In accordance with F.R.Bankr.P. 7056, Cross Claimant Patrick Canet opposes the Motion For Summary Judgment ("MSJ"), filed by Cross Defendant Jed Margolin ("Margolin"), **DE 23**, and files his Counter Motion For Summary Judgment. This Opposition and Counter Motion is accompanied by separately filed Statement of Undisputed Facts and Disputed Facts.

### **SUMMARY**

The primary issue in this proceeding is whether the recordation of a default judgment in several counties, and the follow-on execution process was valid. Canet contends that Margolin failed to comply with certain of the statutory requirements in the default judgment and execution process, with the result that both are fatally flawed, leaving Margolin as an unsecured creditor. Because the issues are fundamentally the same, Canet's Opposition also demonstrates the basis for his Counter Motion.

#### **SUMMARY JUDGMENT STANDARD**

Under F.R.Civ.P. 56 (made applicable by F.R.Bankr.P. 7056), the standard for granting summary judgment is "that there is no genuine dispute as to any material fact and that the moving party is entitled to judgment as a matter of law." F.RCiv.P. 56. 10-7056 *Collier on Bankruptcy* P 7056.03 (16<sup>th</sup> ed.). As stated by the United States Supreme Court, "at the summary judgment stage the judge's function is not himself to weight the evidence and determine the truth of the matter but to determine whether there is a genuine issue for trial." *Anderson v. Liberty Lobby, Inc.*, 477 U.S. 242, 249, 106. S. Ct. 2505, 2511, 91 L. Ed. 2d 202, 212 (1986). Therefore, under the Supreme Court's standard, the court cannot grant summary judgment if there is a genuinely disputed issue of material fact.

"The proponent of a summary judgment motion bears a heavy burden to show that there are no disputed facts warranting disposition of the case on the law without trial."

Younie v. Gonya (In re Younie), 211 B.R. 367, 373 (9th Cir. BAP 1997) (quoting Grzybowski v. Aquaslide "N" Dive Corp. (In re Aquaslide "N" Dive Corp.), 85 B.R. 545, 547 (9th Cir.

BAP 1987)); *In re Jarvar*, 422 B.R. 242 (Bankr. D. Mont. 2009). "The manner in which this burden is proven depends on which party has the burden on a particular claim or defense at the time of trial."

If the moving party will bear the burden of persuasion at trial, that party must support its motion with credible evidence-using any of the materials specified in Rule 56(c)-that would entitle it to a directed verdict if not controverted at trial. Such an affirmative showing shifts the burden of production to the party opposing the motion and requires that party either to produce evidentiary materials that demonstrate the existence of a "genuine issue" for trial to or submit an affidavit requesting additional time for discovery. If the burden of persuasion at trial would be on the non-moving party, the party moving for summary judgment may satisfy Rule 56's burden of production in either of two ways. First, the moving party may submit affirmative evidence that negates an essential element of the nonmoving party's claim. Second, the moving party may demonstrate to the Court that the non-moving party's evidence is insufficient to establish an essential element of the nonmoving party's claim.

In re Jarvar, 422 B.R. at 246, quoting Celotex Corp. v. Catrett, 477 U.S. 317, 330-34, 106 S. Ct. 2548, 2557, 91 L.Ed. 2d 265 (1986)(Brennan dissent)(citations omitted). See also, Nissan Fire & Marine Ins. Co., Ltd. v. Fritz Companies, Inc., 210 F.3d 1099, 1102-06 (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2000) (discussing burdens for withstanding summary judgment).

Canet disputes Margolin's contention that he is entitled to summary judgment. And, as set forth herein, Canet contends that Margolin has failed to establish compliance with the statutory requirements for execution on a judgment and that Canet is entitled to summary judgment as a matter of law. If Canet is correct, then he is entitled to summary judgment in his favor.

Margolin filed two Declarations in support of his MSJ, the McMillen Declaration, **DE 25** and the Francis Declaration, **DE 26**. The McMillen Declaration references five Exhibits consisting of five Sheriff's Certificates of Sale, one for Clark County and four for Washoe County. The Francis Declaration references seven Exhibits. Exhibit A includes the Default Judgment upon which the underlying Margolin claim is based. Exhibit A also includes subparts, i.e., copies of the Default Judgment evidencing recordation in Washoe County, Clark County, Lyon County, Churchill County, and Elko County. Exhibit B is a copy of the Order Re: Writ of Execution issued by Judge Russell in August 2014. The

remainder of the Exhibits attached to the Francis Declaration are copies of discovery 1 2 propounded to Canet and several e-mails exchanged between Margolin's counsel and Canet's counsel and will be addressed below. 3 LR 7056(a) provides: 4 5 a) Motions. Each motion for summary judgment must be accompanied by a separately filed "Statement of Undisputed Facts" which must specify each of the material facts relied upon in support of the motion, and which cites to the particular 6 portions of any pleading, affidavit, declaration, deposition, interrogatory answer, 7 admission or other document relied upon to establish that fact. The moving party must file as an exhibit to the statement all of the evidentiary documents that are cited in the moving papers. 8 9 Based upon the requirement of Rule 7056(a), Canet asserts that the papers attached to the McMillen Declaration and the Francis Declaration do not support the relief requested 10 by Margolin. In fact, the absence of significant documentation from Margolin requires a 11 conclusion that, as a matter of law, the Sheriff's Deeds recorded by Margolin must be 12 13 declared void ab initio. 14 15 **ANALYSIS** The Execution Efforts By Margolin Failed To Strictly Comply With Statutory 16 Requirements 17 18 On August 16, 2013, Margolin recorded his June 24, 2013 Default Judgment in 19 Washoe County against Zandian as document no. 4269631 ("Default Judgment"). The Default Judgment was recorded in Clark County four days later on August 20, 2013 as 20 document no. 201308200001370. The McMillen Declaration, DE 25, references the 21 22 following documents: 23 **Exhibit A** is a Clark County Sheriff's Certificate of Sale Of Real Property filed with the First Judicial District Court in Carson City in case no. 090C00579 1B on January 8, 2015 affecting APN 071-02-000-005;<sup>1</sup> 24 25 **Exhibit B** is a Certificate of Sale recorded in Washoe County on April 9, 2015 as document no. 4456021 affecting APN 084-130-07; 26

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Canet will seek leave under F.R.Civ.P. 15 and F.R.Bankr.P. 15 to amend his Cross Claims against Margolin to also include reference to separate APN 071-02-000-013 located in Clark County, Nevada.

**Exhibit** C is a Certificate of Sale recorded in Washoe County on April 9, 1 2015 as document no. 4456020 affecting APN 079-15-10; 2 **Exhibit D** is a Certificate of Sale recorded in Washoe County on April 9, 3 2015 as document no. 4456032 affecting APN 084-040-02, and **Exhibit E** is a Certificate of Sale recorded in Washoe County on April 9, 4 2015 as document no. 4456017 affecting APN 079-150-12. 5 Canet asserts that these documents fail to evidence compliance with applicable 6 7 statutory requirements and, as such, do not support the MSJ. 8 Α. NRS 17.150. 9 NRS 17.150. Docketing of judgments of state and federal courts; recording of 10 transcripts, abstracts and copies of judgments; liens on real property; duration of liens; affidavit required of judgment creditor who 11 records judgment or decree. 12 13 1. Immediately after filing a judgment roll, the clerk shall make the proper entries of the judgment, under appropriate heads, in the docket kept by the clerk, noting thereon the hour and minutes of the day of such entries. 14 2. A transcript of the original docket or an abstract or copy of any judgment or 15 decree of a district court of the State of Nevada or the District Court or other court of the United States in and for the District of Nevada, the enforcement of which has not 16 been stayed on appeal, certified by the clerk of the court where the judgment or 17 decree was rendered, may be recorded in the office of the county recorder in any county, and when so recorded it becomes a lien upon all the real property of the judgment debtor not exempt from execution in that county, owned by the judgment 18 debtor at the time, or which the judgment debtor may afterward acquire, until the lien expires. The lien continues for 6 years after the date the judgment or decree was 19 docketed, and is continued each time the judgment or decree is renewed, unless: 20 (a) The enforcement of the judgment or decree is stayed on appeal by the 21 execution of a sufficient undertaking as provided in the Nevada Rules of 22 Appellate Procedure or by the Statutes of the United States, in which case the lien of the judgment or decree and any lien by virtue of an attachment that 23 has been issued and levied in the actions ceases; (b) The judgment is for arrearages in the payment of child support, in which 24 case the lien continues until the judgment is satisfied; 25 26 (c) The judgment is satisfied; or

(d) The lien is otherwise discharged.

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The time during which the execution of the judgment is suspended by appeal, action

of the court or defendant must not be counted in computing the time of expiration.
3. The abstract described in subsection 2 must contain the:
(a) Title of the court and the title and number of the action;
(b) Date of entry of the judgment or decree;
(c) Names of the judgment debtor and judgment creditor;
(d) Amount of the judgment or decree; and
(e) Location where the judgment or decree is entered in the minutes or judgment docket.
Subparagraph 17.150(4), which mandates that the judgment creditor record an affidavit,
provides, in pertinent part:
In addition to recording the information described in subsection 2, a judgment
creditor who records a judgment or decree for the purpose of creating a lien upon the real property of the judgment debtor pursuant to subsection 2 shall record at that time an affidavit of judgment stating:
(a) The name and address of the judgment debtor;
(b) If the judgment debtor is a natural person:
(1) The last four digits of the judgment debtor's driver's license number or identification card number and the state of issuance; or
(2) The last four digits of the judgment debtor's social security number;
(c) If the lien is against real property which the judgment debtor owns at the
time the affidavit of judgment is recorded, the assessor's parcel number and the address of the real property and a statement that the judgment creditor has confirmed that the judgment debtor is the legal owner of that real property;
and
All information included in an affidavit of judgment recorded pursuant to this subsection must be based on the personal knowledge of the affiant, and not upon
information and belief.
(Emphasis added).
There is no form of affidavit attached to the McMillen Declaration or the Francis
Declaration, demonstrating compliance with subpart (4). It is apparent that Margolin did not
record an affidavit with the county recorders complying with any of the requirements of
NRS 17.150(4) (a), (b) or (c). It was not enough for Margolin to record the Default

1	Judgment in various counties in 2013; the statute mandates a separate recording, i.e., an
2	affidavit containing the information delineated in subpart (4). No such affidavit was
3	recorded.
4	Canet asserts that failure to comply with NRS 17.150(4) (a), (b) or (c) renders void
5	the recording of the Default Judgment in every county, i.e., Washoe County, Clark County,
6	Lyon County, Churchill County, and Elko County.
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8	B. <u>NRS 21.130.</u>
9	NRS 21.130. Notice of sale under execution; separate notice for residential foreclosure. <sup>2</sup>
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11	Subparagraphs (c)(1), (2), (3) and (4) of paragraph 1, relevant here, provide:
12 13	Before the sale of property on execution, notice of the sale, in addition to the notice required pursuant to NRS 21.075 and 21.076, must be given as follows:
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14 15	(1) Personal service upon each judgment debtor or by registered mail to the last known address of each judgment debtor and, if the property of the judgment debtor is operated as a facility licensed under chapter 449 of NRS, upon the State Board of
Health;	Health;
17	(2) Posting a similar notice particularly describing the property, for 20 days successively, in three public places of the township or city where the property is
18	situated and where the property is to be sold;
weeks, in a newspaper, if there is one in the county. The cost of publication exceed the rate for legal advertising as provided in NRS 238.070. If the new authorized by this section to publish the notice of sale neglects or refuses from the cause to make the publication, then the posting of notices as provided in the shall be deemed sufficient notice. Notice of the sale of property on execution judgment for any sum less than \$500, exclusive of costs, must be given online posting in three public places in the county, one of which must be the courter.	(3) Publishing a copy of the notice three times, once each week, for 3 successive weeks, in a newspaper, if there is one in the county. The cost of publication must not
	authorized by this section to publish the notice of sale neglects or refuses from any
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	posting in three public places in the county, one of which must be the courthouse;
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24	(4) Recording a copy of the notice in the office of the county recorder, and
25	NRS 21.130, paragraph 4 provides:
26 27	The sheriff shall not conduct a sale of the property on execution or deliver the judgment debtor's property to the judgment creditor if the judgment debtor or any
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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> A copy of NRS 21.130 is attached as **Appendix A**.

other person entitled to notice has not been properly notified as required in the section and NRS 21.075 and 21.076.	other person entitled to notice has not been properly notified as required in this section and NRS 21 075 and 21 076
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4	Exhibits A through E. NRS 21.130 requires that <b>before</b> a sale of property on execution,
5	four conjunctive requirements must be satisfied. There is no evidence included in either the
6	McMillen Declaration or the Francis Declaration demonstrating that the four requirements
7	of NRS 21.130(1) through (4), related to notice, were satisfied.
8	These provisions go directly to the question of notice.
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10	C. <u>NRS 21.075</u>
11	NRS 21.075. Notice of writ of execution: Service required; form; contents. <sup>3</sup>
12	1. Execution on the writ of execution by levying on the property of the judgment debtor may occur only if the sheriff serves the judgment debtor with a notice of the
writ of execution pursuant to NRS 21.076 and a copy of the writ. The notice of describe the types of property exempt from execution and explain the procedular claiming those exemptions in the manner required in subsection 2. The clerk court shall attach the notice to the writ of execution at the time the writ is issued.	writ of execution pursuant to NRS 21.076 and a copy of the writ. The notice must
	claiming those exemptions in the manner required in subsection 2. The clerk of the court shall attach the notice to the writ of execution at the time the writ is issued.
15 16	2. The notice required pursuant to subsection 1 must be substantially in the following form: <b>See, Appendix B</b> .
17	There is no evidence in either the McMillen Declaration or the Francis Declaration that
18	notice of the writ, together with a copy of the writ, which required compliance with subpart
19	2, was served on the judgment debtor by the sheriff.
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21	D. <u>NRS 21.076</u>
22	NRS 21.076 Notice of writ of execution: Manner and time of service.
23	The notice required by NRS 21.075 must be served by the sheriff on the judgment
24	debtor by regular mail at the debtor's last known address or, if the debtor is represented by an attorney, at the attorney's office. The service must be mailed by
25	the next business day after the day the writ of execution was served.
26	There is no evidence in either the McMillen Declaration or the Francis Declaration that
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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> A copy of NRS 21.075 is attached as **Appendix B**.

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## APPLICABLE CASE LAW

# Failure To Strictly Comply With Statutory Requirements Means That The Execution Sale Process Is Void

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The Nevada statutory scheme sets forth clear and specific requirements for conducting execution sales. In the recent case of *Pawlik v. Shyang-Fenn Deng*, 2018 Nev. LEXIS 15, 134 Nev. Adv. Rep. 11 (Nev. March 1, 2018), the Supreme Court was called

upon to resolve a dispute regarding redemption rights under a Nevada tax sale statute, NRS 271.595. Pawlik purchased property at a duly noticed tax sale on January 27, 2014. On January 7, 2016, just short of the expiration of the 2 year redemption period (January 26, 2016), Pawlik gave notice to the Dengs that he intended to apply for a tax deed. Sixty-seven (67) days later, Pawlik applied for issuance of his deed. Pawlik argued that he had substantially complied with the statute but the Court concluded that the statute in question required strict compliance and that he had prematurely requested issuance of the deed.

As we have explained, "[a] [statute] may contain both mandatory and directory provisions." Markowitz v. Saxon Special Servicing, 129 Nev. 660, 664, 310 P.3d 569, 571 (2013) (citing Leven, 123 Nev. at 408 n.31, 168 P.3d at 718 n.31; see also Einhorn v. BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP, 128 Nev. 689, 696, 290 P.3d 249, 254 (2012)). A statute's provisions are mandatory "when its language states a specific time and manner for performance." Id. at 664, 310 P.3d at 572 (internal quotation omitted). "Time and manner refers to when performance must take place and the way in which the deadline must be met." Id. In contrast, directory provisions are those governing "form and content," which "dictate who must take action and what information that party is required to provide" and "do not implicate notice." Id. at 664-65, 310 P.3d at 572 (internal quotations omitted). An additional consideration is that "the right to redeem . . . will not be taken away except upon strict compliance with steps necessary to divest it." Robinson, 83 Nev. at 355, 432 P.2d at 86.

Pawlik, 2018 Nev. LEXIS at 12-13.4 Emphasis added.

Canet contends that NRS 17.150(4) is mandatory in that it states the judgment creditor "shall" record an affidavit with specified information. Canet contends that all requirements of the statute are mandatory; none are optional. It is undisputed that Margolin did not record the affidavit required by NRS 17.150 (4) which begins:

"in addition to recording the information described in subsection 2, a judgment creditor who records a judgment or decree for the purpose of creating a lien upon the real property of the judgment debtor pursuant to subsection 2 shall record at that time an affidavit of judgment stating . . . .

NRS 17.150 (2) goes directly to the time of the event, i.e., the recordation of the judgment.

With respect to the affidavit, NRS 17.150 (4) states shall record at that time an affidavit

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> The Supreme Court reached the same conclusion in *Leven v. Frey*, 123 Nev. 399

- (a) The name and address of the judgment debtor;
- (b) If the judgment debtor is a natural person:
  - (1) The last four digits of the judgment debtor's driver's license number or identification card number and the state of issuance; or
  - (2) The last four digits of the judgment debtor's social security number;
- (c) If the lien is against real property which the judgment debtor owns at the time the affidavit of judgment is recorded, the assessor's parcel number and the address of the real property and a statement that the judgment creditor has confirmed that the judgment debtor is the legal owner of that real property; and

All information included in an affidavit of judgment recorded pursuant to this subsection must be based on the personal knowledge of the affiant, and not upon information and belief.

Statutory provisions should, whenever possible, be read in harmony provided that doing so does not violate the ascertained spirit and intent of the legislature. *Pawlik* at page 21. Here, the legislature was very specific in setting forth the requirements for recording a judgment. Margolin cannot contend that the affidavit requirement is optional.

#### **CONCLUSION ON SUMMARY JUDGMENT**

Canet asserts that the MSJ is not supported by admissible evidence which demonstrates compliance with all of the required statutory provisions for an execution sale. To the contrary, Canet asserts that Margolin's failure to comply with the strict legislative requirements of NRS 17.150 renders void the recording of the initial default judgment. In addition, substantially all of the subsequent actions appear to have procedural or noticing flaws which render the entire execution process invalid.

Accordingly, Canet requests the Court enter summary judgment in his favor determining that the entire process from the recording of the Default Judgment in Washoe County, Clark County, Lyon County, Churchill County, and Elko County is void as are the subsequent Sheriffs' certificates of sale and the Sheriffs' deeds which followed.

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### **MARGOLIN'S REQUESTS FOR SANCTIONS**

- 1. To the extent that the Motion includes a request for sanctions, it was not properly noticed.
  - 2. Margolin elected to not file a motion to compel compliance with discovery.
- 3. As the Court is aware, Mr. Canet resides in Paris, France where he is overseeing the collection and liquidation of Reza Zandian's assets. Mr. Canet has no documentation related to Zandian's activities in Nevada. And, in fact, the documents related to the instant Motion For Summary Judgment and the Counter Motion For Summary Judgment are all in the hands of Margolin.
- 4. Hartman acknowledges that he did not respond to the First Set of Interrogatories and the Request For Production of Documents propounded by Margolin. A simple review demonstrates that of the 21 Interrogatories propounded, all but five are wholly irrelevant to the pending adversary proceeding. The five remaining interrogatories each request identity of documents supporting Canet's two Cross-Claims. As is apparent from Canet's Counter Motion, his position relies upon the absence of critical documents regarding compliance with the default judgment and execution process.

DATED: April 11, 2018.

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# **APPENDIX A**

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Nevada Revised Statutes Annotated > Title 2. Civil Practice. > Chapter 21. Enforcement of Judgments. > Executions and Exemptions

# 21.130. Notice of sale under execution; separate notice for residential foreclosure.

- 1. Before the sale of property on execution, notice of the sale, in addition to the notice required pursuant to <u>NRS 21.075</u> and <u>21.076</u>, must be given as follows:
  - (a) In cases of perishable property, by posting written notice of the time and place of sale in three public places at the township or city where the sale is to take place, for such a time as may be reasonable, considering the character and condition of the property.
  - (b) In case of other personal property, by posting a similar notice in three public places of the township or city where the sale is to take place, not less than 5 or more than 10 days before the sale, and, in case of sale on execution issuing out of a district court, by the publication of a copy of the notice in a newspaper, if there is one in the county, at least twice, the first publication being not less than 10 days before the date of the sale.
  - (c) In case of real property, by:
    - (1) Personal service upon each judgment debtor or by registered mail to the last known address of each judgment debtor and, if the property of the judgment debtor is operated as a facility licensed under chapter 449 of NRS, upon the State Board of Health;
    - (2) Posting a similar notice particularly describing the property, for 20 days successively, in three public places of the township or city where the property is situated and where the property is to be sold;
    - (3) Publishing a copy of the notice three times, once each week, for 3 successive weeks, in a newspaper, if there is one in the county. The cost of publication must not exceed the rate for legal advertising as provided in <u>NRS 238.070</u>. If the newspaper authorized by this section to publish the notice of sale neglects or refuses from any cause to make the publication, then the posting of notices as provided in this section shall be deemed sufficient notice. Notice of the sale of property on execution upon a judgment for any sum less than \$500, exclusive of costs, must be given only by posting in three public places in the county, one of which must be the courthouse;
    - (4) Recording a copy of the notice in the office of the county recorder; and
    - (5) If the sale of property is a residential foreclosure, posting a copy of the notice in a conspicuous place on the property. In addition to the requirements of NRS 21.140, the

notice must not be defaced or removed until the transfer of title is recorded or the property becomes occupied after completion of the sale, whichever is earlier.

- 2. If the sale of property is a residential foreclosure, the notice must include, without limitation:
  - (a) The physical address of the property; and
  - (b) The contact information of the party who is authorized to provide information relating to the foreclosure status of the property.
- 3. If the sale of property is a residential foreclosure, a separate notice must be posted in a conspicuous place on the property and mailed, with a certificate of mailing issued by the United States Postal Service or another mail delivery service, to any tenant or subtenant, if any, other than the judgment debtor, in actual occupation of the premises not later than 3 business days after the notice of the sale is given pursuant to subsection 1. The separate notice must be in substantially the following form:
- **4.** The sheriff shall not conduct a sale of the property on execution or deliver the judgment debtor's property to the judgment creditor if the judgment debtor or any other person entitled to notice has not been properly notified as required in this section and <u>NRS 21.075</u> and <u>21.076</u>.
- **5.** As used in this section, "residential foreclosure" means the sale of a single family residence pursuant to <u>NRS 40.430</u>. As used in this subsection, "single family residence" means a structure that is comprised of not more than four units.

# History

CPA 1911, § 348; 1951, p. 153; 1965, p. 612; 1975, p. 651; <u>1989, ch. 539</u>, § 7, p. 1138; <u>2009, ch. 484</u>, § 2, p. 2781; <u>2015, ch. 507</u>, § 31, p. 3128.

Annotations

#### **Notes**

#### **Amendment Notes**

The 2009 amendment, effective October 1, 2009, added "and, if the property of the judgment debtor is operated as a facility licensed under chapter 449 of NRS, upon the State Board of Health" in (1)(c)(1); added (1)(c)(4), (1)(c)(5), (2) and (3); redesignated former (2) as (4); added (5); and made a related and a stylistic change.

The 2015 amendment, effective October 1, 2015, substituted "surrender" for "quit" in the fifth paragraph of the Notice to Tenants of the Property of (3); and in the eighth paragraph of the Notice to Tenants of the Property of (3), added "unless service is accomplished by a sheriff, constable or licensed process server, in which case the presence of a witness is not required" in (1), added "and to the place where the leased property is situated, if different" in (2), and in (3), deleted "delivering a copy to a person residing there, if a person can be found" following "leased property" and added "situated."

# **APPENDIX B**

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Nevada Revised Statutes Annotated > Title 2. Civil Practice. > Chapter 21. Enforcement of Judgments. > Executions and Exemptions

# 21.075. Notice of writ of execution: Service required; form; contents.

- 1. Execution on the writ of execution by levying on the property of the judgment debtor may occur only if the sheriff serves the judgment debtor with a notice of the writ of execution pursuant to <u>NRS 21.076</u> and a copy of the writ. The notice must describe the types of property exempt from execution and explain the procedure for claiming those exemptions in the manner required in subsection 2. The clerk of the court shall attach the notice to the writ of execution at the time the writ is issued.
- 2. The notice required pursuant to subsection 1 must be substantially in the following form:

#### NOTICE OF EXECUTION

# YOUR PROPERTY IS BEING ATTACHED OR YOUR WAGES ARE BEING GARNISHED

A court has determined that you owe money to ................................ (name of person), the judgment creditor. The judgment creditor has begun the procedure to collect that money by garnishing your wages, bank account and other personal property held by third persons or by taking money or other property in your possession.

Certain benefits and property owned by you may be exempt from execution and may not be taken from you. The following is a partial list of exemptions:

- 1. Payments received pursuant to the federal Social Security Act, including, without limitation, retirement and survivors' benefits, supplemental security income benefits and disability insurance benefits.
- 2. Payments for benefits or the return of contributions under the Public Employees' Retirement System.
- 3. Payments for public assistance granted through the Division of Welfare and Supportive Services of the Department of Health and Human Services or a local governmental entity.
- 4. Proceeds from a policy of life insurance.
- 5. Payments of benefits under a program of industrial insurance.
- 6. Payments received as disability, illness or unemployment benefits.
- 7. Payments received as unemployment compensation.
- 8. Veteran's benefits.

- 9. A homestead in a dwelling or a mobile home, not to exceed \$550,000, unless:
- (a) The judgment is for a medical bill, in which case all of the primary dwelling, including a mobile or manufactured home, may be exempt.
- (b) Allodial title has been established and not relinquished for the dwelling or mobile home, in which case all of the dwelling or mobile home and its appurtenances are exempt, including the land on which they are located, unless a valid waiver executed pursuant to NRS 115.010 is applicable to the judgment.
- 10. All money reasonably deposited with a landlord by you to secure an agreement to rent or lease a dwelling that is used by you as your primary residence, except that such money is not exempt with respect to a landlord or landlord's successor in interest who seeks to enforce the terms of the agreement to rent or lease the dwelling.
- 11. A vehicle, if your equity in the vehicle is less than \$15,000.
- 12. Eighty-two percent of the take-home pay for any workweek if your gross weekly salary or wage was \$770 or less on the date the most recent writ of garnishment was issued, or seventy-five percent of the take- home pay for any workweek if your gross weekly salary or wage exceeded \$770 on the date the most recent writ of garnishment was issued, unless the weekly take-home pay is less than 50 times the federal minimum hourly wage, in which case the entire amount may be exempt.
- 13. Money, not to exceed \$500,000 in present value, held in:
- (a) An individual retirement arrangement which conforms with the applicable limitations and requirements of section 408 or 408A of the Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C. §§ 408 and 408A;
- (b) A written simplified employee pension plan which conforms with the applicable limitations and requirements of section 408 of the Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C. § 408;
- (c) A cash or deferred arrangement that is a qualified plan pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code;
- (d) A trust forming part of a stock bonus, pension or profit-sharing plan that is a qualified plan pursuant to sections 401 et seq. of the Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C. §§ 401 et seq.; and
- (e) A trust forming part of a qualified tuition program pursuant to chapter 353B of NRS, any applicable regulations adopted pursuant to chapter 353B of NRS and section 529 of the Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C. § 529, unless the money is deposited after the entry of a judgment against the purchaser or account owner or the money will not be used by any beneficiary to attend a college or university.
- 14. All money and other benefits paid pursuant to the order of a court of competent jurisdiction for the support, education and maintenance of a child, whether collected by the judgment debtor or the State.
- 15. All money and other benefits paid pursuant to the order of a court of competent jurisdiction for the support and maintenance of a former spouse, including the amount of any arrearages in the payment of such support and maintenance to which the former spouse may be entitled.
- 16. Regardless of whether a trust contains a spendthrift provision:
- (a) A present or future interest in the income or principal of a trust that is a contingent interest, if the contingency has not been satisfied or removed;

- (b) A present or future interest in the income or principal of a trust for which discretionary power is held by a trustee to determine whether to make a distribution from the trust, if the interest has not been distributed from the trust;
- (c) The power to direct dispositions of property in the trust, other than such a power held by a trustee to distribute property to a beneficiary of the trust;
- (d) Certain powers held by a trust protector or certain other persons; and
- (e) Any power held by the person who created the trust.
- 17. If a trust contains a spendthrift provision:
- (a) A present or future interest in the income or principal of a trust that is a mandatory interest in which the trustee does not have discretion concerning whether to make the distribution from the trust, if the interest has not been distributed from the trust; and
- (b) A present or future interest in the income or principal of a trust that is a support interest in which the standard for distribution may be interpreted by the trustee or a court, if the interest has not been distributed from the trust.
- 18. A vehicle for use by you or your dependent which is specially equipped or modified to provide mobility for a person with a permanent disability.
- 19. A prosthesis or any equipment prescribed by a physician or dentist for you or your dependent.
- 20. Payments, in an amount not to exceed \$16,150, received as compensation for personal injury, not including compensation for pain and suffering or actual pecuniary loss, by the judgment debtor or by a person upon whom the judgment debtor is dependent at the time the payment is received.
- 21. Payments received as compensation for the wrongful death of a person upon whom the judgment debtor was dependent at the time of the wrongful death, to the extent reasonably necessary for the support of the judgment debtor and any dependent of the judgment debtor.
- 22. Payments received as compensation for the loss of future earnings of the judgment debtor or of a person upon whom the judgment debtor is dependent at the time the payment is received, to the extent reasonably necessary for the support of the judgment debtor and any dependent of the judgment debtor.
- 23. Payments received as restitution for a criminal act.
- 24. Personal property, not to exceed \$1,000 in total value, if the property is not otherwise exempt from execution.
- 25. A tax refund received from the earned income credit provided by federal law or a similar state law.
- 26. Stock of a corporation described in subsection 2 of NRS 78.746 except as set forth in that section.

These exemptions may not apply in certain cases such as a proceeding to enforce a judgment for support of a person or a judgment of foreclosure on a mechanic's lien. You should consult an attorney immediately to assist you in determining whether your property or money is exempt from execution. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for assistance through ........................ (name of organization in county providing legal services to indigent or elderly persons). If you do not wish to consult an attorney or receive legal services from an

organization that provides assistance to persons who qualify, you may obtain the form to be used to claim an exemption from the clerk of the court.

#### PROCEDURE FOR CLAIMING EXEMPT PROPERTY

If you believe that the money or property taken from you is exempt, you must complete and file with the clerk of the court an executed claim of exemption. A copy of the claim of exemption must be served upon the sheriff, the garnishee and the judgment creditor within 10 days after the notice of execution or garnishment is served on you by mail pursuant to NRS 21.076 which identifies the specific property that is being levied on. The property must be released by the garnishee or the sheriff within 9 judicial days after you serve the claim of exemption upon the sheriff, garnishee and judgment creditor, unless the sheriff or garnishee receives a copy of an objection to the claim of exemption and a notice for a hearing to determine the issue of exemption. If this happens, a hearing will be held to determine whether the property or money is exempt. The objection to the claim of exemption and notice for the hearing to determine the issue of exemption must be filed within 8 judicial days after the claim of exemption is served on the judgment creditor by mail or in person and served on the judgment debtor, the sheriff and any garnishee not less than 5 judicial days before the date set for the hearing. The hearing to determine whether the property or money is exempt must be held within 7 judicial days after the objection to the claim of exemption and notice for the hearing is filed. You may be able to have your property released more quickly if you mail to the judgment creditor or the attorney of the judgment creditor written proof that the property is exempt. Such proof may include, without limitation, a letter from the government, an annual statement from a pension fund, receipts for payment, copies of checks, records from financial institutions or any other document which demonstrates that the money in your account is exempt.

IF YOU DO NOT FILE THE EXECUTED CLAIM OF EXEMPTION WITHIN THE TIME SPECIFIED, YOUR PROPERTY MAY BE SOLD AND THE MONEY GIVEN TO THE JUDGMENT CREDITOR, EVEN IF THE PROPERTY OR MONEY IS EXEMPT.

### History

<u>1989, ch. 539,</u> § 2, p. 1135; <u>1991, ch. 311,</u> § 1, p. 811; <u>1991, ch. 488,</u> § 1, p. 1412; <u>1995, ch. 153,</u> § 4, p. 227; <u>1995, ch. 431,</u> § 2, p. 1071; <u>1997, ch. 123,</u> § 1, p. 265; <u>1997, ch. 685,</u> § 7, p. 3412; <u>2003, ch. 201,</u> § 3, p. 1010; <u>2003, ch. 324,</u> § 1, p. 1812; <u>2005, ch. 121,</u> § 2, p. 382; <u>2005, ch. 290,</u> § 4, p. 1012; <u>2005, ch. 464,</u> § 4, p. 2228; <u>2007, ch. 480,</u> § 171.2, p. 2708; <u>2007, ch. 512,</u> § 1, p. 3016; <u>2009, ch. 215,</u> § 61, p. 803; <u>2011, ch. 270,</u> § 1, p. 1406; <u>2011, ch. 338,</u> § 6, p. 1892; <u>2017, ch. 329,</u> § 3.

Annotations

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