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Judgment after special proceeding (award of attorney's fees and costs).

- 5. Does this appeal raise issues concerning any of the following: Child custody,
- Venue or Termination of parental rights. No, this case does not involve children.
 - 6. Pending and prior proceedings in this court.

In the Court of Appeals of the State of Nevada, Case No. 84713-COA, See Original Petition for Writ of Mandamus or Prohibition, filed May 17, 2022, and Order Denying Petition for Writ of Mandamus or Prohibition, filed June 17, 2022.

7. Pending and prior proceedings in other courts. In the Family Division of the Second Judicial District Court of the State of Nevada, In and For the County of Washoe, Case No. DV20-01349, Department 16, divorce without children. The District Court entered its Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Decree of Divorce on August 26, 2021, expressly reserving for final adjudication the division of personal property: "6. Personal Property. The parties have not fully resolved their personal property disputes. The parties are obligated to cooperate to divide any remaining property with the Court retaining jurisdiction over the same." See page 7, lines 21-25 of the Decree of Divorce.

Trial with respect to the personal property issues between the parties has not been set, but a scheduling is expected to be done in the next few days.

8. Nature of the action: This is a divorce action, with bifurcated issues. Appellant avers the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Decree of Divorce, create a bifurcated decree and proceedings. Appellant avers that discovery should, by law, remain ongoing as established by the Order After Case Management Conference entered by the trial court, which provides as to the discovery plan that, "Discovery shall close 45 days before trial." Order After Case Management Conference, filed March 17, 2021, page 4, line 8.

On October 4, 2022, the trial court awarded fees and costs against Appellant and to Respondent pursuant to NRS 18.010(2)(b) for issuing a subpoena, pending the setting of trial, to obtain information relating to the potential existence of undisclosed personal property. The

district court concluded without analysis that Appellant was proceeding without reasonable grounds.

9. Issues on appeal: State concisely the principal issue(s) in this appeal:

Under a decree of divorce which reserves jurisdiction for resolution of personal property issues, the inventory, location, and division of the entirety of the personal property remains for resolution, as set forth in the *Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Decree of Divorce*. Appellant avers the district court abused its power by (i) sanctioning Plaintiff under NRS 18.010(2)(b) by an award against her of attorney's fees and costs where discovery should be continuing and remain open on the bifurcated issue of personal property, and (ii) issuing an order which fails to provide a supportable analysis of a finding that Appellant is, under NRS 18.010(2)(b), without reasonable ground to pursue *information* from a bank account the subject of the proceedings which is maintained by a party to the divorce action which contains facts as to the acquisition of personal property which may remain unaccounted, pending trial on the matter. The district court has abused its discretion in this bifurcated matter.

While the Court's Order After Hearing of March 22, 2022, which quashes Plaintiff's subpoena, will not be ripe for appeal until after trial, the Court's instant order awarding fees and costs under a special proceeding is ripe for appeal as not within the subjects and claims of the initial pleadings to be resolved at the final trial concerning personal property.

- 10. Pending proceedings in this court raising the same or similar issues. If you are aware of any proceedings presently pending before this court which raises the same or similar issues raised in this appeal, list the case name and docket numbers and identify the same or similar issue raised: No such proceedings are known to appellant.
- 11. Constitutional issues. If this appeal challenges the constitutionality of a statute, and the state, any state agency, or any officer or employee thereof is not a party to this appeal, have you notified the clerk of this court and the attorney general in accordance with NRAP 44 and NRS 30.130? Not applicable.
 - 12. Other issues. Does this appeal involve any of the following issues? Reversal of well-

settled Nevada Precent (identify the case (s)); An issue arising under the United States and/or Nevada Constitutions; A substantial issue of first impression; An issue of public policy; An issue where en banc consideration is necessary to maintain uniformity of this court's decision; A ballot question. If so, explain.

The issue of the effect of a bifurcated decree of divorce upon discovery matters is one of statewide public importance of which the Supreme Court may decide to retain the issue for decision. Given the frequent request for fee awards in divorce matters under NRS 18.010(2)(b), a determination of the analysis necessary for a district court to make such an award is a substantial issue under due process rules.

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

The matter is presumptively assigned to the Court of Appeals pursuant to NRAP 17(b)(10). However, the issue of the effect of a bifurcated decree of divorce upon discovery matters is one of statewide public importance of which the Supreme Court may decide to retain the issue for decision pursuant to NRAP 17(a)(12). Given the frequent request for fee awards in divorce matters under NRS 18.010(2)(b), a determination of the analysis necessary for a district court to make such an award is a substantial issue under due process rules.

- 14. Trial. If this action proceeded to trial, how many days did the trial last: This matter concerns an award of attorney's fees on a special proceeding, following motion practice.
- 15. Judicial Disqualification. Do you intend to file a motion to disqualify or have a justice recuse him/herself from participation in this appeal? If so, which Justice?

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counterclaims, cross claims, or third-party claims and the date of formal disposition of each claim.

Appellant's complaint sought a divorce, and division and award of all community property and debts. All matters were resolved by a decree of divorce, except the issue of personal property was bifurcated. Respondent's counterclaim sought a divorce, and division and award of all community property and debts and alimony. All matters were resolved by a decree of divorce, except the issue of personal property was bifurcated. The District Court entered its *Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Decree of Divorce* on August 26, 2021, expressly reserving for final adjudication the division of personal property: "6. *Personal Property*. The parties have not fully resolved their personal property disputes. The parties are obligated to cooperate to divide any remaining property with the Court retaining jurisdiction over the same." See page 7, lines 21-25 of the *Decree of Divorce*.

Trial with respect to the personal property issues between the parties has not been set, but a scheduling is expected to be done in the next few days.

The Court quashed Appellant's subpoena by order of March 22, 2022.

Respondent moved for fees and costs on March 23, 2022.

Appellant Objected on April 6, 2022.

The district court awarded the fees and costs on October 4, 2022.

24. Did the judgment or order appealed from adjudicate ALL the claims alleged below and the rights and liabilities of ALL the parties to the action or consolidate actions below? No.

25. If you answered "No" to question 24, complete the following:

(a) Specify the claims remaining pending below:

The District Court entered its *Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Decree of Divorce* on August 26, 2021, expressly reserving for final adjudication the division of personal property: "6. *Personal Property*. The parties have not fully resolved their personal property

disputes. The parties are obligated to cooperate to divide any remaining property with the Court retaining jurisdiction over the same." See page 7, lines 21-25 of the *Decree of Divorce*.

- (b) Specify the parties remaining below: Gina R. Dapra and Scott Anthony Elkins.
- (c) Did the district court certify the judgment or order appealed from as final judgment pursuant to NRCP 54(b)? Seemingly so. In its order of October 4, 2022, the district court set forth this is a final judgment on the fees matter, stating in line with its ruling, "A case must proceed to judgment in order to have a prevailing party; anything short of judgment does not work for determining a prevailing party." See *Order Awarding Attorney's*Fees and Costs of October 4, 2022, citing Works v. Kuhn, 103 Nev. 65, 723 P.2d 1373 (1987).
- (d) Did the district court make an express determination, pursuant to NRCP 54(b), that there is no just reason for delay and an express direction for the entry of judgment? Seemingly so. In its order of October 4, 2022, the district court set forth this is a final judgment on the fees matter, stating in line with its ruling, "A case must proceed to judgment in order to have a prevailing party; anything short of judgment does not work for determining a prevailing party." See *Order Awarding Attorney's Fees and Costs* of October 4, 2022, citing *Works v. Kuhn*, 103 Nev. 65, 723 P.2d 1373 (1987).

appellate review. (e.g., order is independently appealable under NRAP 3A(b)): While the Court's Order After Hearing of March 22, 2022, which quashes Plaintiff's subpoena, will not be ripe for appeal until after trial, the Court's instant Order Awarding Attorney's Fees and Costs under a special proceeding is ripe for appeal, as it is not within the subjects and claims of the initial pleadings to be resolved at the final trial concerning personal property. The district court affirms the order as one of finality within the order itself.

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

• The latest filed complaint, counterclaims, cross claims, and third-party claims

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IN THE FAMILY DIVISION

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IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WASHOE

GINA R. DAPRA,

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Plaintiff-Wife,

Case No.

vs.

Dept.

SCOTT A. ELKINS

Defendant-Husband.

WIFE'S COMPLAINT FOR DIVORCE (WITHOUT CHILDREN)

I. FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF - DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE

- A. Gina R. Dapra ("Wife") and Scott A. Elkins ("Husband") were married on October 5, 2013 at Olympic Valley, California. The parties have no children the subject of this divorce action.
- B. Grounds for Divorce. Husband and Wife have conflicts which are irreconcilable and which have destroyed the legitimate objects of their marriage.
- C. Wife brings this suit to dissolve her marriage to Scott A. Elkins and for the Court to issue Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Orders, Judgments, and a Decree of Divorce. returning Husband and Wife to the status of single persons.

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Silverman Kattelman Springgate, Chtd, 500 Damonte Ranch Parkway, Suite 675 Reno, Nevada 89521 (775) 322-3223 Fax (775) 322-3649 D. There are no previous or pending cases in any court involving the subject matter of this case.

E. Jurisdiction of the Court. Wife is a resident of the State of Nevada. For a period of more than six weeks before commencement of this action, Wife has resided in the State of Nevada, and now resides and is domiciled here. During all of the period of residency, Wife has had, and still has, the intent to make the State of Nevada her home, residence, and domicile for an indefinite period of time. For the same period of time, Husband has also been a resident of the State of Nevada.

II. SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF - DIVISION OF PROPERTY.

A. COMMUNITY PROPERTY AND DEBTS. Community property and debts exist and should be awarded pursuant to law.

B. SEPARATE PROPERTY AND DEBTS. Separate property and debts exist and should be awarded pursuant to law.

- Wife has separate property interests in the retirement and investment accounts in her name.
- C. PARTNERSHIP PROPERTY, CONSTRUCTIVE TRUST, AND DEBTS. Property held in partnership between the parties, with reliance thereon, and in constructive trust, and property held as and as if community property exists, and such property should be awarded pursuant to law. This includes property held by the Public Employees' Retirement System of Nevada.

III. THIRD CLAIM FOR RELIEF - LITIGATION FEES AND COSTS

A. Wife has retained Silverman Kattelman Springgate, Chtd., to perform legal

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services in this divorce and she has incurred fees and costs. Wife shall retain other lawyers and experts as required to prosecute and defend her claims in this litigation.

Awards of litigation fees and costs should be made to Wife pursuant to Nevada law.

WHEREFORE, Wife requests judgment, decree, and orders as follows:

- 1. That this marriage be dissolved and a decree of divorce granted, returning Husband and Wife to the status of single persons.
- 2. That the Court adopt any settlement of the parties as reached between them on the issues concerning the dissolution of their marriage, or otherwise expediently resolve by trial those matters which cannot be settled between the parties.
- That interim property orders be awarded from the date of the filing of this Complaint for Divorce.
- 4. That community property, separate property, and debts be awarded and distributed pursuant to the parties' agreements and/or Nevada law.
 - 5. That litigation fees and costs be awarded pursuant to Nevada law.
 - 6. For such other and further relief as this Court deems just and proper.

Under NRS 239B.030 the undersigned affirms the preceding contains no social security number.

DATED: This 29 day of September, 2020.

SILVERMAN KATTELMAN SPRINGGATE, CHTD.

Michael V. Kattelman

Attorneys for Plaintiff, Gina Dapra

VERIFICATION

1 2 STATE OF NEVADA 3 : ss 4 COUNTY OF WASHOE) 5 6 7 deposes and says: 8 1. 9 2. 10 belief. 11 3. 12 13 14 15 16 this Verification are true. 17

COMES NOW, Gina R. Dapra, being first duly sworn under penalty of perjury and

I am the Plaintiff herein.

I make this verification of my own personal knowledge, information and

I have read the foregoing Complaint for Divorce and know the contents thereof, and the same is true of my own knowledge, except those matters therein stated upon information and belief, and as to those matters I believe them to be true.

I do hereby swear under penalty of perjury that the assertions set forth in

Subscribed and sworn to before me day of September, 2020, by Gina R. Dapra.



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IN THE FAMILY DIVISION OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WASHOE

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Plaintiff,

Case No. DV20-01349

Dept. No. 2

VS.

SCOTT A. ELKINS,

Defendant.

ANSWER TO WIFE'S COMPLAINT FOR DIVORCE WITH CHILDREN AND COUNTERCLAIM

Defendant, SCOTT A. ELKINS, by and through his counsel, Andriea A. Aden, Esq., of the Law Offices of Andriea A. Aden, Esq., Chtd., hereby files his Answer to Wife's Complaint for Divorce with Children and Counterclaim.

ANSWER

I. FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF-DISSOULTION OF MARRIAGE

- A. Defendant admits the allegations contained in paragraph I.A of the Complaint.
- B. Defendant admits the allegations contained in paragraph I.B of the Complaint.
- C. Defendant admits the allegations contained in paragraph I.C of the Complaint.
- D. Defendant admits the allegations contained in paragraph I.D of the Complaint,
- E. Defendant admits the allegations contained in paragraph I.E of the Complaint.

II. SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF-DIVISION OF PROPERTY

A. Defendant admits the allegations contained in paragraph II.A of the Complaint.

В.	Defendant admits the allegations contained in paragraph II.B of the Complaint a
it relates to s	eparate property and debts existing and should be awarded pursuant to law.

- B1. Defendant denies the allegations contained in paragraph II.B(1) of the Complaint.
 - C. Defendant admits the allegations contained in paragraph II.C of the Complaint.

III. THIRD CLAIM FOR RELIEF-LITIGATION FEES AND COSTS

A. Defendant denies the allegations contained in paragraph III.A of the Complaint

AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES

FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

The Complaint on file herein fails to state a claim or cause of action against this Defendant upon which relief can be granted.

SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Plaintiff has failed to mitigate her damages, and to the extent of such failure, is precluded from recovery herein.

Defendant presently has insufficient knowledge or information upon which to form a belief as to whether he may have additional, and as yet unstated, affirmative defenses available. Accordingly, Defendant reserves the right to assert additional affirmative defenses in the event discovery indicates that they are appropriate.

WHEREFORE, Defendant moves the Court to deny Plaintiff all relief requested in her Complaint, and instead grant Defendant the relief requested in his Counterclaim.

COUNTERCLAIM

Defendant, SCOTT A. ELKINS, by and through his counsel, Andriea A. Aden, Esq., alleges and complains of Plaintiff, GINA R. DAPRA, as follows:

1. That Defendant is now and for a period of more than six (6) weeks immediately preceding the commencement of this action has been an actual, bona fide resident of, and domiciled in, the State of Nevada.

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- 2. That Plaintiff and Defendant were married in Olympic Valley, CA on or about October 5, 2013 and ever since that time have been and still now are husband and wife.
- 3. That there no minor children born the issue of this marriage. To the best of Defendant's knowledge, Plaintiff is not now pregnant.
- That the parties have community and separate property assets and debts that 4. should be divided by the Court in accordance with Nevada law.
- 5. That Plaintiff be ordered to pay Defendant alimony to be determined pursuant to Nevada law.
- 6. That Defendant reserves the right to assert a marital waste claim against Plaintiff should discovery reveal a basis therefor.
- 7. That Defendant reserves the right to assert a marital tort claim against Plaintiff should discovery reveal a basis therefor.
- 8. That Defendant reserves the right to assert a breach of fiduciary duty claim against Plaintiff should discovery reveal a basis therefor.
- 9. That Plaintiff and Defendant have conflicts in personalities and dispositions so deep as to be irreconcilable, which render it impossible for the parties to continue a normal marital relationship with each other and, as a result, incompatibility exists of such a character as to destroy the legitimate objects of matrimony and to render it impossible for Plaintiff and Defendant to live together as a married couple.

WHEREFORE, Defendant, SCOTT A. ELKINS, moves the Court as follows:

- 1. That Defendant be granted a Decree of Divorce, dissolving the bonds of matrimony now and heretofore existing between himself and Plaintiff, and restoring each of the parties to the status of unmarried persons based upon grounds of irreconcilable differences.
- That there are no minor children born the issue of this marriage, and to the best 2. of Defendant's knowledge, Plaintiff is not now pregnant.
- 3. That the parties have community and separate property assets and debts that should be divided by the Court in accordance with Nevada law.

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- 4. That Plaintiff be ordered to pay Defendant alimony to be determined pursuant to Nevada law.
- 5. That the Court recognize the Defendant's right to assert a marital waste claim against Plaintiff be preserved should discovery reveal a basis thereof.
- That the Court recognize the Defendant's right to assert a marital tort claim 6. against Plaintiff be preserved should discovery reveal a basis therefor.
- 7. That the Court recognize the Defendant's right to assert a breach of fiduciary duty claim against Plaintiff be preserved should discovery reveal a basis therefor.
- 8. That Plaintiff and Defendant have conflicts in personalities and dispositions so deep as to be irreconcilable, which render it impossible for the parties to continue a normal marital relationship with each other and, as a result, incompatibility exists of such a character as to destroy the legitimate objects of matrimony and to render it impossible for Plaintiff and Defendant to live together as a married couple.
 - 9. For such other and further relief as the Court may deem proper

Affirmation pursuant to NRS 239B.030. The undersigned affirms that the preceding document does not contain the social security number of any person.

DATED this 4th day of December, 2020.

Law Offices of Andriea A. Aden, Esq. 19 Winter Street Reno, Nevada 89503 (775) 622-9245

/s/ Andriea A. Aden, Esq. Andriea A. Aden, Esq. Attorney for Scott A. Elkins

VERIFICATION OF DEFENDANT

SCOTT A. ELKINS, being first duly sworn, deposes and says:

That I am the Defendant in the above-entitled action. That I have read the foregoing ANSWER TO WIFE'S COMPLAINT FOR DIVORCE WITH CHILDREN AND COUNTERCLAIM and know the contents thereof; that the same is true of my own knowledge, except as to those matters which are therein stated upon information and belief, and as to those matters I believe them to be true.

SCOTT A. ELKINS

STATE OF NEVADA) ss.
COUNTY OF WASHOE)

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 4 day of December 2020 by SCOTT A. ELKINS.

NOTARY PUBLIC

ASHLEY NEIGHBORS Notary Public-State of Nevada APPT. NO. 14-12788-2 My Appt. Expires 01-02-2022

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Pursuant to NRCP 5(b), I hereby certify that I am an employee of the Law Offices of Andriea A. Aden, Esq., Chtd., over the age of 18, and that on the date set forth below, I served a true copy of:

• ANSWER TO WIFE'S COMPLAINT FOR DIVORCE WITH CHILDREN AND COUNTERCLAIM

on the parties below by Electronic Service via ECF System:

Michael V. Kattelman, Esq. Silverman, Kattelman, Springgate, Chtd. 500 Damonte Ranch Parkway, Suite 675 Reno, NV 89521

DATED this 4th day of December, 2020.

/s/ Ashley Neighbors
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SCOTT A. ELKINS

GINA R. DAPRA,

VS.

Defendant-Husband,

WIFE'S ANSWER TO HUSBAND'S COUNTERCLAIM (WITHOUT CHILDREN)

As to Husband's claims "1, 2, 3, 4, and 9," admitted.

As to Husband claims "5, 6, 7, and 8," denied.

WHEREFORE, Wife requests judgment, decree, and orders as follows:

- That Counterclaimant take nothing by way of his Counterclaim. 1.
- That this marriage be dissolved and a decree of divorce granted, returning 2. Husband and Wife to the status of single persons.
- That the Court adopt any settlement of the parties as reached between them 3. on the issues concerning the dissolution of their marriage, or otherwise expediently resolve by trial those matters which cannot be settled between the parties.

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- 4. That community property, separate property, and debts be awarded and distributed pursuant to the parties' agreements and/or Nevada law.
 - 5. That litigation fees and costs be awarded pursuant to Nevada law.
 - 6. For such other and further relief as this Court deems just and proper.

Under NRS 239B.030 the undersigned affirms the preceding contains no social security number.

DATED: This 9th day of December, 2020.

SILVERMAN KATTELMAN SPRINGGATE, CHTD.

Michael V. Kattelman

Attorneys for Plaintiff, Gina Dapra

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

-	CHATIFICATE OF SERVICE			
2	Pursuant to NRCP 5 (b), I hereby certify that I am an employee of Silverma			
3	Kattelman Springgate, Chtd., and on the date set forth below, I caused to be served			
4	true copy of the foregoing WIFE'S ANSWER TO HUSBAND'S COUNTERCLAIM			
5	(WITHOUT CHILDREN) to the party(ies) identified below:			
6 7	Placing an original or true copy thereof in a sealed envelope, postage			
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Case No. DV20-01349

Plaintiff,

Dept. No. 16

SCOTT A. ELKINS,

vs.

Defendant.

FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW, AND DECREE OF DIVORCE

This matter having come before the Court on April 5, 2021 and April 30, 2021, for a Settlement Conference, Plaintiff, GINA R. DAPRA (hereinafter "Dr. Dapra" or "Wife"), appearing with her counsel, Michael Kattelman, Esq. via electronic means, and Defendant, SCOTT A. ELKINS (hereinafter "Mr. Elkins" or "Husband"), appearing with his counsel, Andriea A. Aden, Esq. via electronic means. The parties have come to certain agreements regarding the dissolution of their marriage, the division of community property, the Court having reviewed the pleadings and papers on file herein, the requirements of Chapter 125 NRS having been satisfied, and the Court being fully advised in the premises, the Court hereby enters the following Decree of Divorce:

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. That for more than six (6) weeks immediately preceding the commencement of this action, Plaintiff, GINA R. DAPRA, has been and now is a bona fide resident of the State of Nevada, having been physically present therein during all of said time, and having had and now having the intention to make the aforesaid State her domicile.
- 2. That the parties were lawfully joined in marriage in Olympic Valley, CA on or about October 5, 2013, and ever since that time have been, and still now are, Husband and Wife.
- 3. That there no minor children born the issue of this marriage and Wife is currently not pregnant.
- 4. That the parties have become and continue to be, incompatible in marriage and no reconciliation is possible, and the parties are entitled to a Decree of Divorce.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. The Court finds it has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this action and personal jurisdiction over the parties.
- 2. The Court finds the agreement set forth below is equitable and approves it as consistent with Nevada law.
- 3. The Court finds that the parties are incompatible in marriage and, no reconciliation is possible, and the parties are entitled to a Decree of Divorce.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that as the parties are incompatible in marriage, they are hereby granted an absolute and final Decree of Divorce; that the bonds of matrimony existing between the parties be dissolved; and that the parties are restored to the status of single, unmarried persons, nunc pro tunc to April 30, 2021.

All issues of spousal support and community property and debts have been resolved

pursuant to the agreement of the parties as set forth herein.

I. DIVISON OF ASSETS AND DEBT

Attached hereto as Exhibit 1 is a Marital Balance Sheet outlining the parties agreed upon division of the community and separate assets and debts, and is described in detail herein.

1. Bank Accounts

Each party shall retain all bank accounts held in their respective name as outlined in Exhibit 1, save and except Husband shall receive \$50,000 (without gains or losses, or interest) from the Greater Nevada Credit Union account ending (6302). This money shall be transferred immediately upon the Notice of Entry of Decree.

Husband shall also retain the following joint bank accounts and may remove Wife from the same or close the accounts: US Bank checking (5101), US Bank savings (6449), and US Bank savings (4101). Wife shall cooperate if needed to remove her name from these accounts or close these accounts.

2. Investment Accounts

Charles Schwab Acct. x0897: This is a community property account. This account shall be equally divided upon the date of severance, which shall occur immediately upon the Notice of Entry of Decree. Neither party shall withdraw any additional funds from this account until severance. No fees shall be paid out of this account except for fees related to this account.

Charles Schwab Acct. x7204: Wife shall retain this account as her sole and separate property.

Charles Schwab Acct. x0377: This is a community property account. This account shall be equally divided as outlined on the marital balance sheet with Husband to receive no less than \$6,827 from this account, which shall occur immediately upon the Notice of Entry of Decree.

3. Business Interests:

Wife shall retain any and all interest she has in Northern Nevada Emergency Physicians as her sole and separate property.

4. Real Property:

4265 Basque Lane, Reno, Nevada: It is agreed this property is to be sold and listed for sale as soon as possible. The parties shall mutually agree upon a realtor. If the parties are unable to agree upon a realtor, the matter shall be submitted to Judge Banales upon both parties filing a brief to the court no later than Friday, May 7, 2021.

The parties agree to follow the recommendations of the realtor with respect to list price, etc., subject to the parties agreeing otherwise. The parties shall in good faith listen to the recommendation of the realtor as to repairs or improvements to be made to the property for sale purposes. If the parties cannot agree on a repair or improvement to be made to the real property for sale purposes, the Second Judicial District Court reserves jurisdiction to resolve the repair or improvement issue(s) between the parties, which can be managed by a short conference with the Court which can be set by counsel by way of a telephone call to the Court. The parties shall equally pay the costs of all agreed upon, or Court ordered, repair or improvements to the real property for its sale, and all costs of sale of the property. The parties shall cooperate to sign any and all paperwork necessary to list the property for sale and during the escrow process to finalize the sale.

Wife shall remain in the residence and shall continue to have exclusive possession of the residence until it is sold or she chooses to vacate. Wife shall be responsible to pay for all normal living expenses related to the residence until it is sold, which is distinct from the repairs and

improvements as set forth above. Mr. Elkins will return the garage door opener to the back detached garage.

The Second Judicial District Court shall retain jurisdiction over all matters regarding the sale, management, and payments with respect to the residence until it is sold.

Upon sale, the parties shall equally split the net proceeds, subject to the equalization payment outlined herein.

2470 Sorrento Lane, Sparks, Nevada: Husband shall retain this property as his sole and separate property and any liabilities and encumbrances associated therewith and he shall indemnify Wife from the same.

5. Vehicles

2012 Wildwood 5th Wheel: It is agreed that this will be sold and the proceeds equally split. This vehicle is currently in Wife's possession. Mr. Elkins shall list the RV for sale. Both parties shall cooperate to assist to sell the vehicle as soon as possible, including accommodating any showings of the RV. Should Husband request to present at the showing, upon notice to Wife, Husband may access the vehicle on the Basque property for purposes of sale, with both he and the potential buyers entering and exiting the Basque property by way of the back gate. The parties shall also mutually agree on the sales price.

The Second Judicial District Court shall retain Jurisdiction over all matters regarding the sale of the recreational vehicle until it is sold.

2011 Chevy Camaro: Husband shall retain this vehicle as his sole and separate property, with all debts and liabilities thereon.

2012 Chevy Duramax HD 2500: Husband shall retain this vehicle as his sole and separate property, with all debts and liabilities thereon.

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2004 Jeep Wrangler (salvaged title): Husband shall retain this vehicle as his sole and separate property, with all debts and liabilities thereon.

1967 Ford Mustang: Husband shall retain this vehicle as his sole and separate property, with all debts and liabilities thereon.

1967 Chevy Camaro (the yellow Camaro), VIN 124377L122050: Wife shall retain this vehicle as her sole and separate property, with all debts and liabilities thereon.

1943 MJ Military Jeep: Wife shall retain this vehicle as her sole and separate property, with all debts and liabilities thereon.

1970 Chevy Camaro (the birthday Camaro): Husband shall retain this vehicle as his sole and separate property, with all debts and liabilities thereon.

1967 Mercury Cougar: Husband shall retain this vehicle as his sole and separate property, with all debts and liabilities thereon.

1982 Jeep Scrambler: Husband shall retain this vehicle as his sole and separate property, with all debts and liabilities thereon.

1969 Ford Mustang: Husband shall retain this vehicle as his sole and separate property, with all debts and liabilities thereon.

1993 Honda CVR 600 F2 Motorcycle: Husband shall retain this vehicle as his sole and separate property, with all debts and liabilities thereon.

1966 Ford Thunderbird: Husband shall retain this vehicle as his sole and separate property, with all debts and liabilities thereon.

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1968 Chevy Camaro: Husband shall retain this vehicle as his sole and separate property, with all debts and liabilities thereon.

1994 GMC Pick-Up K2500: Husband shall retain this vehicle as his sole and separate property, with all debts and liabilities thereon.

1968 Mercury Cougar: Husband shall retain this vehicle as his sole and separate property, with all debts and liabilities thereon.

Volkswagen Sandrail: Husband shall retain this vehicle as his sole and separate property, with all debts and liabilities thereon.

2019 Subaru Impreza: This vehicle is in the possession of Mr. Elkins' daughter and he does not have title to this vehicle, nonetheless it was identified and agreed that Husband shall retain this vehicle as his sole and separate property, to the extent he has any interest, with all debts and liabilities thereon.

In regards to all vehicles, should the party not receiving the vehicle have any items, such as keys, or documents related to this vehicle in their possession, they shall return those items or documents to the party receiving the vehicle, if and when such item is found.

6. Personal Property

The parties have not fully resolved their personal property disputes. The parties are obligated to cooperate to divide any remaining personal property with the Court retaining jurisdiction over the same.

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7. Life Insurance and Disability Policies

Wife shall retain all life insurance and disability policies as her sole and separate property.

8. Retirement Account

Nevada Public Employees' Retirement System Benefits: Husband shall retain his PERS as his sole and separate property, except that Wife retains any and all death beneficiary benefits to which she is entitled.

Charles Schwab Roth IRA Acct. x1953: Wife shall retain this account as her sole and separate property.

Fidelity 401(k) Acct. x3857: Wife shall retain this account as her sole and separate property.

Charles Schwab IRA Acct. x1609: Wife shall retain this account as her sole and separate property.

9. Debts

Each party shall retain all debt held in their respective name as outlined in Exhibit 1. The parties have no jointly held debt, other than the 2020 taxes, addressed herein, and the mortgage related to Basque lane, which will be satisfied upon the sale of the residence.

10. Income Taxes

The parties shall file jointly for tax year 2020, and the parties have now signed and filed their 2020 tax return. As a result of the equalization payment from Wife to Husband being finalized at \$1170,000 (without interest) as detailed below, Wife shall be responsible to pay any and all tax debt owed for 2020 on income and assets disclosed at the time of the divorce.

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The parties shall file separate taxes thereafter. For the calendar year 2021, the parties shall file separate federal income tax returns, without respect to the laws of community property and this decree shall be treated as a decree of separate maintenance from January 1, 2021, for tax filing purposes. Each party shall report his or her separate income on his or her own income tax return and shall be entitled to the income taxes withheld, estimated payments and any other taxrelated payments made by him or her attributable to his or her income, and the deductions, exemptions, credits attributable to his or her income/property. For the calendar year 2021 and thereafter, both parties are entitled to all tax deductions and credits associated with the payments they have individually made towards real property and to all business deductions associated with their respective business.

Except as otherwise specified in this Agreement, each party shall pay any capital gains taxes, income taxes or other taxes, interest, penalties, costs, assessments, fees or charges of any sort, kind or nature resulting from his/her transfer, sale, liquidation or other disposition of any asset, property, interest or right he/she receives, owns or controls under this Agreement, or which he/she utilizes or borrows to pay any obligation he/she owes under this Agreement, or which is incurred in connection with or pertains to any property, asset, business or other interest he/she receives under this Agreement.

Any tax obligations owed from the sale of Basque lane shall be equally split between the parties based upon the parties each receiving one-half of the net proceeds. Husband is not subject to a greater tax obligation as a result of the equalization payment paid from Wife's half of the net proceeds.

The division of community property set forth herein is intended to be a non-taxable transfer between spouses pursuant to section 1041 of the Internal Revenue Code.

Neither counsel for Wife nor Husband provided any tax advice regarding any and all past or future tax obligations owed.

11. Equalization Payment

Based upon the agreement outlined herein, it is agreed that Husband shall receive an equalization payment in the sum of \$170,000 to be paid out of Wife's one-half of the net proceeds from the home, to be paid to Husband at close of escrow of Basque Lane.

Husband waives any and all claims to any legal interest on the amount owed, and the \$170,000 amount owed is not subject to any increase or decrease in any way.

12. Attorney's Fees

Each party shall be responsible to pay any and all outstanding attorney's fees owed from the date of the settlement conference. Attorney's fees up to the date of the Settlement Conference were equalized as shown on line 16 of Exhibit 1.

13. Execution of Documents

The parties shall execute any and all documents necessary to transfer the asset and debts as outlined here.

14. Unadjudicated Assets

Both parties affirmed this is all assets and debts they are aware of, both community and separate. Husband further confirmed under oath he is not in possession of nor does he own any cryptocurrency.

If any community property of the parties is later discovered/found to exist and was not listed herein and such property comes to the attention of either party after the execution of this Decree, the discovering party shall notify the other party forthwith as to the existence of additional assets and forthwith invoke the jurisdiction of the Court for the property's division

pursuant to NRS 125.150. The parties acknowledge that if it is proven that a party intentionally omitted or intentionally failed to disclose a material asset in this divorce process, such asset can be awarded by the Court entirely to the other party. The Court shall reserve jurisdiction over assets not listed in this Decree for the limited purpose of enforcing this provision.

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Neither party shall receive alimony and the Court hereby terminates jurisdiction over the same.

III. RESOLUTION OF ALL CLAIMS

This Decree constitutes resolution of all claims that were raised or could have been raised by either party by way of the Complaint for Divorce or Counter-Claim for Divorce, except for the division or award of unknown or undisclosed assets or property as set forth above.

IV. WIFE'S NAME

Wife never changed her surname and shall continue to be known as GINA DAPRA.

V. The Court canvassed the parties and each has acknowledged their understanding and agreement to all of the terms of their settlement agreement, and that each has done so voluntarily and without duress from any outside source or party or from the other party.

VI. NUNC PRO TUNC

The parties' Decree of Divorce is effective, Nunc Pro Tunc, to April 30, 2021.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED August 25 , 2021.

SR DISTRICT JUDGE

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LAW OFFICES OF ANDRIEA A. ADEN, ESQ., CHTD. 19 WINTER St. Reno, Nevada 89503 (775) 622-9245 FAX (775) 622-9275 LICENSED IN NEVADA

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Pursuant to NRCP 5(b), I certify that I am an employee of the Second Judicial District Court, and that on August 26, 2021, I deposited for mailing, first class postage pre-paid, at Reno, Nevada, a true and correct copy of the foregoing document addressed to:

I certify that on August 26, 2021, I electronically filed a true and correct copy of the foregoing with the Clerk of Court by using the ECF system which will send a notice to:

ANDRIEA ADEN, ESQ. for SCOTT ELKINS MICHAEL KATTELMAN, ESQ. for GINA DAPRA

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 IN THE FAMILY DIVISION

OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WASHOE

GINA R. DAPRA,

VS.

Case No. DV20-01349

Plaintiff,

Dept. No. 16

SCOTT A. ELKINS,

Defendant.

ORDER AFTER HEARING

This matter came before the Court on March 21, 2022, for hearing pursuant to the Order Setting Hearing filed January 14, 2022. The hearing was conducted remotely through Zoom in accordance with Administrative Order 2022-03. Plaintiff, Gina Dapra (hereafter "Wife") was present with counsel, Michael Kattelman, Esq. Defendant, Scott Elkins, (hereafter "Husband") was present with counsel, Andriea Aden, Esq.

At issue is whether Plaintiff's *Notice of Subpoena Duces Tecum* filed December 8, 2021 to Greater Nevada Credit Union ("GNCU") is appropriate under the Court's reservation of jurisdiction as to personal property as specified in the parties' settlement on April 30, 2021.

At the hearing, Plaintiff's Counsel stated that a review of the GNCU statements and withdrawals was necessary to finalize the personal property disbursement.

Defendant's Counsel stated that Plaintiff had sent a subpoena to GNCU prior to settlement, that the GNCU account was specifically addressed at settlement, and that a

motion to conduct post-discovery discovery must be filed prior to sending a subpoena to GNCU.

The Court has reviewed all papers and pleadings on file, considered the arguments of Counsel, and now finds and orders as follows:

- A subpoena duces tecum was sent to GNCU prior to the parties' settlement on April 30, 2021; accordingly, Plaintiff had the opportunity to examine the GNCU statements prior to settlement.
- 2. Final Settlement between the parties was put on the record April 30, 2021 wherein the Court retained jurisdiction over all remaining personal property issues. The Court finds that the parties' GNCU account was adjudicated at settlement and is not within the purview of unresolved personal property.
- 3. Defendant's Motion for Protective Order from the Subpoena Duces Tecum filed December 8, 2021 to Greater Nevada Credit Union is GRANTED.
- 4. The Supreme Court of Nevada has held that parties seeking attorney's fees in family law cases must support their request with affidavits or other evidence that satisfy the factors delineated in the prior Brunzell v. Golden Gate National Bank and Wright v. Osburn decisions. Miller v. Wilfong, 121 Nev. 619, 624, 119 P.3d 727, 730 (2005. The Court is inclined to grant attorney's fees and costs to Defendant for the filing of the Objection to Subpoena and Motion for Protective Order. Counsel for Defendant shall submit a Brunzell and Wilfong affidavit.

Dated: Mark 22, 2022 Linda M. Gardner
Senior District Judge

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE Pursuant to NRCP 5(b), I certify that I am an employee of the Second Judicial District Court, and that on 3, 2022, I deposited for mailing, first class postage pre-paid, at Reno, Nevada, or via e-filing, a true and correct copy of the foregoing document addressed to: Michael Kattelman, Esq. Andriea Aden, Esq. Via Electronic Filing *Attention* AS OF OCTOBER 18TH, 2018, Electronic Filing is MANDATORY for all cases, including Family Law cases. Therefore, copies will only be sent electronically. Husband should contact the Second Judicial District Court Resource Center at 775-328-3110 ext. 5 or visit https://wceflex.washoecourts.com to sign up for a free e-flex account.

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NOTICE OF ENTRY OF ORDER

YOU, AND EACH OF YOU, WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the **ORDER** AFTER HEARING, was entered and filed in the above-entitled matter on March 22, 2022, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "1".

DATED: March 22, 2022

/s/ H. Lujan Court Clerk

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Pursuant to NRCP 5(b), I certify that I am an employee of the Second Judicial District Court in and for the County of Washoe, and that on March 22, 2022, I deposited in the county mailing system for postage and mailing with the United States Postal Service in Reno, Nevada, or via e-filing, a true copy of the foregoing document addressed as follows:

ELECTRONIC FILING:

Michael Kattelman, Esq. Andriea Aden, Esq.

> /s/ H. Lujan Court Employee

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Affirmation pursuant to NRS 239B.030. The undersigned affirms that the preceding document does not contain the social security number of any person.

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