-25 (could have obtained permit information	on in 2018).
	3	34. Similarly, Mr. Miao was aware that he should have cont	acted the local building
	4	department as part of his due diligence:	
	5	$22 \cdots Q \cdots O$ kay. So you understand that for more 23 information during the diligence process, you should	
	6	24 contact the local building department? 25 $\cdot \cdot \cdot A \cdot \cdot Yes \cdot \cdot$	
	7	Page 260	
	8	$\cdot 5 \cdot \cdot \cdot Q$ it provides you with the address of the $\cdot 6$ building and safety department; is that correct?	
	9	$\cdot 7 \cdot \cdot A \cdot \cdot Y$ es. $\cdot 8 \cdot \cdot Q \cdot \cdot A$ nd the office hours; is that correct?	
	10	$.9. \cdot A. \cdot Yes.$ 10. $\cdot Q. \cdot And$ it also provides you with a phone	
	11	11 number; correct? $12 \cdots A \cdots Yes.$	
96	12	$13 \cdots Q$ . And this is information or resources that 14 you could have used at any time related to finding	
.) 477.0(	13	15 information about the permits of the property; 16 correct?	
V EGAS, INEVADA 09104 477.7030; FAX - (702) 477.0096	14	17 A Yes. 18 Q And this would have been true prior to the	
ы, мем 030; FA	15	19 purchase of the building; correct? $20 \cdot \cdot \cdot A \cdot \cdot Yes.$	
() 477.7(	16 17	$21 \cdots Q$ . And this would also have been true at the 22 time you read the disclosure that specified that	
TEL – (702) 4	17 18	23 some of the improvements or some of the disclosures 24 had been done without a permit; right? $25 \cdots A \cdots Yes$ .	
$T_{\rm E}$	18 19	<i>Id.</i> at 260:22-25, 261:5-25.	
	20	35. Plaintiff was also on notice of the potential for mold and	the requirement to get a
	20	mold inspection:	the requirement to get a
	22	$\cdot 5 \cdot \cdot \cdot Q \cdot \cdot O$ kay. $\cdot$ And it says, "It's the buyer's duty	
	23	<ul> <li>6 to inspect. Buyer hereby assumes responsibility to</li> <li>7 conduct whatever inspections buyer deems necessary</li> </ul>	
	24	$\cdot$ 8 to inspect the property for mold contamination. $\cdot$ 9 $\cdot$ $\cdot$ ····Companies able to perform such	
	25	10 inspections can be found in the yellow pages under 11 environmental and ecological services."	
	26	$12 \cdot \cdot \cdot \cdot \cdot I$ read that correctly? Yes? $13 \cdot \cdot \cdot A \cdot \cdot Yes$ .	
	27	$14 \cdots Q \cdots O$ kay. And then you elected not to get a 15 mold inspection; correct?	
	28	$16 \cdot \cdot \cdot A. \cdot \cdot Yeah. \cdot$	
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1	<i>Id.</i> at 213:5-16.	
2 3	<ul> <li>·5···Q.··So you relied upon your own determination</li> <li>·6 related to the potential mold exposure of the</li> <li>·7 property; correct?</li> </ul>	
4	$\cdot 8 \cdot \cdot A \cdot \cdot Y$ es. $\cdot 9 \cdot \cdot Q \cdot \cdot O$ kay. $\cdot$ And you elected to proceed with	
5	10 purchasing it without a professional mold 11 inspection; correct?	
6	$12 \cdot \cdot \cdot \mathbf{A} \cdot \cdot \mathbf{Y}$ es.	
7	<i>Id.</i> at 216:5-12.	
8	36. Despite actual knowledge of these issues, Plaintiff did not elect to have a	
9	professional inspection done. 160:17-20.	
10	37. Finally, Plaintiff was also acutely aware of the requirement of Nevada law to	
11	protect itself by getting an inspection:	
12	$\cdot 2 \cdot \cdot \cdot Q$ . $\cdot \cdot If$ we go to page 40 $\cdot 3 \cdot \cdot \cdot A$ . $\cdot \cdot Mm$ -hmm.	
13	$\cdot 4 \cdot \cdot \cdot Q \cdot \cdot -$ there's a bunch of Nevada statutes $\cdot 5$ here.	
14	·6· · · A.· ·Mm-hmm. ·7· · · Q.· ·If you look at NRS 113.140	
15	$\cdot 8 \cdot \cdot A \cdot \cdot Mm$ -hmm. $\cdot 9 \cdot \cdot Q \cdot \cdots d_{0}$ you see that at the top of the page?	
16	10 "Disclosure of unknown defects not required. Form 11 does not constitute warranty duty of buyer and	
17	12 prospective buyer to exercise reasonable care." $13 \cdots D0$ you see that?	
18 19	14 A Yes. 15 Q Okay. So this disclosure form gave Marie 16 Zhu, your wife, a copy of the Nevada law that was	
20	17 applicable to the sale of the property; correct? $18 \cdot \cdot \cdot A \cdot \cdot Yeah.$	
20	$19 \cdot \cdot Q \cdot \cdot O$ kay. · And under NRS 113.1403, it 20 specifies, "Either this chapter or Chapter 645 of	
22	21 the NRS relieves a buyer or prospective buyer of the 22 duty to exercise reasonable care to protect	
23	23 himself." 24·····Did I read that correctly?	
24	$25 \cdot \cdot \cdot A. \cdot \cdot Yes.$	
25	<i>Id.</i> at 209:2-25.	
26	38. Plaintiff assumed the risk of failing to exercise reasonable care to protect itself.	
27	There Is No Dispute a Professional Inspection Could Have Revealed the Alleged Issues	
28	39. The alleged defects identified by both parties' experts could have been discovered	
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1 at the time of the original purchase. As to the ability to inspect, Mr. Miao admitted that he had 2 access to the entire building. Id. at 250:22-25. He had access to the attic and looked at it. Id. at 3 251:4-14. Mr. Miao admitted that Plaintiff's expert examined the same areas that he did: 4  $\cdot 6 \cdot \cdot Q \cdot \cdot O$ kay.  $\cdot$  So you walked through the property •7 with him at the time he did his inspection; correct? 5  $\cdot 8 \cdot \cdot A \cdot \cdot Right.$  $\cdot 9 \cdot \cdot \cdot Q \cdot \cdot O$ kay.  $\cdot$  During that time, did he inspect 10 any areas that -- that you did not have access to in 6 11 2017? 7  $12 \cdot \cdot \cdot A \cdot \cdot Yes \cdot \cdot He didn't go to anything I didn't$ 13 inspect during 2017 too. 8  $14 \cdot \cdot \cdot \mathbf{Q} \cdot \cdot \mathbf{S}$  o he inspected the same areas you 15 inspected? 9  $16 \cdot \cdot \cdot A \cdot \cdot Yes$ , yes. *Id.* at 291:6-16. 10 11 40. Notably, Plaintiff's expert did not do any destructive testing, so the expert's 12 access was exactly the same as Mr. Miao's original inspection. Id. at 291:1-5. 13 41. Mr. Miao admitted that Plaintiff's expert's inspection of the HVAC, Id. at 292:2-5, 293:18-23, and the plumbing system, Id. at 300:19-25-301:1-4, would have been the same as 14 15 his in 2017. 16 42. Mr. Miao also admitted that the pictures attached to Plaintiff's expert report were 17 areas that he could have inspected in 2017. Id. at 302:6-13. 18 43. Additionally, Mr. Miao accompanied Defendants' expert during his inspection. 19 Id. at 320:31-25. As before, Mr. Miao had the same access to the Property in 2017 for the areas 20 inspected by Defendants' expert. Id. at 321:1-6. 21 44. Mr. Miao agreed with Defendants' expert that the alleged conditions identified by 22 Plaintiff's expert were "open and obvious": 23  $22 \cdot \cdot \cdot Q \cdot \cdot And$  then the second line down, the first 23 sentence begins, "Items complained about in the Sani 24 report were open and obvious in the roof area, attic 24 25 area, and on the exterior/interior of the property." 25 Page 318 26  $\cdot 3 \cdot \cdot \cdot Q \cdot \cdot Do$  you agree with this statement?  $\cdot 4 \cdot \cdot \cdot A \cdot \cdot Yes.$ 27 *Id.* at 318:22-25-319:3-4. 28 Page 12 of 41 AA001128 0022

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1	45. He also agreed with Defendants' expert's finding that there was no noticeable		
2	sagging in the roof. <i>Id.</i> at 333:20-24.		
3	46. Incredibly, Mr. Miao also recognized the deficiency in Plaintiff's expert's report		
4	that failed to differentiate between conditions prior to when TKNR owned the Property, while it		
5	owned it, and those afterwards:		
6	$17 \cdots Q$ midway down the first complete sentence 18 says, "The Sani report does not recognize prior		
7	19 conditions in existence before any work took place 20 by defendants."		
8	21Do you agree with this statement? Page 321		
9	*** ·3·····Yes, yes.		
10	·4 BY MR. LEE: ·5· · · Q. · ·You agree with that?· Okay.		
11	$\cdot 6 \cdot \cdot A \cdot \cdot A$ gree.		
12	Id. at $321:17-21 - 322:3-6$ . This would have also included any issues with the dryer vent and		
13	ducts, <i>Id.</i> at 325:3-20, as he recognized that most rentals do not include washer / dryer units. <i>Id.</i>		
14	at 326:7-25-327:1-9.		
15	No Permits Required for Cosmetic Work by TKNR		
16	47. No dispute exists that TKNR did not need permits for the interior work it had		
17	done to the Property. Mr. Miao admitted the following:		
18	•5••• Q.••Number 5 says, "Painting, papering, •6 tiling, carpeting, cabinets, countertops, interior		
19	•7 wall, floor or ceiling covering, and similar finish •8 work."		
20	$\cdot 9 \cdot \cdot \cdot \cdot \cdot D0$ you see that? $10 \cdot \cdot \cdot A \cdot \cdot Yes.$		
21	$11 \cdots Q$ . So you agree that no permits are required 12 for any of these types of work; correct?		
22	$13 \cdot \cdot \cdot A \cdot \cdot Y es.$		
23	<i>Id.</i> at 262:5-13.		
24	•1 Window Replacements where no structural member no •2 structural member is altered or changed," that does		
25	$\cdot 3$ not need a permit either; right? $\cdot 4 \cdot \cdot A \cdot \cdot Y$ es.		
26	<i>Id.</i> at 265:1-4.		
27	$17 \cdot \cdot \cdot \mathbf{Q} \cdot \cdot \mathbf{O}$ kay. If you turn the page to 82,		
28	18 Plumbing Improvements, no permits required to repair		
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1 19 or replace the sink; correct?  $20 \cdot \cdot \cdot \dot{A} \cdot \cdot Yes.$  $21 \cdot \cdot \cdot \mathbf{Q} \cdot \cdot \mathbf{To}$  repair or replace a toilet? 2  $22 \cdot \cdot \cdot A \cdot \cdot Yes.$ 3  $23 \cdot \cdot \cdot Q \cdot \cdot To$  repair or replace a faucet?  $24 \cdot \cdot \cdot A \cdot \cdot Yes.$ 4  $25 \cdot \cdot \cdot Q \cdot \cdot Resurfacing or replacing countertops?$ Page 264 5  $\cdot 1 \cdot \cdot A \cdot \cdot Yes.$  $\cdot 2 \cdot \cdot \cdot Q \cdot \cdot Resurfacing shower walls?$  $\cdot 3 \cdot \cdot A \cdot \cdot Yes.$ 6  $\cdot 4 \cdot \cdot \cdot Q \cdot \cdot Repair or replace shower heads?$ 7  $\cdot 5 \cdot \cdot \cdot A \cdot \cdot Yes.$  $\cdot 6 \cdot \cdot \cdot Q \cdot \cdot Repair$  or replace rain gutters and down 8  $\cdot$ 7 spouts?  $\cdot 8 \cdot \cdot A \cdot \cdot Yes.$ 9  $\cdot 9 \cdot \cdot \cdot Q \cdot \cdot Regrouting tile?$  $10 \cdot \cdot \cdot A \cdot \cdot Yes.$ 10  $11 \cdot \cdot \cdot Q \cdot \cdot And$  a hose bib, whatever that is.  $12 \cdot \cdot \cdot A \cdot \cdot W$ ater freezer. · It's, like, for the 11 13 filtration of the water.  $14 \cdot \cdot \cdot \mathbf{Q} \cdot \cdot \mathbf{O}$ kay.  $\cdot$  And then for the mechanical, no 12 15 permits required for portable heating appliances; 16 correct. rel - (702) 477.7030; Fax - (702) 477.0096 13  $17 \cdot \cdot \cdot A \cdot \cdot Yes.$  $18 \cdot \cdot \cdot Q \cdot \cdot For$  portable ventilation appliances? 14  $19 \cdot \cdot \cdot A \cdot \cdot Yes.$  $20 \cdot \cdot \cdot Q \cdot \cdot Or$  portable cooling units; correct?  $21 \cdot \cdot \cdot A \cdot \cdot Yes.$ 15  $22 \cdot \cdot \cdot Q \cdot \cdot And$  for portable evaporative coolers 16 23 installed in windows; correct?  $24 \cdot \cdot \cdot A \cdot \cdot Yes.$ 17 18 Id. at 264:17-25-265:1-24. 19 Plaintiff Does not Disclose the Alleged Issues to Potential Tenants 20 48. Since the date it purchased the Property, Plaintiff has always been trying to lease 21 it. Id. at 330:19-25-331:1-2. According to Mr. Miao, the landlord must provide safe housing for 22 the tenant: 23  $19 \cdots$  Then also in according to the law, and 20 they said it very clearly, because this is 24 21 residential income property, right, rental income 22 property, multi-family, we need -- landlord need 25 23 provide housing and well-being and -- for the 24 tenant. The tenant is not going to do all this 26 25 inspection. They can't. The burden is on the Page 120 ·1 landlord to make sure all these building is safe and 27  $\cdot 2$  in good condition. 28 Page 14 of 41 AA001130 0024

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1	<i>Id.</i> at 120:16-25-121:1-2, 140:10-14. However, they have not done any of the repairs listed by		
2	Plaintiff's expert. <i>Id.</i> at 331:3-12. This illustrates the lack of merit of Plaintiff that there are		
3	underlying conditions with the Property.		
4	49. Moreover, Plaintiff does not provide any notice to the tenants about its expert's		
5	report or this litigation:		
6	$\cdot 6 \cdot \cdot Q \cdot \cdot All right$ . In terms of tenants renting		
7	•7 out the units to any tenants, do you ever provide •8 them with a copy of the Sani report?		
8	$\cdot 9 \cdot \cdot A \cdot \cdot No.$ 10 $\cdot \cdot Q \cdot \cdot Do$ you ever provide them with any of the		
9	11 pleadings or the first amended complaint, second 12 amended complaint, the complaint itself?		
10	$13 \cdot \cdot \cdot A \cdot \cdot \operatorname{No.}_{\substack{\ast \ast \ast \ast}}$		
11	$22 \cdot \cdot \cdot Q \cdot \cdot O$ kay. $\cdot$ So basically, you just tell them, 23 There's this. $\cdot$ You can inspect the unit if you want;		
12	24 is that it? 25AYeah And also we need to tell is a lot		
13	Page 337 1 of things report that we don't need to go to the		
14	·2 inside the building. · It's wall cracking. · It's ·3 outside. · You can see.		
15	$\cdot 4 \cdot \cdot Q \cdot \cdot O$ kay. So it's open and obvious for them? $\cdot 5 \cdot \cdot A \cdot \cdot Y$ eah. You can see always outside.		
16	<i>Id.</i> at 337:6-13, 337:22-25-338:1-5.		
17	50. This illustrates the lack of merit of Plaintiff's claims, proven that it has done		
18	nothing to correct the allegedly deficient conditions that are clearly not so dangerous as it does		
19	not tell prospective tenants about them.		
20	Squatters or Tenants Could Have Damaged the Property		
21	51. Mr. Miao admitted that multiple third parties could have potentially damaged the		
22	Property. The Property has a historic problem with squatters during the time that Plaintiff owned		
23	it:		
24	$12 \cdots Q \cdots Do$ you generally have a squatter problem 13 with the property?		
25	$14 \cdot \cdot \cdot A \cdot \cdot Yes \cdot \cdot As$ a matter of fact, today I just 15 saw the one text message that said one some		
26	16 people go to my apartment.		
27	<i>Id.</i> at 110:12-16. He also admitted that tenants could have damaged the Property while they		
28	a. at 110.12 10. The also admitted that tenants could have damaged the Hoperty while they		
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1 were occupying it: 2  $\cdot 4 \cdot \cdot \cdot Q \cdot \cdot O$ kay.  $\cdot$  So the tenant in this context would •5 have damaged the unit at the time that you owned it; 3  $\cdot 6$  is that fair?  $\cdot 7 \cdot \cdot A \cdot \cdot Maybe \cdot Yes.$  $\cdot 8 \cdot \cdot \cdot Q \cdot \cdot O$ kay.  $\cdot$  So some of the -- so the damage 4 •9 that was to the water heater system, could the 5 10 tenant have damaged that as well?  $11 \cdot \cdot \cdot A \cdot \cdot Yes.$  $12 \cdot \cdot \cdot Q \cdot \cdot And$  then he could have damaged the cooler 6 13 pump and the valve as well; is that correct? 7  $14 \cdot \cdot \cdot \dot{A} \cdot \cdot Yes.$  $15 \cdot \cdot \cdot Q \cdot \cdot Okay \cdot \cdot Then on 122$ , these are all issues 8 16 that the tenant could have damaged; is that correct?  $17 \cdot \cdot \cdot A \cdot \cdot Yes.$ 9  $18 \cdot \cdot \cdot Q \cdot \cdot And$  then the same through for 145; is that 19 right? 10  $20 \cdot \cdot \cdot A \cdot \cdot Yes.$ 11 Id. at 306:4-20, 330:5-7. This could also account for the cracking on the walls. Id. at 310:8-12. 12 Tenants could have also damaged the Property if they hit it with their cars. Id. at 332:14-16. 13 No Evidence That Defendants Knew of Alleged Conditions 52. 14 Plaintiff's case is based on assertions that Defendants knew about the alleged 15 conditions in the Property; however, Mr. Miao admitted that there is no evidence that shows 16 Defendants knew about them. Id. at 245:1-13 (speculating that InvestPro made changes). 17 53. The entire case is based on Mr. Miao's personal belief and speculation. Id. at 18 253:17-19. 19 54. Mr. Miao admitted that he has no evidence Defendants knew about the alleged 20 moisture conditions. Id. at 293:24-25-294:1-3. Additionally, he also admitted that there is no 21 evidence that Defendants knew about the alleged issues with the plumbing system. Id. at 22 301:21-24. He also admitted that he did not know if Defendants knew about the alleged issues 23 with the duct work when they owned the Property. Id. at 314:5-19. He also recognized the 24 deficiency in Plaintiff's expert's report that failed to differentiate between conditions prior to 25 when TKNR owned the Property, while it owned it, and those afterwards. Id. at 321:17-21 – 26 322:3-6. 27 55. Mr. Miao recognized that a 63-year-old property could have issues that were not 28 caused by Defendants. Id. at 324:6-15. This would have also included any issues with the dryer

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1 vent and ducts, *Id.* at 325:3-20, and when the duct became disconnected. *Id.* at 329:1-16.

56. Plaintiff did not identify any discovery illustrating a genuine issue of material fact that Defendants knew of the alleged issues with the Property that they had not already disclosed on Seller's Disclosures.

57. Notably, during Mr. Miao's due diligence period, he spoke with the tenants of the Property. *Id.* at 163:12-25-164:1-6. This included a conversation with the long-term tenant of Unit A, who still resides in the Property to this day. *Id.* At that time, the tenant reported being very happy with the Property and had no complaints. *Id.* In fact, the tenant reported still being very happy with the Property. *Id.* at 170:7-9. This illustrates that there is no basis that Defendants should have been aware of any of the issues when Mr. Miao, a self-professed expert, did not even know about them following his inspection.

# No Basis for Claims for RICO and/or Related to Flipping Fund

58. The Flipping Fund had nothing to do with Plaintiff's decision to purchase the Property. *Id.* at 223:15-25.

 $20 \cdots Q \cdots$  Yeah. So there's no way that you relied 21 upon any flipping fund since it would have been 22 closed at this time; right?  $23 \cdots A \cdots$  Yeah.

*Id.* at 274:20-23. He also admitted that he never received any pro forma, private placement
information, calculations of profit and loss, capital contribution requirements, member share or
units, or any such information about the Flipping Fund. *Id.* at 277:7-16.

### Cost of Repairs

59. Mr. Miao contacted contractors to bid the potential cost of repair for the Property
and determined that it would have been \$102,873.00. *Id.* at 307:6-22. However, Plaintiff's
expert opined that the cost of repair would have been \$600,000, although he did not provide an
itemized cost of repair. *Id.* at 334:17-21.

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## Allegations in the Second Amended Complaint

60. On November 23, 2020, Plaintiff filed its Second Amended Complaint ("SAC").

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Based on the admissions of Mr. Miao and the waivers related to the RPA and the 2<sup>nd</sup> RPA, these 1 2 allegations illustrate the overall frivolous nature of this action and why Rule 11 sanctions are 3 appropriate: 25. 4 TKNR failed to disclose one or more known condition(s) that materially affect(s) the value or use of the Subject Property in 5 an adverse manner, as required by NRS Chapter 113, in a particular NRS 113.130. \* \* \* 6 27. Factual statements from the August 7, 2017 Seller Real 7 Property Disclosure Form (SRPDF) are set forth in Paragraph 31 and the subsections thereof state whe (sic) the disclosures were 8 either inadequate or false. The SRPDF states that it was prepared, presented and initialed by Kenny Lin. 9 Since the Subject Property is a residential rental apartment, 29. 10 to protect tenants and consumers, the applicable local building code requires all renovation, demolition, and construction work must be done by licensed contractors with permits and inspections 11 to ensure compliance with the Uniform Building Code [UBC]. 12 \* \* \* 31. Defendants Lin, Investpro, as TKNR's agent, TKNR, 13 Wong and INVESTPRO MANAGER LLC, as the true owner of the Subject Property, did not disclose any and all known conditions 14 and aspects of the property which materially affect the value or use of residential property in an adverse manner, as itemized below. 15 a. SRPDF stated that Electrical System had no problems 16 or defects. The fact is that many new electric lines were added and many old electric lines were removed by 17 Investpro Manager LLC . The swamp coolers that were removed were supplied by 110 volt power supply lines. 18 Investpro Manager LLC first added one 220v power supply line for one new 5 ton heat pump package unit on one roof 19 top area for the whole building for Unit A. Unit B and Unit C. Investro (sic) Manager, LLC then removed the one year 20 old 5 ton heat pump packaged unit from the roof top with power supply lines and added two new 220v power supply 21 lines for two new 2 ton heart pump package units, one each for Unit B and Unit C. 22 Inestpro (sic) Manager, LLC then added one new 110 volt power supply line for two window cooling units for Unit A. 23 The electrical system load for Unit A was increased due to the installation of two new cooling units and required 100 24 amp service, but the electrical service was not upgraded to 100 amp service from the existing 50 amp service. Failure 25 to upgrade the electrical service caused the fuses to be blown out multiple times during the cooling seasons of 2018. The tenants in Unit A could not use air conditioning 26 units in cooling seasons of 2018, causing Unit A to be 27 uninhabitable until the Unit A electrical supply panel was upgraded to 100 amp service. 28 All the electrical supply line addition and removal work Page 18 of 41 AA001134

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were performed without code required electrical load calculation, permits and inspections. To save money, minimize flipping cost, minimize flipping time, maximize flipping fund profits, Investpro Manager LLC used unlicensed and unskilled workers to do the electrical work and used low quality materials used inadequate electrical supply lines.

Further, to save money, minimize flipping cost, minimize flipping time, maximize flipping fund profits, Investpro Manager LLC used unskilled workers who did not know the UBC requirements to do the electrical work This substandard work may lead electrical lines to overheat and cause fires in the attic when tenant electrical load is high.

Further, to save money, minimize flipping cost, minimize flipping time, maximize flipping fund profits, Investpro Manager LLC used unskilled workers who did not know the UBC requirements to do the electrical work. The outlets near the water faucets in kitchens, bathrooms and laundry areas were not GFCI outlets as required by the UBC.

b. SRPDF stated that Plumbing System had no problems or defects

The fact is that that within two years prior to the sale to Plaintiff, Investpro Manager LLC removed and plugged swamp cooler water supply lines without UBC required permits and inspections. To save money, minimize flipping cost, minimize flipping time, and maximize flipping fund profits, Investpro Manager LLC used unlicensed and unskilled workers who just plugged high pressure water supply lines at rooftop instead of at ground level and who did not remove the water supply lines on top of the roof, inside the attic and behind the drywall. In cold winter, the high pressure water line which was left inside the building may freeze and break the copper line and lead flooding in the whole building.

Further, to save money, minimize flipping cost, minimize flipping time, and maximize flipping fund profits, Investpro Manager LLC used unlicensed and unskilled workers to remove and plug natural gas lines for the natural gas wall furnaces without UBC required permits and inspections.

Further, to save money, minimize flipping cost, minimize flipping time, and maximize flipping fund profits, Investpro Manager LLC used unlicensed and unskilled workers with little knowledge of natural gas pipe connection requirements. The unlicensed and unskilled workers used the wrong sealing materials and these sealing materials may degrade and lead to natural gas leaks and accumulation inside the drywall and the attic which may cause an explosion or fire.

Further, to save money, minimize flipping cost, minimize flipping time, and maximize flipping fund profits, Investpro Manager LLC used unlicensed and unskilled workers to completely renovate all three bathrooms in the Subject Property without UBC required permits and inspections. Some faucets and connections behind tile walls and drywall

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leak and are causing moisture conditions behind tile walls and drywalls.

c. SRPDF stated that Sewer System and line had no problems or defects.

The subject property was built in 1954. Clay pipes were used at that time for sewer lines. Before the sale, within few days after tenants moved into apartment Unit B, they experienced clogged sewer line which caused the bathrooms to be flooded. The tenants called Investpro to ask them to fix the clogged pipes and address the flooding issues. After this report, Investpro asked tenants to pay to hire plumber to snake the sewer line. After tenants threatened to call the Las Vegas code enforcement office, to save money, minimize flipping cost, minimize flipping time, and maximize flipping fund profits, Investpro used unlicensed and unskilled workers to snake the clay sewer pipes. Licensed contractors must be hired to snake sewer pipes as code required. This approach to clearing the clog may break the clay sewer pipes and cause future tree root grown into sewer lines and clogs in sewer lines.

d. SRPDF stated that Heating System had problems or defects.

No full explanation was provided, as required. Investro (sic) Manager, LLC disabled natural gas heating system without UBC required permits and inspections. To save money, minimize flipping cost, minimize flipping time, and maximize flipping fund profits, Investpro Manager LLC used unlicensed and unskilled workers with little knowledge about natural gas pipe connection requirements. They used the wrong sealing materials and these sealing materials may degrade and lead to a natural gas leak inside the drywall and the attic and may cause an explosion or fire.

Further, Investpro Manager LLC installed two electrical heat pump heating systems without UBC required permits and inspections for Unit B and Unit C. The Unit A does not have an electrical heat pump heating system nor a natural gas wall furnace heating system now. Unit A has to use portable electrical heaters.

e. SRPDF stated that the Cooling System had problems or defects

No full explanation was provided, as required. Investro (sic) Manager, LLC removed old swamp cooler systems without UBC required permits and inspections. To save money, minimize flipping cost, minimize flipping time, and maximize flipping fund profits, Investpro used unlicensed and unskilled workers to disconnect water supply lines, cover swamp cooler ducting holes, and disconnect 110V electrical supply lines.

Further, as early as March of 2016, Investro Manager, LLC hired Air Supply Cooling to install one five ton new heat pump package unit with new rooftop ducting systems on

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one roof area to supply cooling and heating air to the whole building consisting of Unit A, Unit B and Unit C without UBC required weight load and wind load calculations, permits and inspections. The five ton heat pumps package unit was too big, too heavy and had control problems. To save money, minimize flipping cost, minimize flipping time, and maximize flipping fund profits, Investpro Manager LLC also used unlicensed and unskilled workers to remove the one year old five ton heat pump package unit with ducting system without UBC required permits and inspections. All of this work was done without UBC required structural calculation, permits and inspections.

Further, in early June, 2017, Investro Manager, LLC hired The AIRTEAM to install two new two ton heat pump package units, one each for Unit B and Unit C. Invespro (sic) Manager, LLC also used unlicensed

and unskilled workers to install two window cooling units in Unit A's exterior walls. All of the above work was done without UBC required permits and inspections.

Further, to save money, minimize flipping cost, minimize flipping time, and maximize flipping fund profits, Investro Manager, LLC did not replace the old, uninsulated swamp cooler ducts with new insulated HVAC ducts as the UBC required. This resulted in the heat pump package units being overloaded and damaged during cooling season because cool air was heated by uninsulated attic hot air before delivering the cooled air to the rooms. The old, uninsulated swamp cooler ducts were also rusted and leaked due to high moisture air from the bathroom vent fans and the clothes washer/dryer combination unit exhaust vents. The heat pumps would run all the time but still could not cool the rooms.

f. SRPDF stated that Smoker detector had no problems or defects

During Plaintiff's inspection at August 10, 2017 afternoon, some smoke detectors were missing.

g. SRPDF stated that no Previous or current moisture conditions and or water damage.

To save money, minimize flipping cost, minimize flipping time, and maximize flipping fund profits, Investro Manager, LLC used unlicensed and unskilled workers to vent high moisture bathroom fan exhaust and washer/dryer combination unit exhaust into the ceiling attic area instead of venting outside the building roof without UBC required permits and inspections. The improper ventings caused high moisture conditions in ceiling attic and water damages in ceiling and attic. The high moisture conditions in the ceiling attic destroyed ceiling attic insulations, damaged the roof decking, damaged roof trusses and damaged roof structure supports.

To saving money, minimize flipping cost, minimize flipping time, and maximize flipping fund profits, Investpro Manager LLC used unlicensed and unskilled workers to

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complete renovation to all three bathrooms without UBC required permits and inspections. Some faucets and connections behind tile walls and drywall leaks and caused moisture conditions behind tile walls and drywalls.

h. SRPDF stated that there was no structure defect.

Investpro Manager LLC added one new five ton heat pump package unit with ducting systems on the one roof top area for the whole building in early March, 2016 without UBC required weight load and wind load calculation, permits and inspections. Due to the five ton heat pump package unit being too big, too heavy and having control problems to save money, minimize flipping cost, minimize flipping time, and maximize flipping fund profits, Investro (sic) Manager, LLC used unlicensed and unskilled workers to remove the one year old five ton heat pump package unit with part of the ducting system again without UBC required permits and inspections. Investpro Manager LLC added two new two ton heat pump package units on the two roof top areas for Unit B and Unit C with new ducting systems without UBC required weight load and wind loan calculation, permits and inspections.

Further, to save money, minimize flipping cost, minimize flipping time, and maximize flipping fund profits, Investpro Manager LLC used unlicensed and unskilled workers to open two new window holes on

exterior walls for two window cooling units in Unit A without UBC required structure calculation, permits and inspections. This work damaged the building structure.

Further, the moisture condition behind tile walls and drywall due to faucets leaking damaged the building structure.

Further, Investpro Manager LLC's unlicensed and unskilled workers used the space between two building support columns as a duct to vent high moisture exhaust from the washer/dryer combination unit exhaust vent from Unit A without UBC required permits and inspections and this damaged the building structure.

The recent inspection of the exterior wall found multiple cracks which indicates structural problems caused by the heavy load on the roof.

i. SRPDF marked Yes and NO for construction, modification, alterations or repairs made without required state. city or county building permits.

Defendants Lin, Investpro, as TKNR's agent, TKNR, and Wong did not provide detailed explanations. All renovation, demolition, and construction work was done by Investpro Manager LLC using unlicensed, and unskilled workers without UBC required weight load and wind load calculations, permits and inspections.

j. SRPDF stated that there were not any problems with the roof.

The roof of the Subject Property was damaged by changing

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roof top HVAC units and ducting systems multiple times from October, 2015to June, 2017. Investpro Manager LLC removed the existing swamp coolers from roof top and covered the swamp coolers ducting holes. Investpro Manager LLC added a five ton heat pump package unit with a new ducting system on one roof top area in March, 2016. Investpro the removed the one year old five ton heat pump package unit with part of the ducting system from the one roof top area in June,2017. Then Investpro Manager LLC added two two ton heat pump package units on the two roof top areas in June, 2017. The work damaged the roof of the Subject Property to such an extent that when it rains the roof leaks. All of this renovation, demolition, and construction work was done without UBC required weight load and wind load calculations, permits and inspections and this damaged the building roof structure.

k. SRPDF stated that no there were not any fungus or mold problems.

To save money, minimize flipping cost, minimize flipping time, and maximize flipping fund profits, Investpro Manager LLC vented the bathroom high moisture fans and the washer/dryer combination unit exhaust vents into the ceiling and attic without venting outside of the roof. All of this renovation, demolition, and construction work was done without UBC required permits and inspections and this damaged the building structure. After the purchase of the Subject Property, Plaintiff discovered black color fungus mold was found inside ceiling and attic.

1. SRPDF stated that there were not any other conditions or aspects of the property which materially affect its value or use in an adverse manner.

i. Problems with flooring.

To save money, minimize flipping cost, minimize flipping time, and maximize flipping fund profits, Investpro Manager LLC used unlicensed and unskilled workers to lay low quality cheap ceramic tiles on the loose sandy ground rather than on a strong, smooth, concrete floor base. Within few months after tenants moving into the Subject Property, mass quantities of floor ceramic tiles cracked and the floor buckled. These cracked ceramic tiles may cut tenants' toes and create a trip and fall hazard. These are code violations had to be repaired before the units could be rented to tenants. The plaintiff has to spend lot money to replace all ceramic tile floor in Unit C with vinyl tile floor. ii. Problems with the land/foundation.

Within few months after tenants moved into the Subject Property in 2017, large quantities of floor tiles cracked and the floor buckled. This indicated that there may have foundation problems likely due to heavy loads by the new HVAC systems and the venting of moisture into the ceiling and attic. Too much weight loads on the walls caused exterior wall

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cracking.

iii. Problems with closet doors. To save money, minimize flipping cost, minimize flipping time, and maximize flipping fund profits, Investpro Manager LLC used unlicensed and unskilled workers to install closet doors with poor quality for Unit C, all closet doors fell down in three months after tenant move into Unit C.

As to 31(a), Mr. Miao admitted that the Seller's Disclosures disclosed issues with 61. the heating and cooling systems, the use of a handyman, and the lack of permits. Additionally, he specified that he noted issues with the electrical system and items not up to code at the time that he did his inspection and/or that any issues with the electrical system were "open and obvious" that a reasonable, professional inspection could have discovered in 2017. Despite these issues, Plaintiff chose not to have a professional inspection. Incredibly, Mr. Miao admitted that he was the person who asked for TKNR to install the GFCI outlets, so he was clearly aware of this issue as well. Moreover, Mr. Miao specified that this was a condition that Plaintiff could have inspected at or before the time it had originally purchased the Property. Notably, Mr. Miao admitted that no evidence showed that Defendants were aware of any of these issues.

As to 31(b), Mr. Miao admitted that the Seller's Disclosures disclosed issues with 62. the heating and cooling systems, the use of a handyman, the lack of permits, and issues with the sprinklers. Additionally, he specified that he noted issues with the plumbing system were "open and obvious" that a reasonable, professional inspection could have discovered in 2017. Despite 20 these issues, Plaintiff chose not to have a professional inspection. Moreover, Mr. Miao specified that this was a condition that Plaintiff could have inspected at or before the time it had originally 22 purchased the Property. Notably, Mr. Miao admitted that no evidence showed that Defendants were aware of any of these issues.

As to 31(c), Mr. Miao admitted that the Seller's Disclosures disclosed the use of a 24 63. 25 handyman, the lack of permits, and issues with the sprinklers. Additionally, he specified that he 26 noted issues with the sewer system were "open and obvious" that a reasonable, professional 27 inspection could have discovered in 2017. Despite these issues, Plaintiff chose not to have a 28 professional inspection. Moreover, Mr. Miao specified that this was a condition that Plaintiff

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could have inspected at or before the time it had originally purchased the Property. Notably, Mr.Miao admitted that no evidence showed that Defendants were aware of any of these issues.

64. As to 31(d), Mr. Miao admitted that the Seller's Disclosures disclosed issues with the heating and cooling systems, the use of a handyman, and the lack of permits. Additionally, he specified that he did his inspection and/or that any issues with the heating system were "open and obvious" that a reasonable, professional inspection could have discovered in 2017. Despite these issues, Plaintiff chose not to have a professional inspection. Moreover, Mr. Miao specified that this was a condition that Plaintiff could have inspected at or before the time it had originally purchased the Property. Notably, Mr. Miao admitted that no evidence showed that Defendants were aware of any of these issues.

65. As to 31(e), Mr. Miao admitted that the Seller's Disclosures disclosed issues with the heating and cooling systems, the use of a handyman, and the lack of permits. Additionally, he specified that he noted issues with the heating and cooling system and items not up to code at the time that he did his inspection and/or that any issues with the heating and cooling system were "open and obvious" that a reasonable, professional inspection could have discovered in 2017. Despite these issues, Plaintiff chose not to have a professional inspection. Moreover, Mr. Miao specified that this was a condition that Plaintiff could have inspected at or before the time it had originally purchased the Property. Notably, Mr. Miao admitted that no evidence showed that Defendants were aware of any of these issues.

20 66. As to 31(f), this allegation illustrates that Plaintiff had knowledge before
21 purchasing the Property, and the overall emphasis on the failure to obtain a professional
22 inspection of the Property prior to purchasing it.

As to 31(g), (k), Mr. Miao admitted Plaintiff executed the mold and moisture
waiver, and understood its affirmative duty to have an inspection done prior to the purchase of
the Property. He also admitted that that the Seller's Disclosures disclosed the use of a
handyman, installation of the cabinetry, bathrooms, and the lack of permits. Additionally, he
specified that he personally inspected the attic and the dryer vent before Plaintiff purchased the
Property. Despite these issues, Plaintiff chose not to have a professional inspection. Moreover,

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Mr. Miao specified that this was a condition that Plaintiff could have inspected at or before the 2 time it had originally purchased the Property. Notably, Mr. Miao admitted that no evidence showed that Defendants were aware of any of these issues.

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68. As to 31(h), Mr. Miao admitted that the Seller's Disclosures disclosed issues with the heating and cooling systems, the use of a handyman, and the lack of permits. Mr. Miao admitted that there was visible cracking on the foundation, walls, and the tiles that were open and obvious at the time that Plaintiff purchased the Property in 2017. Moreover, Mr. Miao specified that this was a condition that Plaintiff could have inspected at or before the time it had originally purchased the Property. Notably, Mr. Miao admitted that no evidence showed that Defendants were aware of any of these issues.

69. As to 31(i), this allegation illustrates the prior knowledge that Plaintiff had before purchasing the Property, and the overall emphasis on the failure to obtain a professional inspection of the Property prior to purchasing it. Mr. Miao admitted that he should have followed up related to the permit issue prior to Plaintiff purchasing the Property.

15 70. As to 31(j), Mr. Miao admitted that the Seller's Disclosures disclosed issues with 16 the heating and cooling systems, the use of a handyman, and the lack of permits. Additionally, 17 he specified that he noted issues were "open and obvious" that a reasonable, professional 18 inspection could have discovered in 2017. Mr. Miao agreed that there was no noticeable sagging 19 on the roof. Despite these issues, Plaintiff chose not to have a professional inspection. 20 Moreover, Mr. Miao specified that this was a condition that Plaintiff could have inspected at or 21 before the time it had originally purchased the Property. Notably, Mr. Miao admitted that no 22 evidence showed that Defendants were aware of any of these issues.

23 71. As to 31(1), Mr. Miao admitted that the Seller's Disclosures disclosed issues with 24 the heating and cooling systems, the use of a handyman, and the lack of permits. Mr. Miao 25 admitted that there was visible cracking on the foundation, walls, and the tiles that were open and 26 obvious at the time that Plaintiff purchased the Property in 2017. Mr. Miao noted that this 27 condition could have been inspected at or prior to the Property's purchase. Mr. Miao 28 acknowledged there was no evidence that Defendants were aware of these issues.

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1	<u>Plaintiffs Did Not Reply on Broker Agents</u>		
2	72. As to the Broker Defendants, Ms. Zhu agreed that she was not relying upon any		
3	representations made by Brokers or Broker's agent. Ms. Zhu agreed to purchase the Property		
4	AS-IS, WHERE-IS, without any representations or warranties. Ms. Zhu waived all claims		
5	against Brokers or their agents for (a) defects in the Property (h) factors related to Ms. Zhu's		
6	failure to conduct walk-throughs or inspections. Ms. Zhu assumed full responsibility and agreed		
7	to conduct such tests, walk-throughs, inspections and research, as she deemed necessary. In any		
8	event, Broker's liability was limited, under any and all circumstances, to the amount of that		
9	Broker's commission/fee received in the transaction.		
10	Mr. Miao Agreed with Defendants' Expert		
11	73. On November 17, 2020, Defendants' expert, Neil D. Opfer, an Associate		
12	Professor of Construction Management at UNLV and overqualified expert, conducted an		
13	inspection of the Property. At that time, as noted earlier, Mr. Miao walked the Property with		
14	Professor Opfer. Supplement at 320:31-25.		
15	74. Mr. Miao agreed with Professor Opfer that the alleged conditions identified by		
16	Plaintiff's alleged expert were open and obvious:		
17	[n]ote that the Plaintiff could have hired an inspector or contractor to evaluate this real-estate purchase beforehand but did not. Items		
18	complained about in the Sani Report were open and obvious at the roof area, attic area, and on the exterior and interior areas of the		
19	Property.		
20	<i>Id.</i> at 318:22-25-319:3-4.		
21	75. Mr. Miao agreed with Professor Opfer that Plaintiff's expert did not conduct		
22	destructive testing, so the same alleged conditions that the expert noted would have been made		
23	by an inspector at the time of the purchase. <i>Id.</i> at 291:1-5.		
24	76. Mr. Miao agreed with Professor Opfer that Plaintiff's expert did "not recognize		
25	prior conditions in existence before any work took place by the Defendants." Id. at 321:17-21 –		
26	322:3-6.		
27	Conclusions of Law		
28	1. Summary judgment is appropriate when the pleadings, depositions, answers to		
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MICHAEL B. LEE, P.C. 1820 E. Sahara Avenue, suite 110 Las Vegas, Nevada 89104 Tel – (702) 477.7030; Fax – (702) 477.0096 1 interrogatories, admissions, and affidavits, if any, that are properly before the Court demonstrate 2 that no genuine issue of material fact exist, and the moving party is entitled to judgment as a 3 matter of law. Pegasus v. Reno Newspapers, Inc., 118 Nev. 706, 713, 57 P.3d 82, 87 (2002). 4 Substantive law controls whether factual disputes are material and will preclude summary 5 judgment; other factual disputes are irrelevant. Anderson v. Liberty Lobby, Inc., 477 U.S. 242, 6 106 S. Ct. 2505, 91 L.Ed.2d 202 (1986). A genuine issue of material fact is one where the 7 evidence is such that a reasonable jury could return a verdict for the non-moving party. Valley 8 Bank v. Marble, 105 Nev. 366, 367, 775 P.2d 1278, 1282 (1989).

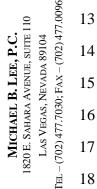
2. The Nevada Supreme Court has held that the non-moving party may not defeat a motion for summary judgment by relying "on gossamer threads of whimsy, speculation and conjecture." *Wood v. Safeway*, 121 Nev. 724, 732, 121 P.3d 1026, 1031 (2005). The Nevada Supreme Court has also made it abundantly clear when a motion for summary judgment is made and supported as required by Nevada Rule of Civil Procedure 56, the non-moving party must not rest upon general allegations and conclusions, but must by affidavit or otherwise set forth specific facts demonstrating the existence of a genuine factual issue. *Id*.

3. Under Nevada Rule of Civil Procedure 56(a), a party may move for summary judgment, or partial summary judgment. "The court shall grant summary judgment if the movant shows that there is no genuine dispute as to any material fact and the movant is entitled to judgment as a matter of law." The court may rely upon the admissible evidence cited in the moving papers and may also consider other materials in the record as well. *Id.* at 56(c). "If the court does not grant all the relief requested by the motion, it may enter an order stating any material fact — including an item of damages or other relief — that is not genuinely in dispute and treating the fact as established in the case." *Id.* at 56(g).

4. The pleadings and proof offered in a Motion for Summary Judgment are
construed in the light most favorable to the non-moving party. *Hoopes v. Hammargren*, 102
Nev. 425, 429, 725 P.2d 238, 241 (1986). However, the non-moving party still "bears the
burden to 'do more than simply show that there is some metaphysical doubt' as to the operative
facts in order to avoid summary judgment being entered." *Wood*, 121 Nev. at 732, 121 P.3d at

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1031. "To successfully defend against a summary judgment motion, 'the nonmoving party must
 transcend the pleadings and, by affidavit or other admissible evidence, introduce specific facts
 that show a genuine issue of material fact." *Torrealba v. Kesmetis*, 178 P.3d 716, 720 (Nev.
 2008) (quoting *Cuzze v. Univ. & Cmty. Coll. Sys. of Nev.*, 172 P.3d 131, 134 (Nev. 2007).

5. The non-moving party bears the burden to set forth specific facts demonstrating the existence of a "genuine" issue for trial or have summary judgment entered against him. *Collins v. Union Federal Savings & Loan,* 99 Nev. 284, 294, 662 P.2d 610, 618-619 (1983). When there is no genuine issue of material fact and the non-moving party provides no admissible evidence to the contrary, summary judgment is "mandated." *Celotex Corp. v. Catrett,* 477 US 317, 322 (1986). When a motion for summary judgment is made and supported, an adversary party who does not set forth specific facts showing a genuine issue to be resolved at trial may have a summary judgment entered against him. *Collins v. Union Federal Sav. & Loan Ass 'n,* 99 Nev. 284, 294, 662 P.2d 610, 616 (1983) (citing *Van Cleave v. Kietz-Mill Minit Mart,* 97 Nev. 414, 633 P.2d 1220 (1981); *Bird v. Casa Royale West,* 97 Nev. 67, 624 P.2d 17 (1981)).

6. "Under NRS Chapter 113, residential property sellers are required to disclose any defects to buyers within a specified time before the property is conveyed." *Nelson v. Heer*, 163 P.3d 420, 425 (Nev. 2007) (citing NRS 113.140(1)). "NRS 113.140(1), however, provides that a seller is not required to 'disclose a defect in residential property of which [she] is not aware.' A 'defect' is defined as "a condition that materially affects the value or use of residential property in an adverse manner." *Id.* (citing NRS 113.100(1)). The Nevada Supreme Court clarified that:

[a]scribing to the term "aware" its plain meaning, we determine that the seller of residential real property does not have a duty to disclose a defect or condition that "materially affects the value or use of residential property in an adverse manner," if the seller does not realize, perceive, or have knowledge of that defect or condition. Any other interpretation of the statute would be unworkable, as it is impossible for a seller to disclose conditions in the property of which he or she has no realization, perception, or knowledge. The determination of whether a seller is aware of a defect, however, is a question of fact to be decided by the trier of fact.

27 *Id.* at 425 (citations omitted). Thus, in the context where the plaintiff cannot demonstrate an

28 omitted disclosure that caused damage, the seller is entitled to summary judgment as a matter of

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1 law. *Id.* at 426.

2 7. Generally, "[n]ondisclosure by the seller of adverse information concerning real 3 property . . . will not provide the basis for an action by the buyer to rescind or for damages when 4 property is sold 'as is.' " Mackintosh v. Jack Matthews & Co., 109 Nev. 628, 633, 855 P.2d 549, 5 552 (1993). Moreover, "[1]iability for nondisclosure is generally not imposed where the buyer either knew of or could have discovered the defects prior to the purchase." Land Baron Invs., 6 7 Inc. v. Bonnie Springs Family LP, 131 Nev. 686, 696, 356 P.3d 511, 518 (2015). The general 8 rule foreclosing liability for nondisclosure when property is purchased as-is does not apply when 9 the seller knows of facts materially affecting the value or desirability of the property which are 10 known or accessible only to [the seller] and also knows that such facts are not known to, or 11 within the reach of the diligent attention and observation of the buyer. *Mackintosh*, 109 Nev. at 12 633, 855 P.2d at 552 (alteration in original) (internal quotation marks omitted).

13 8. A buyer waives its common law claims of negligent misrepresentation, fraudulent 14 or intentional misrepresentation, and/or unjust enrichment when it expressly agreed that it would 15 carry the duty to inspect the property and ensure that all aspects of it were suitable prior to close 16 of escrow, and the information was reasonably accessible to the buyer. Frederic and Barbara 17 Rosenberg Living Tr. v. MacDonald Highlands Realty, LLC, 427 P.3d 104, 111 (Nev. 2018). 18 Accordingly, the Nevada Supreme Court concluded that an agreement to purchase property as-is 19 foreclosed the buyer's common law claims, justifying the granting of summary judgment on 20 common law claims. Id. (citation omitted).

> The terms and conditions of the purchase agreement do not create a duty to disclose. Rather, these disclosures are required by NRS Chapter 113, which sets forth specific statutory duties imposed by law independent of the purchase agreement's terms and conditions. Additionally, the terms of the purchase agreement do not require [the seller] to do anything other than provide the listed disclosures.

25 Anderson v. Ford Ranch, LLC, 78684-COA, 2020 WL 6955438, at \*5 (Nev. App. Nov. 25, 2020).

9. Nevada Revised Statute § 113.140 clearly provides that the Seller Disclosures
does not constitute a warranty of the Subject Property and that the Buyer still has a duty to

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exercise reasonable care to protect himself. Nevada Revised Statute § 113.140 also provides that the Seller does not have to disclose any defect that he is unaware of. Similarly, Nevada Revised Statute § 113.130 does not require a seller to disclose a defect in residential property of which the seller is not aware. A completed disclosure form does not constitute an express or implied warranty regarding any condition of residential property. Nevada Revised Statute § 113.140(2). Chapters 113 and "645 of Nevada Revised Statutes do not relieve a buyer or prospective buyer of the duty to exercise reasonable care to protect himself or herself." *Id.* at § 113.140(2).

8 10. Summary Judgment is appropriate as a matter of law on all of Plaintiff's claims.
9 It is undisputed that the alleged deficiencies were either disclosed by Defendants, could have
10 been discovered by an inspection, were open and obvious whereby Plaintiff / Ms. Zhu / Mr.
11 Miao had notice of them at the time Plaintiff purchased the Property, or were unknown to
12 Defendants at the time of the sale.

11. On August 2, 2017, TKNR submitted its Seller Disclosures timely indicating all known conditions of the Subject Property. TKNR disclosed that "3 units has (sic) brand new AC installed within 3 months," and further that the "owner never resided in the property and never visited the property." Plaintiff was also aware that the minor renovations, such as painting, was conducted by the Seller's "handyman" as disclosed in the Seller's Disclosures. TNKR also disclosed that it was aware of issues with the heating and cooling systems, there was construction, modification, alterations, or repairs done without permits, and lead-based paints.

20 12. On August 11, 2020, through the original RPA, Ms. Zhu waived her due 21 diligence, although she had a right to conduct inspections:

> During such Period, Buyer shall have the right to conduct, noninvasive/non-destructive inspections of all structural, roofing, mechanical, electrical, plumbing, heating/air conditioning, water/well/septic, pool/spa, survey, square footage, and any other property or systems, through licensed and bonded contractors or other qualified professionals.

26 13. Section II(B)(1) lists the disclosures by TKNR. Despite these disclosures,
27 Plaintiff did not inspect the Subject Property, request additional information and/or conduct any
28 reasonable inquires. Ms. Zhu cancelled the original RPA, Ex. E, because of an issue related to

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1 her financing, unrelated to the Seller's Disclosures. Notably, she included the explicit waiver of 2 the inspections, which included her initialing the provision that she had not done in the original 3 RPA. Ms. Zhu informed her agent to waive all inspections. Although Ms. Zhu had actual 4 knowledge of the Seller's Disclosures from August 11, 2017, and the Parties agreed to extend the 5 COE to January 5, 2018, Ms. Zhu still never did any professional inspections. Instead, she put down an additional \$60,000 as a non-refundable deposit to the TNKR. Moreover, she also 6 7 agreed to pay rent in the amount of \$650 per month for one of the units, and to also pay the property manager \$800 for the tenant placement fee. Through Addendum 2 to the 2<sup>nd</sup> RPA. Ms. 8 9 Zhu later changed the purchaser to Plaintiff.

Ms. Zhu agreed that she was not relying upon any representations made by 14. Brokers or Broker's agent. Ms. Zhu agreed to purchase the Property AS-IS, WHERE-IS, without any representations or warranties. Thus, Ms. Zhu waived all claims against Brokers or their agents for (a) defects in the Property . . . (h) factors related to Ms. Zhu's failure to conduct walk-throughs or inspections. Ms. Zhu assumed full responsibility and agreed to conduct such tests, walk-throughs, inspections and research, as she deemed necessary. In any event, Broker's liability was limited, under any and all circumstances, to the amount of that Broker's commission/fee received in the transaction.

As to the waivers, Paragraph 7(D) of the both the RPA and 2<sup>nd</sup> RPA expressly 15. provided:

> It is strongly recommended that Buyer retain licensed Nevada professionals to conduct inspections. If any inspection is not completed and requested repairs are not delivered to Seller within the Due Diligence Period, Buyer is deemed to have waived the right to that inspection and Seller's liability for the cost of all repairs that inspection would have reasonably identified had it been conducted, except as otherwise provided by law.

Nevertheless, Ms. Zhu waived her inspection related to the original RPA and the 2<sup>nd</sup> RPA, reinforced further by actually initialing next to the waiver in the 2<sup>nd</sup> RPA. Ms. Zhu also waived the energy audit, pest inspection, roof inspection, septic lid removal inspection, mechanical inspection, soil inspection, and structural inspection. Thereby, Ms. Zhu waived any liability of

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Defendants for the cost of all repairs that inspection would have reasonably identified had it been conducted. The RPA and the 2<sup>nd</sup> RPA clearly indicated that Ms. Zhu was purchasing the 2 3 Property "AS-IS, WHERE-IS without any representations or warranties."

Additionally, Ms. Zhu also agreed that the Brokers Defendants had "no 16. responsibility to assist in the payment of any repair, correction or deferred maintenance on the Property which may have been revealed by the above inspections, agreed upon by the Buyer and Seller or requested by one party." Paragraph 7(D) of the RPA.

8 17. Since 2008, Mr. Miao, Ms. Zhu, and/or Plaintiff have been involved in the 9 purchase of approximately twenty residential properties. In Clark County alone, Ms. Zhu and 10 Mr. Miao were involved with the purchase of at least eight rental properties starting in 2014.

18. Mr. Miao understood the importance to check public records when conducting due diligence.

> 19. Plaintiff was a sophisticated buyer aware of the necessity of property inspection.

20. At all times relevant prior to the purchase of the Property, Plaintiff had access to inspect the entire property and conduct non-invasive, non-destructive inspections.

21. Prior to the purchase, Mr. Miao was aware that the Seller "strongly recommended that buyer retain licensed Nevada professionals to conduct inspections".

18 22. Plaintiff was also aware of the language in the RPA under Paragraph 7(D) that 19 limited potential damages that could have been discovered by an inspection.

20 23. As to the RPA, Mr. Miao agreed that all the terms in it were conspicuous and 21 understandable, and it was a standard agreement similar to the other agreements he had used in 22 purchasing the other properties in Clark County, Nevada.

23 24. On or about August 10, 2017, Mr. Miao inspected Property. During that time, Mr. Miao noted issues with the Property that were not up to code, finishing issues, GFCI outlets<sup>1</sup>, 24 and electrical issues. 25

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25. Mr. Miao acknowledged there was an issue with exposed electrical in Unit C as

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The Second Amended Complaint references GFCI at Paragraph 31(a). This illustrates the frivolous nature of the pleading since Mr. Miao requested TKNR to install these for Plaintiff.

1	well as possible asbestos.		
2	26. Mr. Miao noted that there were cracks in the ceramic floor tiles and visible cracks		
3	in the concrete foundation, which were open and obvious.		
4	27. Mr. Miao admitted that he could also have seen the dryer vent during his		
5	inspection.		
6	28. Mr. Miao admitted that he could have followed up on the issues identified in the		
7	SRPDF that included the HVAC and the permits.		
8	29. Similarly, Mr. Miao should have contacted the local building department as part		
9	of his due diligence.		
10	30. Plaintiff was also on notice of the potential for mold and the requirement to get a		
11	mold inspection.		
12	31. Despite actual knowledge of these issues, Plaintiff did not elect to have a		
13	professional inspection done.		
14	32. Finally, Plaintiff was also acutely aware of the requirement of Nevada law to		
15	protect itself by getting an inspection.		
16	33. Plaintiff assumed the risk of failing to exercise reasonable care to protect itself.		
17	34. The alleged defects identified by both parties' experts could have been discovered		
18	at the time of the original purchase as they were "open and obvious".		
19	35. Plaintiff failed to differentiate between conditions prior to when TKNR owned the		
20	Property, while it owned it, and those afterwards.		
21	36. No dispute exists that TKNR did not need permits for the interior work it had		
22	done to the Property.		
23	37. Plaintiff has always been trying to lease the Property despite not doing any of the	:	
24	repairs listed by Plaintiff's expert. This illustrates the lack of merit of Plaintiff that there are		
25	underlying conditions with the Property.		
26	38. Moreover, Plaintiff does not provide any notice to the tenants about its expert's		
27	report or this litigation. This illustrates the lack of merit of Plaintiff's claims and proves that it		
28	has done nothing to correct the allegedly deficient conditions that are clearly not so dangerous as		
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1 it does not tell prospective tenants about them.

39. Mr. Miao admitted that multiple third parties could have potentially damaged the Property.

40. Plaintiff did not present any evidence related to Defendants' alleged knowledge other than his personal belief and speculation.

41. Mr. Miao admitted that he has no evidence Defendants knew about the alleged moisture conditions. Additionally, he also admitted that there is no evidence that Defendants knew about the alleged issues with the plumbing system. He also admitted that he did not know if Defendants knew about the alleged issues with the duct work when they owned the Property. He also recognized the deficiency in Plaintiff's expert's report that failed to differentiate between conditions prior to when TKNR owned the Property, while it owned it, and those afterwards.

42. Mr. Miao also recognized that a 63-year-old property could have issues that were not caused by Defendants.

43. The Flipping Fund had nothing to do with Plaintiff's decision to purchase the Property.

44. Plaintiff admittedly amplified its alleged damages by more than 6x, and then trebled the damages, and have run up egregious attorneys' fees for this frivolous action. These are undisputed facts that prove abuse of process as a matter of law given the known issues with the Property and Plaintiff's waivers related to the inspections. Plaintiff waived the inspections and purchased the property "as is". This shows that Plaintiff had no interest in having a professional inspection done. It shows the behavior of the Plaintiff related to the entire case.

45. Plaintiff was encouraged to inspect the property, and they did not do it. It was a
63-year-old property. There were specific disclosures that were made by the Seller, and Plaintiff
was strongly encouraged to conduct the inspection, and they did not want to.

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46. This is a 2018 case. Plaintiff has not been diligent in conducting discovery.

Rule 56(f) is not a shield that can be raised to block a motion for summary judgment without even the slightest showing by the opposing party that his opposition is meritorious. A party invoking its protections must do so in good faith by affirmatively demonstrating why he cannot respond to a movant's affidavits as

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to rebut the movant's showing of the absence of a genuine issue of fact. Where, as here, a party fails to carry his burden under Rule 56(f), postponement of a ruling on a motion for summary judgment is unjustified.
<u>See Bakerink v. Orthopaedic Associates</u>, Ltd., 581 P.2d 9, 11 (Nev. 1978) (quoting Willmar Poultry Co. v. Morton-Norwich Products, 520 F.2d 289, 297 (8th Cir. 1975), Cert. denied, 424 U.S. 915, 96 S.Ct. 1116, 47 L.Ed.2d 320 (1975).

otherwise required by Rule 56(e) and how postponement of a ruling on the motion will enable him, by discovery or other means,

47. Plaintiff failed to articulate the alleged discovery that it would likely have. Additionally, Plaintiff already opposed enlarging discovery by specifying that any extension of discovery would prejudice it, indicating that it had no need for additional discovery and that Plaintiff would largely rest upon the findings of its expert. <u>See</u> Plaintiff's Opposition to Motion to Enlarge Discovery. Also, Plaintiff's counsel's declaration in the Opposition illustrated that he had additional discussions with Plaintiff's expert related to the MSJ, but Plaintiff's expert did not proffer any additional opinions to counter the Motion. <u>See Opp.</u> at p. 18:7-9.

48. As a matter of law, Plaintiff is precluded from seeking damages from Defendants
because of her failure to inspect. "Nondisclosure by the seller of adverse information concerning
real property . . . will not provide the basis for an action by the buyer to rescind or for damages
when property is sold 'as is.' *Mackintosh v. Jack Matthews & Co.*, 109 Nev. 628, 633, 855
P.2d 549, 552 (1993). Moreover, "[1]iability for nondisclosure is generally not imposed where
the buyer either knew of or could have discovered the defects prior to the purchase." *Land Baron Invs., Inc. v. Bonnie Springs Family LP*, 131 Nev. 686, 696, 356 P.3d 511, 518 (2015).

49. 21 Defendants also do not have liability as Ms. Zhu / Plaintiff purchased the Property 22 "as-is" within the reach of the diligent attention and observation of the buyer. *Mackintosh*, 109 23 Nev. at 633, 855 P.2d at 552. NRS § 113.140 clearly provides that the disclosures do not 24 constitute a warranty of the Property and that the purchaser still has a duty to exercise reasonable 25 care to protect himself. A completed disclosure form does not constitute an express or implied 26 warranty regarding any condition of residential property. NRS § 113.140(2). Chapters 113 and 27 "645 of Nevada Revised Statutes do not relieve a buyer or prospective buyer of the duty to 28 exercise reasonable care to protect himself or herself." Id. at § 113.140(2).

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50. Plaintiff waived its common law claims of negligent misrepresentation, fraudulent or intentional misrepresentation, and/or unjust enrichment when it expressly agreed that it would carry the duty to inspect the property and ensure that all aspects of it were suitable prior to close of escrow, and the information regarding Property was reasonably accessible to the buyer. *Frederic and Barbara Rosenberg Living Tr. v. MacDonald Highlands Realty, LLC*, 427 P.3d 104, 111 (Nev. 2018).

51. Summary judgment is appropriate under NRS § 113.140(1) (seller is not required to disclose a defect in residential property of which she is not aware). Under this statute, "[a]scribing to the term 'aware' its plain meaning, . . . the seller of residential real property does not have a duty to disclose a defect or condition that 'materially affects the value or use of residential property in an adverse manner,' if the seller does not realize, perceive, or have knowledge of that defect or condition." *Nelson v. Heer*, 163 P.3d 420, 425 (Nev. 2007). Thus, as Plaintiff cannot demonstrate an omitted disclosure that caused damage, Defendants are entitled to summary judgment as a matter of law. *Id.* at 426.

15 52. Under NRS § 113.140(1) (seller is not required to disclose a defect in residential 16 property of which she is not aware), Nelson v. Heer, 163 P.3d 420, 425 (Nev. 2007), and NRS § 17 645.259(2), Defendants are entitled to Summary Judgment on Plaintiff's claims for (1) Recovery 18 Under NRS Chapter 113, (2) Constructive Fraud, (3) Common Law Fraud, (4) Fraudulent 19 Inducement, (5) Fraudulent Concealment, (6) Breach Of Fiduciary Duty, (8) Damages Under 20 NRS 645.257(1), (9) Failure To Supervise, Inadequate training and Education, (12) Civil 21 Conspiracy, (13) Breach Of Contract, and (14) Breach Of Implied Covenant of Good Faith and 22 Fair Dealing]. It also eliminates the causes of action for (7) RICO, (10) Fraudulent Conveyance, 23 (11) Fraudulent Conveyance, and (15) Abuse of Process since they have no basis in fact or law.

Eighth Judicial District Court Rule 2.20(e) provides that, "[f]ailure of the
opposing party to serve and file written opposition may be construed as an admission that the
motion and/or joinder is meritorious and a consent to granting the same." Simply filing an
opposition does not relieve a party of its duty to actually oppose the issues raised in the motion.
<u>See Benjamin v. Frias Transportation Mgt. Sys., Inc.,</u> 433 P.3d 1257 (Nev. 2019) (unpublished

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54. The Opposition failed to address the Motion's arguments related to summary judgment in favor of Defendants on Plaintiff's claims for: (7) RICO; (10) Fraudulent Conveyance; (11) Fraudulent Conveyance; (12) Civil Conspiracy; and (15) Abuse of Process. Additionally, Plaintiff fails to provide any meaningful or competent opposition to the Motion's argument for summary judgment as to Plaintiff's claims against the Broker Defendants. As there is no Opposition provided to those arguments made in the Motion, this court should find that those arguments are meritorious and grant the request as to those unopposed issues.

55. Pursuant to Nevada Rule of Civil Procedure 11(b), by presenting to the court a pleading or other paper, an attorney or unrepresented party certifies: (1) it is not being presented for any improper purpose, such as to harass, cause unnecessary delay, or needlessly increase the cost of litigation, (2) the claims and other legal contentions are warranted by existing law or by a nonfrivolous argument for extending, modifying, or reversing existing law or for establishing new law, (3) the factual contentions have evidentiary support, and (4) the denials of factual contentions are warranted on the evidence or.

56. "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. Absent exceptional circumstances, a law firm must be held jointly responsible for a violation committed by its partner, associate, or employee." NEV. R. CIV. PRO. 11(c).

21 57. "On its own, the court may order an attorney, law firm, or party to show cause 22 why conduct specifically described in the order has not violated Rule 11(b)." Id. at 11(c)(3). "A 23 sanction imposed under this rule must be limited to what suffices to deter repetition of the 24 conduct or comparable conduct by others similarly situated. The sanction may include 25 nonmonetary directives; an order to pay a penalty into court; or, if imposed on motion and 26 warranted for effective deterrence, an order directing payment to the movant of part or all of the 27 reasonable attorney fees and other expenses directly resulting from the violation." Id. at 28 11(c)(4).

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58. Rule 11 prevents a party from bringing a lawsuit for an improper purpose, which includes: (1) harassment, causing unnecessary delay, or needless increasing the cost of litigation; or (2) making frivolous claims. NEV. R. CIV. PRO. 11(b)(1)-(2). Rule 11 sanctions should be imposed for frivolous actions. *Marshall v. District Court*, 108 Nev. 459, 465, 836 P.2d 47, 52.

59. A frivolous claim is one that is "both baseless and made without a reasonable and competent inquiry." *Bergmann v. Boyce*, 109 Nev. 670, 676, 856 P.2d 560, 564 (1993) (quoting *Townsend v. Holman Consulting Corp.*, 929 F.2d 1358, 1362 (9th Cir.1990); *Golden Eagle Distrib. Corp. v. Burroughs Corp.*, 801 F.2d 1531, 1537 (9th Cir.1986)). A determination of whether a claim is frivolous involves a two-pronged analysis: (1) the court must determine whether the pleading is "well grounded in fact and is warranted by existing law or a good faith argument for the extension, modification or reversal of existing law"; and (2) whether the attorney made a reasonable and competent inquiry. *Bergmann*, 109 Nev. at 676, 856 P.2d at 564. A sanction imposed for violation of Rule 11 shall be limited to what is sufficient to deter repetition of such conduct or comparable conduct by others similarly situated. *Id.* at 11(c)(2).

15 60. Furthermore, a court may award attorneys' fees to a prevailing party when it finds
16 that the claim was brought or maintained without reasonable ground or to harass the prevailing
17 party. NEV. REV. STAT. § 18.010(2)(b). In other cases, a court may award attorneys' fees "when
18 it finds that the opposing party brought or maintained a claim without reasonable grounds."
19 *Rodriguez v. Primadonna Co., LLC*, 216 P.3d 793, 800 (Nev. 2009). "The court shall liberally
20 construe the provisions of this paragraph in favor of awarding attorney's fees in all appropriate
21 situations." *Id.* The Nevada Legislature explained that:

[i]t is the intent of the Legislature that the court award attorney's fees pursuant to this paragraph and impose sanctions pursuant to Rule 11 of the Nevada Rules of Civil Procedure in all appropriate situations to punish for and deter frivolous or vexatious claims and defenses because such claims and defenses overburden limited judicial resources, hinder the timely resolution of meritorious claims and increase the costs of engaging in business and providing professional services to the public.

*Id.* "A claim is groundless if 'the allegations in the complaint . . . are not supported by any
credible evidence at trial." *Barozzi v. Benna*, 112 Nev. 635, 639, 918 P.2d 301, 303 (1996)

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(quoting Western United Realty, Inc. v. Isaacs, 679 P.2d 1063, 1069 (Colo.1984)).

77. The overwhelming facts and law illustrate that Plaintiff's claim is frivolous. The findings of fact are incorporated by reference.

78. Plaintiff's claim is clearly frivolous: (1) where the pleading was not "well grounded in fact and is warranted by existing law or a good faith argument for the extension, modification or reversal of existing law", and (2) Plaintiff's attorney continued to make frivolous claims. Bergmann, 109 Nev. at 676, 856 P.2d at 564. Sanctions are warranted against Plaintiff and its counsel, which includes an award attorneys' fees to Defendants.

79. Alternatively, the elements of an abuse of process claim are: "(1) an ulterior purpose by the defendants other than resolving a legal dispute, and (2) a willful act in the use of the legal process not proper in the regular conduct of the proceeding." Posadas v. City of Reno, 109 Nev. 448, 452, 851 P.2d 438, 441-42 (1993). Abuse of process can arise from both civil and criminal proceedings. LaMantia v. Redisi, 118 Nev. 27, 30, 38 P.3d 877, 879 (2002). Malice, want of probable cause, and termination in favor of the person initiating or instituting proceedings are not necessary elements for a prima facie abuse of process claim. Nevada Credit Rating Bur. v. Williams, 88 Nev. 601, 606, 503 P.2d 9, 12 (1972); Restatement (Second) of Torts § 682 cmt. a (1977). The mere filing of a complaint is insufficient to establish the tort of abuse of process. Laxalt v. McClatchy, 622 F. Supp. 737, 751 (1985).

19 80. Under either Rule 11, Plaintiff brought and maintained this action without 20 reasonable ground. NEV. REV. STAT. § 18.010(2)(b). The overwhelming facts and law illustrate 21 that Plaintiff brought or maintained this claim without reasonable grounds, which justifies an 22 award of attorneys' fees. Rodriguez v. Primadonna Co., LLC, 216 P.3d 793, 800 (Nev. 2009).

23 81. The court intends to award to the Defendants the reasonable expenses, including 24 attorneys' fees and costs, incurred for defending this lawsuit under Rule 11. This sanction is 25 limited to what suffices to deter repetition of the conduct or comparable conduct by others 26 similarly situated.

27 Based on the foregoing, the Court GRANTS Defendants Motion, DENIES the 28 Counterclaim, and GRANTS attorneys' fees and costs to Defendants pursuant to Nevada Rule of

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Civil Procedure 11.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDICATED, AND DECREED that the Motion is GRANTED.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDICATED, AND DECREED** that the Countermotion, including the 56(f) Countermotion, is **DENIED**. This is a 2018 case. Discovery ended October 30, 2020. This Court will not agree to enlarge discovery.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDICATED, AND DECREED** that Defendants are awarded attorneys' fees and costs pursuant to Rule 11. Defendants may file an affidavit in support of requested attorney's fees and costs within 10 days of the entry of Order.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDICATED, AND DECREED** that this is a final order related to the claims and counterclaim. This Court directs entry of a final judgment of all claims.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDICATED, AND DECREED** that any outstanding or pending discovery is quashed as moot.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDICATED, AND DECREED** that any trial dates and/or calendar calls are vacated as moot.

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Dated this 7th day of April, 2021

THE HON. ADRIANA ESCOBAR DISTRICT COURT JUDGE

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1 (collectively, the "Defendants"), Motion for Summary Judgment, or in the Alternative, Partial 2 Summary Judgment ("Motion"), by and through their attorney of record, MICHAEL B. LEE, P.C. 3 Plaintiff W L A B INVESTMENT, LLC appeared on and through its counsel of record, DAY & 4 NANCE. Defendants filed the Motion on December 15, 2020. Plaintiff filed an Opposition to the 5 Motion ("Opposition"), Countermotion for Continuance Based on NRCP 56(f) ("56(f) Countermotion"), and Countermotion for Imposition of Monetary Sanctions (collectively, 6 7 "Countermotion") on December 29, 2020. On January 20, 2021, Defendants filed a Reply brief. 8 On January 29, 2021, Defendants filed a Supplement ("Supplement") to Defendants' Motion for 9 Summary Judgment. The Supplement included the deposition of Frank Miao ("Miao"), the 10 designated person most knowledgeable for Plaintiff, from January 12, 2021. Plaintiff did not file 11 a response to the Supplement. Mr. Miao attended the hearing.

After considering the pleadings of counsel, the Court enters the following order **GRANTING** the Motion, **DENYING** the 56(f) Countermotion, and Countermotion, and **GRANTING** attorneys' fees and costs to Defendants pursuant to Nevada Rule of Civil Procedure 11:

## **Findings of Facts**

## First Residential Purchase Agreement and Waiver of Inspections, Contractual Broker Limitations

19 1. 2132 Houston Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89104 ("Property") was originally
 20 constructed in 1954. On or about August 11, 2017, Marie Zhu ("Zhu"), the original purchaser,
 21 executed a residential purchase agreement ("RPA") for the Property. At all times relevant, Ms.
 22 Zhu and Mr. Miao, the managing member of Plaintiff, were sophisticated buyers related to
 23 "property management, property acquisition, and property maintenance." The purchase price for
 24 the property was \$200,000.

25 2. Through the RPA, Ms. Zhu waived her due diligence, although she had a right to
26 conduct inspections:

During such Period, Buyer shall have the right to conduct, noninvasive/non-destructive inspections of all structural, roofing, mechanical, electrical, plumbing, heating/air conditioning,

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1 water/well/septic, pool/spa, survey, square footage, and any other property or systems, through licensed and bonded contractors or 2 other qualified professionals. 3 3. Ms. Zhu did not cancel the contract related to any issues with the Property. 4 4. Under Paragraph 7(C) of the RPA, Ms. Zhu waived the Due Diligence condition. 5 *Id.* Under Paragraph 7(D) of the RPA, it provided: It is strongly recommended that Buyer retain licensed Nevada 6 professionals to conduct inspections. If any inspection is not 7 completed and requested repairs are not delivered to Seller within the Due Diligence Period, Buyer is deemed to have waived the 8 right to that inspection and Seller's liability for the cost of all repairs that inspection would have reasonably identified had it 9 been conducted, except as otherwise provided by law. 5. Ms. Zhu waived any liability of Defendants for the cost of all repairs that 10 11 inspection would have reasonably identified had it been conducted. Ms. Zhu also waived the 12 energy audit, pest inspection, roof inspection, septic lid removal inspection, mechanical 13 inspection, soil inspection, and structural inspection. 14 Under Paragraph 7(F), it was Ms. Zhu's responsibility to inspect the Property 6. 15 sufficiently as to satisfy her use. Additionally, Wong, Lin, Chen, Zhang, Cheng, and Nickrandt 16 (collectively, "Brokers" or "Broker Defendants") had "no responsibility to assist in the payment 17 of any repair, correction or deferred maintenance on the Property which may have been revealed 18 by the above inspections, agreed upon by the Buyer and Seller or requested by one party." 19 7. On August 2, 2017, TKNR submitted Seller's Real Property Disclosure Form 20 ("SRPDF" or "Seller's Disclosures") timely indicating all known conditions of the Subject 21 Property. In fact, TKNR disclosed that "3 units has (sic) brand new AC installed within 3 22 months," and further that the "owner never resided in the property and never visited the 23 property." It also disclosed that the minor renovations, such as painting, were conducted by the 24 Seller's "handyman" as disclosed in the Seller's Disclosures. Seller also disclosed that it had 25 done construction, modification, alterations, or repairs without permits. Despite these 26 disclosures, Plaintiff chose not to inspect the Subject Property, request additional information 27 and/or conduct any reasonable inquires.

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*Limitations* 2 3 8. On or before September 5, 2017, Ms. Zhu had issues related to the financing for 4 the Property because of an appraisal, so Ms. Zhu executed a new purchase agreement, and would 5 agree to pay the difference in an appraisal with a lower value than the purchase price, and waive inspections: 6 7 Please note that seller agree the rest of terms and request to add the below term on the contract: 8 "Buyer agree to pay the difference in cash if appraisal come in lower than purchase price, not to exceed purchase price of \$200k" 9 I just send you the docs, please review and sign if you are agree. Thank you! (Per buyer's request will waive licensed home inspector to do 10 the home inspection) 11 9. 12 On the same day, Ms. Zhu and TKNR agreed to Addendum No. 1 to cancel the

Second Residential Purchase Agreement and Waiver of Inspections, Contractual Broker

9. On the same day, Ms. Zhu and TKNR agreed to Addendum No. 1 to cancel the RPA dated August 11, 2017 and entered into a new Residential Purchase Agreement dated September 5, 2017 ("2<sup>nd</sup> RPA"). As before, the overall purchase price for the Property was \$200,000, but Ms. Zhu changed the contingency for the loan to \$150,000 with earnest money deposit of \$500 and a balance of \$49,500 owed at the close of escrow ("COE" or "Closing"). The COE was set for September 22, 2017.

18 10. Notably, although Ms. Zhu had not initialed the "Failure to Cancel or Resolve
19 Objections" provision in the RPA, she initialed the corresponding provision in the 2<sup>nd</sup> RPA. This
20 was consistent with Ms. Zhu's instructions to Ms. Chen. Ex. D. This is the second time that Ms.
21 Zhu waived inspections for the Property despite the language in the 2<sup>nd</sup> RPA that strongly
22 advised to get an inspection done.

11. As noted, Ms. Zhu waived any inspections related to the purchase of the Property
in the 2<sup>nd</sup> RPA. Although Ms. Zhu had actual knowledge of the Seller's Disclosures, and the
Parties agreed to extend the COE to January 5, 2018, Ms. Zhu still never did any professional
inspections. Instead, she put down an additional \$60,000 as a non-refundable deposit to the
TNKR. Moreover, she also agreed to pay rent in the amount of \$650 per month for one of the
units, and to also pay the property manager \$800 for the tenant placement fee. Through

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Addendum 2 to the 2<sup>nd</sup> RPA, Ms. Zhu later changed the purchaser to Plaintiff. 1 2 Deposition of Plaintiff's Person Most Knowledgeable – Mr. Miao 3 12. Since 2008, Mr. Miao, Ms. Zhu, and/or Plaintiff have been involved in the 4 purchase of approximately twenty residential properties. In Clark County alone, Ms. Zhu and 5 Mr. Miao were involved with the purchase of at least eight rental properties starting in 2014. 13. Plaintiff understands the importance of reading contracts. 6 7 14. Mr. Miao specified that he understands that he needs to check public records 8 when conducting his due diligence. 9 15. Plaintiff was a sophisticated buyer who understood the necessity of getting properties inspected. 10 11 Requirement to Inspect was Known 12 16. In terms of the RPA were clear to Plaintiff. 13 17. As to Paragraph 7(A), Mr. Miao specified that he believed that his inspection and 14 conversations with the tenant constituted the actions necessary to deem the Property as 15 satisfactory for Plaintiff's purchase.  $19 \cdot \cdot \cdot A \cdot \cdot Yes \cdot Based on -- we bought this -- we go$ 16 20 to the inspection, then we also talk to the tenant, 17 21 so we thinking this is investment property; right? 22 So financial it's looking at the rent, it's 23 reasonable, it's not very high compared with the 18 24 surrounding area. Then also financially, it's good. 19  $25 \cdots$  Then I take a look at the – everything Page 164 20 ·1 outside. · Good. · So I said, Fine. · That's satisfied. ·2 That's the reason I command my wife to sign the 21  $\cdot$ 3 purchase agreement. 22 18. At all times relevant prior to the purchase of the Property, Plaintiff had access to 23 inspect the entire property and conduct non-invasive, non-destructive inspections:  $\cdot 2 \cdot \cdot \cdot 0$ . So at the time when you did your 24 ·3 diligence, you had a right to conduct noninvasive, •4 nondestructive inspection; correct? 25  $\cdot 5 \cdot \cdot \cdot A \cdot \cdot Yes$ , I did.  $\cdot 6 \cdot \cdot Q \cdot \cdot And$  you had the opportunity to inspect all 26  $\cdot$ 7 the structures?  $\cdot 8 \cdot \cdot \cdot A \cdot \cdot I$  check the other one -- on the walk, I 27 ·9 don't see the new cracking, so the -- some older 28 10 cracking. I check the neighbor who also have that Page 5 of 43 AA001167 0061

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1 11 one. I think it's okay; right? Then the – 2 Supplement at 166:2-11. 3  $8 \cdots Q$ . So you had the right to inspect the •9 structure; correct?  $10 \cdot \cdot \cdot A \cdot \cdot Y$ es, yes, I did that. 4  $11 \cdots Q$ . You had the right to inspect the roof; is 5 12 that correct?  $13 \cdot \cdot \cdot A \cdot \cdot Yes.$  $14 \cdot \cdot \cdot Q \cdot \cdot O$ kay.  $\cdot$  Did you do that? 6  $15 \cdot \cdot \cdot A \cdot \cdot I$  forgot.  $\cdot I$  maybe did that because 7 16 usually I go to the roof. \* \* \* 8  $22 \cdot \cdot \cdot Q \cdot \cdot Y$  ou had the right to inspect the 23 mechanical system; correct? 9  $24 \cdot \cdot \cdot A \cdot \cdot Right \cdot Yes, yes.$  $25 \cdots Q$ . You had the right to inspect the 10 Page 167 ·1 electrical systems; correct? 11  $\cdot 2 \cdot \cdot \cdot A \cdot \cdot I$  check the electrical system, yes.  $\cdot 3 \cdot \cdot \cdot Q \cdot \cdot Y$  ou had a right to inspect the plumbing 12 ·4 systems; correct?  $\cdot 5 \cdot \cdot \cdot A \cdot \cdot Yes.$ rel - (702) 477.7030; Fax - (702) 477.0096 13  $\cdot 6 \cdot \cdot \cdot Q \cdot \cdot Y$  ou had the right to inspect the ·7 heating/air conditioning system; correct? 14  $\cdot 8 \cdot \cdot \cdot A \cdot \cdot Yes.$ \* \* \* 15  $\cdot 3 \cdot \cdot \cdot Q \cdot \cdot And$  then you could have inspected any •4 other property or system within the property itself; 16  $\cdot$ 5 correct?  $\cdot 6 \cdot \cdot \cdot A \cdot \cdot Yes$ , yes. 17 18 *Id.* at 167:8-16, 167:22-25-168:1-11, 168:25-169:1-6. 19 19. Prior to the purchase, Mr. Miao was always aware that the Seller "strongly 20 recommended that buyer retain licensed Nevada professionals to conduct inspections": 21  $13 \cdots Q$ . "It is strongly recommended that buyer 14 retain licensed Nevada professionals to conduct 22 15 inspections."  $16 \cdot \cdot \cdot \mathbf{A} \cdot \cdot \mathbf{Y}$ es. 23  $17 \cdots Q$ . Yeah. So you were aware of this 18 recommendation at the time --24  $19 \cdot \cdot \cdot A \cdot \cdot Yeah$ , I know. Id. at 176:13-19. 25 26 20. Plaintiff was also aware of the language in the RPA under Paragraph 7(D) that limited potential damages that could have been discovered by an inspection: 27 28 //// Page 6 of 43 AA001168 0062

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1 18. · · Q. · · Okay. · So going back to paragraph 7D -- $19 \cdot \cdot \cdot A \cdot \cdot Yeah.$ 2  $20 \cdot \cdot \cdot Q \cdot \cdot - right$ , after the language that's in 21 italics, would you admit that because it's in the 3 22 italics, it's conspicuous, you can see this 23 language?  $24 \cdot \cdot \cdot A \cdot \cdot Y eah \cdot Y eah$ . 4  $25 \cdots Q$ . Okay. Then it goes on to say, "If any 5 Page 179 ·1 inspection is not completed and requested repairs ·2 are not delivered to seller within the due diligence 6 ·3 period, buyer is deemed to have waived the right to 7 •4 that inspection and seller's liability for the cost ·5 of all repairs that inspection would have reasonably 8 ·6 identified had it been conducted."  $\cdot 7 \cdot \cdot \cdot \cdot$  Did I read that correctly? 9  $\cdot 8 \cdot \cdot \cdot A \cdot \cdot Yes$ , yes.  $\cdot 9 \cdot \cdot \cdot Q \cdot \cdot O$ kay. So we'll eventually get to the 10 10 issues that, you know, Ms. Chen identified that you 11 wanted corrected in the emails or text messages. 11  $12 \cdots$  Is that fair to say that those are the 13 only issues that you deemed needed to be resolved to 12 14 go forward with the purchase?  $15 \cdot \cdot \cdot A \cdot \cdot Yeah \cdot \cdot After that time, yes.$ 13 Id. at 179:18-25-180:1-15. 14 15 21. Finally, as to the RPA, Mr. Miao agreed that all the terms in it were conspicuous 16 and understandable, and it was a standard agreement similar to the other agreements he had used 17 in purchasing the other properties in Clark County, Nevada. Id. at 198:19-25-199:1-2, 200:3-15. 18 Mr. Miao Does Inspections for Plaintiff Although he is not a Licensed, Bonded Professional Inspector 19 20 22. As to all the properties purchased by Plaintiff, Mr. Miao always does the 21 inspections and does not believe a professional inspection is necessary. Id. at 116:2-9, 119:3-25, 22 140:5-10. Based on his own belief, he does not believe that a professional inspection is 23 necessary for multi-tenant residential properties. Id. at 120:6-9 (his own understanding), 120:16-24 25 (second-hand information he received). 25 23. Notably, he does not have any professional license related to being a general 26 contractor, inspector, appraiser, or project manager. Id. at 123:5-16 (no professional licenses), 27 123:23-24 (no property management license), 169:7-14 (no licensed or bonded inspector),

28 171:23-25 (have not read the 1952 Uninformed Building Code), 172:17-19 (not an electrician),

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1	172:23-25-1-16 (no general contractor license or qualified under the intentional building code),		
2	174:13-23 (not familiar with the international residential code).		
3	24. Mr. Miao has never hired a professional inspector in Clark County, <i>Id.</i> at 140:19-		
4	21, so he does not actually know what a professional inspection would encompass here. Id. at		
5	143:9-13, 144:8-19.		
6	25. The main reason Plaintiff does not use a professional inspector is because of the		
7	cost. <i>Id.</i> at 147:2-7.		
8	26. On or about August 10, 2017, Mr. Miao did an inspection of the Property. Id. at		
9	158:1-25-159:1-12. During that time, he admitted that he noticed some issues with the Property		
10	that were not up to code, finishing issues, GFCI outlets <sup>1</sup> , and electrical issues:		
11	$16 \cdot \cdot \cdot A \cdot \cdot I$ looked at a lot of things. For example, 17 like, the I point out some drywall is not		
12	18 finished; right? And the some of smoke alarm is 19 not is missing and which is law required to		
13	20 put in for smoke alarm. Then no carbon monoxide		
14	<ul> <li>21 alarm, so I ask them to put in.</li> <li>22····Then in the kitchen, lot of electrical,</li> <li>23 the outlet is not a GFCI outlet, so I tell them, I</li> </ul>		
15	24 said, You need to change this GFCI. Right now this 25 outlet is not meet code. You probably have problem.		
16	25 outlet is not meet code. Tou producty have problem.		
17	Id.		
18	27. Similarly, he also specified that there was an issue with exposed electrical in Unit		
19	C. Id. at 175:10-24. He also noted that there could have been a potential asbestos issue as well.		
20	<i>Id.</i> at 160:7-12.		
21	28. Additionally, Mr. Miao noted that there were cracks in the ceramic floor tiles, <i>Id</i> .		
22	at 249:22-25, and he was aware of visible cracks in the concrete foundation, Id. at 269:13-22		
23	(aware of slab cracks), which were open and obvious. <i>Id.</i> at 270:14-24.		
24	29. Mr. Miao also admitted that he could also have seen the dryer vent during his		
25	inspection. Id. at 269:23-25.		
26	The Second Amended Complaint references GFCI at Paragraph 31(a). This illustrates the overall bad faith		
27 28	and frivolous nature of the pleading since Mr. Miao is the one who requested TKNR to install these for Plaintiff.		
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1	30. As to those issues, Mr. Miao determined that the aforementioned issues were the	
2	only issues that TKNR needed to fix after his inspection. Id. at 171:2-9 (was only concerned	
3	about the appraisal), <i>Id.</i> at 219:13-25-221:1-2.	
4	31. Moreover, Mr. Miao received the SRPDF prior to the purchase of the Property.	
5	Id. at 201:22-25. As to SRPDF, Plaintiff was aware that TKNR was an investor who had not	
6	resided in the Property, and there were issues with the heating systems, cooling systems, and that	
7	there was work done without permits. Id. at 201:1-25-202:1-12. Similarly, it was aware that the	
8	Property was 63 years old at that time, Id. at 204:4-7, and all the work was done by a handyman	
9	other than the HVAC installation. Id. at 205:14-25, Id. at 134:14-25 (understands the difference	
10	between a handyman and a licensed contractor), 243:2 ("Yes. They did by the handyman, yes.").	
11	32. Despite these disclosures, Mr. Miao never followed up:	
12	$23 \cdots Q$ . Okay. So when they disclosed that there 24 was construction and modification, alterations,	
13	25 and/or repairs made without State, City, County	
14	Page 205 1 building permits, which was also work that was done 2 by surger's handwrean did you over do any follow wr	
15	•2 by owner's handyman, did you ever do any follow-up •3 inquiries to the seller about this issue? •4•••• A.•••No, I didn't follow up.•	
16	·4· · · A.· ·No, I didn't lollow up.·	
17	<i>Id.</i> at 204:23-25-205:1-4.	
18	33. However, Mr. Miao also admitted that he could have followed up on the issues	
19	identified in the SRPDF that included the HVAC and the permits:	
20	$10 \cdot \cdot \cdot Q \cdot \cdot U$ nder the disclosure form	
21	11. $\cdot \cdot A$ . $\cdot \cdot Y$ eah. 12. $\cdot \cdot Q$ . $\cdot$ like, where it specified that there	
22	13 were heating system/cooling system issues that 14 they're aware of, that you could have elected to	
23	15 have an inspection done at that time; correct? $16 \cdot \cdot \cdot A \cdot \cdot Yes.$	
24	<i>Id.</i> at 206:10-16.	
25	$15 \cdot \cdot \cdot Q \cdot \cdot O$ kay. $\cdot$ So as your attorney said, you could	
26	16 have obtained a copy of the permits at any time? 17 Yes?	
27	$18 \cdot \cdot A \cdot \cdot Yes.$ $19 \cdot \cdot Q \cdot \cdot Okay.$ And then it's fair to say that just	
28	20 put you on notice of the potential permit issue; 21 correct?	
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1		$22 \cdot \cdot \cdot A \cdot \cdot Y$ es. $23 \cdot \cdot \cdot Q \cdot \cdot I$ t also put you on notice of the issues of	
2		24 everything that's basically specified on page 38; 25 correct?	
3		Page 209 1··· A.· ·Yes.	
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5		25-210:1, 245:22-25 (could have obtained permit information	,
6	34.	Similarly, Mr. Miao was aware that he should have conta	cted the local building
7	department as	s part of his due diligence:	
8		$22 \cdot \cdot \cdot Q \cdot \cdot O$ kay. So you understand that for more 23 information during the diligence process, you should	
9		24 contact the local building department? $25 \cdot \cdot \cdot A \cdot \cdot Yes \cdot \cdot$	
10		Page 260 * * *	
11		•5•••• Q.•• it provides you with the address of the •6 building and safety department; is that correct?	
12		$\cdot 7 \cdot \cdot A \cdot \cdot Y$ es. $\cdot 8 \cdot \cdot Q \cdot \cdot A$ nd the office hours; is that correct?	
13		$\cdot 9 \cdot \cdot \cdot \hat{A} \cdot \cdot Y$ es. 10 $\cdot \cdot \cdot Q \cdot \cdot \cdot A$ nd it also provides you with a phone	
14		11 number; correct? $12 \cdot \cdot \cdot A \cdot \cdot \cdot Yes.$	
15		$13 \cdots Q$ . And this is information or resources that 14 you could have used at any time related to finding	
16		15 information about the permits of the property; 16 correct?	
17		$17 \cdot \cdot \cdot A \cdot \cdot Yes.$ 18 $\cdot \cdot \cdot Q \cdot \cdot And$ this would have been true prior to the	
18		19 purchase of the building; correct? $20 \cdots A \cdots Yes.$	
19		$21 \cdots Q$ . And this would also have been true at the 22 time you read the disclosure that specified that	
20		23 some of the improvements or some of the disclosures 24 had been done without a permit; right?	
21		$25 \cdot \cdot \cdot A \cdot \cdot Y es.$	
22	Id. at 260:22-	25, 261:5-25.	
23	35.	Plaintiff was also on notice of the potential for mold and the	ne requirement to get a
24	mold inspection:		
25		•5•••• Q.•••Okay.• And it says, "It's the buyer's duty •6 to inspect.• Buyer hereby assumes responsibility to	
26		•7 conduct whatever inspections buyer deems necessary •8 to inspect the property for mold contamination.	
27		•9•••••"Companies able to perform such 10 inspections can be found in the yellow pages under	
28		11 environmental and ecological services."	
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	1	12·····I read that correctly?· Yes?
	2	$13 \cdots A \cdots Yes.$ $14 \cdots Q \cdots Okay \cdots And$ then you elected not to get a
	3	15 mold inspection; correct? $16 \cdot \cdot \cdot A \cdot \cdot Yeah \cdot \cdot$
	4	<i>Id.</i> at 213:5-16.
	5	$\cdot 5 \cdot \cdot \cdot Q \cdot \cdot So$ you relied upon your own determination
	6	$\cdot$ 6 related to the potential mold exposure of the $\cdot$ 7 property; correct? $\cdot$ 8 $\cdot \cdot \cdot$ A $\cdot \cdot \cdot$ Yes.
	7	$9 \cdots Q$ . Okay. And you elected to proceed with 10 purchasing it without a professional mold
	8	11 inspection; correct? $12 \cdots A \cdots Yes.$
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	10	<i>Id.</i> at 216:5-12.
	11	36. Despite actual knowledge of these issues, Plaintiff did not elect to have a
960	12	professional inspection done. 160:17-20.
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7030; F <sub>/</sub>	16	$\cdot 3 \cdot \cdot A \cdot \cdot Mm$ -hmm. $\cdot 4 \cdot \cdot Q \cdot \cdot -$ there's a bunch of Nevada statutes
)2) 477.	17	$\cdot$ 5 here. $\cdot 6 \cdot \cdot A \cdot \cdot Mm$ -hmm.
TEL – (70	18	$\cdot 7 \cdot \cdot Q \cdot \cdot If$ you look at NRS 113.140 $\cdot 8 \cdot \cdot A \cdot \cdot Mm$ -hmm.
	19	$9 \cdot \cdot \cdot Q$ . · · - · do you see that at the top of the page? 10 "Disclosure of unknown defects not required. Form
	20	11 does not constitute warranty duty of buyer and 12 prospective buyer to exercise reasonable care."
	21	$13 \cdots D0$ you see that? $14 \cdots A \cdots Yes$ .
	22	$15 \cdots Q$ . Okay. So this disclosure form gave Marie 16 Zhu, your wife, a copy of the Nevada law that was
	23	17 applicable to the sale of the property; correct? 18···A.··Yeah. 19···Q.··Okay.· And under NRS 113.1403, it
	24	20 specifies, "Either this chapter or Chapter 645 of 21 the NRS relieves a buyer or prospective buyer of the
	25	22 duty to exercise reasonable care to protect 23 himself."
	26	$24 \cdots \cdots$ Did I read that correctly? $25 \cdots A \cdots Yes$ .
	27	
	28	<i>Id</i> . at 209:2-25.
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1	38. Plaintiff assumed the risk of failing to exercise reasonable care to protect itself.		
2		Dispute a Professional Inspection Could Have Revealed the	
3	39.	The alleged defects identified by both parties' experts could find a minimum has a data the shility to inspect Mr. Mi	
4		of the original purchase. As to the ability to inspect, Mr. Mi	
5 6		e entire building. <i>Id.</i> at 250:22-25. He had access to the attic Ir. Miao admitted that Plaintiff's expert examined the same an	
7	231.4-14. 1	$\cdot 6 \cdot \cdot \cdot Q \cdot \cdot Okay \cdot \cdot So you walked through the property$	eas that he uld.
8		$\cdot$ 7 with him at the time he did his inspection; correct? $\cdot$ 8 A Right.	
o 9		$\cdot 9 \cdot \cdot Q$ . $\cdot Okay$ . During that time, did he inspect 10 any areas that that you did not have access to in 11 2017?	
10		$12 \cdot \cdot \cdot A$ . · Yes. · He didn't go to anything I didn't 13 inspect during 2017 too.	
11		$14 \cdot \cdot \cdot Q \cdot \cdot S_0$ he inspected the same areas you $15$ inspected?	
12		$16 \cdot \cdot \cdot A \cdot \cdot Yes$ , yes.	
13	Id. at 291:6-	16.	
) 14	40.	Notably, Plaintiff's expert did not do any destructive t	testing, so the expert's
15 access was exactly the same as Mr. Miao's original inspection. <i>Id.</i> at 291		:1-5.	
16	41. Mr. Miao admitted that Plaintiff's expert's inspection of the HVAC, <i>Id.</i> at 29.		he HVAC, <i>Id</i> . at 292:2-
17	5, 293:18-23, and the plumbing system, Id. at 300:19-25-301:1-4, would have been the same		have been the same as
18	his in 2017.		
19	42.	Mr. Miao also admitted that the pictures attached to Plain	tiff's expert report were
20	areas that he	could have inspected in 2017. Id. at 302:6-13.	
21	43.	Additionally, Mr. Miao accompanied Defendants' exper-	t during his inspection.
22	<i>Id.</i> at 320:31	-25. As before, Mr. Miao had the same access to the Proper	ty in 2017 for the areas
23	inspected by Defendants' expert. Id. at 321:1-6.		
24	44. Mr. Miao agreed with Defendants' expert that the alleged conditions identified by		conditions identified by
25	Plaintiff's expert were "open and obvious":		
26		$22 \cdots Q$ . And then the second line down, the first 23 sentence begins, "Items complained about in the Sani	
27		24 report were open and obvious in the roof area, attic 25 area, and on the exterior/interior of the property."	
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1	* * * $\cdot 3 \cdot \cdot \cdot Q \cdot \cdot Do$ you agree with this statement?		
2	$\cdot 4 \cdot \cdot A \cdot \cdot Y$ es.		
3	<i>Id.</i> at 318:22-25-319:3-4.		
4	45. He also agreed with Defendants' expert's finding that there was no no	oticeable	
5	sagging in the roof. Id. at 333:20-24.		
6	46. Incredibly, Mr. Miao also recognized the deficiency in Plaintiff's expert	's report	
7	that failed to differentiate between conditions prior to when TKNR owned the Property, while it		
8	owned it, and those afterwards:		
9	17Q.: midway down the first complete sentence 18 says, "The Sani report does not recognize prior		
10	19 conditions in existence before any work took place 20 by defendants."		
11	$21 \cdots \cdots$ Do you agree with this statement? Page 321		
12	* * * $\cdot 3 \cdot \cdots \cdot Y$ es, yes.		
13	·4 BY MR. LEE: ·5· · · Q. · ·You agree with that?· Okay.		
14	$\cdot 6 \cdot \cdot A \cdot \cdot A$ gree.		
15	Id. at 321:17-21 – 322:3-6. This would have also included any issues with the dryer vent and		
16	ducts, Id. at 325:3-20, as he recognized that most rentals do not include washer / dryer units. Id.		
17	at 326:7-25-327:1-9.		
18	No Permits Required for Cosmetic Work by TKNR		
19	47. No dispute exists that TKNR did not need permits for the interior wor	k it had	
20	done to the Property. Mr. Miao admitted the following:		
21	•5•••• Q.••Number 5 says, "Painting, papering, •6 tiling, carpeting, cabinets, countertops, interior		
22	·7 wall, floor or ceiling covering, and similar finish ·8 work."		
23	$9 \cdot \cdots \cdot D0$ you see that? $10 \cdot \cdots A \cdot \cdot Yes.$		
24	$11 \cdots Q$ . So you agree that no permits are required 12 for any of these types of work; correct?		
25	$13 \cdots A$ . Yes.		
26	<i>Id</i> . at 262:5-13.		
27	<ul> <li>1 Window Replacements where no structural member no</li> <li>·2 structural member is altered or changed," that does</li> </ul>		
28	·3 not need a permit either; right?		
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1  $\cdot 4 \cdot \cdot \cdot A \cdot \cdot Yes.$ 2 Id. at 265:1-4. 3  $17 \cdot \cdot \cdot Q \cdot \cdot O$ kay. If you turn the page to 82, 18 Plumbing Improvements, no permits required to repair 4 19 or replace the sink; correct?  $20 \cdot \cdot \cdot \dot{A} \cdot \cdot Yes.$ 5  $21 \cdot \cdot \cdot Q$ . To repair or replace a toilet?  $22 \cdot \cdot \cdot A \cdot \cdot Yes.$  $23 \cdot \cdot \cdot Q \cdot \cdot To$  repair or replace a faucet? 6  $24 \cdot \cdot \cdot A \cdot \cdot Yes.$ 7  $25 \cdot \cdot \cdot Q$ . · Resurfacing or replacing countertops? Page 264 8  $\cdot 1 \cdot \cdot \cdot A \cdot \cdot Yes.$  $\cdot 2 \cdot \cdot \cdot Q \cdot \cdot Resurfacing shower walls?$ 9  $\cdot 3 \cdot \cdot \cdot A \cdot \cdot Yes.$  $\cdot 4 \cdot \cdot \cdot Q$ . · Repair or replace shower heads? 10  $\cdot 5 \cdot \cdot A \cdot \cdot Yes.$  $\cdot 6 \cdot \cdot \cdot Q \cdot \cdot Repair$  or replace rain gutters and down 11  $\cdot$ 7 spouts?  $\cdot 8 \cdot \cdot \cdot A \cdot \cdot Yes.$  $\cdot 9 \cdot \cdot \cdot Q \cdot \cdot Regrouting tile?$ 12  $10 \cdot \cdot \cdot A \cdot \cdot Yes.$ rel - (702) 477.7030; Fax - (702) 477.0096  $11 \cdots Q$ . And a hose bib, whatever that is. 13  $12 \cdot \cdot \cdot A \cdot \cdot W$ ater freezer. It's, like, for the 14 13 filtration of the water.  $14 \cdot \cdot \cdot Q \cdot \cdot O$ kay. And then for the mechanical, no 15 permits required for portable heating appliances; 15 16 correct. 16  $17 \cdot \cdot \cdot A \cdot \cdot Yes.$  $18 \cdots Q$ . For portable ventilation appliances? 17  $19 \cdot \cdot \cdot A \cdot \cdot Yes.$  $20 \cdot \cdot \cdot Q \cdot \cdot Or$  portable cooling units; correct? 18  $21 \cdot \cdot \cdot A \cdot \cdot Yes.$  $22 \cdot \cdot \cdot Q$ . And for portable evaporative coolers 19 23 installed in windows; correct?  $24 \cdot \cdot \cdot A \cdot \cdot Yes.$ 20 Id. at 264:17-25-265:1-24. 21 22 Plaintiff Does not Disclose the Alleged Issues to Potential Tenants 23 48. Since the date it purchased the Property, Plaintiff has always been trying to lease 24 it. Id. at 330:19-25-331:1-2. According to Mr. Miao, the landlord must provide safe housing for 25 the tenant: 26  $19 \cdots$  Then also in according to the law, and 20 they said it very clearly, because this is 27 21 residential income property, right, rental income 22 property, multi-family, we need -- landlord need 28 23 provide housing and well-being and -- for the Page 14 of 43 AA001176 0070

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1		24 tenant. The tenant is not going to do all this 25 inspection. They can't. The burden is on the	
2	Page 120 ·1 landlord to make sure all these building is safe and		
3		·2 in good condition.	
4	<i>Id.</i> at 120:16	5-25-121:1-2, 140:10-14. However, they have not done any c	of the repairs listed by
5	Plaintiff's ex	xpert. Id. at 331:3-12. This illustrates the lack of merit of I	Plaintiff that there are
6	underlying co	conditions with the Property.	
7	49.	Moreover, Plaintiff does not provide any notice to the tena	ants about its expert's
8	report or this litigation:		
9		$\cdot 6 \cdot \cdot \cdot Q$ . $\cdot$ All right. $\cdot$ In terms of tenants renting $\cdot 7$ out the units to any tenants, do you ever provide	
10		$\cdot$ 8 them with a copy of the Sani report? $\cdot 9 \cdot \cdot \cdot A \cdot \cdot No.$	
11		$10 \cdot \cdot \cdot Q_{\cdot} \cdot D_{\circ}$ you ever provide them with any of the 11 pleadings or the first amended complaint, second	
12		12 amended complaint, the complaint itself? $13 \cdot \cdot \cdot A \cdot \cdot No.$	
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14		$22 \cdots Q$ . ··Okay. · So basically, you just tell them, 23 There's this. · You can inspect the unit if you want;	
15		24 is that it? 25 $\cdot \cdot \cdot A \cdot \cdot \cdot$ Yeah. $\cdot$ And also we need to tell is a lot	
16		Page 337 1 of things report that we don't need to go to the	
17		·2 inside the building. · It's wall cracking. · It's ·3 outside. · You can see.	
18		$\cdot 4 \cdot \cdot \cdot Q$ . $\cdot \cdot O$ kay. $\cdot$ So it's open and obvious for them? $\cdot 5 \cdot \cdot \cdot A$ . $\cdot \cdot Y$ eah. $\cdot Y$ ou can see always outside.	
19	<i>Id</i> . at 337:6-1	13, 337:22-25-338:1-5.	
20	50.	This illustrates the lack of merit of Plaintiff's claims, pro-	oven that it has done
21	nothing to correct the allegedly deficient conditions that are clearly not so dangerous as it does		
22	not tell prospective tenants about them.		
23		Squatters or Tenants Could Have Damaged the Proper	<u>ty</u>
24	51.	Mr. Miao admitted that multiple third parties could have po	stentially damaged the
25	Property. Th	he Property has a historic problem with squatters during the tim	ne that Plaintiff owned
26	it:		
27		$12 \cdots Q \cdots Do$ you generally have a squatter problem	
28		13 with the property? $14 \cdot \cdot \cdot A \cdot \cdot Yes \cdot As$ a matter of fact, today I just	
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1 15 saw the one text message that said one -- some 16 people go to my apartment. 2 3 *Id.* at 110:12-16. He also admitted that tenants could have damaged the Property while they 4 were occupying it: 5  $\cdot 4 \cdot \cdot \cdot Q \cdot \cdot O$ kay. So the tenant in this context would •5 have damaged the unit at the time that you owned it;  $\cdot$ 6 is that fair? 6  $\cdot 7 \cdot \cdot \cdot A \cdot \cdot Maybe \cdot Yes.$ 7  $\cdot 8 \cdot \cdot \cdot Q \cdot \cdot O$ kay.  $\cdot$  So some of the -- so the damage •9 that was to the water heater system, could the 8 10 tenant have damaged that as well?  $11 \cdot \cdot \cdot A \cdot \cdot Yes.$ 9  $12 \cdots Q$ . And then he could have damaged the cooler 13 pump and the valve as well; is that correct?  $14 \cdot \cdot \cdot \dot{A} \cdot \cdot Yes.$ 10  $15 \cdot \cdot \cdot Q \cdot \cdot O$ kay. Then on 122, these are all issues 11 16 that the tenant could have damaged; is that correct?  $17 \cdot \cdot \cdot A \cdot \cdot Yes.$ 12  $18 \cdots Q$ . And then the same through for 145; is that 19 right? 13  $20 \cdot \cdot \cdot A \cdot \cdot Yes.$ 14 Id. at 306:4-20, 330:5-7. This could also account for the cracking on the walls. Id. at 310:8-12. 15 Tenants could have also damaged the Property if they hit it with their cars. Id. at 332:14-16. 16 No Evidence That Defendants Knew of Alleged Conditions 17 52. Plaintiff's case is based on speculation that Defendants knew about the alleged 18 conditions in the Property; however, Mr. Miao admitted that there is no evidence that shows 19 Defendants knew about them. *Id.* at 245:1-13 (speculating that InvestPro made changes). 20 53. The entire case is based on Mr. Miao's personal belief and speculation. Id. at 253:17-19. 21 22 54. Mr. Miao admitted that he has no evidence Defendants knew about the alleged 23 moisture conditions. Id. at 293:24-25-294:1-3. Additionally, he also admitted that there is no 24 evidence that Defendants knew about the alleged issues with the plumbing system. Id. at 25 301:21-24. He also admitted that he did not know if Defendants knew about the alleged issues 26 with the duct work when they owned the Property. Id. at 314:5-19. He also recognized the 27 deficiency in Plaintiff's expert's report that failed to differentiate between conditions prior to 28 when TKNR owned the Property, while it owned it, and those afterwards. Id. at 321:17-21 -

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55. Mr. Miao also recognized that a 63-year-old property could have issues that were not caused by Defendants. *Id.* at 324:6-15. This would have also included any issues with the dryer vent and ducts, *Id.* at 325:3-20, and when the duct became disconnected. *Id.* at 329:1-16.

5 56. Plaintiff did not identify any discovery illustrating a genuine issue of material fact
6 that Defendants knew of the alleged issues with the Property that they had not already disclosed
7 on Seller's Disclosures.

57. Notably, during Mr. Miao's due diligence period, he spoke with the tenants of the Property. *Id.* at 163:12-25-164:1-6. This included a conversation with the long-term tenant of Unit A, who still resides in the Property to this day. *Id.* At that time, the tenant reported being very happy with the Property and had no complaints. *Id.* In fact, the tenant reported still being very happy with the Property. *Id.* at 170:7-9. This illustrates that there is no basis that Defendants should have been aware of any of the issues when Mr. Miao, a self-professed expert, did not even know about them following his inspection.

#### No Basis for Claims for RICO and/or Related to Flipping Fund

58. The Flipping Fund had nothing to do with Plaintiff's decision to purchase the Property. *Id.* at 223:15-25.

 $20 \cdot \cdot \cdot Q$ . · Yeah. · So there's no way that you relied 21 upon any flipping fund since it would have been 22 closed at this time; right? 23 · · · A. · Yeah.

*Id.* at 274:20-23. He also admitted that he never received any pro forma, private placement
information, calculations of profit and loss, capital contribution requirements, member share or
units, or any such information about the Flipping Fund. *Id.* at 277:7-16.

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## Plaintiff Admitted it Inflated its Cost of Repairs

59. Initially, Mr. Miao contacted contractors to bid the potential cost of repair for the
Property and determined that it would have been \$102,873.00. *Id.* at 307:6-22. However,
Plaintiff's expert opined that the cost of repair would have been \$600,000, although he did not
provide an itemized cost of repair. *Id.* at 334:17-21. This illustrates that the bad faith purposes

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1 of this lawsuit were to simply harass Defendants.

60. Mr. Miao perjured himself in his Declaration in support of the Opposition. He
denied, under the penalty of perjury, that he never made an offer to settle this matter for \$10,000.
However, during his deposition he admitted that he did make this offer. *Id.* at 259:5-15 ("so
maybe I tell Lin, Just pay us \$10,000"). As noted in the Motion, this illustrates the overall bad
faith of the litigation where Plaintiff admittedly amplified its alleged damages by more than 6x,
and then trebled the damages, and have run up egregious attorneys' fees for this frivolous action.
These are undisputed facts that prove abuse of process as a matter of law.

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## Allegations in the Second Amended Complaint

61. On November 23, 2020, Plaintiff filed its Second Amended Complaint ("SAC").
 Based on the admissions of Mr. Miao and the waivers related to the RPA and the 2<sup>nd</sup> RPA, these allegations illustrate the overall frivolous nature of this action and why Rule 11 sanctions are appropriate:

25. TKNR failed to disclose one or more known condition(s) that materially affect(s) the value or use of the Subject Property in an adverse manner, as required by NRS Chapter 113, in a particular NRS 113.130.

27. Factual statements from the August 7, 2017 Seller Real Property Disclosure Form (SRPDF) are set forth in Paragraph 31 and the subsections thereof state whe (sic) the disclosures were either inadequate or false. The SRPDF states that it was prepared, presented and initialed by Kenny Lin.

29. Since the Subject Property is a residential rental apartment, to protect tenants and consumers, the applicable local building code requires all renovation, demolition, and construction work must be done by licensed contractors with permits and inspections to ensure compliance with the Uniform Building Code [UBC].

31. Defendants Lin, Investpro, as TKNR's agent, TKNR, Wong and INVESTPRO MANAGER LLC, as the true owner of the Subject Property, did not disclose any and all known conditions and aspects of the property which materially affect the value or use of residential property in an adverse manner, as itemized below.

a. SRPDF stated that Electrical System had no problems or defects. The fact is that many new electric lines were added and many old electric lines were removed by Investpro Manager LLC. The swamp coolers that were removed were supplied by 110 volt power supply lines. Investpro Manager LLC first added one 220v power supply

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line for one new 5 ton heat pump package unit on one roof top area for the whole building for Unit A. Unit B and Unit C. Investro (sic) Manager, LLC then removed the one year old 5 ton heat pump packaged unit from the roof top with power supply lines and added two new 220v power supply lines for two new 2 ton heart pump package units, one each for Unit B and Unit C.

Inestpro (sic) Manager, LLC then added one new 110 volt power supply line for two window cooling units for Unit A. The electrical system load for Unit A was increased due to the installation of two new cooling units and required 100 amp service, but the electrical service was not upgraded to 100 amp service from the existing 50 amp service. Failure to upgrade the electrical service caused the fuses to be blown out multiple times during the cooling seasons of 2018. The tenants in Unit A could not use air conditioning units in cooling seasons of 2018, causing Unit A to be uninhabitable until the Unit A electrical supply panel was upgraded to 100 amp service.

All the electrical supply line addition and removal work were performed without code required electrical load calculation, permits and inspections. To save money, minimize flipping cost, minimize flipping time, maximize flipping fund profits, Investpro Manager LLC used unlicensed and unskilled workers to do the electrical work and used low quality materials used inadequate electrical supply lines.

Further, to save money, minimize flipping cost, minimize flipping time, maximize flipping fund profits, Investpro Manager LLC used unskilled workers who did not know the UBC requirements to do the electrical work This substandard work may lead electrical lines to overheat and cause fires in the attic when tenant electrical load is high.

Further, to save money, minimize flipping cost, minimize flipping time, maximize flipping fund profits, Investpro Manager LLC used unskilled workers who did not know the UBC requirements to do the electrical work. The outlets near the water faucets in kitchens, bathrooms and laundry areas were not GFCI outlets as required by the UBC.

b. SRPDF stated that Plumbing System had no problems or defects

The fact is that that within two years prior to the sale to Plaintiff, Investpro Manager LLC removed and plugged swamp cooler water supply lines without UBC required permits and inspections. To save money, minimize flipping cost, minimize flipping time, and maximize flipping fund profits, Investpro Manager LLC used unlicensed and unskilled workers who just plugged high pressure water supply lines at rooftop instead of at ground level and who did not remove the water supply lines on top of the roof, inside the attic and behind the drywall. In cold winter, the high pressure water line which was left inside the building may freeze and break the copper line and lead flooding in the whole building.

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Further, to save money, minimize flipping cost, minimize flipping time, and maximize flipping fund profits, Investpro Manager LLC used unlicensed and unskilled workers to remove and plug natural gas lines for the natural gas wall furnaces without UBC required permits and inspections.

Further, to save money, minimize flipping cost, minimize flipping time, and maximize flipping fund profits, Investpro Manager LLC used unlicensed and unskilled workers with little knowledge of natural gas pipe connection requirements. The unlicensed and unskilled workers used the wrong sealing materials and these sealing materials may degrade and lead to natural gas leaks and accumulation inside the drywall and the attic which may cause an explosion or fire.

Further, to save money, minimize flipping cost, minimize flipping time, and maximize flipping fund profits, Investpro Manager LLC used unlicensed and unskilled workers to completely renovate all three bathrooms in the Subject Property without UBC required permits and inspections. Some faucets and connections behind tile walls and drywall leak and are causing moisture conditions behind tile walls and drywalls.

c. SRPDF stated that Sewer System and line had no problems or defects.

The subject property was built in 1954. Clay pipes were used at that time for sewer lines. Before the sale, within few days after tenants moved into apartment Unit B, they experienced clogged sewer line which caused the bathrooms to be flooded. The tenants called Investpro to ask them to fix the clogged pipes and address the flooding issues. After this report, Investpro asked tenants to pay to hire plumber to snake the sewer line. After tenants threatened to call the Las Vegas code enforcement office, to save money, minimize flipping cost, minimize flipping time, and maximize flipping fund profits, Investpro used unlicensed and unskilled workers to snake the clay sewer pipes. Licensed contractors must be hired to snake sewer pipes as code required. This approach to clearing the clog may break the clay sewer pipes and cause future tree root grown into sewer lines and clogs in sewer lines.

d. SRPDF stated that Heating System had problems or defects.

No full explanation was provided, as required. Investro (sic) Manager, LLC disabled natural gas heating system without UBC required permits and inspections. To save money, minimize flipping cost, minimize flipping time, and maximize flipping fund profits, Investpro Manager LLC used unlicensed and unskilled workers with little knowledge about natural gas pipe connection requirements. They used the wrong sealing materials and these sealing materials may degrade and lead to a natural gas leak inside the drywall and the attic and may cause an explosion or fire.

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Further, Investpro Manager LLC installed two electrical heat pump heating systems without UBC required permits and inspections for Unit B and Unit C. The Unit A does not have an electrical heat pump heating system nor a natural gas wall furnace heating system now. Unit A has to use portable electrical heaters.

e. SRPDF stated that the Cooling System had problems or defects

No full explanation was provided, as required. Investro (sic) Manager, LLC removed old swamp cooler systems without UBC required permits and inspections. To save money, minimize flipping cost, minimize flipping time, and maximize flipping fund profits, Investpro used unlicensed and unskilled workers to disconnect water supply lines, cover swamp cooler ducting holes, and disconnect 110V electrical supply lines.

Further, as early as March of 2016, Investro Manager, LLC hired Air Supply Cooling to install one five ton new heat pump package unit with new rooftop ducting systems on one roof area to supply cooling and heating air to the whole building consisting of Unit A, Unit B and Unit C without UBC required weight load and wind load calculations, permits and inspections. The five ton heat pumps package unit was too big, too heavy and had control problems. To save money, minimize flipping cost, minimize flipping time, and maximize flipping fund profits, Investpro Manager LLC also used unlicensed and unskilled workers to remove the one year old five ton heat pump package unit with ducting system without UBC required permits and inspections. All of this work was done without UBC required structural calculation, permits and inspections.

Further, in early June, 2017, Investro Manager, LLC hired The AIRTEAM to install two new two ton heat pump package units, one each for Unit B and Unit C. Invespro (sic) Manager, LLC also used unlicensed

and unskilled workers to install two window cooling units in Unit A's exterior walls. All of the above work was done without UBC required permits and inspections.

Further, to save money, minimize flipping cost, minimize flipping time, and maximize flipping fund profits, Investro Manager, LLC did not replace the old, uninsulated swamp cooler ducts with new insulated HVAC ducts as the UBC required. This resulted in the heat pump package units being overloaded and damaged during cooling season because cool air was heated by uninsulated attic hot air before delivering the cooled air to the rooms. The old, uninsulated swamp cooler ducts were also rusted and leaked due to high moisture air from the bathroom vent fans and the clothes washer/dryer combination unit exhaust vents. The heat pumps would run all the time but still could not cool the rooms.

f. SRPDF stated that Smoker detector had no problems or defects

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During Plaintiff's inspection at August 10, 2017 afternoon, some smoke detectors were missing.

g. SRPDF stated that no Previous or current moisture conditions and or water damage.

To save money, minimize flipping cost, minimize flipping time, and maximize flipping fund profits, Investro Manager, LLC used unlicensed and unskilled workers to vent high moisture bathroom fan exhaust and washer/dryer combination unit exhaust into the ceiling attic area instead of venting outside the building roof without UBC required permits and inspections. The improper ventings caused high moisture conditions in ceiling attic and water damages in ceiling and attic. The high moisture conditions in the ceiling attic destroyed ceiling attic insulations, damaged the roof decking, damaged roof trusses and damaged roof structure supports.

To saving money, minimize flipping cost, minimize flipping time, and maximize flipping fund profits, Investpro Manager LLC used unlicensed and unskilled workers to complete renovation to all three bathrooms without UBC required permits and inspections. Some faucets and connections behind tile walls and drywall leaks and caused moisture conditions behind tile walls and drywalls.

h. SRPDF stated that there was no structure defect.

Investpro Manager LLC added one new five ton heat pump package unit with ducting systems on the one roof top area for the whole building in early March, 2016 without UBC required weight load and wind load calculation, permits and inspections. Due to the five ton heat pump package unit being too big, too heavy and having control problems to save money, minimize flipping cost, minimize flipping time, and maximize flipping fund profits, Investro (sic) Manager, LLC used unlicensed and unskilled workers to remove the one year old five ton heat pump package unit with part of the ducting system again without UBC required permits and inspections. Investpro Manager LLC added two new two ton heat pump package units on the two roof top areas for Unit B and Unit C with new ducting systems without UBC required weight load and wind loan calculation, permits and inspections.

Further, to save money, minimize flipping cost, minimize flipping time, and maximize flipping fund profits, Investpro Manager LLC used unlicensed and unskilled workers to open two new window holes on

exterior walls for two window cooling units in Unit A without UBC required structure calculation, permits and inspections. This work damaged the building structure.

Further, the moisture condition behind tile walls and drywall due to faucets leaking damaged the building structure.

Further, Investpro Manager LLC's unlicensed and unskilled workers used the space between two building support columns as a duct to vent high moisture exhaust

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from the washer/dryer combination unit exhaust vent from Unit A without UBC required permits and inspections and this damaged the building structure.

The recent inspection of the exterior wall found multiple cracks which indicates structural problems caused by the heavy load on the roof.

i. SRPDF marked Yes and NO for construction, modification, alterations or repairs made without required state. city or county building permits.

Defendants Lin, Investpro, as TKNR's agent, TKNR, and Wong did not provide detailed explanations. All renovation, demolition, and construction work was done by Investpro Manager LLC using unlicensed, and unskilled workers without UBC required weight load and wind load calculations, permits and inspections.

j. SRPDF stated that there were not any problems with the roof.

The roof of the Subject Property was damaged by changing roof top HVAC units and ducting systems multiple times from October, 2015to June, 2017. Investpro Manager LLC removed the existing swamp coolers from roof top and covered the swamp coolers ducting holes. Investpro Manager LLC added a five ton heat pump package unit with a new ducting system on one roof top area in March, 2016. Investpro the removed the one year old five ton heat pump package unit with part of the ducting system from the one roof top area in June,2017. Then Investpro Manager LLC added two two ton heat pump package units on the two roof top areas in June, 2017. The work damaged the roof of the Subject Property to such an extent that when it rains the roof leaks. All of this renovation, demolition, and construction work was done without UBC required weight load and wind load calculations, permits and inspections and this damaged the building roof structure.

k. SRPDF stated that no there were not any fungus or mold problems.

To save money, minimize flipping cost, minimize flipping time, and maximize flipping fund profits, Investpro Manager LLC vented the bathroom high moisture fans and the washer/dryer combination unit exhaust vents into the ceiling and attic without venting outside of the roof. All of this renovation, demolition, and construction work was done without UBC required permits and inspections and this damaged the building structure. After the purchase of the Subject Property, Plaintiff discovered black color fungus mold was found inside ceiling and attic.

1. SRPDF stated that there were not any other conditions or aspects of the property which materially affect its value or use in an adverse manner.

i. Problems with flooring.

To save money, minimize flipping cost, minimize flipping time, and maximize flipping fund profits,

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Investpro Manager LLC used unlicensed and unskilled workers to lay low quality cheap ceramic tiles on the loose sandy ground rather than on a strong, smooth, concrete floor base. Within few months after tenants moving into the Subject Property, mass quantities of floor ceramic tiles cracked and the floor buckled. These cracked ceramic tiles may cut tenants' toes and create a trip and fall hazard. These are code violations had to be repaired before the units could be rented to tenants. The plaintiff has to spend lot money to replace all ceramic tile floor in Unit C with vinyl tile floor. ii. Problems with the land/foundation. Within few months after tenants moved into the Subject Property in 2017, large quantities of floor tiles cracked and the floor buckled. This indicated that there may have foundation problems likely due to heavy loads by the new HVAC systems and the venting of moisture into the ceiling and attic. Too much weight loads on the walls caused exterior wall cracking. iii. Problems with closet doors.

To save money, minimize flipping cost, minimize flipping time, and maximize flipping fund profits, Investpro Manager LLC used unlicensed and unskilled workers to install closet doors with poor quality for Unit C, all closet doors fell down in three months after tenant move into Unit C.

As to 31(a), Mr. Miao admitted that the Seller's Disclosures did disclose issues 16 62. 17 with the heating and cooling systems, the use of a handyman, and the lack of permits. 18 Additionally, he specified that he noted issues with the electrical system and items not up to code 19 at the time that he did his inspection and/or that any issues with the electrical system were "open 20 and obvious" that a reasonable, professional inspection could have discovered in 2017. Despite 21 these issues, Plaintiff chose not to have a professional inspection. Incredibly, Mr. Miao admitted 22 that he was the person who asked for TKNR to install the GFCI outlets, so he was clearly aware 23 of this issue as well. Moreover, Mr. Miao specified that this was a condition that Plaintiff could 24 have inspected at or before the time it had originally purchased the Property. Notably, Mr. Miao 25 admitted that no evidence showed that Defendants were aware of any of these issues.

As to 31(b), Mr. Miao admitted that the Seller's Disclosures did disclose issues
with the heating and cooling systems, the use of a handyman, the lack of permits, and issues with
the sprinklers. Additionally, he specified that he noted issues with the plumbing system were

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"open and obvious" that a reasonable, professional inspection could have discovered in 2017. Despite these issues, Plaintiff chose not to have a professional inspection. Moreover, Mr. Miao specified that this was a condition that Plaintiff could have inspected at or before the time it had originally purchased the Property. Notably, Mr. Miao admitted that no evidence showed that Defendants were aware of any of these issues.

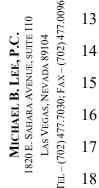
64. As to 31(c), Mr. Miao admitted that the Seller's Disclosures did disclose the use of a handyman, the lack of permits, and issues with the sprinklers. Additionally, he specified that he noted issues with the sewer system were "open and obvious" that a reasonable, professional inspection could have discovered in 2017. Despite these issues, Plaintiff chose not to have a professional inspection. Moreover, Mr. Miao specified that this was a condition that Plaintiff could have inspected at or before the time it had originally purchased the Property. Notably, Mr. Miao admitted that no evidence showed that Defendants were aware of any of these issues.

65. As to 31(d), Mr. Miao admitted that the Seller's Disclosures did disclose issues with the heating and cooling systems, the use of a handyman, and the lack of permits. Additionally, he specified that he did his inspection and/or that any issues with the heating system were "open and obvious" that a reasonable, professional inspection could have discovered in 2017. Despite these issues, Plaintiff chose not to have a professional inspection. Moreover, Mr. Miao specified that this was a condition that Plaintiff could have inspected at or before the time it had originally purchased the Property. Notably, Mr. Miao admitted that no evidence showed that Defendants were aware of any of these issues.

66. As to 31(e), Mr. Miao admitted that the Seller's Disclosures did disclose issues with the heating and cooling systems, the use of a handyman, and the lack of permits. Additionally, he specified that he noted issues with the heating and cooling system and items not up to code at the time that he did his inspection and/or that any issues with the heating and cooling system were "open and obvious" that a reasonable, professional inspection could have discovered in 2017. Despite these issues, Plaintiff chose not to have a professional inspection. Moreover, Mr. Miao specified that this was a condition that Plaintiff could have inspected at or

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evidence showed that Defendants were aware of any of these issues.
67. As to 31(f), this allegation illustrates the prior knowledge that Plaintiff had before
purchasing the Property, and the overall emphasis on the failure to obtain a professional
inspection of the Property prior to purchasing it.

68. As to 31(g), (k), Mr. Miao admitted Plaintiff executed the mold and moisture waiver, and understood its affirmative duty to have an inspection done prior to the purchase of the Property. He also admitted that that the Seller's Disclosures did disclose the use of a handyman, installation of the cabinetry, bathrooms, and the lack of permits. Additionally, he specified that he personally inspected the attic and the dryer vent before Plaintiff purchased the Property. Despite these issues, Plaintiff chose not to have a professional inspection. Moreover, Mr. Miao specified that this was a condition that Plaintiff could have inspected at or before the time it had originally purchased the Property. Notably, Mr. Miao admitted that no evidence showed that Defendants were aware of any of these issues.

before the time it had originally purchased the Property. Notably, Mr. Miao admitted that no

69. As to 31(h), Mr. Miao admitted that the Seller's Disclosures did disclose issues with the heating and cooling systems, the use of a handyman, and the lack of permits. Mr. Miao admitted that there was visible cracking on the foundation, walls, and the tiles that were open and obvious at the time that Plaintiff purchased the Property in 2017. Moreover, Mr. Miao specified that this was a condition that Plaintiff could have inspected at or before the time it had originally purchased the Property. Notably, Mr. Miao admitted that no evidence showed that Defendants were aware of any of these issues.

70. As to 31(i), this allegation illustrates the prior knowledge that Plaintiff had before
purchasing the Property, and the overall emphasis on the failure to obtain a professional
inspection of the Property prior to purchasing it. Mr. Miao admitted that he should have
followed up related to the permit issue prior to Plaintiff purchasing the Property.

71. As to 31(j), Mr. Miao admitted that the Seller's Disclosures did disclose issues
with the heating and cooling systems, the use of a handyman, and the lack of permits.
Additionally, he specified that he noted issues were "open and obvious" that a reasonable,

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professional inspection could have discovered in 2017. Mr. Miao agreed that there was no noticeable sagging on the roof. Despite these issues, Plaintiff chose not to have a professional inspection. Moreover, Mr. Miao specified that this was a condition that Plaintiff could have inspected at or before the time it had originally purchased the Property. Notably, Mr. Miao admitted that no evidence showed that Defendants were aware of any of these issues.

72. As to 31(l), Mr. Miao admitted that the Seller's Disclosures did disclose issues with the heating and cooling systems, the use of a handyman, and the lack of permits. Mr. Miao admitted that there was visible cracking on the foundation, walls, and the tiles that were open and obvious at the time that Plaintiff purchased the Property in 2017. Moreover, Mr. Miao specified that this was a condition that Plaintiff could have inspected at or before the time it had originally purchased the Property. Notably, Mr. Miao admitted that no evidence showed that Defendants were aware of any of these issues, and also admitted that squatters and tenants could have damaged the Property.

#### No Reliance on Broker Agents

73. As to the Broker Defendants, Ms. Zhu agreed that she was not relying upon any representations made by Brokers or Broker's agent. Ms. Zhu agreed to purchase the Property AS-IS, WHERE-IS, without any representations or warranties. Ms. Zhu agreed to satisfy herself, as to the condition of the Property, prior to the close of escrow. Ms. Zhu waived all claims against Brokers or their agents for (a) defects in the Property . . . (h) factors related to Ms. Zhu's failure to conduct walk-throughs or inspections. Ms. Zhu assumed full responsibility and agreed to conduct such tests, walk-throughs, inspections and research, as she deemed necessary. In any event, Broker's liability was limited, under any and all circumstances, to the amount of that Broker's commission/fee received in the transaction.

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#### Mr. Miao Agreed with Defendants' Expert

74. On November 17, 2020, Defendants' expert, Neil D. Opfer, an Associate
Professor of Construction Management at UNLV and overqualified expert, conducted an
inspection of the Property. At that time, as noted earlier, Mr. Miao walked the Property with
Professor Opfer. Supplement at 320:31-25.

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1 75. Mr. Miao agreed with Professor Opfer that the alleged conditions identified by 2 Plaintiff's alleged expert were open and obvious: 3

[n]ote that the Plaintiff could have hired an inspector or contractor to evaluate this real-estate purchase beforehand but did not. Items complained about in the Sani Report were open and obvious at the roof area, attic area, and on the exterior and interior areas of the Property.

*Id.* at 318:22-25-319:3-4. 6

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76. Mr. Miao agreed with Professor Opfer that Plaintiff's expert did not do any destructive testing, so the same alleged conditions that the alleged expert noted, would have been made by an inspector at the time of the purchase. Id. at 291:1-5.

10 77. Mr. Miao agreed with Professor Opfer that Plaintiff's alleged expert did "not recognize prior conditions in existence before any work took place by the Defendants." *Id.* at 12 321:17-21 - 322:3-6.

# **Conclusions of Law**

14 1. Summary judgment is appropriate when the pleadings, depositions, answers to 15 interrogatories, admissions, and affidavits, if any, that are properly before the Court demonstrate 16 that no genuine issue of material fact exist, and the moving party is entitled to judgment as a 17 matter of law. Pegasus v. Reno Newspapers, Inc., 118 Nev. 706, 713, 57 P.3d 82, 87 (2002). 18 Substantive law controls whether factual disputes are material and will preclude summary 19 judgment; other factual disputes are irrelevant. Anderson v. Liberty Lobby, Inc., 477 U.S. 242, 20 106 S. Ct. 2505, 91 L.Ed.2d 202 (1986). A genuine issue of material fact is one where the 21 evidence is such that a reasonable jury could return a verdict for the non-moving party. Valley 22 Bank v. Marble, 105 Nev. 366, 367, 775 P.2d 1278, 1282 (1989).

23 2. The Nevada Supreme Court has held that the non-moving party may not defeat a 24 motion for summary judgment by relying "on gossamer threads of whimsy, speculation and 25 conjecture." Wood v. Safeway, 121 Nev. 724, 732, 121 P.3d 1026, 1031 (2005). The Nevada 26 Supreme Court has also made it abundantly clear when a motion for summary judgment is made 27 and supported as required by Nevada Rule of Civil Procedure 56, the non-moving party must not 28 rest upon general allegations and conclusions, but must by affidavit or otherwise set forth

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specific facts demonstrating the existence of a genuine factual issue. *Id.* 

3. Under Nevada Rule of Civil Procedure 56(a), a party may move for summary judgment, or partial summary judgment. "The court shall grant summary judgment if the movant shows that there is no genuine dispute as to any material fact and the movant is entitled to judgment as a matter of law." The court may rely upon the admissible evidence cited in the moving papers and may also consider other materials in the record as well. *Id.* at 56(c). "If the court does not grant all the relief requested by the motion, it may enter an order stating any material fact — including an item of damages or other relief — that is not genuinely in dispute and treating the fact as established in the case." *Id.* at 56(g).

4. The pleadings and proof offered in a Motion for Summary Judgment are construed in the light most favorable to the non-moving party. *Hoopes v. Hammargren*, 102 Nev. 425, 429, 725 P.2d 238, 241 (1986). However, the non-moving party still "bears the burden to 'do more than simply show that there is some metaphysical doubt' as to the operative facts in order to avoid summary judgment being entered." *Wood*, 121 Nev. at 732, 121 P.3d at 1031. "To successfully defend against a summary judgment motion, 'the nonmoving party must transcend the pleadings and, by affidavit or other admissible evidence, introduce specific facts that show a genuine issue of material fact." *Torrealba v. Kesmetis*, 178 P.3d 716, 720 (Nev. 2008) (quoting *Cuzze v. Univ. & Cmty. Coll. Sys. of Nev.*, 172 P.3d 131, 134 (Nev. 2007).

19 5. The non-moving party bears the burden to set forth specific facts demonstrating 20 the existence of a "genuine" issue for trial or have summary judgment entered against him. 21 Collins v. Union Federal Savings & Loan, 99 Nev. 284, 294, 662 P.2d 610, 618-619 (1983). 22 When there is no genuine issue of material fact and the non-moving party provides no admissible 23 evidence to the contrary, summary judgment is "mandated." Celotex Corp. v. Catrett, 477 US 24 317, 322 (1986). When a motion for summary judgment is made and supported, an adversary 25 party who does not set forth specific facts showing a genuine issue to be resolved at trial may 26 have a summary judgment entered against him. Collins v. Union Federal Sav. & Loan Ass'n, 99 27 Nev. 284, 294, 662 P.2d 610, 616 (1983) (citing Van Cleave v. Kietz-Mill Minit Mart, 97 Nev. 28 414, 633 P.2d 1220 (1981); Bird v. Casa Royale West, 97 Nev. 67, 624 P.2d 17 (1981)).

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6. "Under NRS Chapter 113, residential property sellers are required to disclose any
 defects to buyers within a specified time before the property is conveyed." *Nelson v. Heer*, 163
 P.3d 420, 425 (Nev. 2007) (citing NRS 113.140(1)). "NRS 113.140(1), however, provides that a
 seller is not required to 'disclose a defect in residential property of which [she] is not aware.' A
 'defect' is defined as "a condition that materially affects the value or use of residential property
 in an adverse manner." *Id.* (citing NRS 113.100(1)). The Nevada Supreme Court clarified that:

[a]scribing to the term "aware" its plain meaning, we determine that the seller of residential real property does not have a duty to disclose a defect or condition that "materially affects the value or use of residential property in an adverse manner," if the seller does not realize, perceive, or have knowledge of that defect or condition. Any other interpretation of the statute would be unworkable, as it is impossible for a seller to disclose conditions in the property of which he or she has no realization, perception, or knowledge. The determination of whether a seller is aware of a defect, however, is a question of fact to be decided by the trier of fact.

*Id.* at 425 (citations omitted). Thus, in the context where the plaintiff cannot demonstrate an omitted disclosure that caused damage, the seller is entitled to summary judgment as a matter of law. *Id.* at 426.

16 7. Generally, "[n]ondisclosure by the seller of adverse information concerning real property . . . will not provide the basis for an action by the buyer to rescind or for damages when 17 18 property is sold 'as is.' " Mackintosh v. Jack Matthews & Co., 109 Nev. 628, 633, 855 P.2d 549, 19 552 (1993). Moreover, "[1]iability for nondisclosure is generally not imposed where the buyer 20 either knew of or could have discovered the defects prior to the purchase." Land Baron Invs., Inc. v. Bonnie Springs Family LP, 131 Nev. 686, 696, 356 P.3d 511, 518 (2015). The general 21 22 rule foreclosing liability for nondisclosure when property is purchased as-is does not apply when 23 the seller knows of facts materially affecting the value or desirability of the property which are 24 known or accessible only to [the seller] and also knows that such facts are not known to, or 25 within the reach of the diligent attention and observation of the buyer. *Mackintosh*, 109 Nev. at 26 633, 855 P.2d at 552 (alteration in original) (internal quotation marks omitted).

8. A buyer waives its common law claims of negligent misrepresentation, fraudulent
or intentional misrepresentation, and/or unjust enrichment when it expressly agreed that it would

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1 carry the duty to inspect the property and ensure that all aspects of it were suitable prior to close 2 of escrow, and the information was reasonably accessible to the buyer. Frederic and Barbara 3 Rosenberg Living Tr. v. MacDonald Highlands Realty, LLC, 427 P.3d 104, 111 (Nev. 2018). 4 Accordingly, the Nevada Supreme Court concluded that an agreement to purchase property as-is 5 foreclosed the buyer's common law claims, justifying the granting of summary judgment on common law claims. Id. (citation omitted). 6

> The terms and conditions of the purchase agreement do not create a duty to disclose. Rather, these disclosures are required by NRS Chapter 113, which sets forth specific statutory duties imposed by law independent of the purchase agreement's terms and conditions. Additionally, the terms of the purchase agreement do not require [the seller] to do anything other than provide the listed disclosures.

Anderson v. Ford Ranch, LLC, 78684-COA, 2020 WL 6955438, at \*5 (Nev. App. Nov. 25, 2020).

13 9. Nevada Revised Statute § 113.140 clearly provides that the Seller Disclosures 14 does not constitute a warranty of the Subject Property and that the Buyer still has a duty to 15 exercise reasonable care to protect himself. Nevada Revised Statute § 113.140 also provides that 16 the Seller does not have to disclose any defect that he is unaware of. Similarly, Nevada Revised 17 Statute § 113.130 does not require a seller to disclose a defect in residential property of which 18 the seller is not aware. A completed disclosure form does not constitute an express or implied warranty regarding any condition of residential property. Nevada Revised Statute § 113.140(2). 20 Chapters 113 and "645 of Nevada Revised Statutes do not relieve a buyer or prospective buyer of 21 the duty to exercise reasonable care to protect himself or herself." Id. at \$ 113.140(2).

22 10. Summary Judgment is appropriate as a matter of law on all of Plaintiff's claims. 23 It is undisputed that the alleged deficiencies were either disclosed by Defendants, could have 24 been discovered by an inspection, were open and obvious whereby Plaintiff / Ms. Zhu / Mr. 25 Miao had notice of them at the time Plaintiff purchased the Property, or were unknown to 26 Defendants at the time of the sale.

27 On August 2, 2017, TKNR submitted its Seller Disclosures timely indicating all 11. 28 known conditions of the Subject Property. TKNR disclosed that "3 units has (sic) brand new AC

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installed within 3 months," and further that the "owner never resided in the property and never visited the property." Plaintiff was also aware that the minor renovations, such as painting, was conducted by the Seller's "handyman" as disclosed in the Seller's Disclosures. TNKR also disclosed that it was aware of issues with the heating and cooling systems, there was construction, modification, alterations, or repairs done without permits, and lead-based paints.

12. On August 11, 2020, through the original RPA, Ms. Zhu waived her due diligence, although she had a right to conduct inspections:

During such Period, Buyer shall have the right to conduct, noninvasive/non-destructive inspections of all structural, roofing, mechanical, electrical, plumbing, heating/air conditioning, water/well/septic, pool/spa, survey, square footage, and any other property or systems, through licensed and bonded contractors or other qualified professionals.

13. Section II(B)(1) lists the disclosures by TKNR. Despite these disclosures, Plaintiff chose not to inspect the Subject Property, request additional information and/or conduct any reasonable inquires. In fact, Ms. Zhu only cancelled the original RPA, Ex. E, because of an issue related to her financing, not because of any concerns related to the Seller's Disclosures. Notably, she included the explicit waiver of the inspections, which included her initialing the provision that she had not done in the original RPA. Ms. Zhu even directly informed her agent 18 to waive all inspections. Although Ms. Zhu had actual knowledge of the Seller's Disclosures 19 from August 11, 2017, and the Parties agreed to extend the COE to January 5, 2018, Ms. Zhu 20 still never did any professional inspections. Instead, she put down an additional \$60,000 as a 21 non-refundable deposit to the TNKR. Moreover, she also agreed to pay rent in the amount of 22 \$650 per month for one of the units, and to also pay the property manager \$800 for the tenant placement fee. Through Addendum 2 to the 2<sup>nd</sup> RPA, Ms. Zhu later changed the purchaser to 23 24 Plaintiff.

14. As to the Brokers Defendants, Ms. Zhu agreed that she was not relying upon any
representations made by Brokers or Broker's agent. Ms. Zhu agreed to purchase the Property
AS-IS, WHERE-IS, without any representations or warranties. Ms. Zhu agreed to satisfy herself,
as to the condition of the Property, prior to the close of escrow. Ms. Zhu waived all claims

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against Brokers or their agents for (a) defects in the Property . . . (h) factors related to Ms. Zhu's failure to conduct walk-throughs or inspections. Ms. Zhu assumed full responsibility and agreed to conduct such tests, walk-throughs, inspections and research, as she deemed necessary. In any event, Broker's liability was limited, under any and all circumstances, to the amount of that Broker's commission/fee received in the transaction.

15. As to the waivers, Paragraph 7(D) of the both the RPA and 2<sup>nd</sup> RPA expressly provided:

It is strongly recommended that Buyer retain licensed Nevada professionals to conduct inspections. If any inspection is not completed and requested repairs are not delivered to Seller within the Due Diligence Period, Buyer is deemed to have waived the right to that inspection and Seller's liability for the cost of all repairs that inspection would have reasonably identified had it been conducted, except as otherwise provided by law.

Under Paragraph 7(F), it was Ms. Zhu's responsibility to inspect the Property sufficiently as to satisfy her use. Nevertheless, Ms. Zhu waived her inspection related to the original RPA and the 2<sup>nd</sup> RPA, reinforced further by actually initialing next to the waiver in the 2<sup>nd</sup> RPA. Ms. Zhu also waived the energy audit, pest inspection, roof inspection, septic lid removal inspection, mechanical inspection, soil inspection, and structural inspection. Thereby, Ms. Zhu waived any liability of Defendants for the cost of all repairs that inspection would have reasonably identified had it been conducted. The RPA and the 2<sup>nd</sup> RPA clearly indicated that Ms. Zhu was purchasing the Property "AS-IS, WHERE-IS without any representations or warranties."

16. Additionally, Ms. Zhu also agreed that the Brokers Defendants had "no
responsibility to assist in the payment of any repair, correction or deferred maintenance on the
Property which may have been revealed by the above inspections, agreed upon by the Buyer and
Seller or requested by one party." Paragraph 7(D) of the RPA.

24 17. Since 2008, Mr. Miao, Ms. Zhu, and/or Plaintiff have been involved in the
25 purchase of approximately twenty residential properties. In Clark County alone, Ms. Zhu and
26 Mr. Miao were involved with the purchase of at least eight rental properties starting in 2014.

18. Plaintiff understands the importance of reading contracts.

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28. Similarly, he also specified that there was an issue with exposed electrical in Unit

C. He also noted that there could have been a potential asbestos issue as well.

29. Additionally, Mr. Miao noted that there were cracks in the ceramic floor tiles, and he was aware of visible cracks in the concrete foundation, which were open and obvious.

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The Second Amended Complaint references GFCI at Paragraph 31(a). This illustrates the overall bad faith and frivolous nature of the pleading since Mr. Miao is the one who requested TKNR to install these for Plaintiff.

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The terms of the RPA were clear to Plaintiff.

As to Paragraph 7(A), Mr. Miao specified that he believed that his inspection and conversations with the tenant constituted the actions necessary to deem the Property as satisfactory for Plaintiff's purchase.

At all times relevant prior to the purchase of the Property, Plaintiff had access to inspect the entire property and conduct non-invasive, non-destructive inspections.

Prior to the purchase, Mr. Miao was always aware that the Seller "strongly recommended that buyer retain licensed Nevada professionals to conduct inspections".

Plaintiff was also aware of the language in the RPA under Paragraph 7(D) that limited potential damages that could have been discovered by an inspection.

As to the RPA, Mr. Miao agreed that all the terms in it were conspicuous and

understandable, and it was a standard agreement similar to the other agreements he had used in purchasing the other properties in Clark County, Nevada.

On or about August 10, 2017, Mr. Miao did an inspection of the Property. During that time, he admitted that he noticed some issues with the Property that were not up to code,

19. Mr. Miao specified that he understands that he needs to check public records when conducting his due diligence.

2 3 20. Plaintiff was a sophisticated buyer who understood the necessity of getting

1	30. Mr. Miao also admitted that he could also have seen the dryer vent during his		
2	inspection.		
3	31. However, Mr. Miao also admitted that he could have followed up on the issues		
4	identified in the SRPDF that included the HVAC and the permits.		
5	32. Similarly, Mr. Miao was aware that he should have contacted the local building		
6	department as part of his due diligence.		
7	33. Plaintiff was also on notice of the potential for mold and the requirement to get a		
8	mold inspection.		
9	34. Despite actual knowledge of these issues, Plaintiff did not elect to have a		
10	professional inspection done.		
11	35. Finally, Plaintiff was also acutely aware of the requirement of Nevada law to		
12	protect itself by getting an inspection.		
13	36. Plaintiff assumed the risk of failing to exercise reasonable care to protect itself.		
14	37. The alleged defects identified by both parties' experts could have been discovered		
15	at the time of the original purchase as they were "open and obvious".		
16	38. Plaintiff failed to differentiate between conditions prior to when TKNR owned the		
17	Property, while it owned it, and those afterwards.		
18	39. No dispute exists that TKNR did not need permits for the interior work it had		
19	done to the Property.		
20	40. Plaintiff has always been trying to lease the Property despite not doing any of the		
21	repairs listed by Plaintiff's expert. This illustrates the lack of merit of Plaintiff that there are		
22	underlying conditions with the Property.		
23	41. Moreover, Plaintiff does not provide any notice to the tenants about its expert's		
24	report or this litigation. This illustrates the lack of merit of Plaintiff's claims and proves that it		
25	has done nothing to correct the allegedly deficient conditions that are clearly not so dangerous as		
26	it does not tell prospective tenants about them.		
27	42. Mr. Miao admitted that multiple third parties could have potentially damaged the		
28	Property.		
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43. Plaintiff did not present any evidence related to Defendants' alleged knowledge other than his personal belief and speculation.

44. Mr. Miao admitted that he has no evidence Defendants knew about the alleged moisture conditions. Additionally, he also admitted that there is no evidence that Defendants knew about the alleged issues with the plumbing system. He also admitted that he did not know if Defendants knew about the alleged issues with the duct work when they owned the Property. He also recognized the deficiency in Plaintiff's expert's report that failed to differentiate between conditions prior to when TKNR owned the Property, while it owned it, and those afterwards.

9 45. Mr. Miao also recognized that a 63-year-old property could have issues that were not caused by Defendants.

46. The Flipping Fund had nothing to do with Plaintiff's decision to purchase the Property.

47. Plaintiff admittedly amplified its alleged damages by more than 6x, and then trebled the damages, and have run up egregious attorneys' fees for this frivolous action. These are undisputed facts that prove abuse of process as a matter of law given the known issues with the Property and Plaintiff's waivers related to the inspections. Plaintiff waived the inspections and purchased the property "as is". This shows that Plaintiff had no interest in having a professional inspection done. It shows the behavior of the Plaintiff related to the entire case.

19 48. Plaintiff were encouraged to inspect the property, and they did not do it. It was a 20 63-year-old property. There were specific disclosures that were made by the Seller, and Plaintiff 21 was strongly encouraged to conduct the inspection, and they did not want to.

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49. This is a 2018 case. Plaintiff has not been diligent in conducting discovery.

Rule 56(f) is not a shield that can be raised to block a motion for summary judgment without even the slightest showing by the opposing party that his opposition is meritorious. A party invoking its protections must do so in good faith by affirmatively demonstrating why he cannot respond to a movant's affidavits as otherwise required by Rule 56(e) and how postponement of a ruling on the motion will enable him, by discovery or other means, to rebut the movant's showing of the absence of a genuine issue of fact. Where, as here, a party fails to carry his burden under Rule 56(f), postponement of a ruling on a motion for summary judgment is unjustified.

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See Bakerink v. Orthopaedic Associates, Ltd., 581 P.2d 9, 11 (Nev. 1978) (quoting Willmar Poultry Co. v. Morton-Norwich Products, 520 F.2d 289, 297 (8th Cir. 1975), Cert. denied, 424 U.S. 915, 96 S.Ct. 1116, 47 L.Ed.2d 320 (1975).

50. Plaintiff failed to articulate the alleged discovery that it would likely have. Additionally, Plaintiff already opposed enlarging discovery by specifying that any extension of discovery would prejudice it, indicating that it had no need for additional discovery and that Plaintiff would largely rest upon the findings of its expert. See Plaintiff's Opposition to Motion to Enlarge Discovery. Also, Plaintiff's counsel's declaration in the Opposition illustrated that he had additional discussions with Plaintiff's expert related to the MSJ, but Plaintiff's expert did not proffer any additional opinions to counter the Motion. See Opp. at p. 18:7-9.

51. As a matter of law, Plaintiff is precluded from seeking damages from Defendants because of her failure to inspect. "Nondisclosure by the seller of adverse information concerning real property . . . will not provide the basis for an action by the buyer to rescind or for damages when property is sold 'as is.' " Mackintosh v. Jack Matthews & Co., 109 Nev. 628, 633, 855 P.2d 549, 552 (1993). Moreover, "[1]iability for nondisclosure is generally not imposed where the buyer either knew of or could have discovered the defects prior to the purchase." Land Baron Invs., Inc. v. Bonnie Springs Family LP, 131 Nev. 686, 696, 356 P.3d 511, 518 (2015).

18 52. Defendants also do not have liability as Ms. Zhu / Plaintiff purchased the Property 19 "as-is" within the reach of the diligent attention and observation of the buyer. Mackintosh, 109 20 Nev. at 633, 855 P.2d at 552. NRS § 113.140 clearly provides that the disclosures do not 21 constitute a warranty of the Property and that the purchaser still has a duty to exercise reasonable 22 care to protect himself. A completed disclosure form does not constitute an express or implied 23 warranty regarding any condition of residential property. NRS § 113.140(2). Chapters 113 and 24 "645 of Nevada Revised Statutes do not relieve a buyer or prospective buyer of the duty to exercise reasonable care to protect himself or herself." Id. at § 113.140(2). 25

26 53. Plaintiff waived its common law claims of negligent misrepresentation, fraudulent 27 or intentional misrepresentation, and/or unjust enrichment when it expressly agreed that it would 28 carry the duty to inspect the property and ensure that all aspects of it were suitable prior to close

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of escrow, and the information regarding Property was reasonably accessible to the buyer. *Frederic and Barbara Rosenberg Living Tr. v. MacDonald Highlands Realty, LLC*, 427 P.3d 104, 111 (Nev. 2018).

54. As such, Summary Judgment is appropriate under NRS § 113.140(1) (seller is not required to disclose a defect in residential property of which she is not aware). Under this statute, "[a]scribing to the term 'aware' its plain meaning, . . . the seller of residential real property does not have a duty to disclose a defect or condition that 'materially affects the value or use of residential property in an adverse manner,' if the seller does not realize, perceive, or have knowledge of that defect or condition." *Nelson v. Heer*, 163 P.3d 420, 425 (Nev. 2007). Thus, as Plaintiff cannot demonstrate an omitted disclosure that caused damage, Defendants are entitled to summary judgment as a matter of law. *Id.* at 426.

55. In total, under NRS § 113.140(1) (seller is not required to disclose a defect in residential property of which she is not aware), *Nelson v. Heer*, 163 P.3d 420, 425 (Nev. 2007), and NRS § 645.259(2), Defendants are entitled to Summary Judgment on Plaintiff's claims for (1) Recovery Under NRS Chapter 113, (2) Constructive Fraud, (3) Common Law Fraud, (4) Fraudulent Inducement, (5) Fraudulent Concealment, (6) Breach Of Fiduciary Duty, (8) Damages Under NRS 645.257(1), (9) Failure To Supervise, Inadequate training and Education, (12) Civil Conspiracy, (13) Breach Of Contract, and (14) Breach Of Implied Covenant of Good Faith and Fair Dealing]. It also eliminates the causes of action for (7) RICO, (10) Fraudulent Conveyance, (11) Fraudulent Conveyance, and (15) Abuse of Process since they have no basis in fact or law.

56. Eighth Judicial District Court Rule 2.20(e) provides that, "[f]ailure of the
opposing party to serve and file written opposition may be construed as an admission that the
motion and/or joinder is meritorious and a consent to granting the same." Simply filing an
opposition does not relieve a party of its duty to actually oppose the issues raised in the motion.
<u>See Benjamin v. Frias Transportation Mgt. Sys., Inc.</u>, 433 P.3d 1257 (Nev. 2019) (unpublished
disposition).

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MICHAEL B. LEE, P.C. 1820 E. SAHARA AVENUE, SUITE 110 LAS VEGAS, NEVADA 89104 Fel – (702) 477.7030; FAX – (702) 477.0096 57. The Opposition failed to address the Motion's arguments related to summary judgment in favor of Defendants on Plaintiff's claims for: (7) RICO; (10) Fraudulent Conveyance; (11) Fraudulent Conveyance; (12) Civil Conspiracy; and (15) Abuse of Process. Additionally, Plaintiff fails to provide any meaningful or competent opposition to the Motion's argument for summary judgment as to Plaintiff's claims against the Broker Defendants. As there is no Opposition provided to those arguments made in the Motion, this court should find that those arguments are meritorious and grant the request as to those unopposed issues.

58. Pursuant to Nevada Rule of Civil Procedure 11(b), by presenting to the court a pleading or other paper, an attorney or unrepresented party certifies: (1) it is not being presented for any improper purpose, such as to harass, cause unnecessary delay, or needlessly increase the cost of litigation, (2) the claims and other legal contentions are warranted by existing law or by a nonfrivolous argument for extending, modifying, or reversing existing law or for establishing new law, (3) the factual contentions have evidentiary support, and (4) the denials of factual contentions are warranted on the evidence or.

59. "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. Absent exceptional circumstances, a law firm must be held jointly responsible for a violation committed by its partner, associate, or employee." NEV. R. CIV. PRO. 11(c).

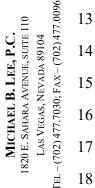
20 60. "On its own, the court may order an attorney, law firm, or party to show cause 21 why conduct specifically described in the order has not violated Rule 11(b)." Id. at 11(c)(3). "A 22 sanction imposed under this rule must be limited to what suffices to deter repetition of the 23 conduct or comparable conduct by others similarly situated. The sanction may include 24 nonmonetary directives; an order to pay a penalty into court; or, if imposed on motion and 25 warranted for effective deterrence, an order directing payment to the movant of part or all of the 26 reasonable attorney fees and other expenses directly resulting from the violation." Id. at 27 11(c)(4).

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MICHAEL B. LEE, P.C. 1820 E. Sahara Avenue, suite 110 Las Vegas, Nevada 89104 fel – (702) 477.7030; Fax – (702) 477.0096 61. Rule 11 prevents a party from bringing a lawsuit for an improper purpose, which includes: (1) harassment, causing unnecessary delay, or needless increasing the cost of litigation; or (2) making frivolous claims. NEV. R. CIV. PRO. 11(b)(1)-(2). Rule 11 sanctions should be imposed for frivolous actions. *Marshall v. District Court*, 108 Nev. 459, 465, 836 P.2d 47, 52.

62. A frivolous claim is one that is "both baseless and made without a reasonable and competent inquiry." *Bergmann v. Boyce*, 109 Nev. 670, 676, 856 P.2d 560, 564 (1993) (quoting *Townsend v. Holman Consulting Corp.*, 929 F.2d 1358, 1362 (9th Cir.1990); *Golden Eagle Distrib. Corp. v. Burroughs Corp.*, 801 F.2d 1531, 1537 (9th Cir.1986)). A determination of whether a claim is frivolous involves a two-pronged analysis: (1) the court must determine whether the pleading is "well grounded in fact and is warranted by existing law or a good faith argument for the extension, modification or reversal of existing law"; and (2) whether the attorney made a reasonable and competent inquiry. *Bergmann*, 109 Nev. at 676, 856 P.2d at 564. A sanction imposed for violation of Rule 11 shall be limited to what is sufficient to deter repetition of such conduct or comparable conduct by others similarly situated. *Id.* at 11(c)(2).

Furthermore, a court may award attorneys' fees to a prevailing party when it finds
that the claim was brought or maintained without reasonable ground or to harass the prevailing
party. NEV. REV. STAT. § 18.010(2)(b). In other cases, a court may award attorneys' fees "when
it finds that the opposing party brought or maintained a claim without reasonable grounds." *Rodriguez v. Primadonna Co., LLC*, 216 P.3d 793, 800 (Nev. 2009). "The court shall liberally
construe the provisions of this paragraph in favor of awarding attorney's fees in all appropriate
situations." *Id.* The Nevada Legislature explained that:

[i]t is the intent of the Legislature that the court award attorney's fees pursuant to this paragraph and impose sanctions pursuant to Rule 11 of the Nevada Rules of Civil Procedure in all appropriate situations to punish for and deter frivolous or vexatious claims and defenses because such claims and defenses overburden limited judicial resources, hinder the timely resolution of meritorious claims and increase the costs of engaging in business and providing professional services to the public.

*Id.* "A claim is groundless if 'the allegations in the complaint . . . are not supported by any
credible evidence at trial." *Barozzi v. Benna*, 112 Nev. 635, 639, 918 P.2d 301, 303 (1996)

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(quoting Western United Realty, Inc. v. Isaacs, 679 P.2d 1063, 1069 (Colo.1984)).

78. The overwhelming facts and law illustrate that Plaintiff's claim is frivolous. The findings of fact are incorporated by reference.

79. Plaintiff's claim is clearly frivolous: (1) where the pleading was not "well grounded in fact and is warranted by existing law or a good faith argument for the extension, modification or reversal of existing law", and (2) Plaintiff's attorney continued to make frivolous claims. Bergmann, 109 Nev. at 676, 856 P.2d at 564. Sanctions are warranted against Plaintiff and its counsel, which includes an award attorneys' fees to Defendants.

80. Alternatively, the elements of an abuse of process claim are: "(1) an ulterior purpose by the defendants other than resolving a legal dispute, and (2) a willful act in the use of the legal process not proper in the regular conduct of the proceeding." Posadas v. City of Reno, 109 Nev. 448, 452, 851 P.2d 438, 441-42 (1993). Abuse of process can arise from both civil and criminal proceedings. LaMantia v. Redisi, 118 Nev. 27, 30, 38 P.3d 877, 879 (2002). Malice, want of probable cause, and termination in favor of the person initiating or instituting proceedings are not necessary elements for a prima facie abuse of process claim. Nevada Credit Rating Bur. v. Williams, 88 Nev. 601, 606, 503 P.2d 9, 12 (1972); Restatement (Second) of Torts § 682 cmt. a (1977). The mere filing of a complaint is insufficient to establish the tort of abuse of process. Laxalt v. McClatchy, 622 F. Supp. 737, 751 (1985).

19 81. Under either Rule 11 or Defendants' counterclaim for abuse of process, Plaintiff 20 brought or maintained this action without reasonable ground and only to harass Defendants. 21 NEV. REV. STAT. § 18.010(2)(b). The overwhelming facts and law also show that Plaintiff 22 brought or maintained this claim without reasonable grounds, which justifies an award of 23 attorneys' fees. Rodriguez v. Primadonna Co., LLC, 216 P.3d 793, 800 (Nev. 2009).

24 82. Defendants are directed to file a separate order to show cause pursuant to Nevada Rule of Civil Procedure 11(c)(3) on Plaintiff and Plaintiff's prior counsel, Benjamin Childs, as 25 26 this Honorable Court determined that Plaintiff has violated Rule 11(b). The court will impose an 27 appropriate sanction on any attorney, law firm, or party that violated the rule or is responsible for 28 the violation. The court intends to award to the Defendants the reasonable expenses, including

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attorneys' fees and costs, incurred for defending this frivolous lawsuit, either under Rule 11 or as damages for Defendants' counterclaim for abuse of process. This sanction will be limited to what suffices to deter repetition of the conduct or comparable conduct by others similarly situated. The Court may also consider sanctions including nonmonetary directives, an order to pay a penalty into court, or, an order directing payment to Defendants for part or all of the reasonable attorney fees and other expenses directly resulting from the violation.

Based on the foregoing, the Court GRANTS Defendants Motion, DENIES the 8 Counterclaim, and GRANTS attorneys' fees and costs to Defendants pursuant to Nevada Rule of 9 Civil Procedure 11.

10 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDICATED, AND DECREED that the Motion is **GRANTED**. 11

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDICATED, AND DECREED that the Countermotion, including the 56(f) Countermotion, is **DENIED**. This is a 2018 case. This Honorable Court will not agree to enlarge discovery.

15 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDICATED, AND DECREED that Defendants 16 are awarded attorneys' fees and costs pursuant to Rule 11 and/or under the abuse of process 17 counterclaim. Defendants may file an affidavit in support of requested attorney's fees and costs 18 within 10 days of the entry of Order and the Order to Show Cause. Plaintiff may file an 19 objection to any portion of the attorney's fees by filing an objection within five judicial days of 20 service of the affidavit and/or the Order to Show Cause. After the fees are granted, Plaintiff will 21 have ten (10) days of entry of this Order to provide proof of payment to be noticed and filed with 22 the Court.

23 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDICATED, AND DECREED that this is a final 24 order related to the claims and counterclaim. This Honorable Court directs entry of a final 25 judgment of all claims. To the extent that post-judgment award of attorneys' fees are pending, 26 Defendants may make the claim as set forth in Nevada Rule of Civil Procedure 54(d)(D) (claims 27 for attorney fees as sanctions).

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	4	and/or calendar calls are vacated as moot.			
	5		Dated this 30th day of March, 2021		
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	8		159 FDE 147E 8F8F Adriana Escobar		
	9	Date: March 12, 2021.	District Court Judge, 2021.		
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# DISTRICT COURT CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

Other Real Property	COURT MINUTES		May 17, 2021
A-18-785917-C W L A B Investm vs. TKNR Inc, Defer		nent LLC, Plaintiff(s) ndant(s)	
May 17, 2021	3:00 AM	Minute Order	
HEARD BY: Escoba	r, Adriana	COURTROOM:	RJC Courtroom 14C
COURT CLERK: N	ylasia Packer		

# 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 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 PRINT DATE: 05/17/2021 Page 1 of 3 Minutes Date: May 17, 2021

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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 179page 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

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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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# EXHIBIT F

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8	W L A B INVESTMENT, LLC,	CASE NO.: A-18-785917-C DEPT. NO.: XIV		
	Plaintiff,			
9	vs.	NOTICE OF ENTRY OF ORDER		
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11	ON WONG aka CHI KUEN WONG, an individual, and KENNY ZHONG LIN, aka KEN	RECONSIDER AND JUDGMENT AGAINST PLAINTIFF AND PREVIOUS		
12	ZHONG LIN aka KENNETH ZHONG LIN aka WHONG K. LIN aka CHONG KENNY LIN aka	COUNSEL		
13	ZHONG LIN, an individual, and LIWE HELEN			
14	CHEN aka HELEN CHEN, an individual and YAN QIU ZHANG, an individual, and			
	INVESTPRO LLC dba INVESTPRO REALTY,			
15	a Nevada Limited Liability Company, and MAN CHAU CHENG, an individual, and JOYCE A.			
16	NICKRANDT, an individual, and INVESTPRO INVESTMENTS LLC, a Nevada Limited			
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18	MANAGER LLC, a Nevada Limited Liability Company and JOYCE A. NICKRANDT, an			
19	individual and Does 1 through 15 and Roe Corporation I - XXX,			
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	Defendants. And Related Actions.			
21 22	TO: ALL PARTIES			
22	YOU, AND EACH OF YOU, will please take notice that an order and judgment in this			
24	matter was entered in this matter on May, 2021. A copy of said ORDER and JUDGMENT is			
24 25	attached hereto and incorporated herewith by reference.			
	Dated this 25th day of May, 2021.			
26	/s/ Michael Lee			
27	MICHAEL B. LEE, ESQ. (NSB 10122)			
28	Attorneys for Defendants			
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7	CLARK COUI	NTY, NEVADA	
8	W L A B INVESTMENT, LLC,	CASE NO.: A-18-785917-C DEPT. NO.: XIV	
9	Plaintiff,		
10	VS.	ORDER GRANTING, IN PART, AND DENYING, IN PART, PLAINTIFF'S	
11	TKNR INC., a California Corporation, and CHI ON WONG aka CHI KUEN WONG, an	MOTION TO RECONSIDER AND	
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15	ZHANG, an individual, and INVESTPRO LLC dba INVESTPRO REALTY, a Nevada	Date of Hearing: May 17, 2021 Time of Hearing: chambers	
16 17	CHAU CHENG, an individual, and JOYCE		
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20	NICKRANDT, an individual and Does 1 through 15 and Roe Corporation I - XXX,		
20	Defendants.		
21	This matter being set for hearing before the Honorable Court on May 18, 2021 at 10:00		
23	a.m., on W L A B INVESTMENT, LLC ("WLAB" or "Plaintiff"), Motion to Reconsider		
24	("Motion"), by and through its attorney of record, DAY & NANCE. Defendants' TKNR INC.,		
25	CHI ON WONG aka CHI KUEN WONG, KENNY ZHONG LIN, aka KEN ZHONG LIN aka		
26	KENNETH ZHONG LIN aka WHONG K. LIN aka CHONG KENNY LIN aka ZHONG LIN,		
27	LIWE HELEN CHEN aka HELEN CHEN, YAN QIU ZHANG, INVESTPRO LLC dba		
28	INVESTPRO REALTY, MAN CHAU CHE	NG, JOYCE A. NICKRANDT, INVESTPRO	
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INVESTMENTS LLC, and INVESTPRO MANAGER LLC, (collectively, the "Defendants") filed an Opposition to the Motion and appeared by and through its counsel of record, MICHAEL B. LEE, P.C.

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 was appropriate to decide this matter based on the pleadings submitted. Upon thorough review of the pleadings, the 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. <u>See Masonry</u> & *Tile Contractors v. Jolley, Urga & Wirth*, 113 Nev. 737, 741 (1997).

3. 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 ("Amended Order").

4. Although Defendants argue that Plaintiff's Notice of Appeal divests this Court of jurisdiction to rule on the Motion, this Court disagrees because the Amended Order was not final and appealable by virtue of Plaintiff filing the Motion. Therefore, the appeal was premature, and the court is not divested of jurisdiction on the filing of a premature notice of appeal, allowing the court to rule on the Motion. See NRAP 4(a)(6).

5. The Motion was timely filed within fourteen (14) days of the Notice of Entry of
the Amended Order.

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

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

 B. 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.

9 9. Plaintiff did not contest the authenticity of the disputed documents in opposing
10 summary judgment.

10. 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. See NRCP 56(b)(2). However, Plaintiff did not so object.

11. The summary judgment hearing was not a trial. Authentication is for purposes of introducing evidence at trial; therefore, Plaintiff's authentication argument lacks merit.

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

13. 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.

14. Defendants also ask that this Court issue an award of attorney fees and costs in
the amount of <u>\$128,166.78</u> related to the Courts' April 7, 2021 Order this Court granting
Defendants' attorney fees and costs pursuant to Rule 11. Plaintiff, through its former or new
counsel, does not oppose the specific amounts requested.

15. As such, this Court grants the amount Defendants seek and enters judgment
against Plaintiff and their former counsel, Ben Childs, Esq. in the amount of One Hundred
Twenty-Eight Thousand One Hundred Sixty-Six Dollars and Seventy-Eight cents <u>(\$128,166.78)</u>.

27 16. Defendants' countermotion for additional Rule 11 sanctions against Plaintiff for28 filing the Motion is denied.

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**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDICATED, AND DECREED** that the Motion is GRANTED, in part, and DENIED, in part, as the Court's ruling was not clearly erroneous but clarifies the attorney fees and costs is awarded against Plaintiff and its former counsel Ben Childs, Esq.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDICATED, AND DECREED that Judgment is entered in favor of Defendants against Plaintiff, and its former counsel, Benjamin Childs, individually, and Benjamin B. Childs, Esq, the law firm, jointly and severally, in the amount of One Hundred Twenty-Eight Thousand One Hundred Sixty-Six Dollars and Seventy-Eight cents (<u>\$128,166.78</u>) and that they pay Defendants the following amounts:

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1. The principal sum of \$118,955.014 in attorneys' fees;

2. The principal sum of \$9,211.64 for costs incurred to date; and

3. Post-judgment interest from the date of the entry of the underlying Order for the attorneys' fees and costs be granted at the statutory rate of 5.25% per annum.

A total Judgment in favor of Defendants, and against Plaintiff, and its former counsel, Benjamin Childs, individually, and Benjamin B. Childs, Esq, the law firm, jointly and severally, in the amount of <u>\$128,166.78</u>, all to bear interest at the statutory rate of 5.25% per annum until paid in full.

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1	IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, AD.	<b>IUDICATED, AND DECREED</b> that this Order and
2	Judgment shall be considered a final for all purposes.	
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Dear Mr. Day,

Please see the attached proposed order denying Plaintiff's Motion to Reconsider and advise if I can affix your e-signature. If not, I have left the proposed order in word and would ask that you track any proposed edits in redline. If we do not receive a response by 3:00 p.m. on Monday, May 24, we will submit absent your signature.

Sincerely,

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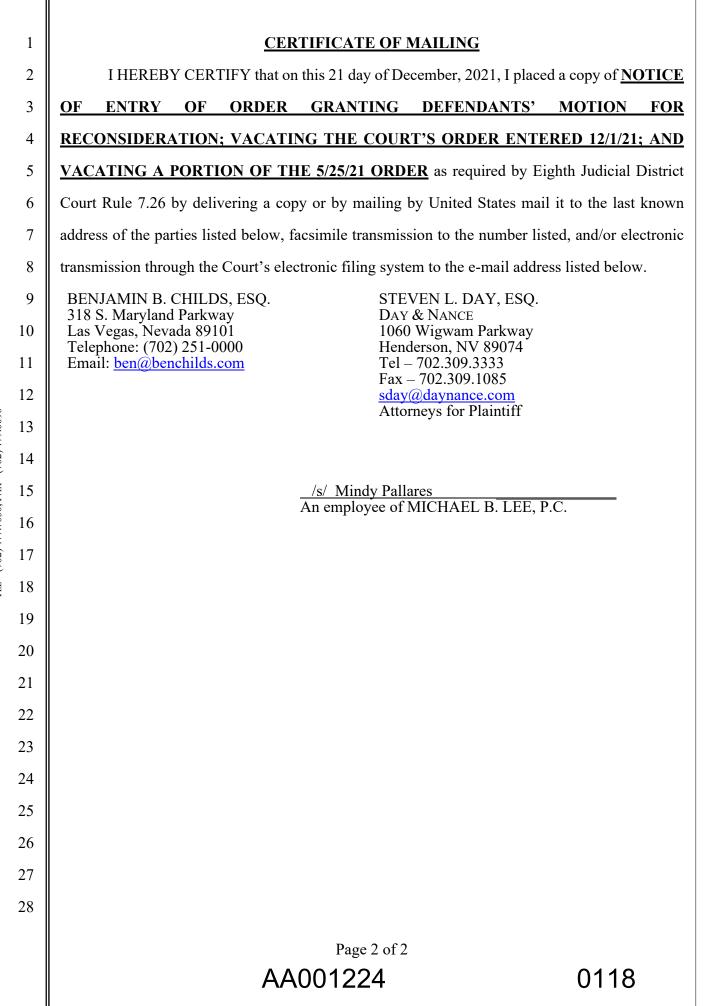
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19 20	individual and Does 1 through 15 and Roe Corporation I - XXX,		
20	Defendants.		
21	And Related Actions. TO: ALL PARTIES		
23	YOU, AND EACH OF YOU, will please take notice that an order in this matter was entered		
24	in this matter on December 20, 2021. A copy of said ORDER is attached hereto and incorporated		
25	herewith by reference.		
26	Dated this 21 day of December, 2021.		
27	/s/ Michael Lee		
28	MICHAEL B. LEE, ESQ. (NSB 10122) Attorneys for Defendants		
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#### **INTRODUCTION**

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This matter is scheduled for a hearing on Wednesday, December 22, 2021, with regard to Defendant's Motion for Reconsideration of the Court's 12/1/21 Order. Pursuant to the Administrative Orders of the Court, as well as EDCR 2.23, this matter may be decided with or without oral argument. This Court has determined that it would be appropriate to decide this matter on the pleadings, and consequently, this Order issues.

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#### FACTUAL AND PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The underlying facts of this litigation are somewhat irrelevant at this point. It is sufficient to note that on or about 3/9/21, a hearing was held on Defendant's Motion for Summary Judgment, and Plaintiff's Countermotion for a Continuance and for Sanctions. This Court granted summary judgment in favor of Defendants and denied Plaintiff's Countermotions, by Order dated 3/30/21. On 4/6/21, Defendants filed an affidavit in support of fees and costs. On 4/16/21, Plaintiff, through new counsel, filed a Motion to Reconsider the Order Granting Summary Judgment in Favor of Defendants. That matter was heard in Chambers on 5/17/21, and an Order and Judgment was entered on 5/25/21.

On 4/26/21, Plaintiff filed a Notice of Appeal related to the Order Granting Summary Judgment in Favor of Defendants. On 6/1/21, Mr. Childs filed a Petition for Writ of Mandamus or Writ of Prohibition. The Supreme Court granted the Petition and issued an Order directing the lower court "to vacate the portion of its order imposing sanctions against petitioner."

On 6/8/21, Plaintiff filed a Notice of Appeal related to the Order and Judgment entered on 5/25/21. On 8/30/21, the aforementioned appeals were consolidated.

On 10/25/21, this matter was reassigned to Department 30.

On 11/8/21, the Court issued an Order for Further Proceedings, relating to the direction of the Supreme Court, and a hearing was set for 11/18/21. On 11/16/21, Defendants filed a status report in advance of the hearing. At the hearing, the parties were directed to work with each other on filing an Amended Order in compliance with the Supreme Court's Order. Competing Orders were submitted to the Court, and on 12/1/21, the Court executed the Order submitted by Mr. Childs.

The Defendants now request that the Court reconsider its 12/1/21 Order, as it goes beyond the scope of the Order relating to Benjamin Childs. The Defendants argue that the Order Granting Writ was limited solely to the sanctions issued against the Petitioner, Benjamin Childs, Esq., but the Order executed by the Court not only vacates sanctions against Mr. Childs, but also vacates the Judgment for attorney's fees and costs entered against Plaintiff. The Order and Judgment against Plaintiff was related to the Order Granting Summary Judgment in favor of Defendants, which is currently still on appeal, according to Defendants. Defendants argue that this Court does not have

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jurisdiction to enter the Order it did, because it goes beyond the specific direction of the Order Granting Writ, and affects matters currently still on appeal.

#### FACTUAL AND LEGAL ANALYSIS

The Court notes that in the Court's 5/25/21 Order Granting in Part, and Denying in Part, Plaintiff's Motion to Reconsider, and Judgment Against Plaintiff and Previous Counsel, the Court indicated, "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 Order at paragraph 13). The Court went on to state, "... this Court grants the amount Defendants seek and enters judgment against Plaintiff and their former counsel, Ben Childs, Esq. in the amount of One Hundred Twenty-Eight Thousand One Hundred Sixty-Six Dollars and Seventy-Eight cents (<u>\$128,166.78</u>)." (See Order at paragraph 15).

It is unclear to this Court if it was actually the intent of the prior Judge to impose Rule 11 sanctions against the "party" in addition to the "attorney." NRCP 11 seems to provide for an award of sanctions against an "attorney" or an "unrepresented party." That issue, however, was not addressed by the Supreme Court. According to Plaintiff's Opposition, this issue is still on appeal.

The Court notes that Plaintiff's Opposition contains a request at the very end, that the Court grant Plaintiff's Request for Stay without security, but there was no Countermotion for Stay asserted. Consequently, the Court does not see that issue as ripe, and it will not be addressed herein.

The Court acknowledges that there was some disagreement between the parties as to the correct language to be included in the Court's most recent Order following the Order Granting Petition.

In order to clarify the position of this Court, and to be more accurate, at least insofar as this Court can comply with the instruction of the Supreme Court, this Court finds it necessary to grant the Defendant's Motion for Reconsideration. The Order signed by this Court on 12/1/21, specifically vacated certain lines from the Court's 5/25/21 Order, but it didn't need to do so. The Supreme Court simply indicated that this Court needed to "vacate the portion of its order imposing sanctions against

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petitioner." (See Supreme Court Order at pg. 3) (Note, that the Petitioner was

Benjamin Childs, Esq.)

#### CONCLUSION/ORDER

Based upon the foregoing, and good cause appearing, the District Court's Order entered 12/1/21 is hereby **VACATED** in its entirety, and it is this Court's intention that this Order shall be effective instead.

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that the portions of this Court's Order entered on May 25, 2021, imposing sanctions against Benjamin Childs, Esq., are hereby vacated.

Dated this 20th day of December, 2021 5D8 FCA C4A1 5F61 Jerry A. Wiese District Court Judge

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

WLAB INVESTMENT, LLC, Appellant,

vs.

TKNR, INC., A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION; CHI ON WONG, A/K/A CHI KUEN WONG, AN INDIVIDUAL; KENNY ZHONG LIN, A/K/A KEN ZHONG LIN, A/K/A KENNETH ZHONG LIN, A/K/A WHONG K. LIN, A/K/A CHONG KENNY LIN, A/K/A ZHONG LIN, AN INDIVIDUAL; LIWE HELEN CHEN, A/K/A HELEN CHEN, AN INDIVIDUAL; YAN QUI ZHANG, AN INDIVIDUAL; INVESTPRO LLC, D/B/A INVESTPRO REALTY, A NEVADA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY; MAN CHAU CHENG, AN INDIVIDUAL; JOYCE A. NICKRANDT, AN INDIVIDUAL; INVESTPRO INVESTMENTS LLC, A NEVADA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY; AND INVESTPRO MANAGER LLC, A NEVADA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, Respondents. WLAB INVESTMENT, LLC, Appellant, VS. TKNR, INC., A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION; CHI ON WONG, A/K/A CHI KUEN WONG, AN INDIVIDUAL; KENNY ZHONG LIN, A/K/A KEN ZHONG LIN, A/K/A KENNETH ZHONG LIN, A/K/A WHONG K. LIN, A/K/A CHONG KENNY LIN, A/K/A ZHONG LIN, AN INDIVIDUAL; LIWE HELEN CHEN, A/K/A HELEN CHEN, AN INDIVIDUAL; YAN QUI ZHANG, AN

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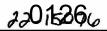
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#### ORDER AFFIRMING (DOCKET NO. 82835) AND REVERSING (DOCKET NO. 83051)

These are consolidated appeals from a district court order granting summary judgment in a real property matter (Docket No. 82835) and from an order awarding attorney fees (Docket No. 83051). Eighth Judicial District Court, Clark County; Adriana Escobar, Judge.<sup>1</sup>

Appellant filed the underlying action, alleging generally that respondents had fraudulently induced appellant into purchasing an apartment building that contained numerous defects. Generally speaking, appellant's complaint alleged that respondents concealed the defects and that appellant could not have discovered those defects with due diligence before the purchase was completed. The district court granted summary judgment for respondents, reasoning, among other things, that (1) appellant failed to introduce evidence that respondents were aware of any particular defect that they failed to disclose; and (2) appellant failed to introduce evidence showing that a professionally conducted inspection would not have

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Pursuant to NRAP 34(f)(1), we have determined that oral argument is not warranted.

discovered the complained-of defects. Consequently, the district court granted summary judgment on all 15 of appellant's claims, including its claim for violation of NRS Chapter 113 (Sales of Real Property—Required Disclosures). Appellant then appealed that order (Docket No. 82835). Thereafter, the district court awarded respondents roughly \$128,000 in attorney fees under NRCP 11 based on its perception that appellant's action was frivolous. Appellant then appealed that order (Docket No. 83051), and the appeals were consolidated.

#### Summary judgment (Docket No. 82835)

Appellant contends that summary judgment was improper because it introduced evidence sufficient to create questions of material fact. See Wood v. Safeway, Inc., 121 Nev. 724, 729, 121 P.3d 1026, 1029 (2005) (reviewing de novo a district court's decision to grant summary judgment and recognizing that summary judgment is appropriate "when the pleadings and other evidence on file demonstrate that no genuine issue as to any material fact remains and that the moving party is entitled to a judgment as a matter of law" (internal quotation marks and alterations omitted)). In particular, appellant appears to be contending that there are genuine issues of material fact regarding (1) whether respondents were aware of the complained-of defects, and (2) whether appellant was required to conduct a "professional" inspection to satisfy its due diligence.<sup>2</sup>

We disagree. With respect to appellant's first argument, appellant's opening brief simply reiterates its belief that "[n]umerous issues of fact exist as to what Defendants knew, what they disclosed and what they

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>To the extent that appellant has raised other arguments challenging the district court's summary judgment, we are not persuaded that those arguments warrant reversal.

covered up." But beyond this statement, appellant's opening brief fails to cite to any evidence in the record that might raise an inference that respondents were aware of a particular complained-of defect, such that a genuine issue of material fact existed regarding the viability of appellant's NRS Chapter 113 claim or any of the related claims. See Nelson v. Heer, 123 Nev. 217, 224, 163 P.3d 420, 425 (2007) (holding that for purposes of a claim under NRS Chapter 113, in order for a seller to be "aware" of a defect such that the seller is obligated to disclose it, the seller must be able to "realize, perceive, or have knowledge of that defect or condition"); Land Baron Invs. Inc. v. Bonnie Springs Fam. LP, 131 Nev. 686, 696, 356 P.3d 511, 518 (2015) ("[Common law] [n]ondisclosure arises where a seller is aware of materially adverse facts that could not be discovered by the buyer after diligent inquiry." (Emphasis added and internal quotation marks omitted)). Similarly, appellant's summary judgment opposition failed to identify any evidence that might raise such an inference. Based on this appellate argument and lack of identifiable record evidence, we are unable to conclude that the district court erred in finding that no genuine issue of material fact existed regarding respondents' awareness of the complainedof defects. See NRAP 28(a)(10)(A) (requiring briefs to cite to relevant portions of the record)<sup>3</sup>; Schuck v. Signature Flight Support of Nev., Inc.,

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>Appellant's opening brief *does* cite to an affidavit from appellant's manager that was submitted in conjunction with appellant's motion to reconsider the district court's summary judgment. However, the manager's affidavit submitted in conjunction with appellant's summary judgment opposition did not include the statements upon which appellant relies on appeal, and appellant has not argued that the district court improperly denied its motion for reconsideration. Relatedly, although appellant's reply brief attempts for the first time to identify specific defects of which respondents were aware, we decline to specifically address those

126 Nev. 434, 438, 245 P.3d 542, 545 (2010) ("[A] district court is not obligated to wade through and search the entire record for some specific facts which might support the nonmoving party's claim."); see also Johnson v. Cambridge Indus., Inc., 325 F.3d 892, 901 (7th Cir. 2003) ("[S]ummary judgment is the 'put up or shut up' moment in a lawsuit, when a party must show what evidence it has that would convince a trier of fact to accept its version of events.").

With respect to appellant's second argument, appellant appears to be contending that its manager's own inspection was sufficient to satisfy the due diligence requirement in the parties' Residential Purchase Agreement, such that any defect he did not discover was not "within the reach of the diligent attention and observation of the buyer."<sup>4</sup> Cf. Frederic

<sup>4</sup>With the possible exception of its claim for violation of NRS Chapter 645, all the claims in appellant's operative complaint appear to be based on the allegation that respondents *knowingly* did not disclose the complainedof defects. If so, appellant's second argument appears to be moot in light of our rejection of appellant's first argument. See Wood, 121 Nev. at 731, 121 P.3d at 1031 ("The substantive law controls which factual disputes are material and will preclude summary judgment; other factual disputes are irrelevant."); Bulbman, Inc. v. Nev. Bell, 108 Nev. 105, 111, 825 P.2d 588, 592 (1992) (observing that "[w]here an essential element of a claim for relief is absent, the facts, disputed or otherwise, as to other elements are rendered immaterial and summary judgment is proper."). Nonetheless, in the event we are misconstruing appellant's claims and arguments, we address appellant's second argument.

As for appellant's NRS Chapter 645 claim, we affirm the district court's summary judgment based on its finding that appellant did not rely on any representations from the broker respondents, which is a finding that

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arguments. Francis v. Wynn Las Vegas, LLC, 127 Nev. 657, 671 n.7, 262 P.3d 705, 715 n.7 (2011) (explaining why this court generally declines to consider arguments raised for the first time in a reply brief).

& Barbara Rosenberg Living Tr. v. MacDonald Highlands Realty, LLC, 134 Nev. 570, 578-79, 427 P.3d 104, 111 (2018) (observing that a seller is not liable for nondisclosure of a known condition materially affecting the property's value if the condition is also "within the reach of the diligent attention and observation of the buyer"). Admittedly, this court has not expanded on the meaning of "within the reach of the diligent attention and observation of the buyer." Id. However, appellant's manager acknowledged in his deposition that before appellant purchased the building, the manager had access to the same parts of the building that appellant's own expert had when the expert conducted his own inspection as part of this litigation, with the implication being that a "professional" pre-purchase inspection would have discovered the complained-of defects alleged in appellant's complaint. Thus, absent any authority suggesting that "diligent attention and observation of the buyer" would encompass a non-professional or unlicensed inspection, we are unable to conclude that the "inspection" conducted by appellant's manager-and his failure to discover the complained-of defects-provides a basis for holding respondents liable for nondisclosure of those alleged defects.<sup>5</sup>

Accordingly, and to the extent that appellant's second argument implicates an issue of "material" fact, *Wood*, 121 Nev. at 731, 121 P.3d at 1031 ("The substantive law controls which factual disputes are material and

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appellant does not meaningfully contest on appeal. *Powell v. Liberty Mut.* Fire Ins. Co., 127 Nev. 156, 161 n.3, 252 P.3d 668, 672 n.3 (2011) (providing that issues not raised by a party on appeal are deemed waived).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup>In this, we note that the subject property was a 63-year-old apartment building that, by appellant's own admission, "should have been condemned" before appellant purchased it.

will preclude summary judgment ...."), we conclude that the district court correctly found that no genuine issue of material fact existed to justify denying summary judgment. We therefore affirm the district court's summary judgment in Docket No. 82835.

Attorney fee award (Docket No. 83051)

Appellant contends that the district court's award of attorney fees as a sanction under NRCP 11 must be reversed because the district court imposed that sanction in contravention of NRCP 11's explicit and mandatory procedural requirements. We agree. 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). The purpose of that provision is to allow the offending party to correct or withdraw a problematic pleading, and appellant was not afforded the benefit of that provision, which would have allowed appellant to avoid sanctions under that rule.<sup>6</sup> Radcliffe v. Rainbow Constr. Co., 254 F.3d 772, 789 (9th Cir. 2001) (concluding that a defendant did not comply with the federal analog to NRCP 11 when it sought Rule 11 sanctions as part of a motion for summary judgment and did not serve the motion on the plaintiffs within Rule 11's 21-day advance service provision); see also Barber v. Miller, 146 F.3d 707, 710-11 (9th Cir. 1998) ("[W]arnings [are] not motions . . . , and

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup>Although the summary judgment originally entered by the district court directed respondents to prepare an order to show cause, the district court's amended summary judgment removed that provision such that the district court did not order appellant to show cause why it should not be sanctioned. See NRCP 11(c)(3) (providing that the court, on its own, may order a party to "show cause why conduct specifically described in the order has not violated Rule 11(b)").

[Rule 11] requires service of a motion."). Thus, before sanctions may be imposed against an offending party, that party must be given "notice and a reasonable opportunity to respond." NRCP 11(c)(1). Here, respondents failed to comply with the mandatory procedural requirements of NRCP 11(c), which precludes the imposition of sanctions under NRCP  $11.^7$  We therefore reverse the district court's May 25, 2021, order in Docket No. 83051 insofar as that order awarded respondents attorney fees.

It is so ORDERED.8

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cc: Hon. Adriana Escobar, District Judge James A. Kohl, Settlement Judge Day & Nance Michael B. Lee, P.C. Eighth District Court Clerk

<sup>7</sup>Respondents contend that the district court could have awarded the same sanctions under NRS 7.085 or NRS 18.010(2)(b). However, the district court expressly granted "attorneys' fees and costs pursuant to Rule 11," which required respondents to follow the appropriate procedures for the award to have been appropriate.

<sup>8</sup>The Honorable Mark Gibbons, Senior Justice, participated in the decision of this matter under a general order of assignment.

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

#### WLAB INVESTMENT, LLC, Appellant,

vs.

TKNR, INC., A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION; CHI ON WONG, A/K/A CHI KUEN WONG, AN INDIVIDUAL; KENNY ZHONG LIN, A/K/A KEN ZHONG LIN, A/K/A KENNETH ZHONG LIN, A/K/A WHONG K. LIN, A/K/A CHONG KENNY LIN, A/K/A ZHONG LIN, AN INDIVIDUAL; LIWE HELEN CHEN, A/K/A HELEN CHEN, AN INDIVIDUAL; YAN QUI ZHANG, AN INDIVIDUAL; INVESTPRO LLC, D/B/A INVESTPRO REALTY, A NEVADA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY; MAN CHAU CHENG, AN INDIVIDUAL; JOYCE A. NICKRANDT, AN INDIVIDUAL; INVESTPRO INVESTMENTS LLC, A NEVADA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY: INVESTPRO MANAGER LLC, A NEVADA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY; AND JOYCE A. NICKDRANDT, AN INDIVIDUAL, Respondents. WLAB INVESTMENT, LLC, Appellant, VS. TKNR, INC., A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION; CHI ON WONG, A/K/A CHI KUEN WONG, AN INDIVIDUAL; KENNY ZHONG LIN, A/K/A KEN ZHONG LIN, A/K/A KENNETH ZHONG LIN, A/K/A WHONG K. LIN, A/K/A CHONG KENNY LIN, A/K/A ZHONG LIN, AN INDIVIDUAL; LIWE HELEN CHEN, A/K/A HELEN CHEN, AN

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#### ORDER DENYING REHEARING

Rehearing denied. NRAP 40(c).

It is so ORDERED.

C. J. Parraguirre

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Herndon

Sr. J. Gibbons

cc: Hon. Adriana Escobar, District Judge Day & Nance Michael B. Lee, P.C. Eighth District Court Clerk

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# EXHIBIT J

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WLAB INVESTMENT LLC,	)			
Plaintiff,	) CASE NO. A-18-785917-C ) DEPT NO. XIV			
vs.	)			
TKNR INC.,	) TRANSCRIPT OF			
Defendant.	) <b>PROCEEDINGS</b>			
AND RELATED PARTIES	)			
BEFORE THE HONORABLE ADRIANA ESCOBAR, DISTRICT COURT JUDGE THURSDAY, MARCH 11, 2021				
OPPOSITION TO DEFENDANT'S MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT COUNTERMOTION FOR CONTINUANCE BASED ON NRCP 56(f) AND COUNTERMOTION FOR IMPOSITION OF MONETARY SANCTIONS				
DEFENDANTS MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT, OR IN THE ALTERNATIVE, PARTIAL SUMMARY JUDGMENT				
SETTLEMENT				
APPEARANCES:				
FOR THE PLAINTIFF:	STEVEN L. DAY, ESQ.			
FOR THE DEFENDANTS:	MICHAEL B. LEE, ESQ.			
TRANSCRIBED BY: JD REPORTING, INC.				

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A-18-785917-C | WLAB v. TKNR | 2021-03-11 LAS VEGAS, CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA, MARCH 11, 2021, 9:19 A.M. 1 2 \* \* \* \* 3 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Department 14 is now in session. We're at page 1-2, Your Honor. 4 5 THE COURT: Okay. Very good. I'd like your 6 appearances for the record, please. 7 MR. LEE: This is Michael Lee on behalf of the defendants. 8 9 MR. DAY: This is Steven Day on behalf of the 10 plaintiff. 11 THE COURT: Okay. Good morning, Mr. Day and Mr. Lee. 12 All right. I have before me the motion for summary 13 judgment or in the alternative partial summary judgment by the 14 defendant and the opposition and countermotion for continuance 15 pursuant to NRCP 56(f) and by -- Forgive me. The motion for 16 summary judgment is by the defendants. The plaintiff's opposition and also we have -- so let's get going. 17 18 Why don't you, Mr. Lee, please start. 19 MR. LEE: Thank you, Your Honor. 20 We also filed a supplement to our motion for summary 21 judgment that includes the deposition of plaintiff's person 22 most knowledgeable Frank Miao who is also on the line today. 23 In terms of the supplement, it illustrated several 24 undisputed facts that illustrates why summary judgment is 25 appropriate related to all of plaintiff's claims and our claim JD Reporting, Inc.

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1 for abuse of process. In particular, when we start looking at 2 the background of plaintiff, Mr. Miao, admitted that plaintiff 3 is a sophisticated buyer who has purchased at least 20 4 properties, 8 in Las Vegas.

5 He also specified that the underlining terms of the 6 residential purchase agreement were conspicuous and 7 understandable. He specified it was a similar agreement to the 8 other agreements that he had used purchasing other properties 9 in Clark County. The terms were clear related to the duties --10 THE COURT: Mr. Lee.

MR. LEE: Yes?

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12 THE COURT: I'd like you to speak slower, please.
13 MR. LEE: Oh, I apologize.

14 THE COURT: That's okay. Thank you.

15 MR. LEE: He specified that the terms were clear 16 related to the duty to inspect, and he also specified that 17 plaintiff was acutely aware of the requirement under Nevada law 18 to protect itself by getting an inspection.

As to the underlying issue of the inspection, what Mr. Miao also testified was that prior to the purchase he was aware that the seller had, quote, "He only recommended that I retain licensed Nevada professionals to conduct inspections," end quote.

He also specified that he had access to inspect the entire property and conduct noninvasive, nondestructive

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1 inspections, which he did.

During that time, he inspected the structure, the roof, the mechanical systems, the electrical systems, the plumbing, the HVAC and the dryer vent.

5 He noted at that time that there were some issues that were not up to code -- and this was prior to the 6 7 purchase -- that there were finishing issues; that there were 8 issues with the outlets not being GFCI outlets; electrical 9 issues, including exposed electrical; potential asbestos; 10 cracks on the ceramic floor tiles; visible cracks in the concrete foundation. And he specified that all of these were 11 12 open and obvious prior to his purchase.

He also specified that he received the seller's real property disclosure forms prior to the purchase of the property. As to the disclosure form, prior to the purchase, plaintiff was aware that the seller TKNR was an investor who had never resided in the property; that there were issues with the heating systems, the cooling systems; and that there was work done without permits.

He also knew that the property was 63 years old at the time of the purchase and that most of the work done on the property was done by a handyman other than the HVAC installation.

24 Despite these disclosures, Mr. Miao never followed up 25 with the seller at all. He also specified that he could have

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1 followed up with these identified issues that included the HVAC 2 and the permits, and he was aware that he should have contacted 3 the local building department and also obtain the permits as 4 part of his due diligence prior to the purchase.

5 He was also aware of the potential for mold and the 6 requirement to get a mold inspection and understood it was his 7 risk that he elected not to get a professional inspection.

8 When we look at the residential purchase agreement, 9 plaintiff was also aware that there were limited damages in 10 this case and that the damages under paragraph 7D limited the 11 potential damages that could have been discovered by an 12 inspection.

13 Now, Mr. Miao had also indicated that he doesn't 14 believe in professional inspections. He does not have a 15 professional license related to being a general contractor, an inspector, an appraiser or a project manager. He has never 16 hired a professional inspector in Clark County, and he doesn't 17 18 use them because he believes the underlining costs is too 19 expensive, and he just relies upon himself to do the 20 inspections.

If we look at the issue of the professional inspection, what Mr. Miao admitted is that he had access to the entire building. He had access to the attic when he looked at it.

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He also retained an expert in this case. His expert

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didn't do any destructive or invasive testing. It would've
been exactly the same type of inspection that he could have
done in 2017. He admitted that the plaintiff examined -- the
plaintiff's expert examined exactly the same areas that he had
done, that the plaintiff's access was exactly the same as his
original inspection in 2017 and that the inspections --

7 THE COURT: Mr. Lee, will you please -- you may be 8 reading, and it's okay. I just need you to speak slower. I've 9 reviewed everything. This is in your motion. But I would like 10 you to speak slower, please.

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MR. LEE: Yes, Your Honor.

THE COURT: Thank you.

13 MR. LEE: And these references that I'm giving you 14 right now are all from our supplement which is Mr. Miao's 15 deposition which includes citation to everything that I'm 16 referencing. So I appreciate that you've had an opportunity to 17 read the briefing and also to review the supplement as well 18 because it's the underlining basis that illustrates that --19 THE COURT: Right. I have Mr. Miao's deposition.

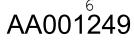
20 I've reviewed it.

MR. LEE: Okay. Great.

THE COURT: But I (video interference) make a record,please.

24 MR. LEE: Okay. I'll continue to make a record. 25 THE COURT: Just not so quickly. Just not so fast.

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1 MR. LEE: Yeah. I'm sorry, Your Honor. 2 THE COURT: That's okay. 3 MR. LEE: Okay. During the -- he also specified that as to plaintiff's expert the report illustrated all the areas 4 5 that he could have inspected in 2017 and that the pictures that 6 were also attached to the expert report were areas that he 7 could have inspected in 2017. 8 He also accompanied the defendants' expert during our 9 inspection of the property. As before, Mr. Miao had the same 10 access to the property in 2017 that our expert did during our 11 inspection. 12 He agreed with our expert that the alleged conditions 13 identified by plaintiff's expert were, quote, unquote, "open and obvious." 14 15 He also agreed with our expert's finding that there 16 were no sagging issues in the roof. And he also recognized the deficiencies in 17 18 plaintiff's expert report that failed to differentiate when 19 conditions prior to when TKNR owned the property while it owned 20 it and that it was afterwards. 21 When we also look at the underlining issues related 22 to permits, Mr. Miao agreed that the finishing work done by the 23 seller did not need permits. 24 He also specified that although there are these 25 alleged conditions with the property currently, he does not JD Reporting, Inc.

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1 place any notice to tenants, although they have not done any 2 repairs to the property, which illustrates the lack of merit to 3 this action.

He also specified that there were potential third parties that could have damaged the property, such as (video interference) or tenants.

He also specified that there's no evidence defendants
knew about the alleged conditions, that the Flipping Fund,
which is a party to this case related to the RICO action, had
nothing to do with the sale.

And for the abuse of process claim, he indicated that his initial estimate of the cost of repair would've been \$102,000, but their -- plaintiff's expert inflated the cost of the repair to \$600,000.

We also noted the perjury in his declaration where he originally did try to settle this case for \$10,000, but he denied making that offer in his declaration.

When we turn back and we look at the Second Amended Complaint, the Second Amended Complaint illustrates that based on the undisputed facts from Mr. Miao, there's a lack of merit to this action.

Looking at paragraph 25, it reads,

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23TKNR failed to disclose one or more24known conditions that materially affects the25value or the use of the subject property in

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1 an adverse manner. 2 This is not true based on his undisputed facts. 3 We looked at paragraph 27, seller's disclosure form was either inadequate or false. 4 5 Paragraph 29, construction work must be done by 6 licensed contractors with permits and inspections. 7 Then at paragraph 31 outlines the alleged conditions 8 that they're claiming that were a nondisclosure that they did 9 not know about. 10 Paragraph 31A, the electrical systems, including the 11 GFCI outlets. What's also notable about the GFCI outlets is 12 that Mr. Miao is the one who requested that the sellers install 13 the GFCI outlets at the time when he was purchasing the 14 property. 15 31B relates to the alleged issues with plumbing 16 systems. 17 C, sewer line. 18 D, heating systems. 19 E, cooling systems. 20 F, smoke detectors. 21 G, moisture conditions or water damage venting into 22 the attic. 23 H, structural issues. 24 Notably, Item I admits that plaintiff knew that the 25 construction was done without permits. JD Reporting, Inc.

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A-18-785917-C | WLAB v. TKNR | 2021-03-11 1 J, roof and HVAC. 2 K, mold, slash, fungus. 3 And then L. 4 THE COURT: A little bit slower, Mr. Lee, please. 5 I'm following you. So a little bit -- just a teeny bit slower, 6 please. 7 I'm sorry, Your Honor. MR. LEE: Yes. 8 THE COURT: It happens all -- don't worry. 9 MR. LEE: Yeah. 10 THE COURT: Okay. 11 MR. LEE: Yeah. 12 Flooring, land, slash, foundation. 13 Now, the reason I started my presentation talking 14 about the undisputed facts and then went into the underlining 15 Second Amended Complaint was to illustrate that summary 16 judgment is appropriate as to all these issues because there's 17 no dispute that plaintiff was aware of any of these issues 18 prior to plaintiff's purchase of the property or that they were 19 open and obvious or that a reasonable professional inspection 20 could've uncovered them. 21 In terms of the countermotion for additional 22 discovery, Mr. Miao wrote to me directly specifying that he did 23 not want there to be any additional discovery. So there is no 24 basis for the 56(f) request. He wrote to me directly also 25 copying in his counsel, and I asked him not to contact me



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directly without his attorney's approval.

In terms of the law in the case, which is cited throughout the motion, Nevada Revised Statute 113.140 provides that a seller does not have a duty to disclose any defects that he is not aware of.

The case law under the *Bonnie Springs* case specifies that liability for nondisclosure is generally not imposed where the buyer either knew or could have discovered the defects prior to the purchase.

10 NRS 113.140 clearly provides that the seller's 11 disclosure does not constitute a warranty and that the buyer 12 still has a duty to exercise reasonable care to protect 13 themselves.

14 A buyer waives their common-law claims for 15 negligent -- negligent misrepresentation, fraudulent or intentional misrepresentation and/or unjust enrichment when 16 17 they expressly agree that it would carry the duty to inspect 18 the property and ensure that all aspects of it were suitable 19 prior to the close of escrow and that the information was 20 reasonably accessible to the buyer. That's the McDonald 21 Highlands case.

The general rule for foreclosing liability for nondisclosure when a property is purchased as is applies when such facts are within the reach of the diligent attention and observation of the buyer. This is the *Macintosh* (phonetic)

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2	Importantly, the Nevada Supreme Court included an					
3	agreement to purchase property as is foreclosed each of the					
4	buyer's common-law claims justifying the granting of summary					
5	judgment on all common-law claims.					
6	Now, when we look at the underlining complaint and we					
7	look at the motion, we are entitled to summary judgment on all					
8	the plaintiff's claims for Cause of Action 1, recovery under					
9	NRS Chapter 113;					
10	For Cause of Action 2, constructive fraud;					
11	3, common-law fraud;					
12	4, fraudulent inducement;					
13	5, fraudulent concealment;					
14	6, breach of fiduciary duty;					
15	8, damages under NRS 645;					
16	9, failure to supervise, inadequate training or					
17	education;					
18	12, civil conspiracy;					
19	13, breach of contract; and					
20	14, breach of the covenant of good faith and fair					
21	dealing.					
22	As to the other causes of action, plaintiff never					
23	filed an opposition to those requests. These were included in					
24	the Causes of Action 7, RICO;					
25	10, fraudulent conveyance;					
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1 2 11, fraudulent conveyance; and

15, their claim for abuse of process.

3 There's also no dispute that summary judgment is4 warranted as to all the broker defendants.

5 On our counterclaim for abuse of process, we are 6 entitled to summary judgment on that claim as the undisputed 7 facts illustrate that plaintiff's action was merely an attempt 8 to extort all the defendants with a meritless claim and abuse 9 of process.

10 It's undisputed that the property was a 63-year-old 11 home at the time that plaintiff purchased it in 2018, that the 12 purchase price was \$200,000, that plaintiffs now are claiming \$16.25 million in damages, that there's no basis for the claim 13 14 for RICO or the fraudulent conveyance or any of those other 15 claims where plaintiff didn't even oppose our request for 16 summary judgment; that the original settlement demand by 17 plaintiff was \$10,000.

Now, the only purpose of filing this claim and the related discovery was retaliatory. In that context, summary judgment is appropriate in favor of us related to abuse of process.

In the event that you find that there is somewhat of an disputed fact or there's a material damage issue of material fact, partial summary judgment is appropriate related to the undisputed facts and the unopposed claims.

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1 And then we would also ask for attorneys' fees and 2 costs. 3 Unless the Court has any questions, I'll go ahead and 4 turn it over to Mr. Day. 5 THE COURT: Okay. I have no questions at this time. 6 I have so many documents here. 7 Go on, Counsel. Mr. Day. 8 MR. DAY: Your Honor, this is Steven Day for the 9 plaintiff. 10 THE COURT: Okay. And, Mr. Day, before you start, 11 I'd like you to speak a little bit louder, please. For some 12 reason I can't really hear you as well. So will you bring your 13 microphone closer. MR. DAY: Judge, I certainly will. 14 15 THE COURT: Okay. Thank you. 16 MR. DAY: Is that better? 17 THE COURT: Yeah, a little bit. Yes. 18 MR. DAY: Okay. Well, Judge, I made an appearance in 19 the case yesterday. I looked at the motions for summary 20 judgment, the opposition and the reply yesterday. And whenever 21 I have a case where I have an opposing party that files a motion for summary judgment and that motion includes 33 pages 22 23 of briefs and over a hundred pages of documents, hearsay documents, none of which were supported by testimony or have 24 25 any foundation whatsoever, I immediately assumed that there are

1 factual issues in the case.

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And Mr. Childs filed an opposition to defendants' motion which also included in excess of 30 pages of brief and well over a hundred pages of supporting documents, which would all further suggest that there are not only factual issues, but many factual issues --

THE COURT: Mr. Day, please speak louder. Mr. Day,
excuse me. You must speak louder, please.

9 MR. DAY: How about this? Is this better? 10 THE COURT: That's better.

MR. DAY: Okay. Sorry about that, Judge.

12 THE COURT: No, it's okay. You know, it happens. I 13 have one person speaking too quickly and the other one I can't 14 hear. What you're doing now is better.

15 MR. DAY: Okay. There are -- there are numerous 16 factual issues in this case. The plaintiff's contention is 17 that -- I mean, defendants. Defendants argue that had an 18 inspection of the property been done, the various issues with 19 this triplex would've been discovered. The plaintiffs (sic) 20 are claiming that; however, it's plaintiff's position that when 21 defendants purchased this property, the defendants and their 22 many investors purchased this property, the intent was to 23 immediately flip the property. And when they could not flip 24 the property, they attempted to cover up the numerous problems with the triplex with floor covering, wallcoverings, plaster. 25

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And as can be seen in the expert reports, many of the issues
 are within the walls of the building itself and were not
 discovered until after the property was purchased.

For example, the issues with the foundation were discovered when tile started coming up from the floor after purchase. And when floor covering, which was all placed by the defendants, was removed to reveal what the primary issue with the foundation was.

9 This is a structure that, frankly, just should have 10 been condemned. And instead of it being condemned and knocked 11 down, defendants attempted to cover up the many problems with 12 the triplex which precluded the plaintiff from observing these 13 many problems upon his inspection of the premises.

So there are -- the argument that was made by defense, great argument, but that's an argument that should be made to the jury. The jury should be allowed to determine what the plaintiff knew or should have known prior to purchase, what efforts the defendants made to attempt to cover up the many problems with this triplex prior to purchase. And those are all factual issues that should be left to a jury.

With respect to the deposition that was included in the reply, you know, that's a little late. The initial motion that was filed included no testimony, no admissible evidence. The defense relied primarily or exclusively upon hearsay documents, documents that had no foundation in plaintiff's --

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or defendants' presentation with the motion for summary 1 2 judgment. 3 So plaintiff's contention is that there are numerous factual issues in this case which would preclude summary 4 5 judgment with respect to all causes of action. 6 And with that, unless the Court has questions, we'll 7 stand submitted. 8 THE COURT: Okay. Thank you, Mr. Day. 9 Mr. Lee, please. 10 MR. LEE: Yes, Your Honor. Thank you. And please 11 slow me down if I start speaking too quickly. 12 THE COURT: All right. You've got to try to control 13 yourself as well. But, yes, I hate to -- I really dislike 14 having to -- to interrupt people, but so please try to speak 15 slower. 16 MR. LEE: Yes. 17 THE COURT: And we're not in a crazy hurry. I'd 18 rather hear everything thoroughly even though I have very 19 thorough pleadings. 20 Go on. 21 In terms of the very thorough pleadings, MR. LEE: 22 just because we have thoroughly briefed the issue doesn't mean 23 that there's a genuine issue of material fact. It's a somewhat 24 novel argument from Mr. Day that we did our job too good. So 25 there has to be a genuine issue of material fact.



1 It's also somewhat of a novel argument that you 2 should discount the deposition of Mr. Miao that illustrates 3 that there were no genuine issues of material fact so that we 4 can avoid summary judgment.

5 The general argument that Mr. Day, and while I 6 appreciate he is new to the case, about the alleged discovery 7 issues is without merit. Miao admitted that there's no 8 evidence that defendant knew about the alleged conditions. And 9 what we have to keep in mind is that the defendants owned the 10 property for a short period of time prior to buying it, 11 improving it, and then selling it to the plaintiff. Then 12 plaintiff operated it for a long period of time utilizing the 13 defendant realtors as a management property.

What we'll also note here is that Mr. Day conveniently omitted the fact that there's a long-term tenant who lived in the property prior to the defendants purchasing it, during the time of the improvement and currently resides there to this day and that Mr. Miao also specified in his deposition that that person is very unhappy with the property and still with the conditions living there.

21 We also have the undisputed fact that Mr. Miao 22 admitted that plaintiff's expert failed to differentiate 23 between what happened when the defendants owned the property 24 and what happened thereafter.

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So plaintiff here has not met any burden to show that

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the defendants knew about the alleged conditions or what's actually more troubling in terms of the underlining case law is that a reasonable inspection at the time of purchase would have shown any alleged open and obvious conditions that Mr. Miao admitted was on the property.

We also have the issue related to the unopposed causes of action that we sought summary judgment on, but also with the underlining claims that Mr. Miao specified related to the GFCI outlets which was an actual condition caused by the plaintiff related to the property that illustrates that this was only -- this lawsuit was brought for a bad-faith purpose with underlying conditions that Mr. Miao knew about.

13 If we look at the deposition alone, it illustrates 14 the undisputed facts that should grant summary judgment to 15 defendants entirely or at least establish these are the 16 undisputed facts in this case. Even if we have the partial 17 finding that these are the undisputed facts within the case, 18 plaintiff can never present any case as a matter of law because 19 the case law is very clear that there is no basis for this case 20 to continue.

21 Unless you have any questions, I'll go ahead and 22 rest.

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THE COURT: I have a couple of questions.

24 Mr. Day, when you were speaking, you mentioned that 25 the deposition of Mr. Miao or Miao was late, and I'd like to

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understand what you mean by that. 1 2 Well, Your Honor, any evidence that the MR. DAY: 3 defendants have in support of their motion for summary judgment should have been included in the original motion. 4 5 The defendants in their reply included frankly the 6 only admissible evidence that's included in any of their briefs 7 in their reply. The reply should be nothing more than a 8 response to plaintiff's opposition. So if they intended to use 9 Mr. Miao's deposition, it actually should have been included in 10 the original motion for summary judgment. 11 The original motion for summary judgment has no 12 admissible evidence. There is no testimony in the original 13 motion for summary judgment. Defendant simply relied upon 14 documents which essentially are hearsay documents --15 THE COURT: But, Mr. Day. 16 MR. DAY: -- so there is no foundation for those 17 documents. 18 THE COURT: Let me interrupt you for a moment. When 19 you're talking about the deposition and it's in the reply, can 20 you cite law to this Court that says that, you know -- because 21 I usually look at everything before. In other words, there's 22 been a motion. There's been an opposition. There are exhibits 23 that came first. Then there was a deposition that came in the 24 reply. 25 Is there legally a basis for not allowing something

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like that to be reviewed, a legal basis that this Court is
 prohibited from reading something that's included in a reply?

3 MR. DAY: Well, there's nothing preventing the Court4 from reviewing whatever the Court wants to review.

THE COURT: Right.

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6 MR. DAY: I am not prepared to cite cases for the 7 Court suggesting the proposition that -- I mean, I was not able 8 to provide or Mr. Childs was not able to respond to their reply 9 to the opposition. So, no, I'm not prepared to give you case law or suggesting that the Court cannot consider evidence that 10 11 was not originally brought in plaintiff's -- or defendants' 12 initial motion for summary judgment. I'd have to do some 13 research and submit a supplemental brief on that.

14 I just -- Judge, I just find it interesting that 15 their initial motion for summary judgment, as I'm reading the motion for summary judgment that there's no evidence. You 16 17 know, the defense is arguing that there are no factual issues. 18 They're arguing that there are no factual issues in the case, 19 but they present no admissible evidence, no testimony, no 20 nothing in their original motion for summary judgment other 21 than documents, and they discuss those documents, but they have 22 no testimony in their original motion for summary judgment 23 laying any kind of foundation for any of those documents.

Those documents, their presentation would not be admissible at the time of trial in their original motion for

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summary judgment. And yet they're asking the Court to render summary judgment on factual issues that were -- you know, on their motion for summary judgment, they present no fact -- no admissible facts. They presented no admissible factual issues. And that was my -- that was my point is that not until we get a reply do we even see any testimony, you know.

So, you know, we -- the plaintiff did not have an opportunity to respond to the testimony, the actual testimony that was presented by defendants in their motion because it was only included in their reply. Their original motion has no admissible evidence in it.

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THE COURT: Mr. Lee.

13 MR. LEE: Yeah. While I appreciate that Mr. Day is 14 late to the case, none of that is accurate.

Exhibit I to the motion for summary judgment is testimony that he's allegedly saying wasn't in there. It's a declaration from a defendant related to the documents.

Exhibit A is the document that was actually produced by -- well, a large portion of the documents in support of the motion for summary judgment were produced by the plaintiff. So they'd be self-authenticating anyway.

As it pertains to the supplement that we have with the deposition, it was filed as a supplement, not as a reply brief. Our reply brief did allude to Mr. Miao's deposition, which we took after filing the motion for summary judgment.

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And then we supplemented on January 29th, 2021.

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Today is March 11th, 2021. To say that the plaintiff never had an opportunity to respond to the supplemental brief that we provided that included the testimony of Mr. Miao is without merit and has no factual basis. We hadn't filed a motion when we filed a motion for summary judgment based on the deadlines set forth in the case. And on top of that, we were trying to keep this case moving forward.

9 We didn't try to do any ambush litigation tactics 10 here. We didn't do anything that the plaintiff wasn't aware 11 of. While I appreciate that Mr. Day was not the attorney at 12 that time, he inherited the case as it was, and he doesn't get 13 to re-examine the procedural history of the case or try to 14 invent facts that just simply aren't true just because he's new 15 to the case.

The underlining supplement that plaintiff had substantial (video interference) to go ahead and try to respond to this. They had substantial opportunity to allegedly do the discovery that they claimed that they needed to do to oppose the summary judgment motion, which they did not do and that Mr. Miao now indicates that he doesn't want there to be.

22 So if I'm Mr. Day, I appreciate that he is trying to 23 avoid the deposition that illustrates the undisputed facts and 24 the relevant testimony that is a hundred percent admissible 25 that relates to the underlying documents that authenticate all

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the documents that we're discussing here. Even without the documents, we have the undisputed admissible testimony of Mr. Miao, the person most knowledgeable, that illustrates the overwhelming undisputed facts that there is a lack of merit for this underlying action and that summary judgment should be appropriate as a matter of law.

Nevada case law is very clear related to a buyer's diligence that they have to do related to buying a piece of property. Mr. Miao admitted that the plaintiff was aware of those laws and those statutes related to the duty to inspect and that had he done a reasonable inspection at the time, they could have been -- they could've been discovered.

Even when you look at the opposition and the plaintiff's expert providing a declaration, he doesn't dispute any of the findings related to defense expert's findings that they were open and obvious or could have been discovered at the time of the purchase.

18 Under the plain language of the cases that I cited 19 and the statutes, nothing there would relieve this Honorable Court of granting summary judgment as a matter of law based on 20 those undisputed evidence. Well, whereas Mr. Day continually 21 22 tries to expound upon the alleged defects in the motion, 23 opposition and reply, omitting the supplement and the 24 opportunity that the plaintiff had to respond to the 25 supplement, the undisputed facts arise from the undisputed



testimony of the plaintiff in this case. 1 2 So while he tries to go out there and raise some 3 generalities about what the alleged discovery would be, discovery is now closed. The plaintiff hasn't done any 4 5 discovery on those issues. And even if they did do discovery, 6 it would still be no genuine issue of material fact that 7 summary judgment is appropriate as a matter of law. 8 Thank you. 9 MR. DAY: Your Honor. 10 THE COURT: I'll let you have a moment, but Mr. Lee 11 will have the last word. So if you just want to speak to say 12 something quickly, then I'm going to move on, Mr. Day. Okay. 13 MR. DAY: Judge, just one point. And my 14 understanding is that plaintiff attempted to take the 15 deposition of the defendant who failed to appear for a deposition, and that issue still has not been brought before 16 17 the Court. 18 My understanding as well is there is written 19 discovery that still has not been responded to by the 20 defendant. There was a hearing before the Discovery 21 Commissioner who has ordered defendants to respond to certain 22 outstanding written discovery, which has still not been 23 responded to. 24 So, you know, while we have a discovery cut off, there are -- there's discovery that's been ordered produced. 25

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And frankly, the plaintiff still has -- intends to file a
 motion with the Court to compel defendants' appearance at a
 deposition.

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THE COURT: Mr. Lee.

5 MR. LEE: While I appreciate Mr. Day is late in the 6 case, again, it's simply not accurate. The prior attorney did 7 not properly notice the underlying deposition allegedly for my 8 client. But for one of my clients -- noticed two depositions, 9 one that he called off because of a translator issue and 10 inability to get that scheduled properly.

As to the second deposition that I wasn't aware of, I agreed to allow plaintiff to go ahead and take the deposition prior to this hearing, but Mr. Miao sent an email saying that no more depositions.

15 What Mr. Miao -- Day is also omitting is that on 16 Monday I had the deposition set for plaintiff's expert. 17 Plaintiff at that time had acknowledged that the plaintiff 18 would appear for the deposition. He knew of the time, knew of 19 the subpoena. And then I told him that his subpoena was 20 available for pickup. He didn't show, and he did a 21 nonappearance.

As to the alleged discovery dispute, it's simply not accurate again. The plaintiff -- the defendants in this case have disclosed almost 600 documents. What the Discovery Commissioner ordered is that of those 600 documents he would

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just like us to put into our responses or this information is
 not available.

As to the underlining issue related to the corporate formalities, the articles of incorporation or those type of documents or business licenses, those will have no impact on this underlining case.

So while I appreciate that Mr. Day is late to the
case, you know, the information that he presented related to
alleged discovery is simply not accurate.

10 THE COURT: All right. I'm ready to give you my 11 decision.

12 All right. So I've reviewed all of the 13 documentation, all of the pleadings. And first, I'd like to 14 start off with respect to while it wasn't the binding purchase 15 agreement, it's the first one. The residential agreement dated September 5th of 2017, clearly shows that the buyer did not 16 17 condition -- it was not conditioned on the buyer's due 18 diligence as defined in Section 7(a). This condition referred 19 to due diligence condition checked in the affirmative.

In other words, the bottom line is in the first residential, and I'm only saying that because one came right after another -- the buyer waived and purchased as is and had no interest apparently in moving forward and having an inspection done. While that residential agreement dated September 5th of '17, is not the binding agreement, it's

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important because it shows how the -- the behavior of the
 plaintiff throughout this entire case.

3 Secondly, I have sellers real property disclosure form, August 2nd. It looks like the disclosures are there. 4 5 And still after that the plaintiffs refused. They were 6 actually encouraged to have -- to have someone review and --7 excuse me one moment -- inspect this property, and they did not 8 want to do that. And, you know, this is a 63-year-old 9 property. They're purchasing it as is. I'm not going to go 10 into the details, but there are -- there are specific 11 disclosures that were made by the seller, and the buyer was 12 encouraged, strongly encouraged to make sure that they 13 conducted an inspection, and they did not. They did not want to. Okay. 14

15 So in addition we have Mr. Miao's deposition. But 16 even without the deposition, the deposition obviously 17 references everything in more detail. But this was a waiver. 18 And when it comes -- the discovery here closed October 30th 19 of 2020. Okay. And -- and I -- this is not going -- I'm not 20 going to allow more discovery on this. There's been plenty of 21 time for this because this started, you know, long before COVID. And these cases have to move. You know, they have to 22 23 be done properly. So let's see.

24 So with respect to this case, I am granting -- this 25 Court grants the motion for summary judgment as to all claims

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and will also entertain the Rule 11 sanctions.

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Because, honestly, I don't see in good faith how this can be brought by -- this can be brought by the plaintiffs in good faith when they've waived everything. And in addition, they refused to conduct an inspection knowing that they were purchasing a 63-year-old property. I mean, it's just absurd.

7 Also, I find that in my review that this is not the 8 plaintiff's first purchase of a property. There apparently 9 is -- you know, they've purchased quite a few properties before 10 this one. So they should understand, you know, just like 11 purchasing one home, you understand how important generally an 12 inspection is. And here they are sophisticated in a sense that 13 they should, you know, they knew what the repercussions may be 14 of not holding an inspection.

And now, you know, we have a lot of law that has been cited by counsel for defense, Mr. Lee, that I actually think that -- you know, I'm not going to go into it here, but essentially the defendants, in my view, demonstrated that there's no genuine issue of material fact with respect to plaintiff's claims under Chapter 113. Defendants disclosed all of the known defects.

Plaintiffs have failed to create a genuine issue of material fact by introducing any evidence that the defendants were aware of the nondisclosed defects. And all of the defects were thoroughly explained by defendants' expert. They show

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1 that those defects were discoverable with due diligence, which 2 plaintiffs failed to do. So that is the reason why I'm 3 granting it.

I don't take motions for summary judgment lightly at all. But this is one of the clearest cut cases I've seen. There's no evidence from the plaintiff that refutes material facts and introduces material facts. And that's really the key here. And then --

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MR. MIAO: Excuse me.

THE COURT: Just a moment. I'm speaking.

11 Then when you're looking at the residential purchase 12 agreement and signed disclosure, it's clear in my view that 13 this is a baseless lawsuit, and I will grant defendants 14 attorneys' fees under NRCP 11.

This Court denies plaintiff's request for Rule 56(f) continuance for more discovery. It's a 2018 case. Discovery closed on October 30th of 2020, and I'm not going to continue to move forward with this because I don't think there's a basis for it. So that's it. That's my decision. That's this Court's decision.

And I'd like Mr. Lee to prepare a very detailed order that adopts the information that you included in your motion, in the defendants' motion.

24 Make sure that Mr. Day has a chance to take a look at 25 it as to form and content.

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1	And I'd like to mention that, not from you or anyone
2	in particular, but in many cases I've been I've been
3	receiving orders, proposed orders really late. And pursuant to
4	EDCR 1.90, they need to be filed with this Court no later than
5	14 days after this decision. Okay. So please make sure that I
6	have that everybody starts
7	And, Mr. Lee, I'm not speaking to you. I have other
8	counsel on the phone. So I'm speaking to everyone. I need my
9	orders sooner. And, frankly, I prefer them within 10 days, but
10	the rule says 14. If you're able to submit them in 10 days,
11	then that's great. And, okay. That's it. That's it for this
12	case.
13	MR. MIAO: Excuse me.
14	THE COURT: Yes? Who's
15	MR. MIAO: Excuse me. I would (indiscernible).
16	THE COURT: No. No. I'm sorry. No, you may not
17	speak. You're represented by your attorney, and we are done.
18	MR. MIAO: But I really just (indiscernible) the
19	attorney just took over the case.
20	THE COURT: Excuse me.
21	MR. MIAO: A few days ago. I'm sorry.
22	THE COURT: Sir. Sir. This is this has been
23	on this is not a surprise case. And this is the decision of
24	this Court. Okay. It's a 2018 case. Discovery was closed in
25	October of I've already indicated it, and I don't know where
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I have that note. I believe it was 2020. And --1 2 MR. MIAO: Twenty-second. 3 THE COURT: We're done. We're done here. We're done. Please don't speak anymore. I don't want to be 4 5 disrespectful with you, but you must respect the Court as well. 6 We're done. 7 Counsel, I hope you're being safe out there and your 8 families are well, and --9 MR. MIAO: But --10 THE COURT: No. I'd like you to please mute the 11 person who is speaking that is not Mr. Day or Mr. Lee. 12 THE MARSHAL: Mr. Frank has been muted, Your Honor, 13 by the Court. 14 THE COURT: Okay. In any case, we're done now. 15 And I'd like you to call the next case, please, 16 Marshal Ragsdale. 17 THE CLERK: Judge, there's a status check for 18 settlement on this case. Do you want to hear --19 THE COURT: Oh, wait. Before we go on, before we go on, if you're still on the line, if not, I'd like an email sent 20 21 to all parties, Ms. Reid (phonetic), that makes sure you tell 22 them to submit the order in PDF format and in Word format, and 23 make sure both parties are -- all of the parties are in the 24 email. 25 And ask them to not submit it twice. Because if they JD Reporting, Inc.

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Investpro Kenny Zhong Lin

Serviced	Description	Hours	Rate	Amount
9/29/2020	Review file to determine scope of discovery necessary and other follow up	2	425.00	850.00
9/30/2020	Review Plaintiff's ROG request and Draft initial response for Nikita's finalization and service	2.5	425.00	1,062.50
9/30/2020	Review Plaintiff's RFA request and Draft initial response for Nikita's finalization and service	1.25	425.00	531.25
9/30/2020	Review Plaintiff's RPD request and Draft initial response for Nikita's finalization and service	1.75	425.00	743.75
9/30/2020	(NO CHARGE) Draft e-mail to Nikita re: discovery responses	0.2	0.00	0.00
10/5/2020	Draft Second Supplemental Disclosure of Documents and Witnesses	1.5	425.00	637.50
10/5/2020	(NO CHARGE) Review and respond to multiple e-mails with N. Burdick re: case status and discovery	0.5	0.00	0.00
10/5/2020	Run comparison to ROG responses drafted by N. Burdick and update response	1	425.00	425.00
10/5/2020	Draft Request for Interrogatories	3	425.00	1,275.00
10/5/2020	Draft Request for Production of Documents	2	425.00	850.00
10/6/2020	(NO CHARGE) Review and respond to multiple e-mails with N. Burdick re: case status and discovery	0.5	0.00	0.00
10/6/2020	Draft Request for Admissions	2	425.00	850.00
10/16/2020	Review minute order re: settlement	0.1	425.00	42.50
10/19/2020	Review discovery responses	1	425.00	425.00
10/19/2020	(NO CHARGE) Draft e-mail to client re: review of discovery responses and next steps	0.4	0.00	0.00
10/21/2020	(NO CHARGE) Conference with Kenny re:	1	0.00	0.00
10/21/2020	Draft e-mail to N. Opfer (expert) re: retention and scope of work	0.2	425.00	85.00
10/21/2020	Telephone call with N. Opfer (expert) re: retention and scope of work	0.3	425.00	127.50

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Serviced	Description	Hours	Rate	Amount
10/21/2020	(NO CHARGE) Draft multiple e-mails to clients re:	0.5	0.00	0.00
10/22/2020	Review and Respond to e-mail with N. Opfer (expert) re: retention	0.2	425.00	85.00
10/22/2020	Review brief and opposition in preparation to attend hearing and Attend Hearing	1.5	425.00	637.50
10/22/2020	Draft Notice of Site Inspection	1	425.00	425.00
10/22/2020	Draft multiple e-mails to B. Childs (attorney for Plaintiff) re: settlement conference and leave to amend	0.3	425.00	127.50
10/22/2020	Review e-mail from district court re: minute order	0.1	425.00	42.50
10/22/2020	Draft Order	1.25	425.00	531.25
10/22/2020	Draft Notice of Inspection	0.3	425.00	127.50
10/22/2020	Draft multiple e-mails to B. Childs (attorney for Plaintiff) re: leave to amend, inspection, deposition, settlement conference	0.5	425.00	212.50
10/22/2020	Review and respond to multiple e-mails with B. Childs (attorney for Plaintiff) re: leave to amend, inspection, deposition, settlement conference	0.5	425.00	212.50
10/22/2020	(NO CHARGE) Draft multiple e-mails to client re:	0.5	0.00	0.00
10/22/2020	(NO CHARGE) Review and Respond to multiple e-mails with client re:	0.5	0.00	0.00
10/23/2020	Review parties' disclosures	3	425.00	1,275.00
10/23/2020	Prepare Notice of Deposition and Topics	2	425.00	850.00
10/23/2020	Review and respond to multiple e-mails with B. Childs (attorney for Plaintiff) re: leave to amend, inspection, deposition, settlement conference	0.5	425.00	212.50
10/23/2020	(NO CHARGE) Draft multiple e-mails to client re:	0.5	0.00	0.00

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Serviced	Description	Hours	Rate	Amount
10/23/2020	(NO CHARGE) Review and Respond to multiple e-mails with client re:	0.5	0.00	0.00
10/26/2020	Finalize notice of deposition	0.1	425.00	42.50
10/26/2020	Review and Respond to multiple e-mails from B. Childs (attorney for Plaintiff) re: deposition and settlement conference	0.5	425.00	212.50
10/26/2020	Draft e-mail to N. Opfer (expert) re: inspection and availability	0.1	425.00	42.50
10/27/2020	Review and Respond to multiple e-mails from N. Opfer (expert) re: inspection	0.3	425.00	127.50
10/27/2020	Amend Notice of Site Inspection	0.2	425.00	85.00
10/29/2020	Review Order setting settlement conference	0.1	425.00	42.50
10/29/2020	Draft e-mail to B. Childs (attorney for Plaintiff) re: order enlarging discovery	0.1	425.00	42.50
10/29/2020	Review and Respond to multiple e-mails from B. Childs (attorney for Plaintiff) re: order	0.2	425.00	85.00
10/30/2020	Review and Respond to multiple e-mails from B. Childs (attorney for Plaintiff) re: order	0.2	425.00	85.00
10/30/2020	Finalize Order	0.2	425.00	85.00
10/30/2020	Draft e-mail to Department 14 re: proposed order	0.2	425.00	85.00
10/30/2020	Draft Second Request for Interrogatories for Lin	2	425.00	850.00
10/30/2020	Draft First set of request for interrogatories for Cheng	2.5	425.00	1,062.50
10/21/2020	Filing Fee for substitution of attorney		3.25	3.25
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### **Total** \$15,494.50

Payments/Credits -\$15,494.50

**Balance Due** 

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Serviced	Description	Hours	Rate	Amount
10/31/2020	Review pleadings in preparation to Draft Amended Answer, Counterclaim, and Crossclaim	1	425.00	425.00
10/31/2020	Draft Amended Answer and compare with responses by N. Burdick	1.5	425.00	637.50
11/1/2020	Review residential purchase order, disclosures, Air Invoice and papers, etc. in preparation to Draft Counterclaim, and Crossclaim	1.5	425.00	637.50
11/1/2020	Review pleading elements for abuse of process, contribution, and indemnification in preparation to Draft Counterclaim, and Crossclaim	0.5	425.00	212.50
11/1/2020	Draft Counterclaim general allegations	3	425.00	1,275.00
11/2/2020	Review and respond to e-mail from B. Childs (attorney for Plaintiff) re: amended pleading	0.2	425.00	85.00
11/3/2020	Draft Crossclaim	1.5	425.00	637.50
11/3/2020	Review and respond to e-mail from B. Childs (attorney for Plaintiff) re: amended pleading	0.2	425.00	85.00
11/4/2020	Review briefs and attend hearing on Motion to Compel	2	425.00	850.00
11/4/2020	Draft notice vacating deposition	0.2	425.00	85.00
11/4/2020	Draft e-mail to B. Childs (attorney for Plaintiff) re: resetting deposition	0.1	425.00	42.50
11/4/2020	(NO CHARGE) Draft e-mail to client re:	0.2	0.00	0.00
11/10/2020	Review case law and authority related to amending pleadings and shortening time in preparation to Draft Motion for Leave to File Amended Pleading on Shortened Time	0.5	425.00	212.50
11/10/2020	Review correspondence in preparation to Draft Motion for Leave to File Amended Pleading on Shortened Time	0.2	425.00	85.00
11/10/2020	Draft Motion for Leave to File Amended Pleading on Shortened Time	4	425.00	1,700.00
11/10/2020	Draft e-mail to Department 14 re: request for OST	0.1	425.00	42.50

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Serviced	Description	Hours	Rate	Amount
11/10/2020	Draft notice of depositions for PMK and Zhu	0.5	425.00	212.50
11/12/2020	Draft Exhibits to Motion for Leave to Amend	0.3	425.00	127.50
11/17/2020	Review Opposition to Motion for leave to amend in preparation to Draft Reply Brief	0.5	425.00	212.50
11/17/2020	Review motion and planned disclosures in preparation to Draft Reply Brief	0.5	425.00	212.50
11/17/2020	Draft Reply Brief	2	425.00	850.00
11/17/2020	Draft e-mail to Department 14 re: Reply Brief	0.1	425.00	42.50
11/17/2020	Travel to/from Property to attend inspection and Attend	3	425.00	1,275.00
11/18/2020	Draft e-mail to N. Opfer (expert) re: amended pleading	0.1	425.00	42.50
11/18/2020	Review Zillow page and save, print photos for disclosure	1.5	425.00	637.50
11/18/2020	Draft Third Supplemental Disclosure	1	425.00	425.00
11/18/2020	(NO CHARGE) Review and Respond to multiple e-mails from N. Opfer (expert) re: Zillow	0.2	0.00	0.00
11/18/2020	(NO CHARGE) Draft e-mail to client re:	0.2	0.00	0.00
11/18/2020	Review minute order granting motion for leave to amend	0.1	425.00	42.50
11/19/2020	Draft Offer of Judgment	0.75	425.00	318.75
11/19/2020	(NO CHARGE) Draft multiple emails to client re:	0.2	0.00	0.00
11/19/2020	Review correspondence and procedural rules and Draft e-mail to B. Childs (attorney for Plaintiff) re: inspection and spoliation issues	1	425.00	425.00
11/20/2020	Review Plaintiff's motion for leave to amend	0.2	425.00	85.00
11/20/2020	Draft e-mail to B. Childs (attorney for Plaintiff) re: stipulate to amend pleading	0.1	425.00	42.50
11/20/2020	(NO CHARGE) Review and Respond to multiple e-mails from Kenny re:	0.5	0.00	0.00

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Serviced	Description	Hours	Rate	Amount
11/20/2020	Review and format photographs for disclosure by screen capturing images, cropping, and printing to PDF	3	425.00	1,275.00
11/21/2020	Review and format photographs for disclosure by screen capturing images, cropping, and printing to PDF	3	425.00	1,275.00
11/21/2020 11/21/2020	Draft fourth supplemental disclosure Review additional client documents related to RFA, addenda, receipts, etc. in both Nikita's file (not disclosed) and additional information provided by Kenny	0.5 1.25	425.00 425.00	212.50 531.25
11/21/2020	Draft e-mail to B. Childs (attorney for Plaintiff) re: 4th Supplement	0.1	425.00	42.50
11/21/2020	Draft e-mail to N. Opfer (expert) re: 4th Supplement	0.1	425.00	42.50
11/22/2020	Review and Respond to multiple e-mails from B. Childs (attorney for Plaintiff) re: amended pleading and stipulation	0.3	425.00	127.50
11/22/2020	Review stipulation and approve	0.2	425.00	85.00
11/23/2020	Review Notice of Entry of Order of SAO for Second Amended Complaint	0.1	425.00	42.50
11/28/2020 11/28/2020	Draft Order Granting Motion for Leave to amend Draft e-mail to B. Childs (attorney for Plaintiff) re: leave to amend	1 0.1	425.00 425.00	425.00 42.50
11/30/2020 11/30/2020	Telephone call with N. Opfer (expert) re: report (NO CHARGE) Zoom session with client	0.2 0.4	425.00 0.00	85.00 0.00
11/11/2020 11/17/2020	Exhibits for Motion for Leave to Amend Photo Print from site inspection Total Reimbursable Expenses		3.50 12.97	3.50 12.97 16.47
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Total	\$16,166.47		
Payments/Credits	-\$16,166.47		
Balance Due	\$0.00		

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Investpro Kenny Zhong Lin

Serviced	Description	Hours	Rate	Amount
12/1/2020	Telephone call with N. Opfer re: report	0.2	425.00	85.00
12/2/2020	Review and Respond to e-mail from B. Childs (attorney for Plaintiff) re: proposed order for leave to amend	0.3	425.00	127.50
12/2/2020	Review, Revise, and Finalize proposed order	0.2	425.00	85.00
12/2/2020	Draft e-mail to Department 14 re: Order	0.1	425.00	42.50
12/2/2020	Review Opfer report and photographs, my inspection photographs, and other documents, and prepare Fifth Disclosure of Documents	1.5	425.00	637.50
12/2/2020	Draft e-mail to B. Childs (attorney for Plaintiff) re: Opfer photographs and fifth disclosure	0.1	425.00	42.50
12/7/2020	Draft e-mail to B. Childs (attorney for Plaintiff) re: settlement conference	0.2	425.00	85.00
12/7/2020	Review discovery responses, second amended complaint, disclosures, RPA, amendments, expert reports, permit information, and other documents in preparation to Draft Motion for Summary Judgment	3	425.00	1,275.00
12/7/2020	Review case law and authority related to realtor duties, real estate disclosures, caveat emptor, duty to inspect, and other topics in preparation to Draft Motion for Summary Judgment	3	425.00	1,275.00
12/8/2020	Draft fact section and cross reference to exhibits in support of Motion for Summary Judgment	8	425.00	3,400.00
12/8/2020	Draft statement of procedure and review of Second Amended Complaint in support of Motion for Summary Judgment	1	425.00	425.00
12/9/2020	Draft Discussion Section in support of Motion for Summary Judgment	6	425.00	2,550.00
12/10/2020	Continue Drafting Discussion Section in support of Motion for Summary Judgment	5	425.00	2,125.00
12/10/2020	Draft Declaration of K. Lin in support of Motion for Summary Judgment	1	425.00	425.00

### Total

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Investpro Kenny Zhong Lin

Description	Hours	Rate	Amount
Review Order vacating settlement conference	0.1	425.00	42.50
Review notice of hearing	0.1	425.00	42.50
Review Request for Discovery to Cheng and prepare a response	2	425.00	850.00
Review Request for Discovery (ROG and RPD) to Investments and prepare a response	3	425.00	1,275.00
Review Request for Discovery to Realty and prepare a response	1.5	425.00	637.50
Review Request for Discovery to Wong and	1.5	425.00	637.50
Review Request for Discovery to Manager and	1.5	425.00	637.50
Review Request for Discovery to TKNR and prepare a response	1.5	425.00	637.50
Filing Fee for motion for summary judgment E Payment Fee Electronic Filing Fee for motion Total Reimbursable Expenses		200.00 6.00 3.50	200.00 6.00 3.50 209.50
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**Balance Due** 

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Bill To:

Investpro Kenny Zhong Lin

Serviced	Description	Hours	Rate	Amount
1/4/2021	Review and Respond to multiple e-mails from B. Childs (attorney for Plaintiff) re: demand for meet and confer	0.5	425.00	212.50
1/4/2021	Review and Respond to multiple e-mails from B. Childs (attorney for Plaintiff) re: alleged discovery dispute	0.2	425.00	85.00
1/5/2021	Review and Respond to multiple e-mails from B. Childs (attorney for Plaintiff) re: alleged discovery dispute	0.5	425.00	212.50
1/5/2021	Telephone call with B. Childs (attorney for Plaintiff) re: alleged discovery dispute	0.5	425.00	212.50
1/5/2021	Review discovery requests and responses, correspondence, communications, disclosures, and other information in preparation to Draft Motion for Protective Order	2	425.00	850.00
1/5/2021	Review case law and authority related to protective orders, calculation of time, excusable neglect, and other areas in preparation to Draft Motion for Protective Order	1	425.00	425.00
1/5/2021	Draft Motion for Protective Order	6	425.00	2,550.00
1/6/2021	Revise/ Finalize motion for a protective order	1	425.00	425.00
1/7/2021	Review and respond to multiple e-mails with court reporter re: link for deposition and exhibits	0.5	425.00	212.50
1/8/2021	Draft e-mail to B. Childs (attorney for Plaintiff) re: consolidating hearings	0.1	425.00	42.50
1/8/2021	Review exhibits for deposition in preparation for Deposition and prepare outline	8	425.00	3,400.00
1/9/2021	Review exhibits for deposition in preparation for Deposition and prepare outline	5	425.00	2,125.00
1/12/2021	Attend Deposition	7.75	425.00	3,293.75
1/13/2021	Draft e-mail to B. Childs (attorney for Plaintiff) re: deposition of M. Zhu	0.1	425.00	42.50
1/13/2021	Draft Sixth Disclosure of documents	1	425.00	425.00

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Serviced	Description	Hours	Rate	Amount
1/13/2021	Draft Second request for RPD re: materials related to deposition	1	425.00	425.00
1/19/2021	Review motion to compel in preparation to Draft Opposition to Motion to Compel	0.5	425.00	212.50
1/19/2021	Review prior discovery responses and current requests in preparation to Draft Opposition to Motion to Compel	1.5	425.00	637.50
1/19/2021	Review case law and authority related to motion to compel, unclean hands, excusable neglect, etc. in preparation to Draft Opposition to Motion to Compel	1	425.00	425.00
1/19/2021	Draft Opposition to Motion to Compel	6	425.00	2,550.00
1/19/2021	Revise/Finalize Opposition to Motion to Compel	1	425.00	425.00
1/20/2021	Draft e-mail to B. Childs (attorney for Plaintiff) re: deposition of Marie Zhu	0.1	425.00	42.50
1/20/2021	Draft notice of deposition of Marie Zhu	0.3	425.00	127.50
1/21/2021	Review opposition to motion for summary judgment in preparation to Draft Reply Brief	0.5	425.00	212.50
1/21/2021	Review motion and exhibits to illustrate evidentiary support for summary judgment in preparation to Draft Reply Brief to Opposition	0.5	425.00	212.50
1/21/2021	Review case law and authority related to rule 56(f) in preparation to Draft Reply Brief to Opposition	0.5	425.00	212.50
1/21/2021	Draft Reply Brief to Opposition	5	425.00	2,125.00
1/26/2021	Review transcript and prepare deposition summary	4	425.00	1,700.00
1/27/2021	Review transcript and prepare deposition summary	4	425.00	1,700.00
1/28/2021	Draft third request for production of documents re: appraisals	0.5	425.00	212.50
1/28/2021	Condense deposition summary and prepare working notes for testimony of Frank Miao	4	425.00	1,700.00

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Serviced	Description	Hours	Rate	Amount
1/29/2021	Draft Supplement to Motion to dismiss with F. Miao deposition	4	425.00	1,700.00
1/29/2021	Extrapolate deposition testimony and highlight in support of supplement	1.25	425.00	531.25
2/1/2021	Review Opposition to motion for protective order in preparation to Draft Reply	0.5	425.00	212.50
2/1/2021	Draft Reply Brief	4.25	425.00	1,806.25
1/6/2021 1/21/2021 2/1/2021 2/2/2021	Filing Fee for Motion for Protective order Filing Fee for Reply Brief to Opposition Filing Fee for Reply Brief Advanced Client Costs:transcript Total Reimbursable Expenses		3.50 3.50 3.50 2,967.67	3.50 3.50 3.50 2,967.67 2,981.67
	1	Tot	tal	\$34,665.42

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**Balance Due** 

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Serviced	Description	Hours	Rate	Amount
2/4/2021	Review and respond to e-mail from Department 14 re: status of case	0.3	425.00	127.50
2/10/2021	Review minute order setting status check	0.1	425.00	42.50
2/10/2021	Review and Respond to e-mail from B. Childs	0.3	425.00	127.50
2/10/2021	(attorney for Plaintiff) re: depositions	0.0	420.00	127.00
2/10/2021	Draft notice of deposition of Plaintiff's expert and	1.5	425.00	637.50
	supporting subpoena			
				0.00
2/12/2021	Review notice of deposition of Chi On Wong	0.2	425.00	85.00
2/12/2021	Draft e-mail to B. Childs (attorney for Plaintiff) re:	0.1	425.00	42.50
	depositions			
2/12/2021	Draft notice vacating deposition of M. Zhu	0.2	425.00	85.00
2/17/2021	Review Plaintiff's Responses to TKNR's second request for RPD	0.5	425.00	212.50
2/17/2021	Draft e-mail to B. Childs (attorney for Plaintiff) re:	0.5	425.00	212.50
0/40/0004	Plaintiff's response to TKNR's 2nd RPD		105.00	050.00
2/18/2021	Review renewed motion to compel and draft opposition and Countermotion	2	425.00	850.00
2/22/2021	Review pleadings and briefs for motion for	1.5	425.00	637.50
	summary judgment in preparation to attend			
	hearing			
2/23/2021	Attend motion for summary judgment	0.5	425.00	212.50
2/23/2021	Review and Respond to e-mail from court re:	0.2	425.00	85.00
0/04/0004	resetting of hearing		405.00	405.00
2/24/2021	Draft general notice re: oppositions to all renewed motions	1	425.00	425.00
2/18/2021	Filing Fee for Opposition and Countermotion		3.50	3.50
2/24/2021	Filing Fee for General Opposition		3.50	3.50
	Total Reimbursable Expenses			7.00
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Serviced	Serviced Description		Rate	Amount
2/4/2021	Review and respond to e-mail from Department 14 re: status of case	0.3	425.00	127.50
3/2/2021	Review motions and prepare for discovery hearing and Attend	2	425.00	850.00
3/2/2021	Prepare Seventh Supplemental disclosure	1	425.00	425.00
3/2/2021	Review Plaintiff's Second Supplemental Disclosure	0.2	425.00	85.00
3/3/2021	Telephone call with B. Childs (attorney for Plaintiff) to discuss outstanding discovery	1	425.00	425.00
3/3/2021	Draft e-mail to Discovery Commissioner re: request to vacate hearings	0.1	425.00	42.50
3/3/2021	Review and Respond to multiple e-mails with Discovery and B. Childs (attorney for Plaintiff) re: vacating hearings	0.5	425.00	212.50
3/3/2021	Telephone call with B. Childs (attorney for Plaintiff) re: meet and confer for discovery dispute	1	425.00	425.00
3/3/2021	Draft e-mail to B. Childs (attorney for Plaintiff) re: meet and confer for discovery dispute	0.5	425.00	212.50
3/4/2021	Review and Respond to multiple e-mails with Discovery, B. Childs (attorney for Plaintiff), and F. Miao re: Childs termination and depositions	0.5	425.00	212.50
3/5/2021	Review and Respond to multiple e-mails with Discovery, B. Childs (attorney for Plaintiff), and F. Miao re: Childs termination and depositions	0.5	425.00	212.50
3/5/2021	Review Objection to deposition of A. Sani (expert)	0.1	425.00	42.50
3/5/2021	Review motion to withdraw	0.2	425.00	85.00
3/8/2021	Attend Deposition of A. Sani (Plaintiff's expert)	0.75	425.00	318.75
3/8/2021	Review proposed DCRR for motion to compel and make changes	1	425.00	425.00
3/9/2021	Attend status check	0.5	425.00	212.50
3/9/2021	Draft e-mail to B. Childs (attorney for Plaintiff) re: DCRR	0.2	425.00	85.00

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Serviced	Description	Hours	Rate	Amount
3/9/2021	Review and Respond to multiple e-mails from B. Childs (attorney for Plaintiff) re: DCRR	0.3	425.00	127.50
3/9/2021	Review and Respond to multiple e-mails with S. Day (new attorney) re: new hearing date	0.2	425.00	85.00
3/10/2021	Draft e-mail to Court re: brief continuance of hearing	0.1	425.00	42.50
3/10/2021	Review and Respond to multiple e-mails with Department 14 and S. Day (new attorney) re: new hearing date	0.5	425.00	212.50
3/10/2021	Review and Respond to multiple e-mails with S. Day (new attorney) re: new hearing date	0.3	425.00	127.50
3/10/2021	Review substitution of attorneys	0.1	425.00	42.50
3/11/2021	Review briefs and other materials related to motion for summary judgment	1	425.00	425.00
3/11/2021	Attend hearing on Motion for Summary Judgment	1	425.00	425.00
3/11/2021	Review briefs, exhibits, and other information in preparation to Draft Order granting summary judgment and Rule 11 Sanctions	1	425.00	425.00
3/11/2021	Draft Order granting summary judgment and Rule	6	425.00	2,550.00
3/12/2021	Draft Order granting summary judgment and Rule 11 Sanctions	6	425.00	2,550.00
3/12/2021	Draft e-mail to S. Day (attorney for Plaintiff) re: proposed Order	0.2	425.00	85.00
3/16/2021	Review and respond to multiple e-mails from the Discovery Commissioner re: defective DCRR	0.5	425.00	212.50
3/17/2021	Review and Respond to e-mail from S. Day (attorney for Plaintiff) re: defective DCRR	0.2	425.00	85.00
3/17/2021	Draft e-mail to Department 14 re: proposed order	0.2	425.00	85.00
3/17/2021	Finalize Proposed Order	0.3	425.00	127.50
3/31/2021	Draft Notice of Entry of Order	0.3	425.00	127.50
3/4/2021	WLAB v. Lin et al Expert Deposition Fee		0.00	0.00

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Serviced	Description	Hours	Rate	Amount
Serviced 3/16/2021 3/30/2021	Deposition of Amin Sani Filing Fee for Notice of Entry of Order Total Reimbursable Expenses	Hours	Rate	Amount 465.00 3.50 468.50
			Total	\$12,602.25
			Payments/Credits	\$0.00
			Balance Due	\$12,602.25

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	Review and Respond to email from OC re: request to withdraw OSC against him	0.5	425	212.5
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	Draft affidavit in Support of Attorneys' Fees	4	425	1700
	Review and Run Comparison for Amended Order	1	425	425
	Review and Respond to multiple emails from court re: OSC and amended order	0.5	425	212.5
	Review Case Appeal statement and notice of appeal	0.2	425	85
	Review motion for reconsideration in prep to draft Opposition	1	425	425
	Review motion for reconsideration in preparation to draft Opposition	1	425	425
	Review Case law and authority in preparation to draft opposition Review Order granting summary judgment in prep to draft opposition	1	425	425
	Draft Opposition toMotion for Reconsideration	5	425	2125
	Draft Declaration of K. Lin in support of Opposition	1	425	425
	Draft Errata to MSJ and Declaration for K. Lin to Auhtenticate Documents	1	425	425
	Review notice to pay filing fees	0.1	425	42.5
	Review notice to pay ming rees Review notice of referral to meidation program	0.1	425	42.5
	Review notice of appointment of settlement judge	0.1	425	42.5
		0.1	425	
	Review information about settlement judge	0.2	425	85 212.5
	Review and Respond to multiple emails fom settlement judge and OC	0.5	425	42.5
	Review correspondence from settlement judgemt re: pre-meidation conference			
	Review notice of receipt of filing fee	0.1	425	42.5
	Attend pre-settlement conference mediation	0.5	425	212.5
	Review pleadings in preparation for the hearing	1	425	425
	Review Minute Order re Motion for Reconsideration	0.2	425	85
	Draft Proposed Order re Motion for Reconsderation	1.25	425	531.25
	Review Docketing Statement	0.3	425	127.5
	Telephone Call with OC re: potential resolution	0.2	425	85
	Review and Respond multiple emails from OC re: Potential resolution	0.5	425	212.5
	Prepare NEOJ	0.2	425	85
	Review County Recorder and Assessor pages for WLAB Properties	0.5	425	212.5
	Review Order Directing Answer to Day Writ Petition	0.1	425	42.5
	Review Noptice of Withdrawal of Writ	0.2	425	85
	Draft Declaration in support of recording judgment	1	425	425
	Review Childs Motion for Stay in Prep to Draft Opposition	0.3	425	127.5
	Review NRAP, stay bonds, and other authority in prep for to Draft Opposition	1	425	425
	Review Pleadings and Order re: Childs Liability and notice in Prep to Draft Opp.	0.5	425	212.5
	Draft Opposition to Childs Motion to Stay	4	425	1700
	Format/Finalize Opposition to Childs Motion to Stay	1	425	425
	Review Order Dismissing Day Writ	0.6	425	255
	Draft Email to Childs re: delcaration to record judgment	0.1	425	42.5
	Review Childs Reply breif to motion to stay	0.2	425	85 127 F
	Review Notice of Appeal and Case Appeal Statement for Second Appeal	0.3	425	127.5
	Review referral to settlement program	0.1 0.1	425	42.5
	Review email fro OC re: settlement offer Review Motion to stay in prep to Draft Opposition	0.1	425 425	42.5
				212.5
	Review procedural rules and other standards in prep to draft Opposition	0.5	425	212.5
	Review pleadings, orders, and other documents in prep to draft Opposition	1	425 425	425 1275
	Draft Opposition to Motion for Stay	3	425	
	Review Reply Brief to Opposition to Motion forStay Review Mergency Motion for Stay	0.2 0.2		85 85
			425 425	85
	Draft Opp to Emergency Motion for Stay	2 0.2	425	850
	Telephone call with Supreme Court clerk re: stay Review Order Granting Stay	0.2	425	85 85
	Review of der Granting stay Review and respond to multiple emails from B. Childs re: recorded judgments	0.2	425	127.5
	Review Briefs related to motion to stay and attend hearing	0.3	425	425
		0.3	425	127.5
	Review / Respond to multiple e-mails from Mediator re: Sup. Ct. mediation			
	Review all pleadings and other documents in prep for Appendix Review Patitioner Childs writ patition inpreparation to Draft Apswering Brief	3 0.5	425 425	1275 212 5
	Review Petitioner Childs writ petition inpreparation to Draft Answering Brief			212.5
	Review all pleadings and other documents in prep for Appendix	3	425	1275
	Review all pleadings and other documents in prep for Appendix Prepare Appendix, index, and other identifiers	3	425 425	1275 1700
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	Prepare Appendix, index, and other identifiers	4	425	1700
	Review case law and authority in support of Answering Brief	2	425	850
	Draft answering Brief	6	425	2550
	Continue Drafting Answering Brief	6	425	2550
	Review / Finalize Answering Brief	6	425	2550
	Review and Revise Appendix	2	425	850
	Mediation Telephone Call	0.5	425	212.5
7/22/2021	Draft email to Mediator re: availability for settlement conference	0.1	425	42.5
7/22/2021	Draft lengthy e-mail to Mediator re: materials for review for mediation	1	425	425
	Review and Respond to emails from Mediator re: availability for settlement	0.5	425	212.5
7/27/2021	Review Reply to Opposition to Writ	0.5	425	212.5
7/27/2021	Review Notice of Early Case Assessment for Settlement Program	0.1	425	42.5
7/27/2021	Review Motion to Striek Appendix	0.2	425	85
7/30/2021	Review procedural rules and other standards in prep to draft Opposition	0.5	425	212.5
7/30/2021	Review Motion, Appendix, and other Documents to Draft Opposition	3	425	1275
7/30/2021	Draft Opposition to Motion to Strike Appendix	1	425	425
8/16/2021	Review Order Denying Motion to Strike Appendix	0.1	425	42.5
8/19/2021	Review updated mediation information	0.1	425	42.5
	telephone call with meidator re: meidation	0.75	425	318.75
8/23/2021	Review documents in preparation for mediation	1	425	425
8/24/2021	Attend mediation	3.7	425	1572.5
8/24/2021	Draft Email to OC re: Appendix	0.1	425	42.5
8/31/2021	Review notice of no transcript ordered	0.1	425	42.5
8/31/2021	Review order re: Briefing Schedule	0.2	425	85
10/19/2021	Review Decision on Childs Writ	0.2	425	85
10/25/2021	Review Notice of Reassignment	0.1	425	42.5
11/3/2021	Review Notice of Petitioner's compliance	0.1	425	42.5
11/4/2021	Review email from B. Childs re: Proposed Order in compliance with Writ decision	0.2	425	85
11/17/2021	Review Childs' Status report and brief	0.3	425	127.5
11/17/2021	Review Pleadings and other information in preparation to draft status report	1	425	425
11/17/2021	Draft Status Report	1.25	425	531.25
11/18/2021	Attend Status Check re: Remittur	1.5	425	637.5
11/19/2021	Draft email to B. Childs re: proposed revised order	0.1	425	42.5
11/23/2021	Revise Order consistent with Sup. Ct. Writ Decision	0.5	425	212.5
11/29/2021	Review and Respond to multiple emails from B. Childs re: revised order	0.5	425	212.5
11/30/2021	Review and Respond to multiple emails from B. Childs re: revised order	0.5	425	212.5
11/30/2021	Attempted phone calls to B. Childs re: revised order	0.2	425	85
	Review and espond to multiple emails from B. childs re: revised Order	0.5	425	212.5
12/8/2021	Review case law and authority in prep to draft Motoion for Reconsideration	1	425	425
	Review procedural history in prep to Draft Motion for Reconsideration	1	425	425
	Draft Motion for Reconsideration	5	425	2125
12/9/2021	Review Notice of Hearings	0.2	425	85
	Review Opening Brief and citation to Appendix in prep to draft Answering brief	2	425	850
12/15/2021	Review case law and authority related to assertions made Appellate's brief	2	425	850
	Review file in prep to provide appendix for Respondent's Answering Brief	1	425	425
	Draft Statement of Issues and Case, with citations, for Respondents' Brief	1	425	425
	Draft Statement of Facts with citations to Appendixfor Respondents' brief	4	425	1700
	Draft Standard of Review, Legal Standards for Answeing Brief	1	425	425
	Draft Argument Section for Respondent's Answering Brief	4	425	1700
	Draft Table of Contents and Authorities for Respondents' Answering Brief	2	425	850
	Revise/Finalize Respondent's Answering Brief and draft required certifications	2	425	850
	Review Order Granting Reconsideration	0.3	425	127.5
12/21/2021		0.2	425	85
	Draft e-mail to OC re:bond and motion	0.2	425	85
	Review Motion to Stay Case	0.3	425	127.5
	Review Motor to study case Review Case Law and authority in prep to draft Oppositon	0.3	425	127.5
	Review class caw and additionly in prep to draft opposition Review pleadings, orders, etc. in prep to draft opposition	1	425	425
	Draft Opposition to Motion for Stay	5	425	2125
	Review and Respond to email from Dept. 30 re: moving of stay motion	0.2	425	85
	Review Order re: Stay and Bond	0.2	425	85
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1/23/2022 Prepare Recorded Judgment	1	425	425
1/24/2022 Draft Email to OC re: Bond for stay	0.1	425	42.5
1/24/2022 Review and respond to email from OC re: bond	0.3	425	127.5
1/31/2022 Draft Email to OC re: status on bond	0.1	425	42.5
2/10/2022 Draft Email to OC re: Bond	0.1	425	42.5
2/10/2022 Review and Respond to mulitple emails from OC re: bond	0.3	425	127.5
2/10/2022 Telephone call with OC re: Bond	0.2	425	85
2/15/2022 Draft email to OC re stay	0.2	425	85
2/18/2022 Draft email to OC re status	0.1	425	42.5
2/21/2022 Review and Respond to email from OC re: stipulation related to stay	0.2	425	85
2/21/2022 draft stipulation related to stay	0.75	425	318.75
2/22/2022 Revie and Respond to email from OC re: stipulation for stay	0.3	425	127.5
2/23/2022 Format and Finalize SAO	0.2	425	85
2/24/2022 Prepare NEOJ	0.2	425	85
3/2/2022 Draft email to OC re: security bond deposit	0.1	425	42.5
4/4/2022 Draft email to OC re: appellate bond	0.1	425	42.5
4/8/2022 Review and Respond to email from OC re: appellate bond	0.2	425	85
5/2/2022 Draft Email to OC re: stauts on bond	0.1	425	42.5
5/4/2022 Review and Repsond to email form OC re: stauts on bond	0.2	425	85
6/1/2022 Review Order extending time period for petition for rehearings	0.1	425	42.5
6/14/2022 Review and Respond to email from OC re: release of security bond	0.2	425	85
6/16/2022 Review and Respond to email from OC re: release of security bond	0.2	425	85
6/16/2022 Review proposed stipulation and approve	0.2	425	85
6/30/2022 Review Order denying petition for rehearing	0.1	425	42.5

TOTAL \$60,052.50

### EXHIBIT L



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### DISTRICT COURT CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

Purchase/Sale of Stoo or Real Estate	ck, Assets,	COURT MINUTES	April 02, 2021
A-18-780627-B	Fred Khalilian, P vs. Monster Product	Plaintiff(s) ts, Inc., Defendant(s)	
April 02, 2021	3:00 AM	Status Check: Response to A	Application for Fees
HEARD BY: Gonza	lez, Elizabeth	COURTROOM:	Chambers
COURT CLERK: C	arina Bracamontez	z-Munguia/cbm	
PARTIES None PRESENT:	e. Minute order on	ly – no hearing held.	

### JOURNAL ENTRIES

- The Court having reviewed the Application for Attorney's Fees following the Rule 37 Evidentiary Hearing and the related briefing and being fully informed, ORDERED request GRANTED IN PART. After evaluation of the Brunzell factors, the Court AWARDS \$43,943.45. Mr. Lee is DIRECTED to submit a proposed order approved by opposing counsel consistent with the foregoing within ten (10) days and distribute a filed copy to all parties involved in this matter. Such order should set forth a synopsis of the supporting reasons proffered to the Court in briefing. This Decision sets forth the Court's intended disposition on the subject but anticipates further order of the Court to make such disposition effective as an order.

CLERK S NOTE: A copy of this minute order was distributed via e-mail to all parties. // cbm 04/02/2021

PRINT DATE: 04/02/2021

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02/27/2020	NB	Rev ew and Ana yze	Rev ew and ana yze Reques for Adm ss ons and ema he c en regard ng	\$200.00	0.5	\$100.00

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### Litigation: WLAB Investment LLC v. Investpro et. al. (403)

Kenny Lin 3553 S Valley View Blvd Las Vegas, NV 89103 United States

**Time Entries** 

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Burdick Law, PLLC 6625 South Valley View Blvd Suite 232 Las Vegas, NEVADA (NV) 89118 United States 702-481-9207

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Balance Due:	\$2,687.50

### EXHIBIT N

AA001308

#### ATTORNEY FEE AGREEMENT

This contract witnesses that Benjamin B. Childs, Esq.(attorney) and W L A B Investment, LLC (client(s)), agree to enter into a binding contract as provided below.

#### **GENERAL PROVISIONS**

1. Attorney will represent client's legal interests by taking whatever steps attorney deems necessary and appropriate concerning the following case(s):

1. Failure to disclose defect on 2132 Houston Dr Las Vegas, NV Case # A-18-785917-C

2. Client will do nothing which could adversely affect the engagement of attorney and will fully cooperate with attorney.

2a. Client acknowledges that failure to cooperate fully with attorney may result in withdrawal of representation if, in the attorney's sole discretion, such failure to cooperate substantially interferes with attorney's ability to provide adequate legal representation.

2b. Client will provide all information required by attorney to effectively represent client's legal interests. Client will be solely responsible for the accuracy and completeness of this information.

2c. Client acknowledges that attorney will send any notices to client's last address. Client is responsible for keeping attorney informed of client's address.

#### FEES

- 3. Client will pay a \$ 15,000 retainer. \$15,000 is the minimum amount that attorney will charge for this case. Client has paid \$10,000 by charging to credit card on June 11, 2020 and will pay the remaining \$5,000 balance on or before June 20, 2020.
  - Attorney will charge \$400 per hour for attorney time and \$150 per hour for paralegal time billed in 1/10 hour increments. Interest on unpaid invoices is assessed at 1.5 % per month. The client is deemed to have accepted the attorney bill if not disputed within 30 days.
  - 3B. Client will pay all costs associated with attorney's representation. Client agrees to pay \$.10 per copy for all copies required by attorney.
  - 3C. You, as the client, have the right to terminate our attorney-client relationship at any time at will meaning for any reason or no reason. Because the attorney-client relationship is one of mutual trust and respect, by this agreement you are expressly agreeing that my Firm similarly terminate can the attorney-client relationship at will that is, at any time and for any reason or no reason. Further, you agree that if my Firm seeks to withdraw from any litigated matter, I may present this paragraph to the tribunal as part of my motion to be relieved as counsel.

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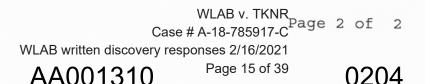
- 4. Client agrees that the retainer will be replenished by him/her/it in \$3,000 increments within five business days of being notified by attorney that the retainer balance remaining with attorney is less than \$750.
- 5. This agreement, and/or portions thereof, may be actual or potential interests adverse to you, the client. Accordingly, you need to review this agreement carefully. Further, by signing this agreement you are acknowledging that you have been advised of your right to obtain independent counsel to review this agreement and advise you regarding it.

WE UNDERSIGNED HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE ABOVE AGREEMENT BEFORE SIGNING IT.

Gil Date (CLIENT)

BENJAMIN B. CHILDS, ESQ.

\_\_\_\_\_ (ATTORNEY)



## EXHIBIT O

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### **REGISTER OF ACTIONS** CASE NO. A-18-785917-C

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Case Type:	Other Real Property
Date Filed:	12/11/2018
Location:	Department 7
Cross-Reference Case	A785917
Number:	
Supreme Court No.:	82835
	83051

Party Information			
Arbitrator	Savage, John J.	Lead Attorneys	
Defendant	Chen, Liwe Helen <i>Also Known</i> <i>As</i> Chen, Helen	<b>Michael B. Lee</b> <i>Retained</i> 702-477-7030(W)	
Defendant	Cheng, Man Chau	<b>Michael B. Lee</b> <i>Retained</i> 702-477-7030(W)	
)efendant	Investpro Investments I LLC	Nikita R. Pierce Retained 702-481-9207(W)	
Defendant	Investpro LLC <i>Doing Business</i> As Investpro Realty	<b>Michael B. Lee</b> <i>Retained</i> 702-477-7030(W)	
)efendant	Investpro Manager LLC	<b>Michael B. Lee</b> <i>Retained</i> 702-477-7030(W)	
Defendant	Lin, Zhong Kenny <i>Also Known As</i> Lin, Chong Kenny <i>Also Known As</i> Lin, Ken Zhong <i>Also Known As</i> Lin, Kenneth Zhong <i>Also Known As</i> Lin, Kenny Zhong <i>Also Known As</i> Lin, Whong K <i>Also Known As</i> Lin, Zhong	Michael B. Lee Retained 702-477-7030(W)	
Defendant	Nickrandt, Joyce A	<b>Michael B. Lee</b> <i>Retained</i> 702-477-7030(W)	
Defendant	TKNR Inc	<b>Michael B. Lee</b> <i>Retained</i> 702-477-7030(W)	
Defendant	Wong, Chi On <i>Also Known As</i> Wong, Chi Kuen	Michael B. Lee Retained 702-477-7030(W)	

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Defendant Zhang, Yan Qiu

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Steven L. Day Retained 7023093333(W)

Other Childs, Benjamin B., ESQ

Plaintiff W L A B Investment LLC

Events & Orders of the Court

02/07/2019 All Pending Motions (9:30 AM) (Judicial Officer Escobar, Adriana) Minutes 02/07/2019 9:30 AM - 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. Parties Present Return to Register of Actions

### EXHIBIT P

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#### mike@mblnv.com

From:	mike@mblnv.com
Sent:	Thursday, February 4, 2021 2:29 PM
То:	'Reed, Ariana'; 'Michael Matthis'; 'Benjamin B. Childs'
Cc:	'Nikita Burdick'; 'Abigail McGowan'; 'Powell, Diana'
Subject:	RE: A-18-785917-C (W L A B v. TKNR) February 3, 2021, Status Check

#### Responses below.

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Cc: 'Nikita Burdick' <nburdick@burdicklawnv.com>; 'Abigail McGowan' <amcgowan@burdicklawnv.com>
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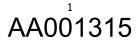
Hello,

Please provide an update on the following:

- 1. How is discovery going?
  - Defendants have taken one deposition, have a deposition scheduled for February 18, 2021, and will likely schedule a deposition for Plaintiff's expert prior to the close of discovery.
  - Defendants have two outstanding requests for production of documents to Plaintiff.
- 2. Has this matter settled or have the parties scheduled a settlement conference?
  - No settlement. There was a settlement conference scheduled, but the Parties called it off after informal discussions that were not fruitful.
- 3. Have the parties attended any ADR proceedings?
  - No.
- 4. What progress toward settlement have the parties made?
  - None.
- 5. What is the current status of this case?
  - Likely going to trial if this Court does not grant Defendants' motion for summary judgment.
- 6. How would the parties like to proceed?
  - Defendants may need to move to briefly enlarge discovery if their motion for summary judgment is not granted related to depositions

Your prompt response is greatly appreciated and will serve as the minutes for this status check.

Include any counsel or parties left out of this email in your response.





Please reply to confirm receipt and include all parties to avoid *ex parte* communications. Please also include Diana Powell, our JEA, on all email correspondence to ensure you receive the most prompt response (<u>PowellD@clarkcountycourts.us</u>). Thank you.

### Please review the notes below for further Department 14 protocol and instructions:

### **\*\*ELECTRONIC SERVICE\*\***

Pursuant to Administrative Order 20-17, **ALL lawyers** must register for electronic service on **every case they have in the district court**. Please ensure you are registered to receive electronic service at <u>https://nevada.tylerhost.net/OfsWeb</u> so that you will receive the electronically filed document once processed.

### \*\*\*<u>MATTERS ON CALENDAR</u>\*\*\*

The Court will hold limited hearings via **Blue Jeans** until further notice. Unless the Court instructs parties to appear via Blue Jeans, <u>all matters</u>—except for TROs, preliminary injunctions, record sealing, and default judgment applications exceeding \$50,000.00 in damages—will be decided on the pleadings via Minute Order. This decision will occur in chambers and <u>no appearances are required</u>.

Please contact chambers at least two business days prior to your hearing date to confirm how the Court will handle your hearing.

### \*\*\*STATUS CHECKS ON CALENDAR\*\*\*

All status checks that are on calendar will be resolved via email and no appearances are required.

### \*\*\*<u>ORDERS</u>\*\*\*

Until further notice, all parties must submit <u>orders</u> electronically, in <u>both</u> PDF version and Word version to the Department 14 inbox at <u>DC14Inbox@clarkcountycourts.us</u>.

All orders must have original signatures from all parties or an email—*appended as the last page(s) of the proposed order*—confirming that the 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.

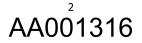
Orders that do not comply with these instructions will be returned for resubmittal.

### \*\*\*<u>RULE 16 HEARINGS/CONFERENCES</u>\*\*\*

All <u>Rule 16 Conferences</u> will be heard via Blue Jeans until further notice. Please contact the Department for information about the hearing schedule.\*\*\*

Be well and stay safe,

Ariana Reed, Esq. Law Clerk to the Honorable Adriana Escobar Eighth Judicial District Court, Dept 14 <u>Dept14LC@clarkcountycourts.us</u> Phone: (702) 671-4423 Fax: (702) 671-4418



## EXHIBIT Q

### mike@mblnv.com

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Cc:	'Nikita Burdick'; 'Abigail McGowan'
Subject:	Re: A-18-785917-C (W L A B v. TKNR) February 3, 2021, Status Check

Please see my responses to Mr. Lee's email response to my statement of the case. I'm just trying to accurately state what happened and I don't appreciate the personal attack on my honesty.

I don't plan to spend a lot of time searching for email correspondence, because I don't think that productive, but Ms. Zhu is in China and I've cooperated fully in making her available. The last email is attached from January 22 and I presented 3 dates and the original February 17 date.

As I recall the one tenant was not able to move and so was in her apartment when the expert visited. The point is that several options have been presented to Defendants. Implying some form of malice or intentional misconduct is ridiculous.

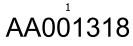
The reason I didn't think a settlement conference would be productive is because an additional defendant [a 3rd Party defendant] had just been added by Defendants and that new defendant has due process rights and should participate in the settlement conference.

Defendants' Summary Judgment motion is highly unlikely to be granted given the state of outstanding discovery and Plaintiff has filed an extensive opposition and countermotion.

The Court is welcome to contact me with any questions.

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#### <matthis@mblnv.com> Cc: 'Nikita Burdick' <nburdick@burdicklawnv.com>; 'Abigail McGowan' <amcgowan@burdicklawnv.com> Subject: RE: A-18-785917-C (W L A B v. TKNR) February 3, 2021, Status Check

Please see my responses in highlights to Mr. Childs' misrepresentations below with the corresponding e-mails / notices showing the misrepresentations.

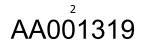
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Cc: 'Nikita Burdick' <nburdick@burdicklawnv.com>; 'Abigail McGowan' <amcgowan@burdicklawnv.com>
Subject: Re: A-18-785917-C (W L A B v. TKNR) February 3, 2021, Status Check

I hesitate to respond to this quickly because there are a lot of moving parts in this case. But here goes

How is discovery going? Lots of issues with written discovery, which will not be decided quickly because the hearing on Plaintiff's motion to compel and effectively Defendants' countermotion which was set for February 9 was vacated by the DC today under ECDR 2.40 because the entire request, and the entire responses were not set forth in full in the motion/countermotion. This will be like a 100 [page motion, but so be it. I just will take some time to complete, then be set for a new hearing, etc. I want to take a couple of depositions, but want to have complete responses to the written discovery first.

Plaintiff has provided several dates for the deposition Ms. Zhu [co-owner of Plaintiff] who is in China. Her deposition has never been scheduled. This is incorrect. Mr. Childs was playing games related to Ms. Zhu's deposition (see attached e-mail) originally scheduled for January 13, 2021. I agreed to reset it. It does appear that we served the amended notice for February 17, 2021, but Mr. Childs' e-mail from January 22 confirmed the date. I have just noticed it for February 17, 2021. Plaintiff has provided several dates to allow Defendant's expert to revisit the property as he could not go into two of the apartments when he did his initial inspection because one tenant was at work and I believe there was a covid issue with the other one. A follow-up visit has never been scheduled by Defendants. This is also incorrect and was subject to the pending discovery motion. Plaintiff's PMK admitted that Plaintiff set the date for the inspections and specified that they would all be available, but Defendants' expert did not have access on that date and time. We asked Defendants to pay for the cost of the second inspection, and they refused. This is why the second inspection was never scheduled. The second inspection is likely moot as Plaintiff's PMK admitted that all of the alleged conditions were open and obvious and he was aware of the requirement to get an inspection. This will be subject to the pending motion for summary judgment. Defendants filed a supplement that provided the undisputed testimony illustrating why summary judgment should be granted. / During Plaintiff's PMK's deposition, he admitted that he did not disclose documents, had documents / photographs stolen that he had never produced, and was aware that he set the date for the inspection despite not making the property available. Again, this was subject to the discovery motion. The "covid" excuse is novel and raised for the first time today. Depending on what happens with the MSJ, there will be a motion for spoliation from Defendants.



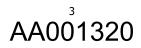
- 2. Has this matter settled or have the parties scheduled a settlement conference? No. I thought the settlement conference which was scheduled for January 8 should be vacated until the new party, which Defendant added by way of motion and the order was filed December 2, 2020. To date the cross-claim has not been filed despite the December 2, 2020 Order. Again, this is misleading. Mr. Childs and I discussed that a settlement conference would not be productive, see attached e-mail and notice to Angela McBride vacating the settlement conference. As to the potential third party, Plaintiff filed an amended pleading (which Defendants stipulated to despite the lack of the same courtesy by Plaintiff) after Defendants received an Order to amend their responsive pleading. Defendants filed a dispositive motion to the Second Amended Complaint that is pending resolution in lieu of filing the responsive pleading.
- 3. Have the parties attended any ADR proceedings? No, but once discovery is completed it is probably a good idea if the new 3rd party defendant is added or the claim against the 3rd party defendant is abandoned.
- 4. What progress toward settlement have the parties made? Little. Both parties appear to be in entreched positions.
- What is the current status of this case?
   Set for trial in April. Counsel recognizes the reality of trials proceeding on schedule due to the backlog.
- 6. How would the parties like to proceed? Given the discovery issues, likely an extension of discovery for 60 days to allow completion. Agreed.

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### Hello,

Please provide an update on the following:

- 1. How is discovery going?
- 2. Has this matter settled or have the parties scheduled a settlement conference?
- 3. Have the parties attended any ADR proceedings?
- 4. What progress toward settlement have the parties made?
- 5. What is the current status of this case?
- 6. How would the parties like to proceed?

Your prompt response is greatly appreciated and will serve as the minutes for this status check.

Include any counsel or parties left out of this email in your response.

Please reply to confirm receipt and include all parties to avoid *ex parte* communications. Please also include Diana Powell, our JEA, on all email correspondence to ensure you receive the most prompt response (<u>PowellD@clarkcountycourts.us</u>). Thank you.

## Please review the notes below for further Department 14 protocol and instructions:

## **\*\*ELECTRONIC SERVICE\*\***

Pursuant to Administrative Order 20-17, **ALL lawyers** must register for electronic service on **every case they have in the district court**. Please ensure you are registered to receive electronic service at <u>https://nevada.tylerhost.net/OfsWeb</u> so that you will receive the electronically filed document once processed.

## \*\*\*<u>MATTERS ON CALENDAR</u>\*\*\*

The Court will hold limited hearings via **Blue Jeans** until further notice. Unless the Court instructs parties to appear via Blue Jeans, <u>all matters</u>—except for TROs, preliminary injunctions, record sealing, and default judgment applications exceeding \$50,000.00 in damages—will be decided on the pleadings via Minute Order. This decision will occur in chambers and <u>no appearances are required</u>.

Please contact chambers at least two business days prior to your hearing date to confirm how the Court will handle your hearing.

## \*\*\*<u>STATUS CHECKS ON CALENDAR</u>\*\*\*

All <u>status checks</u> that are on calendar will be resolved via email and <u>no appearances are required</u>.

### \*\*\*<u>ORDERS</u>\*\*\*

Until further notice, all parties must submit <u>orders</u> electronically, in <u>both</u> PDF version and Word version to the Department 14 inbox at <u>DC14Inbox@clarkcountycourts.us</u>.

All orders must have original signatures from all parties or an email—*appended as the last page(s) of the proposed order*—confirming that the 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.

Orders that do not comply with these instructions will be returned for resubmittal.

## \*\*\*RULE 16 HEARINGS/CONFERENCES \*\*\*

All <u>Rule 16 Conferences</u> will be heard via Blue Jeans until further notice. Please contact the Department for information about the hearing schedule.\*\*\*

Be well and stay safe,

#### Ariana Reed, Esq.

Law Clerk to the Honorable Adriana Escobar Eighth Judicial District Court, Dept. 14 <u>Dept14LC@clarkcountycourts.us</u> Phone: (702) 671-4423 Fax: (702) 671-4418

# EXHIBIT R

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FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Defendant TKNR Inc Total Financial Assessment 766.00 Total Payments and Credits 766.00 Balance 01/09/2019 Transaction Assessment 543.0001/09/2019 Efile Payment Receipt # Due as of 04/06/2021 **0.00** 2019-01636-CCCLK TKNR Inc (543.00)03/19/2019 Transaction Assessment 223.0003/19/2019 Efile Payment Receipt # 2019-17299-CCCLK TKNR Inc (223.00) **Plaintiff** W L A B Investment LLC Total Financial Assessment 561.00 Total Payments and Credits 561.00 Balance Due as of 04/06/2021 0.00 12/12/2018 Transaction Assessment 273.5012/12/2018 Efile Payment Receipt # 2018-81817-CCCLK W L A B Investment LLC (273.50)12/26/2018 Transaction Assessment 3.5012/26/2018 Efile Payment Receipt # 2018-84435-CCCLK W L A B Investment LLC (3.50)01/28/2019 Transaction Assessment 3.5001/28/2019 Efile Payment Receipt # 2019-05638-CCCLK W L A B Investment LLC (3.50)03/04/2019 Transaction Assessment 3.5003/04/2019 Efile Payment Receipt # 2019-13541-CCCLK W L A B Investment LLC (3.50)03/29/2019 Transaction Assessment 3.5003/29/2019 Efile Payment Receipt # 2019-19498-CCCLK W L A B Investment LLC (3.50)04/29/2019 Transaction Assessment 3.5004/29/2019 Efile Payment Receipt # 2019-26133-CCCLK W L A B Investment LLC (3.50)06/04/2019 Transaction Assessment 3.5006/04/2019 Efile Payment Receipt # 2019-33809-CCCLK W L A B Investment LLC (3.50)06/05/2019 Transaction Assessment 3.5006/05/2019 Efile Payment Receipt # 2019-34173-CCCLK W L A B Investment LLC (3.50)07/11/2019 Transaction Assessment 3.5007/11/2019 Efile Payment Receipt # 2019-42139-CCCLK W L A B Investment LLC (3.50)06/16/2020 Transaction Assessment 3.5006/16/2020 Efile Payment Receipt # 2020-31837-CCCLK W L A B Investment LLC (3.50)10/19/2020 Transaction Assessment 3.5010/19/2020 Efile Payment Receipt # 2020-58886-CCCLK W L A B Investment LLC (3.50)11/16/2020 Transaction Assessment 3.5011/16/2020 Efile Payment Receipt # 2020-64945-CCCLK W L A B Investment LLC (3.50)11/20/2020 Transaction Assessment 3.5011/20/2020 Efile Payment Receipt # 2020-65934-CCCLK W L A B Investment LLC (3.50)11/23/2020 Transaction Assessment 3.5011/23/2020 Efile Payment Receipt # 2020-66309-CCCLK W L A B Investment LLC (3.50)12/15/2020 Transaction Assessment 200.0012/15/2020 Efile Payment Receipt # 2020-70608-CCCLK W L A B Investment LLC (200.00)12/29/2020 Transaction Assessment 3.5012/29/2020 Efile Payment Receipt # 2020-73001-CCCLK W L A B Investment LLC (3.50)01/06/2021 Transaction Assessment 3.5001/06/2021 Efile Payment Receipt # 2021-00756-CCCLK W L A B Investment LLC (3.50)01/20/2021 Transaction Assessment 3.5001/20/2021 Efile Payment Receipt # 2021-03724-CCCLK W L A B Investment LLC (3.50)02/10/2021 Transaction Assessment 3.5002/10/2021 Efile Payment Receipt # 2021-08154-CCCLK W L A B Investment LLC (3.50)02/11/2021 Transaction Assessment 3.5002/11/2021 Efile Payment Receipt # 2021-08275-CCCLK W L A B Investment LLC (3.50)02/12/2021 Transaction Assessment 3.5002/12/2021 Efile Payment Receipt # 2021-08648-CCCLK W L A B Investment LLC (3.50)02/16/2021 Transaction Assessment 3.5002/16/2021 Efile Payment Receipt # 2021-09258-CCCLK W L A B Investment LLC (3.50)02/24/2021 Transaction Assessment 3.5002/24/2021 Efile Payment Receipt # 2021-11016-CCCLK W L A B Investment LLC (3.50)03/04/2021 Transaction Assessment 3.5003/04/2021 Efile Payment Receipt # 2021-12911-CCCLK W L A B Investment LLC (3.50)03/04/2021 Transaction Assessment 3.5003/04/2021 Efile Payment Receipt # 2021-12954-CCCLK W L A B Investment LLC (3.50)03/05/2021 Transaction Assessment 3.5003/05/2021 Efile Payment Receipt # 2021-12993-CCCLK W L A B Investment LLC (3.50)03/10/2021 Transaction Assessment 3.5003/10/2021 Efile Payment Receipt # 2021-14087-CCCLK W L A B Investment LLC (3.50)

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1433649	1/25/2021	697915
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1/12/2021	A-18-785	5917-C
	Case Name	
WLAB Investment,	LLC vs. TKNR, Inc.	
	Payment Terms	
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Michael B. Lee, Esq. Michael B. Lee, Law Office 1820 E. Sahara Ave. Suite 110 Las Vegas, NV 89104

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PMK for WLAB Investm	ent, LLC Frank Miao		2,967.67
		TOTAL DUE >>>	\$2,967.67
		AFTER 2/24/2021 PAY	\$3,264.44
Location of Job : Litigation S 3960 Howa Las Vegas,	rd Hughes Parkway, Suite 700		

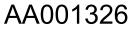
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Michael B. Lee, Esq. Michael B. Lee, Law Office 1820 E. Sahara Ave. Suite 110 Las Vegas, NV 89104 Invoice No. : 1433649 Invoice Date : 1/25/2021 **Total Due** : **\$2,967.67** AFTER 2/24/2021 PAY \$3,264.44

Remit To: Litigation Services and Technologies of Nevada, LLC P.O. Box 98813 Las Vegas, NV 89193-8813 Job No. : 697915 BU ID : LV-CR Case No. : A-18-785917-C Case Name : WLAB Investment, LLC vs. TKNR, Inc.







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Job Date	Case	No.
3/8/2021	A-18-785	5917-C
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WLAB Investment,	LLC vs. TKNR, Inc.	
	Payment Terms	
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Statement for th	e Record:		
Nonappe	arance of Amin Sani		465.00
		TOTAL DUE >>>	\$465.00
		AFTER 4/8/2021 PAY	\$511.50
Location of Job	: Litigation Services 3960 Howard Hughes Parkway, Suite 700 Las Vegas, NV 89169		

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Job Date	Case No.	
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	Case Name	
	Payment Terms	
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^ Evidentiary Hearing		223.56
	TOTAL DUE >>>	\$223.56
	AFTER 3/26/2021 PAY	\$245.92

Description: Print x 4, assembled in binders with exhibits tabs

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Animal Care Clinic,	Inc. vs. Gama, Michaela	3
	Payment Terms	
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Michaela	Gama		884.10
		TOTAL DUE >>>	\$884.10
Location of Job	: Litigation Services 3960 Howard Hughes Parkway, Suite 700 Las Vegas, NV 89169	AFTER 4/2/2021 PAY	\$972.51

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: Animal Care Clinic, Inc. vs. Gama, Michaela





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Job Date	Case	No.
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	Case Name	
Animal Care Clinic, 1	inc. vs. Gama, Michaela	
	Payment Terms	
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		TOTAL DUE >>>	\$780.30
Location of Job	: Litigation Services 3960 Howard Hughes Parkway, Suite 700 Las Vegas, NV 89169	AFTER 4/2/2021 PAY	\$858.33

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Case No.	:
Case Name	: Animal Care Clinic, Inc. vs. Gama, Michaela

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Job Date	Case	No.
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	Case Name	
Animal Care Clinic,	Inc. vs. Gama, Michaela	а
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Michelle	Montoya	658.05		
		TOTAL DUE >>>	\$658.05	
Location of Job	: Litigation Services 3960 Howard Hughes Parkway, Suite 700 Las Vegas, NV 89169	AFTER 4/2/2021 PAY	\$723.86	

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: Animal Care Clinic, Inc. vs. Gama, Michaela



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From:Michael Matthis <matthis@mblnv.com>Sent:Tuesday, July 27, 2021 3:01 PMTo:Mike LeeSubject:Fw: Childs NV Supreme Ct. Appeal binder cost

BL charge for Appendix binders re: Childs' Writ

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#### **BINDERS**

Paper: 1913 pages x \$0.25 page = \$478.25

Binders: 5 inch x2 @ \$7.61 = \$15.22

1 inch x2 @ \$2.50 = \$5.00

Tabs: \$3.19

#### TOTAL: \$501.66

