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

MEI-GSR HOLDINGS, LLC, a Nevada Limited Liability Company, GRAND SIERRA RESORT UNIT OWNERS' ASSOCIATION, a Nevada nonprofit corporation, GAGE VILLAGE COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT, LLC, a Nevada Limited Liability Company; AM-GSR HOLDINGS, LLC, a Nevada Limited Liability Company,

### Appellants,

VS.

ALBERT THOMAS, individually; JANE DUNLAP, individually; JOHN DUNLAP, individually; BARRY HAY, individually; MARIE-ANNE ALEXANDER, as Trustee of the MARIE-ANNE ALEXANDER LIVING TRUST: MELISSA VAGUJHELYI and GEORGE VAGUJHELYI, as Trustees of the GEORGE VAGUJHELYI AND MELISSA VAGUJHELYI 2001 FAMILY TRUST AGREEMENT, U/T/A APRIL 13, 2001; D' ARCY NUNN, individually; HENRY NUNN, individually; MADELYN VAN DER BOKKE, individually; LEE VAN DER BOKKE, individually; ROBERT R. PEDERSON, individually and as Trustee of the PEDERSON 1990 TRUST; LOU ANN PEDERSON, individually and as Trustee of the PEDERSON 1990 TRUST; LORI ORDOVER, individually; WILLIAM A. HENDERSON, individually; CHRISTINE E. HENDERSON, individually; LOREN D. PARKER, individually; SUZANNE C. PARKER, individually; MICHAEL IZADY, individually; STEVEN TAKAKI, as Trustee of the STEVEN W. TAKAKI & FRANCES S. LEE REVOCABLE TRUSTEE AGREEMENT, UTD

### Supreme Court No. 86092

District Court Case No. CV12-02222

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CROSS-APPELLANTS'

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STATEMENT

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Respondents.

#### GENERAL INFORMATION

Appellants must complete this docketing statement in compliance with NRAP 14(a). The purpose of the docketing statement is to assist the Supreme Court in screening jurisdiction, identifying issues on appeal, assessing presumptive assignment to the Court of Appeals under NRAP 17, scheduling cases for oral argument and settlement conferences, classifying cases for expedited treatment and assignment to the Court of Appeals, and compiling statistical information.

#### **WARNING**

This statement must be completed fully, accurately and on time. NRAP 14(c). The Supreme Court may impose sanctions on counsel or appellant if it appears that the information provided is incomplete or inaccurate. *Id.* Failure to fill out the statement completely or to file it in a timely manner constitutes grounds for the imposition of sanctions, including a fine and/or dismissal of the appeal.

A complete list of the documents that must be attached appears as Question 27 on this docketing statement. Failure to attach all required documents will result in the delay of your appeal and may result in the imposition of sanctions.

This court has noted that when attorneys do not take seriously their obligations under NRAP 14 to complete the docketing statement properly and conscientiously, they waste the valuable judicial resources of this court, making the imposition of sanctions appropriate. See KDI Sylvan Pools v. Workman, 107 Nev. 340, 344, 810 P.2d 1217, 1220 (1991). Please use tab dividers to separate any attached documents.

1.	Judicial District	Seco	<u>nd</u>	Department _	OJ41	
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4. Nature of disposition below (chec	ek all that apply):
☐ Judgment after bench trial	☐ Dismissal:
☐ Judgment after jury verdict	☐ Lack of jurisdiction
☐ Summary judgment	☐ Failure to state a claim
☐ Default judgment	☐ Failure to prosecute
☐ Grant/Denial of NRCP 60(b) relief	☐ Other (specify):
☐ Grant/Denial of injunction	☐ Divorce Decree:
☐ Grant/Denial of declaratory relief	☐ Original ☐ Modification
☐ Review of agency determination	☑ Other disposition (specify): Punitive Damages award
5. Does this appeal raise issues conc No.	eerning any of the following?
☐ Child Custody	
□ Venue	
☐ Termination of parental rights	
number of all appeals or original pr before this court which are related to (1) MEI-GSR Holdings, LLC, et al. v. (2) Thomas, et al. v. MEI-GSR Holdin (3) MEI-GSR Holdings, LLC, et al. v. (4) MEI-GSR Holdings, LLC, et al. v. and	this court. List the case name and docket oceedings presently or previously pending to this appeal:  Thomas, et al., Supreme Court No. 69184; ags, LLC, et al., Supreme Court No. 70498; Thomas, et al., Supreme Court No. 84143; Thomas, et al., Supreme Court No. 85915; Thomas, et al., Supreme Court No. 86092.
and court of all pending and price	other courts. List the case name, number or proceedings in other courts which are bankruptcy, consolidated or bifurcated position:

8. **Nature of the action**. Briefly describe the nature of the action and the result below:

Cross-Appellants are, or at one time were, individual unit owners in The Grand Sierra Resort Condominium Units, which are part of the Grand Sierra Unit Owners' Association. The Grand Sierra Unit Owners' Association is an apartment-style, hotel-condominium development of 670 units from floors 17 through 24 of the Grand Sierra Resort and Casino located at 2500 East Second Street, Reno, Nevada. Cross-Appellants asserted twelve (12) causes of action against Cross-Respondents in their Second Amended Complaint, which was filed with the District Court on or about March 26, 2013. Cross-Appellants' claims for relief were premised on, among other things, Cross-Respondents' misconduct in relation to the Grand Sierra Unit Owners' Association, breaches of contract, and deceptive trade practices.

During discovery, Respondents committed numerous discovery abuses. Cross-Appellants moved for case-concluding sanctions twice due to Respondents' willful discovery misconduct, which resulted in the December 8, 2013 Order and the October 3, 2014 Order from the District Court. The District Court granted Cross-Appellants' motion for case-concluding sanctions in its October 3, 2014 Order. A Default was entered against Respondents on November 26, 2014. The District Court conducted a prove-up hearing on March 23 through March 25, 2015, and entered its Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Judgment on October 9, 2015. The District Court awarded \$8,318,215.55 in damages and set a hearing on punitive damages. On January 17, 2023, the Court awarded \$9,190,521.92 in punitive damages. A final judgment was entered on February 2, 2023. On February 8, 2023, Cross-Appellants filed a motion to alter or amend the final judgment. This motion was submitted on March 9, 2023.

This is a cross-appeal of the District Court's January 17, 2023 Order granting punitive damages. The District Court applied a multiplier of two to certain categories of damages which correspond to certain causes of action.

- 9. **Issues on appeal.** State concisely the principal issue(s) in this appeal (attach separate sheets as necessary):
- (1) Whether the District Court erred in only awarding punitive damages on the intentional misrepresentation and conversion causes of action.
- (2) Whether the District Court erred in only applying a multiplier of two (2) to calculate the punitive damage award.

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:

Appellants are not aware of any such proceedings.

11. <b>Constitutional issues.</b> If this appeal challenges the constitutionality of a statute, and the state, any state agency, or any officer or employee thereof is not a party to this appeal, have you notified the clerk of this court and the attorney general in accordance with NRAP 44 and NRS 30.130?
☑ N/A
□ Yes
□ No
If not, explain:
☐ Reversal of well-settled Nevada precedent (identify the case(s))
☐ An issue arising under the United States and/or Nevada Constitutions
☐ A substantial issue of first impression
☑ An issue of public policy
$\square$ An issue where en banc consideration is necessary to maintain uniformity of this court's decisions
☐ A ballot question
If so, explain: Whether punitive damages should be limited to only two of twelve causes of action is an issue of public policy.

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

This appeal is presumptively retained by the Supreme Court under NRAP 17(12) because the issue stated above is one of statewide public importance.

1	4. <b>Trial.</b> If this action proceeded to trial, how many days did the trial last?  N/A
	Was it a bench or jury trial?N/A
1	5. <b>Judicial Disqualification</b> . 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?
No.	
	TIMELINESS OF NOTICE OF APPEAL
1	6. <b>Date of entry of written judgment or order appealed from:</b> <u>January 17, 2023.</u>
	If no written judgment or order was filed in the district court, explain the basis for seeking appellate review:
1	7. Date written notice of entry of judgment or order was served: <u>January</u> 23, 2023.
	Was service by:
	□ Delivery
	☑ Mail/electronic/fax

m	otion (NRCP 50(b), 52(	b), or 59)	
	(a) Specify the tymotion, and the date	•	and method of service of the
	□ NRCP 50(b)	Date of filing	
	□ NRCP 52(b)	Date of filing	
	□ NRCP 59	Date of filing	
(b)	rehearing or recons	sideration may toll the mo Builders v. Washi 2010).	RCP 60 or motions for the time for filing a notice of sington, 126 Nev. Adv. Rep.
(c) N/A	Date written notice of e  Was service by:	ntry of order resolving	g tolling motion was served _
	□ Delivery		
	□ Mail		
If ea		appealed from the jud	6, 2023 Igment or order, list the date me the party filing the notice
MEI-GS	R, et al.: notice of appeal	l filed February 6, 202	23.
ap	_	_	it for filing the notice of [14 days after other party's

18. If the time for filing the notice of appeal was tolled by a post-judgment

### SUBSTANTIVE APPEALABILITY

21.	Specify	the statute	or other a	authority	granting	this cou	ırt jurisdi	ction to
	review	the judgme	nt or orde	er appeale	ed from:			

(a)		
	☑ NRAP 3A(b)(1)	□ NRS 38.205
	$\square$ NRAP 3A(b)(2)	□ NRS 233B.150
	$\square$ NRAP 3A(b)(3)	□ NRS 703.376
	☐ Other (specify):	

(b) Explain how each authority provides a basis for appeal from the judgment or order:

The punitive damages order finally resolved the issue of punitive damages and therefore may have concluded the second and final phase of the underlying proceeding. After Appellants filed their notice of appeal, the District Court entered a Final Judgment on February 2, 2023, which is currently subject to a motion to alter or amend. Appellants admit their appeal "may be premature, but was filed out of an abundance of caution." Similarly, Cross-Appellants' cross-appeal may be premature, but was also filed in an abundance of caution.

### 22. List all parties involved in the action or consolidated actions in the district court:

(a) Parties:

Cross-Appellants/Plaintiffs: Albert Thomas; Jane Dunlap; John Dunlap; Barry Hay; Marie-Anne Alexander, as Trustee of the Marie-Annie Alexander Living Trust; Melissa Vagujhelyi and George Vagujhelyi, as Trustees of the George Vagujhelyi and Melissa Vagujhelyi 2001 Family Trust Agreement, u/t/a April 13, 2001; D' Arcy Nunn; Henry Nunn; Madelyn Van Der Bokke; Lee Van Der Bokke; Donald Schreifels; Robert R. Pederson, individually and as Trustee of the Pederson 1990 Trust; Lou Ann Pederson, individually and as Trustee of the Pederson 1990 Trust; Lori Ordover; William A. Henderson, individually; Christine E. Henderson; Loren D. Parker; Suzanne C. Parker; Michael Izady; Steven Takaki; Farad Torabkhan; Sahar Tavakoli; M&Y Holdings, LLC; JL&YL Holdings, LLC; Sandi Raines; R.

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<u>Cross-Respondents/Defendants</u>: MEI-GSR holdings, LLC, a Nevada limited liability company; Grand Sierra Resort Unit Owners' Association, a Nevada nonprofit corporation; AM-GSR Holdings, LLC, a Nevada limited liability company; and Gage Village Commercial Development LLC, a Nevada limited liability company.

(b) If all parties in the district court are not parties to this appeal, explain in detail why those parties are not involved in this appeal, e.g., formally dismissed, not served, or other:

N/A

23. Give a brief description (3 to 5 words) of each party's separate claims, counterclaims, cross-claims, or third-party claims and the date of formal disposition of each claim.

Cross-Appellants/Plaintiffs asserted: (1) petition for appointment of receiver as to Defendant Grand Sierra Resort Unit Owners' Association, (2) Intentional and/or Negligent Misrepresentation as to Defendant MEI-GSR Holdings, LLC, (3)

Breach of Contract as to Defendant MEI-GSR Holdings, LLC, (4) Quasi-Contract / Equitable Contract / Detrimental Reliance as to Defendant MEI-GSR Holdings, LLC, (5) Breach of the Implied Covenant of Good Faith and Fair Dealing as to Defendant MEI-GSR Holdings, LLC, (6) Consumer Fraud / Nevada Deceptive Trade Practices Act against Defendant MEI-GSR Holdings, LLC, (7) Declaratory Relief as to Defendant MEI-GSR Holdings, LLC, (8) Conversion as to Defendant MEI-GSR Holdings, LLC, (9) Demand for Accounting as to Defendants MEI-GSR Holdings, LLC and Grand Sierra Unit Owners Association, (10) Specific Performance pursuant to NRS 116.112, Unconscionable Agreement, (11) Unjust Enrichment / Quantum Meruit against Defendant Gage Village Development, LLC, and (12) Tortious Interference with Contract and/or Prospective Business Advantage against Defendants MEI-GSR Holdings, LLC and Gage Village Development, LLC.

Cross-Respondents/Defendants asserted counter-claims, but the District Court struck Cross-Respondents' answer and each of the counter-claims set forth therein as a sanction.

alleg	he judgment or order appealed from adjudicate ALL the claims ed below and the rights and liabilities of ALL the parties to the n or consolidated actions below?  □ Yes
	☑ No
(a) pendi	a answered "No" to question 24, complete the following:  Specify the claims remaining pending below: All claims remaining until a motion to alter or amend the Final Judgment entered February 23 is decided.
(b)	Specify the parties remaining below: All parties remain below.
(c) final judgm	Did the district court certify the judgment or order appealed from as a ent pursuant to NRCP 54(b)?
	□ Yes
	☑ No
	□ N/A
(d) 54(b), that t	Did the district court make an express determination, pursuant to NRCP here is no just reason for delay and an express direction for the entry of

judgment?

□ Yes	
☑ No	
□ N/A	

# 26.If you answered "No" to any part of question 25, explain the basis for seeking appellate review (e.g., order is independently appealable under NRAP 3A(b)):

The order at issue may be appealable pursuant to NRAP 3A(b)(1) as it potentially resolved all outstanding issues in the underlying proceeding. Again, as the appeal was taken in an abundance of caution, this cross-appeal was similarly taken in an abundance of caution.

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

- The latest-filed complaint, counterclaims, cross-claims, and third-party claims
- Any tolling motion(s) and order(s) resolving tolling motion(s)
- Orders of NRCP 41(a) dismissals formally resolving each claim, counterclaims, cross-claims and/or third-party claims asserted in the action or consolidated action below, even if not at issue on appeal
- Any other order challenged on appeal
- Notices of entry for each attached order

### **VERIFICATION**

I declare under penalty of perjury that I have read this docketing statement, that the information provided in this docketing statement is true and complete to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, and that I have attached all required documents to this docketing statement.

Albert Thomas, et al.

Names of Appellants

March 14, 2023

Date

Washoe County, Nevada

State and county where signed

Jarrad C. Miller

Name of counsel of record

/s/ Jarrad C. Miller

Signature of counsel of record

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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that I am an employee of Robertson, Johnson, Miller & Williamson, over the age of eighteen, and not a party to the within action. I further certify that on March 14, 2023, I electronically filed the foregoing with the Clerk of the Court by using the ECF system which served the following parties electronically:

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### **Index of Exhibits**

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### EXHIBIT "1"

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#### SECOND AMENDED COMPLAINT

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15	WILLIAMS, individually; PAMELA Y. ARATANI, individually; DARLENE
	LINDGREN, individually; LAVERNE
16	ROBERTS, individually; DOUG MECHAM,
	individually; CHRISINE MECHAM,
17	individually; KWANGSOO SON,
10	individually; SOO YEUN MOON,
18	individually; JOHNSON AKINDODUNSE,
10	individually; IRENE WEISS, as Trustee of
19	the WEISS FAMILY TRUST; PRAVESH
20	CHOPRA, individually; TERRY POPE, individually; NANCY POPE, individually;
20	JAMES TAYLOR, individually; RYAN
21	TAYLOR, individually, KI HAM,
	individually; YOUNG JA CHOI,
22	individually; SANG DAE SOHN,
_	individually; KUK HYUNG (CONNIE),
23	individually; SANG (MIKE) YOO,
_,	individually; BRETT MENMUIR, as Trustee
24	of the CAYENNE TRUST; WILLIAM
25	MINER, JR., individually; CHANH
23	TRUONG, individually; ELIZABETH
26	ANDERS MECUA, individually; SHEPHERD MOUNTAIN, LLC; ROBERT
_	BRUNNER, individually; AMY BRUNNER,
27	individually; JEFF RIOPELLE, individually;
	PATRICIA M. MOLL, individually;
28	DANIEL MOLL, individually; and DOE

1	PLAINTIFFS 1 THROUGH 10, inclusive,
2	Plaintiffs,
3	vs.
4	MEI-GSR Holdings, LLC, a Nevada Limited
5	Liability Company, GRAND SIERRA RESORT UNIT OWNERS' ASSOCIATION, a Nevada nonprofit corporation, GAGE
6	VILLAGE COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT, LLC, a Nevada Limited
7	Liability Company and DOE DEFENDANTS 1 THROUGH 10, inclusive,
8	Defendants.
9	COME NOW Plaintiffs ("Plaintiffs" or "Individual Unit Owners"), by and through their
10	counsel of record, Robertson, Johnson, Miller & Williamson, and for their causes of action
11	against Defendants hereby complain as follows:
12	GENERAL ALLEGATIONS
13	The Parties
14	1. Plaintiff Albert Thomas is a competent adult and is a resident of the State of
15	California.
16	2. Plaintiff Jane Dunlap is a competent adult and is a resident of the State of
17 18	California.
19	3. Plaintiff John Dunlap is a competent adult and is a resident of the State of
20	California.
21	4. Plaintiff Barry Hay is a competent adult and is a resident of the State of
22	California.
23	5. Plaintiff Marie-Annie Alexander, as Trustee of the Marie-Annie Alexander Living
24	Trust, is a competent adult and is a resident of the State of California.
25	6. Plaintiff Melissa Vagujhelyi, as Co-Trustee of the George Vagujhelyi and Melissa
26	Vagujheyli 2001 Family Trust Agreement U/T/A April 13, 2001, is a competent adult and is a
27	resident of the State of Nevada.
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1	20.	Plaintiff Michael Izady is a competent adult and is a resident of the State of New
2	York.	
3	21.	Plaintiff Steven Takaki is a competent adult and is a resident of the State of
4	California.	
5	22.	Plaintiff Farad Torabkhan is a competent adult and is a resident of the State of
6	New York.	
7	23.	Plaintiff Sahar Tavakol is a competent adult and is a resident of the State of New
8	York.	
9	24.	Plaintiff M&Y Holdings is a Nevada Limited Liability Company with its
10	principal plac	ce of business in Nevada.
11	25.	Plaintiff JL&YL Holdings, LLC is a Nevada Limited Liability Company with its
12	principal plac	ce of business in Nevada.
13	26.	Plaintiff Sandi Raines is a competent adult and is a resident of the State of
14	Minnesota.	
15	27.	Plaintiff R. Raghuram is a competent adult and is a resident of the State of
16	California.	
17	28.	Plaintiff Usha Raghuram is a competent adult and is a resident of the State of
18	California.	
19	29.	Plaintiff Lori K. Tokutomi is a competent adult and is a resident of the State of
20	California.	
21	30.	Plaintiff Garett Tom is a competent adult and is a resident of the State of
22	California.	
23	31.	Plaintiff Anita Tom is a competent adult and is a resident of the State of
24	California.	
25	32.	Plaintiff Ramon Fadrilan is a competent adult and is a resident of the State of
26	California.	
27	33.	Plaintiff Faye Fadrilan is a competent adult and is a resident of the State of
28	California.	

1	48.	Plaintiff Elisa Cheng is a competent adult and is a resident of the State of
2	California.	
3	49.	Plaintiff Greg A. Cameron is a competent adult and is a resident of the State of
4	California.	
5	50.	Plaintiff TMI Property Group, LLC is a California Limited Liability Company.
6	51.	Plaintiff Richard Lutz is a competent adult and is a resident of the State of
7	California.	
8	52.	Plaintiff Sandra Lutz is a competent adult and is a resident of the State of
9	California.	
10	53.	Plaintiff Mary A. Kossick is a competent adult and is a resident of the State of
11	California.	
12	54.	Plaintiff Melvin H. Cheah is a competent adult and is a resident of the State of
13	California.	
14	55.	Plaintiff Di Shen is a competent adult and is a resident of the State of Texas.
15	56.	Plaintiff Ajit Gupta is a competent adult and is a resident of the State of
16	California.	
17	57.	Plaintiff Seema Gupta is a competent adult and is a resident of the State of
18	California.	
19	58.	Plaintiff Fredrick Fish is a competent adult and is a resident of the State of
20	Minnesota.	
21	59.	Plaintiff Lisa Fish is a competent adult and is a resident of the State of Minnesota.
22	60.	Plaintiff Robert A. Williams is a competent adult and is a resident of the State of
23	Minnesota.	
24	61.	Plaintiff Jacquelin Pham is a competent adult and is a resident of the State of
25	California.	
26	62.	Plaintiff May Ann Hom, as Trustee of the May Ann Hom Trust, is a competent
27	adult and is a	a resident of the State of California.
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1	63.	Plaintiff Michael Hurley is a competent adult and is a resident of the State of
2	Minnesota.	
3	64.	Plaintiff Dominic Yin is a competent adult and is a resident of the State of
4	California.	
5	65.	Plaintiff Duane Windhorst is a competent adult and is a resident of the State of
6	Minnesota.	
7	66.	Plaintiff Marilyn Windhorst is a competent adult and is a resident of the State of
8	Minnesota.	
9	67.	Plaintiff Vinod Bhan is a competent adult and is a resident of the State of
10	California.	
11	68.	Plaintiff Anne Bhan is a competent adult and is a resident of the State of
12	California.	
13	69.	Plaintiff Guy P. Browne is a competent adult and is a resident of the State of
14	California.	
15	70.	Plaintiff Garth Williams is a competent adult and is a resident of the State of
16	California.	
17	71.	Plaintiff Pamela Y. Aratani is a competent adult and is a resident of the State of
18	California.	
19	72.	Plaintiff Darleen Lindgren is a competent adult and is a resident of the State of
20	Minnesota.	
21	73.	Plaintiff Laverne Roberts is a competent adult and is a resident of the State of
22	Nevada.	
23	74.	Plaintiff Doug Mecham is a competent adult and is a resident of the State of
24	Nevada.	
25	75.	Plaintiff Chrisine Mecham is a competent adult and is a resident of the State of
26	Nevada.	
27	76.	Plaintiff Kwangsoo Son is a competent adult and is a resident of Vancouver,
28	British Colur	nhia

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to allege their true names and capacities when such are ascertained. Plaintiffs are informed and

believe and thereon allege that each of the fictitiously named Defendant Does is liable to Plaintiffs in some manner for the occurrences that are herein alleged.

### MEI-GSR's Control of the Unit Owners' Association is to Plaintiffs' Detriment

- 105. The Individual Unit Owners re-allege each and every allegation contained in paragraphs 1 through 102 of this Complaint as though fully stated herein and hereby incorporate them by this reference as if fully set forth below.
- 106. The Grand Sierra Resort Condominium Units ("GSR Condo Units") are part of the Grand Sierra Unit Owners Association, which is an apartment style hotel condominium development of 670 units in one 27-story building. The GSR Condo Units occupy floors 17 through 24 of the Grand Sierra Resort and Casino, a large-scale hotel casino, located at 2500 East Second Street, Reno, Nevada.
- 107. All of the Individual Unit Owners: hold an interest in, own, or have owned, one or more GSR Condo Units.
  - 108. Defendants Gage Village and MEI-GSR own multiple GSR Condo Units.
  - 109. Defendant MEI-GSR owns the Grand Sierra Resort and Casino.
- 110. Under the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, Restrictions and Reservations of Easements for Hotel-Condominiums at Grand Sierra Resort ("CC&Rs"), there is one voting member for each unit of ownership (thus, an owner with multiple units has multiple votes).
- 111. Because Defendants MEI-GSR and Gage Village control more units of ownership than any other person or entity, they effectively control the Unit Owners' Association by having the ability to elect Defendant MEI-GSR's chosen representatives to the Board of Directors (the governing body over the GSR Condo Units).
- 112. As a result of Defendants MEI-GSR and Gage Village controlling the Unit Owners' Association, the Individual Unit Owners effectively have no input or control over the management of the Unit Owners' Association.
- 113. Defendants MEI-GSR and Gage Village have used, and continue to use, their control over the Defendant Unit Owners' Association to advance Defendants MEI-GSR and Gage Villages' economic objectives to the detriment of the Individual Unit Owners.

114.	Defend	dants	MEI-G	SR	and	Gage	V	illages'	con	trol	of	the	Unit	Owner	s'
Association	violates	Nevac	da law	as	it de	feats 1	he	purpose	of	form	ning	and	main	taining	a
homeowners' association.															

- 115. Further, the Nevada Division of Real Estate requires a developer to sell off the units within 7 years, exit and turn over the control and management to the owners.
- 116. Under the CC&Rs, the Individual Unit Owners are required to enter into a "Unit Maintenance Agreement" and participate in the "Hotel Unit Maintenance Program," wherein Defendant MEI-GSR provides certain services (including, without limitation, reception desk staffing, in-room services, guest processing services, housekeeping services, Hotel Unit inspection, repair and maintenance services, and other services).
- 117. The Unit Owners' Association maintains capital reserve accounts that are funded by the owners of GSR Condo Units. The Unit Owners' Association collects association dues of approximately \$25 per month per unit, with some variation depending on a particular unit's square footage.
- 118. The Individual Unit Owners pay for contracted "Hotel Fees," which include taxes, deep cleaning, capital reserve for the room, capital reserve for the building, routine maintenance, utilities, etc.
- 119. Defendant MEI-GSR has systematically allocated and disproportionately charged capital reserve contributions to the Individual Unit Owners, so as to force the Individual Unit Owners to pay capital reserve contributions in excess of what should have been charged.
- 120. Defendants MEI-GSR and Gage Development have failed to pay proportionate capital reserve contribution payments in connection with their Condo Units.
- 121. Defendant MEI-GSR has failed to properly account for, or provide an accurate accounting for the collection and allocation of the collected capital reserve contributions.
- 122. The Individual Unit Owners also pay "Daily Use Fees" (a charge for each night a unit is occupied by any guest for housekeeping services, etc.).
- 123. Defendants MEI-GSR and Gage Village have failed to pay proportionate Daily Use Fees for the use of Defendants' GSR Condo Units.

	124.	Defendant	MEI-GSR	has	failed	to	properly	account	for	the	contracted	"Hotel
Fees" a	and "Da	ily Use Fee	s."									

- 125. Further, the Hotel Fees and Daily Use Fees are not included in the Unit Owners' Association's annual budget with other assessments that provide the Individual Unit Owners' the ability to reject assessment increases and proposed budget ratification.
- 126. Defendant MEI-GSR has systematically endeavored to increase the various fees that are charged in connection with the use of the GSR Condo Units in order to devalue the units owned by Individual Unit Owners.
- 127. The Individual Unit Owners' are required to abide by the unilateral demands of MEI-GSR, through its control of the Unit Owners' Association, or risk being considered in default under Section 12 of the Agreement, which provides lien and foreclosure rights pursuant to Section 6.10(f) of the CC&R's.
- 128. Defendants MEI-GSR and/or Gage Village have attempted to purchase, and purchased, units devalued by their own actions, at nominal, distressed prices when Individual Unit Owners decide to, or are effectively forced to, sell their units because the units fail to generate sufficient revenue to cover expenses.
- 129. Defendant MEI-GSR and/or Gage Village have, in late 2011 and 2012, purchased such devalued units for \$30,000 less than the amount they purchased units for in March of 2011.
- 130. The Individual Unit Owners effectively pay association dues to fund the Unit Owners' Association, which acts contrary to the best interests of the Individual Unit Owners.
- 131. Defendant MEI-GSR's interest in maximizing its profits is in conflict with the interest of the Individual Unit Owners. Accordingly, Defendant MEI-GSR's control of the Unit Owners' Association is a conflict of interest.

### **MEI-GSR's Rental Program**

132. As part of Defendant MEI-GSR's Grand Sierra Resort and Casino business operations, it rents: (1) hotel rooms owned by Defendant MEI-GSR that are not condominium

units; (2) GSR Condo Units owned by Defendant MEI-GSR and/or Gage Village; and (3) GSR Condo Units owned by the Individual Condo Unit Owners.

- 133. Defendant MEI-GSR has entered into a Grand Sierra Resort Unit Rental Agreement with Individual Unit Owners.
- 134. Defendant MEI-GSR has manipulated the rental of the: (1) hotel rooms owned by Defendant MEI-GSR; (2) GSR Condo Units owned by Defendant MEI-GSR and/or Gage Village; and (3) GSR Condo Units owned by Individual Condo Unit Owners so as to maximize Defendant MEI-GSR's profits and devalue the GSR Condo Units owned by the Individual Unit Owners.
- 135. Defendant MEI-GSR has rented the Individual Condo Units for as little as \$0.00 to \$25.00 a night.
- 136. Yet, MEI-GSR has charged "Daily Use Fees" of approximately \$22.38, resulting in revenue to the Individual Unit Owners as low as \$2.62 per night for the use of their GSR Condo Unit (when the unit was rented for a fee as opposed to being given away).
- 137. By functionally, and in some instances actually, giving away the use of units owned by the Individual Unit Owners, Defendant MEI-GSR has received a benefit because those who rent the Individual Units frequently gamble and purchase food, beverages, merchandise, spa services and entertainment access from Defendant MEI-GSR.
- 138. Defendant MEI-GSR has rented Individual Condo Units to third parties without providing Individual Unit Owners with any notice or compensation for the use of their unit.
- 139. Further, Defendant MEI-GSR has systematically endeavored to place a priority on the rental of Defendant MEI-GSR's hotel rooms, Defendant MEI-GSR's GSR Condo Units, and Defendant Gage Village's Condo Units.
- 140. Such prioritization effectively devalues the units owned by the Individual Unit Owners.
- 141. Defendants MEI-GSR and Gage Village intend to purchase the devalued units at nominal, distressed prices when Individual Unit Owners decide to, or are effectively forced to,

sell their units because the units fail to generate sufficient revenue to cover expenses and have no prospect of selling their persistently loss-making units to any other buyer.

- 142. Some of the Individual Unit Owners have retained the services of a third party to market and rent their GSR Condo Unit(s).
- 143. Defendant MEI-GSR has systematically thwarted the efforts of any third party to market and rent the GSR Units owned by the Individual Unit Owners.
- 144. Defendant MEI-GSR has breached the Grand Sierra Resort Unit Rental Agreement with Individual Condo Unit Owners by failing to follow its terms, including but not limited to, the failure to implement an equitable Rotational System as referenced in the agreement.
- 145. Defendant MEI-GSR has failed to act in good faith in exercising its duties under the Grand Sierra Resort Unit Rental Agreements with the Individual Unit Owners.

## FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF (Petition for Appointment of Receiver as to Defendant Grand Sierra Resort Unit Owners' Association)

- 146. Plaintiffs re-allege each and every allegation contained in paragraphs 1 through 143 of this Complaint as though fully stated herein and hereby incorporate them by this reference as if fully set forth below.
- 147. Because Defendant MEI-GSR and/or Gage Village controls more units of ownership than any other person or entity, Defendant MEI-GSR and Gage Village effectively control the Grand Sierra Resort Unit Owners' Association by having the ability to elect Defendant MEI-GSR's chosen representatives to the Board of Directors (the governing body over the GSR Condo Units).
- 148. As a result of Defendant MEI-GSR controlling the Grand Sierra Resort Unit-Owners' Association, Plaintiffs effectively have no input or control over the management of the Unit Owners' Association.

- 149. Defendant MEI-GSR has used, and continues to use, its control over the Defendant Grand Sierra Resort Unit Owners' Association to advance Defendant MEI-GSR's economic objectives to the detriment of Plaintiffs.
  - 150. Plaintiffs are entitled to a receiver pursuant to NRS § 32.010.
- 151. Pursuant to NRS § 32.010, the appointment of a receiver is appropriate in this case as a matter of statute and equity.
- 152. Unless a receiver is appointed, Defendant MEI-GSR will continue to control the Unit Owners' Association to advance Defendant MEI-GSR's economic objections to the detriment of Plaintiffs.
- 153. Without the grant of the remedies sought in this Complaint, Plaintiffs have no adequate remedy at law to enforce their rights and Plaintiffs will suffer irreparable harm unless granted the relief as prayed for herein.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs request judgment against the Defendant Grand Sierra Resort Unit Owners' Association, as set forth below.

### <u>SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF</u> (Intentional and/or Negligent Misrepresentation as to Defendant MEI-GSR)

- 154. Plaintiffs re-allege each and every allegation contained in paragraphs 1 through 151 of this Complaint as though fully stated herein and hereby incorporate them by this reference as if fully set forth below.
- 155. Defendant MEI-GSR made affirmative representations to Plaintiffs regarding the use, rental and maintenance of the Individual Unit Owners' GSR Condo Units.
- 156. Plaintiffs are now informed and believe, and thereon allege, that these representations were false.
- 157. The Defendant MEI-GSR knew that the affirmative representations were false, in the exercise of reasonable care should have known that they were false, and/or knew or should have known that it lacked a sufficient basis for making said representations.

- 158. The representations were made with the intention of inducing Plaintiffs to contract with Defendant MEI-GSR for the marketing and rental of Plaintiffs' GSR Condo Units and otherwise act, as set out above, in reliance upon the representations.
- 159. Plaintiffs justifiably relied upon the affirmative representations of Defendant MEI-GSR in contracting with Defendant MEI-GSR for the rental of their GSR Condo Units.
- 160. As a direct and proximate result of Defendant MEI-GSR's misrepresentations, Plaintiffs have been, and will continue to be, harmed in the manner herein.
- 161. Plaintiffs are further informed and believe, and thereon allege, that said representations were made by Defendant MEI-GSR with the intent to commit an oppression directed toward Plaintiffs by intentionally devaluing there GSR Condo Units. As a result, Plaintiffs are entitled to an award of exemplary damages against the Defendant, according to proof at the time of trial.
- 162. In addition, as a direct, proximate and necessary result of Defendant MEI-GSR's bad faith and wrongful conduct, Plaintiffs have been forced to incur costs and attorneys' fees and thus Plaintiffs hereby seek an award of said costs and attorneys' fees as damages pursuant to statute, decisional law, common law and this Court's inherent powers.

**WHEREFORE**, Plaintiffs request judgment against Defendant MEI-GSR, as set forth below.

### THIRD CLAIM FOR RELIEF (Breach of Contract as to Defendant MEI-GSR)

- 163. Plaintiffs re-allege each and every allegation contained in paragraphs 1 through 160 of this Complaint as though fully stated herein and hereby incorporate them by this reference as if fully set forth below.
- 164. Defendant MEI-GSR has entered into a Grand Sierra Resort Unit Rental Agreement (the "Agreement") with Individual Condo Unit Owners.
- 165. Defendant MEI-GSR has breached the Agreement with Individual Unit Owners by failing to follow its terms, including but not limited to, the failure to implement an equitable Rotational System as referenced in the agreement.

Based on these facts, equitable or quasi-contracts existed between Plaintiffs and

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GSR's profits and devalue the GSR Condo Units owned by Plaintiffs.

185.	Every contract in	Nevada has	implied	into it, a	covenant	that the	parties	thereto
will act in the	spirit of good faith	and fair dea	ling.					

- 186. Defendant MEI-GSR has breached this covenant by intentionally making false and misleading statements to Plaintiffs, and for its other wrongful actions as alleged in this Complaint.
- 187. As a direct and proximate result of Defendant MEI-GSR's breaches of the implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing, Plaintiffs have been, and will continue to be, harmed in the manner herein alleged.
- 188. In addition, as a direct, proximate and necessary result of Defendant MEI-GSR's bad faith and wrongful conduct, Plaintiffs have been forced to incur costs and attorneys' fees and thus Plaintiffs hereby seek an award of said costs and attorneys' fees as damages pursuant to statute, decisional law, common law and this Court's inherent powers.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs request judgment against Defendant MEI-GSR, as set forth below.

#### SIXTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

#### (Consumer Fraud/Nevada Deceptive Trade Practices Act Against Defendant MEI-GSR)

- 189. Plaintiffs re-allege each and every allegation contained in paragraphs 1 through 186 of this Complaint as though fully stated herein and hereby incorporate them by this reference as if fully set forth below.
- 190. NRS § 41.600(1) provides that "[a]n action may be brought by any person who is a victim of consumer fraud."
- 191. NRS § 41.600(2) explains, in part, "consumer fraud' means . . . [a] deceptive trade practice as defined in NRS §§ 598.0915 to 598.0925, inclusive."
- 192. NRS Chapter 598 identifies certain activities which constitute deceptive trade practices; many of those activities occurred in MEI-GSR's dealings with Plaintiffs.
- 193. Defendant MEI-GSR, in the course of its business or occupation, knowingly made false representations and/or misrepresentations to Plaintiffs.

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- 210. Defendant MEI-GSR has not fulfilled its duties and obligations.
- 211. Plaintiffs are informed and believe, and thereon allege, that they are interested parties in the Defendant Grand Sierra Unit Owners Association and Defendant MEI-GSR's endeavors to market, maintain, service and rent Plaintiffs' GSR Condo Units.
- 212. Among their duties, Defendant Grand Sierra Unit Owners Association and Defendant MEI-GSR are required to prepare accountings of their financial affairs as they pertain to Plaintiffs.
- 213. Defendant Grand Sierra Unit Owners Association and Defendant MEI-GSR have failed to properly prepare and distribute said accountings.
  - 214. Accordingly, Plaintiffs are entitled to a full and proper accounting.

**WHEREFORE**, Plaintiffs request judgment against the Defendants MEI-GSR and the Grand Sierra Unit Owners Association, as set forth below.

### TENTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF (Specific Performance Pursuant to NRS 116.112, Unconscionable Agreement)

- 215. Plaintiffs re-allege each and every allegation contained in paragraphs 1 through 212 of this Complaint as though fully stated herein and hereby incorporate them by this reference as if fully set forth below.
- 216. As alleged herein, Plaintiffs entered into one or more contracts with Defendant MEI-GSR, including the Grand Sierra Resort Unit Rental Agreement and the Unit Maintenance Agreement.
- 217. The Grand Sierra Resort Unit Rental Agreement is unconscionable pursuant to NRS § 116.112 because MEI-GSR has manipulated the rental of the: (1) hotel rooms owned by Defendant MEI-GSR; (2) GSR Condo Units owned or controlled by Defendant MEI-GSR; and (3) GSR Condo Units owned by Individual Unit Owners so as to maximize Defendant MEI-GSR's profits and devalue the GSR Condo Units owned by the Individual Unit Owners.
- 218. The Unit Maintenance Agreement is unconscionable pursuant to NRS § 116.112 because of the excessive fees charged and the Individual Unit Owners' inability to reject fee increases.

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1	227.	Defendant Gage Village has worked in concert with Defendant MEI-GSR in its
2	scheme to de	value the GSR Condo Units and repurchase them.
3	WHE	<b>CREFORE</b> , Plaintiffs request judgment against the Defendants as follows:
4	1.	For the appointment of a neutral receiver to take over control of Defendant
5		Grand Sierra Unit Owners' Association;
6	2.	For compensatory damages according to proof, in excess of \$10,000.00;
7	3.	For punitive damages according to proof;
8	4.	For attorneys' fees and costs according to proof;
9	5.	For declaratory relief;
10	6.	For specific performance;
11	7.	For an accounting; and
12	8.	For such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.
13		AFFIRMATION
14	Pursu	ant to NRS 239B.030, the undersigned does hereby affirm that this document does
15	not contain th	ne social security number of any person.
16	RESP	PECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 26 <sup>th</sup> day of March, 2013.
17		ROBERTSON, JOHNSON, MILLER & WILLIAMSON
18		50 West Liberty Street, Suite 600 Reno, Nevada 89501
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20		By: <u>/s/ Jarrad C. Miller</u> G. David Robertson, Esq.
21		Jarrad C. Miller, Esq. Jonathan J. Tew, Esq.
22		Attorneys for Plaintiffs
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1 **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE** 2 Pursuant to NRCP 5(b), I hereby certify that I am an employee of Robertson, Johnson, 3 Miller & Williamson, 50 West Liberty Street, Suite 600, Reno, Nevada 89501, over the age of 18, and not a party within this action. I further certify that on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2013, I 4 electronically filed the foregoing SECOND AMENDED COMPLAINT with the Clerk of the 5 Court by using the ECF system which served the following parties electronically: 6 7 Sean L. Brohawn, Esq. 50 W. Liberty Street, Suite 1040 Reno, NV 89501 9 Attorneys for Defendants / Counterclaimants 10 11 /s/ Kimberlee A. Hill An Employee of Robertson, Johnson, Miller & Williamson 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28

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

ALBERT THOMAS, individually; JANE 12 DUNLAP, individually; JOHN DUNLAP, individually; BARRY HAY, individually; 13 MARIE-ANNE ALEXANDER, as Trustee of the MARIE-ANNIE ALEXANDER LIVING 14 TRUST; MELISSA VAGUJHELYI and GEORGE VAGUJHELYI, as Trustees of the GEORGE VAGUJHELYI AND MELISSA VAGUJHELYI 16 2001 FAMILY TRUST AGREEMENT, U/T/A APRIL 13, 2001; D' ARCY NUNN, individually; 17 HENRY NUNN, individually: MADELYN VAN DER BOKKE, individually; LEE VAN DER 18 BOKKE, individually; DONALD SCHREIFELS, individually; ROBERT R. PEDERSON, 19 individually and as Trustee of the PEDERSON 1990 TRUST; LOU ANN PEDERSON, 20 individually and as Trustee of the PEDERSON 21 1990 TRUST; LORI ORDOVER, individually; WILLIAM A. HENDERSON, individually; 22 CHRISTINE E. HENDERSON, individually; LOREN D. PARKER, individually: SUZANNE 23 C. PARKER, individually; MICHAEL IZADY, individually; STEVEN TAKAKI, individually; 24 FARAD TORABKHAN, individually; SAHAR TAVAKOL, individually; M&Y HOLDINGS, 25 LLC; JL&YL HOLDINGS, LLC; SANDI RAINES, individually; R. RAGHURAM, 26 individually; USHA RAGHURAM, individually; 27 LORI K. TOKUTOMI, individually: GARRET TOM, individually; ANITA TOM, individually; 28

RAMON FADRILAN, individually; FAYE FADRILAN, individually; PETER K. LEE and

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### ANSWER TO SECOND AMENDED COMPLAINT AND COUNTERCLAIM

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MONICA L. LEE, as Trustees of the LEE
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    FAMILY 2002 REVOCABLE TRUST;
   DOMINIC YIN, individually; ELIAS SHAMIEH,
    individually; JEFFREY QUINN, individually;
   BARBARA ROSE QUINN individually;
    KENNETH RICHE, individually; MAXINE
   RICHE, individually; NORMAN CHANDLER,
    individually; BENTON WAN, individually;
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    TIMOTHY D. KAPLAN, individually;
    SILKSCAPE INC.; PETER CHENG, individually;
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    ELISA CHENG, individually; GREG A.
    CAMERON, individually; TMI PROPERTY
    GROUP, LLC; RICHARD LUTZ, individually;
    SANDRA LUTZ, individually; MARY A.
    KOSSICK, individually; MELVIN CHEAH,
   individually; DI SHEN, individually; NADINE'S
    REAL ESTATE INVESTMENTS, LLC; AJIT
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    GUPTA, individually; SEEMA GUPTA,
    individually; FREDRICK FISH, individually;
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    LISA FISH, individually; ROBERT A.
    WILLIAMS, individually; JACQUELIN PHAM,
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    individually; MAY ANN HOM, as Trustee of the
   MAY ANN HOM TRUST; MICHAEL HURLEY,
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    individually; DOMINIC YIN, individually;
   DUANE WINDHORST, individually; MARILYN
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    WINDHORST, individually; VINOD BHAN,
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   individually; ANNE BHAN, individually; GUY P.
    BROWNE, individually; GARTH A. WILLIAMS,
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    individually; PAMELA Y. ARATANI, individually;
   DARLENE LINDGREN, individually; LAVERNE
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    ROBERTS, individually; DOUG MECHAM,
   individually; CHRISINE MECHAM, individually;
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    KWANGSOO SON, individually; SOO YEUN
   MOON, individually; JOHNSON AKINDODUNSE,
    individually; IRENE WEISS, as Trustee of the
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   WEISS FAMILY TRUST: PRAVESH CHOPRA.
    individually; TERRY POPE, individually; NANCY
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   POPE, individually; JAMES TAYLOR,
   individually; RYAN TAYLOR, individually; KI
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   HAM, individually; YOUNG JA CHOI,
   individually; SANG DEE SOHN, individually;
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   KUK HYUNG (CONNIE), individually;
   SANG (MIKE) YOO, individually; BRETT
    MENMUIR, as Trustee of the CAYENNE TRUST:
   WILLIAM MINER, JR., individually; CHANH
    TRUONG, individually; ELIZABETH ANDERS
   MECUA, individually; SHEPHERD MOUNTAIN,
    LLC; ROBERT BRUNNER, individually; AMY
   BRUNNER, individually; JEFF RIOPELLE,
    individually; PATRICIA M. MOLL, individually;
   DANIEL MOLL, individually; and DOE
    PLAINTIFFS 1 THROUGH 10, inclusive,
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3	V.	
4	MEI-GSR HOLDINGS, LLC, a Nevada limited liability company, GRAND SIERRA RESORT	4
5	UNIT OWNERS' ASSOCIATION, a Nevada	
6	nonprofit corporation, GAGE VILLAGE COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT, LLC, a	
7	Nevada Limited Liability Company and DOE DEFENDANTS 1 THROUGH 10, inclusive,	
8	Defendants.	
9	Defendants.	
10	MEI-GSR HOLDINGS, LLC, a Nevada limited liability company,	
11	Counterclaimant	
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13	V.	
14	ALBERT THOMAS, individually; JANE DUNLAP, individually; JOHN DUNLAP,	
15	individually; BARRY HAY, individually;	
16	MARIE-ANNE ALEXANDER, as Trustee of the MARIE-ANNIE ALEXANDER LIVING	
17	TRUST; MELISSA VAGUJHELYI and GEORGE VAGUJHELYI, as Trustees of the	
18	GEORGE VAGUJHELYI AND MELISSA	
19	VAGUJHELYI 2001 FAMILY TRUST AGREEMENT, U/T/A APRIL 13, 2001;	
20	D' ARCY NUNN, individually; HENRY NUNN, individually; MADELYN VAN DER BOKKE,	
21	individually; LEE VAN DER BOKKE,	
22	individually; DONALD SCHREIFELS, individually; ROBERT R. PEDERSON,	
23	individually and as Trustee of the PEDERSON 1990 TRUST; LOU ANN PEDERSON,	
24	individually and as Trustee of the PEDERSON	
25	1990 TRUST; WILLIAM A. HENDERSON, individually; CHRISTINE E. HENDERSON,	
	individually; LOREN D. PARKER, individually; SUZANNE C. PARKER, individually;	
26	MICHAEL IZADY, individually; SAHAR	
27	TAVAKOL, individually; M&Y HOLDINGS, LLC; JL&YL HOLDINGS, LLC; GARRET	
28	TOM, individually; ANITA TOM, individually; RAMON FADRILAN, individually; FAYE	

FADRILAN, individually; PETER K. LEE and MONICA L. LEE, as Trustees of the LEE FAMILY 2002 REVOCABLE TRUST; JEFFREY QUINN, individually; BARBARA ROSE OUINN individually; KENNETH RICHE individually; MAXINE RICHE, individually; NORMAN CHANDLER, individually; BENTON WAN, individually; TIMOTHY D. KAPLAN, 5 individually; SILKSCAPE INC.; GREG A. CAMERON, individually; TMI PROPERTY GROUP, LLC; NADINE'S REAL ESTATE 7 INVESTMENTS, LLC; ROBERT A. WILLIAMS, individually; DUANE 8 WINDHORST, individually; MARILYN WINDHORST, individually; GARTH A. WILLIAMS, individually; PAMELA Y. ARATANI, individually; DARLENE LINDGREN, individually; SOO YEUN MOON, 11 individually: IRENE WEISS, as Trustee of the WEISS FAMILY TRUST; PRAVESH 12 CHOPRA, individually; TERRY POPE, individually; NANCY POPE, individually; KI NAM CHOI, individually; YOUNG JA CHOI, individually; KUK HYUNG (CONNIE) YOO, individually; SANG (MIKE) YOO, individually; 15 BRETT MENMUIR, as Trustee of the CAYENNE TRUST; CHANH TRUONG, 16 individually; SHEPHERD MOUNTAIN, LLC; ROBERT BRUNNER, individually; AMY 17 BRUNNER, individually; JEFF RIOPELLE, individually; and DOES 1 18 through 200, inclusive, 19 Counter-Defendants

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ANSWER

Defendants, MEI-GSR HOLDINGS, LLC, a Nevada limited liability company ("GSR"), GRAND SIERRA RESORT UNIT OWNERS' ASSOCIATION, a Nevada nonprofit corporation ("GSR UOA"), GAGE VILLAGE COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT, LLC, a Nevada Limited Liability Company ("Gage Village") (collectively "Defendants"), by and through their counsel of record, SEAN L. BROHAWN, PLLC, for their answer to Plaintiffs' Second Amended Complaint, allege as follows:

collects association dues that vary depending upon the size of the unit, as provided in the

Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to

Defendants deny the allegations of Paragraph 134.

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Defendants deny the allegations of Paragraph 157.

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1	60.	Defendants deny the allegations of Paragraph 158.				
2	61.	Defendants deny the allegations of Paragraph 159.				
3	62.	Defendants deny the allegations of Paragraph 160.				
4	63.	Defendants deny the allegations of Paragraph 161.				
5	64.	Defendants deny the allegations of Paragraph 162.				
6		THIRD CLAIM FOR RELIEF				
7	65.	Answering the allegations of Paragraph 163, Defendants incorporate the				
8	preceding all	egations of this Answer, as if the same were set forth at length herein.				
9	66.	Answering the allegations of Paragraph 164, Defendants admit that GSR has				
10	entered into T	Unit Rental Agreements with certain individual condo Unit owners. Defendants				
	deny the rem	aining allegations of Paragraph 164.				
11	67.	Defendants deny the allegations of Paragraph 165.				
12	68.	Answering the allegations of Paragraph 166, Defendants admit that GSR has				
13	entered into individual Unit Rental Agreements with certain individual condo Unit owners, but					
14	has not entered into a global agreement regarding Unit rental with Unit Owners as a whole.					
15	Defendants admit that each individual existing rental agreement is enforceable. Defendants den					
16	the remaining allegations of Paragraph 166.					
17	69.	Defendants deny the allegations of Paragraph 167.				
18	70.	Defendants deny the allegations of Paragraph 168.				
19	71.	Defendants deny the allegations of Paragraph 169.				
20		FOURTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF				
21	72.	Answering the allegations of Paragraph 170, Defendants incorporate the				
22	preceding all	egations of this Answer, as if the same were set forth at length herein.				
23	73.	Answering the allegations of Paragraph 171, Defendants admit that GSR and				
24	Plaintiffs are	contractually obligated to each other, under one or more types of agreements				
25	between them	n. Defendants deny the remaining allegations of Paragraph 171.				
26	74.	Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to				
27	the truth of th	e allegations contained in Paragraph 172 and, therefore, the same are denied.				
28	75.	Defendants deny the allegations of Paragraph 173.				
	76.	Defendants deny the allegations of Paragraph 174.				

1	77.	Defendants deny the allegations of Paragraph 175.
2	78.	Defendants deny the allegations of Paragraph 176.
3	79.	Defendants deny the allegations of Paragraph 177.
4	. 80.	Defendants deny the allegations of Paragraph 178.
5	81.	Defendants deny the allegations of Paragraph 179.
6	82.	Defendants deny the allegations of Paragraph 180.
7		FIFTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF
8	83.	Answering the allegations of Paragraph 181, Defendants incorporate the
9	preceding alle	gations of this Answer, as if the same were set forth at length herein.
10	84.	Answering the allegations of Paragraph 182, Defendants admit that GSR and
	Plaintiffs are	contractually obligated to each other, under one or more types of agreements
11	between them	. Defendants deny the remaining allegations of Paragraph 182.
12	85.	Answering the allegations of Paragraph 183, Defendants admit that individual
13	rental agreem	ents require GSR to market and rent individually owned units. Defendants deny
14	the remaining	allegations of Paragraph 183.
15	86.	Defendants deny the allegations of Paragraph 184.
16	87.	Defendants deny the allegations of Paragraph 185.
17	88.	Defendants deny the allegations of Paragraph 186.
18	89.	Defendants deny the allegations of Paragraph 187.
19	90.	Defendants deny the allegations of Paragraph 188.
20		SIXTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF
21	91.	Answering the allegations of Paragraph 189, Defendants incorporate the
22	preceding alle	gations of this Answer, as if the same were set forth at length herein.
23	92.	Answering the allegations of Paragraph 190, Defendants assert that NRS 41.600
24	speaks for itse	elf. Defendants deny the remaining allegations of Paragraph 190.
25	93.	Answering the allegations of Paragraph 191, Defendants assert that NRS 41.600
26	speaks for itse	elf. Defendants deny the remaining allegations of Paragraph 191.
27	94.	Answering the allegations of Paragraph 192, Defendants assert that NRS Chapte
	598 speaks for	r itself. Defendants deny the remaining allegations of Paragraph 192.

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1	96.	Defendants deny the allegations of Paragraph 194.
2	97.	Defendants deny the allegations of Paragraph 195.
3	98.	Defendants deny the allegations of Paragraph 196.
4	99.	Defendants deny the allegations of Paragraph 197.
5		SEVENTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF
6	100.	Answering the allegations of Paragraph 198, Defendants incorporate the
7	preceding alle	gations of this Answer, as if the same were set forth at length herein.
8	101.	Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to
9	the truth of the	e allegations contained in Paragraph 199 and, therefore, the same are denied.
	102.	Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to
10	the truth of the	e allegations contained in Paragraph 200 and, therefore, the same are denied.
1	103.	Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to
12	the truth of the	e allegations contained in Paragraph 201 and, therefore, the same are denied.
13	104.	Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to
14	the truth of the	e allegations contained in Paragraph 202 and, therefore, the same are denied.
5	105.	Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to
16	the truth of the	e allegations contained in Paragraph 203 and, therefore, the same are denied.
17		EIGHTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF
18	106.	Answering the allegations of Paragraph 204, Defendants incorporate the
19	preceding alle	gations of this Answer, as if the same were set forth at length herein.
20	107.	Defendants deny the allegations of Paragraph 205.
21	108.	Defendants deny the allegations of Paragraph 206.
22	109.	Defendants deny the allegations of Paragraph 207.
23		NINTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF
24	110.	Answering the allegations of Paragraph 208, Defendants incorporate the
25	preceding alle	gations of this Answer, as if the same were set forth at length herein.
26	111.	Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to
27	the truth of the	e allegations contained in Paragraph 209 and, therefore, the same are denied.
28	112.	Defendants deny the allegations of Paragraph 210.
-	113.	Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to

#### AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES

#### FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

The Complaint fails to state a claim or cause of action against Defendants for which relief can be granted.

#### SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Plaintiffs have failed to mitigate their damages and, to the extent of such failure of such mitigation, are precluded from recovery herein.

#### THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Defendants allege that the incidents referred to in the Complaint, and any and all injuries and damages resulting therefrom, if any occurred, were caused or contributed to by the acts or omissions of a third party over whom Defendants had no control.

#### FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Defendants allege that the injuries or damages suffered by Plaintiffs, if any, were caused in whole or in part by an independent intervening cause over which these Defendants had no control.

#### FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

The injuries or damages, if any, sustained by Plaintiffs were caused in whole, or in part, through the negligence of others who were not the agents of these Defendants or acting on behalf of the these Defendants.

#### SIXTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

The injuries or damages, if any, suffered by Plaintiffs, were caused in whole, or in part, or were contributed to by reason of the negligence of Plaintiffs.

#### SEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Plaintiffs' claims are barred by one or more statutes of limitations.

#### EIGHTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Plaintiffs assumed the risk of injury by virtue of its own conduct.

#### NINTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Plaintiffs waived the causes of action asserted herein.

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#### TENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

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

WHEREFORE, Defendants pray that:

- 1. Plaintiffs' Complaint be dismissed, with prejudice.
- 2. For all litigation expenses, costs, attorney's fees, and other damages incurred in defending against the Complaint; and
  - 3. For such other and further relief as the Court deems proper.

#### **COUNTERCLAIM**

Counterclaimant MEI-GSR HOLDINGS, LLC, a Nevada limited liability company ("GSR"), for its counterclaim against Counter-Defendants, alleges as follows:

- 1. The named Counter-Defendants are all current or former owners of one or more hotel-condominiums within the project known as the Grand Sierra Resort Unit-Owners' Association (the "Project").
- 2. The Counter-Defendants referred to herein as DOES 1 through 200 are as yet unknown parties to the UMAs an/or CC&Rs referred to herein, or are current or former owners of one or more hotel-condominiums within the Project, and as such owe duties to GSR under such contracts, or based upon other causes of action. GSR will seek leave of this Court to amend this Counterclaim to name such parties at such time as their identities become known to GSR.
- 3. GSR is a successor declarant in the Project, and as such, is entitled to collect certain non-homeowner's association dues and/or fees under the CC&Rs governing the Project, and under separate Unit Maintenance Agreements between each unit owner in the Project and GSR.
- 4. GSR has demanded that Counter-Defendants pay the full amount of dues and fees owed by them under the CC&Rs and/or the UMAs, but to date, Counter-Defendants have failed or refused to make all such payments.
  - 5. Additionally, each UMA requires the unit owner to provide active credit card

information to GSR, as a source for payment of certain expenses incurred by the unit owner.

- 6. Some of the Counter-Defendants have failed or refused to provide active credit card information to GSR, in compliance with the UMAs.
- 7. Prior to bringing this Counterclaim, GSR provided notice to each Counter-Defendant of the above breaches of the UMAs, and provided each Counter-Defendant with at leas 60 days within which to cure such breaches, however, Counter-Defendants have failed or refused to cure all such breaches.

#### FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

(Breach of Contract)

- 8. GSR incorporates by reference the preceding Paragraphs of this Counterclaim as if set forth at length herein.
  - 9. GSR and Counter-Defendants are parties to the CC&Rs and UMAs.
- 10. GSR has performed all obligations required to be performed by it under the CC&Rs and UMAs, or was excused from performance of such obligations due to Counter-Defendants' conduct.
- 11. Counter-Defendants have breached the CC&Rs and UMAs by failing to pay all sums when due under those agreements and/or by failing to provide active credit card information as required by the UMAs, despite individual written demands by GSR.
- 12. Counter-Defendants' breaches of the CC&Rs and UMAs have foreseeably caused GSR damages in an amount in excess of \$10,000, subject to proof at trial.

#### SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION

(Declaratory Relief)

- 13. GSR incorporates by reference the preceding paragraphs of this Counterclaim as if set forth at length herein.
- 14. GSR asserts that the CC&Rs and UMAs are valid and existing contracts to which each Counter-Defendant is a party, and that Counter-Defendants owe duties to GSR under those contracts. On information and belief, Counter-Defendants deny that they owe duties to GSR under the C&Rs and UMAs.

- 15. An actual controversy has arisen and now exists between GSR and Counter-Defendants concerning their respective rights, entitlements, obligations and duties under the CC&Rs and UMAs.
- 16. GSR therefore requests a declaratory judgment determining the parties' rights under the CC&Rs and UMAs.

#### THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION

(Injunctive Relief)

- 17. GSR incorporates by reference the preceding paragraphs of this Counterclaim as if set forth at length herein.
- 18. Counter-Defendants are obligated under each UMA to provide active credit card information to GSR to help defray charges incurred under each UMA. Several of the Counter-Defendants have failed or refused to provide such credit card information to GSR.
- 19. GSR therefore requests that this Court enter a mandatory injunction requiring Counter-Defendants to provide active credit card information to GSR, as required by the UMAs. WHEREFORE, GSR requests relief against Counter-Defendants as follows:
- 1. That GSR be granted judgment for all past due dues, fees, and related charges owed by Counter-Defendants under the CC&Rs and UMAs, in an amount in excess of \$10,000, subject to proof at trial;
- 2. That this Court enter a declaratory judgment determining the parties' rights under the CC&Rs and UMAs;
- 3. That this Court enter a mandatory injunction requiring Counter-Defendants to provide active credit card information to GSR, as required by the UMAs;
  - 4. For costs of suit incurred herein, interest, and attorneys' fees; and
  - 5. For such other and further relief as the Court deems proper.

#### **AFFIRMATION**

Pursuant to NRS 239B.030, the undersigned does hereby affirm that the preceding document does not contain the social security number of any person.

DATED this \_\_\_\_\_\_ day of May, 2013,

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Attorneys for Defendants / Counterclaimant

#### 1 CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE 2 Pursuant to NRCP 5(b), I certify that I am an employee of the law firm of SEAN L. 3 BROHAWN, PLLC, and that on the date shown below, I caused service of a true and correct 4 copy of the attached: ANSWER TO SECONDN AMENDED COMPLAINT AND COUNTERCLAIM 5 6 to be completed by: personally delivering 7 sending via Federal Express or other overnight delivery service 8 depositing for mailing in the U.S. mail with sufficient postage affixed thereto 9 delivery via facsimile machine to fax no. 10 delivery via e-mail/Electronic court filing 11 12 addressed to: 13 G. David Robertson, Esq. (NV Bar No. 1001) (775) 329-5600 Attorneys for Jarrad C. Miller, Esq. (NV Bar No. 7093) Plaintiffs 14 Jonathan J. Tew, Esq. (NV Bar No. 11874) 15 Robertson, Johnson, Miller & Williamson 50 West Liberty Street, Suite 600 16 Reno, Nevada 89501 17 18 \_\_day of May, 2013. 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27

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1 Hon. Elizabeth Gonzalez (Ret.) Sr. District Court Judge 2 PO Box 35054 Las Vegas, NV 89133 3 4 IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA 5 IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WASHOE 6 **ORDER** ALBERT THOMAS, et. al., 7 Plaintiff, 8 Case#: CV12-02222 9 VS. Dept. 10 (Senior Judge)<sup>1</sup> 10 MEI-GSR HOLDINGS, LLC., a Nevada Limited Liability Company, et al 11 Defendant. 12 13 14 15 16 17 Pursuant to WDCR 12(5) the Court after consideration of the Plaintiffs' November 6, 2015 Motion 18 in Support of Punitive Damages Award ("Punitive Damages Motion"), the Defendants' December 19 1, 2020 opposition ("Opposition"), Plaintiffs' July 30, 2020 Reply in Support of Award of Punitive 20 Damages ("Punitive Damages Reply"), Plaintiffs' July 6, 2022 Punitive Damages Summary, 21 Defendants' July 6, 2022 Trial Summary, the oral argument and evidence submitted by the parties 22 23 during the hearing on July 8 and 18, 2022, a review of the briefing, exhibits, testimony of the 24 witness, transcripts of the proceedings as well as the evidence in the record, including but not 25 26 27 On January 21, 2021, Chief District Court Judge Scott Freeman, entered an Order Disqualifying All Judicial Officers of the Second Judicial District Court. On September 19, 2022, the Nevada Supreme Court entered a Memorandum of 28 Temporary Assignment, appointing the undersigned Senior Judge.

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limited to, evidence submitted during the underlying hearing on compensatory damages, and being fully informed rules on the Punitive Damages Motion<sup>2</sup>:

The Court conducted a prove up hearing on March 23-25, 2015<sup>3</sup> after striking the Defendants answer for discovery abuses and entering a default. This resulted in an admission as true all allegations contained in the Second Amended Complaint. An order awarding damages and making factual findings was entered on October 9, 2015. The Court at that time requested further briefing on the issue of punitive damages and ordered the parties to contact chambers to schedule a hearing. Defendants have argued the Unit Maintenance Agreement and Unit Rental Agreement prohibit an award of punitive damages and limit an award of compensatory damages. These arguments were already raised and rejected when the Court issued its October 9, 2015 Order.

The economic loss doctrine does not apply to limit Plaintiffs' recovery for intentional torts.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Although no written order finding that punitive damages were warranted was entered after the July 8, 2022 hearing and prior to the commencement of the July 18, 2022 hearing, it appears that all involved agreed that the July 18 hearing would not be necessary if Senior Justice Saitta found that punitive damages should not be awarded. The motion was granted orally during the July 18, 2022 hearing. 7/18/2022 Transcript, p. 10, l. 1-2. The findings stated on the record were:

There were five tort claims set forth by the plaintiffs in an earlier hearing. Number 1, we have a tortious interference with contract; we have fraud; we have conversion; we have deceptive trade practices -- it appears as if I'm missing one -oh, tortious breach of the covenant of good faith and fair dealing; fraud and intentional misrepresentation -- let me be clear on that one -- violation of the Deceptive Trade Practices Act. And I believe that that contains all the necessary findings that need to be made for us to proceed in our hearing today.

<sup>7/18/2022</sup> Transcript, p. 10; l. 8-18.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Regardless of what an earlier Judge called the proceeding, the March 2015 evidentiary hearing was a bench trial. The Court has determined that this is a bench trial based upon the USJR definitions.

According to the definitions in the data dictionary, a bench trial is held when a trial begins and evidence is taken or witnesses are sworn. Accordingly, if you have indicated that the bench trial was held, then a corresponding bench trial disposition should be used to dispose of the case.

See https://nvcourts.gov/AOC/Programs\_and\_Services/Research\_and\_Statistics/FAQs/#civil1. The length of time between the first portion of the trial and the conclusion of the trial is one which is unacceptable in the administration of justice in Nevada.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Halcrow, Inc. v. Eighth Jud. Dist. Ct., 129 Nev. 394, 402 fn. 2 (2013).

3. If punitive damages are claimed pursuant to this section, the trier of fact shall make a finding of whether such damages will be assessed. If such damages are to be assessed, a subsequent proceeding must be conducted before the same trier of fact to determine the amount of such damages to be assessed. The trier of fact shall make a finding of the amount to be assessed according to the provisions of this section...

<sup>6</sup> Vaughn testified in deposition on August 26, 2013. Relevant portions of the transcript show the conscious decision by an officer of Defendants.

- Q. How did you first come to know in July of 2011 that the Grand Sierra was taking in income for units that were not in the unit rental program?
- A. I authorized the front desk to use non-rental units due to demand, consumer demand.
- Q. And when you authorized the front desk in was it July of 2011 –

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Q. -- to use units that were not in the unit rental program, did you or anyone else that you know of who represents the Grand Sierra, contact the Grand Sierra Resort unit rental owners who were not in the program, to advise them of this policy?

The Court finds the given the prior striking of Defendant's answer, Vaughn's testimony alone is sufficient to meet the burden of proof of clear and convincing evidence to prove malice, oppression or fraud related to the tortious scheme.

The damages awarded in the October 9, 2015 Order are based in part on contract claims. Damages for the tort claims were based upon the same calculations and testimony provided by Plaintiffs' sole witness. This crossover does not preclude an award of punitive damages related to the tort damages but limits a double recovery.

A plaintiff may assert several claims for relief and be awarded damages on different theories. It is not uncommon to see a plaintiff assert a contractual claim and also a cause of action asserting fraud based on the facts surrounding the contract's execution and performance. See Amoroso Constr. v. Lazovich and Lazovich, 107 Nev. 294, 810 P.2d 775 (1991). The measure of damages on claims of fraud and contract are often the same. However, Marsh is not permitted to recover more than her total loss plus any punitive damages assessed. She can execute on the assets of any of the five parties to the extent of the judgments entered against them until she recovers her full damages.

<u>Topaz Mutual Co. v. Marsh</u>, 108 Nev. 845, (1992) at pages 851-852.

After review of all of the available evidence the Court concludes that two categories of damages from the October 2015 Order warrant and support an award of punitive damages:

Damages awarded for underpaid revenues \$442,591.83 fall within the conversion claim<sup>7</sup> and intentional misrepresentation/fraud<sup>8</sup>;

A. No.

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A. I didn't have authorization to rent them.

Q. So it was a conscious decision to rent them without authorization?

A. Yes.

Vaughan Transcript, Ex. 1 to Reply, at p. 29 l. 3-21.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> October 9, 2015 Order, Conclusion of Law C, at p. 16 l. 16 to p. 17 l. 4.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> October 9, 2015 Order, Conclusion of Law I, at p. 18 l. 15 to l. 22.

and this Order.

Damages awarded for the rental of units of owners who had no rental agreements
\$4,152,669.13 falls within the conversion claim<sup>9</sup> and intentional misrepresentation/fraud<sup>10</sup>;
The award of punitive damages on these claims would not act as a double recovery for Plaintiffs.
The Court finds that the remaining damages awarded in the October 9, 2015 Order are based on contract claims rather than tort claims and not appropriate for consideration of punitive damages.
Given Defendants' tortious scheme and the intentional misconduct of Defendants, punitive damages in this case are appropriate to set an example.

The amount of these damages serve to punish and will not destroy Defendants.<sup>11</sup>
While the Court recognizes that there is a spectrum of percentages which have been awarded in various Nevada punitive damages cases, given the nature of the conduct and procedural history of this case, the Court concludes the appropriate multiplier in this matter is two (2) times the compensatory award for the conversion claim and intentional misrepresentation/fraud claim.

Accordingly based on the compensatory damages for which punitive damages are appropriate totaling \$4,595,260.96 the Court awards punitive damages in the total amount of \$9,190,521.92
Plaintiffs counsel is directed to submit a final judgment consistent with the October 9, 2015 Order

Dated this 17th day of January 2023.

Hon. Elizabeth Gonzalez, (Ret.)

Sr. District Court Judge

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> October 9, 2015 Order, Conclusion of Law C, at p. 16 l. 16 to p. 17 l. 4.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> October 9, 2015 Order, Conclusion of Law I, at p. 18 l. 15 to l. 22.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> See July 18, 2022 transcript (sealed), p. 100 l. 2 to p. 101 l. 5.

#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE** I certify that I am an employee of THE SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT; that on the 17th day of January, 2023, I electronically filed the foregoing with the Clerk of the Court system which will send a notice of electronic filing to the following: DALE KOTCHKA-ALANES DANIEL POLSENBERG, ESQ. DAVID MCELHINNEY, ESQ. BRIANA COLLINGS, ESQ. ABRAN VIGIL, ESQ. JONATHAN TEW, ESQ. JARRAD MILLER, ESQ. TODD ALEXANDER, ESQ. F. SHARP, ESQ. STEPHANIE SHARP, ESQ. G. DAVID ROBERTSON, ESQ. ROBERT EISENBERG, ESQ. JENNIFER HOSTETLER, ESQ. Holly W. Longe

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12	SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT CO	
13	IN AND FOR THE CO	DUNTY OF WASHOE
14	ALBERT THOMAS, individually; et al.,	
15	Plaintiffs,	
16	vs.	Case No. CV12-02222
17	MEI-GSR Holdings, LLC, a Nevada limited	Dept. No. OJ41
18	liability company, GRAND SIERRA RESORT UNIT OWNERS' ASSOCIATION,	
19	a Nevada nonprofit corporation, GAGE VILLAGE COMMERCIAL	
20	DEVELOPMENT, LLC, a Nevada limited liability company; AM-GSR HOLDINGS, LLC, a Nevada limited liability company; and	
21	DOE DEFENDANTS 1 THROUGH 10, inclusive,	
22	Defendants.	
23	Detendants.	
24	NOTICE OF EN	TRY OF ORDER
25	PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on Janu	uary 17, 2023, the above Court issued its Order
26	regarding Plaintiffs' Motion in Support of Punit	ive Damages Award. A copy thereof is attached
27	hereto as Exhibit "1" and made a part hereof by	reference.

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1	<u>AFFIRMATION</u>
2	Pursuant to NRS § 239B.030, the undersigned does hereby affirm that the preceding
3	document does not contain the social security number of any person.
4	RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 23 <sup>rd</sup> day of January, 2023.
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#### 1 CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE Pursuant to NRCP 5(b), I hereby certify that I am an employee of Robertson, Johnson, 2 3 Miller & Williamson, 50 West Liberty Street, Suite 600, Reno, Nevada 89501, over the age of 18, and not a party within this action. I further certify that on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January, 2023, I 4 5 electronically filed the foregoing NOTICE OF ENTRY OF ORDER with the Clerk of the Court by using the ECF system which served the following parties electronically: 6 7 Daniel F. Polsenberg, Esq. F. DeArmond Sharp, Esq. Jennifer K. Hostetler, Esq. Stefanie T. Sharp, Esq. 8 Dale Kotchka-Alaines, Esq. Robison, Sharp Sullivan & Brust Lewis Roca Rothgerber Christie, LLP 71 Washington Street 9 One East Liberty Street Suite 300 Reno, NV 89503 Reno, NV 89501 Attorneys for Receiver 10 Richard M. Teichner Attorneys for Defendant 11 Grand Sierra Resort Unit Owners' Association 12 Abran Vigil, Esq. Ann O. Hall, Esq. 13 Meruelo Group, LLC David C. McElhinney, Esq. Legal Services Department Meruelo Group, LLC 14 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Executive Offices 2500 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street 2535 Las Vegas Boulevard South Reno, NV 89595 15 Las Vegas, NV 89109 Attorneys for Defendants 16 Attorneys for Defendants MEI-GSR Holdings, LLC, MEI-GSR Holdings, LLC, Gage Village Commercial 17 Development, LLC, and Gage Village Commercial AM-GSR Holdings, LLC Development, LLC, and 18 AM-GSR Holdings, LLC 19 Jordan T. Smith, Esq. 20 Pisanelli Bice PLLC 400 South 7th Street, Suite 300 21 Las Vegas, NV 89101 Attorneys for Defendants 22 MEI-GSR Holdings, LLC; 23 Gage Village Commercial Development, LLC; and 24

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AM-GSR Holdings, LLC

/s/ Stefanie Martinez

An Employee of Robertson, Johnson, Miller & Williamson

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1 Hon. Elizabeth Gonzalez (Ret.) Sr. District Court Judge 2 PO Box 35054 Las Vegas, NV 89133 3 4 IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA 5 IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WASHOE 6 **ORDER** ALBERT THOMAS, et. al., 7 Plaintiff, 8 Case#: CV12-02222 9 VS. Dept. 10 (Senior Judge)<sup>1</sup> 10 MEI-GSR HOLDINGS, LLC., a Nevada Limited Liability Company, et al 11 Defendant. 12 13 14 15 16 17 Pursuant to WDCR 12(5) the Court after consideration of the Plaintiffs' November 6, 2015 Motion 18 in Support of Punitive Damages Award ("Punitive Damages Motion"), the Defendants' December 19 1, 2020 opposition ("Opposition"), Plaintiffs' July 30, 2020 Reply in Support of Award of Punitive 20 Damages ("Punitive Damages Reply"), Plaintiffs' July 6, 2022 Punitive Damages Summary, 21 Defendants' July 6, 2022 Trial Summary, the oral argument and evidence submitted by the parties 22 23 during the hearing on July 8 and 18, 2022, a review of the briefing, exhibits, testimony of the 24 witness, transcripts of the proceedings as well as the evidence in the record, including but not 25 26 27 On January 21, 2021, Chief District Court Judge Scott Freeman, entered an Order Disqualifying All Judicial Officers of the Second Judicial District Court. On September 19, 2022, the Nevada Supreme Court entered a Memorandum of 28 Temporary Assignment, appointing the undersigned Senior Judge.

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limited to, evidence submitted during the underlying hearing on compensatory damages, and being fully informed rules on the Punitive Damages Motion<sup>2</sup>:

The Court conducted a prove up hearing on March 23-25, 2015<sup>3</sup> after striking the Defendants answer for discovery abuses and entering a default. This resulted in an admission as true all allegations contained in the Second Amended Complaint. An order awarding damages and making factual findings was entered on October 9, 2015. The Court at that time requested further briefing on the issue of punitive damages and ordered the parties to contact chambers to schedule a hearing. Defendants have argued the Unit Maintenance Agreement and Unit Rental Agreement prohibit an award of punitive damages and limit an award of compensatory damages. These arguments were already raised and rejected when the Court issued its October 9, 2015 Order.

The economic loss doctrine does not apply to limit Plaintiffs' recovery for intentional torts.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Although no written order finding that punitive damages were warranted was entered after the July 8, 2022 hearing and prior to the commencement of the July 18, 2022 hearing, it appears that all involved agreed that the July 18 hearing would not be necessary if Senior Justice Saitta found that punitive damages should not be awarded. The motion was granted orally during the July 18, 2022 hearing. 7/18/2022 Transcript, p. 10, l. 1-2. The findings stated on the record were:

There were five tort claims set forth by the plaintiffs in an earlier hearing. Number 1, we have a tortious interference with contract; we have fraud; we have conversion; we have deceptive trade practices -- it appears as if I'm missing one -oh, tortious breach of the covenant of good faith and fair dealing; fraud and intentional misrepresentation -- let me be clear on that one -- violation of the Deceptive Trade Practices Act. And I believe that that contains all the necessary findings that need to be made for us to proceed in our hearing today.

<sup>7/18/2022</sup> Transcript, p. 10; l. 8-18.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Regardless of what an earlier Judge called the proceeding, the March 2015 evidentiary hearing was a bench trial. The Court has determined that this is a bench trial based upon the USJR definitions.

According to the definitions in the data dictionary, a bench trial is held when a trial begins and evidence is taken or witnesses are sworn. Accordingly, if you have indicated that the bench trial was held, then a corresponding bench trial disposition should be used to dispose of the case.

See https://nvcourts.gov/AOC/Programs\_and\_Services/Research\_and\_Statistics/FAQs/#civil1. The length of time between the first portion of the trial and the conclusion of the trial is one which is unacceptable in the administration of justice in Nevada.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Halcrow, Inc. v. Eighth Jud. Dist. Ct., 129 Nev. 394, 402 fn. 2 (2013).

3. If punitive damages are claimed pursuant to this section, the trier of fact shall make a finding of whether such damages will be assessed. If such damages are to be assessed, a subsequent proceeding must be conducted before the same trier of fact to determine the amount of such damages to be assessed. The trier of fact shall make a finding of the amount to be assessed according to the provisions of this section...

<sup>6</sup> Vaughn testified in deposition on August 26, 2013. Relevant portions of the transcript show the conscious decision by an officer of Defendants.

- Q. How did you first come to know in July of 2011 that the Grand Sierra was taking in income for units that were not in the unit rental program?
- A. I authorized the front desk to use non-rental units due to demand, consumer demand.
- Q. And when you authorized the front desk in was it July of 2011 –

A. Yes.

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Q. -- to use units that were not in the unit rental program, did you or anyone else that you know of who represents the Grand Sierra, contact the Grand Sierra Resort unit rental owners who were not in the program, to advise them of this policy?

The Court finds the given the prior striking of Defendant's answer, Vaughn's testimony alone is sufficient to meet the burden of proof of clear and convincing evidence to prove malice, oppression or fraud related to the tortious scheme.

The damages awarded in the October 9, 2015 Order are based in part on contract claims. Damages for the tort claims were based upon the same calculations and testimony provided by Plaintiffs' sole witness. This crossover does not preclude an award of punitive damages related to the tort damages but limits a double recovery.

A plaintiff may assert several claims for relief and be awarded damages on different theories. It is not uncommon to see a plaintiff assert a contractual claim and also a cause of action asserting fraud based on the facts surrounding the contract's execution and performance. See Amoroso Constr. v. Lazovich and Lazovich, 107 Nev. 294, 810 P.2d 775 (1991). The measure of damages on claims of fraud and contract are often the same. However, Marsh is not permitted to recover more than her total loss plus any punitive damages assessed. She can execute on the assets of any of the five parties to the extent of the judgments entered against them until she recovers her full damages.

<u>Topaz Mutual Co. v. Marsh</u>, 108 Nev. 845, (1992) at pages 851-852.

After review of all of the available evidence the Court concludes that two categories of damages from the October 2015 Order warrant and support an award of punitive damages:

Damages awarded for underpaid revenues \$442,591.83 fall within the conversion claim<sup>7</sup> and intentional misrepresentation/fraud<sup>8</sup>;

A. No.

O. Why?

A. I didn't have authorization to rent them.

Q. So it was a conscious decision to rent them without authorization?

A. Yes.

Vaughan Transcript, Ex. 1 to Reply, at p. 29 l. 3-21.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> October 9, 2015 Order, Conclusion of Law C, at p. 16 l. 16 to p. 17 l. 4.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> October 9, 2015 Order, Conclusion of Law I, at p. 18 l. 15 to l. 22.

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Damages awarded for the rental of units of owners who had no rental agreements \$4,152,669.13 falls within the conversion claim<sup>9</sup> and intentional misrepresentation/fraud<sup>10</sup>; The award of punitive damages on these claims would not act as a double recovery for Plaintiffs. The Court finds that the remaining damages awarded in the October 9, 2015 Order are based on contract claims rather than tort claims and not appropriate for consideration of punitive damages. Given Defendants' tortious scheme and the intentional misconduct of Defendants, punitive damages in this case are appropriate to set an example. The amount of these damages serve to punish and will not destroy Defendants. 11 While the Court recognizes that there is a spectrum of percentages which have been awarded in various Nevada punitive damages cases, given the nature of the conduct and procedural history of this case, the Court concludes the appropriate multiplier in this matter is two (2) times the compensatory award for the conversion claim and intentional misrepresentation/fraud claim. Accordingly based on the compensatory damages for which punitive damages are appropriate totaling \$4,595,260.96 the Court awards punitive damages in the total amount of \$9,190,521.92 Plaintiffs counsel is directed to submit a final judgment consistent with the October 9, 2015 Order and this Order.

Dated this 17th day of January 2023.

Hon. Elizabeth Gonzalez, (Ret.

Sr. District Court Judge

9 October 9, 2015 Order, Conclusion of Law C, at p. 16 l. 16 to p. 17 l. 4.

10 October 9, 2015 Order, Conclusion of Law I, at p. 18 l. 15 to l. 22.

<sup>11</sup> See July 18, 2022 transcript (sealed), p. 100 l. 2 to p. 101 l. 5.

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