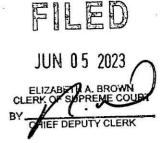
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EXHIBIT A



AMENDMENT TO RULE 4 OF THE RULES OF PRACTICE FOR THE NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

Rule 4. Arbitration.

- (a) The Ninth Judicial District Court has adopted the mandatory, non-binding Nevada Arbitration Rules (NAR) and any amendments thereto promulgated by the Supreme Court of the State of Nevada.
- (b) Those civil cases commenced in this court that are subject to the mandatory provisions of the NAR that have a probable jury award value not in excess of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) per plaintiff, exclusive of interest and costs, will be processed and governed as provided in said rules.
- (c) Effective January 1, 2023, the NAR were amended by the Supreme Court of the State of Nevada. The Ninth Judicial District Court adopts the amendments except for specifically excluding NAR 20(a)(2), which reads as follows: "Any claim or defense not raised by a party through presentation of expert opinion or other competent evidence at the arbitration hearing will be waived at trial de novo."
- (d) The special master is designated as the "arbitration commissioner" for purposes of the NAR.