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DEPART	Chicago, IL to Las Vegas, NV	#230	Depart Chicago (Midway), IL (MDW)	9:00 AM
MAR	Wednesday, March 30, 2011		Arrive in Las Vegas, NV (LAS)	10:55 AM
30	Travel Time 3h 55m (Nonstop)			
RETURN	Las Vegas, NV to Chicago, IL	#1220	Depart Las Vegas, NV (LAS)	6:40 PM
MAR	Wednesday, March 30, 2011		Arrive in Chicago (Midway), IL (MDW)	12:05 AM
30	Travel Time 3h 25m (Nonstop)			

PRICE

Passenger Type	Trip	Routing	Fare Type	Base Fare	Govt. Taxes and Fees	Quantity	Total
Adult	Depart	MDW-LAS	Anytime	\$423.76	\$42.44	1	<u>\$466.20</u>
Adult	Return	LAS-MDW	Anytime	\$423.76	\$42.44	1	<u>\$466.20</u>
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							Total Doc \$931.40

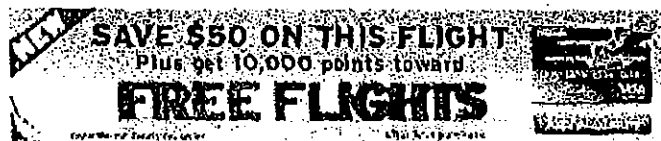
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David E. Fish, M.D.

232353/William J. Simao/depo fee/amg 2/10/2011

294
2,000.00

003738

PAYMENT
RECORD

Client Costs BNV

232353/William J. Simao/depo fee/amg

2,000.00

MAINOR EGLET, LLP / Cost Account

Regents University of California Los Ange

232353/William J. Simao/Jeffrey C. Wang, M.D. Dep 2/15/2011

2971
2,000.00

PAYMENT
RECORD

Client Costs BNV

232353/William J. Simao/Jeffrey C. Wang, M.D.

2,000.00

603395 (10/10)

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INVOICE NO. A00AE69 AC
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 INVOICE DATE 03/24/2011
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Please refer to the Invoice No. and your Firm No. in any correspondence.
 Contact Loretta Easter
 leaster@depo.com

ABI'S Federal ID No.: 95-4189037

Setting Firm: Watson, Rounds
 Taking Attorney: Danielle C. Miller
 Case Name: Gilbert v Shinker
 Case No.: A507360

Reference #: SIMAO

ITEM	LINE TOTAL
Certified copy of the reporter's transcript of the deposition of David Eli Fish, M.D., taken 1/18/2007.	\$ 127.00
PAYMENTS	\$ 0.00
BALANCE DUE	\$ 127.00

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Date	Terms
08/27/2010	Due on receipt

Job	Number	Staff	Order Shipped	Shipped Via
08/20/2010	6489	Oahiberg, Jean		Courier
Billing Reference			Case	
			Risch vs. Simao	

Description	Price	Qty	Amount
Copy Transcript Deposition of Dr. Ross Seibel			
Copy of Transcript (75 Pages)	\$2.95	1.00	\$221.25
Delivery	\$13.00	1.00	\$13.00
E-Trans	\$35.00	1.00	\$35.00
Exhibits Copied (358 Pages)	\$0.50	1.00	\$179.00
Mini-Transcript	\$35.00	1.00	\$35.00
			\$483.25

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Invoice No.	Invoice Date	Job No.
875576	3/15/2011	135828
Job Date	Case No.	
3/10/2011	A539455	
Case Name		
Simao vs. Rish		
Payment Terms		
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EXPEDITED TRANSCRIPT OF THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDINGS:

2.67 Conference

705.15

TOTAL DUE >>> \$705.15

AFTER 4/14/2011 PAY \$775.67

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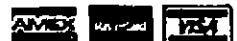
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Job No. : 135828 BU ID : LV-CR
Case No. : A539455
Case Name : Simao vs. Rish

Invoice No. : 875576 Invoice Date : 3/15/2011
Total Due : \$ 705.15
AFTER 4/14/2011 PAY \$775.67

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Invoice No.	Invoice Date	Job No.
872732	2/15/2011	131390
Job Date	Case No.	
12/7/2010		
Case Name		
Simao vs. Rish		
Payment Terms		
Due upon receipt		

ORIGINAL AND 1 CERTIFIED COPY OF TRANSCRIPT OF:

Gary Skoog, Ph.D.

822.75

TOTAL DUE >>>

\$822.75

AFTER 3/17/2011 PAY

\$905.03

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Case No. :

Case Name : Simao vs. Rish

Invoice No. : 872732

Invoice Date : 2/15/2011

Total Due : \$ 822.75

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Invoice No.	Invoice Date	Job No.
874214	2/23/2011	133328
Job Date	Case No.	
2/10/2011		
Case Name		
Simao vs. Rish		
Payment Terms		
Due upon receipt		

ORIGINAL & 1 COPY OF THE EXPEDITED TRANSCRIPT OF:

David E. Fish, M.D.
Parking

1,257.50
18.00 18.00

TOTAL DUE >>> **\$1,275.50**
AFTER 3/25/2011 PAY **\$1,403.05**

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Job No. : 133328 BU ID : LV-CRO
Case No. :
Case Name : Simao vs. Rish

Invoice No. : 874214 Invoice Date : 2/23/2011
Total Due : \$ 1,275.50
AFTER 3/25/2011 PAY \$1,403.05

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Invoice No.	Invoice Date	Job No.
874365	2/28/2011	134323
Job Date	Case No.	
2/15/2011		
Case Name		
Simao vs. Rish		
Payment Terms		
Due upon receipt		

ORIGINAL & 1 COPY OF THE EXPEDITED TRANSCRIPT OF:

Jeffrey Wang, M.D.

1,532.90

TOTAL DUE >>>**\$1,532.90**

AFTER 3/30/2011 PAY

\$1,686.19

Deposition taken in Santa Monica, California.

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Job No. : 134323 BU ID : LV-CRO

Case No. :

Case Name : Simao vs. Rish

Invoice No. : 874365 Invoice Date : 2/28/2011

Total Due : \$ 1,532.90

AFTER 3/30/2011 PAY \$1,686.19

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EXHIBIT 4

TRANSCRIBER'S BILLING INFORMATION

CASE #	A 539455			
CASE NAME:	Cheryl Simao v. Linda Rish			
TRIAL DATES:	March 13, 2011 to April 1, 2011			
DEPARTMENT #	10			
ORDERED BY: FIRM: EMAIL:	Robert Eglet Mainor Eglet aganier@mainorlawyers.com psmythe@mainorlawyers.com			
PAYABLE TO COUNTY:	Make check payable to: Clark County Treasurer County Tax ID#: 88-6000028 Include case number on check			
BILL AMOUNT:	10	CDs @ \$25 each =		\$ 250.00
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NOTES:	Total trial hours were 60. Opposing counsel also billed 30 hours.			

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Estimate Date 3/14/2011

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Case Number

A-539455

Hearing Dates

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Las Vegas NV 89155

Qty/Pgs	Price Group	Description		
40	1-Day Turnaround	8th Judicial District, NV (Clark County)	7.50	300.00
40	Base Price	8th Judicial District, NV (Clark County) - Copy Pages	0.00	0.00

Total

~~\$300.00~~

\$250.00

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Invoice

Invoice #	16287
Invoice Date	3/23/2011
Payment Terms	Deposit Required
Due Date	3/23/2011

Bill To

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 400 South 4th Street
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Amount Paid \$ 127.50

Balance Due \$ 0.00

Case Name

Cheryl Simao v. Linda Rish

Case Number

A-539455

Hearing Dates

03/08/11

Qty/Pgs	Price Group	Description	Rate	Amount
17	1-Day Turnaround	8th Judicial District, NV (Clark County)	7.50	127.50
17	Base Price	8th Judicial District, NV (Clark County) - Copy Pages	0.00	0.00

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Invoice

Invoice #	16298
Invoice Date	3/23/2011
Payment Terms	Deposit Required
Due Date	3/23/2011

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Amount Paid \$ 1050.00

Balance Due \$ 0.00

Case Name

Cheryl Simao v. Linda Rish

Case Number
 A-539455

Hearing Dates
 03/22/11

Qty/Pgs	Price Group	Description	Rate	Amount
140	1-Day Turnaround	8th Judicial District, NV (Clark County)	7.50	1,050.00
140	Base Price	8th Judicial District, NV (Clark County) - Copy Pages	0.00	0.00

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Invoice

Invoice #	16337
Invoice Date	3/25/2011
Payment Terms	Deposit Required
Due Date	3/25/2011

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Amount Paid \$ 1237.50

Balance Due \$ 0.00

Case Name

Cheryl Simao v. Linda Rish

Case Number

A-539455

Hearing Dates

03/24/11

Qty/Pgs	Price Group	Description	Rate	Amount
165	1-Day Turnaround	8th Judicial District, NV (Clark County)	7.50	1,237.50
165	Base Price	8th Judicial District, NV (Clark County) - Copy Pages	0.00	0.00

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Invoice

Invoice #	16461
Invoice Date	3/31/2011
Payment Terms	Deposit Required
Due Date	3/31/2011

Bill To

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Amount Paid \$ 1312.50

Balance Due \$ 0.00

Case Name

Cheryl Simao v. Linda Rish

Case Number
 A-539455

Hearing Dates
 03/29/11

Qty/Pgs	Price Group	Description	Rate	Amount
175	1-Day Turnaround	8th Judicial District, NV (Clark County)	7.50	1,312.50
175	Base Price	8th Judicial District, NV (Clark County) - Copy Pages	0.00	0.00

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Invoice #	16465
Invoice Date	3/31/2011
Payment Terms	Deposit Required
Due Date	3/31/2011

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Amount Paid \$ 1507.50

Balance Due \$ 0.00

Case Name

Cheryl Simao v. Linda Rish

Case Number
 A-539455

Hearing Dates
 03/30/11

Qty/Pgs	Price Group	Description	Rate	Amount
201	1-Day Turnaround	8th Judicial District, NV (Clark County)	7.50	1,507.50
201	Base Price	8th Judicial District, NV (Clark County) - Copy Pages	0.00	0.00

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Invoice #	16481
Invoice Date	3/31/2011
Payment Terms	Deposit Required
Due Date	3/31/2011

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Amount Paid \$ 1050.00

Balance Due \$ 0.00

Case Name

Cheryl Simao v. Linda Rish

Case Number

A-539455

Hearing Dates

03/31/11

Qty/Pgs	Price Group	Description	Rate	Amount
140	1-Day Turnaround	8th Judicial District, NV (Clark County)	7.50	1,050.00
140	Base Price	8th Judicial District, NV (Clark County) - Copy Pages	0.00	0.00

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Invoice

Invoice #	16521
Invoice Date	4/4/2011
Payment Terms	Deposit Required
Due Date	4/4/2011

Bill To

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Amount Paid \$ 225.00

Balance Due \$ 0.00

Case Name

Cheryl Simao v. Linda Rish

Case Number

A-539455

Hearing Dates

04/01/11

Qty/Pgs	Price Group	Description	Rate	Amount
30	1-Day Turnaround	8th Judicial District, NV (Clark County)	7.50	225.00
30	Base Price	8th Judicial District, NV (Clark County) - Copy Pages	0.00	0.00

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Date	Invoice #
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Bill To
Mainor Eglet Cattle 400 South 4TH Street 6th Floor Las Vegas, NV 89101

Client Name	Case #	Terms
Simano		Net 15

Item	Quantity	Rate	Description	Amount
C.O.R. SERVICE	14	65.00	SERVED CUSTODIAN OF RECORD @	910.00
Thank you for your business.				Total \$910.00

Signature _____

Get R Done Services, Inc.

Invoice

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Date	Invoice #
3/14/2011	800

Bill To
Maino Egler 400 S. 4th ST. #600 Las Vegas, NV 89101

Client Name	Case #	Terms
Simano		

Item	Quantity	Rate	Description	Amount
Photos	2	25.00	Took photos for trial	50.00
Process Service	2	65.00	Served Trial subpoenas	130.00
Thank you for your business.				Total \$180.00

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RE: William Jay Simao & Cheryl Ann Simao vs. Jenny Rish, James Rish, and
 Linda Rish
 Case No. A539455

MEDIATOR'S STATEMENT OF FEES AND COSTS

	<u>Hours:</u>	<u>Fees:</u>
<u>Preparation Time:</u>		
a. <u>1/27/11</u> : Review Defendants' mediation brief and exhibits; Review Plaintiffs' mediation brief and exhibits	0.8	\$240.00
b. <u>1/28/11</u> : Review additional documents submitted by Plaintiffs' attorney; Telephone conference with Plaintiffs' attorney regarding same; Review subrosa video	1.4	\$420.00
d. <u>1/31/11</u> : Review mediation materials and discussions with Defendants' attorney regarding same	1.0	\$300.00

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Mediation:

Conduct Mediation on 01-31-11 (10:00 a.m. - 1:45 p.m.)	3.75	\$1,125.00
Total Hours	6.95	

Administrative Time/Costs:

Telephone conference to schedule Mediation; conflict check; draft confirming letter to all parties and draft Agreement to Mediate.		\$110.00
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Grand Total Fees & Costs:	\$2,195.00
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Each party is responsible for half (1/2) of the mediation bill.

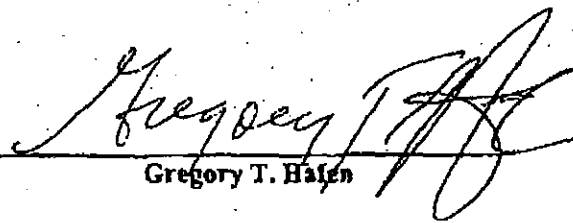
Plaintiffs owe:

$\$1,097.50 - \$0.00(\text{deposit}) = \$1,097.50$ (Balance Due)

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Client

WILLIAM JAY SIMAO

Terms Date Rcv'd Server Date Served
Due on receipt 6/9/2010 GR 6/9/2010

Item	Description	Rate	Amount
SERVE	SERVED SUBPOENA DUCES TECUM TO COR SOUTHWEST MEDICAL ASSOCIATES AT 8655 S EASTERN AVE LAS VEGAS, NV 89144	65.00	65.00

Thank you for your business.

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Client

WILLIAM JAY SIMAO AND CHERYL ANN SIMAO

Terms	Date Rcv'd	Server	Date Served
Due on receipt	4/15/2010	RH	4/21/2010

Item	Description	Rate	Amount
SERVE	SERVED SUBPOENA DUCES TECUM TO COR FOR HANS JORG ROSLER, MD AT 7140 SMOKE RANCH RD #150 LAS VEGAS, NV 89128	65.00	65.00
Thank you for your business.		Total	\$65.00

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SERVE

SERVED SUBPOENA DUCES TECUM TO COR FOR MARK L.
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VEGAS, NV 89119

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11/12/2010	5344

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WILLIAM JAY SIMAO AND CHERYL ANN SIMAO

Date Rcv'd	Terms	Date Served	Server
10/18/2010	Upon Receipt	10/20/2010	

Item	Description	Rate	Amount
Serve	SERVED SUBPOENA DUCES TECUM FOR DEPOSITION AND NOTICE OF TAKING THE VIDEO-CONFERENCED DEPOSITION TO DAVID FISH, M.D. AT 1250 16TH ST, SUITE 745 SANTA MONICA, CA 90404 (RUSH SERVICE) (DISCOUNTED FOR ADDITIONAL SERVE AT SAME ADDRESS)	150.00	150.00

Thank You for your business

Total	\$150.00
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Bill ToMAINOR, EGLET
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400 South Fourth St. 6th Floor
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WILLIAM JAY SIMAO AND CHERYL ANN SIMAO

Date Rc'vd	Terms	Date Served	Server
10/18/2010	Upon Receipt	10/20/2010	

Item	Description	Rate	Amount
Serve	SERVED SUBPOENA DUCES TECUM FOR DEPOSITION AND NOTICE OF TAKING THE VIDEO-CONFERENCED DEPOSITION TO JEFFREY WANG, MD AT 1250 16TH ST, SUITE 745 SANTA MONICA, CA 90404 (RUSH SERVICE)	175.00	175.00

Thank You for your business

Total

\$175.00

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Date	Invoice #
1/27/2011	5616

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MAINOR, EGLET ATTEN: ASHLEY 400 South Fourth St. 6th F Las Vegas, Nevada 89101

JAY SIMAO

Terms	Date Served	Server
Upon Receipt	1/27/2011	

Item	Description	Rate	Amount
Attempt Service	ATTEMPT TO SERVE SUBPOENA DUCES TECUM AND NOTICE OF TAKING THE VIDEO-CONFERENCED DEPOSITION TO JEFFREY WANG, MD AT 1250 16TH ST SUITE 745 SANTA MONICA, CA 90404---PROCESS SERVER STATED WHEN ATTEMPTED TO DELIVER PAPERS HE WAS OUT OF TOWN FOR TWO WEEKS--- SPOKE TO ASHLEY AT ME AND SHE STATED THE DEPO HAD BEEN CANCELLED AND WILL BE RESCHEDULED FOR A DIFFERENT DATE	135.00	135.00
Thank You for your business		Total	\$135.00

Phone #	Fax #
702-474-4102	702-474-4137

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Date	Invoice #
1/10/2011	5557

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MAJNOR, EGLET ATTEN: ASHLEY 400 South Fourth St. 6th Floor Las Vegas, Nevada 89101

Client
WILLIAM JAY SIMAO

Date Rc'vd	Terms	Date Served	Server
11/30/2010	Upon Receipt	12/16/2010	

Item	Description	Rate	Amount
Serve	SERVED SUBPOENA DUCES TECUM AND AMENDED NOTICE OF TAKING THE VIDEO-CONFERENCED DEPOSITION OF DEFENSE EXPERT DAVID FISH, M.D. AT 1250 16TH ST SUITE 745 SANTA MONICA, CA 90404	135.00	135.00
Thank You for your business		Total	\$135.00

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64709

Client Name

Nick

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Case or Matter No.

Simao 232353

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Description

Amount

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69241

Client Name

Patti

Terms

10 Days/EOM

Case or Matter No.

Jury Questionnaire

Quantity

Description

Amount

1,120 B/W SCANS TO PDF FILES
 2 BINDERS
 80 SIDE TABS
 1 COPY FILES TO CD/DVD
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Client Name

Pani

Terms

10 Days/EOM

Case or Matter No.

Jury Questionnaire

Quantity**Description****Amount**

2,240 B/W COPIES LEVEL 3
 160 SIDE TABS
 4 BINDERS
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Invoice

69299

Client Name

Nick

Terms

10 Days/EOM

Case or Matter No.

232353

Quantity

Description

Amount

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 1 COPY FILES TO CD/DVD
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Client Name

Nick

Terms

10 Days/EOM

Case or Matter No.

Simao 232353

Quantity

Description

Amount

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350	SIDE TABS	105.00T
10	BINDERS	150.00T
965	ELECTRONIC BATES NUMBERING	48.25T
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1	COPY FILES TO CD/DVD	15.00T
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Client Name

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Description

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Case or Matter No.

William Simao

Quantity

Description

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Client Name

Patti

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Simao

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Description

Amount

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Date 7/8/2010
 Order No. _____
 Rep 104
 FOB 249

Qty	Description	Unit Price	TOTAL
13	AQH152 Simao, William Description of records request Contact name: Latchmi Naidu PH: 480-475-4770 FX: 602-275-4226	\$0.60	\$7.80
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Shipping & Handling	\$0.95
Taxes	State
TOTAL	\$8.75

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MAJOR EGLET TRIAL ATTORNEYS
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LAS VEGAS NV 89101

11/05/2010

Re: WILLIAM SIMAO

Enclosed, please find the patient prescription profile obtained using the information as specified per your request.

To cover the expense of processing these records, please remit a payment of \$50.00 to CVS/pharmacy, One CVS Drive, Woonsocket, RI 02895, Attn: Privacy Office. The Federal Tax ID number is 05-03-40626.

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Sincerely,
CVS/pharmacy Privacy Office

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Request Nbr	Date	Amount Due:	Payment Amount:
1987852	11/05/2010	\$50.00	\$ _____

Payment Due Upon Receipt

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CVS/pharmacy
Privacy Office
One CVS Drive
Woonsocket, RI 02895

Make Checks Payable to: CVS/pharmacy
Include Request Number and customer
name on check.



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2075022
MAINOR EGLET
400 SOUTH FOURTH ST., SUITE 600

LAS VEGAS NV 89101

02/28/2011

Re: SIMAO, WILLIAM
A539455

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Woonsocket, RI 02895

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Date: 4.23.10

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Patient William Simao

Location/Facility E Sahara

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Requested By: MAINOR EGLET COTTLE
Patient Name: SIMAO WILLIAM J

DOB: 050863

Description	Quantity	Unit Price	Amount
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Requested By: MAINOR EGLET COTTLE
Patient Name: SIMAD WILLIAM J

SSN: *****6076
DOB: 050863

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Retrieval Fee			0.00
Per Page Copy (Paper) 1	516	0.60	309.60
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LAS VEGAS, NV 89101

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Patient Name: SIMAO WILLIAM

DOB: 050863
SSN: *****6076

Description	Quantity	Unit Price	Amount
Basic fee			0.00
Retrieval Fee			0.00
Per Page Copy (Paper) 1	48	0.60	28.80
QuickView Delivery fee			2.00
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LAS VEGAS, NV 89114

Requested By: MAJOR EGLET
Patient Name: SIMAO WILLIAM

DOB: 050863
SSN: *****6076

Description	Quantity	Unit Price	Amount
Basic Fee			0.00
Retrieval Fee			0.00
Per Page Copy (Paper) 1	5	0.60	3.00
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Invoice Total			3.24
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LAS VEGAS, NV 89114

Requested By: MAINOR EGLET
Patient Name: SIMAO WILLIAM

DOB: 050863
SSN: *****6076

Description	Quantity	Unit Price	Amount
Basic Fee			0.00
Retrieval Fee			0.00
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Notice Date	02/04/11
Customer No.	1458210



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Federal Tax ID: 58-2659941

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ATLANTA, GA 30384

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HealthPort. INVOICE

Invoice #: 0087401138
Date: 2/28/2011
Customer #: 1483005

HealthPort
P.O. Box 409740
Atlanta, Georgia 30384-9740
Fed Tax ID 58 - 2659941
(770) 754 - 6000

Records from:
SOUTHWEST MEDICAL ASSOCIATES
2300 WEST CHARLESTON BLVD
LAS VEGAS, NV 89101

Bill to:
MICHAEL DOUBERLEY
MAINOR EGLET
CITY CENTRE PLACE
400 S 4TH ST STE 600
LAS VEGAS, NV 89101-

Ship to:
MICHAEL DOUBERLEY
MAINOR EGLET
CITY CENTRE PLACE
400 S 4TH ST STE 600
LAS VEGAS, NV 89101-

DOB: 050863
SSN: *****6076

Requested By: MAINOR EGLET
Patient Name: SIMAO WILLIAM

Description	Quantity	Unit Price	Amount
Basic Fee			0.00
Retrieval Fee			0.00
Per Page Copy (Paper) 1	5	0.60	3.00
Shipping/Handling			0.00
Subtotal			3.00
Sales Tax			0.24
Invoice Total			3.24
Balance Due			3.24
Pay your invoice online at www.HealthPortPay.com			
Terms: Net 30 days			Please remit this amount : \$ 3.24 (USD)

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HealthPort
P.O. Box 409740
Atlanta, Georgia 30384-9740
Fed Tax ID 58 - 2659941
(770) 754 - 6000



Invoice #: 0087401262
Date: 2/28/2011
Customer #: 1483005

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MICHAEL DOUBERLEY
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CITY CENTRE PLACE
400 S 4TH ST STE 600
LAS VEGAS, NV 89101-

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400 S 4TH ST STE 600
LAS VEGAS, NV 89101-

Records from:

SOUTHWEST MEDICAL ASSOCIATES
2300 W CHARLESTON
LAS VEGAS, NV 89114

Requested By: MAINOR EGLET
Patient Name: SIMAO WILLIAM

SSN: *****6076
DOB: 050863

Description	Quantity	Unit Price	Amount
Basic Fee			0.00
Retrieval Fee			0.00
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Shipping/Handling			0.00
Subtotal			1.20
Sales Tax			0.10
Invoice Total			1.30
Balance Due			1.30

Pay your invoice online at www.HealthPortPay.com

Terms: Net 30 days Please remit this amount : \$ 1.30 (USD)

J & R Medical Records Service, Inc

4045 S. Buffalo Dr.

Suite A - 101-525

Las Vegas, NV 89147

Phone 702-383-2636

Business Office 702-648-2774

DATE 4-20-10 ORDERED BY Erica

REQUESTOR Mainer, Eglet, Cattle

FACILITY UMC MEDICAL RECORDS # 002062-582

PATIENT NAME William Simac

DATE OF REQUEST _____ BY WHOM Robert Adams

PREPAYMENT REQUIRED YES AMOUNT 136.21

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ADVANCED PREPAYMENT REQUIRED \$ 136.21

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FAX 450-5900 ATTN Robert Adams
5451

LAS VEGAS SURGERY CENTER
MEDICAL RECORDS
870 S. RANCHO
LAS VEGAS NEVADA 89106
PHONE (702) 870-2090
FAX (702) 878-6816

Date 4/14/10

Dear Sir or Madam

Las Vegas Surgery Center has received your request for the

Medical records for: Name Amad, William

There is a charge of \$.60 per page. Total # of pages 30

Total amount due including postage is \$19.90

Upon receipt of your check: said records will be mailed with in
72 hours.

Please make check payable to the Las Vegas Surgery Center,

Sincerely,

Medical Records Department

Sign & date Jessie

Witness by _____

ATTN: Robert Adams

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Secure Documents Inc. dba Med-R
320 S. 4th Street
Las Vegas, NV 89101
Phone # (702)380-4283 Fax # (702)380-4286



Invoice

Date	Invoice #
4/19/2010	10-2088

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Bill To
Mainor, Eglet, Cottle 400 So. 4th St. Las Vegas, NV 89101

Name of Patient	Medical Facility	Terms	Due Date	Rep	Ordered By
William Simao	NV Orthopedic	Due on receipt	4/19/2010	Sum	
Quantity	Description				Amount
248	Medical Records - NV Regulatory Fee Administer Oaths or Affirmations - Nevada Regulated Fee Cost for charge of postage for medical records to be mailed. Per Nevada Law you are responsible for paying the costs of making the copy: NRS 629.061: each person described in subsection 1 who requests it and pays the actual cost of postage, if any, the costs of making the copy, not to exceed 60 cents per page for photocopies and a reasonable cost for copies of X-ray photographs and other health care records produced by similar processes.				148.80T 5.00 5.70T 0.00
All Invoices are Due of Receipt. Please make your prompt payment today! Thank you!				Subtotal	\$159.50

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MED-R.
Secure Documents Inc. dba Med-R
320 S. 4th Street
Las Vegas, Nv 89101

Sign: _____
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Date: ____/____/____

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Sales Tax (8.1%)	\$12.51
Total	\$172.01
Payments/Credits	\$0.00
Balance Due	\$172.01



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320 S. 4th Street

Las Vegas, NV 89101

Phone # (702)380-4283 Fax # (702)380-4286



MEDICAL RECORD RETRIEVAL SERVICE

Invoice

Date	Invoice #
4/21/2010	10-2165

Ordered By
Mainor, Eglet, Cottle 400 So. 4th St Las Vegas, NV. 89101

Bill To
Mainor, Eglet, Cottle 400 So. 4th St. Las Vegas, NV 89101

Name of Patient	Medical Facility	Terms	Due Date	Rep	Ordered By
William Simao	Medical District	Due on receipt	4/21/2010	Sum	
Quantity	Description				Amount
45	Medical Records - NV Regulatory Fee				27.00T
1	Administer Oaths or Affirmations - Nevada Regulated Fee				5.00
1	Cost for charge of postage for medical records to be mailed.				2.07T
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Subtotal \$34.07

Sales Tax (8.1%) \$2.35

Total \$36.42

Payments/Credits \$0.00

Balance Due \$36.42

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 Secure Documents Inc. dba Med-R
 320 S. 4th Street
 Las Vegas, Nv 89101

Sign: _____

Print: _____

Date: ____/____/____

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 530 Las Vegas Blvd South, 4th Floor
 Las Vegas, NV 89101
 Phone # (702)380-4283 Fax # (702)380-4286



MEDICAL RECORD RETRIEVAL SERVICE

Invoice

Date	Invoice #
12/9/2010	10-7153

Ordered By
Mainor Eglet, LLP 400 So. 4th St. Las Vegas, NV. 89101

Bill To
Mainor Eglet, LLP 400 So. 4th St. Las Vegas, NV 89101

Name of Patient	Medical Facility	Terms	Due Date	Rep	Ordered By
William Simeo	Nevada Orthopaedic	Due on receipt	12/9/2010	NO&S	Ashley
Quantity	Description				Amount
11	Medical Records - NV Regulatory Fee Administer Oaths or Affirmations - Nevada Regulated Fee				6.60T 5.00
PLEASE NOTE WE HAVE MOVED: 530 LAS VEGAS BLVD S, 4TH FLOOR LAS VEGAS, NV 89101					
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 530 Las Vegas Blvd South, 4th Floor
 Las Vegas, NV 89101

Sign: _____

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Date: ____/____/____

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Subtotal	\$11.60
Sales Tax (8.1%)	\$0.53
Total	\$12.13
Payments/Credits	\$0.00
Balance Due	\$12.13

Nevada Spine Clinic
7140 Smoke Ranch Road
Las Vegas, NV 89128
Phone: (702) 320-8111 Ext 4806
Tax ID # 75-3095581

To: Marion Egel
Cottrell
450-5400

Per your request, we have copied Medical Records and or X-Rays
for:

William Lemo 4/21/10

Please remit \$ 21.36 for 33 pages of records, and
✓ postage.

**NOTE: Please include a copy of this invoice with your
payment.**

Thank you,

D.
Doris Tiedke
Medical Records

Dr. Rosler



Fax Cover Sheet:

Date: 5/4/10 Number of Pages: 1
(Including Cover Sheet)

Sent to: Name: Mick Vaglio
Co.: MAJOR Eget Cattle
Phone Number: _____
Fax Number: 750-5451

From: X-Ray Dept., 702-258-5596 (Office), 702-938-0137 (Fax)

Regarding Records Request:

William Simao

X-ray copy fee is \$10.00 per film. X-ray copies will be printed and released upon receipt of copy fees. We have the following X-ray films on file:

4-14-09	Cervical Spine	2 Films
5-26-09	" "	2 "
7-14-09	" "	2 "
3-23-10	" "	2 "

= \$80.00

8 FILMS

MAINOR EGLET COTTLE, LLP / Cost Account

Nevada Spine Clinic

232353/William J. Simao/films/nev

5/20/2010

3365

225.00

PAYMENT
RECORD

Client Costs BB

232353/William J. Simao/films/nev

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Social Security Administration

232353/William J. Simao/nev

4/12/2010

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232353/William J. Simao/films/nev

5/11/2010

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THE CHARGE FOR THIS INFORMATION IS

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(702) 732-6000

Updated.

Attorney (Approximate) Film Count for:
Name: Smao, William X-Ray #: 8244360

Please check off which films you would like copied and fax all pages to:
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Available on CD
\$30.00 Per Procedure

Check box for
films needed:

Date: <u>2/3/11</u>	Film: <u>M.R. Cervical W/WO</u>	# of films: <u>8</u>	☒
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Total # of films _____ x \$25.00(cost per sheet)=\$_____
When CDs are available: \$30.00(cost per exam)

Our Tax ID # is: 88-0232199

*Please put on CD.
And call 450-5400 ext. 203 when ready to be
exchanged for check.*

You will be notified to confirm the amount owed for the films requested.

We need the check before we can release the films.

Thank you.

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\$1,200.00 for films.

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RISH: 002-062-582

DOB: 05/08/1963

SIMAO, WILLIAM

UMC

Imaging Services Department

1800 W. Charleston Blvd. * Las Vegas, Nevada 89102

Phone (702) 383-2241

Fax (702) 383-2627

COST BREAKDOWN FORM

 PATIENT NAME: Simao, William MEDICAL RECORD NUMBER: 002-062-582

 Estimated number OF CD(S) 1 x \$25.00 per CD Total Cost: \$ 25.00

 Converted hard copies to digital studies Yes No ✓ If yes \$50.00 will apply

A flat fee \$25.00 per CD / DVD will be charged.

If the original studies are hard copies then there will be a flat fee of \$50.00 for converting the hard copy to a digital study and then copied to CD/DVD. The \$25.00 fee per CD/DVD will still apply.

Out of state records will be sent out via Fed Ex
Payment for the disc duplication is needed prior to making CD(s). Please allow more time for old images to be implemented into the Pacs for the purpose of making CD(s)
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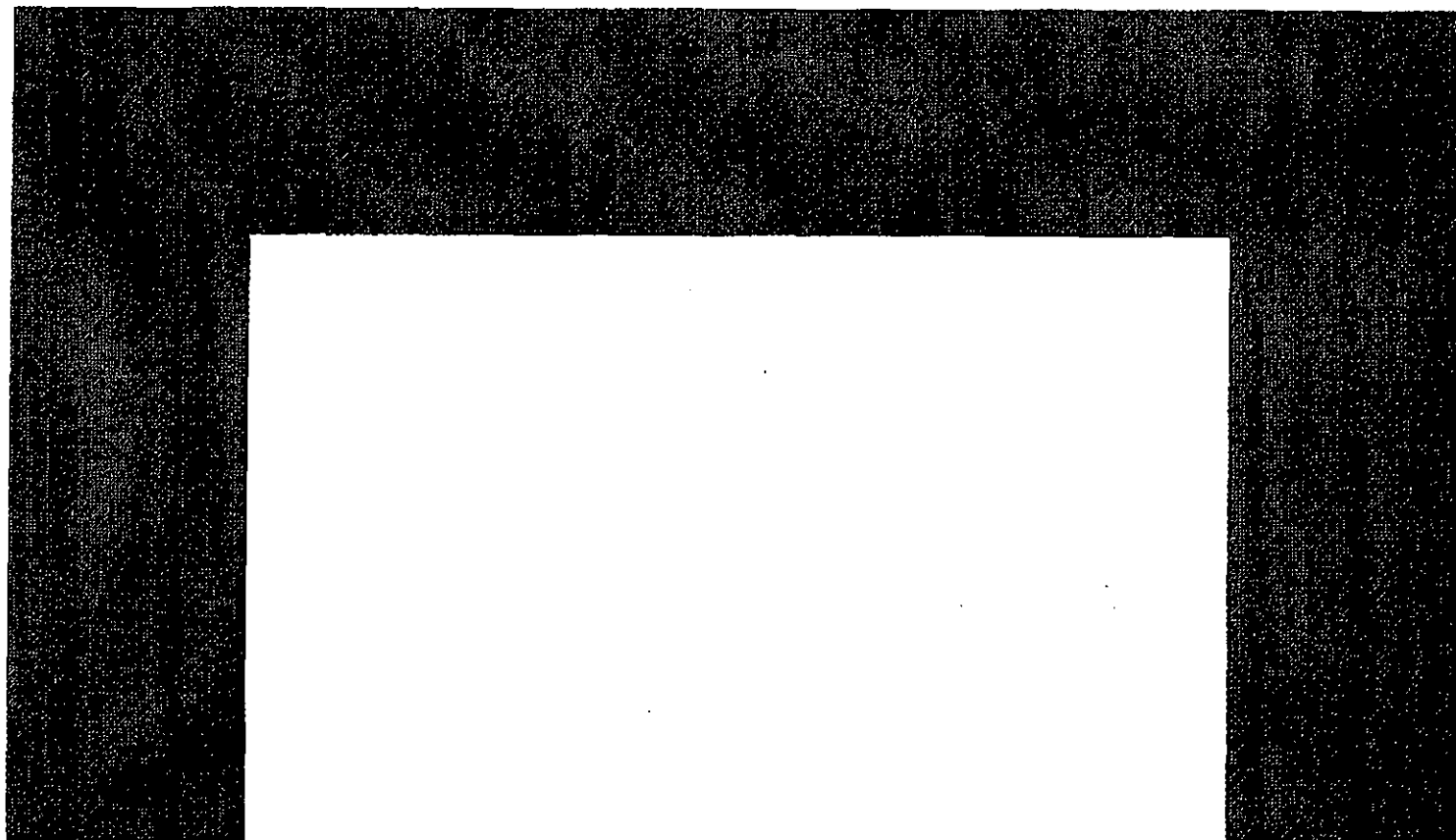
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Any other purposes, such as external case presentation, require IRB approval or patient authorization, whether the copies are de-identified or not.
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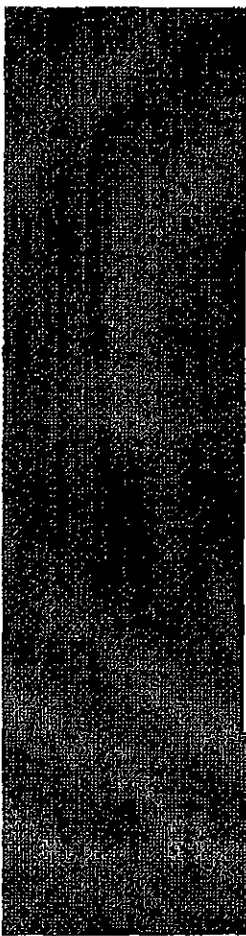
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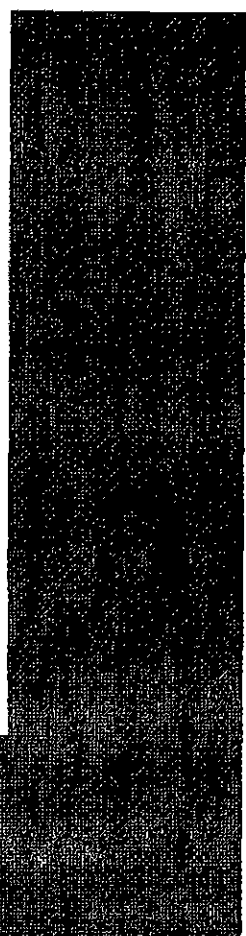
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REGISTER OF ACTIONS
CASE No. 07A539455

William Simao, Cheryl Simao vs Jenny Rish

Case Type: Negligence - Auto
Date Filed: 04/13/2007
Location: Department 10
Case Number: A539455
Case Court No.: 58504
59208
59423

Conversion Case Number: A539455
Supreme Court No.: 58504

PARTY INFORMATION

Lead Attorneys

Defendant Rish, Jønnny

Stephen H Rogers

Retained

702-383-3400(W)

Plaintiff **Simao, Cheryl A**

David T Wall

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Plaintiff **Simao, William J**

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EVENTS & ORDERS OF THE COURT

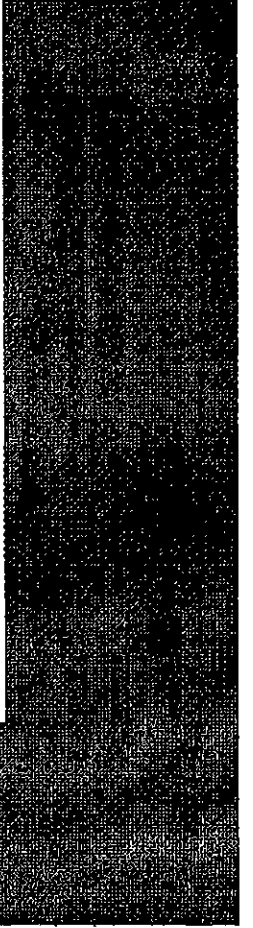
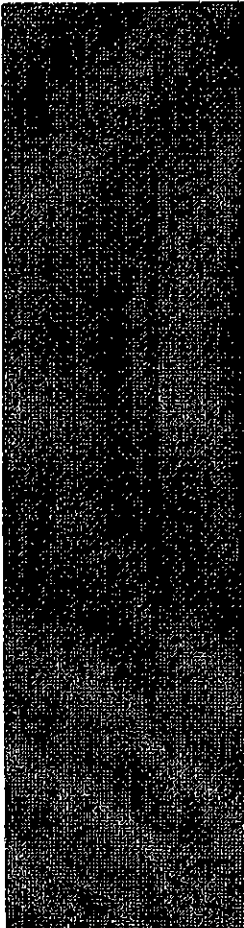
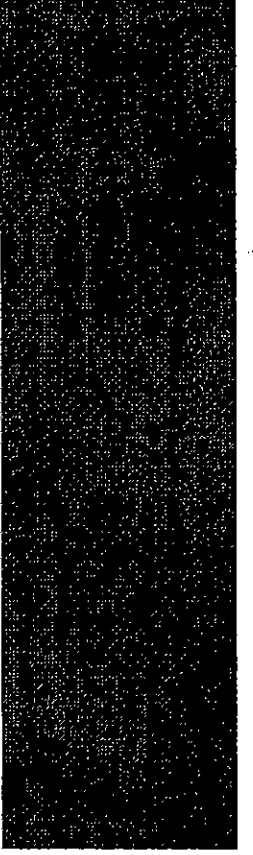
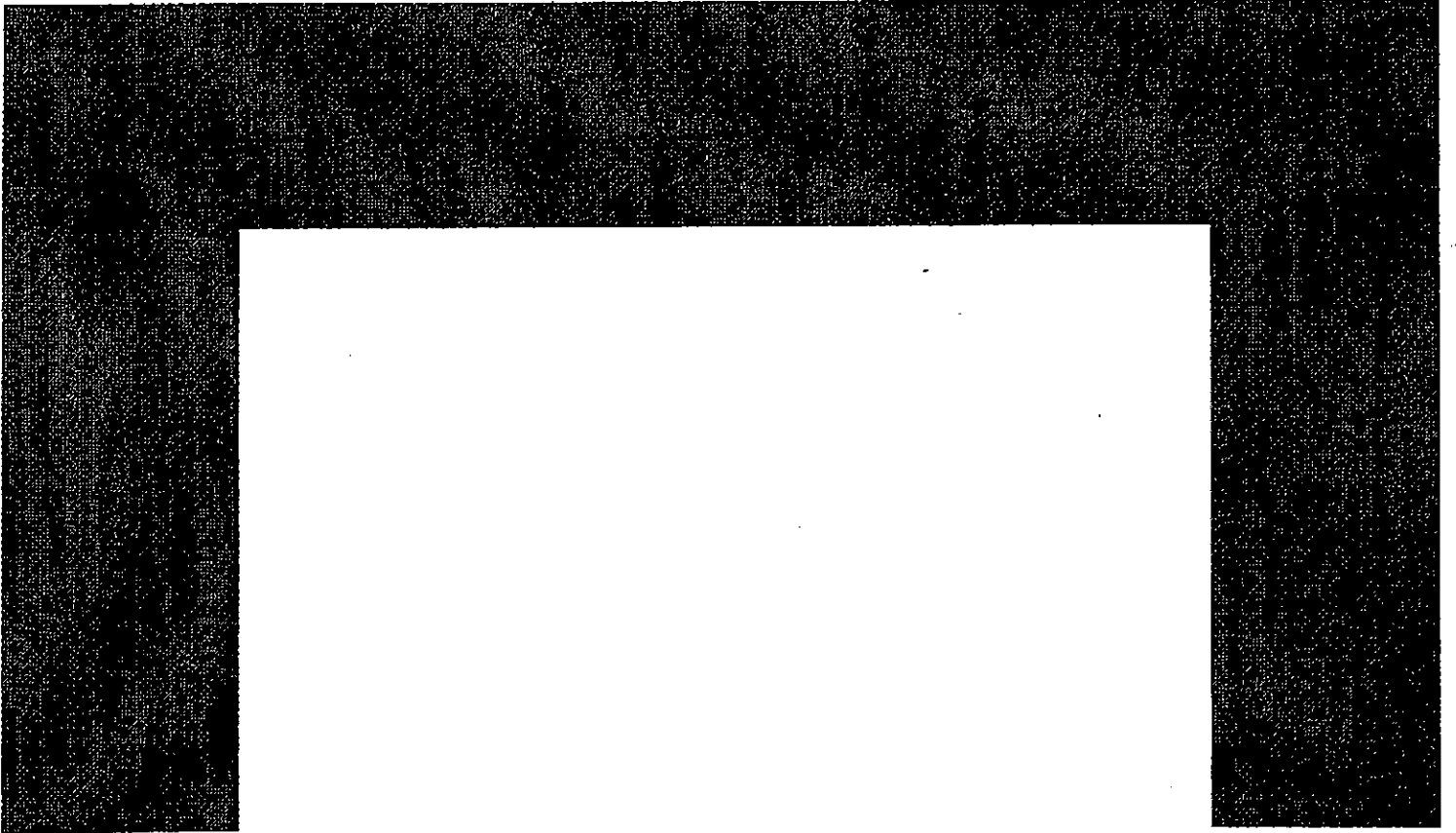
04/28/2011	Status Check (3:00 AM) (Judicial Officer Walsh, Jessie)
	Fees and Costs

Minutes

04/28/2011 3:00 AM

- Following review of the papers and pleadings on file herein, COURT ORDERED motion DENIED WITHOUT PREJUDICE, for plaintiff to provide further briefing that fees should be awarded pursuant to plaintiff's offer of judgment.

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DISTRICT COURT
CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

Alvin D. Quinn
CLERK OF THE COURT

WILLIAM JAY SIMAO; and
CHERYL ANN SIMAO,

Plaintiffs,

v.

JENNY RISH,

Defendant.

CASE NO.: A539455
DEPT. NO.: X

JUDGMENT

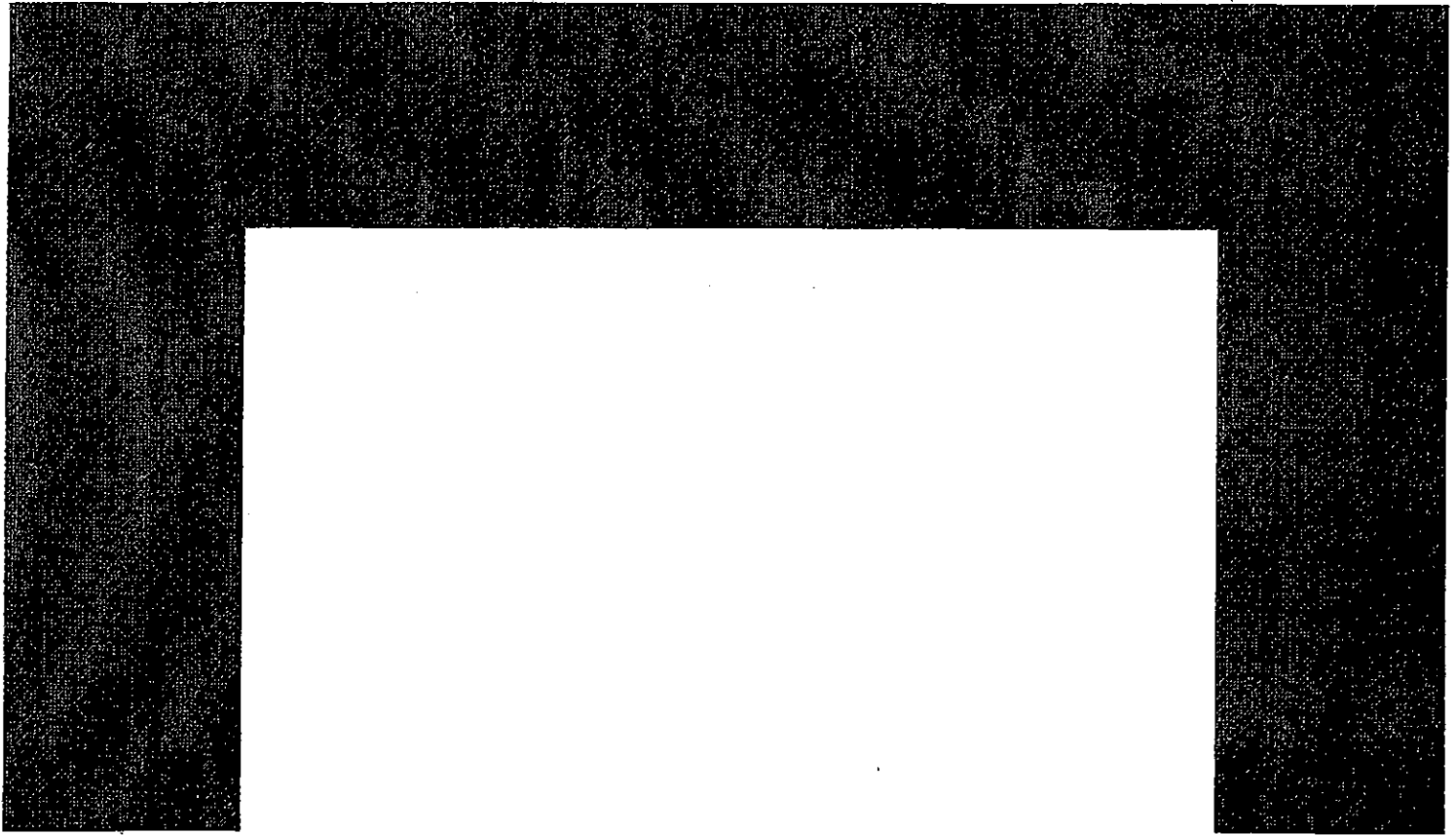
WHEREAS, a hearing for Default Judgment having come before the Court on April 1, 2011. IT IS ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED, that Judgment is hereby entered in favor of Plaintiffs and against Defendant, Jenny Rish as follows:

William Simao's past medical and related expenses	\$194,390.96
William Simao's pain and suffering:	
- Past pain and suffering	\$473,640.
- Future pain and suffering	\$1,140,552.
- Loss of Enjoyment of Life	\$905,169.
Cheryl Simao's loss of consortium (Society and Relationship)	\$681,296.
Attorneys' fees	\$TBD
Litigation costs	\$99,555.49
TOTAL	\$3,493,983.45

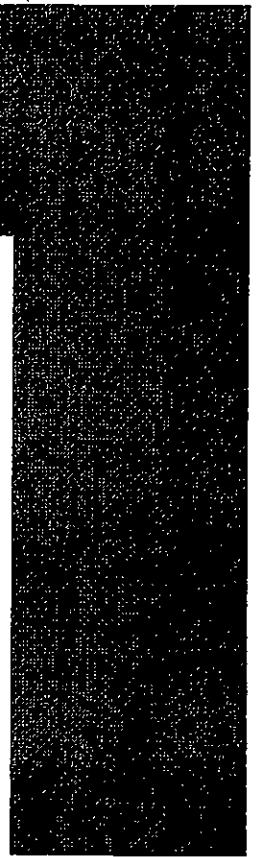
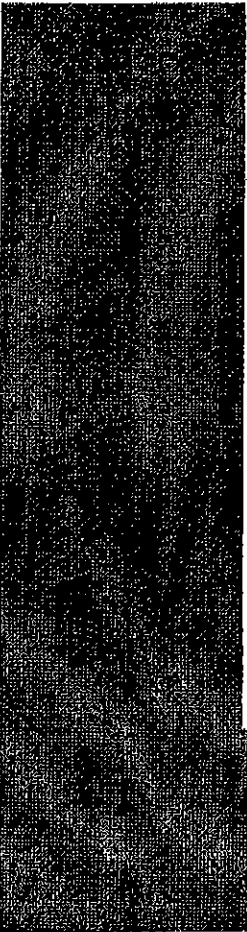
1 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Judgment against Defendant, Jenny Rish, shall bear interest in
2 accordance with N.R.S. 17.130 and Lee v. Ball, 116 P.3d 64 (2005).
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4 Dated this 27th day of April, 2011.
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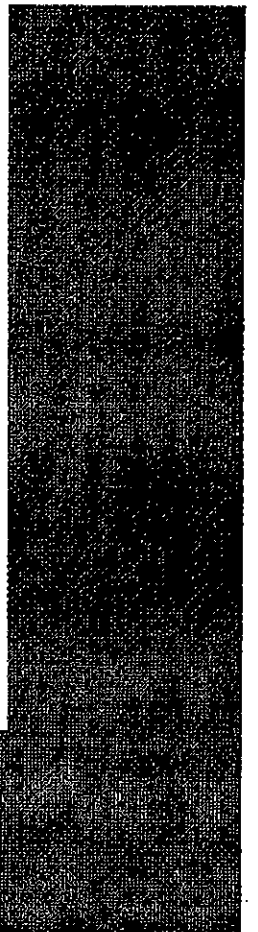
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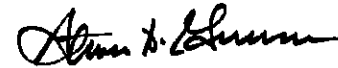


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1 **MRTX**
2 **STEPHEN H. ROGERS, ESQ.**
3 Nevada Bar No. 5755
4 **ROGERS, MASTRANGELO, CARVALHO & MITCHELL**
5 300 South Fourth Street, Suite 710
6 Las Vegas, Nevada 89101
7 Phone (702) 383-3400
8 Fax (702) 384-1460
9 *Attorneys for Defendant Jenny Rish*



CLERK OF THE COURT

DISTRICT COURT
CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

10 **WILLIAM JAY SIMAO, individually and**
11 **CHERYL ANN SIMAO, individually, and as**
12 **husband and wife,**
13 **Plaintiff,**
14 **v.**
15 **JENNY RISH; JAMES RISH; LINDA RISH;**
16 **DOES I - V; and ROE CORPORATIONS I - V,**
17 **inclusive,**
18 **Defendants.**

CASE NO. A539455

DEPT. NO X

DEFENDANT'S MOTION TO RETAX COSTS

20 COMES NOW Defendant JENNY RISH, by and through her attorney, STEPHEN H.
21 ROGERS, ESQ., and hereby submits this Motion to Retax Plaintiffs' costs.

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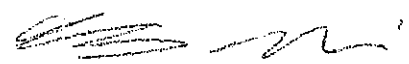
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1 This Motion is based upon the following Memorandum of Points and Authorities, the
2 pleadings and papers on file herein, and any argument the Court is willing to entertain at the time of
3 the hearing.

4 DATED this 28th day of April, 2011.

5 ROGERS, MASTRANGELO, CARVALHO &
6 MITCHELL

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8 STEPHEN H. ROGERS, ESQ.
9 Nevada Bar No. 5755
10 300 South Fourth Street, Suite 710
11 Las Vegas, Nevada 89101
12 *Attorneys for Defendant Jenny Rish*

13 **NOTICE OF MOTION**

14 TO: ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND THEIR COUNSEL OF RECORD:

15 PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the foregoing **DEFENDANT'S MOTION TO RETAX**
16 **COSTS** will come on for hearing before the above-entitled court on the 2 day of
17 June chambers, 2011, at a.m. in Department X.

18 DATED this 28th day of April, 2011.

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1 MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

2 I. Argument

3 1. Plaintiff's costs are excessive and should be reduced

4 Plaintiffs have apparently sought, and already received, an award of costs in the amount of
5 \$99,555.49. Defendant was not given the opportunity to object to the costs as excessive before the
6 award was given. Defendant submit this memorandum in support of a motion to retax those improper
7 costs.

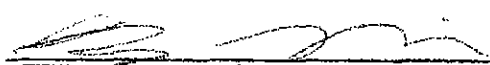
8 Plaintiffs seek \$59,028.16 in expert witness fees, despite the limitations of NRS 18.005,
9 which limits recovery for costs for expert witnesses to \$1500 per expert, for no more than 5 experts.
10 Plaintiff seeks fees for 7 experts, and for more than \$1500 for most of them. Plaintiffs also seek fees
11 not allowed by NRS 18.005, such as mediation fees. The various copying charges also seem
12 duplicative and/or excessive. Defendant therefore objects to the award of these costs.

13 II. Conclusion

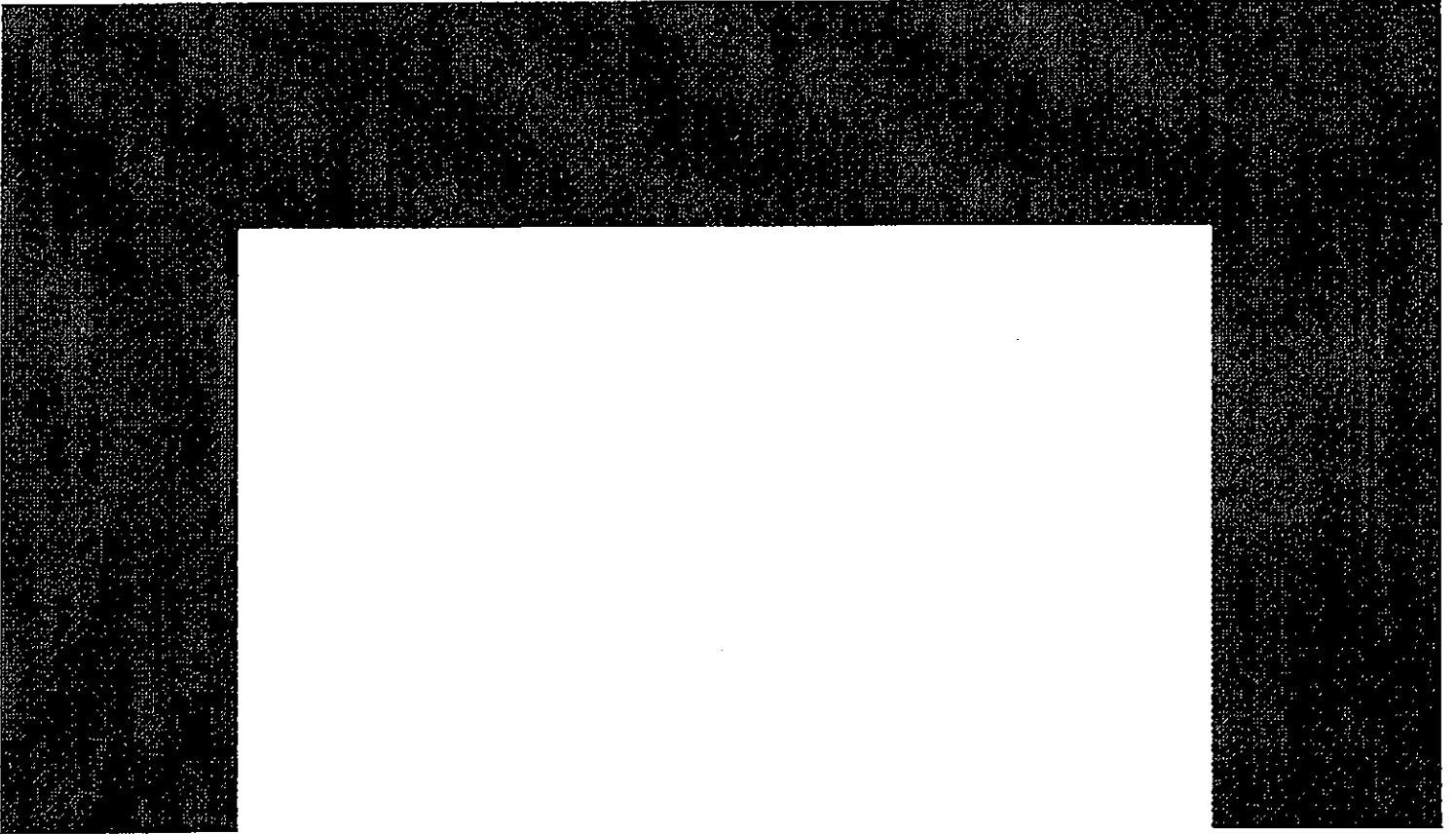
14 For the foregoing reasons, the Defendant asks that the Motion to Retax Costs be granted.

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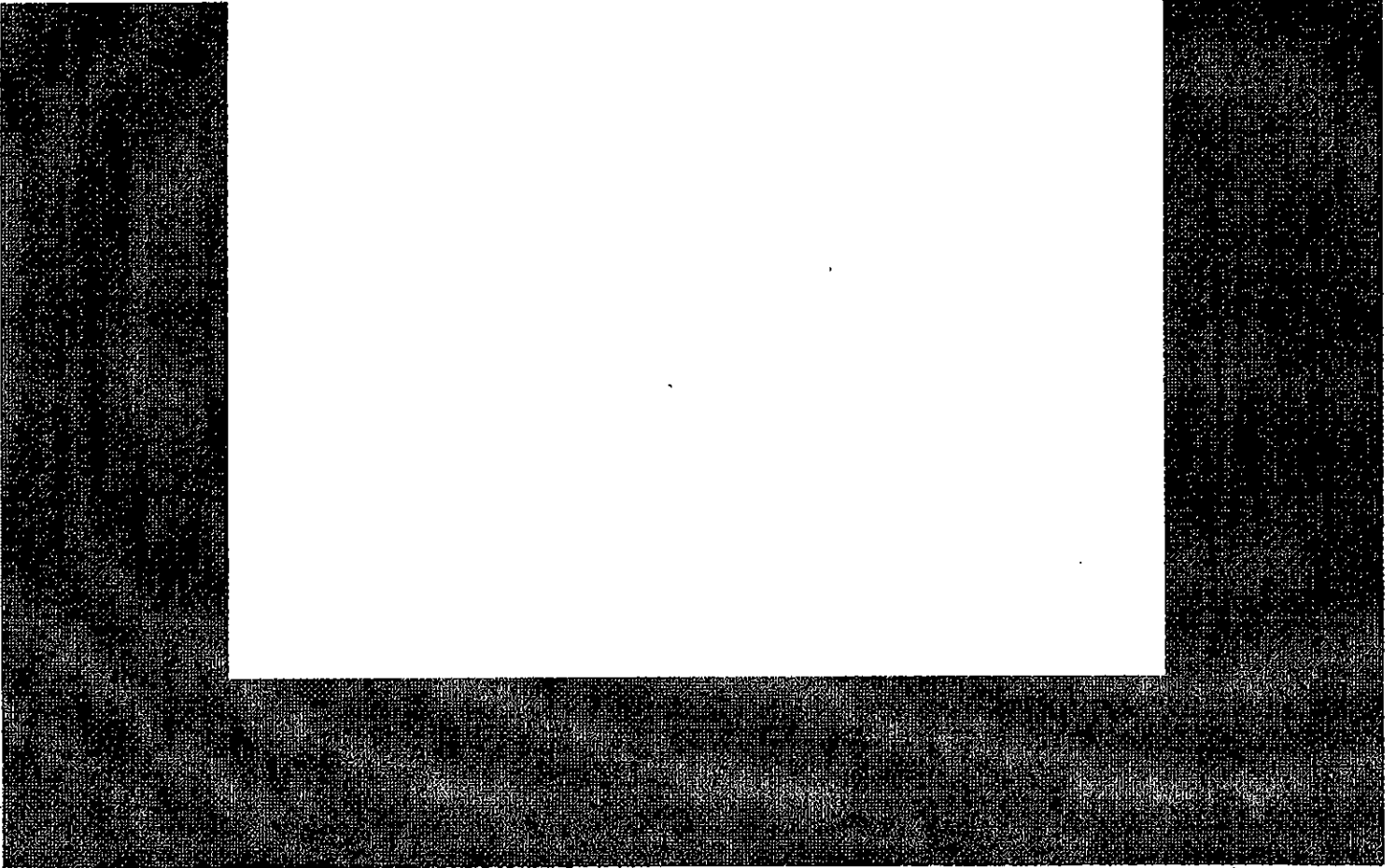
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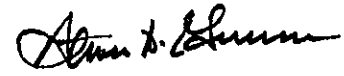
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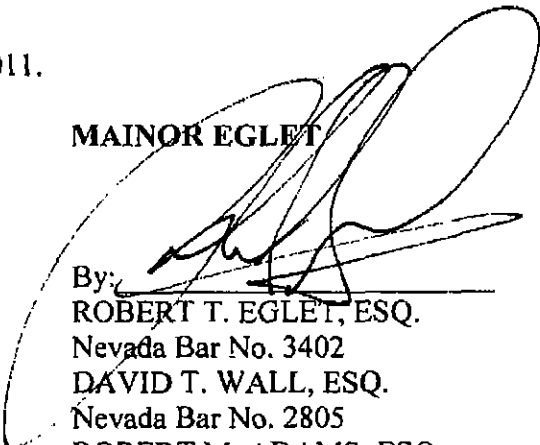
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1 Court on the 26th day of April, 2011, a copy of which is attached hereto.

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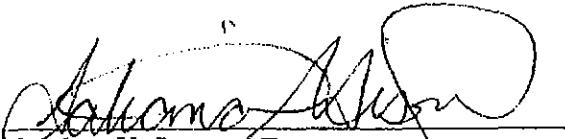
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JUDGMENT

JENNY RISH,

Defendant.

WHEREAS, a hearing for Default Judgment having come before the Court on April 1, 2011. IT IS ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED, that Judgment is hereby entered in favor of Plaintiffs and against Defendant, Jenny Rish as follows:

William Simao's past medical and related expenses	\$194,390.96
William Simao's pain and suffering:	
- Past pain and suffering	\$473,640.
- Future pain and suffering	\$1,140,552.
- Loss of Enjoyment of Life	\$ 905,169.
Cheryl Simao's loss of consortium (Society and Relationship)	\$ 681,286.
Attorneys' fees	\$ TBD
Litigation costs	\$ 99,555.49
TOTAL	\$3,493,983.45

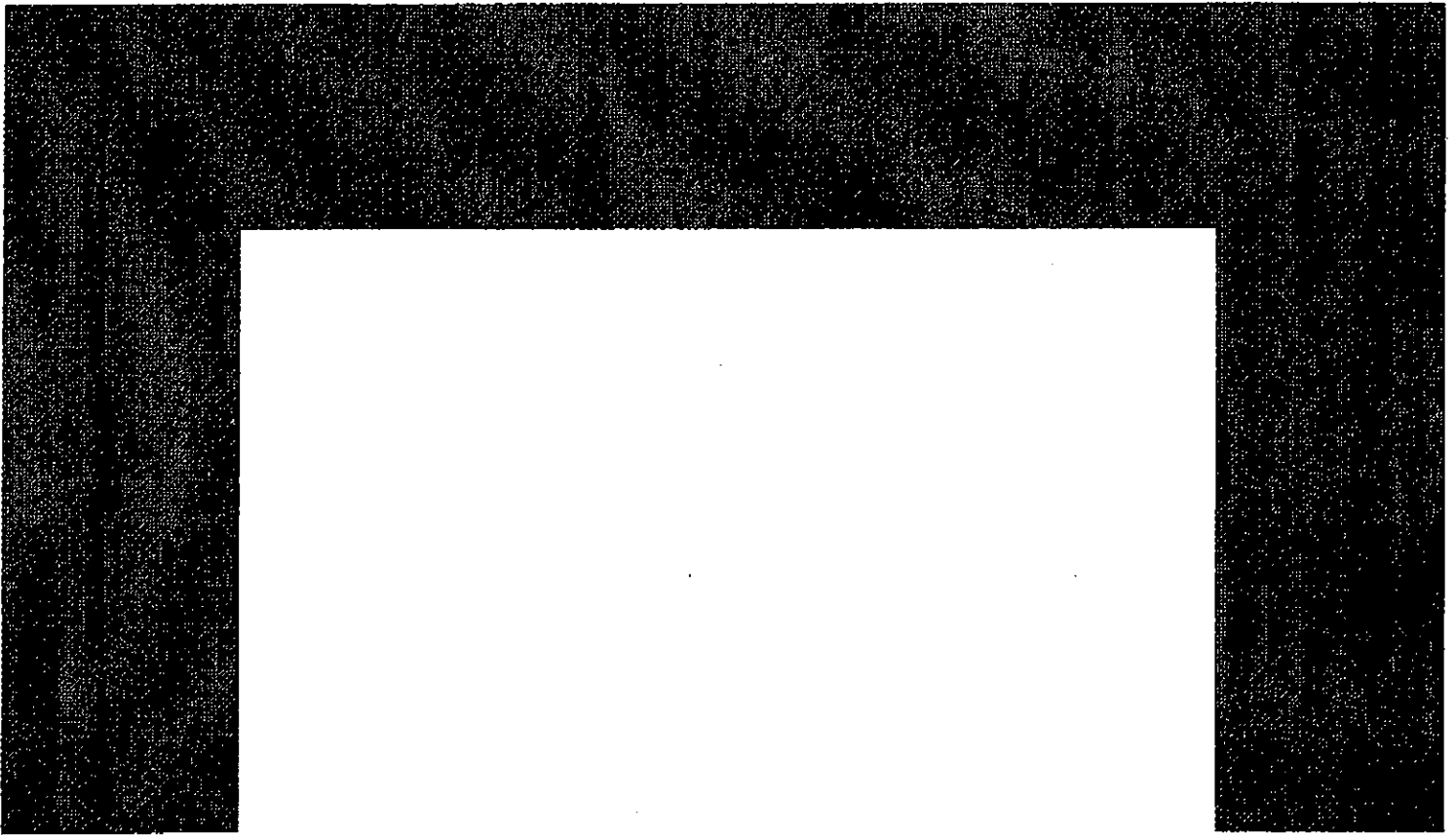
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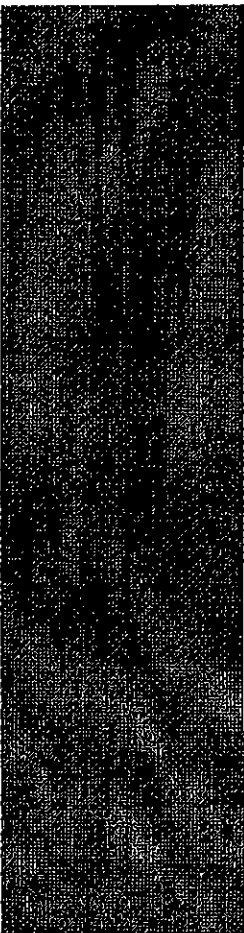
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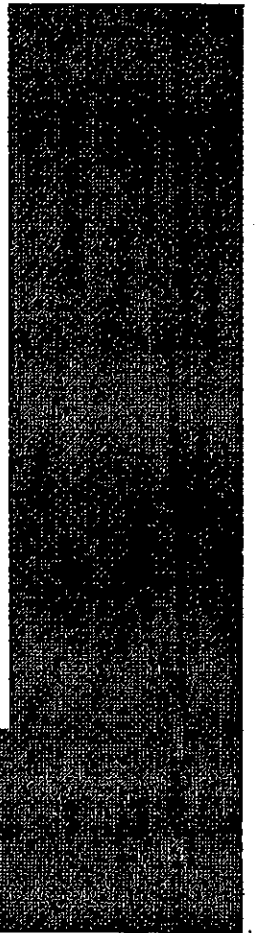
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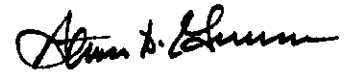
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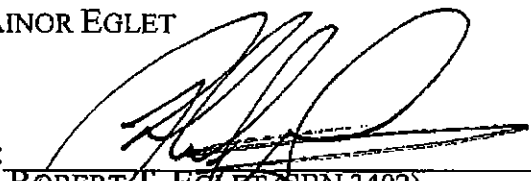
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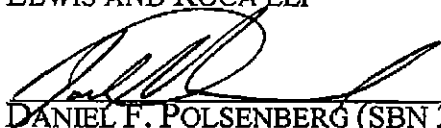
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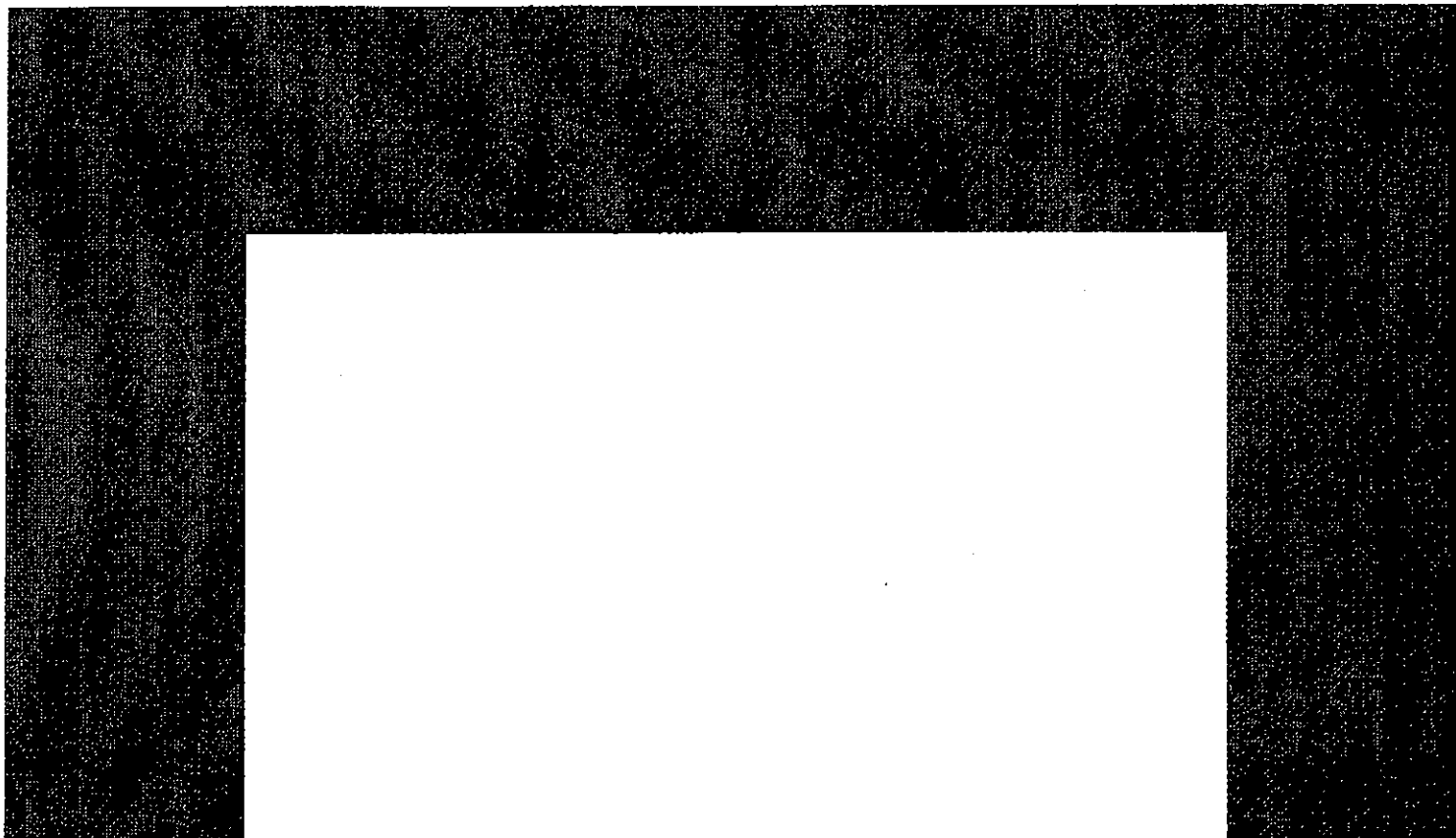
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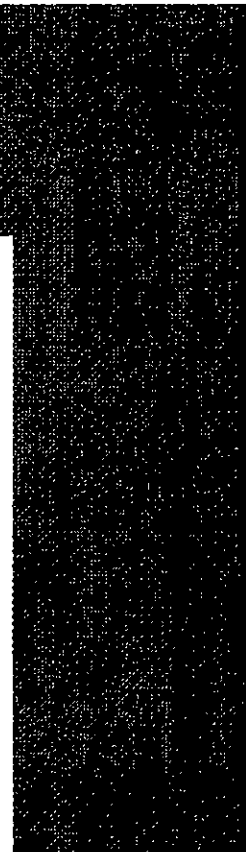
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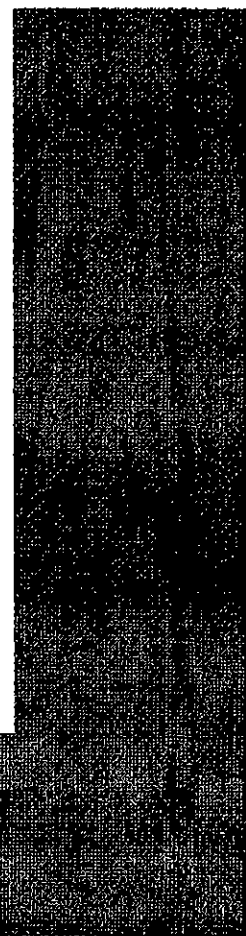
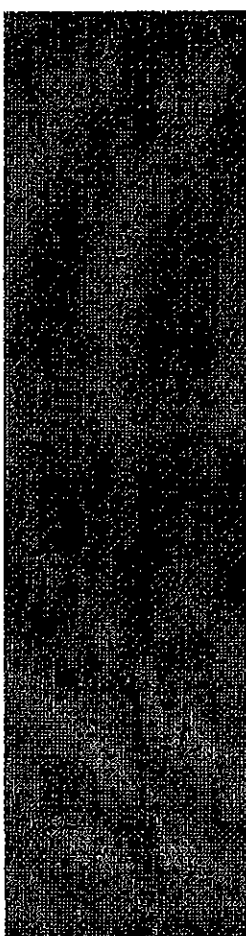
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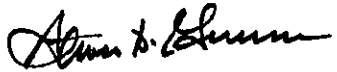
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27 **NOTICE OF ENTRY OF ORDER**

28 PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the court entered an order in the above entitled matter
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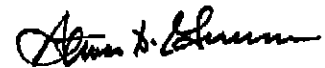
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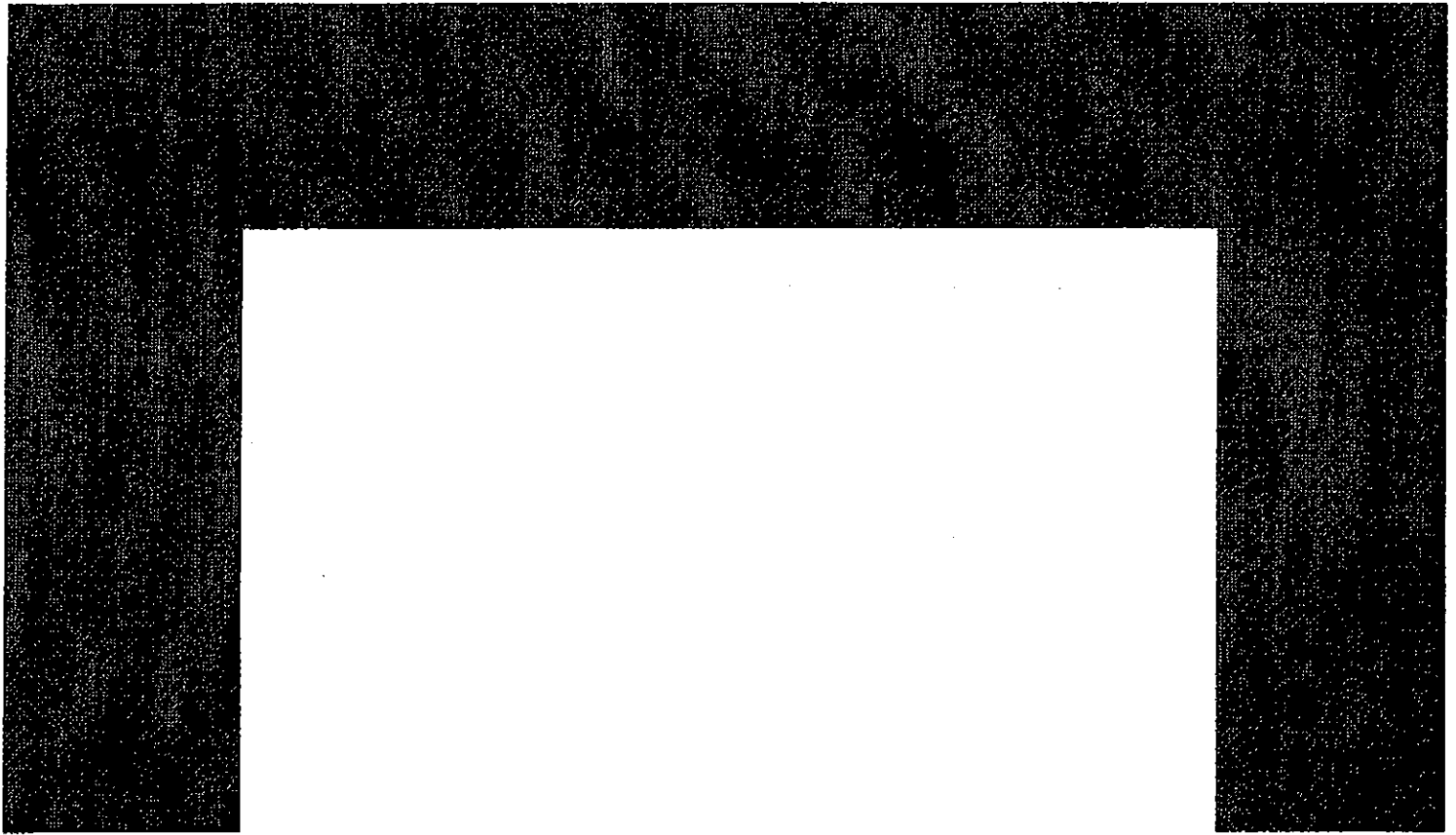
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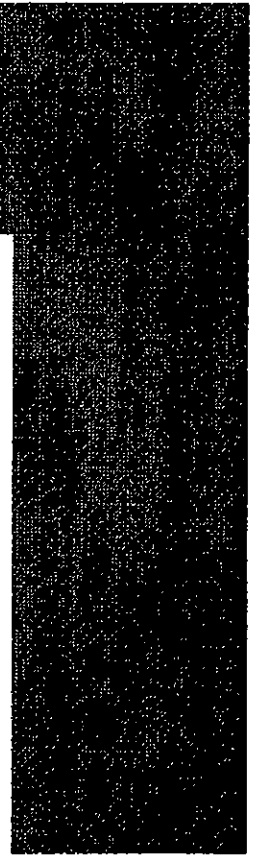
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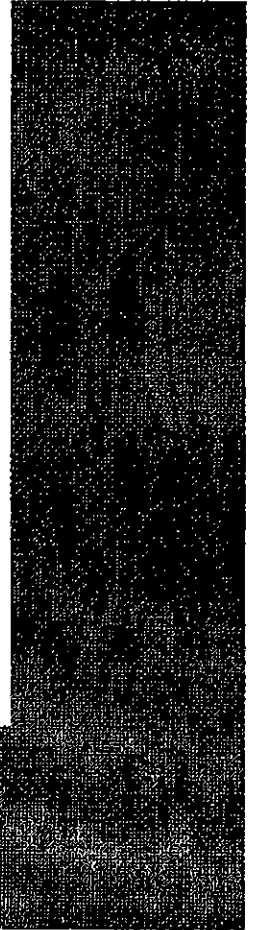
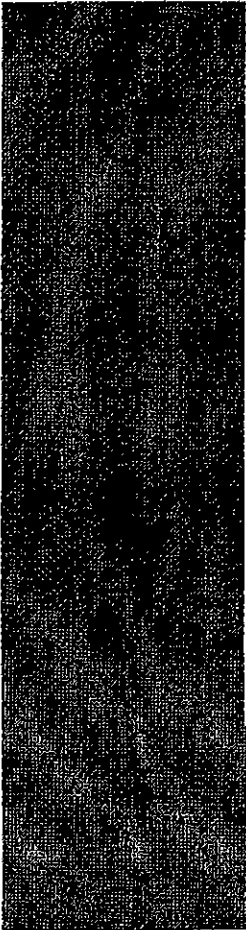
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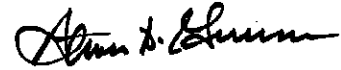
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**PLAINTIFFS' OPPOSITION TO
DEFENDANT'S MOTION TO RETAX
COSTS**

COME NOW, Plaintiffs, WILLIAM and CHERYL SIMAO, by and through their
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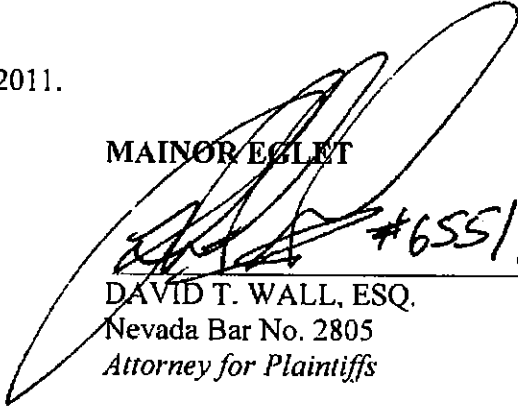
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1 ADAMS of the law firm of MAINOR EGLET, and hereby submit this Opposition to
2 Defendant's Motion to Retax Costs.

3 This Opposition is made and based upon the pleadings and papers on file herein and the
4 attached Points and Authorities.

5 DATED this 15 day of May, 2011.

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12 **MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES**

13 I.

14 **FACTUAL BACKGROUND**

15 This case involves a motor vehicle accident occurring on April 15, 2005. The Plaintiff,
16 WILLIAM SIMAO, was driving southbound on Interstate 15 when he was rear-ended by a
17 vehicle driven by the Defendant, JENNY RISH. Defendant did not deny causing the accident.
18 Plaintiff WILLIAM SIMAO was injured in the accident and brought the instant action, on April
19 13, 2007, which included a claim for loss of consortium by WILLIAM SIMAO's wife, Plaintiff
20 CHERYL SIMAO. In an effort to resolve the instant matter, on February 5, 2009, Plaintiffs
21 served upon Defendant an Offer of Judgment in the amount of \$799,999.00. (See Exhibit "1").
22 Said offer was rejected by Defendant and the matter proceeded forward with discovery in
23 preparation for trial.

24 As the Court will recall, the jury trial began on March 14, 2011, and had nearly been
25 completed before Plaintiffs were forced to move to strike Defendant's Answer after Defendant's
26 counsel's repeated and willful violations of this Court's pre-trial orders. The Plaintiffs' oral
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1 motion to strike the Defendant's Answer was rooted primarily in the Defendant's repeated
2 violations of the Court's Order granting the Plaintiffs' Motion in Limine to Preclude Defendant
3 From Raising a Minor Impact Defense. However, Defendant violated other Orders of this Court
4 during the trial, and the cumulative effect of such violations was material to the Court's analysis.
5 These other violations included violations of this Court's pre-trial orders excluding prior and
6 subsequent accidents and injuries and medical build-up/attorney driven litigation arguments.
7 Due to all of these violations, and only after progressive sanctions had been issued against the
8 Defendant to no avail, this Court struck Defendant's Answer, converting this litigation into a
9 default judgment under NRCP 55. The case proceeded to a prove-up hearing on damages only,
10 which took place on Friday, April 1, 2011. During that hearing, Plaintiffs informed the Court
11 that in addition to the damages being requested at that time, Plaintiffs would submit its costs to
12 the Court at a later date. Therefore, on April 26, 2011, Plaintiffs submitted a Memorandum of
13 Costs setting forth in an itemized fashion, complete with supporting exhibits, costs totaling
14 \$99,555.49.
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17 On April, 28, 2011, a Judgment by the Court was filed, awarding Plaintiffs
18 \$3,493,983.45, inclusive of past medical expenses, past and future pain and suffering, loss of
19 consortium on behalf of Plaintiff, Cheryl Simao, and litigation costs. (See Judgment at **Exhibit**
20 **"2"**). Defendant then filed its instant Motion to Retax Costs on April 29, 2011. Judgment was
21 subsequently entered on May 3, 2011 (See Entry of Judgment at **Exhibit "3"**).
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23 By way of the instant Opposition, Plaintiff requests that Defendant's Motion to Retax
24 Costs be summarily denied as she has completely failed to set forth any justification whatsoever
25 to retax the Memorandum of Costs submitted by the defense. Moreover, as shall be set forth
26 below, each of the items of costs Defendant specifies in its Motion, namely costs regarding
27 Plaintiffs' expert witness fees and copying charges, are more than warranted and must not be
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1 retaxed in the least.

2 II.

3 LEGAL ANALYSIS

4 A. NRS 18.005 Does Not Expressly Limit Expert Fees to \$7,500.00.

5 Contrary to Defendant's Motion to Retax, Plaintiffs, as the prevailing parties, can recover
6 expert fees in excess of \$7,500.00 (\$1,500 x 5). The award of fees is within the sound discretion
7 of this Court. *Bergmann v. Boyce*, 109 Nev. 670, 856 P.2d 560 (1993). The plain language of
8 NRS 18.005(5), a decades old statute, allows the Court to award beyond the statutory threshold
9 of \$1,500.00 per expert, "*if the circumstances surrounding the expert's testimony were of such*
10 *necessity as to require the larger fee.*" NRS 18.005(5) (emphasis added).
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12 1. Plaintiff's experts were necessary, as were their fees.

13 Given the complex nature of this personal injury matter involving serious and permanent
14 cervical spine injuries, in conjunction with the defenses asserted by Defendant throughout the
15 course of litigation, it was necessary for Plaintiffs to retain and utilize several medical and
16 damages experts to prove their case in chief. Nevada law mandates that "causation of injury or
17 damages must be established by medical expert testimony to a reasonable degree of medical
18 probability." *Fernandez v. Admirand*, 108 Nev. 963, 973, 843 P.2d 354 (1993); *Layton v.*
19 *Yankee Caithness Joint Venture*, 774 F.Supp. 576 (1991); *Brown v. Capanna*, 105 Nev. 665,
20 671-72, 782 P.2d 1299 (1989). Moreover, a party must utilize medical experts whose
21 "experience, education, and training establish the expertise necessary to perform the procedure[s]
22 or render the treatment[s] at issue." *Staccato v. Valley Hospital*, 123 Nev. Adv. Rep. 49, 170
23 P.3d 503 (2007). Finally, each expert must pass the three (3) prong test identified in *Hallmark*
24 *v. Eldridge*, 124 Nev. Adv. Rep. 48, 189 P.3d 646 (2008), before the Court can admit their
25 testimony.
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1 Since Nevada law mandates that Plaintiffs utilize qualified medical experts, they are
2 undoubtedly necessary and a party can recover costs beyond the initial \$1,500.00 threshold
3 identified in NRS 18.005. Doctors lose money when they take time from their regular practice to
4 participate in litigation. In order to compensate them for their loss, they charge an hourly rate
5 equal to what they would earn had they spent the day meeting with and treating patients.
6 Plaintiffs were required to retain, designate and utilize a host of medical professionals to address
7 Mr. Simao's extensive, and complex physical injuries.
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9 Specifically, this case required participation from Drs. Adam Arita, Jaswinder Grover,
10 Patrick McNulty, and Hans Jorg Rosler to address Mr. Simao's past medical treatment and future
11 medical needs. In addition, Dr. Ross Seibel, although he did not testify at trial due to the
12 unexpected events that led up to the striking of Defendant's answer, was prepared to come to
13 trial to testify and was paid for the time he spent in preparation for his anticipated trial testimony.
14 In conjunction with his treating physicians, and based on the injuries he sustained at the hands of
15 Defendant, Mr. Simao also utilized Stan Smith, Ph.D., an economist, to address the hedonic
16 damages and loss of consortium damages Plaintiffs sustained as a result of Defendant's
17 negligence.
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20 Moreover, because of Defendant's "minor impact defense" which was ultimately
21 excluded at trial, Plaintiffs were forced to retain a biomechanical engineer, Mr. David
22 Ingebretsen, to offer opinions regarding the dynamics of the subject collision and the likelihood
23 of injury.
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25 The fact that some of the experts and/or medical providers did not actually take the stand
26 and testify at trial is absolutely meaningless. Each provided professional services to Mr. Simao
27 and participated, in no small degree, with his care and treatments. In turn, each expert called
28 upon at trial utilized records, as well as deposition testimony, from each and everyone of these

1 experts, making their involvement necessary and, as discussed above, their charges reasonable.

2 **2. Mediation fees**

3 Defendant also makes a passing reference to mediation fees as not being specifically
4 authorized by NRS 18.005. However, the court may, in its discretion, include litigation costs not
5 itemized in the statute. NRS 18.005(17) allows for "any other reasonable and necessary expense
6 incurred in connection with the action," and the Nevada Supreme Court has upheld the award of
7 costs not specifically otherwise listed in 18.005(1) through (16) as long as they are reasonable,
8 necessary and actually incurred in the litigation. *Berosini v. PETA*, 114 Nev. 1348, 1352 (1998).

9 Mediation costs fit the scope and purpose of the catch-all provision of 18.005(17), and such
10 costs are reasonable, necessary and actually incurred in this litigation. Plaintiffs paid the
11 required fee for a respected mediator to attempt to resolve the case. Defendant agreed to the
12 mediation and then made no offer to settle the case once the mediation commenced. Further,
13 Defendant has not provided any authority suggesting that mediation fees incurred in the instant
14 case were not reasonable, necessary or actually incurred in the case.

15 **3. Copying Charges.**

16 Defendant's only other item of contention specified in her Motion to Retax is that
17 "various copying charges also seem duplicative and/or excessive." Despite Defendant's
18 assertion, in looking at Plaintiffs' Memorandum of Costs, as well as Exhibit "5" to the
19 Memorandum, each of the charges itemized under the heading "Copying, Exhibits, Photographs,
20 Courier, Service of Process and Miscellaneous Charges, is accounted for. The charges
21 associated with copying, \$6,649.95, are supported by billing statements from Legal Copy Cats &
22 Printing, a business whose services are routinely called upon by Plaintiffs' counsel's firm, to
23 ease the enormous strain of copying literal tens of thousands of documents and other exhibits
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1 required in the preparation for and during trial. Each of the invoices associated with Legal Copy
2 Cats' services are also itemized for ease of interpreting the services that were rendered.
3 Notwithstanding Defendant's dispute that these copying charges are excessive, it is not for
4 Plaintiffs to prove up Legal Copy Cats' charges, rather it is for Plaintiffs to show that they
5 actually incurred the expense and that the expense was reasonable and necessary. Defendant has
6 failed to set forth how these charges are "duplicative and/or excessive," or for that matter
7 unreasonable, and Plaintiffs are simply at a loss as to how these charges can be proven by any
8 way other than submitting the itemized billing invoices that are provided at Exhibit "5" of
9 Plaintiff's Memorandum of Costs.
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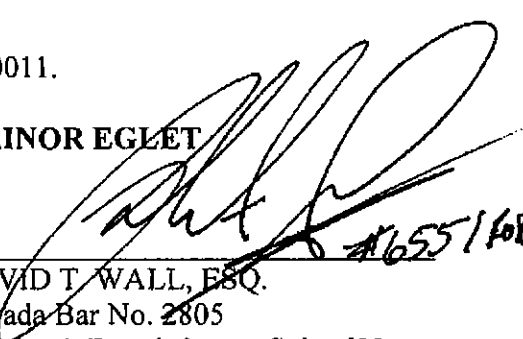
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14 **CONCLUSION**

15 For the reasons set forth above, Plaintiffs respectfully request that Defendant's Motion to
16 Retax Costs be denied in its entirety.

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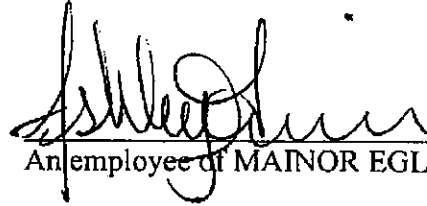
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The undersigned hereby certifies that on the 10 day of May, 2011, a copy of the above and foregoing PLAINTIFFS' OPPOSITION TO DEFENDANT'S MOTION TO RETAX COSTS was served by enclosing same in an envelope with postage prepaid thereon, address and mailed as follows:

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DISTRICT COURT

CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

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CHERYL ANN SIMAO, individually, and as	)	DEPT. NO.: X
husband and wife,	)	
	)	
Plaintiffs.	)	
vs.	)	
	)	
JENNY RISH; JAMES RISH; LINDA RISH;	)	
DOES I through V; and ROE CORPORATIONS I	)	
through V, inclusive.	)	
	)	
Defendants.	)	

PLAINTIFFS' OFFER OF JUDGMENT TO DEFENDANT, JENNY RISH

Plaintiffs, WILLIAM JAY SIMAO and CHERYL ANN SIMAO, by and through their attorneys, AARON & PATERNOSTER, LTD, hereby offer to allow judgment to be taken in their favor and against Defendant, JENNY RISH, in this action in the amount of \$799,999.00, inclusive of attorneys' fees and costs, in accordance with N.R.C.P. 68 and N.R.S. 17.115. If not accepted within ten (10) days of receipt, this offer will be deemed rejected. Should the Judgment finally obtained by Plaintiffs be more favorable than the offer herein made, Defendant will be barred from recovering costs and

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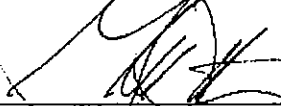
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1 attorney's fees. and Plaintiffs will seek recovery of all allowable costs, attorney's fees and interest as
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3 DATED this 5th day of February, 2009.

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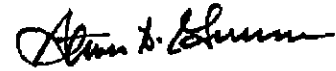
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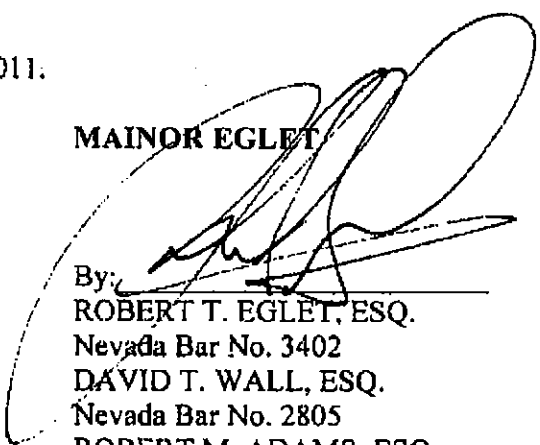
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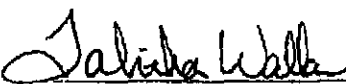
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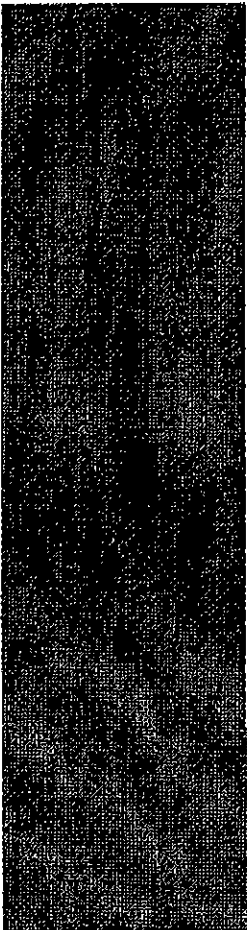
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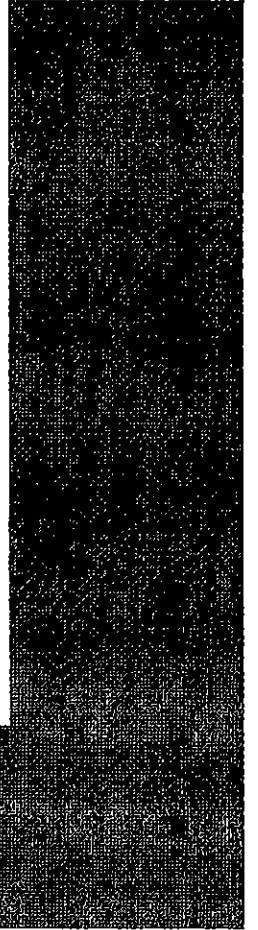
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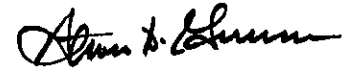
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**DISTRICT COURT
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WILLIAM JAY SIMAO, individually and
CHERYL ANN SIMAO, individually, and as
husband and wife,

Plaintiffs,

v.

JENNY RISH,

Defendant.

CASE NO.: A539455
DEPT. NO.: X

**DECISION AND ORDER REGARDING PLAINTIFFS' MOTION TO STRIKE
DEFENDANT'S ANSWER**

This matter having come before the Court on March 31, 2011, on Plaintiffs' oral Motion to Strike Defendant's Answer, ROBERT T. EGLET, ESQ., DAVID T. WALL, ESQ. and ROBERT M. ADAMS, ESQ. present for Plaintiffs, WILLIAM SIMAO and CHERYL SIMAO.

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1 STEPHEN H. ROGERS, ESQ. and DANIEL F. POLSENBERG, ESQ. present for Defendant,
2 JENNY RISH, and following the Court's oral pronouncement from the bench GRANTING
3 Plaintiffs' Motion, the Court hereby enters the following written Decision and Order:

4 **I. Factual and Procedural Background**

5 This case involves a motor vehicle accident occurring on April 15, 2005. The Plaintiff,
6 WILLIAM SIMAO, was driving southbound on Interstate 15 when he was rear-ended by a
7 vehicle driven by the Defendant, JENNY RISH. Defendant did not deny causing the accident.
8 Plaintiff WILLIAM SIMAO was injured in the accident and brought the instant action, which
9 included a claim for loss of consortium by WILLIAM SIMAO's wife, Plaintiff CHERYL
10 SIMAO.
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12 This matter was presented for jury trial beginning on March 14, 2011, and the trial had
13 nearly been completed before the instant Motion was made. However, the facts supporting the
14 Motion and the grounds upon which to analyze the Motion include rulings made by this Court
15 before the trial commenced. The Plaintiffs' oral motion to strike the Defendant's Answer is
16 rooted primarily in the Defendant's repeated violations of this Court's Order granting the
17 Plaintiffs' Motion in Limine to Preclude Defendant From Raising a Minor Impact Defense.
18 However, this Court recognizes that Defendant violated other Orders of this Court during the
19 trial, and the cumulative effect of such violations is material to the Court's analysis. Before
20 itemizing and analyzing the violations of this Court's Order on "minor impact," it is necessary to
21 consider the violations of other Court orders by the Defendant.
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23 **A. Violation of Order Precluding Evidence of Unrelated Accidents, Injuries or Medical**
24 **Conditions**

25 **1. Plaintiffs' Motion in Limine**

26 On January 7, 2011, Plaintiffs brought an Omnibus Motion in Limine, which included a
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1 request to preclude the Defendant from introducing evidence of Prior and Subsequent Unrelated
2 Accidents, Injuries and Medical Conditions and Prior and Subsequent Claims or Lawsuits. This
3 portion of the Omnibus Motion in Limine specifically asked this Court to preclude evidence of
4 an unrelated 2003 motorcycle accident involving the Plaintiff, since no medical provider had
5 connected any of the minor injuries sustained by the Plaintiff in the 2003 motorcycle accident to
6 any injuries suffered in the instant accident. In short, the evidence established that the
7 motorcycle accident was irrelevant.
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9 The Defendant filed an Opposition to Plaintiffs' Omnibus Motion in Limine, and the
10 matter was heard by this Court on February 15, 2011, at which time this Court GRANTED
11 Plaintiffs' request. On March 9, 2011, this Court entered a written Order which stated in
12 pertinent part as follows:
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14 **"IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that Plaintiffs' request to exclude prior and
15 subsequent unrelated accidents, injuries and medical conditions, and prior and subsequent
16 claims or lawsuits is GRANTED in all respects."
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18 Following the entry of the foregoing Order, all parties were on notice that this Court had
19 specifically precluded the Defendant from introducing evidence of unrelated accidents, including
20 the 2003 motorcycle accident.

21 2. Defendant's Clear Violation in Opening Statement

22 In his Opening Statement, counsel for the Defendant presented to the jury a Power Point
23 slide referencing William Simao's 2003 motorcycle accident. The Plaintiffs objected, asked that
24 the slide be shielded from the jury, and approached for a sidebar conference.
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26 The slide clearly and unambiguously violated the Order of this Court on the Plaintiffs'
27 Omnibus Motion in Limine, which Motion specifically referenced the 2003 motorcycle accident
28 as an accident *unrelated* to any issue in the instant case. The jury was directed to disregard the

1 slide and was further admonished that a pretrial ruling of the Court excluded evidence of the
2 2003 motorcycle accident.

3 The Plaintiffs' objection was sustained.

4 Following this admonition, this Court held a hearing outside the presence of the jury to
5 allow the Defendant's counsel and the Plaintiffs' counsel to review the remaining slides
6 accompanying the defense Opening Statement to determine if any of them violated court orders.
7 Several of them violated orders and were removed (RTP, March 21, 2011, p. 75). Notably, the
8 Plaintiffs' counsel made the following statement outside the presence of the jury:
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10 There were multiple other slides that had the same type of problems in them.
11 Most of them Mr. Rogers agreed with and took those statements out of the slides, but
12 again, if we hadn't done that, there would have been three to four more clear violations of
13 ... this Court's pretrial orders.
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15 As Mr. Wall [Plaintiffs' co-counsel] said at the bench, I think it's clear – I think
16 it's abundantly clear that Mr. Rogers is going to try to mistry this case. I think it is
17 abundantly clear that that's what's going on.
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19 I told the Court at the last bench conference that that was two. If there were any
20 additional ones, we were going to start asking for monetary sanctions *and other potential*
21 *sanctions* in this case for this type of *systematic refusal to comply with pretrial court*
22 *orders*.
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24 *I expect his experts are going to do it as well.* I can assure this Court that they are
25 going to violate a number of the orders in their testimony, just like Mr. Rogers did up
26 there....
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28 (RTP, March 21, 2011, p. 75) (emphasis supplied).

1 **B. Violations of Order Precluding Evidence That This is a "Medical Build-up" Case**

2 **1. Plaintiffs' Motion in Limine**

3 Within the afore-mentioned Omnibus Motion in Limine, the Plaintiffs also sought to
4 preclude any evidence or argument that the case was "attorney driven" or a "medical build-up"
5 case. This section of the Plaintiffs' Omnibus Motion in Limine was also heard by this Court on
6 February 15, 2011, at which time this Court GRANTED the Plaintiffs' request. During the
7 hearing on this Motion, counsel for the Defendant conceded he had no evidence of any kind
8 suggesting that this case was "attorney driven" or a "medical build-up" case. This Court's
9 written Order of March 9, 2011, also stated as follows:
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11 **"IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that Plaintiffs' request to preclude argument that
12 this case is 'attorney driven' or a 'medical build-up' case is GRANTED."
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14 Following the entry of the foregoing Order, all parties were on notice that this Court had
15 specifically precluded the Defendant from arguing or presenting evidence that the instant case
16 was a "medical build-up" case, in large measure as a result of the Defendant having no such
17 evidence to present.
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19 **2. Defendant's Clear Violation During Opening Statement**

20 In his Opening Statement, counsel for the Defendant made the following statement when
21 discussing the testimony of the Plaintiff's treating physicians:

22 "And we are going to hear from various different kinds of doctors in this case.

23 One of them are doctors who appear down here regularly in court, as often, if not more
24 than trial lawyers. Doctors McNulty, and Grover..."

25 (RTP March 21, 2011, p. 72).
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27 Defense counsel's statement was interrupted by an objection from the Plaintiffs, who
28 additionally asked that the Power Point slide that accompanied the defense's Opening Statement

1 be shielded from the jury. The slide referenced the Plaintiff's treating physicians as "Trial
2 Doctors."

3 At the sidebar conference that followed, the Plaintiffs objected to the statements of
4 counsel and the "Trial Doctors" slide as violating this Court's Order precluding any argument
5 that the case was "attorney driven" or a "medical build-up" case. Since no other purpose for the
6 statement or the slide was forthcoming from counsel for the Defendant at the sidebar, the jury
7 was directed to disregard the slide.
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9 The Plaintiffs' objection was sustained.

10 3. Defendant's Clear Violation During Cross-Examination of Dr. Patrick McNulty

11 Despite this Court's ruling during the Defendant's Opening Statement on the issue of
12 medical build-up and "Trial Doctors," counsel for the Defendant asked the following question of
13 Dr. McNulty, one of the Plaintiff's treating doctors:
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15 "Now, Doctor, yesterday there was a discussion about the testimony history of a
16 doctor. I don't broach this topic with you to be insensitive, but I want to touch on it since
17 that issue has been raised. You testified under oath, whether it be in trial or in deposition,
18 somewhere around 100 times; is that right?"
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20 (RTP, March 25, 2011, pp. 21-22).

21 Counsel for the Plaintiffs immediately objected and approached the Court for a sidebar
22 bench conference. There, the Court heard argument regarding the "discussion" "yesterday"
23 which was the Plaintiffs' use of specific prior deposition testimony to impeach the Defendant's
24 expert witness during cross-examination. Further, the Court heard argument that this line of
25 questioning could only be presented to create an inference of "medical build-up." Counsel for
26 the Defendant did not sufficiently explain to this Court how this line of questioning was not a
27 violation of the pretrial order precluding evidence of "medical build-up," especially in light of
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1 the fact that the Defendant admittedly had no evidence to support a "medical build-up" defense.

2 The Plaintiffs' objection was sustained.

3 **C. Violations of Pretrial Order Precluding "Minor Impact" Defense**

4 As set forth above, the Plaintiffs' ultimate motion to strike the Defendant's Answer was
5 based primarily on repeated violations of this Court's pretrial Order on the issue of a "minor
6 impact" defense.

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8 **1. Plaintiff's Motion in Limine**

9 On February 17, 2011, Plaintiffs brought a Motion in Limine to: 1) Preclude Defendant
10 from Raising a "Minor" or "Low Impact" Defense; 2) Limit the Trial Testimony of Defendant's
11 Expert, David Fish, M.D.; and 3) Exclude Evidence of Property Damage. The Motion set out the
12 fact that the Nevada Highway Patrol Trooper who completed the Accident Report referred to the
13 vehicle damage as "moderate." Specifically, the Motion asked the Court to preclude the
14 Defendant from "arguing, suggesting or insinuating at trial that the crash was a 'minor impact' or
15 'low impact' collision, and not significant enough to cause Plaintiff's injuries." The Motion was
16 primarily based on *Hallmark v. Eldridge*, 189 P.3d 646 (Nev. 2008), coupled with the fact that
17 Defendant did not have any expert qualified to testify whether the impact in the instant collision
18 was sufficient to cause the injuries complained of. Conversely, the Plaintiffs had disclosed a
19 biomechanical expert who was prepared to testify that the accident was of the type to have
20 proximately caused injury to the Plaintiff. The Motion further sought to limit Defendant's pain
21 management expert, Dr. David Fish, from testifying to opinions rooted in biomechanical science,
22 as he lacks the qualifications to testify to such opinions under the standard announced in
23 *Hallmark*.

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27 On February 25, 2011, Defendant filed an Opposition to the Motion and the matter was
28 heard by this Court on March 1, 2011, at which time the Court GRANTED Plaintiffs' Motion in

1 its entirety. Defendants provided no evidence or information to correlate the amount of damage
2 to a vehicle in a collision to the severity of the injury suffered by a passenger. Defendants had
3 no expert witness on biomechanics to support an argument or inference that this accident was too
4 minor to cause the injuries alleged to have been suffered by the Plaintiff. Based on the Nevada
5 Supreme Court's rulings in *Hallmark, supra, Levine v. Remolif*, 80 Nev. 168 (1964) and *Choat v.*
6 *McDorman*, 86 Nev. 332 (1970), this Court found that issues of accident reconstruction and
7 biomechanics are not within the common knowledge of laypersons and require expert witness
8 testimony. As such, this Court found no evidentiary or factual foundation upon which the
9 Defendant could argue or infer that the accident was too minor to cause the Plaintiff's injuries.
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11 On March 8, 2011, this Court entered a written Order which stated in pertinent part as
12 follows:
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14 **"IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that Plaintiffs' request to preclude Defendant from
15 Raising a "Minor" or "Low Impact" Defense is **GRANTED**.

16 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that Plaintiffs' request to limit the trial testimony
17 of Defendant's expert, David Fish, M.D., to those areas of expertise that he is qualified to
18 testify in regards to is **GRANTED**. Neither Dr. Fish nor any other defense expert shall
19 opine regarding biomechanics or the nature of the impact of the subject crash at trial.
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21 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that Plaintiffs' request to exclude the property
22 damage photos and repair invoice(s) is **GRANTED**."

23 Following the entry of the foregoing Order, all parties were on notice that this Court had
24 specifically precluded a defense (or even an argument) that the accident was too minor to cause
25 the injuries for which Plaintiff sought to recover damages.
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27 Despite a clear and unambiguous Order precluding the Defendant from raising as a
28 defense that the impact of the accident was too minor to cause the Plaintiff's injuries, counsel for

1 the Defendant persisted in violating this Court's order, ultimately leading to the sanction
2 imposed herein. There can be no question or argument that the Defendant was on notice of this
3 Court's Order, based on the following:

4 a) Hearing Outside the Presence of the Jury on March 18, 2011

5 After jury selection had been completed and before Opening Statements, this Court held a
6 hearing outside the presence of the jury to discuss, among other things, the issue of a minor
7 impact defense. The discussion on the record was extensive and comprises seventeen (17) pages
8 of the transcript (See, RTP, March 18, 2011, pp. 112-129).

9 During this hearing, the Plaintiffs' counsel brought to this Court's attention the fact that
10 counsel for the Defendant, in his Opening Statement, might broach the subject of minor impact
11 by referring to the Defendant's deposition testimony that the impact of the accident was merely
12 "a tap." Counsel for the Defendant conceded that it was his impression that this Court had not
13 precluded such an argument:
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15 "What happened was, there was a motion to exclude a defense that a minor
16 impact cannot cause injury. The Plaintiffs' argument in the motion was because the
17 defense did not retain a biomechanical engineer they would not be able to argue the
18 general proposition that minor impacts cannot cause injury.
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20 The defense appeared at the hearing and said, 'This is not a biomechanical case.
21 The defense is not going to argue that no minor impact can cause injury. *The defense is*
22 *that this minor impact did not cause injury.*'
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24 (RTP, March 18, 2011, p. 114)(emphasis supplied).
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26 It became clear to this Court that the Defendant intended to present a minor impact
27 defense, despite the Order of this Court to the contrary. Plaintiffs' counsel was allowed to once
28 again state on the record their position on the original Motion in Limine, outlining that the

1 Defendant had no expert witness to opine that the accident was too minor to cause the claimed
2 injuries, and further that the Order of this Court on the Motion in Limine precluded a "minor
3 impact" defense at trial.

4 By the conclusion of the hearing outside the presence of the jury, this Court reiterated its
5 ruling on the Motion in Limine precluding a "minor impact" defense (RTP March 18, 2011, p.
6 125-26). Likewise, this Court precluded counsel for the Defendant from referencing in his
7 Opening Statement that it was a minor impact, or simply "a tap," for the purpose of raising an
8 inference that the accident was too minor to cause the Plaintiff's injuries (RTP March 18, 2011,
9 pp. 127-28). This Court further reminded counsel for the Defendant to review the Order entered
10 on this issue to avoid violating it in the future (RTP March 18, 2011, p. 126, 127).

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13 b) Hearing Outside the Presence of the Jury on March 21, 2011

14 On the first court day following the hearing set forth above, the issue of "minor impact"
15 was again raised outside the presence of the jury immediately following the Plaintiffs' Opening
16 Statement. At this hearing, the Defendant sought permission to claim a "minor impact" defense
17 based on the door allegedly being opened by the Plaintiffs in their Opening Statement when
18 counsel referred to the accident as a "motor vehicle crash." This Court noted that the Plaintiffs
19 in their Opening Statement did not refer to the nature of the impact, the severity of the impact,
20 the fact that the impact was significant enough to cause the Plaintiff's injuries nor any violence
21 associated with the impact. In fact, this Court noted that Plaintiffs' counsel did not describe the
22 impact of the vehicles in any way.
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25 Based on that finding, the Court denied the Defendant's renewed request to be able to
26 raise a "minor impact" defense. Again, the Defendant was clearly and unequivocally on notice
27 that such a defense was precluded.
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1 2. Reference to Minor Impact during Defendant's Opening Statement

2 Immediately following the foregoing discussion outside the presence of the jury, counsel
3 for the Defendant delivered his Opening Statement. He described the stop and go traffic the
4 Defendant encountered before the accident, and stated that the Defendant was nearly stopped
5 before the impact (RTP, March 21, 2011, p. 63). Plaintiffs did not object to this statement,
6 although it arguably raises an inference of a minor impact.
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8 Thereafter, counsel for the Defendant proceeded to attempt to play selected portions of
9 his client's videotaped deposition regarding the nature of the accident, which drew an objection
10 from the Plaintiffs. After a bench conference, this Court determined that not only was the
11 Defendant's deposition hearsay when offered on her own behalf, but also that testimony
12 regarding the nature of the accident, if offered to show it was a minor impact, would be in
13 violation of this Court's pretrial Order.
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15 The Plaintiffs' objection was sustained.

16 3. Clear Violation of Order During Cross-Examination of Dr. Jorg Rosler

17 During the testimony of Dr. Rosler, one of the Plaintiff's treating pain management
18 physicians, counsel for the Defendant asked the following question:
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20 "Do you know anything about what happened to [Defendant] Jenny Rish and her
21 passengers in this accident?"

22 (RPT, March 22, 2011, p. 84)

23 Before the witness could answer, the Plaintiffs objected, citing this Court's pretrial
24 motion ruling.
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26 The only potential relevance of such an inquiry would be to raise an inference that since
27 the Defendant or her passengers were not injured (or that the Plaintiff's treating physician was
28 unaware of any injury), the accident must not have been significant enough to injure the Plaintiff.

1 There is no other potential purpose in obtaining an answer from this witness to that question.
2 Such an inference would be directly contrary to this Court's Order precluding a "minor impact"
3 defense.

4 The Plaintiffs' objection was sustained.

5 4. Clear Violation During Cross-Examination of Dr. Patrick McNulty
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7 Despite the fact that the Court sustained the Plaintiffs' objection to the improper question
8 of Dr. Rosler, counsel for Defendant asked an almost identical question of the next treating
9 physician to testify for Plaintiff. Within the first two minutes of the Defendant's cross-
10 examination of Dr. McNulty, the following questions were asked:

11 [Defense Counsel] And you don't know anything about the car accident other
12 than what [Plaintiff] told you?

13 [Dr. McNulty] It was simply he said he had a car accident and that's when he -
14 his problems started.

15 [Defense Counsel] Okay. But did you discuss with him whether he was able to
16 drive from the scene of the accident?

17 [Dr. McNulty] No, I really didn't go into the other - into the other details. No, I
18 did not discuss that.

19 [Defense Counsel] *Do you know anything about the folks in Jenny Rish's car?*
20 (RTP 3/25/11, p. 4) (Emphasis supplied).

21 Counsel for the Plaintiffs immediately objected and a bench conference ensued. At the
22 bench conference, counsel for the Defendant indicated his position on the relevance of the
23 question:
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25 [Defense Counsel] The relevance is that if one of them were injured or were not,
26 that would be relevant or probative to whether the others were injured.
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1 (RTP 3/25/11, p. 5).

2 In fact, based on this Court's prior rulings, such a position is untenable. As stated in the
3 authority supporting the grant of the Plaintiffs' pretrial Motion in Limine, there is no correlation
4 between the size of the impact and the potential for injury to the Plaintiff. There is no correlation
5 between whether the Defendant or one of her passengers was injured and the potential for injury
6 to the Plaintiff. The Defendant had no credible or admissible evidence suggesting such a
7 correlation and no expert testimony to support such a proposition.
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9 Further, since the question asked on cross-examination of Dr. McNulty was exactly the
10 same question precluded during the cross-examination of Dr. Rosler, the Defendant was clearly
11 on notice that this area of inquiry was improper.
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13 The Plaintiffs' objection was sustained.

14 5. Clear Violation During Cross-Examination of Dr. Jaswinder Grover

15 On the very same afternoon as Dr. McNulty's cross-examination, the Defendant had the
16 opportunity to cross-examine Dr. Grover, another of the Plaintiff's treating physicians. During
17 that cross-examination, counsel for the Defendant *again* asked the very same type of question
18 precluded during the cross-examination of Drs. Rosler and McNulty:
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20 [Defense Counsel] You know the Plaintiff wasn't transported by ambulance.

21 [Dr. Grover] Yes, sir.

22 [Defense Counsel] *You know [whether] Jenny Rish --*

23 [Plaintiff's Counsel] Objection, Your Honor.

24 [Defense Counsel] *-- was lifted from the scene?*
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26 (RTP 3/25/11, p. 141).

27 After all of the previous hearings on the issue of a "minor impact" defense, and after the
28 objections to the same type of question were sustained by this Court, such a question of Dr.

1 Grover is simply inexplicable. Again, there is no potential relevance to a question asked of one
2 of the Plaintiff's treating doctors (who didn't treat the Plaintiff until almost three years after the
3 accident) about any injuries to the Defendant, other than to attempt to infer that the accident was
4 too minor to injure the Plaintiff if the Defendant was not injured. That inference is precluded,
5 based on the fact that the Defendant had no expert witness or admissible evidence to support that
6 inference.
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8 The Plaintiffs' objection was sustained and the jury was directed to disregard the last
9 question.

10 6. Hearing Outside the Presence of the Jury on March 25, 2011

11 Following the testimony of Dr. Grover, at a hearing outside the presence of the jury,
12 counsel for the Plaintiffs made the following record regarding the pervasive and continuous
13 violations of this Court's Orders on pretrial Motions by counsel for the Defendant:
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15 [Plaintiffs' Counsel] Despite the ruling of the Court, despite the arguments we've
16 had outside the presence on the issue of minor impact, in Opening Statement and with
17 each and every witness so far, there's been a question which leads to a conclusion or an
18 argument about minor impact, whether the Defendant was injured in -- whether the doctor
19 knows whether the Defendant was injured in the accident, which could only potentially
20 be relevant to some argument that the accident was too minor to have caused injury,
21 because she wasn't injured.
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23 Each time we've objected. Each time the Court has sustained the objection. I
24 would look for, frankly, some guidance from the Court on what we can do from here out,
25 because it -- I can only assume that it will continue to occur. And so, *I don't know*
26 *whether a progressive sanction that we'd ask for*, that there should be a warning from
27 the Court before this should happen again. But those are my concerns, and I don't know
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1 what other potential relevance there could be to asking a treating physician whether he's
2 aware of whether or not the Defendant was injured in the accident.
3 (RTP 3/25/11, pp. 164-65) (emphasis supplied).

4 Thereafter, a discussion ensued on the record regarding the Court's pretrial ruling and the
5 fact that the Defendant had repeatedly violated it. At the conclusion of the hearing outside the
6 presence of the jury, this Court attempted, once again, to make it clear that the violations were
7 continuous and that the Court would take necessary measures if the violations occurred again.
8 To the Plaintiffs' counsel's suggestion of a progressive sanction, the Court responded thusly:

9 [Court] I think you're right, and I think that *the defense is on notice. I think the*
10 *Order is very clear. I think it clearly has been violated.* I was really surprised to hear a
11 question posed of [Dr. Grover] regarding Ms. Rish when the Court sustained a previous
12 question regarding Ms. Rish of another witness and ruled that that was not relevant. So I
13 was really surprised to hear that very same question posed as to Ms. Rish.

14 ...

15 So I don't know. *It does seem to be at this point to be deliberate, Mr. Rogers.*
16 *And so, I'm inclined to agree that you're on notice. The Court will consider progressive*
17 *sanctions. I don't know what they will be. I hope there won't have to be any assessed.*
18 *But I don't know what else to do to try to get you to comply with the Court's previous*
19 *Orders.*

20 (RTP 3/25/11, pp. 166-67) (emphasis supplied).

21 7. Testimony of Defendant's Expert Witness, Dr. David Fish

22 a) Voir Dire Examination Prior to Direct Examination

23 Defense expert Dr. Fish testified out of order during the Plaintiffs' case-in-chief as an
24 accommodation by the Plaintiff to the Defendant and her expert. At request of the Plaintiffs'

1 counsel immediately prior to Dr. Fish's testimony to the jury, this Court held a hearing outside
2 the presence of the jury to allow the Plaintiffs' counsel to take Dr. Fish on *voir dire* to ensure he
3 was aware of the Court's previous rulings (including an Order granting the Plaintiffs' Motion in
4 Limine to Limit the Testimony of Dr. Fish). Dr. Fish's testimony outside the presence of the
5 jury comprises eighteen pages of the record (See, RTP March 24, 2011, pp. 12-30).

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7 This questioning of Dr. Fish revealed that he was unaware of virtually every pretrial
8 Order entered by this Court, including the Order limiting his testimony. He was unaware of this
9 Court's Order precluding:

- 10 1) Plaintiff's unrelated 2003 motorcycle accident;
11 2) Plaintiff's unrelated 2008 motor vehicle accident;
12 3) Plaintiff's unrelated medical conditions;
13 4) Any suggestion of secondary gain, symptom magnification or malingering;
14 5) Sub rosa video surveillance of Plaintiff (ruling deferred until the conclusion of
15 Plaintiff's direct examination);
16 6) Dr. Fish's testimony regarding biomechanical opinions related to the accident.

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18 Of obvious concern to this Court was the fact that despite the voluminous pretrial
19 motions, the thorough and even repetitious hearings and arguments entertained by this Court on
20 the issues and the consistency of the enforcement of those rulings by this Court, the Defendant
21 had not properly prepared her expert witness. When Dr. Fish volunteered that he thought some
22 of the impediments to his testimony were "strange," the Court responded:
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24 [Court] You know what seems strange to me? That this witness obviously
25 doesn't have any idea what the Court has ruled prior to these motions in limine.

26 (RTP March 24, 2011, p. 24).

27 The Court unambiguously placed Dr. Fish and the Defendant on notice that violations of
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1 the Court's pretrial Orders carried the possibility of sanctions, including striking the testimony of
2 Dr. Fish in its entirety (RTP March 24, 2011, p. 15).

3 b) Violation During Cross-Examination

4 Nevertheless, during cross-examination, Dr. Fish persisted in failing to respond to
5 pertinent questions from the Plaintiffs' counsel and on more than one occasion responded to
6 questions by stating, inferring or insinuating that he was unfairly prohibited from answering the
7 questions based on this Court's prior rulings (RTP March 24, 2011, p. 106, 133).

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9 Despite the repeated and systematic violations of the pretrial Orders in this case and the
10 Court's efforts to cure and prevent the same, Dr. Fish violated rulings on "minor impact" during
11 cross-examination.

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13 When presented with contrary testimony on issues of medicine in prior depositions from
14 other cases, Dr. Fish responded by suggesting that the instant accident was not a "significant
15 accident." The Plaintiffs' oral Motion to Strike was Granted by this Court (RTP March 28,
16 2011, p.71-72).

17 c) Violation During Redirect Examination

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19 At the end of the Defendant's redirect examination of Dr. Fish, counsel for the Defendant
20 in a conclusory fashion asked Dr. Fish to summarize his opinions on causation.

21 [Defense Counsel] ...Doctor, how is it that you can reach an opinion to a medical
22 probability that this accident didn't cause the pain that [the Plaintiff] complained of
23 following this accident?

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25 [Dr. Fish] Well, it's based on multiple factors. It's based on the actual - looking
26 at the images of the MRI. It's looking at the discogram and the results of the discogram.
27 It's looking at the pattern of pain. It's looking at the notes that were taken of the events
28 that happened *and it's knowing about the accident itself.*

1 (RTP March 28, 2011, p.87) (Emphasis supplied).

2 Based on this Court's observation of Dr. Fish's testimony, there is no question that Dr.
3 Fish's response, clearly in violation of this Court's Order, was deliberate. The Plaintiff's
4 objection was sustained, and the jury was admonished to disregard the final statement in Dr.
5 Fish's response.
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7 **D. Irrebuttable Presumption Instruction to the Jury**

8 **1. Plaintiffs' Request for a Special Instruction to the Jury**

9 Following the testimony of Dr. Fish, the Court conducted a hearing outside the presence
10 of the jury at the request of counsel for the Plaintiffs to consider a progressive sanction against
11 the Defendant for the continuous and systematic violations of this Court's Orders on pretrial
12 motions. The Plaintiff offered, as an alternative to striking Defendant's Answer, a special
13 instruction to the jury directing them to presume that the accident in question was of a sufficient
14 quality to have caused the injuries of which Plaintiff complained. The entire hearing on this
15 issue outside the jury's presence comprises twenty-three (23) pages of transcript, which includes
16 a recess by the Court to consider the appropriate language of an adverse inference instruction
17 (See, RTP March 28, 2011, pp. 89-112).
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20 During the hearing, the Plaintiffs' counsel correctly identified the factual and procedural
21 history of the issue of a "minor impact" defense in this case (much of which is set forth above),
22 including the rulings on pretrial motions, the numerous hearings outside the presence of the jury
23 on this issue, the repeated violations of this Court's Order on "minor impact" and the records
24 made establishing notice to the Defendant of possible progressive sanctions for any further
25 violations (RTP March 28, 2011, pp. 89-93).
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27 Counsel for the Plaintiffs then made a further record outlining the proper standard for
28 consideration by this Court under *Young v. Ribeiro Building, Inc.*, 106 Nev. 88 (1990).

1 2. This Court's Consideration of the *Young* Factors

2 In *Young*, the Nevada Supreme Court reiterated that trial courts have inherent equitable
3 powers to issue sanctions for abusive litigation practices. *Id.* at 92. Before issuing such
4 sanctions, a trial court should carefully consider the factors announced in *Young*, although no
5 single factor is necessarily dispositive and each of the non-exhaustive factors should be
6 examined in the light of the case before the trial court. *Id.* As outlined during the hearing by
7 counsel for the Plaintiffs, this Court considered the following factors set forth in *Young* before
8 addressing the language of the special instruction to the jury.¹

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10 a) Degree of willfulness of the violations

11 The violations of this Court's pretrial Orders were continuous and systematic. As set
12 forth above, the Defendant was clearly on notice of the Court's Order regarding this "minor
13 impact" defense yet the Defendant violated this particular Order on numerous occasions. Based
14 on the sheer number of violations of the same order in the same fashion, this Court can only
15 conclude that such violations were willful in nature.

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17 b) The extent to which the non-offending party would be prejudiced by a lesser sanction

18 To date, no lesser sanction had been successful in precluding future violations. This
19 Court has consistently sustained the Plaintiffs' objections and stricken offending questions and
20 answers. At some point, simply directing jurors to disregard continuous violations of pretrial
21 Orders is insufficient.

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23 Counsel for the Plaintiffs indicated that the violations to this point were sufficient to
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26 ¹ In considering non-case concluding sanctions, a trial court shall hold such hearing as it reasonably deems
27 necessary to consider matters that are pertinent to the imposition of appropriate sanctions *Bahena v.*
28 *Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co.*, 245 P.3d 1182, 1185 (Nev. 2010) This court heard extensive arguments from the
Plaintiffs and the Defendant before granting the Plaintiffs' request for a progressive sanction. While an
"express, careful and preferably written" order is required by the Nevada Supreme Court for case
concluding sanctions only, *Young, supra* at 93; *Foster v. Dingwall*, 227 P.3d 1042, 1048-49 (Nev. 2010), this
Court outlines herein its analysis of the *Young* factors that supported the imposition of the non-case
concluding sanction of an irrebuttable presumption instruction.

1 warrant a request that this Court impose a case concluding sanction of striking the Defendant's
2 Answer, but that in harmonizing this particular factor from *Young* it might be necessary for this
3 Court to consider a lesser sanction of a presumption instruction.

4 c) The severity of a sanction of dismissal relative to the severity of the abuse

5 This Court considered, at the time of imposing the sanction of an irrebuttable
6 presumption instruction to the jury, whether the alternative request of striking Defendant's
7 Answer would be an appropriate response to Defendant's continuous violations of this Court's
8 pretrial Orders. While the abuse to this point was systematic and severe, this Court determined
9 that a progressive sanction would be appropriate before consideration of a case concluding
10 sanction.
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12 d) The feasibility and fairness of an alternative, lesser sanction

13 Again, against the backdrop of the Plaintiffs' alternative request to strike Defendant's
14 Answer, this Court considered the feasibility and fairness of a lesser sanction and determined
15 that the irrebuttable presumption instruction requested by Plaintiff appropriately addressed the
16 nature of the violations of the Court's Order precluding evidence to support a "minor impact"
17 defense.
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19 An irrebuttable presumption is a presumption that cannot be overcome by any additional
20 evidence or argument. *Employers Insurance Co. of Nevada v. Daniels*, 122 Nev. 1009, 1015-16,
21 fn. 15 (2006), quoting *Black's Law Dictionary* 1223 (8th ed. 2004). As this Court noted during
22 the sanction hearing, the Order granting the Motion in Limine was based on the Defendant's
23 complete lack of evidence bearing on a "minor impact" defense:
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25 [Court] But the point of the matter was that Defense had no witness who could
26 testify that this was a minor impact and no witness who could testify that this was a
27 minor impact that could not have caused the injuries to Plaintiff, that Plaintiff sustained.
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1 Defense simply didn't have any witnesses to so testify. That's why the motion in limine
2 was granted.

3 (RTP March 28, 2011, p. 104).

4 Given that the Defendant had no admissible, credible evidence to offer to support this
5 "minor impact" defense, an irrebuttable presumption instruction was appropriate to communicate
6 to the jury what the Defendant failed to comprehend throughout the trial: namely, that there is no
7 evidence to suggest that the impact in this accident was too minor to cause the injuries the
8 Plaintiff claims to have suffered. An alternative adverse inference instruction or a rebuttable
9 presumption instruction would have given the Defendant exactly what was precluded in the
10 Order on the pretrial motions: namely, an opportunity to rebut the contention that the accident
11 was of sufficient character to have caused injury. Again, the Defendant had no evidence with
12 which to rebut that contention.

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15 e) The policy favoring adjudication on the merits

16 Mindful of this policy, the Court declined at this point to grant the Plaintiffs' request to
17 strike the Defendant's Answer and instead issued the irrebuttable presumption instruction.

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19 Given the Defendant's concession of responsibility for the accident, the "merits" of this
20 case for the trier of fact to adjudicate were limited to the amount of damages suffered as a result
21 of the accident. Since the Defendant had no evidence to support a contention that the nature of
22 the impact in the accident was relevant to the amount of damages, the issues for the trier of fact
23 were not materially affected by the irrebuttable presumption instruction.

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25 f) Whether sanctions unfairly penalize a party for the misconduct of her attorney

26 In this Court's view, the key to this factor from *Young* is whether the Defendant is
27 **unfairly** penalized for her attorney's misconduct. However, the irrebuttable presumption
28 instruction imposed as a sanction by the Court did not unfairly penalize the Defendant. It simply

1 allowed the jury to irrebuttably presume the very fact that Defendant had no admissible evidence
2 to rebut – that the motor vehicle accident was sufficient in character and quality to have caused
3 the injuries suffered by the Plaintiff.

4 Additionally, as set forth below, it must be noted that the special instruction to the jury
5 still allowed them to consider whether the accident in question actually and proximately caused
6 Plaintiff's injuries. The only presumption was that the accident was sufficient in character and
7 quality to have potentially done so. The only issue eliminated or restricted by the irrebuttable
8 presumption instruction was the "minor impact" defense for which Defendant had no evidence to
9 support.
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11 g) The need to deter parties and future litigants

12 As set forth in great detail above, the sanctions employed by the Court to deter this
13 conduct had proven unsuccessful. Although this particular factor was not the overriding factor in
14 determining that the special instruction to the jury was warranted, this Court hoped that this
15 progressive sanction would at least deter the Defendant from continuing to violate the Orders of
16 this Court.
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18 3. The Irrebuttable Presumption Instruction

19 This Court took a recess to allow the Plaintiffs' counsel to draft a proposed instruction
20 and then heard argument from both sides regarding the exact language of the instruction. After
21 considering the proposed language and making some amendments thereto, as well as considering
22 the necessity of instructing the jury immediately as a curative measure, the Court read the
23 following instruction to the jury:
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25 [Court] Furthermore, ladies and gentlemen of the jury, the Defendant has, on
26 numerous occasions, attempted to introduce evidence that the accident of April 15, 2005,
27 was too minor to cause the injuries complained of. This type of evidence has previously
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1 been precluded by this Court.

2 In view of that, this Court instructs the members of the jury that there is an
3 irrebuttable presumption that the motor vehicle accident of April 15, 2005, was sufficient
4 to cause the type of injuries sustained by the Plaintiff. Whether it proximately caused
5 those injuries remains a question for the jury to determine.

6 (RTP March 28, 2011, p. 113, 149-50).

7 Before making the discretionary ruling to issue that curative instruction to the jury, this
8 Court examined the relevant facts, applied a proper standard of law and used a demonstratively
9 rational process to reach a reasonable conclusion. *See, Bass-Davis v. Davis*, 122 Nev. 442, 447-
10 48 (2006).

11 **E. Plaintiffs' Request to Strike Defendant's Answer Based on Repeated Violations of This**
12 **Court's Pretrial Orders**

13 During the hearing on March 28, 2011, wherein this Court considered the above-quoted
14 special instruction in lieu of the Plaintiffs' request to strike Defendant's Answer, counsel for the
15 Plaintiffs made clear that a further violation of this Court's Orders would be met with the
16 Plaintiffs' renewed request of the Court to strike the Defendant's Answer (RTP March 28, 2011,
17 p. 97).

18 1. Cross-Examination of Plaintiff, William Simao

19 During the Defendant's cross-examination of Plaintiff WILLIAM SIMAO, counsel asked
20 about circumstances surrounding the accident, including questions regarding the stop-and-go
21 nature of traffic on the freeway before the accident took place. The Plaintiffs objected, and a
22 bench conference ensued.

23 At the bench conference, the Plaintiffs asked for an offer of proof of what potential
24 relevance the speed of the vehicles would have, **other** than to suggest an inference that the
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1 impact of the collision was insufficient to cause the Plaintiff's injuries (RTP March 28, 2011, pp.
2 92-95). Counsel for the Defendant failed to offer during the bench conference a sufficient
3 explanation of how the speed of the vehicles prior to the collision has a tendency to make the
4 existence of any fact of consequence more or less probable, *see*, NRS 48.015, other than to
5 suggest a minor impact (RTP March 28, 2011, p. 94-96).

6 The Plaintiffs' objection was sustained.

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8 What then followed can only be described by this Court as an intentional attempt to
9 further violate this Court's clear and unambiguous Order.

10 Regarding the post-accident response by law enforcement and medical personnel, counsel
11 for the Defendant asked the following questions of Mr. Simao:

12 [Defense Counsel] Now, we've heard several times through this trial that an
13 ambulance came to the scene.

14 [Mr. Simao] Yes.

15 [Defense Counsel] And that you declined treatment.

16 [Mr. Simao] I did.

17 [Defense Counsel] *And the paramedics didn't transport anyone from Mrs. Rish's*
18 *car?*

19 (RTP March 28, 2011, p. 98) (Emphasis supplied).

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21 An immediate objection was interposed by Plaintiffs' counsel and a brief bench
22 conference was convened before this Court excused the jury and addressed the matter on the
23 record outside their presence.

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26 2. Plaintiff's Request to Strike Defendant's Answer

27 During the hearing outside the jury's presence, counsel for the Plaintiffs again made an
28 exhaustive record of all of the occasions this Court had to direct and admonish Defendant not to

1 address "minor impact" issues as a result of this Court's previous Orders. A significant record
2 was made of the notice provided to the Defendants that not only was the conduct violative of this
3 Court's Order, but further that the Plaintiffs would be asking the Court to strike the Defendant's
4 Answer as a sanction therefore (RTP March 28, 2011, pp. 101-05).

5 The response from the Defendant was essentially that she should not be precluded from
6 any discussion of the accident in question. Such an argument, this Court noted, misses the point
7 and unfairly and incorrectly broadens the scope of the pretrial Order. An incorrect summary of
8 the Court's Order that any and all discussion of the accident in question is precluded is vastly
9 different from questioning four separate witnesses as to whether anyone from the Defendant's
10 vehicle was injured in the crash. On this issue, the Court's prior pronouncements could not have
11 been clearer.
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14 While inclined to grant the Plaintiffs' motion to strike the Defendant's Answer at the
15 conclusion of the hearing outside the presence of the jury, this Court instead took the opportunity
16 to recess to again review the appropriate law, including the Nevada Supreme Court's opinion in
17 *Young v. Ribeiro Building, Inc.*, on the issue of case concluding sanctions for abusive litigation
18 practices and continuous violations of Orders of the Court.
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20 3. This Court's Consideration of the Law as Applied to the Facts of This Case

21 As set forth above, the Nevada Supreme Court in *Young* reiterated that trial courts have
22 inherent equitable powers to issue sanctions for abusive litigation practices, including case
23 concluding sanctions such as dismissal or the striking of pleadings. *Young, supra* at 92. Case
24 concluding sanctions are subject to a "somewhat heightened standard of review," *Id.*; *Foster v.*
25 *Dingwall*, 227 P.3d 1042, 1048 (Nev. 2010), to determine if the sanctions are just and relate to
26 the claims at issue.
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28 Before issuing such sanctions, a trial court should carefully consider the factors

1 announced in *Young*, although no single factor is necessarily dispositive and each of the non-
2 exhaustive factors should be examined in the light of the case before the trial court. *Young*,
3 *supra* at 92. Additionally, case concluding sanctions shall be supported by an express, careful
4 and preferably written explanation of the trial court's analysis of the *Young* factors. *Id.* at 93;
5 *Bahena v. Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co.*, 235 P.3d 592, 598 (Nev. 2010), *rehearing denied*, 245
6 P.3d 1182 (2010).
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8 This Court carefully considered the plethora of violations of Court Orders before granting
9 the Plaintiffs' request to strike the Defendant's Answer. The hearing outside the presence of the
10 jury encompasses fifteen pages (15), which does not include the independent research and
11 analysis conducted by this Court during a lengthy recess in the proceedings. The Court's
12 consideration of the *Young* factors, although similar in many respects to the consideration of the
13 same factors three days earlier at the time of the irrebuttable presumption sanction, includes the
14 following:
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16 a) Degree of willfulness of the violations
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18 A violation of an Order on a motion in limine may serve as a basis for some type of
19 sanction if the Order is specific in its prohibition and the violation is clear. *BMW v. Roth*, 127
20 Nev.Ad.Op. 11, p.12, citing to *Black v. Schultz*, 530 F.3d 702, 706 (8th Cir. 2008). As set forth
21 previously, the violations of this Court's clear and unambiguous Orders were continuous,
22 systematic and pervasive. Such violations include, but are not limited to, the following:
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24 i. Violation of Order precluding evidence of "medical build-up" during Opening
25 Statement;

26 ii. Violation of Order precluding evidence of "medical build-up" during the
27 testimony of Dr. Patrick McNulty;

28 iii. Violation of Order precluding evidence of unrelated accidents during Opening

1 Statement;

2 iv. Violation of Order precluding evidence or argument in support of "minor
3 impact" defense during Opening Statement;

4 v. Violation of Order precluding evidence or argument in support of "minor
5 impact" defense during testimony of Dr. Jorg Rosler (question regarding injuries to the
6 Defendant or her passengers);

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8 vi. Violation of Order precluding evidence or argument in support of "minor
9 impact" defense during testimony of Dr. Patrick McNulty (question regarding injuries to
10 Defendant or her passengers);

11 vii. Violation of Order precluding evidence or argument in support of "minor
12 impact" defense during testimony of Dr. Jaswinder Grover (question regarding injuries to
13 Defendant or her passengers);

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15 viii. Defendant's abject failure to apprise defense expert Dr. David Fish of
16 court's rulings on all motions in limine;

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18 ix. Violation of Order precluding evidence or argument in support of "minor
19 impact" defense during testimony of Dr. David Fish (question and answer regarding the
20 nature of the accident);

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22 x. Violation of Order precluding evidence or argument in support of "minor
23 impact" defense during testimony of Plaintiff William Simao (question regarding injuries
24 to the Defendant or her passengers);

25 These violations of the Court's Order precluding the "minor impact" defense are
26 considered by this Court to be even more egregious given the numerous hearings outside the
27 presence of the jury wherein this Court repeatedly and unequivocally prohibited the areas of
28 inquiry subsequently broached by counsel for Defendant. Those hearings include:

1 i. Hearing on the Plaintiffs' Motion in Limine, March 1, 2011;

2 ii. Hearing outside the presence of jury to discuss "minor impact," March 18,
3 2011;

4 iii. Hearing outside the presence of jury to discuss whether the Plaintiffs opened
5 the door to "minor impact" defense during Opening Statement, March 21, 2011;

6 iv. Objection sustained to counsel for the Defendant's question of Dr. Rosler
7 regarding injuries to occupants of the Defendant's vehicle, March 22, 2011;

8 v. Objection sustained to counsel for the Defendant's question of Dr. McNulty
9 regarding injuries to occupants of the Defendant's vehicle, March 25, 2011;

10 vi. Objection sustained to counsel for the Defendant's question of Dr. Grover
11 regarding injuries to occupants of the Defendant's vehicle, March 25, 2011;

12 vii. Hearing outside the presence of the jury to discuss "minor impact" defense
13 and the Plaintiffs' notice of seeking progressive sanctions, March 25, 2011;

14 viii. Objection sustained to counsel for the Defendant's question of Dr. Fish
15 which resulted in response citing to the nature of the impact, March 28, 2011;

16 ix. Hearing outside the presence of the jury to discuss "minor impact" defense
17 and the Plaintiffs' request for irrebuttable presumption instruction for the Defendant's
18 continued violations of Court's Order, March 28, 2011;

19 x. Objection sustained to counsel for the Defendant's question of Plaintiff
20 William Simao regarding injuries to occupants of the Defendant's vehicle, March 31,
21 2011;

22 At the hearing on the Plaintiffs' oral motion to strike the Defendant's Answer, this Court
23 characterized the continuing violations as having been "willfull, deliberate, [and] abusive," (RTP
24 March 31, 2011, pp. 111-12), based on the fact that counsel for Defendant "refuses to comply
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1 with this Court's rulings" (RTP March 31, 2011, p. 112). Particularly disturbing was counsel
2 for Defendant's systematic insistence upon asking the Plaintiff and three separate treating
3 doctors whether they were aware of any injuries to passengers in the Defendant's vehicle, despite
4 this Court's clear preclusion of that inquiry after each instance of misconduct.

5 b) The extent to which the non-offending party would be prejudiced by a lesser sanction

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7 As set forth previously, the imposition of lesser sanctions did not act to curb the
8 Defendant's violations of this Court's pretrial Orders. An attorney's violation of an Order on a
9 motion in limine is misconduct which justifies evidentiary sanctions or even a new trial. *See,*
10 *BMW v. Roth*, 127 Nev.Ad.Op. 11, p.12; *Lioce v. Cohen*, 124 Nev. 1 (2008). Although Nevada
11 precedent does not follow the federal model of requiring progressive sanctions before imposing a
12 case concluding sanction, *see, Bahena v. Goodyear Tire & Rubber, supra*, 245 P.3d at 1184-85,
13 this Court nevertheless imposed progressive sanctions against the Defendant including the
14 irrebuttable presumption instruction to no avail. Nothing this Court could fashion, short of a
15 case concluding sanction, was successful to halt violations of this Court's pretrial Orders.
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17 Given the frequency of the Defendant's violations of this Court's Order precluding a
18 "minor impact" defense, all of which occurred in front of the jury, the Plaintiffs were prejudiced
19 by having this issue repeatedly brought to the jury's attention. In the eyes of the jury, the
20 Plaintiffs were repeatedly preventing the jury from hearing about the significance of the impact,
21 when in fact this Court had determined that a "minor impact" defense was unavailable to the
22 Defendants given the lack of evidence (and expert testimony) to support such a defense. In
23 reliance upon this Court's Order granting the Plaintiffs' Motion in Limine, the Plaintiffs had
24 released their biomechanical expert and had neither mentioned his name nor offered his opinions
25 in Opening Statement. The Plaintiffs had relied on this Court's Order that no "minor impact"
26 defense would be presented to the jury. The Plaintiffs had further relied on the fact that such a
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1 ruling would be upheld by this Court during the course of trial. The unfair prejudice to the
2 Plaintiffs was clearly shown. *See, Roth, supra.*

3 This Court also recognizes the prejudice to the Plaintiffs in making objection after
4 objection to the Defendant's inappropriate questions. "[W]hen...an attorney must continuously
5 object to repeated or persistent misconduct, the non-offending attorney is placed in the difficult
6 position of having to make repeated objections before the trier of fact, which might cast a
7 negative impression on the attorney and the party the attorney represents, emphasizing the
8 improper point." *Lioce v. Cohen*, 174 P3d 970, 981 (Nev. 2008).

10 As such, it is the finding of this Court that the Plaintiffs would be unfairly prejudiced by
11 the continuous introduction of questions, evidence and argument designed to create an inference
12 that the subject motor vehicle accident was too minor to cause the Plaintiff's injuries.

14 c) The severity of a sanction of striking Defendant's Answer relative to the severity of
15 the abuse

16 Again, the pervasive and continuous nature of these violations warrants the sanction
17 ultimately imposed. Every litigant has the right to disagree with any ruling made or Order
18 entered by a trial court. His remedy is with an appellate court, based upon reasonable grounds as
19 the law requires. His remedy is never to just continue violating the Orders unchecked.

21 d) The feasibility and fairness of an alternative, lesser sanction

22 As set forth above, alternative lesser sanctions were apparently rejected by the Defendant
23 in favor of continuing to violate the Orders of the Court. When the Plaintiffs first asked this
24 Court to strike the Defendant's Answer on March 28, 2011, the Court considered this factor from
25 the *Young* decision to impose an alternative sanction of an irrebuttable presumption instruction.

27 As this Court indicated at the hearing on the Plaintiffs' second oral request to the strike
28 Defendant's Answer:

1 [Court] Regarding the feasibility and fairness of an alternative, lesser sanction,

2 you know, the only thing I can say is less severe sanctions were imposed to no avail.

3 (RPT March 31, 2011, p. 113).

4 This analysis is bolstered by the fact that the Plaintiffs requested that the Court strike the
5 Defendant's Answer three days earlier and put the Defendant on notice that they would seek to
6 strike the Defendant's Answer should any future violations occur.
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8 e) The policy favoring adjudication on the merits

9 As set forth above, this Court opted for less severe sanctions for all of the violations prior
10 to March 31, 2011, in large measure because of the policy favoring adjudication on the merits.
11 Even the irrebuttable presumption instruction given as a lesser, alternative sanction did not
12 prevent the Defendant from presenting any defense that they actually had evidence to present. It
13 is also worth noting that the Defendant had already agreed on the record not to challenge liability
14 for the accident.
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16 Further, this Court recognizes that the Nevada Supreme Court has upheld the striking of
17 pleadings for a party's failure to attend his deposition, *Foster v. Dingwall, supra*; for repetitive,
18 abusive and recalcitrant conduct during discovery, *Young, supra*; *Hamlett v. Reynolds*, 114 Nev.
19 863 (1998) (upholding the trial court's strike order where the defaulting party's constant failure
20 to follow the court's orders was unexplained and unwarranted); for a party's continued failure to
21 appear at scheduled court proceedings, *Durango Fire Protection, Inc. v. Troncoso*, 120 Nev. 658,
22 662 (2004); and for the failure to abide by rulings of the Discovery Commissioner, *Bahena v.*
23 *Goodyear Tire & Rubber, supra*. Additionally, the Nevada Supreme Court has approved
24 consideration of the *Young* factors as a guide to trial courts for sanctions grounded in violations
25 of court orders at trial. *See, Romo v. Keplinger*, 115 Nev. 94, 97 (1999).
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28 The willful and deliberate violations of this Court's Orders are equally as egregious as

1 any discovery violation, especially given the fact that the repeated violations in the instant case
2 occurred in front of the jury.

3 f) The need to deter parties and future litigants

4 Given its inherent powers derived from the Nevada Constitution and strong case
5 precedent, this Court simply cannot allow litigants to openly and deliberately abuse the litigation
6 process by disregarding Orders of the Court when convenient or tactically advantageous to do so,
7 especially when unfair prejudice to the non-offending party results. Such an allowance would
8 render courts of justice meaningless in the State of Nevada.
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10 In the final analysis, after review and consideration of all of the various factors
11 announced in Young, it is the determination of this Court that the intentional, deliberate, abusive
12 and unfairly prejudicial conduct of the Defendant in repeatedly violating clear Orders of this
13 Court warrants the ultimate sanction of striking the Defendant's Answer.
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15 It is immaterial whether, as the Plaintiffs suggested several times during the trial, it was
16 the true intention of the Defendant to force or goad the Plaintiffs to seek a mistrial. What is
17 material is that the deliberate conduct of counsel for the Defendant in disregarding and violating
18 Court Orders could not be halted by this Court with any other sanction.
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20 Neither sustained objections, a multitude of hearings outside the presence of the jury, nor
21 progressive sanctions deterred the Defendant's ignorance of Orders of this Court.

22 Having carefully and thoughtfully considered the available remedies, it is the decision of
23 this Court, for all of the reasons set forth above, that striking the Defendant's Answer is
24 appropriate under the particular circumstances presented herein.
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26 **II. Plaintiffs' Request for a Prove-Up Hearing to Establish Damages**

27 By the time of the last violation of this Court's Orders by the Defendant, most of the
28 Plaintiffs' evidence had been presented to the Court over the first ten (10) days of testimony.

1 Counsel for the Plaintiffs requested a hearing the following day for essentially a prove-up
2 hearing similar to the entry of a default judgment under NRCP 55b.

3 Counsel for the Defendant then requested the ability to be heard at the argument on
4 damages, pursuant to *Hamlett v. Reynolds*, 114 Nev. 863 (1998). In *Hamlett*, the Nevada
5 Supreme Court struck Hamlett's Answer as a sanction for his continued failure to comply with
6 discovery orders pursuant to *Young v. Ribeiro Building, supra*. Hamlett claimed the trial court
7 erred in restricting his participation in the prove-up hearing to cross-examining Reynolds'
8 witnesses. In analyzing this issue under NRCP 55(b)(2), the Court stated:

10 The language of NRCP 55(b)(2) that the "court may conduct such hearings or
11 order such references as it deems necessary and proper" suggests to us an intent to give
12 trial courts broad discretion in determining how prove-up hearings should be conducted.
13 Thus, we conclude that the extent to which a defaulting party will participate in prove-up
14 is a decision properly delegated to the trial courts. The trial courts should make this
15 determination on a case-by-case basis and not according to static rules implemented by
16 this court.

17 In deciding the extent to which a defaulted party will be permitted to participate in
18 prove-up, if at all, trial courts should remember that the purpose of conducting a hearing
19 after default, according to NRCP 55(b)(2), is to determine the amount of damages and
20 establish the truth of any averment. To that end, trial courts should determine the extent
21 to which full participation by the defaulted party will facilitate the truth-seeking process.

22 *Hamlett, supra* at 866-67.

23 In *Foster v. Dingwall, supra*, the Nevada Supreme Court clearly stated the standard for
24 proving up damages after a default is entered as a sanction. During the prove-up hearing, this
25 Court shall consider the allegations deemed admitted by the fact of the default to determine if the
26 Plaintiff has established a *prima facie* case for liability. *Foster, supra*, 227 P.3d at 1049-50. A
27 *prima facie* case is defined as sufficiency of evidence in order to send the question to the jury.
28 *Id.* at 1050. In the instant case, Defendant Rish admitted responsibility for the accident and
stipulated to liability. What was left was a determination of the Plaintiffs' damages, and the
Plaintiffs requested that this Court take notice of the evidence that had been presented in the

1 preceding ten (10) days of testimony. Even though allegations in the pleadings are deemed
2 admitted as a result of the entry of default, the admission does not relieve the non-offending
3 party's obligation to present substantial evidence of the amount of damages suffered by both of
4 the Plaintiffs. *Id.* Having reviewed the evidence and concluding that a *prima facie* case had
5 been established by both Plaintiffs, this Court determined that the Plaintiffs are entitled to
6 damages for the harms proximately caused by the motor vehicle accident.
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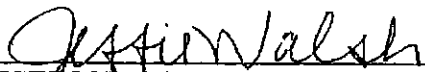
8 In determining the level of participation of the Defendant in the prove-up hearing, this
9 Court was mindful of the Nevada Supreme Court's pronouncement in *Foster* and *Young* that
10 because the default was entered as a result of the Defendant's abusive litigation practices, the
11 Defendant "forfeited his right to object to all but the most patent and fundamental defects" in the
12 prove-up. *Foster, supra* at 1050; *Young, supra* at 95.
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14 Nevertheless, in an exercise of discretion authorized by *Hamlett*, this Court determined
15 that the Defendant would be allowed to address the Plaintiffs' brief final argument on damages
16 in an argument of her own, to be followed by a brief rebuttal argument on behalf of the Plaintiffs.
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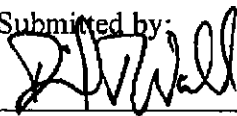
18 Based on all of the foregoing, **THIS COURT HEREBY ORDERS** that Plaintiffs' oral
19 Motion to Strike Defendant's Answer is **GRANTED**.

20 This matter stands submitted following the arguments of counsel and the prove-up
21 hearing of April 1, 2011, pending further Order of this Court.

22 DATED this 21st day of April, 2011.

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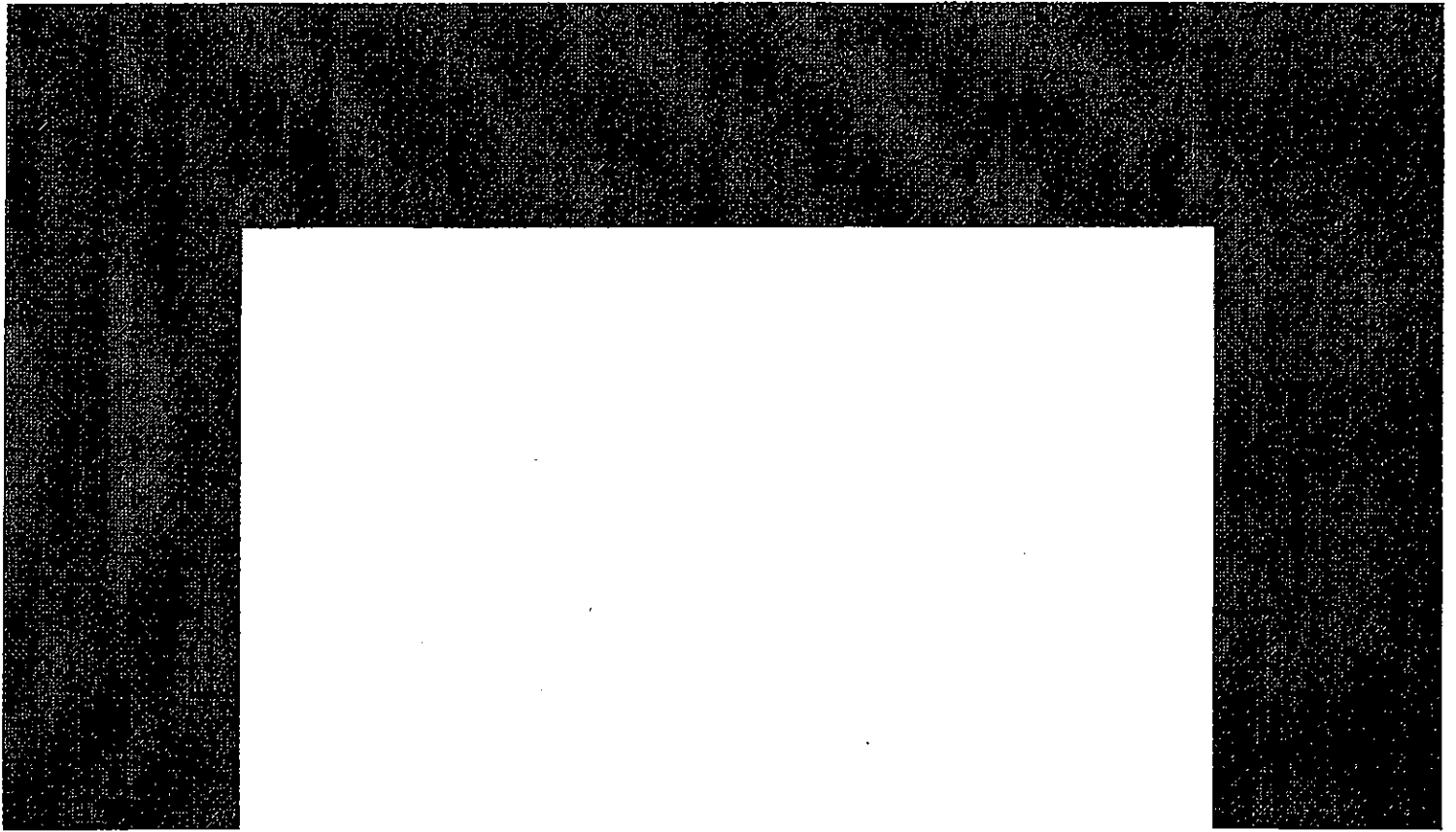
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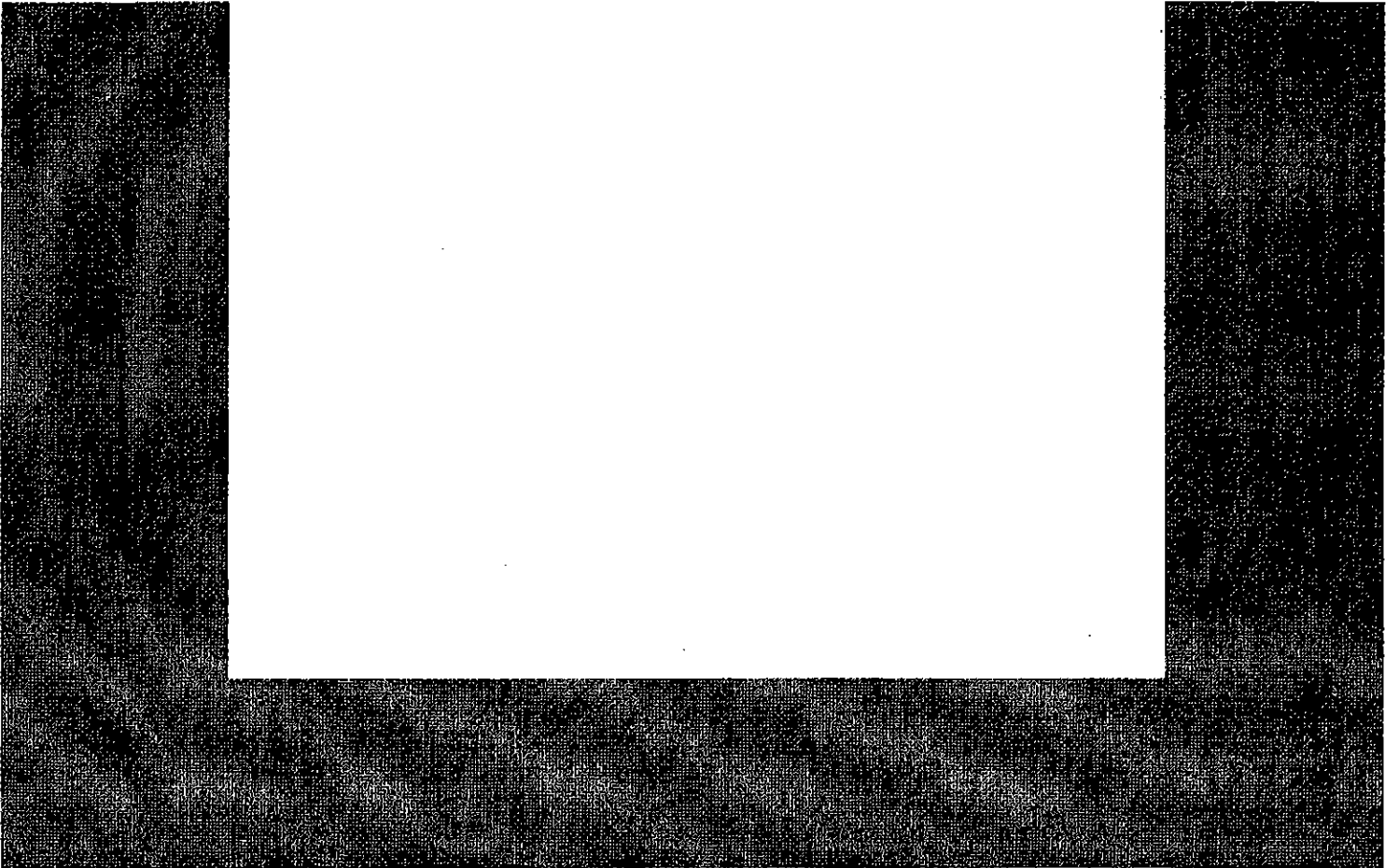
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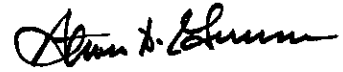


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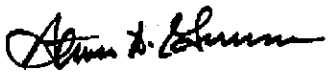
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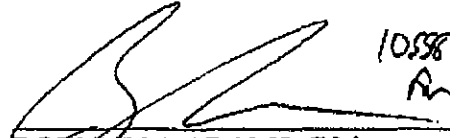
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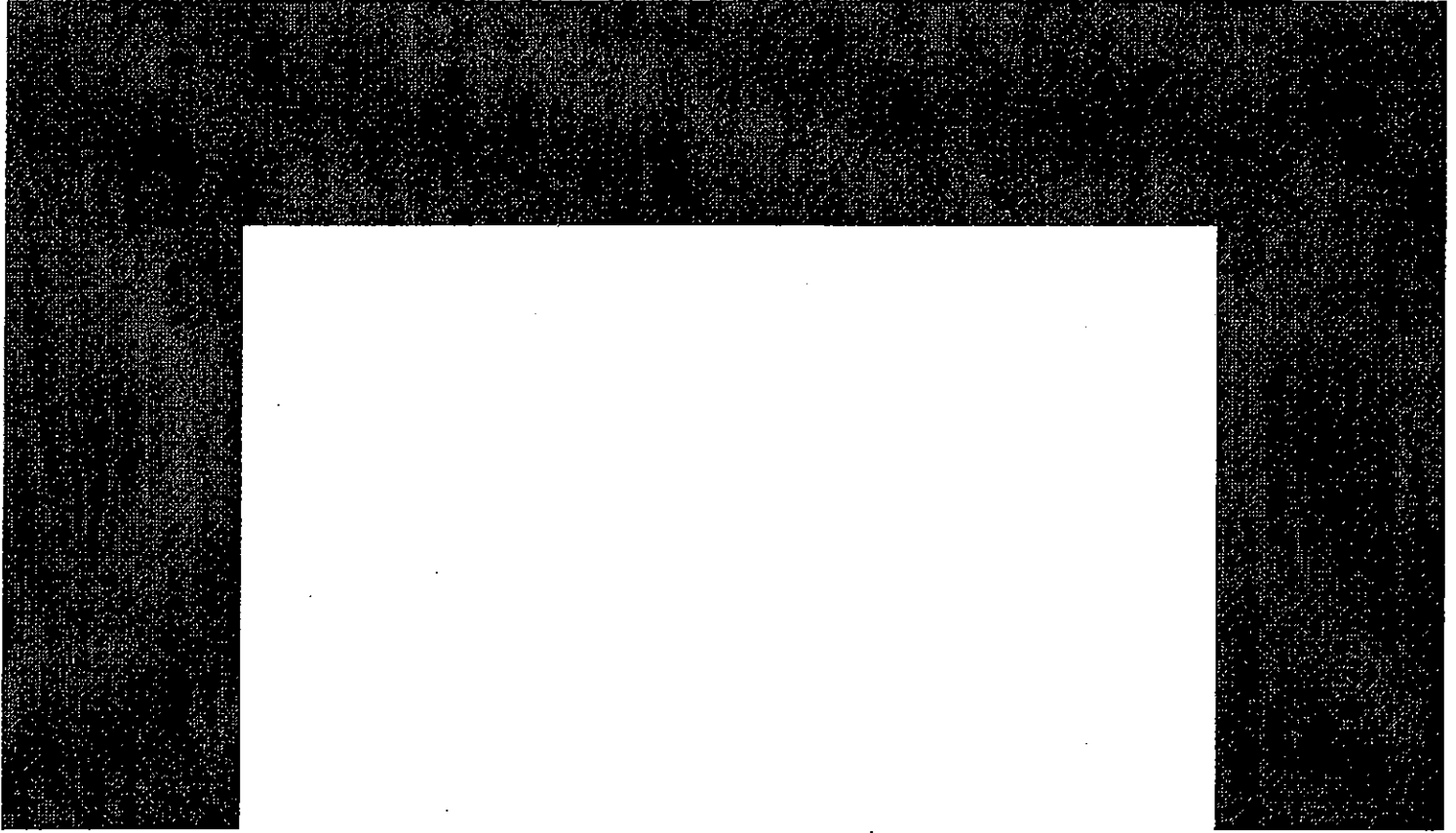
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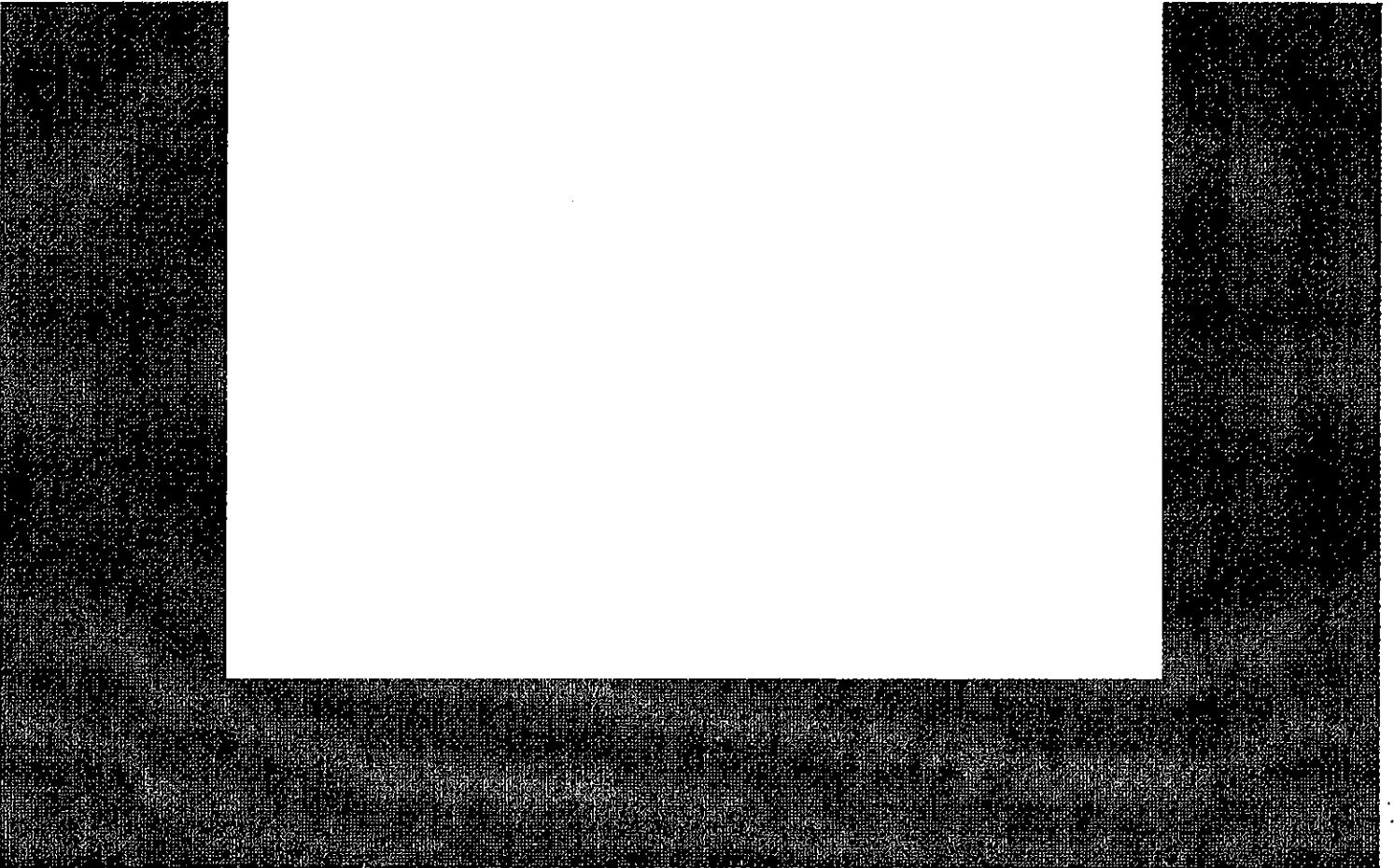
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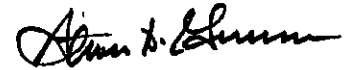


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27 **NOTICE OF ENTRY OF ORDER**

28 PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the court entered an order in the above entitled matter
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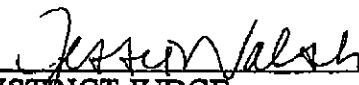

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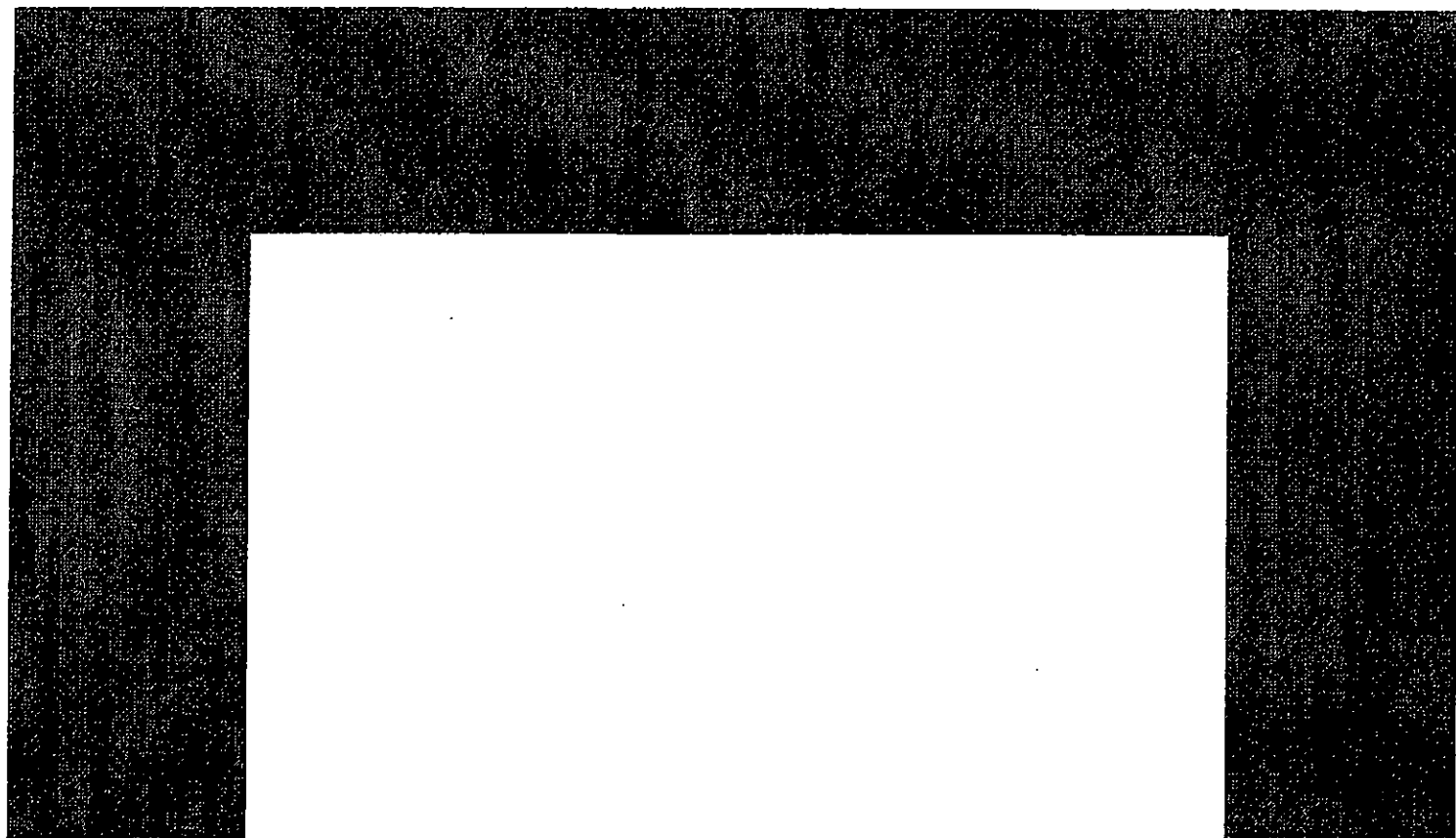
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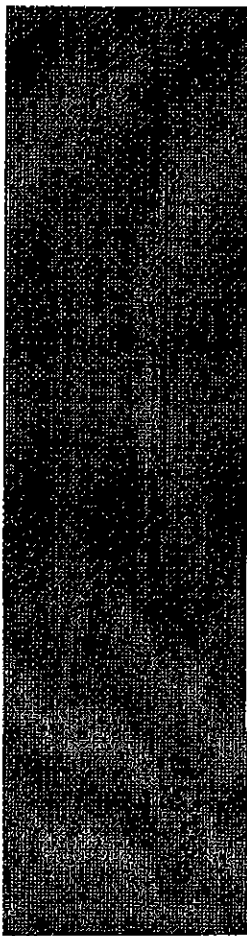
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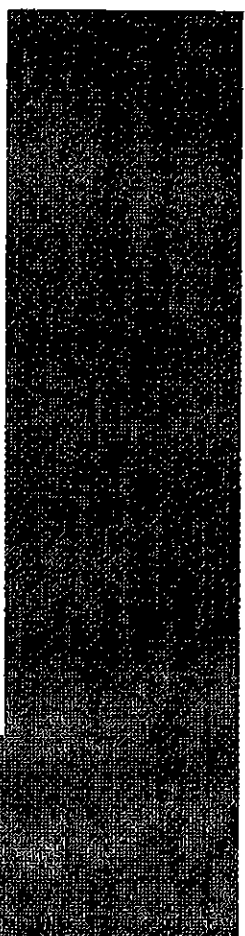
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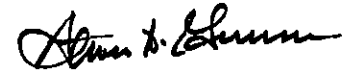
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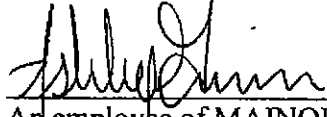
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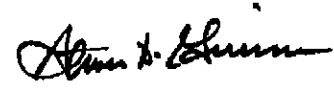

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**DECISION AND ORDER REGARDING PLAINTIFFS' MOTION TO STRIKE
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1 STEPHEN H. ROGERS, ESQ. and DANIEL F. POLSENBERG, ESQ. present for Defendant,
2 JENNY RISH, and following the Court's oral pronouncement from the bench GRANTING
3 Plaintiffs' Motion, the Court hereby enters the following written Decision and Order:

4 **I. Factual and Procedural Background**

5 This case involves a motor vehicle accident occurring on April 15, 2005. The Plaintiff,
6 WILLIAM SIMAO, was driving southbound on Interstate 15 when he was rear-ended by a
7 vehicle driven by the Defendant, JENNY RISH. Defendant did not deny causing the accident.
8 Plaintiff WILLIAM SIMAO was injured in the accident and brought the instant action, which
9 included a claim for loss of consortium by WILLIAM SIMAO's wife, Plaintiff CHERYL
10 SIMAO.
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12 This matter was presented for jury trial beginning on March 14, 2011, and the trial had
13 nearly been completed before the instant Motion was made. However, the facts supporting the
14 Motion and the grounds upon which to analyze the Motion include rulings made by this Court
15 before the trial commenced. The Plaintiffs' oral motion to strike the Defendant's Answer is
16 rooted primarily in the Defendant's repeated violations of this Court's Order granting the
17 Plaintiffs' Motion in Limine to Preclude Defendant From Raising a Minor Impact Defense.
18 However, this Court recognizes that Defendant violated other Orders of this Court during the
19 trial, and the cumulative effect of such violations is material to the Court's analysis. Before
20 itemizing and analyzing the violations of this Court's Order on "minor impact," it is necessary to
21 consider the violations of other Court orders by the Defendant.
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23 **A. Violation of Order Precluding Evidence of Unrelated Accidents, Injuries or Medical**
24 **Conditions**

25 **1. Plaintiffs' Motion in Limine**

26 On January 7, 2011, Plaintiffs brought an Omnibus Motion in Limine, which included a
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1 request to preclude the Defendant from introducing evidence of Prior and Subsequent Unrelated
2 Accidents, Injuries and Medical Conditions and Prior and Subsequent Claims or Lawsuits. This
3 portion of the Omnibus Motion in Limine specifically asked this Court to preclude evidence of
4 an unrelated 2003 motorcycle accident involving the Plaintiff, since no medical provider had
5 connected any of the minor injuries sustained by the Plaintiff in the 2003 motorcycle accident to
6 any injuries suffered in the instant accident. In short, the evidence established that the
7 motorcycle accident was irrelevant.

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9 The Defendant filed an Opposition to Plaintiffs' Omnibus Motion in Limine, and the
10 matter was heard by this Court on February 15, 2011, at which time this Court GRANTED
11 Plaintiffs' request. On March 9, 2011, this Court entered a written Order which stated in
12 pertinent part as follows:

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14 **"IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that Plaintiffs' request to exclude prior and
15 subsequent unrelated accidents, injuries and medical conditions, and prior and subsequent
16 claims or lawsuits is GRANTED in all respects."

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18 Following the entry of the foregoing Order, all parties were on notice that this Court had
19 specifically precluded the Defendant from introducing evidence of unrelated accidents, including
20 the 2003 motorcycle accident.

21 2. Defendant's Clear Violation in Opening Statement

22 In his Opening Statement, counsel for the Defendant presented to the jury a Power Point
23 slide referencing William Simao's 2003 motorcycle accident. The Plaintiffs objected, asked that
24 the slide be shielded from the jury, and approached for a sidebar conference.

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26 The slide clearly and unambiguously violated the Order of this Court on the Plaintiffs'
27 Omnibus Motion in Limine, which Motion specifically referenced the 2003 motorcycle accident
28 as an accident *unrelated* to any issue in the instant case. The jury was directed to disregard the

1 slide and was further admonished that a pretrial ruling of the Court excluded evidence of the
2 2003 motorcycle accident.

3 The Plaintiffs' objection was sustained.

4 Following this admonition, this Court held a hearing outside the presence of the jury to
5 allow the Defendant's counsel and the Plaintiffs' counsel to review the remaining slides
6 accompanying the defense Opening Statement to determine if any of them violated court orders.
7 Several of them violated orders and were removed (RTP, March 21, 2011, p. 75). Notably, the
8 Plaintiffs' counsel made the following statement outside the presence of the jury:
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10 There were multiple other slides that had the same type of problems in them.
11 Most of them Mr. Rogers agreed with and took those statements out of the slides, but
12 again, if we hadn't done that, there would have been three to four more clear violations of
13 ... this Court's pretrial orders.
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15 As Mr. Wall [Plaintiffs' co-counsel] said at the bench, I think it's clear -- I think
16 it's abundantly clear that Mr. Rogers is going to try to mistry this case. I think it is
17 abundantly clear that that's what's going on.
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19 I told the Court at the last bench conference that that was two. If there were any
20 additional ones, we were going to start asking for monetary sanctions *and other potential*
21 *sanctions* in this case for this type of *systematic refusal to comply with pretrial court*
22 *orders*.
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24 *I expect his experts are going to do it as well.* I can assure this Court that they are
25 going to violate a number of the orders in their testimony, just like Mr. Rogers did up
26 there....
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28 (RTP, March 21, 2011, p. 75) (emphasis supplied).

1 **B. Violations of Order Precluding Evidence That This is a "Medical Build-up" Case**

2 **1. Plaintiffs' Motion in Limine**

3 Within the afore-mentioned Omnibus Motion in Limine, the Plaintiffs also sought to
4 preclude any evidence or argument that the case was "attorney driven" or a "medical build-up"
5 case. This section of the Plaintiffs' Omnibus Motion in Limine was also heard by this Court on
6 February 15, 2011, at which time this Court GRANTED the Plaintiffs' request. During the
7 hearing on this Motion, counsel for the Defendant conceded he had no evidence of any kind
8 suggesting that this case was "attorney driven" or a "medical build-up" case. This Court's
9 written Order of March 9, 2011, also stated as follows:
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11 **"IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that Plaintiffs' request to preclude argument that
12 this case is 'attorney driven' or a 'medical build-up' case is GRANTED."
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14 Following the entry of the foregoing Order, all parties were on notice that this Court had
15 specifically precluded the Defendant from arguing or presenting evidence that the instant case
16 was a "medical build-up" case, in large measure as a result of the Defendant having no such
17 evidence to present.
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19 **2. Defendant's Clear Violation During Opening Statement**

20 In his Opening Statement, counsel for the Defendant made the following statement when
21 discussing the testimony of the Plaintiff's treating physicians:

22 "And we are going to hear from various different kinds of doctors in this case.

23 One of them are doctors who appear down here regularly in court, as often, if not more
24 than trial lawyers. Doctors McNulty, and Grover..."

25 (RTP March 21, 2011, p. 72).
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27 Defense counsel's statement was interrupted by an objection from the Plaintiffs, who
28 additionally asked that the Power Point slide that accompanied the defense's Opening Statement

1 be shielded from the jury. The slide referenced the Plaintiff's treating physicians as "Trial
2 Doctors."

3 At the sidebar conference that followed, the Plaintiffs objected to the statements of
4 counsel and the "Trial Doctors" slide as violating this Court's Order precluding any argument
5 that the case was "attorney driven" or a "medical build-up" case. Since no other purpose for the
6 statement or the slide was forthcoming from counsel for the Defendant at the sidebar, the jury
7 was directed to disregard the slide.
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9 The Plaintiffs' objection was sustained.

10 3. Defendant's Clear Violation During Cross-Examination of Dr. Patrick McNulty
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12 Despite this Court's ruling during the Defendant's Opening Statement on the issue of
13 medical build-up and "Trial Doctors," counsel for the Defendant asked the following question of
14 Dr. McNulty, one of the Plaintiff's treating doctors:

15 "Now, Doctor, yesterday there was a discussion about the testimony history of a
16 doctor. I don't broach this topic with you to be insensitive, but I want to touch on it since
17 that issue has been raised. You testified under oath, whether it be in trial or in deposition,
18 somewhere around 100 times; is that right?"
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20 (RTP, March 25, 2011, pp. 21-22).

21 Counsel for the Plaintiffs immediately objected and approached the Court for a sidebar
22 bench conference. There, the Court heard argument regarding the "discussion" "yesterday"
23 which was the Plaintiffs' use of specific prior deposition testimony to impeach the Defendant's
24 expert witness during cross-examination. Further, the Court heard argument that this line of
25 questioning could only be presented to create an inference of "medical build-up." Counsel for
26 the Defendant did not sufficiently explain to this Court how this line of questioning was not a
27 violation of the pretrial order precluding evidence of "medical build-up," especially in light of
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1 the fact that the Defendant admittedly had no evidence to support a "medical build-up" defense.

2 The Plaintiffs' objection was sustained.

3 **C. Violations of Pretrial Order Precluding "Minor Impact" Defense**

4 As set forth above, the Plaintiffs' ultimate motion to strike the Defendant's Answer was
5 based primarily on repeated violations of this Court's pretrial Order on the issue of a "minor
6 impact" defense.

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8 **1. Plaintiff's Motion in Limine**

9 On February 17, 2011, Plaintiffs brought a Motion in Limine to: 1) Preclude Defendant
10 from Raising a "Minor" or "Low Impact" Defense; 2) Limit the Trial Testimony of Defendant's
11 Expert, David Fish, M.D.; and 3) Exclude Evidence of Property Damage. The Motion set out the
12 fact that the Nevada Highway Patrol Trooper who completed the Accident Report referred to the
13 vehicle damage as "moderate." Specifically, the Motion asked the Court to preclude the
14 Defendant from "arguing, suggesting or insinuating at trial that the crash was a 'minor impact' or
15 'low impact' collision, and not significant enough to cause Plaintiff's injuries." The Motion was
16 primarily based on *Hallmark v. Eldridge*, 189 P.3d 646 (Nev. 2008), coupled with the fact that
17 Defendant did not have any expert qualified to testify whether the impact in the instant collision
18 was sufficient to cause the injuries complained of. Conversely, the Plaintiffs had disclosed a
19 biomechanical expert who was prepared to testify that the accident was of the type to have
20 proximately caused injury to the Plaintiff. The Motion further sought to limit Defendant's pain
21 management expert, Dr. David Fish, from testifying to opinions rooted in biomechanical science,
22 as he lacks the qualifications to testify to such opinions under the standard announced in
23 *Hallmark*.

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27 On February 25, 2011, Defendant filed an Opposition to the Motion and the matter was
28 heard by this Court on March 1, 2011, at which time the Court GRANTED Plaintiffs' Motion in

1 its entirety. Defendants provided no evidence or information to correlate the amount of damage
2 to a vehicle in a collision to the severity of the injury suffered by a passenger. Defendants had
3 no expert witness on biomechanics to support an argument or inference that this accident was too
4 minor to cause the injuries alleged to have been suffered by the Plaintiff. Based on the Nevada
5 Supreme Court's rulings in *Hallmark, supra, Levine v. Remolif*, 80 Nev. 168 (1964) and *Choat v.*
6 *McDorman*, 86 Nev. 332 (1970), this Court found that issues of accident reconstruction and
7 biomechanics are not within the common knowledge of laypersons and require expert witness
8 testimony. As such, this Court found no evidentiary or factual foundation upon which the
9 Defendant could argue or infer that the accident was too minor to cause the Plaintiff's injuries.
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11 On March 8, 2011, this Court entered a written Order which stated in pertinent part as
12 follows:
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14 **"IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that Plaintiffs' request to preclude Defendant from
15 Raising a "Minor" or "Low Impact" Defense is **GRANTED**.

16 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that Plaintiffs' request to limit the trial testimony
17 of Defendant's expert, David Fish, M.D., to those areas of expertise that he is qualified to
18 testify in regards to is **GRANTED**. Neither Dr. Fish nor any other defense expert shall
19 opine regarding biomechanics or the nature of the impact of the subject crash at trial.
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21 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that Plaintiffs' request to exclude the property
22 damage photos and repair invoice(s) is **GRANTED**."

23 Following the entry of the foregoing Order, all parties were on notice that this Court had
24 specifically precluded a defense (or even an argument) that the accident was too minor to cause
25 the injuries for which Plaintiff sought to recover damages.
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27 Despite a clear and unambiguous Order precluding the Defendant from raising as a
28 defense that the impact of the accident was too minor to cause the Plaintiff's injuries, counsel for

1 the Defendant persisted in violating this Court's order, ultimately leading to the sanction
2 imposed herein. There can be no question or argument that the Defendant was on notice of this
3 Court's Order, based on the following:

4 a) Hearing Outside the Presence of the Jury on March 18, 2011

5 After jury selection had been completed and before Opening Statements, this Court held a
6 hearing outside the presence of the jury to discuss, among other things, the issue of a minor
7 impact defense. The discussion on the record was extensive and comprises seventeen (17) pages
8 of the transcript (See, RTP, March 18, 2011, pp. 112-129).

9 During this hearing, the Plaintiffs' counsel brought to this Court's attention the fact that
10 counsel for the Defendant, in his Opening Statement, might broach the subject of minor impact
11 by referring to the Defendant's deposition testimony that the impact of the accident was merely
12 "a tap." Counsel for the Defendant conceded that it was his impression that this Court had not
13 precluded such an argument:
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15 "What happened was, there was a motion to exclude a defense that a minor
16 impact cannot cause injury. The Plaintiffs' argument in the motion was because the
17 defense did not retain a biomechanical engineer they would not be able to argue the
18 general proposition that minor impacts cannot cause injury.
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20 The defense appeared at the hearing and said, 'This is not a biomechanical case.
21 The defense is not going to argue that no minor impact can cause injury. *The defense is*
22 *that this minor impact did not cause injury.*'
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24 (RTP, March 18, 2011, p. 114)(emphasis supplied).
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26 It became clear to this Court that the Defendant intended to present a minor impact
27 defense, despite the Order of this Court to the contrary. Plaintiffs' counsel was allowed to once
28 again state on the record their position on the original Motion in Limine, outlining that the

1 Defendant had no expert witness to opine that the accident was too minor to cause the claimed
2 injuries, and further that the Order of this Court on the Motion in Limine precluded a "minor
3 impact" defense at trial.

4 By the conclusion of the hearing outside the presence of the jury, this Court reiterated its
5 ruling on the Motion in Limine precluding a "minor impact" defense (RTP March 18, 2011, p.
6 125-26). Likewise, this Court precluded counsel for the Defendant from referencing in his
7 Opening Statement that it was a minor impact, or simply "a tap," for the purpose of raising an
8 inference that the accident was too minor to cause the Plaintiff's injuries (RTP March 18, 2011,
9 pp. 127-28). This Court further reminded counsel for the Defendant to review the Order entered
10 on this issue to avoid violating it in the future (RTP March 18, 2011, p. 126, 127).

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13 b) Hearing Outside the Presence of the Jury on March 21, 2011

14 On the first court day following the hearing set forth above, the issue of "minor impact"
15 was again raised outside the presence of the jury immediately following the Plaintiffs' Opening
16 Statement. At this hearing, the Defendant sought permission to claim a "minor impact" defense
17 based on the door allegedly being opened by the Plaintiffs in their Opening Statement when
18 counsel referred to the accident as a "motor vehicle crash." This Court noted that the Plaintiffs
19 in their Opening Statement did not refer to the nature of the impact, the severity of the impact,
20 the fact that the impact was significant enough to cause the Plaintiff's injuries nor any violence
21 associated with the impact. In fact, this Court noted that Plaintiffs' counsel did not describe the
22 impact of the vehicles in any way.
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25 Based on that finding, the Court denied the Defendant's renewed request to be able to
26 raise a "minor impact" defense. Again, the Defendant was clearly and unequivocally on notice
27 that such a defense was precluded.
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1 2. Reference to Minor Impact during Defendant's Opening Statement

2 Immediately following the foregoing discussion outside the presence of the jury, counsel
3 for the Defendant delivered his Opening Statement. He described the stop and go traffic the
4 Defendant encountered before the accident, and stated that the Defendant was nearly stopped
5 before the impact (RTP, March 21, 2011, p. 63). Plaintiffs did not object to this statement,
6 although it arguably raises an inference of a minor impact.
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8 Thereafter, counsel for the Defendant proceeded to attempt to play selected portions of
9 his client's videotaped deposition regarding the nature of the accident, which drew an objection
10 from the Plaintiffs. After a bench conference, this Court determined that not only was the
11 Defendant's deposition hearsay when offered on her own behalf, but also that testimony
12 regarding the nature of the accident, if offered to show it was a minor impact, would be in
13 violation of this Court's pretrial Order.
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15 The Plaintiffs' objection was sustained.

16 3. Clear Violation of Order During Cross-Examination of Dr. Jorg Rosler

17 During the testimony of Dr. Rosler, one of the Plaintiff's treating pain management
18 physicians, counsel for the Defendant asked the following question:
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20 "Do you know anything about what happened to [Defendant] Jenny Rish and her
21 passengers in this accident?"

22 (RPT, March 22, 2011, p. 84)

23 Before the witness could answer, the Plaintiffs objected, citing this Court's pretrial
24 motion ruling.
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26 The only potential relevance of such an inquiry would be to raise an inference that since
27 the Defendant or her passengers were not injured (or that the Plaintiff's treating physician was
28 unaware of any injury), the accident must not have been significant enough to injure the Plaintiff.

1 There is no other potential purpose in obtaining an answer from this witness to that question.
2 Such an inference would be directly contrary to this Court's Order precluding a "minor impact"
3 defense.

4 The Plaintiffs' objection was sustained.

5 4. Clear Violation During Cross-Examination of Dr. Patrick McNulty

6 Despite the fact that the Court sustained the Plaintiffs' objection to the improper question
7 of Dr. Rosler, counsel for Defendant asked an almost identical question of the next treating
8 physician to testify for Plaintiff. Within the first two minutes of the Defendant's cross-
9 examination of Dr. McNulty, the following questions were asked:
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11 [Defense Counsel] And you don't know anything about the car accident other
12 than what [Plaintiff] told you?

13 [Dr. McNulty] It was simply he said he had a car accident and that's when he --
14 his problems started.

15 [Defense Counsel] Okay. But did you discuss with him whether he was able to
16 drive from the scene of the accident?

17 [Dr. McNulty] No, I really didn't go into the other -- into the other details. No, I
18 did not discuss that.

19 [Defense Counsel] *Do you know anything about the folks in Jenny Rish's car?*
20 (RTP 3/25/11, p. 4) (Emphasis supplied).

21 Counsel for the Plaintiffs immediately objected and a bench conference ensued. At the
22 bench conference, counsel for the Defendant indicated his position on the relevance of the
23 question:
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25 [Defense Counsel] The relevance is that if one of them were injured or were not,
26 that would be relevant or probative to whether the others were injured.
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1 (RTP 3/25/11, p. 5).

2 In fact, based on this Court's prior rulings, such a position is untenable. As stated in the
3 authority supporting the grant of the Plaintiffs' pretrial Motion in Limine, there is no correlation
4 between the size of the impact and the potential for injury to the Plaintiff. There is no correlation
5 between whether the Defendant or one of her passengers was injured and the potential for injury
6 to the Plaintiff. The Defendant had no credible or admissible evidence suggesting such a
7 correlation and no expert testimony to support such a proposition.
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9 Further, since the question asked on cross-examination of Dr. McNulty was exactly the
10 same question precluded during the cross-examination of Dr. Rosler, the Defendant was clearly
11 on notice that this area of inquiry was improper.
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13 The Plaintiffs' objection was sustained.

14 5. Clear Violation During Cross-Examination of Dr. Jaswinder Grover

15 On the very same afternoon as Dr. McNulty's cross-examination, the Defendant had the
16 opportunity to cross-examine Dr. Grover, another of the Plaintiff's treating physicians. During
17 that cross-examination, counsel for the Defendant *again* asked the very same type of question
18 precluded during the cross-examination of Drs. Rosler and McNulty:
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20 [Defense Counsel] You know the Plaintiff wasn't transported by ambulance.

21 [Dr. Grover] Yes, sir.

22 [Defense Counsel] *You know [whether] Jenny Rish –*

23 [Plaintiff's Counsel] Objection, Your Honor.

24 [Defense Counsel] – *was lifted from the scene?*
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26 (RTP 3/25/11, p. 141).

27 After all of the previous hearings on the issue of a "minor impact" defense, and after the
28 objections to the same type of question were sustained by this Court, such a question of Dr.

1 Grover is simply inexplicable. Again, there is no potential relevance to a question asked of one
2 of the Plaintiff's treating doctors (who didn't treat the Plaintiff until almost three years after the
3 accident) about any injuries to the Defendant, other than to attempt to infer that the accident was
4 too minor to injure the Plaintiff if the Defendant was not injured. That inference is precluded,
5 based on the fact that the Defendant had no expert witness or admissible evidence to support that
6 inference.
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8 The Plaintiffs' objection was sustained and the jury was directed to disregard the last
9 question.

10 6. Hearing Outside the Presence of the Jury on March 25, 2011
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12 Following the testimony of Dr. Grover, at a hearing outside the presence of the jury,
13 counsel for the Plaintiffs made the following record regarding the pervasive and continuous
14 violations of this Court's Orders on pretrial Motions by counsel for the Defendant:

15 [Plaintiffs' Counsel] Despite the ruling of the Court, despite the arguments we've
16 had outside the presence on the issue of minor impact, in Opening Statement and with
17 each and every witness so far, there's been a question which leads to a conclusion or an
18 argument about minor impact, whether the Defendant was injured in – whether the doctor
19 knows whether the Defendant was injured in the accident, which could only potentially
20 be relevant to some argument that the accident was too minor to have caused injury,
21 because she wasn't injured.
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23 Each time we've objected. Each time the Court has sustained the objection. I
24 would look for, frankly, some guidance from the Court on what we can do from here out,
25 because it – I can only assume that it will continue to occur. And so, *I don't know*
26 *whether a progressive sanction that we'd ask for*, that there should be a warning from
27 the Court before this should happen again. But those are my concerns, and I don't know
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1 what other potential relevance there could be to asking a treating physician whether he's
2 aware of whether or not the Defendant was injured in the accident.

3 (RTP 3/25/11, pp. 164-65) (emphasis supplied).

4 Thereafter, a discussion ensued on the record regarding the Court's pretrial ruling and the
5 fact that the Defendant had repeatedly violated it. At the conclusion of the hearing outside the
6 presence of the jury, this Court attempted, once again, to make it clear that the violations were
7 continuous and that the Court would take necessary measures if the violations occurred again.
8 To the Plaintiffs' counsel's suggestion of a progressive sanction, the Court responded thusly:
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10 [Court] I think you're right, and I think that *the defense is on notice. I think the*
11 *Order is very clear. I think it clearly has been violated.* I was really surprised to hear a
12 question posed of [Dr. Grover] regarding Ms. Rish when the Court sustained a previous
13 question regarding Ms. Rish of another witness and ruled that that was not relevant. So I
14 was really surprised to hear that very same question posed as to Ms. Rish.
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16 ...

17 So I don't know. *It does seem to be at this point to be deliberate, Mr. Rogers.*
18 *And so, I'm inclined to agree that you're on notice. The Court will consider progressive*
19 *sanctions. I don't know what they will be. I hope there won't have to be any assessed.*
20 *But I don't know what else to do to try to get you to comply with the Court's previous*
21 *Orders.*
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23 (RTP 3/25/11, pp. 166-67) (emphasis supplied).

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25 7. Testimony of Defendant's Expert Witness, Dr. David Fish

26 a) Voir Dire Examination Prior to Direct Examination

27 Defense expert Dr. Fish testified out of order during the Plaintiffs' case-in-chief as an
28 accommodation by the Plaintiff to the Defendant and her expert. At request of the Plaintiffs'

1 counsel immediately prior to Dr. Fish's testimony to the jury, this Court held a hearing outside
2 the presence of the jury to allow the Plaintiffs' counsel to take Dr. Fish on *voir dire* to ensure he
3 was aware of the Court's previous rulings (including an Order granting the Plaintiffs' Motion in
4 Limine to Limit the Testimony of Dr. Fish). Dr. Fish's testimony outside the presence of the
5 jury comprises eighteen pages of the record (See, RTP March 24, 2011, pp. 12-30).

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7 This questioning of Dr. Fish revealed that he was unaware of virtually every pretrial
8 Order entered by this Court, including the Order limiting his testimony. He was unaware of this
9 Court's Order precluding:

- 10 1) Plaintiff's unrelated 2003 motorcycle accident;
- 11 2) Plaintiff's unrelated 2008 motor vehicle accident;
- 12 3) Plaintiff's unrelated medical conditions;
- 13 4) Any suggestion of secondary gain, symptom magnification or malingering;
- 14 5) Sub rosa video surveillance of Plaintiff (ruling deferred until the conclusion of
- 15 Plaintiff's direct examination);
- 16 6) Dr. Fish's testimony regarding biomechanical opinions related to the accident.

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18 Of obvious concern to this Court was the fact that despite the voluminous pretrial
19 motions, the thorough and even repetitious hearings and arguments entertained by this Court on
20 the issues and the consistency of the enforcement of those rulings by this Court, the Defendant
21 had not properly prepared her expert witness. When Dr. Fish volunteered that he thought some
22 of the impediments to his testimony were "strange," the Court responded:

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24 [Court] You know what seems strange to me? That this witness obviously
25 doesn't have any idea what the Court has ruled prior to these motions in limine.

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27 (RTP March 24, 2011, p. 24).

28 The Court unambiguously placed Dr. Fish and the Defendant on notice that violations of

1 the Court's pretrial Orders carried the possibility of sanctions, including striking the testimony of
2 Dr. Fish in its entirety (RTP March 24, 2011, p. 15).

3 b) Violation During Cross-Examination

4 Nevertheless, during cross-examination, Dr. Fish persisted in failing to respond to
5 pertinent questions from the Plaintiffs' counsel and on more than one occasion responded to
6 questions by stating, inferring or insinuating that he was unfairly prohibited from answering the
7 questions based on this Court's prior rulings (RTP March 24, 2011, p. 106, 133).

8 Despite the repeated and systematic violations of the pretrial Orders in this case and the
9 Court's efforts to cure and prevent the same, Dr. Fish violated rulings on "minor impact" during
10 cross-examination.
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12 When presented with contrary testimony on issues of medicine in prior depositions from
13 other cases, Dr. Fish responded by suggesting that the instant accident was not a "significant
14 accident." The Plaintiffs' oral Motion to Strike was Granted by this Court (RTP March 28,
15 2011, p.71-72).
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17 c) Violation During Redirect Examination

18 At the end of the Defendant's redirect examination of Dr. Fish, counsel for the Defendant
19 in a conclusory fashion asked Dr. Fish to summarize his opinions on causation.
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21 [Defense Counsel] ...Doctor, how is it that you can reach an opinion to a medical
22 probability that this accident didn't cause the pain that [the Plaintiff] complained of
23 following this accident?
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25 [Dr. Fish] Well, it's based on multiple factors. It's based on the actual - looking
26 at the images of the MRI. It's looking at the discogram and the results of the discogram.
27 It's looking at the pattern of pain. It's looking at the notes that were taken of the events
28 that happened *and it's knowing about the accident itself.*

1 (RTP March 28, 2011, p.87) (Emphasis supplied).

2 Based on this Court's observation of Dr. Fish's testimony, there is no question that Dr.
3 Fish's response, clearly in violation of this Court's Order, was deliberate. The Plaintiff's
4 objection was sustained, and the jury was admonished to disregard the final statement in Dr.
5 Fish's response.

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7 **D. Irrebuttable Presumption Instruction to the Jury**

8 **1. Plaintiffs' Request for a Special Instruction to the Jury**

9 Following the testimony of Dr. Fish, the Court conducted a hearing outside the presence
10 of the jury at the request of counsel for the Plaintiffs to consider a progressive sanction against
11 the Defendant for the continuous and systematic violations of this Court's Orders on pretrial
12 motions. The Plaintiff offered, as an alternative to striking Defendant's Answer, a special
13 instruction to the jury directing them to presume that the accident in question was of a sufficient
14 quality to have caused the injuries of which Plaintiff complained. The entire hearing on this
15 issue outside the jury's presence comprises twenty-three (23) pages of transcript, which includes
16 a recess by the Court to consider the appropriate language of an adverse inference instruction
17 (See, RTP March 28, 2011, pp. 89-112).

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20 During the hearing, the Plaintiffs' counsel correctly identified the factual and procedural
21 history of the issue of a "minor impact" defense in this case (much of which is set forth above),
22 including the rulings on pretrial motions, the numerous hearings outside the presence of the jury
23 on this issue, the repeated violations of this Court's Order on "minor impact" and the records
24 made establishing notice to the Defendant of possible progressive sanctions for any further
25 violations (RTP March 28, 2011, pp. 89-93).

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27 Counsel for the Plaintiffs then made a further record outlining the proper standard for
28 consideration by this Court under *Young v. Ribeiro Building, Inc.*, 106 Nev. 88 (1990).

1 2. This Court's Consideration of the *Young* Factors

2 In *Young*, the Nevada Supreme Court reiterated that trial courts have inherent equitable
3 powers to issue sanctions for abusive litigation practices. *Id.* at 92. Before issuing such
4 sanctions, a trial court should carefully consider the factors announced in *Young*, although no
5 single factor is necessarily dispositive and each of the non-exhaustive factors should be
6 examined in the light of the case before the trial court. *Id.* As outlined during the hearing by
7 counsel for the Plaintiffs, this Court considered the following factors set forth in *Young* before
8 addressing the language of the special instruction to the jury.¹

9 a) Degree of willfulness of the violations

10 The violations of this Court's pretrial Orders were continuous and systematic. As set
11 forth above, the Defendant was clearly on notice of the Court's Order regarding this "minor
12 impact" defense yet the Defendant violated this particular Order on numerous occasions. Based
13 on the sheer number of violations of the same order in the same fashion, this Court can only
14 conclude that such violations were willful in nature.

15 b) The extent to which the non-offending party would be prejudiced by a lesser sanction

16 To date, no lesser sanction had been successful in precluding future violations. This
17 Court has consistently sustained the Plaintiffs' objections and stricken offending questions and
18 answers. At some point, simply directing jurors to disregard continuous violations of pretrial
19 Orders is insufficient.

20 Counsel for the Plaintiffs indicated that the violations to this point were sufficient to

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¹ In considering non-case concluding sanctions, a trial court shall hold such hearing as it reasonably deems
26 necessary to consider matters that are pertinent to the imposition of appropriate sanctions *Bahena v.*
27 *Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co.*, 245 P.3d 1182, 1185 (Nev. 2010) This court heard extensive arguments from the
28 Plaintiffs and the Defendant before granting the Plaintiffs' request for a progressive sanction. While an
"express, careful and preferably written" order is required by the Nevada Supreme Court for case
concluding sanctions only, *Young, supra* at 93; *Foster v. Dingwall*, 227 P.3d 1042, 1048-49 (Nev. 2010), this
Court outlines herein its analysis of the *Young* factors that supported the imposition of the non-case
concluding sanction of an irrebuttable presumption instruction.

1 warrant a request that this Court impose a case concluding sanction of striking the Defendant's
2 Answer, but that in harmonizing this particular factor from *Young* it might be necessary for this
3 Court to consider a lesser sanction of a presumption instruction.

4 c) The severity of a sanction of dismissal relative to the severity of the abuse

5 This Court considered, at the time of imposing the sanction of an irrebuttable
6 presumption instruction to the jury, whether the alternative request of striking Defendant's
7 Answer would be an appropriate response to Defendant's continuous violations of this Court's
8 pretrial Orders. While the abuse to this point was systematic and severe, this Court determined
9 that a progressive sanction would be appropriate before consideration of a case concluding
10 sanction.
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12 d) The feasibility and fairness of an alternative, lesser sanction

13 Again, against the backdrop of the Plaintiffs' alternative request to strike Defendant's
14 Answer, this Court considered the feasibility and fairness of a lesser sanction and determined
15 that the irrebuttable presumption instruction requested by Plaintiff appropriately addressed the
16 nature of the violations of the Court's Order precluding evidence to support a "minor impact"
17 defense.
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19 An irrebuttable presumption is a presumption that cannot be overcome by any additional
20 evidence or argument. *Employers Insurance Co. of Nevada v. Daniels*, 122 Nev. 1009, 1015-16,
21 fn. 15 (2006), quoting *Black's Law Dictionary* 1223 (8th ed. 2004). As this Court noted during
22 the sanction hearing, the Order granting the Motion in Limine was based on the Defendant's
23 complete lack of evidence bearing on a "minor impact" defense:
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25 [Court] But the point of the matter was that Defense had no witness who could
26 testify that this was a minor impact and no witness who could testify that this was a
27 minor impact that could not have caused the injuries to Plaintiff, that Plaintiff sustained.
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1 Defense simply didn't have any witnesses to so testify. That's why the motion in limine
2 was granted.

3 (RTP March 28, 2011, p. 104).

4 Given that the Defendant had no admissible, credible evidence to offer to support this
5 "minor impact" defense, an irrebuttable presumption instruction was appropriate to communicate
6 to the jury what the Defendant failed to comprehend throughout the trial: namely, that there is no
7 evidence to suggest that the impact in this accident was too minor to cause the injuries the
8 Plaintiff claims to have suffered. An alternative adverse inference instruction or a rebuttable
9 presumption instruction would have given the Defendant exactly what was precluded in the
10 Order on the pretrial motions: namely, an opportunity to rebut the contention that the accident
11 was of sufficient character to have caused injury. Again, the Defendant had no evidence with
12 which to rebut that contention.

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15 e) The policy favoring adjudication on the merits

16 Mindful of this policy, the Court declined at this point to grant the Plaintiffs' request to
17 strike the Defendant's Answer and instead issued the irrebuttable presumption instruction.

18 Given the Defendant's concession of responsibility for the accident, the "merits" of this
19 case for the trier of fact to adjudicate were limited to the amount of damages suffered as a result
20 of the accident. Since the Defendant had no evidence to support a contention that the nature of
21 the impact in the accident was relevant to the amount of damages, the issues for the trier of fact
22 were not materially affected by the irrebuttable presumption instruction.

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25 f) Whether sanctions unfairly penalize a party for the misconduct of her attorney

26 In this Court's view, the key to this factor from *Young* is whether the Defendant is
27 unfairly penalized for her attorney's misconduct. However, the irrebuttable presumption
28 instruction imposed as a sanction by the Court did not unfairly penalize the Defendant. It simply

1 allowed the jury to irrebuttably presume the very fact that Defendant had no admissible evidence
2 to rebut – that the motor vehicle accident was sufficient in character and quality to have caused
3 the injuries suffered by the Plaintiff.

4 Additionally, as set forth below, it must be noted that the special instruction to the jury
5 still allowed them to consider whether the accident in question actually and proximately caused
6 Plaintiff's injuries. The only presumption was that the accident was sufficient in character and
7 quality to have potentially done so. The only issue eliminated or restricted by the irrebuttable
8 presumption instruction was the "minor impact" defense for which Defendant had no evidence to
9 support.
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11 g) The need to deter parties and future litigants

12 As set forth in great detail above, the sanctions employed by the Court to deter this
13 conduct had proven unsuccessful. Although this particular factor was not the overriding factor in
14 determining that the special instruction to the jury was warranted, this Court hoped that this
15 progressive sanction would at least deter the Defendant from continuing to violate the Orders of
16 this Court.
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18 3. The Irrebuttable Presumption Instruction

19 This Court took a recess to allow the Plaintiffs' counsel to draft a proposed instruction
20 and then heard argument from both sides regarding the exact language of the instruction. After
21 considering the proposed language and making some amendments thereto, as well as considering
22 the necessity of instructing the jury immediately as a curative measure, the Court read the
23 following instruction to the jury:
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25 [Court] Furthermore, ladies and gentlemen of the jury, the Defendant has, on
26 numerous occasions, attempted to introduce evidence that the accident of April 15, 2005,
27 was too minor to cause the injuries complained of. This type of evidence has previously
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1 been precluded by this Court.

2 In view of that, this Court instructs the members of the jury that there is an
3 irrebuttable presumption that the motor vehicle accident of April 15, 2005, was sufficient
4 to cause the type of injuries sustained by the Plaintiff. Whether it proximately caused
5 those injuries remains a question for the jury to determine.

6 (RTP March 28, 2011, p. 113, 149-50).

7 Before making the discretionary ruling to issue that curative instruction to the jury, this
8 Court examined the relevant facts, applied a proper standard of law and used a demonstratively
9 rational process to reach a reasonable conclusion. *See, Bass-Davis v. Davis*, 122 Nev. 442, 447-
10 48 (2006).

11 **E. Plaintiffs' Request to Strike Defendant's Answer Based on Repeated Violations of This**
12 **Court's Pretrial Orders**

13 During the hearing on March 28, 2011, wherein this Court considered the above-quoted
14 special instruction in lieu of the Plaintiffs' request to strike Defendant's Answer, counsel for the
15 Plaintiffs made clear that a further violation of this Court's Orders would be met with the
16 Plaintiffs' renewed request of the Court to strike the Defendant's Answer (RTP March 28, 2011,
17 p. 97).

18 **1. Cross-Examination of Plaintiff William Simao**

19 During the Defendant's cross-examination of Plaintiff WILLIAM SIMAO, counsel asked
20 about circumstances surrounding the accident, including questions regarding the stop-and-go
21 nature of traffic on the freeway before the accident took place. The Plaintiffs objected, and a
22 bench conference ensued.

23 At the bench conference, the Plaintiffs asked for an offer of proof of what potential
24 relevance the speed of the vehicles would have, **other** than to suggest an inference that the
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1 impact of the collision was insufficient to cause the Plaintiff's injuries (RTP March 28, 2011, pp.
2 92-95). Counsel for the Defendant failed to offer during the bench conference a sufficient
3 explanation of how the speed of the vehicles prior to the collision has a tendency to make the
4 existence of any fact of consequence more or less probable, *see*, NRS 48.015, other than to
5 suggest a minor impact (RTP March 28, 2011, p. 94-96).

6 The Plaintiffs' objection was sustained.

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8 What then followed can only be described by this Court as an intentional attempt to
9 further violate this Court's clear and unambiguous Order.

10 Regarding the post-accident response by law enforcement and medical personnel, counsel
11 for the Defendant asked the following questions of Mr. Simao:

12 [Defense Counsel] Now, we've heard several times through this trial that an
13 ambulance came to the scene.

14 [Mr. Simao] Yes.

15 [Defense Counsel] And that you declined treatment.

16 [Mr. Simao] I did.

17 [Defense Counsel] *And the paramedics didn't transport anyone from Mrs. Rish's*
18 *car?*

19 (RTP March 28, 2011, p. 98) (Emphasis supplied).

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21 An immediate objection was interposed by Plaintiffs' counsel and a brief bench
22 conference was convened before this Court excused the jury and addressed the matter on the
23 record outside their presence.

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26 2. Plaintiff's Request to Strike Defendant's Answer

27 During the hearing outside the jury's presence, counsel for the Plaintiffs again made an
28 exhaustive record of all of the occasions this Court had to direct and admonish Defendant not to

1 address "minor impact" issues as a result of this Court's previous Orders. A significant record
2 was made of the notice provided to the Defendants that not only was the conduct violative of this
3 Court's Order, but further that the Plaintiffs would be asking the Court to strike the Defendant's
4 Answer as a sanction therefore (RTP March 28, 2011, pp. 101-05).

5 The response from the Defendant was essentially that she should not be precluded from
6 any discussion of the accident in question. Such an argument, this Court noted, misses the point
7 and unfairly and incorrectly broadens the scope of the pretrial Order. An incorrect summary of
8 the Court's Order that any and all discussion of the accident in question is precluded is vastly
9 different from questioning four separate witnesses as to whether anyone from the Defendant's
10 vehicle was injured in the crash. On this issue, the Court's prior pronouncements could not have
11 been clearer.
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13 While inclined to grant the Plaintiffs' motion to strike the Defendant's Answer at the
14 conclusion of the hearing outside the presence of the jury, this Court instead took the opportunity
15 to recess to again review the appropriate law, including the Nevada Supreme Court's opinion in
16 *Young v. Ribeiro Building, Inc.*, on the issue of case concluding sanctions for abusive litigation
17 practices and continuous violations of Orders of the Court.
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20 3. This Court's Consideration of the Law as Applied to the Facts of This Case

21 As set forth above, the Nevada Supreme Court in *Young* reiterated that trial courts have
22 inherent equitable powers to issue sanctions for abusive litigation practices, including case
23 concluding sanctions such as dismissal or the striking of pleadings. *Young, supra* at 92. Case
24 concluding sanctions are subject to a "somewhat heightened standard of review," *Id.*; *Foster v.*
25 *Dingwall*, 227 P.3d 1042, 1048 (Nev. 2010), to determine if the sanctions are just and relate to
26 the claims at issue.
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28 Before issuing such sanctions, a trial court should carefully consider the factors

1 announced in *Young*, although no single factor is necessarily dispositive and each of the non-
2 exhaustive factors should be examined in the light of the case before the trial court. *Young*,
3 *supra* at 92. Additionally, case concluding sanctions shall be supported by an express, careful
4 and preferably written explanation of the trial court's analysis of the *Young* factors. *Id.* at 93;
5 *Bahena v. Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co.*, 235 P.3d 592, 598 (Nev. 2010), *rehearing denied*, 245
6 P.3d 1182 (2010).
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8 This Court carefully considered the plethora of violations of Court Orders before granting
9 the Plaintiffs' request to strike the Defendant's Answer. The hearing outside the presence of the
10 jury encompasses fifteen pages (15), which does not include the independent research and
11 analysis conducted by this Court during a lengthy recess in the proceedings. The Court's
12 consideration of the *Young* factors, although similar in many respects to the consideration of the
13 same factors three days earlier at the time of the irrebuttable presumption sanction, includes the
14 following:
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16 a) Degree of willfulness of the violations
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18 A violation of an Order on a motion in limine may serve as a basis for some type of
19 sanction if the Order is specific in its prohibition and the violation is clear. *BMW v. Roth*, 127
20 Nev.Ad.Op. 11, p.12, citing to *Black v. Schultz*, 530 F.3d 702, 706 (8th Cir. 2008). As set forth
21 previously, the violations of this Court's clear and unambiguous Orders were continuous,
22 systematic and pervasive. Such violations include, but are not limited to, the following:
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24 i. Violation of Order precluding evidence of "medical build-up" during Opening
25 Statement;

26 ii. Violation of Order precluding evidence of "medical build-up" during the
27 testimony of Dr. Patrick McNulty;

28 iii. Violation of Order precluding evidence of unrelated accidents during Opening

1 Statement;

2 iv. Violation of Order precluding evidence or argument in support of "minor
3 impact" defense during Opening Statement;

4 v. Violation of Order precluding evidence or argument in support of "minor
5 impact" defense during testimony of Dr. Jorg Rosler (question regarding injuries to the
6 Defendant or her passengers);

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8 vi. Violation of Order precluding evidence or argument in support of "minor
9 impact" defense during testimony of Dr. Patrick McNulty (question regarding injuries to
10 Defendant or her passengers);

11 vii. Violation of Order precluding evidence or argument in support of "minor
12 impact" defense during testimony of Dr. Jaswinder Grover (question regarding injuries to
13 Defendant or her passengers);

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15 viii. Defendant's abject failure to apprise defense expert Dr. David Fish of
16 court's rulings on all motions in limine;

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18 ix. Violation of Order precluding evidence or argument in support of "minor
19 impact" defense during testimony of Dr. David Fish (question and answer regarding the
20 nature of the accident);

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22 x. Violation of Order precluding evidence or argument in support of "minor
23 impact" defense during testimony of Plaintiff William Simao (question regarding injuries
24 to the Defendant or her passengers);

25 These violations of the Court's Order precluding the "minor impact" defense are
26 considered by this Court to be even more egregious given the numerous hearings outside the
27 presence of the jury wherein this Court repeatedly and unequivocally prohibited the areas of
28 inquiry subsequently broached by counsel for Defendant. Those hearings include:

1 i. Hearing on the Plaintiffs' Motion in Limine, March 1, 2011;

2 ii. Hearing outside the presence of jury to discuss "minor impact," March 18,
3 2011;

4 iii. Hearing outside the presence of jury to discuss whether the Plaintiffs opened
5 the door to "minor impact" defense during Opening Statement, March 21, 2011;

6 iv. Objection sustained to counsel for the Defendant's question of Dr. Rosler
7 regarding injuries to occupants of the Defendant's vehicle, March 22, 2011;

8 v. Objection sustained to counsel for the Defendant's question of Dr. McNulty
9 regarding injuries to occupants of the Defendant's vehicle, March 25, 2011;

10 vi. Objection sustained to counsel for the Defendant's question of Dr. Grover
11 regarding injuries to occupants of the Defendant's vehicle, March 25, 2011;

12 vii. Hearing outside the presence of the jury to discuss "minor impact" defense
13 and the Plaintiffs' notice of seeking progressive sanctions, March 25, 2011;

14 viii. Objection sustained to counsel for the Defendant's question of Dr. Fish
15 which resulted in response citing to the nature of the impact, March 28, 2011;

16 ix. Hearing outside the presence of the jury to discuss "minor impact" defense
17 and the Plaintiffs' request for irrebuttable presumption instruction for the Defendant's
18 continued violations of Court's Order, March 28, 2011;

19 x. Objection sustained to counsel for the Defendant's question of Plaintiff
20 William Simao regarding injuries to occupants of the Defendant's vehicle, March 31,
21 2011;

22 At the hearing on the Plaintiffs' oral motion to strike the Defendant's Answer, this Court
23 characterized the continuing violations as having been "willfull, deliberate, [and] abusive," (RTP
24 March 31, 2011, pp. 111-12), based on the fact that counsel for Defendant "refuses to comply
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1 with this Court's rulings" (RTP March 31, 2011, p. 112). Particularly disturbing was counsel
2 for Defendant's systematic insistence upon asking the Plaintiff and three separate treating
3 doctors whether they were aware of any injuries to passengers in the Defendant's vehicle, despite
4 this Court's clear preclusion of that inquiry after each instance of misconduct.

5 b) The extent to which the non-offending party would be prejudiced by a lesser sanction

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7 As set forth previously, the imposition of lesser sanctions did not act to curb the
8 Defendant's violations of this Court's pretrial Orders. An attorney's violation of an Order on a
9 motion in limine is misconduct which justifies evidentiary sanctions or even a new trial. *See,*
10 *BMW v. Roth*, 127 Nev.Ad.Op. 11, p.12; *Lioce v. Cohen*, 124 Nev. 1 (2008). Although Nevada
11 precedent does not follow the federal model of requiring progressive sanctions before imposing a
12 case concluding sanction, *see, Bahena v. Goodyear Tire & Rubber, supra*, 245 P.3d at 1184-85,
13 this Court nevertheless imposed progressive sanctions against the Defendant including the
14 irrebuttable presumption instruction to no avail. Nothing this Court could fashion, short of a
15 case concluding sanction, was successful to halt violations of this Court's pretrial Orders.
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17 Given the frequency of the Defendant's violations of this Court's Order precluding a
18 "minor impact" defense, all of which occurred in front of the jury, the Plaintiffs were prejudiced
19 by having this issue repeatedly brought to the jury's attention. In the eyes of the jury, the
20 Plaintiffs were repeatedly preventing the jury from hearing about the significance of the impact,
21 when in fact this Court had determined that a "minor impact" defense was unavailable to the
22 Defendants given the lack of evidence (and expert testimony) to support such a defense. In
23 reliance upon this Court's Order granting the Plaintiffs' Motion in Limine, the Plaintiffs had
24 released their biomechanical expert and had neither mentioned his name nor offered his opinions
25 in Opening Statement. The Plaintiffs had relied on this Court's Order that no "minor impact"
26 defense would be presented to the jury. The Plaintiffs had further relied on the fact that such a
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1 ruling would be upheld by this Court during the course of trial. The unfair prejudice to the
2 Plaintiffs was clearly shown. *See, Roth, supra.*

3 This Court also recognizes the prejudice to the Plaintiffs in making objection after
4 objection to the Defendant's inappropriate questions. "[W]hen...an attorney must continuously
5 object to repeated or persistent misconduct, the non-offending attorney is placed in the difficult
6 position of having to make repeated objections before the trier of fact, which might cast a
7 negative impression on the attorney and the party the attorney represents, emphasizing the
8 improper point." *Lioce v. Cohen*, 174 P3d 970, 981 (Nev. 2008).

10 As such, it is the finding of this Court that the Plaintiffs would be unfairly prejudiced by
11 the continuous introduction of questions, evidence and argument designed to create an inference
12 that the subject motor vehicle accident was too minor to cause the Plaintiff's injuries.

14 c) The severity of a sanction of striking Defendant's Answer relative to the severity of
15 the abuse

16 Again, the pervasive and continuous nature of these violations warrants the sanction
17 ultimately imposed. Every litigant has the right to disagree with any ruling made or Order
18 entered by a trial court. His remedy is with an appellate court, based upon reasonable grounds as
19 the law requires. His remedy is never to just continue violating the Orders unchecked.

21 d) The feasibility and fairness of an alternative, lesser sanction

22 As set forth above, alternative lesser sanctions were apparently rejected by the Defendant
23 in favor of continuing to violate the Orders of the Court. When the Plaintiffs first asked this
24 Court to strike the Defendant's Answer on March 28, 2011, the Court considered this factor from
25 the *Young* decision to impose an alternative sanction of an irrebuttable presumption instruction.

27 As this Court indicated at the hearing on the Plaintiffs' second oral request to the strike
28 Defendant's Answer:

1 [Court] Regarding the feasibility and fairness of an alternative, lesser sanction,
2 you know, the only thing I can say is less severe sanctions were imposed to no avail.
3 (RPT March 31, 2011, p. 113).

4 This analysis is bolstered by the fact that the Plaintiffs requested that the Court strike the
5 Defendant's Answer three days earlier and put the Defendant on notice that they would seek to
6 strike the Defendant's Answer should any future violations occur.

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8 e) The policy favoring adjudication on the merits

9 As set forth above, this Court opted for less severe sanctions for all of the violations prior
10 to March 31, 2011, in large measure because of the policy favoring adjudication on the merits.
11 Even the irrebuttable presumption instruction given as a lesser, alternative sanction did not
12 prevent the Defendant from presenting any defense that they actually had evidence to present. It
13 is also worth noting that the Defendant had already agreed on the record not to challenge liability
14 for the accident.

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16 Further, this Court recognizes that the Nevada Supreme Court has upheld the striking of
17 pleadings for a party's failure to attend his deposition, *Foster v. Dingwall, supra*; for repetitive,
18 abusive and recalcitrant conduct during discovery, *Young, supra*; *Hamlett v. Reynolds*, 114 Nev.
19 863 (1998) (upholding the trial court's strike order where the defaulting party's constant failure
20 to follow the court's orders was unexplained and unwarranted); for a party's continued failure to
21 appear at scheduled court proceedings, *Durango Fire Protection, Inc. v. Troncoso*, 120 Nev. 658,
22 662 (2004); and for the failure to abide by rulings of the Discovery Commissioner, *Bahena v.*
23 *Goodyear Tire & Rubber, supra*. Additionally, the Nevada Supreme Court has approved
24 consideration of the *Young* factors as a guide to trial courts for sanctions grounded in violations
25 of court orders at trial. *See, Romo v. Keplinger*, 115 Nev. 94, 97 (1999).

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28 The willful and deliberate violations of this Court's Orders are equally as egregious as

1 any discovery violation, especially given the fact that the repeated violations in the instant case
2 occurred in front of the jury.

3 f) The need to deter parties and future litigants

4 Given its inherent powers derived from the Nevada Constitution and strong case
5 precedent, this Court simply cannot allow litigants to openly and deliberately abuse the litigation
6 process by disregarding Orders of the Court when convenient or tactically advantageous to do so,
7 especially when unfair prejudice to the non-offending party results. Such an allowance would
8 render courts of justice meaningless in the State of Nevada.
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10 In the final analysis, after review and consideration of all of the various factors
11 announced in Young, it is the determination of this Court that the intentional, deliberate, abusive
12 and unfairly prejudicial conduct of the Defendant in repeatedly violating clear Orders of this
13 Court warrants the ultimate sanction of striking the Defendant's Answer.
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15 It is immaterial whether, as the Plaintiffs suggested several times during the trial, it was
16 the true intention of the Defendant to force or goad the Plaintiffs to seek a mistrial. What is
17 material is that the deliberate conduct of counsel for the Defendant in disregarding and violating
18 Court Orders could not be halted by this Court with any other sanction.
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20 Neither sustained objections, a multitude of hearings outside the presence of the jury, nor
21 progressive sanctions deterred the Defendant's ignorance of Orders of this Court.

22 Having carefully and thoughtfully considered the available remedies, it is the decision of
23 this Court, for all of the reasons set forth above, that striking the Defendant's Answer is
24 appropriate under the particular circumstances presented herein.
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26 **II. Plaintiffs' Request for a Prove-Up Hearing to Establish Damages**

27 By the time of the last violation of this Court's Orders by the Defendant, most of the
28 Plaintiffs' evidence had been presented to the Court over the first ten (10) days of testimony.

1 Counsel for the Plaintiffs requested a hearing the following day for essentially a prove-up
2 hearing similar to the entry of a default judgment under NRCP 55b.

3 Counsel for the Defendant then requested the ability to be heard at the argument on
4 damages, pursuant to *Hamlett v. Reynolds*, 114 Nev. 863 (1998). In *Hamlett*, the Nevada
5 Supreme Court struck Hamlett's Answer as a sanction for his continued failure to comply with
6 discovery orders pursuant to *Young v. Ribeiro Building, supra*. Hamlett claimed the trial court
7 erred in restricting his participation in the prove-up hearing to cross-examining Reynolds'
8 witnesses. In analyzing this issue under NRCP 55(b)(2), the Court stated:

10 The language of NRCP 55(b)(2) that the "court may conduct such hearings or
11 order such references as it deems necessary and proper" suggests to us an intent to give
12 trial courts broad discretion in determining how prove-up hearings should be conducted.
13 Thus, we conclude that the extent to which a defaulting party will participate in prove-up
14 is a decision properly delegated to the trial courts. The trial courts should make this
15 determination on a case-by-case basis and not according to static rules implemented by
16 this court.

17 In deciding the extent to which a defaulted party will be permitted to participate in
18 prove-up, if at all, trial courts should remember that the purpose of conducting a hearing
19 after default, according to NRCP 55(b)(2), is to determine the amount of damages and
20 establish the truth of any averment. To that end, trial courts should determine the extent
21 to which full participation by the defaulted party will facilitate the truth-seeking process.

22 *Hamlett, supra* at 866-67.

23 In *Foster v. Dingwall, supra*, the Nevada Supreme Court clearly stated the standard for
24 proving up damages after a default is entered as a sanction. During the prove-up hearing, this
25 Court shall consider the allegations deemed admitted by the fact of the default to determine if the
26 Plaintiff has established a *prima facie* case for liability. *Foster, supra*, 227 P.3d at 1049-50. A
27 *prima facie* case is defined as sufficiency of evidence in order to send the question to the jury.
28 *Id.* at 1050. In the instant case, Defendant Rish admitted responsibility for the accident and
stipulated to liability. What was left was a determination of the Plaintiffs' damages, and the
Plaintiffs requested that this Court take notice of the evidence that had been presented in the

1 preceding ten (10) days of testimony. Even though allegations in the pleadings are deemed
2 admitted as a result of the entry of default, the admission does not relieve the non-offending
3 party's obligation to present substantial evidence of the amount of damages suffered by both of
4 the Plaintiffs. *Id.* Having reviewed the evidence and concluding that a *prima facie* case had
5 been established by both Plaintiffs, this Court determined that the Plaintiffs are entitled to
6 damages for the harms proximately caused by the motor vehicle accident.
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8 In determining the level of participation of the Defendant in the prove-up hearing, this
9 Court was mindful of the Nevada Supreme Court's pronouncement in *Foster* and *Young* that
10 because the default was entered as a result of the Defendant's abusive litigation practices, the
11 Defendant "forfeited his right to object to all but the most patent and fundamental defects" in the
12 prove-up. *Foster, supra* at 1050; *Young, supra* at 95.
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14 Nevertheless, in an exercise of discretion authorized by *Hamlett*, this Court determined
15 that the Defendant would be allowed to address the Plaintiffs' brief final argument on damages
16 in an argument of her own, to be followed by a brief rebuttal argument on behalf of the Plaintiffs.
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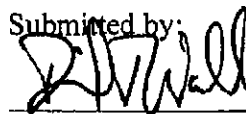
18 Based on all of the foregoing, **THIS COURT HEREBY ORDERS** that Plaintiffs' oral
19 Motion to Strike Defendant's Answer is **GRANTED**.

20 This matter stands submitted following the arguments of counsel and the prove-up
21 hearing of April 1, 2011, pending further Order of this Court.

22 DATED this 21st day of April, 2011.

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DISTRICT COURT JUDGE

25 Submitted by:

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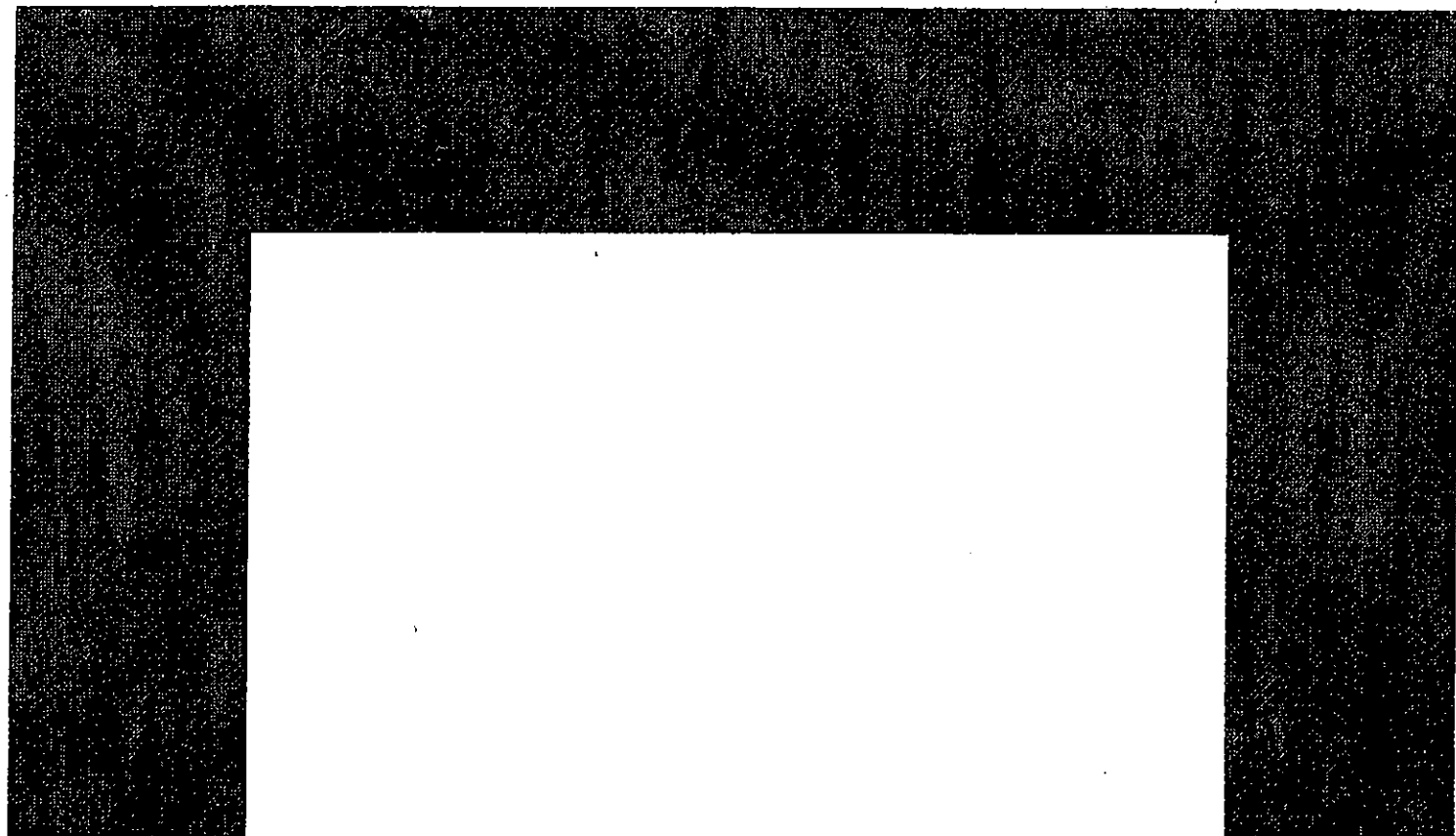
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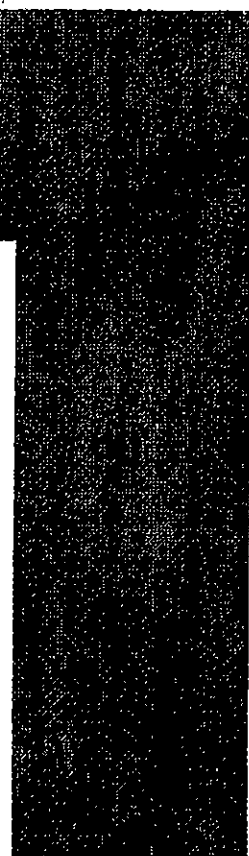
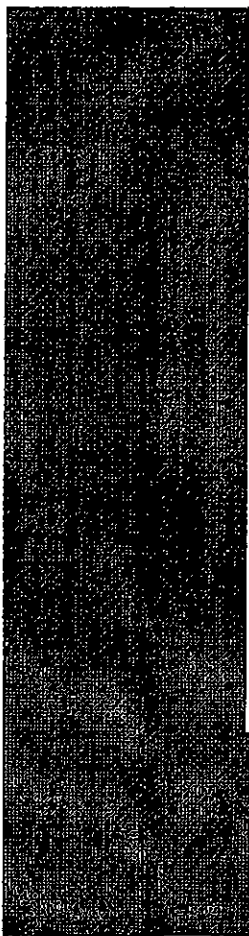
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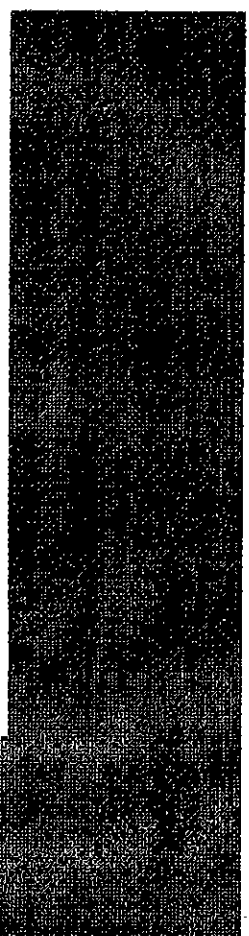
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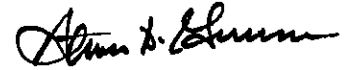
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CORPORATIONS I through V, inclusive,

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PLAINTIFFS' MEMORANDUM OF COSTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

Plaintiffs' Expert Witness Fees:..... \$ 59,028.16¹

¹ Exhibit 1.

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1	Adam Arita, M.D.	\$ 10,100.00	
2	Collision Forensics & Engineers	\$ 2,130.57	
3	Jaswinder Grover, M.D.	\$ 10,000.00	
4	Patrick McNulty, M.D.	\$ 18,875.00	
5	Hans Jorg W. Rosler, M.D.	\$ 5,000.00	
6	Ross Seibel, M.D.	\$ 1,000.00	
7	Smith Economic Group	\$ 11,922.59	
8	Defendant's Expert Depositions	\$ 4,000.00 ²	
9	David E. Fish, M.D.	\$ 2,000.00	
10	Jeffrey C. Wang, M.D.	\$ 2,000.00	
11	Reporter's Fees - Depositions	\$ 8,410.25 ³	
12	Atkinson-Baker	\$ 127.00	
13	Cameo Kayser	\$ 3,434.60	
14	Litigation Services & Technologies	\$ 4,336.30	
15	Manning Hall & Salisbury	\$ 512.35	
16	Reporter's Fees - Hearings	\$ 13,047.38 ⁴	
17	AVTranz (trial transcripts)	\$ 11,897.38	
18	Clark County Treasurer	\$ 1,150.00	
19	Copying, Exhibits, Photographs, Courier, Service of Process and Miscellaneous Charges	\$ 15,069.70 ⁵	
20	AMPM Service	\$ 80.00	
21	Certified Legal Video	\$ 280.00	
22	Clark County District Court	\$ 178.00	
23	Fax/Phone/Postage	\$ 260.75	
24	FedEx	\$ 38.55	
25	Get R Done (Process & Courier service)	\$ 1,090.00	
26	Greg Hafen (Mediator)	\$ 1,097.50	
27	Robert Lawson Investigations	\$ 790.00	
28	Legal Copy Cats & Printing	\$ 6,649.95	
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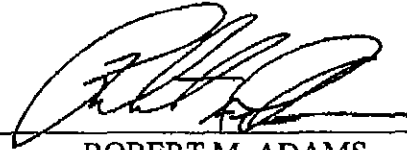
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	(HealthPort for Southwest Medical)	
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	(J&R Medical for UMC)	
5	Medical Records	\$ 39.49
	(Las Vegas Surgery Center)	
6	Medical Records	\$ 91.02
	(Medical District Surgery Center)	
7	Medical Records	\$ 220.56
	(Med-R)	
8	Medical Records	\$ 88.40
	(Nevada Orthopedic & Spine Center)	
9	Medical Records & Images	\$ 327.97
	(Nevada Spine Clinic)	
10	Medical Records	\$ 25.00
	(Newport MRI)	
11	Medical Records	\$ 80.11
	(SDS for Southwest Medical)	
12	Medical Records and Images	\$ 275.00
	(Southwest Medical Associates)	
13	Medical Records and Images	\$ 1,305.00
	(Steinberg Diagnostics)	
14	Medical Records & Films	\$ 25.00
	(University Medical Center)	
15	Nevada Highway Patrol	\$ 3.50
16	Service of Process	\$ 585.00
17	Social Security Administration	\$ 51.75
18	Wiznet	\$ 305.50
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21	TOTAL	<u>\$ 99,555.49</u>
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1 STATE OF NEVADA)
) ss.
 2 COUNTY OF CLARK)

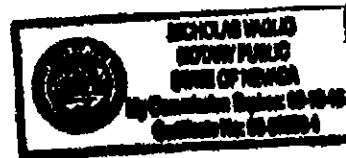
3 ROBERT M. ADAMS, ESQ., being duly sworn, states: that affiant is the attorney for the
 4 Plaintiffs WILLIAM SIMAO and CHERYL ANN SIMAO and has personal knowledge of the above
 5 costs and disbursements expended; that the items contained in the above memorandum are true and
 6 correct to the best of this affiant's knowledge and belief; and that the said disbursements have been
 7 necessarily incurred and paid in this action.
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ROBERT M. ADAMS

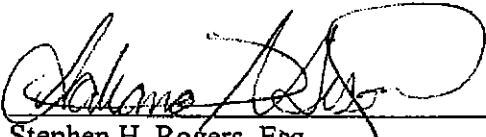
12 SIGNED AND SWORN to before me
 13 this 20th day of April, 2011.

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 16 NOTARY PUBLIC



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1 RECEIPT OF A COPY of the foregoing PLAINTIFFS' MEMORANDUM OF COSTS
2
3 AND DISBURSEMENTS in the matter of SIMAO v. RISH, et al is hereby acknowledged by the
4 following counsel of record:

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Date: 4/26/11 Time: 3:08pm

7 Stephen H. Rogers, Esq.
8 **ROGERS, MASTRANGELO,**
9 **CARVALHO & MITCHELL, LTD.**
10 300 S. Fourth Street, #710
11 Las Vegas, NV 89101
Attorneys for Defendants

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Date: 4/26/11 Time: 3:40pm

13 Daniel F. Polsenberg, Esq.
14 Jowl D. Henriod, Esq.
15 **LEWIS AND ROCA, LLP.**
16 3993 Howard Hughes Pkwy., Suite 600
Las Vegas, Nevada 89129
Attorneys for Defendants

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EXHIBIT 1

003722
MAINOR EGLET, LLP / Cost Account

Adam Aritz, M.D

3/17/2011

232353/William J. Simao/Expert Fee/Trial Testimony/

341

3,000.00

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Client Costs BNV

232353/William J. Simao/Expert Fee/Trial Testi

3,000.00


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MAINOR EGLET, LLP / Cost Account

Adam Arita, M.D.

232353/William J. Simao/trial/nev

3/28/2011

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2,400.00

PAYMENT RECORD

Client Costs BNV

232353/William J. Simao/trial/nev

2,400.00

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Adrian Medicine LLC

INVOICE

9708 Highridge Dr.
Las Vegas, NV 89134
Fax: (702) 866-0083
E-Mail: adamarita@cox.net

Patient I#	William Simao
Today's Charges \$	10100
Today's Credits \$	(5400)
Account Balance \$	4700
Date:	3-30-11

Date	Description (Time of Day)	Time (hrs)	\$/Hr	Amount
3-18-11	Records Review (1823-2048)	2.42	600	\$1450
3-18-11	Payment Check			(\$3000)
3-19-11	Meeting with Dr. Hirschfeld (1100-1215)	1.25	600	\$750
3-21-11	Meeting with Attorneys (1815-2015)	2	600	\$1200
3-22-11	Court Waiting (1500-1615)	1.25	600	\$750
3-28-11	Payment Check			(\$2400)
3-28-11	Court Testimony (1615-1655)	0.67	1200	\$800
3-30-11	Court Waiting (1230-1315)	0.75	600	\$450
3-30-11	Court Testimony (1315-1510)	1.92	1200	\$2300

Total Due \$4700

Thank you!

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MAINOR EGLET, LLP / Cost Account

Nevada Spine Clinic

232353/William J. Simao/TRIAL/PLS

3/16/2011

347

10,000.00

PAYMENT
RECORD

Client Costs BNV

232353/William J. Simao/TRIAL/PLS

10,000.00

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HHN, Ashley

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TAX ID # 88-0313907

David T. Walls, Esq.
400 South 4th St. 6th Floor
Las Vegas, NV 89101
702-450-5400 P
702-450-5451 Fax

Invoice date: 3/11/11
Client name:
William Simao.316.111

Details:

Trial for March 16, 2011		Half day	\$ 6,000.00
1:00pm			
payment needs to be in our office by			
Monday morning .			
			\$ -

Total Amount Due: **\$ 6,000.00**

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Invoice date: 3/24/11
Client name:
William Simao.#313811

Details:

2nd day of Trial		Half day	\$ 6,000.00
Mach 25, 2011 at 1: pm			
All services require pre-payment two weeks			
prior, failure to do so will result in			
automatic cancellation of appointment			\$ -

Total Amount Due: **\$ 6,000.00**

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Invoice date:

Client name:

William Simao. #316811

Details:

Trial Preparation / File review	5 1/2	1250	\$ 6,875.00
All services require pre-payment two weeks			
prior, failure to do so will result in			
automatic cancellation of appointment			\$ -

Total Amount Due: **\$ 6,875.00**

Value Item Entry

COST ADV

(D) Client Cost

Provider: Rosler, Dr. Hans Jorg W.

Nevada Spine Clinic

7140 Smoke Ranch Road, #150

Las Vegas, NV 89128

Business Phone: (702) 320-8111 Ext:

Fax Number: (702) 320-8112 Ext:

Service Dates

From: 03/20/11 To: 03/20/11

Value Total: 5,000.00

Reduction: .00

Paid: 5,000.00 ☐ Lien

Due: .00

From: Us

To: Provider

Open
Requests: .00

Memo: trial testimony/prep fee/pls Code:

Report Requested: ☐ Date: 00/00/00Payment Requested: ☐ Date: 00/00/00

Period: #/Periods:

Rate/Period: .00

Settlement
Note:

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**SOUTHWEST MEDICAL ASSOCIATES***

PAIN MANAGEMENT
INTERVENTIONAL DIAGNOSTICS AND THERAPEUTICS
2300 W. CHARLESTON LAS VEGAS, NV 89102
PH: 702/877-5370 FAX: 702/366-9064

Robert Adams, ESQ.
c/o Ashley
Mainor Eglet
400 South Fourth Street, Suite 600
Las Vegas, NV 90101

RE: William Simao v. Rish, et al.

Deposition-Witness Fees:

Ross Scibel, M.D.
Southwest Medical Associates

March 28, 2011

\$500/hour

2 hours: \$1000.00

Please make checks payable to :
Southwest Medical Associates
Attention Carmel Fritz
P.O. Box 15645
Las Vegas, NV 89114-5645

Tax ID 88-0201420

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Las Vegas, NV 89101

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DETAIL</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>RATE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
4/16/2009	Discussions, Data Gathering, Review of File Materials, Analysis and Preparation of Loss Evaluation Report, Preparation and In-House Review	1	3,965.00	3,965.00
4/20/2009	Materials Sent Via UPS		16.85	16.85

Total this invoice . . . \$3,981.85

Payments/Credits . . . \$-1,000.00

Balance Due **\$2,981.85**

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>DETAIL</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>RATE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
12/14/2010	Dr. Smith's Time to Update Report	1	315.00	315.00
12/23/2010	Materials Sent Via UPS		20.19	20.19

Total this invoice . . . \$335.19

Payments/Credits . . . \$0.00

Balance Due **\$335.19**

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>DETAIL</u>	<u>HOURS</u>	<u>RATE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
2/11/2011	Dr. Smith's time for report supplement	1	330.00	330.00
2/11/2011	Materials Sent Via UPS		7.30	7.30

Total this invoice ... \$337.30

Payments/Credits ... \$0.00

Balance Due **\$337.30**

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>DETAIL</u>	<u>HOURS</u>	<u>RATE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
3/29/2011	Report addendum and supplemental calculations	1	315.00	315.00

Total this invoice ... \$315.00

Payments/Credits ... \$0.00

Balance Due **\$315.00**

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>DETAIL</u>	<u>HOURS</u>	<u>RATE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
3/28/2011	Review of File, Review of Analysis and Preparation (in-house) for Testimony	1	330.00	330.00
3/30/2011	Trial Testimony & Travel	18.3	330.00	6,039.00
3/30/2011	Excess travel time discretionary reduction	-10.3	330.00	-3,399.00
3/30/2011	Roundtrip Chicago Airport Transport		40.00	40.00
3/30/2011	Airfare		931.40	931.40
3/30/2011	Cabfare for Trial		30.00	30.00

Total this invoice ... \$3,971.40

Payments/Credits ... \$0.00

Balance Due \$3,971.40

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