IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

No. 65960

INDICATE FULL CAPTION:

REZA ZANDIAN, AN INDIVIDUAL,

Appellant,

vs.

JED MARGOLIN, AN INDIVIDUAL,

Respondent.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

All appellants not in proper person must complete this docketing statement. NRAP 14(a). The purpose of the docketing statement is to assist the Supreme Court in screening jurisdiction, classifying cases for en banc, panel, or expedited treatment, compiling statistical information and identifying parties and their counsel.

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 26 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.

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\Box 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):
\Box Grant/Denial of injunction	Divorce Decree:
\Box Grant/Denial of declaratory relief	🗆 Original 🛛 Modification
\Box Review of agency determination	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

 \Box An issue of public policy

 \Box An issue where en banc consideration is necessary to maintain uniformity of this court's decisions

 \Box 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:

 \square NRCP 52(b)

Delivery

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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 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 <u>AA Primo Builders v. Washington</u>, 126 Nev. ____, 245 P.3d 1190 (2010).*

Date of filing

(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

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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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□ NRAP 3A(b)(1)	□ NRS 38.205
□ NRAP 3A(b)(2)	□ NRS 233B.150
□ NRAP 3A(b)(3)	□ NRS 703.376
Other (specify)	NRAP 3A(b)(8)

(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 CORPORIATION, 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, crossclaims 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.)

Matthew D. Francis Adam P. McMillen WATSON ROUNDS 5371 Kietzke Lane Reno, NV 89511

Dated this	<u>21st</u>	day of July	,	2014
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		10	JED MARGOLIN, an individual,	
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		12	VS.	Dept. No.: 1
		13	OPTIMA TECHNOLOGY CORPORATION,	
r.		14	a California corporation, OPTIMA	AMENDED COMPLANE
		15	TECHNOLOGY CORPORATION, a Nevada corporation, REZA ZANDIAN	AMENDED COMPLAINT (Exemption From Arbitration Requested)
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		18	aka G. REZA JAZI aka GHONONREZA ZANDIAN JAZI, an individual, DOE	
			Companies 1-10, DOE Corporations 11-20, and DOE Individuals 21-30.	
			Defendente	
		20 21	Defendants.	
			Plaintiff, JED MARGOLIN ("Mr. Margolin	") by and through his accurred of magnet
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		23	WATSON ROUNDS, and for his Complaint agains as follows:	be Detendants, nereby alleges and complains
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		25	<u>The Part</u>	
		26		al residing in Storey County, Nevada.
		27		at Optima Technology Corporation is a
		28	California corporation with its principal place of bu	siness in Irvine, California.
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 3. On information and belief, Defendant Optima Technology Corporation is a

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 Nevada corporation with its principal place of business in Las Vegas, Nevada.

4. On information and belief, Defendant Reza Zandian, aka Golamreza Zandianjazi,
 aka Golamreza Zandianjazi, aka Gholam Reza Zandian, aka Reza Jazi, aka J. Reza Jazi, aka G.
 Reza Jazi, aka Ghononreza Zandian Jazi (collectively "Zandian"), is an individual who at all
 relevant times resided in Las Vegas, Nevada.

5. On information and belief, Defendant Optima Technology Corporation, the
Nevada corporation ("OTC—Nevada") is a wholly owned subsidiary of Optima Technology
Corporation, the California corporation ("OTC—California"), and Defendant Zandian at all
relevant times served as an officer of OTC—California and OTC—Nevada.

11 6. Mr. Margolin believes, and therefore alleges, that at all times herein mentioned, 12 each Defendant was the agent, servant or employee of each of the other Defendants and at all 13 times was acting within the course and scope of said agency and/or employment and that each 14 Defendant is liable to Mr. Margolin for the reasons and the facts herein alleged. Relief is 15 sought herein against each and all of the Defendants jointly and severally, as well as its or their 16 agents, assistants, successors, employees and all persons acting in concert or cooperation with 17 them or at their direction. Mr. Margolin will amend his Complaint when such additional 18 persons acting in concert or cooperation are ascertained.

Jurisdiction and Venue

7. Pursuant to the Nevada Constitution, Article 6, Section 6, the district courts of
the State of Nevada have original jurisdiction in all cases excluded by law from the original
jurisdiction of the justice courts. This case involves tort claims in an amount in excess of the
jurisdictional limitation of the justice courts and, accordingly, jurisdiction is proper in the
district court.

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8. Venue is based upon the provisions of N.R.S. § 13.010, et seq., inasmuch as the
Defendants at all times herein mentioned has been and/or is residing or currently doing business
in and/or are responsible for the actions complained of herein in Storey County.
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1 Facts 2 9. Plaintiff Mr. Margolin is the named inventor on numerous patents and patent applications, including United States Patent No. 5,566,073 ("the '073 Patent"), United States 3 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

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

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

Claim 1--Conversion (Against All Defendants)

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

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1	forth below,
··· 2	Claim 2Tortious 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	<u>Claim 3—Intentional Interference with Prospective Economic Advantage</u> (Against All Defendants)
17	31. Paragraphs 1-30 of the Complaint set forth above are incorporated herein by
18	reference.
19	32. Defendants were aware of Mr. Margolin's prospective business relations with
20	licensees of the Patents.
21	33. Defendants purposely, willfully and improperly attempted to induce Mr.
22	Margolin's prospective licensees to refrain from engaging in business with Mr. Margolin.
23	34. The foregoing actions by Defendants interfered with the business relationships of
24	Mr. Margolin, and were done intentionally and occurred without consent or authority of Mr.
25	Margolin.
26	35. As a direct and proximate result of the Defendants' tortious interference, Mr.
27	Margolin has suffered damages in excess of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), entitling him to the
28	relief set forth below.
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	<u>Claim 4—Unjust Enrichment</u> (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	n to Mr. Margolin.
40.	As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' aforementioned acts, Mr.
Margolin is e	ntitled to equitable relief.
1	<u>Claim 5—Unfair and Deceptive Trade Practices</u> (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 a	nd willfully committed unfair and deceptive trace practices under NRS 598.0915 h
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.
WHE	REFORE, 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 tra	de practices, in an amount to be proven at trial, with said damages being trebled
pursuant to N	IRS 598.0999;

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1	4. That Plaintiff be awarded actual, consequential, future, and punitive damages of
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5	AFFIRMATION
6	Pursuant to NRS 239B.030, the undersigned does hereby affirm that the preceding
7	document, filed in District Court, does not contain the social security number of any person.
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11	Adam P. McMillen (10678) WATSON ROUNDS
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11	JED MARGOLIN, an individual,	Case No.: 090C00579 1B
12	Plaintiff,	Dept. No.: 1
13	vs.	
14	OPTIMA TECHNOLOGY CORPORATION,	ORDER ON MOTION FOR ORDER
15	a California corporation, OPTIMA TECHNOLOGY CORPORATION, a Nevada	ALLOWING COSTS AND NECESSARY DISBURSEMENTS
16	corporation, REZA ZANDIAN aka GOLAMREZA ZANDIANJAZI	AND MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES IN SUPPORT
17	aka GHOLAM REZA ZANDIAN aka REZA JAZI aka J. REZA JAZI	THEREOF
18	aka G. REZA JAZI aka GHONONREZA	
19	ZANDIAN JAZI, an individual, DOE Companies 1-10, DOE Corporations 11-20, and DOE	
20	Individuals 21-30,	
21	Defendants.	
22	This matter comes before the Court on Plain	tiff Ind Margalin's ("Margalin") Matin
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24	for Order Allowing Costs and Necessary Disbursements and Memorandum of Points and	
25	Authorities in Support Thereof, filed on April 28, 20	014. On April 30, 2014, Defendant Reza
. 26	Zandian ("Zandian") filed a Motion to Retax and Se	ttle Costs, wherein Defendant Zandian
27	addressed Margolin's Motion for Order Allowing Co	osts and Necessary Disbursements. On
28	May 12, 2014, Zandian served an Opposition to Mot	tion for Order Allowing Costs and

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

Costs and Necessary Disbursements is hereby GRANTED.

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I. **Postjudgment** Costs

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 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.

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In summary, an analysis of the *Brunzell* factors proves Margolin's fees in the lodestar amount of \$31,247.50 are reasonable and are hereby awarded.

III. Postjudgment Interest

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Margolin seeks a formal judgment for the postjudgment interest accrued on the
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The total amount awarded to Margolin herein is \$96,287.07. This award shall be added 1 to the judgment. This award must be paid before satisfaction of judgment may be entered in 2 this matter. Payment of this award shall be made within 10 days of notice of entry of this 3 4 Order. Payment shall be made payable to the Watson Rounds Trust Account or to Jed 5 Margolin. Payment shall be delivered to the law office of Watson Rounds. 6 DATED: This 19° day of May, 2014. IT IS SO ORDERED: 7 8 9 USSELL COURT JUDGE DISTRICT 10 11 12 13 14 15 Respectfully submitted by, 16 WATSON ROUNDS, P.C. 17 18 By: Adam P. McMillen, Esquire 19 Nevada Bar No. 10678 5371 Kietzke Lane 20 Reno, NV 89511 Telephone: (775) 324-4100 21 Facsimile: (775) 333-8171 Email: amcmillen@watsonrounds.com 22 Attorneys for Plaintiff 23 24 25 26 27 28 9

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 collections efforts have been reasonable and significant.

21 22 (3) Factor 4 - The Result—Whether The Attorney Was Successful And What Benefits Were Derived

Margolin prevailed on all of his causes of action in this case. Margolin's case against
 the Defendants resulted in a Default Judgment being entered against the Defendants on
 Margolin's causes of action. Specifically, the Court ordered Defendants to pay Plaintiff
 \$1,495,775.74, plus interest. In addition, through postjudgment efforts, Margolin's counsel
 has successfully liened Zandian's Nevada real estate to secure the judgment and Margolin's
 counsel is in the process of securing appropriate writs of execution to satisfy the judgment.

Thus, Margolin obtained the results sought, and this factor weighs in favor of the reasonableness of Margolin's fee request.

Further, the Court finds that while Zandian's failure to appear and defend this action
led to the default judgments being entered, the nature of this matter required specialized skill
and required a significant amount of time and attention by the attorneys involved.

The Court finds that patent and deceptive trade practices issues, and the unique facts surrounding them; involved careful consideration and research. Patent and deceptive trade practices litigation is a not a routine practice but requires a high degree of legal skill and care in order to be performed properly and effectively. Each of the causes of action in this matter, coupled with the unique facts of this matter, required thorough research and careful analysis. The Court finds that Margolin's counsel billed at an hourly rate of \$300, which is reasonable for this matter.

In summary, an analysis of the *Brunzell* factors proves Margolin's fees in the lodestar amount of \$31,247.50 are reasonable and are hereby awarded.

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III. Postjudgment Interest

Margolin seeks a formal judgment for the postjudgment interest accrued on the
 judgment to date. Zandian argues it is premature for Margolin to request an order stating what
 the current amount of accrued postjudgment interest is at this time. Zandian does not argue
 that Margolin is not entitled to postjudgment interest.

²² "The purpose of post-judgment interest is to compensate the plaintiff for loss of the use
of the money awarded in the judgment 'without regard to the elements of which that judgment
is composed." Albert H. Wohlers & Co. v. Bartgis, 114 Nev. 1249, 1269, 969 P.2d 949, 963
(1998) (citing Ainsworth v. Combined Ins. Co., 105 Nev. 237, 244, 774 P.2d 1003, 1009
(1989); see also Waddell v. L.V.R.V. Inc., 122 Nev. 15, 26, 125 P.3d 1160, 1167 (2006)
(""[t]he purpose of post-judgment interest is to compensate the plaintiff for loss of the use of

the money awarded in the judgment' without regard to the various elements that make up the judgment.").

Since Zandian has not provided a supersedeas bond to stop execution of the judgment, 3 4 Margolin is entitled to postjudgment interest until the judgment is satisfied. See NRCP 62(d) 5 (by giving a supersedeas bond a party may obtain stay of execution); see also NRS 17.130(2) 6 (interest accrues until judgment satisfied). As the original judgment was entered in Nevada 7 and the judgment set the interest rate at the legal rate of interest according to NRS 17.130, the 8 interest rate is 5.25 percent per-annum, or \$215.15 per-day. Accordingly, the Court hereby 9 finds that Margolin is owed simple interest at 5.25 percent or \$215.15 per-day from June 27, 10 2013, the date of notice of entry of the judgment, through April 18, 2014. It is 296 days from 11 June 27, 2013 to April 18, 2014. Multiplying 296 days by \$215.15 equals \$63,684.40 in 12 13 accrued interest, which is the amount of interest currently due and owing.1

IV. Conclusion

Based upon the above, the Motion for Order Allowing Costs and Necessary
Disbursements is GRANTED in full. Therefore, Margolin is awarded his postjudgment costs,
from October 18, 2013 through April 18, 2014, in the amount of \$1,355.17. Margolin is
awarded his postjudgment attorney's fees in the amount of \$31,247.50. Margolin is awarded
his postjudgment interest in the amount of \$63,684.40.

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Interest continues to accrue until the judgment is satisfied. See NRS 17.130(2).

The total amount awarded to Margolin herein is \$96,287.07. This award shall be added 1 to the judgment. This award must be paid before satisfaction of judgment may be entered in 2 this matter. Payment of this award shall be made within 10 days of notice of entry of this 3 Order. Payment shall be made payable to the Watson Rounds Trust Account or to Jed 4 Margolin. Payment shall be delivered to the law office of Watson Rounds. 5 6 IT IS SO ORDERED: DATED: This <u>19</u> day of May, 2014. 7 8 JSSELL 9 COURT JUDGE 10 11 12 13 14 15 Respectfully submitted by, 16 WATSON ROUNDS, P.C. 17 By: 18 Adam P. McMillen, Esquire Nevada Bar No. 10678 19 5371 Kietzke Lane 20 Reno, NV 89511 Telephone: (775) 324-4100 21 Facsimile: (775) 333-8171 Email: amcmillen@watsonrounds.com 22 Attorneys for Plaintiff 23 24 25 26 27 28 9

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