

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

INDICATE FULL CAPTION:

REZA ZANDIAN, AN INDIVIDUAL,
Appellant,
vs.
JED MARGOLIN, AN INDIVIDUAL,
Respondent.

No. 65960

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DOCKETING STATEMENT
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GENERAL INFORMATION

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4. Nature of disposition below (check all that apply):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Judgment after bench trial | <input type="checkbox"/> Dismissal: |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Judgment after jury verdict | <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of jurisdiction |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Summary judgment | <input type="checkbox"/> Failure to state a claim |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Default judgment | <input type="checkbox"/> Failure to prosecute |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grant/Denial of NRCP 60(b) relief | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grant/Denial of injunction | <input type="checkbox"/> Divorce Decree: |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grant/Denial of declaratory relief | <input type="checkbox"/> Original <input type="checkbox"/> Modification |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Review of agency determination | <input type="checkbox"/> Other disposition (specify): _____ |

5. Does this appeal raise issues concerning any of the following?

- Child Custody
- 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:

Reza Zandian vs. Jed Margolin (Case No. 65205) (presently pending)

7. Pending and prior proceedings in other courts. List the case name, number and court of all pending and prior proceedings in other courts which are related to this appeal (e.g., bankruptcy, consolidated or bifurcated proceedings) and their dates of disposition:

None.

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

The subject matter of this case concerns various patents and a dispute over their ownership. Following the entry of a default judgment against Appellant, Zandian, a motion to set aside the default judgment was denied. That denial is the subject of an appeal docketed with this Court as Case No. 65205. Subsequent to that appeal, Respondent, Margolin, filed with the the District Court a Motion for Order Allowing Costs and Necessary Disbursements and Memorandum of Points and Authorities in Support Thereof. After that Motion was briefed, the District Court entered an Order on Motion for Order Allowing Costs and Necessary Disbursements and Memorandum of Points and Authorities in Support Thereof. That Order is the subject of this appeal.

9. Issues on appeal. State specifically all issues in this appeal (attach separate sheets as necessary):

Whether the District Court incorrectly granted a motion ordering post-judgment costs and fees in favor of Respondent, Margolin and against Appellant, Zandian.

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.

11. Constitutional issues. If this appeal challenges the constitutionality of a statute, and the state, any state agency, or any officer or employee thereof is not a party to this appeal, have you notified the clerk of this court and the attorney general in accordance with NRAP 44 and NRS 30.130?

N/A

Yes

No

If not, explain:

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. Trial. If this action proceeded to trial, how many days did the trial last? _____

Was it a bench or jury trial? _____

14. Judicial Disqualification. Do you intend to file a motion to disqualify or have a justice recuse him/herself from participation in this appeal? If so, which Justice?
No.

TIMELINESS OF NOTICE OF APPEAL

15. Date of entry of written judgment or order appealed from May 19, 2014

If no written judgment or order was filed in the district court, explain the basis for seeking appellate review:

16. Date written notice of entry of judgment or order was served May 20, 2014

Was service by:

Delivery

Mail/electronic/fax

17. If the time for filing the notice of appeal was tolled by a post-judgment motion (NRCP 50(b), 52(b), or 59)

(a) Specify the type of motion, the date and method of service of the motion, and the date of filing.

NRCP 50(b) Date of filing _____

NRCP 52(b) Date of filing _____

NRCP 59 Date of filing _____

NOTE: Motions made pursuant to NRCP 60 or motions for rehearing or reconsideration may toll the time for filing a notice of appeal. See AA Primo Builders v. Washington, 126 Nev. ____, 245 P.3d 1190 (2010).

(b) Date of entry of written order resolving tolling motion _____

(c) Date written notice of entry of order resolving tolling motion was served _____

Was service by:

Delivery

Mail

18. Date notice of appeal filed June 23, 2014

If more than one party has appealed from the judgment or order, list the date each notice of appeal was filed and identify by name the party filing the notice of appeal:

19. Specify statute or rule governing the time limit for filing the notice of appeal, e.g., NRAP 4(a) or other

NRAP 4(a)

SUBSTANTIVE APPEALABILITY

20. Specify the statute or other authority granting this court jurisdiction to review the judgment or order appealed from:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> NRAP 3A(b)(1) | <input type="checkbox"/> NRS 38.205 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> NRAP 3A(b)(2) | <input type="checkbox"/> NRS 233B.150 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> NRAP 3A(b)(3) | <input type="checkbox"/> NRS 703.376 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) <u>NRAP 3A(b)(8)</u> | |

(b) Explain how each authority provides a basis for appeal from the judgment or order:
The Order on Motion for Order Allowing Costs and Necessary Disbursements and Memorandum of Points and Authorities in Support Thereof is a "special order entered after final judgment" which is the subject of a cognizable appeal under NRAP 3A(b)(8).

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

(a) Parties:

JED MARGOLIN, an individual, Plaintiff

REZA ZANDIAN, an individual, Defendant

OPTIMA TECHNOLOGY CORPORATION, a California corporation, Defendant

OPTIMA TECHNOLOGY CORPORATION, a Nevada corporation, Defendant

(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:

Defendants, OPTIMA TECHNOLOGY CORPORATION, a California corporation, and OPTIMA TECHNOLOGY CORPORATION, a Nevada corporation (collectively "OTC"), were the subjects of a default and default judgment which preceded the default and default judgment to which REZA ZANDIAN was subject. OTC did not move to set aside the default or default judgment to which they were subject.

22. 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.

Margolin: (1) Conversion; (2) Tortious Interference with Contract; (3) Intentional Interference with Economic Advantage; (4) Unjust Enrichment; (5) Unfair and Deceptive Trade Practices

As to ZANDIAN, all of the claims of MARGOLIN were addressed in the default judgment dated June 24, 2013. By order dated May 19, 2014, the District Court awarded MARGOLIN post-judgment fees and costs.

23. 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

No

24. If you answered "No" to question 23, complete the following:

(a) Specify the claims remaining pending below:

(b) Specify the parties remaining below:

(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

25. If you answered "No" to any part of question 24, explain the basis for seeking appellate review (e.g., order is independently appealable under NRAP 3A(b)):

26. 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

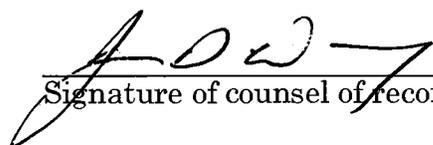
VERIFICATION

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.

Reza Zandian
Name of appellant

Jason Woodbury
Name of counsel of record

July 21, 2014
Date


Signature of counsel of record

Carson City, Nevada
State and county where signed

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on the 21st day of July, 2014, I served a copy of this completed docketing statement upon all counsel of record:

- By personally serving it upon him/her; or
- By mailing it by first class mail with sufficient postage prepaid to the following address(es): (NOTE: If all names and addresses cannot fit below, please list names below and attach a separate sheet with the addresses.)

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Dated this 21st day of July, 2014


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**In The First Judicial District Court of the State of Nevada
In and for Carson City**

JED MARGOLIN, an individual,
Plaintiff,
vs.
OPTIMA TECHNOLOGY CORPORATION,
a California corporation, OPTIMA
TECHNOLOGY CORPORATION, a Nevada
corporation, REZA ZANDIAN
aka GOLAMREZA ZANDIANJAZI
aka GHOLAM REZA ZANDIAN
aka REZA JAZI aka J. REZA JAZI
aka G. REZA JAZI aka GHONONREZA
ZANDIAN JAZI, an individual, DOE
Companies 1-10, DOE Corporations 11-20,
and DOE Individuals 21-30,
Defendants.

Case No.: 090C00579 1B

Dept. No.: 1

AMENDED COMPLAINT
(Exemption From Arbitration Requested)

Plaintiff, JED MARGOLIN ("Mr. Margolin"), by and through his counsel of record, WATSON ROUNDS, and for his Complaint against Defendants, hereby alleges and complains as follows:

The Parties

1. Plaintiff Mr. Margolin is an individual residing in Storey County, Nevada.
2. On information and belief, Defendant Optima Technology Corporation is a California corporation with its principal place of business in Irvine, California.

Facts

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2 9. Plaintiff Mr. Margolin is the named inventor on numerous patents and patent
3 applications, including United States Patent No. 5,566,073 ("the '073 Patent"), United States
4 Patent No. 5,904,724 ("the '724 Patent"), United States Patent No. 5,978,488 ("the '488
5 Patent") and United States Patent No. 6,377,436 ("the '436 Patent") (collectively "the Patents").

6 10. Mr. Margolin is the legal owner and owner of record for the '488 and '436
7 Patents, and has never assigned those patents.

8 11. In July 2004, Mr. Margolin granted to Optima Technology Group ("OTG"), a
9 Cayman Islands Corporation specializing in aerospace technology, a Power of Attorney
10 regarding the '073 and '724 Patents. In exchange for the Power of Attorney, OTG agreed to
11 pay Mr. Margolin royalties based on OTG's licensing of the '073 and '724 Patents.

12 12. In May 2006, OTG and Mr. Margolin licensed the '073 and '724 Patents to
13 Geneva Aerospace, Inc., and Mr. Margolin received a royalty payment pursuant to the royalty
14 agreement between Mr. Margolin and OTG.

15 13. On about July 20, 2004, Mr. Margolin assigned the '073 and '724 Patents to
16 OTG.

17 14. In about November 2007, OTG licensed the '073 Patent to Honeywell
18 International, Inc., and Mr. Margolin received a royalty payment pursuant to the royalty
19 agreement between Mr. Margolin and OTG.

20 15. In December 2007, Defendant Zandian filed with the U.S. Patent and Trademark
21 Office ("USPTO") fraudulent assignment documents allegedly assigning all four of the Patents
22 to Optima Technology Corporation.

23 16. Upon discovery of the fraudulent filing, Mr. Margolin: (a) filed a report with the
24 Storey County Sheriff's Department; (b) took action to regain record title to the '488 and '436
25 Patents that he legally owned; and (c) assisted OTG in regaining record title of the '073 and
26 '724 Patents that it legally owned and upon which it contracted with Mr. Margolin for royalties.

27 17. Shortly before this, Mr. Margolin and OTG had been named as defendants in an
28 action for declaratory relief regarding non-infringement of the '073 and '724 Patents in the

1 United States District Court for the District of Arizona, in a case titled: *Universal Avionics*
2 *Systems Corporation v. Optima Technology Group, Inc.*, No. CV 07-588-TUC-RCC (the
3 "Arizona Action"). In the Arizona Action, Mr. Margolin and OTG filed a cross-claim for
4 declaratory relief against Optima Technology Corporation (Zandian) in order to obtain legal
5 title to their respective patents.

6 18. On August 18, 2008, the United States District Court for the District of Arizona
7 entered a final judgment in favor of Mr. Margolin and OTG on their declaratory relief action,
8 and ordered that OTC—California and OTC—Nevada had no interest in the '073 or '724
9 Patents, that the assignment documents filed by Zandian with the USPTO were "forged, invalid,
10 void, of no force and effect," that the USPTO was to correct its records with respect to any
11 claim by OTC to the Patents and/or the Power of Attorney, and that OTC was enjoined from
12 asserting further rights or interests in the Patents and/or Power of Attorney. Attached as Exhibit
13 A is a copy of the Order from the United States District Court in the Arizona Action.

14 19. Due to Defendants' fraudulent acts, title to the Patents was clouded and
15 interfered with Plaintiff's and OTG's ability to license the Patents.

16 20. During the period of time Mr. Margolin worked to correct record title of the
17 Patents in the Arizona Action and with the USPTO, he incurred significant litigation and other
18 costs associated with those efforts.

19 **Claim 1--Conversion**
20 **(Against All Defendants)**

21 21. Paragraphs 1-20 of the Complaint set forth above are incorporated herein by
22 reference.

23 22. Through the fraudulent acts described above, Defendants wrongfully exerted
24 dominion over the Patents, thereby depriving Mr. Margolin of the use of such property.

25 23. The Patents and the royalties due Mr. Margolin under the Patents were the
26 personal property of Mr. Margolin.

27 24. As a direct and proximate result of the Defendants' conversion, Mr. Margolin
28 has suffered damages in excess of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), entitling him to the relief set

1 forth below.

2 **Claim 2--Tortious Interference With Contract**
3 **(Against All Defendants)**

4 25. Paragraphs 1-24 of the Complaint set forth above are incorporated herein by
5 reference.

6 26. Mr. Margolin was a party to a valid contract with OTG for the payment of
7 royalties based on the license of the '073 and '724 Patents.

8 27. Defendants were aware of Mr. Margolin's contract with OTG.

9 28. Defendants committed intentional acts intended and designed to disrupt and
10 interfere with the contractual relationship between Mr. Margolin and OTG.

11 29. As a result of the acts of Defendants, Mr. Margolin's contract with OTG was
12 actually interfered with and disrupted.

13 30. As a direct and proximate result of the Defendants' tortious interference with
14 contract, Mr. Margolin has suffered damages in excess of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000),
15 entitling him to the relief set forth below.

16 **Claim 3—Intentional Interference with Prospective Economic Advantage**
17 **(Against All Defendants)**

18 31. Paragraphs 1-30 of the Complaint set forth above are incorporated herein by
19 reference.

20 32. Defendants were aware of Mr. Margolin's prospective business relations with
21 licensees of the Patents.

22 33. Defendants purposely, willfully and improperly attempted to induce Mr.
23 Margolin's prospective licensees to refrain from engaging in business with Mr. Margolin.

24 34. The foregoing actions by Defendants interfered with the business relationships of
25 Mr. Margolin, and were done intentionally and occurred without consent or authority of Mr.
26 Margolin.

27 35. As a direct and proximate result of the Defendants' tortious interference, Mr.
28 Margolin has suffered damages in excess of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), entitling him to the
relief set forth below.

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Claim 4—Unjust Enrichment
(Against All Defendants)

36. Paragraphs 1-35 of the Complaint set forth above are incorporated herein by reference.

37. Defendants wrongfully obtained record title to the Patents.

38. Defendants were aware that record title to the Patents was valuable, and were aware of the benefit derived from having record title.

39. Defendants unjustly benefitted from the use of Mr. Margolin's property without compensation to Mr. Margolin.

40. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' aforementioned acts, Mr. Margolin is entitled to equitable relief.

Claim 5—Unfair and Deceptive Trade Practices
(Against All Defendants)

41. Paragraphs 1-40 of the Complaint set forth above are incorporated herein by reference.

42. The Defendants, engaging in the acts and conduct described above, have knowingly and willfully committed unfair and deceptive trade practices under NRS 598.0915 by making false representations.

43. As a direct and proximate result of the Defendants' unfair and deceptive trade practices, Mr. Margolin has suffered damages in excess of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), entitling him to the relief set forth below.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff Jed Margolin, prays for judgment against the Defendants as follows:

1. That Plaintiff be awarded damages for Defendants' tortious conduct;
2. That Plaintiff be awarded damages for Defendants' unjust enrichment;
3. That Plaintiff be awarded damages for Defendants' commission of unfair and deceptive trade practices, in an amount to be proven at trial, with said damages being trebled pursuant to NRS 598.0999;

1 **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

2 Pursuant to NRCP 5(b), I certify that I am an employee of Watson Rounds, and that on
3 this date, I deposited for mailing, in a sealed envelope, with first-class postage prepaid, a true
4 and correct copy of the foregoing document, AMENDED COMPLAINT (Exemption From
5 Arbitration Requested), addressed as follows:

6 John Peter Lee
7 John Peter Lee, Ltd.
8 830 Las Vegas Blvd. South
9 Las Vegas, NV 89101

10 Dated: August 11, 2011

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12 _____
13 Carla Ousby

ATTACHMENT 2

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1 Necessary Disbursements, which restates the arguments included in the Motion to Retax. On
2 May 12, 2014, Margolin filed a Reply in Support of the Motion for Order Allowing Costs and
3 Necessary Disbursements and Margolin also filed a Request for Submission on the same date.
4 On May 14, 2014, Margolin filed an Amended Request for Submission, finally submitting the
5 Motion for Order Allowing Costs and Necessary Disbursements to the Court for decision.

6 Based upon the following facts and conclusions of law, the Motion for Order Allowing
7 Costs and Necessary Disbursements is hereby GRANTED.

8 **I. Postjudgment Costs**

9 Zandian does not dispute Margolin is allowed postjudgment costs under NRS 18.160
10 and NRS 18.170. Zandian does not dispute the requested research, witness fees or process
11 service/courier costs. Zandian only requests that the Court reduce the photocopy charges from
12 \$0.25 to \$0.15 per page. Zandian relies upon what the "FedEx Office" in Carson City charges
13 for copies to demonstrate that Margolin's rate of \$0.25 per page is not reasonable.
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15 Margolin cites to the First Judicial District Court's own fee schedule for copy charges,
16 which shows the Court charges \$0.50 per page for copies. The District Court's own fee
17 schedule is a better exemplar of what reasonable copy charges should be in this matter. The
18 rate of \$0.25 per page is half of what the Court charges for legal copies and the Court finds
19 that \$0.25 is reasonable under the circumstances. Therefore, Margolin's copy charges will not
20 be reduced and are awarded in full in the amount requested. Since Zandian did not oppose the
21 other costs, Margolin is granted his costs pursuant to NRS 18.160 and NRS 18.170, as follows:
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23 **COSTS (October 18, 2013 THROUGH April 18, 2014):**

24 Postage/photocopies (in-house) \$ 481.20
25 Research 285.31
26 Witness Fees (Subpoenas) 215.66
27 Process service/courier fees 373.00
\$1,355.17

1 **II. Postjudgment Attorney's Fees**

2 Zandian argued that there is no applicable statute or rule upon which postjudgment
3 attorney's fees can be awarded to Margolin and that the parties did not enter into an agreement
4 which affords attorney's fees and therefore Margolin's request for postjudgment attorney's
5 fees should be denied. Further, Zandian argues that NRS 598.0999(2) does not permit an
6 award of attorney's fees in this case.

7 However, NRS 598.0999(2) is applicable to any action filed pursuant to the provisions
8 of NRS 598.0903 to 598.0999, inclusive. Accordingly, Margolin should be awarded his
9 postjudgment fees pursuant to the Deceptive Trade Practices statute.
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11 **a. NRS 598.0999(2) provides for an award of attorney's fees**

12 NRS 598.0999(2) states as follows:

13 Except as otherwise provided in NRS 598.0974, in any action brought pursuant
14 to the provisions of NRS 598.0903 to 598.0999, inclusive, if the court finds that
15 a person has willfully engaged in a deceptive trade practice, the district attorney
16 of any county in this State or the Attorney General bringing the action may
17 recover a civil penalty not to exceed \$5,000 for each violation. The court in any
18 such action may, in addition to any other relief or reimbursement, award
19 reasonable attorney's fees and costs.

20 NRS 598.0999(2) (emphasis added).

21 Thus, the phrase, "provisions of NRS 598.0903 to 598.0999," encompasses all actions
22 brought under those sections. The language, "any action brought pursuant to the provisions of
23 NRS 598.0903 to 598.0999," does not limit Deceptive Trade Practices actions to district
24 attorneys or the Attorney General. The only limitation in NRS 598.0999(2) relates to the
25 district attorney's and the Attorney General being able to pursue the \$5,000 civil penalty. In
26 contrast, the last sentence of NRS 598.0999(2) stands alone and does not limit attorney fee
27 awards to district attorneys or the Attorney General and allows the Court, in any Deceptive
28 Trade Practices action, to "award reasonable attorney's fees and costs." NRS 598.0999(2).

1 As NRS 598.0999(2) provides for attorney's fees based upon actions filed pursuant to
2 the provisions of NRS 598.0903 to 598.0999, inclusive, and since NRS 598.0999(2) does not
3 exclude postjudgment attorney fees, Margolin's attorney's fees are hereby awarded for having
4 to incur fees enforcing the judgment on the deceptive trade practices claim.

5 **b. Margolin's attorneys' fees are reasonable**

6 "In Nevada, 'the method upon which a reasonable fee is determined is subject to the
7 discretion of the court,' which 'is tempered only by reason and fairness.'" *Shuette v. Beazer*
8 *Homes Holdings Corp.*, 124 P.3d 530, 121 Nev. 837 (2005) (citing *University of Nevada v.*
9 *Tarkanian*, 110 Nev. 581, 594, 591, 879 P.2d 1180, 1188, 1186 (1994)). "Accordingly, in
10 determining the amount of fees to award, the court is not limited to one specific approach; its
11 analysis may begin with any method rationally designed to calculate a reasonable amount,
12 including those based on a 'lodestar' amount or a contingency fee." *Id.* (citations omitted).
13 "The lodestar approach involves multiplying 'the number of hours reasonably spent on the
14 case by a reasonable hourly rate.'" *Id.* at n. 98 (citing *Herbst v. Humana Health Ins. of*
15 *Nevada*, 105 Nev. 586, 590, 781 P.2d 762, 764 (1989)).
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18 Before awarding attorney's fees, the district court must make findings concerning the
19 reasonableness of the award, as required by *Brunzell v. Golden Gate National Bank*, 455 P.2d
20 31, 85 Nev. 345 (1969) and *Shuette v. Beazer Homes Holdings Corp.*, 124 P.3d 530, 121 Nev.
21 837 (2005). See *Barney v. Mt. Rose Heating & Air Conditioning*, 124 Nev. 821, 829-30, 192
22 P.3d 730, 735-7 (2008).

23 According to *Brunzell*, the factors that the district court should consider in awarding
24 attorney fees, with no one factor controlling, is as follows:

- 25 (1) the advocate's qualities, including ability, training, education, experience,
26 professional standing, and skill;
27 (2) the character of the work, including its difficulty, intricacy, importance, as
28 well as the time and skill required, the responsibility imposed, and the
prominence and character of the parties when affecting the importance of the
litigation;

- 1 (3) the work performed, including the skill, time, and attention given to the
work; and
- 2 (4) the result—whether the attorney was successful and what benefits were
derived.

3 *Barney*, 192 P.3d at 736 (citing *Brunzell*, 85 Nev. at 349, 455 P.2d at 33). According to
4 *Shuette*, the district court is required to “provide[] sufficient reasoning and findings in support
5 of its ultimate determination.” *Id.* (citing *Shuette*, 121 Nev. at 865, 124 P.3d at 549).
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7 Margolin concedes that he is not currently entitled to attorney’s fees that are incurred
8 on appeal. See *Bd. of Gallery of History, Inc. v. Datecs Corp.*, 116 Nev. 286, 288, 994 P.2d
9 1149, 1150 (2000). However, as stated above, Margolin is entitled to his postjudgment
10 attorney’s fees, including those incurred in executing on the judgment. Therefore, Margolin is
11 hereby awarded only those fees that have been incurred, postjudgment, with regards to
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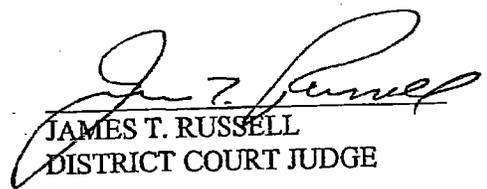
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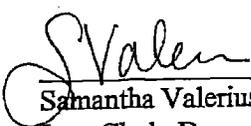
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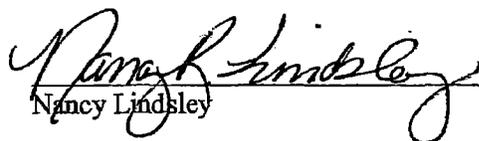
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5 Motion for Order Allowing Costs and Necessary Disbursements to the Court for decision.

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7 Costs and Necessary Disbursements is hereby GRANTED.

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9 **I. Postjudgment Costs**

10 Zandian does not dispute Margolin is allowed postjudgment costs under NRS 18.160
11 and NRS 18.170. Zandian does not dispute the requested research, witness fees or process
12 service/courier costs. Zandian only requests that the Court reduce the photocopy charges from
13 \$0.25 to \$0.15 per page. Zandian relies upon what the "FedEx Office" in Carson City charges
14 for copies to demonstrate that Margolin's rate of \$0.25 per page is not reasonable.

15 Margolin cites to the First Judicial District Court's own fee schedule for copy charges,
16 which shows the Court charges \$0.50 per page for copies. The District Court's own fee
17 schedule is a better exemplar of what reasonable copy charges should be in this matter. The
18 rate of \$0.25 per page is half of what the Court charges for legal copies and the Court finds
19 that \$0.25 is reasonable under the circumstances. Therefore, Margolin's copy charges will not
20 be reduced and are awarded in full in the amount requested. Since Zandian did not oppose the
21 other costs, Margolin is granted his costs pursuant to NRS 18.160 and NRS 18.170, as follows:

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23 **COSTS (October 18, 2013 THROUGH April 18, 2014):**

24 Postage/photocopies (in-house) \$ 481.20
25 Research 285.31
26 Witness Fees (Subpoenas) 215.66
27 Process service/courier fees 373.00
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1 **II. Postjudgment Attorney's Fees**

2 Zandian argued that there is no applicable statute or rule upon which postjudgment
3 attorney's fees can be awarded to Margolin and that the parties did not enter into an agreement
4 which affords attorney's fees and therefore Margolin's request for postjudgment attorney's
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19 reasonable attorney's fees and costs.

20 NRS 598.0999(2) (emphasis added).

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28 Trade Practices action, to "award reasonable attorney's fees and costs." NRS 598.0999(2).

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2 the provisions of NRS 598.0903 to 598.0999, inclusive, and since NRS 598.0999(2) does not
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4 to incur fees enforcing the judgment on the deceptive trade practices claim.

5 **b. Margolin's attorneys' fees are reasonable**

6 "In Nevada, 'the method upon which a reasonable fee is determined is subject to the
7 discretion of the court,' which 'is tempered only by reason and fairness.'" *Shuette v. Beazer*
8 *Homes Holdings Corp.*, 124 P.3d 530, 121 Nev. 837 (2005) (citing *University of Nevada v.*
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12 including those based on a 'lodestar' amount or a contingency fee." *Id.* (citations omitted).
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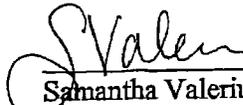
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