IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., and THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF CWALT, INC., ALTERNATIVE LOAN TRUST 2006 J-8, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-J,

SERIES 20

Appellants,

v.

NV EAGLES, LLC,

Respondent.

Case No. 81239

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DOCKETING STATEMENT
CIVIL APPEALS

GENERAL INFORMATION

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

WARNING

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

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

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

Revised December 2015

1.	Judicia	al District	Eighth	Depar	tment	XXII	
	County	y	Clark	Judge	Rob I	Bare	
	Distric	t Ct. Case l	No.	A-13-68520)3-C		
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Client(s)		Bank of America, N.A. (BANA) and The Bank of New York Mellon FKA The Bank of New York, as Trustee for the Certificateholders of CWALT, Inc., Alternative Loan Trust 2006 J-8, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-J8 (BoNYM) (jointly the appellants).					
and th	e name	s of their	•			ames and addresses empanied by a certif	
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Client((s)	NV Eagle	s, LLC				

(List additional counsel on separate sheet if necessary)

4.	Nature of disposition below (check all that apply):		
	X Judgment after bench trial	☐ Dismissal:	
	☐ Judgment after jury verdict	☐ Lack of jurisdiction	
	☐ Summary judgment	☐ Failure to state a claim	
	☐ Default judgment	☐ Failure to prosecute	
	☐ Grant/Denial of NRCP 60(b) relief	Other (specify):	
	☐ Grant/Denial of injunction	Divorce Decree:	
	☐ Grant/Denial of declaratory relief	☐ Original ☐ Modification	
	☐ Review of agency determination	☐ Other disposition (specify):	
5.	Does this appeal raise issues concerning	ng any of the following?	
-	☐ Child Custody	-g, 01 100 11g	
	☐ Venue		
	☐ Termination of parental rights		
6. Pending and prior proceedings in this court. List the case name and docket number of all appeals or original proceedings presently or previously pending before this court which are related to this appeal:			
	N/A		
all		er courts. List the case name, number and court of er courts which are related to this appeal (e.g., pedings) and their dates of disposition:	
	Eighth Judicial District Court, Clark County, Nevada, No. A-13-690944-C		

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

This case concerns quiet title claims brought by NV Eagles, LLC (**NV Eagles**) arising out of an HOA foreclosure sale. NV Eagles sought a holding that it possesses title free and clear to real property located at 2184 Pont National Drive, Henderson, Nevada 89044 (**the property**) arising from an HOA foreclosure sale conducted by Madeira Canyon Homeowners Association (the **HOA**) under NRS 116. The HOA had foreclosed on its lien and sold the property on June 7, 2013, to Underwood Partners, LLC. NV Eagles was subsequently conveyed the property in a deed dated September 18, 2013.

On December 21, 2010, Nevada Association Services, Inc. (NAS), as the agent for the HOA, recorded a notice of default and election to sell. At the time, BANA serviced the loan secured by the deed of trust. In response to the notice of default, BANA retained to pay off any superpriority portion of an HOA's lien. BANA's attorneys sent a letter to NAS that offered to pay the superpriority portion of the HOA's lien and requested a payoff ledger. Based on the ledger provided, BANA's attorneys sent a check for nine months of delinquent assessments.

After a bench trial, the court entered an order ruling in favor of NV Eagles, holding that the deed of trust was extinguished by the foreclosure sale. This appeal followed.

- **9. Issues on appeal.** State concisely the principal issue(s) in this appeal (attach separate sheets as necessary):
 - (1) Whether BANA made a sufficient tender of the superpriority portion because it submitted a payment equal to three quarterly assessments as indicated in the payoff ledger provided by the HOA's trustee NAS.
 - (2) Alternatively, whether the superpriority portion of the HOA's lien was discharged under the doctrine of excuse of tender because the evidence established that the HOA's trustee had a known policy of rejecting all tenders for anything less than the full lien amount (both the subpriority and superpriority portions).
- **10.** Pending proceedings in this court raising the same or similar issues. If you are aware of any proceedings presently pending before this court which raises the same or similar issues raised in this appeal, list the case name and docket numbers and identify the same or similar issue raised:

None.	
state, any state	ional issues. If this appeal challenges the constitutionality of a statute, and the agency, or any officer or employee thereof is not a party to this appeal, have you erk of this court and the attorney general in accordance with NRAP 44 and NRS
X N/A	
☐ Yes	
□ No	
If not, expl	ain:

12. Other issues. Does this appeal involve any of the following issues?
☐ Reversal of well-settled Nevada precedent (identify the case(s))
☐ An issue arising under the United States and/or Nevada Constitutions
☐ A substantial issue of first impression
☐ An issue of public policy
☐ An issue where en banc consideration is necessary to maintain uniformity of this court's
decisions
☐ A ballot question
If so, explain:
13. Assignment to the Court of Appeals or retention in the Supreme Court. Briefly set for the whether the matter is presumptively retained by the Supreme Court or assigned to the Court of Appeals under NRAP 17, and cite the subparagraph(s) of the Rule under which the matter falls. It appellant believes that the Supreme Court should retain the case despite its presumptive assignment to the Court of Appeals, identify the specific issue(s) or circumstance(s) that warrant retaining the case, and include an explanation of their importance or significance: This case is not presumptively retained under either court. However, as it concerns the application of well-settled law, it should be referred to the Court of Appeals.
14. Trial. If this action proceeded to trial, how many days did the trial last? 2 days
Was it a bench or jury trial? Bench
15. Judicial Disqualification. Do you intend to file a motion to disqualify or have a justic recuse him/herself from participation in this appeal? If so, which Justice?
No

TIMELINESS OF NOTICE OF APPEAL

16.	Date of entry of writt	ten judgment or order appealed from	April 30, 2020
	If no written judgmen appellate review:	t or order was filed in the district court	, explain the basis for seeking
17.	Date written notice o	of entry of judgment or order was serv	ed April 30, 2020
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	☐ NRCP 52(b)	Date of filing	
	□ NRCP 59	Date of filing	
NO	may toll the t Washington, 12	oursuant to NRCP 60 or motions for time for filing a notice of appeal. 6 Nev, 245 P.3d 1190 (2010). Tritten order resolving tolling motion e of entry of order resolving tolling motion	See AA Primo Builders v.
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19. Date notice of appeal filed	May 28, 2020
1 • 11	aled from the judgment or order, list the date each notice of name the party filing the notice of appeal:
20. Specify statute or rule governing 4(a) or other NRAP 4(a)	ng the time limit for filing the notice of appeal, $\emph{e.g.}$, NRAP
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21. Specify the statute or other a judgment or order appealed from:	authority granting this court jurisdiction to review the
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	NRS 38.205
\square NRAP 3A(b)(2)	NRS 233B.150
\square NRAP 3A(b)(3)	NRS 703.376
\overline{\mathbb{N}}\) Other (specify) NRAP 3A(b)	9)(8)
• •	ides a basis for appeal from the judgment or order: I order following a bench trial.

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

(a) Parties:

Melissa Lieberman (**Lieberman**)

Bank of America, N.A. (BANA)

The Bank of New York Mellon FKA The Bank of New York, as Trustee for the Certificateholders of CWALT, Inc., Alternative Loan Trust 2006 J-8, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-J8 (**BoNYM**)

Cogburn Law Offices (Cogburn)

Lawyer's Title of Nevada, Inc. (Lawyer's Title)

Madeira Canyon Homeowners Association (HOA)

Nevada Association Services, Inc. (NAS)

Norman Teran (**Teran**)

Pulte Mortgage, LLC (**Pulte**)

Resurgent Capital Services, LP (**Resurgent**)

Underwood Partners, LLC (Underwood)

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

The district court dismissed Pulte on October 30, 2013

Teran and Cogburn were dismissed on January 9, 2014.

Claims against Underwood were dismissed in part and stayed in part on January 21, 2014.

The district court dismissed NAS and the HOA on February 14, 2014.

The district court dismissed Lawyer's Title on November 4, 2015.

Resurgent was voluntarily dismissed on November 21, 2018.

Lieberman did not appear at trial and has remaining claims that were not resolved by an order.

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

Lieberman asserted claims for wrongful foreclosure, quiet title, breach of contract, breach of implied duty of good faith, deceptive or unfair trade practices, and abuse of process that were disposed of: as to Underwood, on January 21, 2014; as to the HOA and NAS, on February 14, 2014; and as to Resurgent, on November 21, 2018.

BANA and BoNYM asserted claims for quiet title and declaratory relief against NV Eagles that were disposed of in the April 30, 2020 order.

NAS asserted claims for negligence, indemnity and contribution, and interpleader that were disposed of in the February 10, 2014 order of dismissal.

NV Eagles asserted claims for quiet title, declaratory relief, injunctive relief, and unjust enrichment that were disposed of in the April 30, 2020 order.

24. Did the judgment or order appealed from adjudicate ALL the claims alleged below and the rights and liabilities of ALL the parties to the action or consolidated actions below?
☐ Yes
X No
25. If you answered "No" to question 24, complete the following: (a) Specify the claims remaining pending below:
Lieberman's claims against BANA and Underwood.
(b) Specify the parties remaining below:
Lieberman and Underwood.
 (c) Did the district court certify the judgment or order appealed from as a final judgment pursuant to NRCP 54(b)? ∑ Yes No
 (d) Did the district court make an express determination, pursuant to NRCP 54(b), that there is no just reason for delay and an express direction for the entry of judgment? ∑ Yes No
26. If you answered ''No'' to any part of question 25, explain the basis for seeking appellate review (e.g., order is independently appealable under NRAP 3A(b)):
 27. Attach file-stamped copies of the following documents: The latest-filed complaint, counterclaims, cross-claims, and third-party claims Any tolling motion(s) and order(s) resolving tolling motion(s) Orders of NRCP 41(a) dismissals formally resolving each claim, counterclaims, cross- claims and/or third-party claims asserted in the action or consolidated action below, even if not at issue on appeal Any other order challenged on appeal Notices of entry for each attached order

VERIFICATION

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

Bank of America, N.A. and The Bank of New Mellon fka The Bank of New York Name of Appellant	Jamie K. Combs, Esq. Name of counsel of record
July 1, 2020 Date	/s/ Jamie K. Combs Signature of Counsel of Record
Clark County, Nevada State and county where signed	
CERTIFICATE O	OF SERVICE
I certify that on the 1st day of July, 2020 docketing statement upon all counsel of record:), I served a copy of this completed
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CLERK OF THE COURT

DISTRICT COURT CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

MELISSA LIEBERMAN, an individual, on behalf of itself and all others similarly situated,

Plaintiff,

VS.

MADEIRA CANYON HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, a Nevada homeowners association, NEVADA ASSOCIATION SERVICES, INC., a Nevada corporation, BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., a federal savings bank, RESURGENT CAPITAL SERVICES, LP, a national corporation, UNDERWOOD PARTNERS, LLC, an unknown business entity, and DOES I through X, inclusive; ROE CORPORATIONS, I through X, inclusive,

Case No:A - 1 3 - 6 8 5 2 0 3 - C

Dept. No.: XXXII

FIRST AMENDED COMPLAINT FOR QUIET TITLE

Defendant.

FIRST AMENDED COMPLAINT

Plaintiff, Melissa Lieberman, by and through her counsel of record Cogburn Law Offices, hereby files her First Amended Complaint against Madeira Canyon Homeowners' Association ("Madeira"), a Nevada corporation, Nevada Association Services, Inc. (individually as "NAS"), a Nevada corporation, Bank of America, N.A. (individually as "BofA"), a national association as successor in interest to Resurgent Mortgage Servicing (individually as "Resurgent") (collectively as "Defendants"), a national corporation, and Underwood Partners, LLC (individually as "Underwood"), an unknown business entity, and allege as follows:

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THE PARTIES, JURISDICTION, & VENUE

- Plaintiff was, at all relevant times, a resident of Clark County, Nevada. 1.
- Madeira was, at all relevant times, a Nevada homeowners association conducting 2. business in Clark County, Nevada.
- NAS was, at all relevant times, a Nevada corporation conducting business in 3. Clark County, Nevada.
- BofA was, at all relevant times, a national association conducting business in 4. Clark County, Nevada. Plaintiff is informed and believes that this Defendant is an indispensable party and therefore sues this party as a nominal defendant.
- 5. Resurgent Capital Services was, at all relevant times, a national corporation conducting business in Clark County, Nevada. Plaintiff is informed and believes that this Defendant is an indispensable party and therefore sues this party as a nominal defendant.
- Underwood Partners, LLC was, at all relevant times, an unknown entity 6. conducting business in Clark County, Nevada.
- 7. DOE Defendants I through X, inclusive, and ROE Corporations I through X, inclusive, are persons, corporations or business entities who are or which may also be responsible for or who directed or assisted in the wrongful actions of the named Defendants. The true identities of the DOE and ROE defendants are unknown to Plaintiff at this time. Plaintiff therefore alleges that DOE and ROE defendants may be responsible in part for damages suffered by Plaintiff as a result of their own wrongful actions and/or those of their agents and/or employees. Plaintiff will seek leave to amend this Complaint as soon as the true identities of the DOE and ROE defendants are revealed.
- The Court has jurisdiction over the instant dispute and venue is proper as well as a result of Defendants' acts and/or omissions occurred in Clark County, Nevada.

GENERAL ALLEGATIONS

Plaintiff's home is located at 2184 Pont National Dr., Henderson, Clark County, 9. NV 89044; APN No. 190-20-311-033 ("subject property").

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5	Making Homes Affordable ("MHA") Guidelines and Directives.				
6	13.	13. On March 28, 2013, Plaintiff became aware of the Foreclosure Sale set for Apr			
7	26, 2013 citing an \$8,505.07 unpaid balance for HOA fees.				
8	14.	In response, Plaintiff paid \$250.00 to NAS in order to set up a payment plan for			
9	the unpaid ba	alance.			
10	15.	NAS never provided to Plaintiff or her representatives a payment plan in response			
11	to her \$250.00 as promised.				
12	16.	On June 7, 2013, NAS foreclosed on the subject property, selling the property to			
13	Underwood.				
14	17.	Defendants, specifically NAS, did not record the Notice of Sale with the Clark			
15	County Recorder's Office before the foreclosure sale of the subject property.				
16	18.	Underwood was not a bona fide purchaser because it was on notice by the fact the			
17	Notice of Sal	e was not recorded with the Clark County Recorder's Office before the sale.			
18	19.	On July 3, 2013, a new Deed of Trust indicating a new owner was recorded on the			
19	subject prope	erty with the Clark County Recorder's Office.			
20	20.	As a direct consequence of Defendants' acts and/or omissions, Plaintiff suffered			
21	the loss of le	gal title to the subject property.			
22	21.	As a direct consequence of Defendants' acts and/or omissions, Plaintiff has been			
23	forced to inci	ur the services of an attorney and is entitled to attorneys' fees and costs.			
24		FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF			
25		n of N.R.S. 107.080 et seq. Wrongful Foreclosure against Madeira and NAS)			
26	22.	Plaintiff repeats and realleges the allegations the above allegations as if fully set			
27	forth herein.				
	23.	Defendants are subject to N.R.S. 107.080 et seq. regarding			

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Plaintiff had a mortgage for the subject property serviced by BofA.

BofA has recently sold the servicing rights of the loan to Resurgent.

mortgage, but due to financial burdens, she sought to modify her mortgage pursuant to the

Plaintiff was making payments pursuant to the terms and conditions of her

foreclosure sales.

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- 24. Defendants failed to comply with N.R.S. 107.080 *et seq.* as a result of the acts and/or omissions set forth herein.
- 25. Defendants failed to record a Notice of Sale with the Clark County Recorder's Office.
 - 26. Defendants, therefore, are in violation of N.R.S. 107.080 et seq.
- 27. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants act and/or omissions, Plaintiff has sustained damages.
- 28. Further, as a direct and proximate result of Defendants act and/or omissions, Plaintiff has been forced to retain the services of counsel.

SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF (Quiet Title against All Defendants)

- 29. Plaintiff reincorporates by reference and realleges each and every allegation set forth above as if set forth fully herein.
 - 30. Plaintiff was had a valid mortgage with their lender, BofA.
- 31. Defendants failed to properly foreclose on the subject property under NRS 107, et seq.
- 32. Defendants' wrongful foreclosure constitutes a cloud upon the title of the subject property and is void.
 - 33. Defendants had no reasonable basis to cloud the title of the Property.
 - 34. The title of the property should be quieted in the name of the plaintiff.
- 35. Plaintiff has been forced to retain the services of an attorney to prosecute this matter and is entitled to recover reasonable costs and attorneys' fees incurred herein as damages.

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THIRD CLAIM FOR RELIEF (Breach of Contract against Madeira and NAS)

- Plaintiff repeats and realleges the allegations above as if fully set forth herein. 36.
- 37. A valid and existing contract exists between Plaintiff and Defendants regarding the subject property pursuant to the covenants, conditions, and restrictions.
- 38. Plaintiff performed all duties owed pursuant to the existing contract with Defendants or was excused from performance of her duties owed.
- 39. Defendants breached the contract based upon their acts and/or omissions set forth herein.
- As a direct and proximate cause of Defendants' acts and/or omissions, Plaintiff 40. has sustained damages.
- Further, as a direct and proximate cause of Defendants' acts and/or omissions 41. Plaintiff has been forced to retain the services of counsel to represent her in this dispute.

FOURTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF (Breach of the Implied Covenant of Good Faith and Fair Dealing against Madeira, and NAS; Contractual)

- Plaintiff repeats and realleges the allegations above as if fully set forth herein. 42.
- Plaintiff and Defendants are parties to an existing contract pursuant to the 43. covenants, conditions, and restrictions.
- Defendants owed a duty of good faith to Plaintiff to perform their obligations 44. owed to her pursuant to existing contract in a manner that would not frustrate the purpose of the contract or undermine her rights in any way pursuant to the contract.
- 45. Defendants breached this duty by engaging in their acts and/or omissions as set forth herein.
- As a direct and proximate cause of Defendants' acts and/or omissions, Plaintiff 46. has sustained damages.
- Further, as a direct and proximate cause of Defendants' acts and/or omissions, 47. Plaintiff has been forced to retain the services of counsel to represent her in this dispute.

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FIFTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

(Violation of NRS 598 et seq. Deceptive or Unfair Trade Practices against Underwood)

- 48. Plaintiff repeats and realleges the allegations above as if fully set forth herein.
- NRS 598.092(8) provides that a person engages in a deceptive trade practice 49. when in the course of their business or occupation they knowingly misrepresent the legal rights, obligations or remedies of a party to a transaction.
- 50. NRS 598.0923(1) provides that a person engages in a deceptive trade practice when in the course of their business or occupation they knowingly conduct the business or occupation without all required state, county or city licenses.
- 51. Plaintiff is clearly not a tenant, and therefore, Defendant did not have a legal right to serve a 5-day notice to pay or quit on the Plaintiff.
- 52. Defendant, in connection with the servicing of the 5-day notice to pay or quit, failed to disclose material facts to Plaintiff in violation of NRS 598 et seg.
- Defendant, in connection with the servicing of the 5-day notice to pay or quit, 53. made misrepresentations of material fact to Plaintiff in violation of NRS 598 et seq.
- As a direct and proximate result of Defendant's actions, Plaintiff has suffered 54. significant loss and damages, including injury to reputation, humiliation, embarrassment, mental suffering and inconvenience.

SIXTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF (Abuse of Process against Underwood)

- Plaintiff repeats and realleges the allegations above as if fully set forth herein. 55.
- 56. Plaintiff is informed and believes and on that basis thereupon alleges that Defendant had an ulterior purpose by serving the Plaintiff with a 5-day notice to pay or quit, other than resolving a legal dispute by filing a complaint for unlawful detainer.
- 57. Plaintiff is clearly not a tenant, and therefore, Defendant had no grounds to serve a 5-day notice to pay or quit.
- 58. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and on the basis thereupon alleges that Defendant took one or more willful acts in the serving of the 5-day notice to pay or quit that was not proper in the regular conduct of the proceeding.

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59	. As a direct, foreseeable and proximate result, Plaintiff has suffered significant			
loss and damages, including injury to reputation, humiliation, embarrassment, mental suffering				
and inconvenience.				
WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for relief and judgment as follows:				
1.	Quiet title to the subject property;			
2.	Punitive damages:			

- 3. An award of reasonable attorneys' fees and costs; and
- Any other relief the Court deems just and appropriate. 4.

DATED this 5 day of August, 2013.

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MELISSA LIEBERMAN, an individual, on

Plaintiff,

behalf of itself and all others similarly situated,

and third-party plaintiff Nevada Association Services. Inc.

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NEVADA ASSOCIATION SERVICES, INC.,

DISTRICT COURT

CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

Case No. A-13-685203-C

Dept.: XXXII

THIRD PARTY COMPLAINT BY NEVADA ASSOCIATION SERVICES, INC.

MEDIERA CANYON COMMUNITY
ASSOCIATION, a Nevada homeowners
association, NEVADA ASSOCIATION
SERVICES, INC., a Nevada corporation,
BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., a federal savings
bank, RESURGENT CAPITAL SERVICES,
L.P., a national corporation, UNDERWOOD
PARTNERS, LLC, an unknown business
entity, and DOES I through X, inclusive; ROE
CORPORATIONS, I through X, inclusive,

Defendants.

NEVADA ASSOCIATION SERVICES, INC., a Nevada corporation,

Counterclaimant,

MELISSA LIEBERMAN, an individual,

Counterdefendant.

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a Nevada corporation, 1 Third Party Complainant, 2 3 ٧. 4 COGBURN LAW OFFICES, a Nevada domestic limited liability company; NORMA TERAN, an individual; LAWYERS TITLE 6 OF NEVADA, INC., a Nevada corporation, AS TRUSTEE FOR MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. ("MERS") AS NOMINEE FOR PULTE MORTGAGE, LLC; THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW] YORK, a national bank association, AS 10 TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF CWALT, INC. 11 ALTERNATIVE LOAN TRUST 2006-J8, 12 MORTAGE PASS THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2006-J8, and DOES 13 1-25, inclusive, 14 Third party defendants. 15 16 17

COMES NOW third-party plaintiff NEVADA ASSOCIATION SERVICES, INC.

("NAS"), and asserts a Third Party Complaint as follows:

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GENERAL ALLEGATIONS

- Third party plaintiff NEVADA ASSOCIATION SERVICES, INC. ("NAS") is a
 Nevada corporation which, at all times material herein, was doing business in Clark
 County, Nevada.
- 2. Third party defendant COGBURN LAW OFFICES, LLC is a Nevada domestic limited liability company which, at all times material herein, was doing business in Clark County, Nevada and is a law firm that provides legal services to clients.

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- 3. Third-party defendant NORMA TERAN is an individual whom, on information and belief, was residing at all times material herein in Clark County, Nevada, and an employee of third-party defendant COGBURN LAW OFFICES, LLC.
- Third party defendant LAWYERS TITLE OF NEVADA AS TRUSTEE FOR MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. ("MERS") AS NOMINEE FOR PULTE MORTGAGE, LLC is a Nevada corporation which, at all times material herein, was doing business in Clark County, Nevada.
- 5. THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF CWALT, INC. ALTERNATIVE LOAN TRUST 2006-J8, MORTAGE PASS THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2006-J8 is, on information and belief, a national bank association which, at all times material herein, was doing business in Clark County, Nevada.
- 6. Plaintiff is unaware currently of the true names and capacities of those defendants sued herein as DOES 1-25 and therefore sues said defendants by such fictitious names. Plaintiff will seek leave of court to amend this Complaint to allege the true names and capacities of said defendants when the same have been ascertained.
- 7. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and thereon alleges, that each of the defendants sued herein, including those named as DOES, are the agents, servants, employees, predecessor entities, successor entities, parent entities, totally owned or controlled entities, or had some other legal relationship of responsibility for, the other defendants, and in doing the things herein alleged, acted within the course and scope and authority of such agency, employment, ownership or other relationship and with the full knowledge and consent of the other defendants, or are in some other manner

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legally responsible for the acts as alleged herein. Additionally, with respect to all corporate entity defendants, the officers and directors of such entities ratified and affirmed all contracts of its employees, agents, directors and/or officers.

FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

(Negligence - Against Third Party Defendants Cogburn Law Offices, LLC, Norma Teran and DOES 1-10)

- 8. Paragraphs 1-7 above are reiterated and repeated herein by reference.
- 9. NAS is a debt collection company which works on behalf of homeowner associations to collect debts secured by real property, including delinquent homeowner assessments. When a property owner becomes delinquent to the homeowners association, NAS is contracted to collect the debt, which at the outset includes efforts to collect the debt directly from the property owner but which often leads, when the property owner does not pay after a long period of time, to a nonjudicial foreclosure action pursuant to Nevada law.
- 10. NAS was contracted by the Madeira Canyon Homeowners Association ("HOA") in 2010 to collect debts owed to it for unpaid homeowners assessments by plaintiff Melissa Lieberman for the property located at 2184 Point National Drive, Henderson, NV 89074 ("the subject property"). This effort resulted in a foreclosure sale of the subject property on June 7, 2013.
- 11. Prior to the sale, NAS was contacted by third-party defendants COGBURN LAW OFFICES, LLC and NORMA TERAN. Said third-party defendants stated orally and in writing that they represented plaintiff MELISSA LIEBERMAN. Said thirdparty defendants requested a payment plan from NAS for plaintiff. Said payment

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plan was provided to third-party defendants in writing. Plaintiff then breached the payment plan. NAS contacted said third party defendants multiple times prior to the foreclosure sale to see if something could be worked out to avoid the foreclosure sale, but NAS did not hear back from said third party defendants prior to the sale. Said third party defendants then filed the instant lawsuit on behalf of plaintiff blaming NAS for a wrongful foreclosure and other causes of action, but NAS alleges that said third party defendants undertook a duty to NAS to notify plaintiff of NAS' communications concerning plaintiff's account and to inform her of the payment plan and when payments were due, as well as other communications from NAS concerning the impending foreclosure. On information and belief, said third party defendants breached that duty by not informing plaintiff of such information and communications. As a result of the negligence of third-party defendants, the foreclosure sale went forward. As a result of the negligence of said third party defendants, third party plaintiff NAS has suffered damages, including but not limited to the damages alleged by plaintiff against NAS in her Complaint and the attorneys fees and costs expended by NAS in defending the action brought by plaintiff.

SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION

(Implied/Equitable Indemnity and Contribution - Against Third Party Defendants Cogburn Law Offices, LLC, Norma Teran and DOES 1-10)

- 12. Third-party plaintiff NAS reiterates herein by reference paragraphs 1-11 above.
- 13. The conduct of third-party defendants COGBURN LAW OFFICES, LLC and TERAN entitle third-party plaintiff NAS to implied/equitable indemnity because either there was no negligence by NAS or such negligence was passive.

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14. The conduct of third-party defendants COGBURN LAW OFFICES, LLC and TERAN entitle NAS to contribution pursuant to NRS 17.225 to NRS 17.305.

THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION

(Interpleader (NRCP 22) -- Against Third Party Defendants Lawyers Title Of Nevada, Inc., A Nevada Corporation, As Trustee For Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("Mers") As Nominee For Pulte Mortgage, Llc; The Bank Of New York Mellon Fka The Bank Of New York, A National Bank Association, As Trustee For The Certificateholders Of Cwalt, Inc. Alternative Loan Trust 2006-J8, Mortage Pass Through Certificates Series 2006-J8); And DOES 11-25)

- Plaintiff reincorporates herein by reference as stated in full all allegations as 15. contained in Paragraphs 1-10 above.
- 16. Recorded records in Clark County, Nevada state that there are numerous liens and other debts secured by the subject property belonging to the third party defendants named in this cause of action and possibly to counterclaimant herein Melissa Lieberman. These debts exceed the amount of \$21,392.36 currently in the possession of NAS. Third-party plaintiff does not know the current status of such debts, nor how the amount it currently has possession of should be distributed to the various third-party defendants named in this cause of action and counterdefendant Melissa Lieberman. Third-party plaintiff is therefore faced with multiple or double liability. Third party plaintiff has asserted a similar cause of action for interpleader as a counterclaim against Melissa Lieberman.
- Therefore, after filing this Third Party Complaint, third-party plaintiff will deposit 17. with the Clerk of the Eighth Judicial District Court the amount of \$21,392.36. Third-party plaintiff will then serve the third-party defendants with this Third Party Complaint and it requests that the court then determine how such funds shall be distributed amongst them and counterdefendant Melissa Lieberman.

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NAS has incurred attorneys fees and costs in preparing, filing and prosecuting the 18. interpleader portion of this action and seeks reimbursement for those attorneys fees and costs from the amount deposited with the court per Nevada law, including NRS 116.31164(3)(c).

19. NAS requests that, after the parties have been served or at such other appropriate time, that it be dismissed from the interpleader portion of this action as it has no direct interest in the interpled funds, other than reimbursement of its costs and fees for bringing the instant action.

<u>PRAYER</u>

WHEREFORE, third-party plaintiff NAS prays for Judgment against third party defendants as follows:

- 1. On the First Cause of Action for negligence, for general damages and special damages consisting of attorneys fees and costs;
- 2. On the Second Cause of Action for Implied/Equitable Indemnity and Contribution, for implied/equitable indemnity and contribution;
- On the Third Cause of Action for Interpleader, that the court determine how the deposited funds should be distributed and order distribution of said funds amongst counterdefendant Lieberman and the third-party defendants named in the interpleader cause of action, and that NAS be reimbursed out of said deposited funds its attorneys fees and costs in bringing the interpleader cause of action; and

4. For such other and further relief as the court deems just and proper. LAW OFFICES OF, RICHARD VILKIN, P.C. Date: August 19, 2013 By: Richard Vilkin, Esq. Nevada Bar No. 8301 1286 Crimson Sage Ave. Henderson, NV 89012 Phone: (702) 476-3211 Attorneys for defendant, counterclaimant and third-party plaintiff NAS

Certificate of Mailing

I hereby certify that on August 19, 2013, I put a copy of the THIRD PARTY COMPLAINT BY NEVADA ASSOCIATION SERVICES, INC. in a sealed envelope, postage prepaid, and deposited said envelope in the U.S. Mail, addressed as follows, to counsel in the case of *Melissa Lieberman v. Mediera Canyon Community Association et al.* (Nev. Dist. Ct. Case No. A-13-685203-C):

Jamie S. Cogburn, Esq. Ryan H. Devine, Esq. Cogburn Law Offices 2879 St. Rose Parkway, Suite 200 Las Vegas, NV 89052

Executed this 19th day of August, 2013 at Henderson, NV. I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Nevada that the foregoing is true and correct.

Richard Vilkin

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11	Plaintiff,	Dept.: XXXII
12		ANSWER OF DEFENDANT NEVADA
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14	MEDIERA CANYON COMMUNITY	COUNTERCLAIMS OF COUNTERCLAIMANT NEVADA
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16	SERVICES, INC., a Nevada corporation,	
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20	CORPORATIONS, I through X, inclusive,	
21	Defendants.	
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25	COMES NOW defendant NEVADA ASS	SOCIATION SERVICES, INC. ("NAS"), and
26	responds to the Complaint of plaintiff as follows:	
27	1. Answering paragraphs 3, 6, 14 ar	nd 16 of the Complaint, this answering defendan
28	admits the factual allegations therein.	

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- 2. Answering paragraphs 2, 15, 17, 18, 20, 21, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 43, 44, 45, 46 and 57 of the Complaint, this answering defendant denies the factual allegations therein alleged against it.
- 3. Answering paragraphs 1, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 19 and 30 of the Complaint, this answering defendant is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained therein, or as contained therein against parties other than NAS, or finds said statements and allegations to be vague and ambiguous, and, on those bases, denies said allegations. It should be noted that none of the Exhibits which the Complaint claims were attached to the Complaint were attached to the Complaint filed in this case, nor served on this answering defendant.
- 4. Answering paragraphs 22, 29, 36 and 42 of the Complaint, this answering defendant repeats its responses as stated herein to each of the paragraphs of the Complaint realleged by plaintiff in paragraphs 22, 29, 36 and 42.

FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Plaintiff has failed to state any cause of action upon which relief can be granted.

SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

The recovery sought is barred by the doctrines of waiver, unclean hands, laches and failure to do equity.

THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Plaintiff was more than 50 percent negligent in and about the acts complained of in her Complaint and therefore is barred from recovery pursuant to NRS 41.141.

FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Plaintiff was negligent in and about the acts complained of in their Complaint and therefore her claims are subject to the rules and law in Nevada governing comparative negligence.

FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Plaintiff should be estopped from making its claims due to her own dishonesty, illegal conduct, lack of good faith and fraud.

SIXTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

The acts complained of by plaintiff, if wrongful, were committed by parties other than NAS.

SEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Plaintiff failed to mitigate her damages.

EIGHTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

This answering defendant complied with all notice and other requirements for a non-judicial foreclosure as required by NRS 116, NRS 107 and other Nevada law.

<u>NINTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE</u>

Plaintiff lacks standing to bring this action.

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TENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Plaintiff's action is barred by the statute of limitations.

ELEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

NAS is entitled to recover its attorneys fees and costs in defending this action pursuant to NRS 116.31164(c)(2) and NAC 116.470.

TWELFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Pursuant to N.R.C.P. 11, all possible affirmative defenses may not have been alleged in this Answer insofar as sufficient facts were not available after reasonable inquiry prior to it being filed, and therefore, defendant hereby reserve the right to amend this Answer to allege additional affirmative defenses if subsequent investigation so warrants.

PRAYER

Wherefore, defendant NAS prays for Judgment as follows:

- 1. That plaintiff's Complaint be dismissed and that no relief be afforded plaintiff;
- 2. That defendant NAS be awarded its attorneys fees and costs in defending this action under Nevada law.
- 3. That the court award such other and further relief as js just and proper.

Date: August 19, 2013

LAW OFFICES OF RICHARD VILKIN, P.C.

By:

Richard Vilkin, Esq. Nevada Bar No. 8301 1286 Crimson Sage Ave. Henderson, NV 89012 Attorneys for defendant NAS

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COUNTERCLAIMS BY NAS

Comes now counterclaimant Nevada Association Services, Inc. ("NAS") and asserts the following counterclaims against counterdefendant Melissa Lieberman:

FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

(Breach Of Contract And Failure To Pay Account Stated)

- The contents of plaintiff's Complaint, paragraph 1, is reiterated herein on information and belief.
- 2. NAS was, at all times relevant herein, a Nevada corporation doing business in Clark County, Nevada and acting as a collection agent for a homeowner's association of which plaintiff was a member.
- 3. Plaintiff failed to pay her HOA assessments and the fees and charges incurred by NAS per plaintiff's agreements with her homeowners association through their CC&Rs and other governing documents.
- 4. Per plaintiff's agreements with the HOA, NAS is entitled to be paid the attorneys fees and charges incurred in an action such as this. In addition, NAS is entitled to be paid its attorneys fees and costs in prosecuting and defending this action per NRS 116.31164(c)(2) and NAC 116.470.

SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION

(Interpleader)

- 5. Counterclaimant reiterates herein paragraphs 1 and 2 above.
- 6. NAS is a debt collection company which works on behalf of homeowner associations to collect debts secured by real property, including delinquent homeowner

assessments. When a property owner becomes delinquent to the homeowners association, NAS is contracted to collect the debt, which at the outset includes efforts to collect the debt directly from the property owner but which often leads, when the property owner does not pay after a long period of time, to a non-judicial foreclosure action pursuant to Nevada law.

- 7. NAS was contracted by the Madeira Canyon Homeowners Association to collect debts owed to it for unpaid homeowners assessments by counterclaimant for the property located at 2184 Point National Drive, Henderson, NV 89044-2006 ("the subject property"). This effort resulted in a foreclosure sale of the subject property on June 7, 2013. As a result of the sale, and after paying the homeowners association the money owed to it, and after paying to NAS its fees and costs incurred in collecting the debt as allowed by contract and Nevada law, NAS was left with an excess of \$21,392.36. NAS has no further direct interest in such funds.
- 8. Recorded records in Clark County, Nevada state that there are numerous liens and other debts secured by the subject property belonging to the defendants in this action. These debts exceed the amount of \$21,392.36 currently in the possession of NAS. Counterclaimant does not know the current status of such debts, nor how the amount it currently has possession of should be distributed to the various parties. Counterclaimant is therefore faced with multiple or double liability. Counterclaimant will file as part of this case a Third-Party Complaint with an interpleader cause of action naming the other parties who may be entitled to such funds as third-party defendants.
- 9. Therefore, after filing this Counterclaim, counterclaimant NAS will deposit with the Clerk of the Eighth Judicial District Court the amount of \$21,392.36. Counterclaimant will serve the Third-Party Defendants with the Third Party Complaint and request that the court determine how such funds should be distributed amongst counterdefendant Melissa Lieberman and the third-party defendants.

10. NAS has incurred attorneys fees and costs in preparing, filing and prosecuting the interpleader portion of this action and seeks reimbursement for those attorneys fees and costs from the amount deposited with the court per Nevada law, including NRS 116.31164(3)(c).

11. NAS requests that, after the parties subject to the interpleader cause of action have been served or at such other appropriate time, that it be dismissed from the interpleader cause of action, asserted both by way of counterclaim and third-party complaint, as it has no direct interest in the interpled funds, other than reimbursement of its costs and fees for bringing the instant action.

PRAYER

WHEREFORE, counterclaimant NAS prays for Judgment against counterdefendant Melissa Lieberman as follows:

- 1. On the First Cause of Action for Breach of Contract/Failure to Pay Account Stated, that counterclaimant NAS recover the fees and charges it incurred because of plaintiff's failure to abide by her agreements with the homeowner association herein and pursuant to NRS 116.31164(c)(2) and NAC 116.470;
- 2. On the Second Cause of Action for Interpleader, that the court determine how the deposited funds should be distributed and order distribution of said funds amongst counterdefendant Lieberman and the third-party defendants named in the interpleader cause of action, and that NAS be reimbursed out of said deposited funds its attorneys fees and costs in bringing the interpleader cause of action; and

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3. For such other and further relief as the court deems just and proper.

Date: August 19, 2013

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10	}	Dept.: XXXII	
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19	entity, and DOES I through X, inclusive; ROE		
20	CORPORATIONS, I through X, inclusive,		
21	Defendants.		
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25	COMES NOW defendant Nevada Associa	ation Services, Inc., a Nevada corporation, and	
26	provides its Initial Appearance Fee Disclosure as follows:		
27	Defendant Nevada Association Services, 1	Inc.: \$223.00	
28	Total:	\$223.00	

Date: August 19 2013

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Executed this 19th day of August, 2013 at Henderson, NV. I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Nevada that the foregoing is true and correct.

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MELISSA LIEBERMAN,

Plaintiff,

MADEIRA CANYON HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION; a Nevada Homeowners association; NEVADA ASSOCIATION SERVICES, INC.; a Nevada corporation; BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., a federal savings bank; RESURGENT CAPITAL SERVICES, L.P., a national corporation; UNDERWOOD PARTNERŜ, LLC, an unknown business entity; and DOES I through X, inclusive; ROE CORPORATIONS, I through X, inclusive,

Defendants, et al.

Case No.: A-13-685203-C

Dept.: XXXII

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.'S ANSWER TO PLAINTIFF'S FIRST AMENDED **COMPLAINT**

Bank of America, N.A. (BANA) files its answer to plaintiff's first amended complaint (complaint).

BANA is without sufficient knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to 1. the allegations contained in Paragraph 1 of the Plaintiff's complaint, and therefore denies each allegation contained therein.

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- 2. BANA is without sufficient knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the allegations contained in Paragraph 2 of the Plaintiff's complaint, and therefore denies each allegation contained therein.
- BANA is without sufficient knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to 3. the allegations contained in Paragraph 3 of the Plaintiff's complaint, and therefore denies each allegation contained therein.
- BANA admits it is a national banking association conducting business in Clark 4. County, Nevada. BANA is without sufficient knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the remaining allegations contained in Paragraph 4 of the Plaintiff's complaint, and therefore denies each allegation contained therein.
- 5. BANA is without sufficient knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the allegations contained in Paragraph 5 of the Plaintiff's complaint, and therefore denies each allegation contained therein.
- BANA is without sufficient knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to 6. the allegations contained in Paragraph 6 of the Plaintiff's complaint, and therefore denies each allegation contained therein.
- BANA is without sufficient knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to 7. the allegations contained in Paragraph 7 of the Plaintiff's complaint, and therefore denies each allegation contained therein.
- BANA is without sufficient knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to 8. the allegations contained in Paragraph 8 of the Plaintiff's complaint, and therefore denies each allegation contained therein.

GENERAL ALLEGATIONS

9. BANA is without sufficient knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the allegations contained in Paragraph 9 of the Plaintiff's complaint, and therefore denies each allegation contained therein.

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BANA admits the allegations contained in paragraph 10. 10.

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11-21. BANA is without sufficient knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the allegations contained in Paragraph 11-21 of the Plaintiff's complaint, and therefore denies each allegation contained therein.

FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF

- 22. BANA repeats and realleges its answers to Paragraphs 1 through 21 of the Complaint as though stated herein in their entirety.
- 23-28. BANA denies the allegations contained in Paragraphs 23 through 28 of the Plaintiff's complaint.

SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF

- 29. BANA repeats and realleges its answers to Paragraphs 1 through 28 of the Complaint as though stated herein in their entirety.
- 30-35. BANA denies the allegations contained in Paragraphs 30 through 35 of the Plaintiff's complaint.

THIRD CLAIM FOR RELIEF

- 36. BANA repeats and realleges its answers to Paragraphs 1 through 35 of the Complaint as though stated herein in their entirety.
- 37-41. BANA denies the allegations contained in Paragraphs 30 through 41 of the Plaintiff's complaint.

FOURTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

- BANA repeats and realleges its answers to Paragraphs 1 through 41 of the Complaint 42. as though stated herein in their entirety.
- 43-47. BANA denies the allegations contained in Paragraphs 43 through 47 of the Plaintiff's complaint.

FIFTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

- BANA repeats and realleges its answers to Paragraphs 1 through 47 of the Complaint 48. as though stated herein in their entirety.
- 49-54. BANA denies the allegations contained in Paragraphs 49 through 54 of the Plaintiff's complaint.

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SIXTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

BANA repeats and realleges its answers to Paragraphs 1 through 54 of the Complaint 55. as though stated herein in their entirety.

56-59. BANA denies the allegations contained in Paragraphs 56 through 59 of the Plaintiff's complaint.

AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES

FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

(Failure to State a Claim)

BANA alleges that the Plaintiff has failed to state facts sufficient to constitute any cause of action against BANA.

SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

(Underwood is not a Bona Fide Purchaser for Value)

Underwood purchased the property with record notice of BNY Mellon's, as Trustee, interest as assignee/beneficiary of the deed of trust recorded against the property.

THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

(Violation of Procedural Due Process)

BANA, as loan servicer, asserts that BNY Mellon, as Trustee, cannot be deprived of its interest property in violation of the Procedural Due Process Clause of the 14 Amendment of the United States Constitution and Article 1, Sec. 8, of the Nevada Constitution.

FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

(Violation of Good Faith - NEV. REV. STAT. §116.1113)

The circumstances of sale of the property violated HOA's obligation of good faith and duty to act in a commercially reasonable manner.

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FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Pursuant to NRCP Rule 11, BANA reserves its right to assert additional affirmative defenses in the event discovery and/or investigation disclose the existence of other affirmative defenses.

DATED this 12th day of September, 2013.

AKERMAN SENTERFITT LLP

/s/ Steven G. Shevorski, Esq. ARIEL E. STERN, ESQ. Nevada Bar No. 8276 STEVEN G. SHEVORSKI, ESQ. Nevada Bar No. 8256 1160 Town Center Drive, Suite 330 Las Vegas, Nevada 89144

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1 **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE** 2 I HEREBY CERTIFY that on the 12th day of September, 2013, and pursuant to NRCP 5(b), I served and deposited for mailing in the U.S. Mail a true and correct copy of the foregoing BANK 3 OF AMERICA, N.A.'S ANSWER TO PLAINTIFF'S FIRST AMENDED COMPLAINT, 4 postage prepaid and addressed to: 5 6 Jamie S. Cogburn, Esq. Ryan H. Devine, Esq. 7 Cogburn Law Offices 2879 St. Rose Parkway, Suite 200 Henderson, NV 89052 9 Attorneys for Plaintiff 10 Richard Vilkin, Esq. 11 Law Offices of Richard Vilkin, P.C. 1286 Crimson Sage Avenue Henderson, NV 89012 Attorneys for Nevada Association Services, Inc. Zachary T. Ball, Esq. 15 The Ball Law Group LLC 7371 Prairie Falcon Road, Suite 120 16 Las Vegas, NV 89128 17 Attorneys for Underwood Partners, LLC 18 19 /s/ Eloisa Nuñez An employee of AKERMAN SENTERFITT LLP 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28

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MELISSA LIEBERMAN,

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V.

MADEIRA CANYON HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION; a Nevada Homeowners association; NEVADA ASSOCIATION SERVICES, INC.; a Nevada corporation; BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., a federal savings bank; RESURGENT CAPITAL SERVICES, L.P., a national corporation; UNDERWOOD PARTNERS, LLC, an unknown business entity; and DOES I through X, inclusive; ROE CORPORATIONS, I through X, inclusive,

Defendants, et al.

Case No.: A-13-685203-C

XXXII Dept.:

BNY MELLON'S, AS TRUSTEE, ANSWER TO NEVADA ASSOCIATION SERVICES, INC.'S THIRD PARTY **COMPLAINT**

Third party defendant The Bank of New York Mellon FKA The Bank of New York, as Trustee for the Certificateholders of CWALT, Inc., Alternative Loan Trust 2006-J8, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-J8 (BNY Mellon, as Trustee) files its answer to Nevada Association Services, Inc.'s third party complaint (complaint).

BNY Mellon, as Trustee, is without sufficient knowledge or information sufficient to 1. form a belief as to the allegations contained in Paragraph 1 of the Third Party Plaintiff's complaint, and therefore denies each allegation contained therein.

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- BNY Mellon, as Trustee, is without sufficient knowledge or information sufficient to 2. form a belief as to the allegations contained in Paragraph 2 of the Third Party Plaintiff's complaint, and therefore denies each allegation contained therein.
- BNY Mellon, as Trustee, is without sufficient knowledge or information sufficient to 3. form a belief as to the allegations contained in Paragraph 3 of the Third Party Plaintiff's complaint, and therefore denies each allegation contained therein.
- BNY Mellon, as Trustee, is without sufficient knowledge or information sufficient to 4. form a belief as to the allegations contained in Paragraph 4 of the Third Party Plaintiff's complaint, and therefore denies each allegation contained therein.
- BNY Mellon, as Trustee, admits that it is a national banking association. BNY 5. Mellon, as Trustee, is without sufficient knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the remaining allegations contained in Paragraph 5 of the Third Party Plaintiff's complaint, and therefore denies each allegation contained therein.
- BNY Mellon, as Trustee, is without sufficient knowledge or information sufficient to 6. form a belief as to the allegations contained in Paragraph 6 of the Third Party Plaintiff's complaint, and therefore denies each allegation contained therein.
- BNY Mellon, as Trustee, is without sufficient knowledge or information sufficient to 7. form a belief as to the allegations contained in Paragraph 7 of the Third Party Plaintiff's complaint, and therefore denies each allegation contained therein.

FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF

- 8. BNY Mellon, as Trustee, repeats and realleges its answers to Paragraphs 1 through 7 of Third Party Plaintiff's Complaint as though stated herein in their entirety.
- 9-11. BNY Mellon, as Trustee, is without sufficient knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the allegations contained in Paragraph 9-11 of Third Party Plaintiff's complaint, and therefore denies each allegation contained therein.

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- BNY Mellon, as Trustee, repeats and realleges its answers to Paragraphs 1 through 11 12. of Third Party Plaintiff's complaint as though stated herein in their entirety.
- 13-14. BNY Mellon, as Trustee, is without sufficient knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the allegations contained in Paragraph 13-14 of Third Party Plaintiff's complaint, and therefore denies each allegation contained therein.

THIRD CLAIM FOR RELIEF

- 15. BNY Mellon, as Trustee, repeats and realleges its answers to Paragraphs 1 through 14 of the Complaint as though stated herein in their entirety.
- 16-19. BNY Mellon, as Trustee, is without sufficient knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the allegations contained in Paragraph 16-19 of Third Party Plaintiff's complaint, and therefore denies each allegation contained therein.

AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES

FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

(Failure to State a Claim)

BNY Mellon, as Trustee, alleges that the Third Party Plaintiff has failed to state facts sufficient to constitute any cause of action against BNY Mellon, as Trustee.

SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

(Underwood is not a Bona Fide Purchaser for Value)

Underwood purchased the property with record notice of BNY Mellon's, as Trustee, interest as assignee/beneficiary of the deed of trust recorded against the property.

THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

(Violation of Procedural Due Process)

BNY Mellon, as Trustee, cannot be deprived of its interest property in violation of the Procedural Due Process Clause of the 14 Amendment of the United States Constitution and Article 1, Sec. 8, of the Nevada Constitution.

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FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

(Violation of Good Faith - NEV. REV. STAT. §116.1113)

The circumstances of sale of the property violated HOA's obligation of good faith and duty to act in a commercially reasonable manner.

FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Pursuant to NRCP Rule 11, BNY Mellon, as Trustee, reserves its right to assert additional affirmative defenses in the event discovery and/or investigation disclose the existence of other affirmative defenses.

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DATED this 12th day of September, 2013.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

THIRD PARTY COMPLAINT, postage prepaid and addressed to:
MELLON'S, AS TRUSTEE, ANSWER TO NEVADA ASSOCIATION SERVICES, INC.'S
I served and deposited for mailing in the U.S. Mail a true and correct copy of the foregoing BNY
I HEREBY CERTIFY that on the 12th day of September, 2013, and pursuant to NRCP 5(b),

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SAO ž COLT B. DODRILL, ESQ. **Electronically Filed** 3 Nevada Bar No. 9000 10/30/2013 10:02:44 AM WOLFE & WYMAN LLP 3 11811 N. Tatum, Suite 3031 Phoenix, Arizona 85028 4 cbdodrill@wolfewyman.com 5 Tel: (602) 953-0100 **CLERK OF THE COURT** Fax: (602) 953-0101 6 Attorneys for Third Party Defendant PULTE MORTGAGE, LLC 3 DISTRICT COURT 9 CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA 10 11 MELISSA LIEBERMAN, an individual, on behalf CASE NO. A-13-685203-C of itself and all others similarly situated, 12 Dept.: XXXII Plaintiff. 13 STIPULATION AND ORDER RE DISMISSAL OF THIRD PARTY 14 MEDIERA CANYON COMMUNITY DEFENDANT PULTE MORTGAGE, LLC ASSOCIATION, a Nevada homeowners 15 association, NEVADA ASSOCIATION SERVICES, INC., a Nevada corporation, BANK 16 OF AMERICA, N.A., a federal savings bank, RESURGENT CAPITAL SERVICES, L.P., a 17 national corporation, UNDERWOOD PARTNERS, LLC, an unknown business entity, and DOES I 18 through X, inclusive; ROE CORPORATIONS, I through X, inclusive, 19 Defendants. 20 NEVADA ASSOCIATION SERVICES, INC., a 21 Nevada Corporation, 22 Counterclaimant, 23 ٧. 24 MELISSA LIEBERMAN, an individual, 25 Counterdefendant. 26 NEVADA ASSOCIATION SERVICES, INC., a 27 Nevada corporation,

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### **STPULATION**

Third Party Complainant, NEVADA ASSOCIATION SERVICES, INC., and Third Party Defendant, PULTE MORTGAGE, LLC ("Pulte"), by and through their respective counsel of record, hereby stipulate as follows:

IT IS STIPULATED that Pulte had an interest in the property via a Deed of Trust recorded on November 27, 2006 as Instrument No. 200611270002922 in the official records of the Clark County Recorder;

IT IS FURTHER STIPULATED that Pulte's interest in that Deed of Trust was assigned via an assignment recorded on September 19, 2011 as Instrument No. 201109190000030 in the official records of the Clark County Recorder;

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IT IS FURTHER STIPULATED that Pulte may be dismissed from this litigation, each party to bear its own costs and fees.

IT IS SO STIPULATED

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**ORDER** 

By stipulation of the parties and good cause appearing therefor, it is hereby ORDERED as follows:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Pulte Mortgage, LLC is dismissed from the Third Party Complaint.

IT IS SO ORDERED on this day of ______, 2013.

NEVADA DISTRICT COURT JUDGE

ROB BARE
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Case No: A-13-685203-C

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Hearing Date: December 10, 2013

Hearing Time: 9:00 a.m.

Third Party Plaintiff,

VS.

COGBURN LAW OFFICES, a Nevada domestic limited liability company; and NORMA TERAN, an individual,

NEVADA ASSOCIATION SERVICES, INC., a

Third Party Defendants.

# CONCLUSION OF LAW AND ORDER GRANTING THIRD PARTY DEFENDANTS' MOTION TO DISMISS

This Court heard arguments in regard to Third Party Defendants' Motion to Dismiss on the 10th day of December, 2013. Third Party Defendants, Cogburn Law Offices and Norma Teran were represented by Andre Lagomarsino, Esq. of Parker, Scheer, Lagomarsino. Third Party Plaintiff, Nevada Association Services, Inc. (NAS), was represented by counsel Richard

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In its Third Party Complaint, NAS claimed two causes of action against both Third Party Defendants: Negligence and Implied/Equitable Indemnity and Contribution. These claims arise out of the foreclosure of the real property previously owned by Melissa Lieberman ("Plaintiff") located at 2184 Pont National Dr., Henderson, Clark County, NV 89044, APN No. 190-20-311-033 ("subject property"), and the causes of action Plaintiff brought arising from that foreclosure.

Third Party Defendants' counsel moved for dismissal of both claims against Third Party Defendants pursuant to NRCP 12(b)(5) and countermotion for sanctions pursuant to NRS § 7.085. Third Party Defendants argued they did not owe a duty to NAS that would have any effect on the outcome of the foreclosure of Plaintiff's subject property. Given that there was not a Special Relationship nor was there a pre-existing legal relationship, Third Party Defendants argued they did not owe a duty to NAS. Thus, NAS had no standing for such causes of action against Third Party Defendants. In addition under the legal principles of agency, Third Party Defendant, Norma Teran, was protected from tortious claims against her while performing the duties of her employment for Cogburn Law Offices.

Based on the evidence presented, the Court enters the following Order with Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law granting Third Party Defendants' Motion to Dismiss the Third Party Complaint by NAS for the claims of Negligence and Implied/Equitable Indemnity and Contribution. The Court denies Third Party Defendants' Countermotion for sanctions. The Court confirmed the Interpleader cause of action within the Third Party Complaint is not dismissed.

### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

### Negligence:

In order for a claim of Negligence to stand, Third Party Defendants must owe a duty of care to NAS, the duty must be breached, the breach must be the legal cause of NAS's injuries, and NAS must have suffered actual injuries. *Scialabba v. Brandise Construction, Co.*, 112 Nev. 965, 921 P.2d 928 (1996). Whether a duty of care exists is a question of law. *Id.* 

Third Party Defendants did not owe a duty of care to NAS. While Third Party Defendants owed a duty of care as a law firm to their client, Plaintiff, they did not owe a duty to NAS. The Court considered the arguments presented by NAS with respect to two Ninth Circuit Court of Appeal cases out of California presented by NAS to argue that a Special Relationship existed between Third Party Defendants and NAS: Roberts v. Ball, Hunt, Hart, Brown & Baerwitz. 57 Cal.App. 3d 104, 128 Cal.Rptr. 901 (1976), and Glenn K. Jackson v. Roe, 273 F.3d 1192 (2001). The Court, however, determined these cases do not place a duty of care by a Special Relationship on attorneys to a third party.

Therefore, the Court granted Third Party Defendants' Motion to Dismiss for the first cause of action, negligence.

### Implied/Equitable Indemnity and Contribution

Equitable indemnity, which "allows a defendant to seek recovery from other potential tortfeasors," is generally available to remedy the situation in which the defendant, "who has committed no independent wrong, is held liable for the loss of a plaintiff caused by another party." Pack v. LaTourette, 277 P.3d 1246, 1248-50 (Nev. 2012) quoting Rodriguez v. Primadonna Company, 125 Nev. 578, 589, 216 P.3d 793, 801 (2009). "[I]n order for one tortfeasor to be in a position of secondary responsibility vis-a-vis another tortfeasor, and thus be entitled to indemnification, there must be a preexisting legal relation between them, or some duty on the part of the primary tortfeasor to protect the secondary tortfeasor." Id. quoting Doctors Company v. Vincent, 120 Nev. 644, 654, 98 P.3d 681, 688 (2004) (quoting Black & Decker v. Essex Group, 105 Nev. 344, 346, 775 P.2d 698, 699–700 (1989)).

The Court determined, again, that Third Party Defendants did not owe a duty of care to NAS. Third Party Defendants did not have a preexisting legal relationship with NAS. Third Party Defendants had a preexisting legal relationship with Plaintiff, but not with NAS. Third Party Defendants' relationship with Plaintiff did not create a legal relationship with NAS or a duty owed to NAS.

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Therefore, the Court granted Third Party Defendants' Motion to Dismiss for the second cause of action, Implied/Equitable Indemnity and Contribution.

### Interpleader:

The Court confirms the Interpleader cause of action within the Third Party Complaint is not dismissed. This third cause of action was brought "Against Third Party Defendants Lawyers Title of Nevada, Inc., A Nevada Corporation, As Trustee For Motgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS") As Nominee For Pulte Mortgage, LLC; The Bank of New York Mellon Fka The Bank of New York, A National Bank Association, As Trustee For the Certificateholders of Cwalt, Inc. Alternative Loan Trust 2006-J8, Mortgage Pass Through Certificates Series 2006-J8); And DOES 11-25" (Third Party Complaint, p. 6).

This cause of action was not argued as it was not directed against Third Party Defendants, Cogburn Law Offices and Norma Teran. The Court confirms that this Interpleader cause of action, however, is not dismissed.

### Countermotion for Sanctions Pursuant to NRS § 7.085

Third Party Defendants filed their countermotion for sanctions pursuant to N.R.S. § 7.085. Pursuant to that statute, Third Party Defendants sought their fees and costs related to opposing NAS's vexatious *Third Party Complaint*.

If a complaint is filed "unreasonably and vexatiously" to extend a "civil action", the Court "shall require the attorney personally to pay the additional costs, expenses and attorneys' fees reasonably incurred because of such conduct." N.R.S. § 7.085(1)(a) and (b).

The Court did not find the *Third Party Complaint* to be deserving of sanctions. Therefore, the Court denies the Countermotion for sanctions pursuant to N.R.S. § 7.085.

NAS's causes of action for Negligence and Implied/Equitable Indemnity and Contribution in its *TPC* are dismissed pursuant to Nev. R. Civ. P. 12(b)(5). No duty of care, special relationship, or preexisting legal relationship existed between NAS and Third Party Defendants.

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### **ORDER**

Accordingly, NAS is not entitled to relief for Negligence and Implied/Equitable Indemnity and Contribution. Based on the Findings of Fact set forth above, both causes of action fail to state a legal claim for which relief may be granted. Therefore, the Court GRANTS the Motion to Dismiss in favor of Third Party Defendants Cogburn Law Office and Norma Teran.

THE HONORABLE ROB BARE EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT JUDGE

> ROB BARE JUDGE, DISTRICT COURT, DEPARTMENT (C.

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## DISTRICT COURT CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

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Hearing Time: 9:00 a.m.

### CONCLUSION OF LAW AND ORDER GRANTING THIRD PARTY **DEFENDANTS' MOTION TO DISMISS**

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Third Party Defendants' counsel moved for dismissal of both claims against Third Party Defendants pursuant to NRCP 12(b)(5) and countermotion for sanctions pursuant to NRS § 7.085. Third Party Defendants argued they did not owe a duty to NAS that would have any effect on the outcome of the foreclosure of Plaintiff's subject property. Given that there was not a Special Relationship nor was there a pre-existing legal relationship, Third Party Defendants argued they did not owe a duty to NAS. Thus, NAS had no standing for such causes of action against Third Party Defendants. In addition under the legal principles of agency, Third Party Defendant, Norma Teran, was protected from tortious claims against her while performing the duties of her employment for Cogburn Law Offices.

Based on the evidence presented, the Court enters the following Order with Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law granting Third Party Defendants' Motion to Dismiss the Third Party Complaint by NAS for the claims of Negligence and Implied/Equitable Indemnity and Contribution. The Court denies Third Party Defendants' Countermotion for sanctions. The Court confirmed the Interpleader cause of action within the Third Party Complaint is not dismissed.

### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

### Negligence:

In order for a claim of Negligence to stand, Third Party Defendants must owe a duty of care to NAS, the duty must be breached, the breach must be the legal cause of NAS's injuries, and NAS must have suffered actual injuries. *Scialabba v. Brandise Construction, Co.*, 112 Nev. 965, 921 P.2d 928 (1996). Whether a duty of care exists is a question of law. *Id.* 

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Third Party Defendants did not owe a duty of care to NAS. While Third Party Defendants owed a duty of care as a law firm to their client, Plaintiff, they did not owe a duty to NAS. The Court considered the arguments presented by NAS with respect to two Ninth Circuit Court of Appeal cases out of California presented by NAS to argue that a Special Relationship existed between Third Party Defendants and NAS: *Roberts v. Ball, Hunt, Hart, Brown & Baerwitz.* 57 Cal.App. 3d 104, 128 Cal.Rptr. 901 (1976), and *Glenn K. Jackson v. Roe*, 273 F.3d 1192 (2001). The Court, however, determined these cases do not place a duty of care by a Special Relationship on attorneys to a third party.

Therefore, the Court granted Third Party Defendants' *Motion to Dismiss* for the first cause of action, negligence.

### Implied/Equitable Indemnity and Contribution

Equitable indemnity, which "allows a defendant to seek recovery from other potential tortfeasors," is generally available to remedy the situation in which the defendant, "who has committed no independent wrong, is held liable for the loss of a plaintiff caused by another party." Pack v. LaTourette, 277 P.3d 1246, 1248-50 (Nev. 2012) quoting Rodriguez v. Primadonna Company, 125 Nev. 578, 589, 216 P.3d 793, 801 (2009). "'[I]n order for one tortfeasor to be in a position of secondary responsibility vis-a-vis another tortfeasor, and thus be entitled to indemnification, there must be a preexisting legal relation between them, or some duty on the part of the primary tortfeasor to protect the secondary tortfeasor." Id. quoting Doctors Company v. Vincent, 120 Nev. 644, 654, 98 P.3d 681, 688 (2004) (quoting Black & Decker v. Essex Group, 105 Nev. 344, 346, 775 P.2d 698, 699–700 (1989)).

The Court determined, again, that Third Party Defendants did not owe a duty of care to NAS. Third Party Defendants did not have a preexisting legal relationship with NAS. Third Party Defendants had a preexisting legal relationship with Plaintiff, but not with NAS. Third Party Defendants' relationship with Plaintiff did not create a legal relationship with NAS or a duty owed to NAS.

Therefore, the Court granted Third Party Defendants' *Motion to Dismiss* for the second cause of action, Implied/Equitable Indemnity and Contribution.

### Interpleader:

The Court confirms the Interpleader cause of action within the Third Party Complaint is not dismissed. This third cause of action was brought "Against Third Party Defendants Lawyers Title of Nevada, Inc., A Nevada Corporation, As Trustee For Motgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS") As Nominee For Pulte Mortgage, LLC; The Bank of New York Mellon Fka The Bank of New York, A National Bank Association, As Trustee For the Certificateholders of Cwalt, Inc. Alternative Loan Trust 2006-J8, Mortgage Pass Through Certificates Series 2006-J8); And DOES 11-25" (Third Party Complaint, p. 6).

This cause of action was not argued as it was not directed against Third Party Defendants, Cogburn Law Offices and Norma Teran. The Court confirms that this Interpleader cause of action, however, is not dismissed.

### Countermotion for Sanctions Pursuant to NRS § 7.085

Third Party Defendants filed their countermotion for sanctions pursuant to N.R.S. § 7.085. Pursuant to that statute, Third Party Defendants sought their fees and costs related to opposing NAS's vexatious *Third Party Complaint*.

If a complaint is filed "unreasonably and vexatiously" to extend a "civil action", the Court "shall require the attorney personally to pay the additional costs, expenses and attorneys' fees reasonably incurred because of such conduct." N.R.S. § 7.085(1)(a) and (b).

The Court did not find the *Third Party Complaint* to be deserving of sanctions. Therefore, the Court denies the Countermotion for sanctions pursuant to N.R.S. § 7.085.

NAS's causes of action for Negligence and Implied/Equitable Indemnity and Contribution in its *TPC* are dismissed pursuant to Nev. R. Civ. P. 12(b)(5). No duty of care, special relationship, or preexisting legal relationship existed between NAS and Third Party Defendants.

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24	MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT
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Counterclaimant,

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MELISSA LIEBERMAN, an individual,

Counterdefendant.

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ORDER GRANTING THE MOTION BY DEFENDANT NEVADA ASSOCIATION SERVICES, INC. TO DISMISS PLAINTIFF'S COMPLAINT Third Party Complainant,

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Third party defendants.

On January 9, 2014, counsel for defendant Nevada Association Services, Inc. ("NAS"), Richard Vilkin, and counsel for defendant Mediera Canyon Community Association ("Mediera Canyon HOA"), David W. Gutke, Esq., appeared in this court on the scheduled Motion to

Dismiss by NAS, joined in by Mediera Canyon HOA. There was no appearance by counsel for plaintiff and the motion was continued for hearing on January 23, 2014.

On January 23, 2014, counsel for NAS, Richard Vilkin, and counsel for Mediera Canyon HOA, David W. Gutke, appeared, as did counsel for plaintiff, Jamie S. Cogburn. The motion was heard by the Honorable Judge Rob Bare.

After considering the moving and opposition papers, and after hearing oral argument, and good cause appearing, Judge Bare granted the motion to dismiss plaintiff's Complaint without prejudice as to defendants NAS and Mediera Canyon HOA for plaintiff's failure to submit the

matter to Nevada Real Estate Division alternative dispute handling, as per NRS 38.300 et seq. 1 2 3 4 5 they do not have a present claim to the property. 6 7 costs. 8 9 10 this case after completing the NRED process per NRS 38.300 et seq. IT IS SO ORDERED. 11 Date: Feb 6 , 2014 12 Respectfully submitted, 13 LAW OFFICES OF RICHARD VILKIN, P.C. 14 15 By: 16 Richard Vilkin, Esq. Nevada Bar No. 8301 17 1286 Crimson Sage Ave. 18 Henderson, NV 89012 Phone: (702) 476-3211 19 Attorneys for defendant and 20 counterclaimant NAS 21 Approved as to form and content: 22 COGBURN LAW OFFICES 23 By: Jamie & Cogburn, Esq. Meyada Bar No. 8409 2879 St. Rose Parkway, Suite 200

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Judge Bare also granted the motion to dismiss as to plaintiff's cause of action for quiet title against defendants NAS and Mediera Canyon HOA as per the arguments made in the motion papers by NAS that such a cause of action is not properly brought against such parties because Judge Bare did not rule on that aspect of the motion that requested attorneys fees and Plaintiff is granted leave to re-file its non-quiet title claims against these defendants in District Court Judge JUDGE, DISTRICT COURT, DEPARTMENT 32 ROB BARE

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12	PARTY DEFENDANT LAWYERS TITLE OF NEVADA, INC.'S MOTION TO DISMISS in
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13	to Nevada Rule of Civil Procedure 12(b)(5) for failure to state a claim upon which relief can be
14	granted, having been filed and served on August 26, 2015; Notices of Non-Opposition having
1.5	been filed on September 16, 2015 and October 18, 2015; the Court having reviewed the
16	pleadings and papers on file, being fully advised in the premises, and good cause appearing
17	therefore;
18	IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the above-referenced Motion to Dismiss is hereby
19	GRANTED in its entirety and LAWYERS TITLE OF NEVADA, INC. is hereby dismissed
ŀ	from this action with prejudice.
20	IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that pursuant to EDCR 2.23, the hearing
21	scheduled for October 27, 2015 is advanced and VACATED.
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23	DATED this, 2015.
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NOTICE OF VOLUNTARY DISMISSAL OF PLAINTIFF'S CLAIMS AGAINST **DEFENDANT RESURGENT CAPITAL** SERVICES, LP, ONLY, WITHOUT **PREJUDICE** 

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against Defendant RESURGENT CAPITAL SERVICES, LP, without prejudice. This defendant has not filed an answer, motion for summary judgment, or otherwise appeared in this case. Each party shall bear their own attorneys' fees and litigation costs.

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Pursuant to NRCP 41(a)(1), Plaintiff Melissa Lieberman voluntarily dismisses her claims

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This matter is presently set for trial on January 7, 2019.

Dated this 21st day of November, 2018.

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#### **DISTRICT COURT**

#### CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

MELISSA LIEBERMAN, an individual, on behalf of itself and all others similarly situated:

Plaintiff,

v.

**CANYON** MADEIRA HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, Nevada homeowners a association, NEVADA ASSOCIATION SERVICES, INC., a Nevada corporation, BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., a federal savings bank, RESURGENT CAPITAL SERVICES, LP, a corporation. national UNDERWOOD PARTNERS, LLC, an unknown business entity, and DOES 1 through 10, inclusive; ROE CORPORATIONS 1 through 10, inclusive,

Defendants.

Case No.: A-13-685203-C Dept. No.: XXXII

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BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.'S ANSWER TO NV EAGLES, LLC'S CROSS-**CLAIMS** 

Bank of America, N.A. (BANA), by and through its attorneys at AKERMAN LLP, answers the cross-claims filed by NV Eagles, LLC as follows:

1. BANA lacks sufficient information to admit or deny the allegations in Paragraph 1, and therefore denies the same.

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- 2. BANA admits only that it conducts business in Clark County, Nevada. BANA lacks sufficient information to admit or deny the remaining allegations in Paragraph 2, and therefore denies the same.
- 3. BANA admits only that the foreclosure deed recorded in the Clark County Recorder's Office as Instrument Number 20130703-0002523 (foreclosure deed) purported to convey title to the property located at 2184 Pont National Drive, Henderson, Nevada 89044 (property) to NV Eagles' predecessor-in-interest, Underwood Partners, LLC. BANA specifically denies that NV Eagles' interest in the property, if any, is superior to the deed of trust recorded in the Clark County Recorder's Office as Instrument Number 20061127-0002922 (deed of trust). BANA denies the remaining allegations in Paragraph 3.
- 4. BANA admits only that the foreclosure deed purported to convey title to the property to NV Eagles' predecessor-in-interest, Underwood. BANA specifically denies that NV Eagles' interest in the property, if any, is superior to the deed of trust. BANA denies the remaining allegations in Paragraph 4.
- 5. BANA admits only that it has serviced the loan secured by the deed of trust. BANA denies the remaining allegations of Paragraph 5.
- 6. BANA lacks sufficient information to admit or deny the allegations in Paragraph 6, and therefore denies the same.
- 7. BANA lacks sufficient information to admit or deny the allegations in Paragraph 7, and therefore denies the same.
  - 8. BANA denies that NV Eagles is entitled to the relief requested in Paragraph 8.

#### FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF (QUIET TITLE AGAINST ALL DEFENDANTS)

- 9. BANA adopts and incorporates by reference the preceding Paragraphs as though fully set forth herein.
- 10. BANA admits only that the foreclosure deed purported to convey title to the property to NV Eagles' predecessor-in-interest, Underwood. BANA specifically denies that NV Eagles' interest

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in the property, if any, is superior to the deed of trust. BANA denies the remaining allegations in 2 Paragraph 10. 3 11. BANA admits only that the deed of trust remains a valid encumbrance on the property. 4 BANA denies the remaining allegations in Paragraph 11. 5 12. BANA admits only that it has serviced the loan secured by the deed of trust. BANA

- denies the remaining allegations of Paragraph 12.
  - 13. BANA denies that NV Eagles is entitled to the relief requested in Paragraph 13.
- 14. BANA admits only that the deed of trust remains a valid encumbrance on the property. BANA denies the remaining allegations in Paragraph 14.
- 15. The allegations in Paragraph 15 are legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, BANA denies the allegations in Paragraph 15.
  - 16. Denied.
  - 17. BANA denies that NV Eagles is entitled to the relief requested in Paragraph 17.

#### SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF (CANCELLATION OF INSTRUMENTS AGAINST ALL DEFENDANTS)

- 18. BANA adopts and incorporates by reference the preceding Paragraphs as though fully set forth herein.
  - 19. Denied.
  - 20. Denied.
  - 21. Denied.
  - 22. BANA denies that NV Eagles is entitled to the relief requested in Paragraph 22.

#### THIRD CLAIM FOR RELIEF (INJUNCTIVE RELIEF AGAINST ALL DEFENDANTS)

- 23. BANA adopts and incorporates by reference the preceding Paragraphs as though fully set forth herein.
  - 24. BANA denies that NV Eagles is entitled to the relief requested in Paragraph 24.
  - 25. Denied.
    - 26. Denied.

#### FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

(Tender, Estoppel, Laches, and Waiver)

The superpriority portion of the HOA's lien was satisfied prior to the HOA's foreclosure under the doctrines of tender, estoppel, laches, or waiver.

#### FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

(Fraudulent, Oppressive, and Unfair Foreclosure Sale)

The HOA's foreclosure sale was fraudulent, unfair, and oppressive, and the circumstances of the sale violated the HOA's obligation of good faith.

# SIXTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE (Failure to Mitigate Damages)

NV Eagles' claims are barred in whole or in part because of its failure to take reasonable steps to mitigate its damages, if any.

# SEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE (No Standing)

NV Eagles lacks standing to bring some or all of its claims and causes of action.

# EIGHTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE (Unclean Hands)

BANA avers the affirmative defense of unclean hands.

#### NINTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE (Plaintiff is Not Entitled to Relief)

BANA denies that NV Eagles is entitled to any relief for which it prays.

# TENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE (Failure to Do Equity)

BANA avers the affirmative defense of failure to do equity.

# **ELEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE** (Failure to Provide Notice)

BANA was not provided proper notice of the HOA's foreclosure sale, and any such notice provided to BANA failed to comply with the statutory and common law requirements of Nevada and with state and federal constitutional law.

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#### TWELFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

(Void Foreclosure Sale)

The HOA's foreclosure sale is void for failure to comply with the provisions of NRS Chapter 116, and other provisions of law.

# THIRTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE (No Super-Priority Sale)

The deed of trust was not extinguished by the HOA's foreclosure sale because the HOA foreclosed on the subpriority portion of its lien.

# FOURTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE (Additional Affirmative Defenses)

Pursuant to NRCP 11, BANA reserves the right to assert additional affirmative defenses in the event discovery and/or investigation disclose the existence of other affirmative defenses.

Dated: July 30, 2019.

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I am an employee of Akerman LLP, and that on this 30th day of July, 2019 and pursuant to NRCP 5, I caused to be served a true and correct copy of the foregoing BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.'S ANSWER TO NV EAGLES, LLC'S CROSS-CLAIMS, in the following manner:

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THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, AS TRUSTEE'S ANSWER TO NV EAGLES, LLC'S CROSS-CLAIMS

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The Bank of New York Mellon FKA The Bank of New York, as Trustee for the Certificateholders of CWALT, Inc., Alternative Loan Trust 2006 J-8, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-J8 (**BoNYM**), by and through its attorneys at AKERMAN LLP, answers the cross-claims filed by NV Eagles, LLC as follows:

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- 1. BoNYM lacks sufficient information to admit or deny the allegations in Paragraph 1, and therefore denies the same.
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- 3. BoNYM admits only that the foreclosure deed recorded in the Clark County Recorder's Office as Instrument Number 20130703-0002523 (foreclosure deed) purported to convey title to the property located at 2184 Pont National Drive, Henderson, Nevada 89044 (property) to NV Eagles' predecessor-in-interest, Underwood Partners, LLC. BoNYM specifically denies that NV Eagles' interest in the property, if any, is superior to the deed of trust recorded in the Clark County Recorder's Office as Instrument Number 20061127-0002922 (**deed of trust**). BoNYM denies the remaining allegations in Paragraph 3.
- 4. BoNYM admits only that the foreclosure deed purported to convey title to the property to NV Eagles' predecessor-in-interest, Underwood. BoNYM specifically denies that NV Eagles' interest in the property, if any, is superior to the deed of trust. BoNYM denies the remaining allegations in Paragraph 4.
- 5. BoNYM admits only that it was the beneficiary of the deed of trust at the time of the HOA's foreclosure sale. BoNYM denies the remaining allegations of Paragraph 5.
- 6. BoNYM lacks sufficient information to admit or deny the allegations in Paragraph 6, and therefore denies the same.
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- 12. BoNYM admits only that it is the beneficiary of the deed of trust. BoNYM denies the remaining allegations of Paragraph 12.
  - 13. BoNYM denies that NV Eagles is entitled to the relief requested in Paragraph 13.
- 14. BoNYM admits that it claims the deed of trust encumbers the property. BoNYM denies the remaining allegations in Paragraph 14.
- The allegations in Paragraph 15 are legal conclusions to which no response is required. 15. To the extent a response is required, BoNYM denies the allegations in Paragraph 15.
  - 16. Denied.
  - 17. BoNYM denies that NV Eagles is entitled to the relief requested in Paragraph 17.

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Dated: July 30, 2019.

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#### EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

#### CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

Dept. No.:

MELISSA LIEBERMAN, an individual, on Case No.: behalf of herself and all others similarly situated;

Plaintiff,

**CANYON COMMUNITY** ASSOCIATION, et al.,

Defendants.

FINDINGS OF FACTS, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND JUDGMENT

This matter having come on for Bench Trial on January 14 and 15, 2020, and for the Court's Decision hearing on February 5, 2020; the Court having considered the evidence; and good cause appearing therefor, enters the following Findings of Facts, Conclusions of Law and Judgment.

#### **FINDINGS OF FACTS**

1. This case involves a real property commonly known as 2184 Pont National Drive, Henderson, Nevada 89044, APN 190-20-311-033 ("Subject Property").

- 2. The Subject Property is governed by the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions ("CC&Rs") of the Mediera Canyon Community Association *now known as* Madeira Canyon Homeowners Association ("HOA"), which were recorded in the Clark County Recorder's Office as Instrument No. 20050524-0002414.
- 3. On or about November 20, 2006, Melissa Lieberman ("Borrower") executed a promissory note for \$511,576.00 ("Note") in favor of Pulte Mortgage, LLC.
- 4. The Note was secured by a deed of trust recorded in the Clark County Recorder's Office as Instrument No. 20061127-0002922 ("DOT").
- 5. On or about September 14, 2011, the DOT was assigned to The Bank of New York Mellon FKA The Bank of New York, as Trustee for the Certificate Holders of CWALT, Inc., Alternative Loan Trust 2006 J-8, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-J8 ("BNYM"), via an Assignment of DOT recorded in the Clark County Recorder's Office as Instrument No. 20110919-0000030.
- 6. After the Borrower defaulted on her obligations to the HOA, the HOA retained Nevada Association Services, Inc. ("NAS") to collect the delinquency.
- 7. On October 27, 2010, NAS, on behalf of the HOA, recorded a Notice of Delinquent Assessment Lien in the Clark County Recorder's Office as Instrument No. 20101027-0002037.
- 8. On December 21, 2010, NAS, on behalf of the HOA, recorded a Notice of Default and Election to Sell Under Homeowners Association Lien ("NOD") in the Clark County Recorder's Office as Instrument No. 20101221-0000548.
- 9. After it received the NOD, Bank of America, N.A. ("BANA"), who serviced the loan secured by the DOT and was the predecessor to BNYM, retained Miles, Bauer, Bergstrom & Winters LLP ("Miles Bauer") to obtain information from the HOA as to the association lien and the superpriority amount of same.

- 10. On February 22, 2011, Rock Jung, Esq. ("Jung"), an attorney for Miles Bauer, sent a copy of its standard letter seeking to determine the nine-month super-priority lien amount (the "Miles Bauer Letter") to NAS.
- 11. NAS responded on or about March 12, 2011, providing Jung an accounting ledger showing the total amount the Borrower owed the HOA broken down by categories, including amounts due for "monthly assessments." *See Joint Trial Exhibit 9, bate 134* (hereinafter "HOA Ledger").
- 12. On or about April 1, 2011, Miles Bauer sent a check for \$486.00 to NAS enclosed with a cover letter explaining that the check was equal to "9 months worth of delinquent assessments" and intended to satisfy BANA's, as the predecessor to BNYM, "obligations to the HOA as holder of the deed of trust against the Property." See Joint Trial Exhibit 9, bates 137-139.
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- 18. There was no evidence of any kind of fraud, unfairness or oppression that accounted for and/or brought about the purchase price of the Subject Property at the foreclosure sale and/or affecting the foreclosure sale of the Subject Property.
- 19. Furthermore, notwithstanding the fact that the Miles Bauer check was for an amount less than the superpriority amount, BANA and/or BNYM had adequate time and notice to correct this error prior to the foreclosure sale. BANA and/or BNYM did nothing.

#### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

- 1. As confirmed by the Nevada Supreme Court in its SFR Decision, a foreclosure sale that was conducted pursuant to NRS Chapter 116 extinguished BNYM and/or its predecessor's deed of trust encumbering the Subject Property as a matter of Nevada law.
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- 3. Therefore, the conclusiveness of the recitals as contained in the Foreclosure Deed can only be challenged via post-sale equitable claims supported by a finding of unfairness of the sale. See Shadow Wood at 1110-1112.
- 4. The Nevada Supreme Court in its *PNC* Order in the case of *PNC Bank National Association v. Saticoy Bay LLC Series 9320 MT. Cash Ave. UT 103*, Nevada Supreme Court case no. 69595 (Nev. May 25, 2017 (unpublished Order of Affirmance) held that the amounts as stated in

the pre-sale notices constituted prima facie evidence that a HOA was foreclosing on its superpriority lien comprised of monthly assessments pursuant to NRS Chapter 116.

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- 6. Under NRS 116.31162(b), the superpriority portion of the Association's lien is comprised of nine months of common assessments and charges for nuisance-abatement and maintenance under NRS 116.310312. In this case, the evidence absolutely and conclusively confirmed that the superpriority portion of the HOA lien was in the amount of \$540.00.
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- 8. In Nevada, "[t]he burden of demonstrating that the delinquency was cured presale, rendering the sale void, [is] on the party challenging the foreclosure..." Resources Group, LLC v. Nevada Association Services, Inc., 437 P.3d 154, 156 (Nev. 2019) ("Resources Group"). Further, Resources Group established that the party contesting the validity of the HOA's foreclosure of its superpriority lien bears the burden of demonstrating that it tendered its "delinquency-curing check," and whether it met the burden by proving that it "paid the delinquency amount in full prior to the sale." Id., 437 P.3d at 159.
- 9. Here, BNYM failed to carry its burden as the check delivered to NAS by Miles Bauer did not satisfy the superpriority amount of the HOA lien. Thus, under Nevada law, the tender

was invalid and insufficient to cure the superpriority portion of the HOA lien. See Diamond Spur, Resources Group and Marathon.

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- 11. The evidence provided by BNYM at trial was insufficient to establish that the foreclosure sale of the property was commercially unreasonable under *Golden v. Tomiyasu*, 79 Nev. 503, 387 P.2d 989 (1963), which requires some proof of some element of fraud, unfairness or oppression as accounts for/brings about a grossly inadequate price. Nevada law does not permit a Court to invalidate a sale solely on the basis of price. Thus, the HOA foreclosure sale of the Subject Property was commercially reasonable as a matter of law. BNYM provided no evidence of any kind to show a nexus between any alleged act of fraud, unfairness or oppression that accounted for/brought about the sale price of the Subject Property and/or affected the foreclosure sale.

THEREFORE, PURSUANT TO THE ABOVE FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the deed of trust and any assignments thereof, as liens on the Subject Property are hereby cancelled and without legal force or effect, and do not convey any right, title or interest in and to the Subject Property to BNYM and/or its predecessors in interest and/or its assignees.

1 IT IS FURTHER HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that BNYM 2 and/or its predecessors in interest and/or assignees do not have any estate, right, title, lien or interest 3 in or to the Subject Property or any part of the Subject Property. 4 IT IS FURTHER HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that there is no 5 just reason for delay of entry of final judgment and final judgment is so entered pursuant to Rule 54 6 of the Nevada Rules of Civil Procedure. DONE and DATED this _____ day of April, 2020. 7 8 Man 9 DISTRICT COURT JUDGE 10 ROB BARE 11 Respectfully submitted by: 12 HONG & HONG LAW OFFICE 13 /s/ Joseph Y. Hong 14 JOSEPH Y. HONG, ESQ. State Bar No. 005995 1980 Festival Plaza Drive, Suite 650 15 Las Vegas, Nevada 89135 16 Attorney for NV Eagles, LLC 17 18 19 20 21 22

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FINDINGS OF FACTS, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND JUDGMENT

This matter having come on for Bench Trial on January 14 and 15, 2020, and for the Court's Decision hearing on February 5, 2020; the Court having considered the evidence; and good cause appearing therefor, enters the following Findings of Facts, Conclusions of Law and Judgment.

FINDINGS OF FACTS

1. This case involves a real property commonly known as 2184 Pont National Drive. Henderson, Nevada 89044, APN 190-20-311-033 ("Subject Property").

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- Restrictions ("CC&Rs") of the Mediera Canyon Community Association now known as Madeira Canyon Homeowners Association ("HOA"), which were recorded in the Clark County Recorder's Office as Instrument No. 20050524-0002414.
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The Subject Property is governed by the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and

- 4. The Note was secured by a deed of trust recorded in the Clark County Recorder's Office as Instrument No. 20061127-0002922 ("DOT").
- 5. On or about September 14, 2011, the DOT was assigned to The Bank of New York Mellon FKA The Bank of New York, as Trustee for the Certificate Holders of CWALT, Inc., Alternative Loan Trust 2006 J-8, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-J8 ("BNYM"), via an Assignment of DOT recorded in the Clark County Recorder's Office as Instrument No. 20110919-0000030.
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