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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TETON

JOHN N. BACH,

Plaintiff,

vs.

KATHERINE D. MILLER aka
KATHERINE M. MILLER, ALVA
HARRIS, Individually & dba
SCONA, INC., JACK LEE MCLEAN,
BOB FITZGERALD, OLE OLSON, BOB
BAGLEY & MAE BAGLEY, husband and
wife, BLAKE LYLE, Individually
and dba GRAND TOWING, GALEN
WOELK and CODY RUNYAN,
Individually & dba RUNYAN &
WOELK, ANN-TOY BROUGHTON, WAYNE
DAWSON, MARK LIPONIS, EARL
HAMLIN, STAN NICKELL, BRET HILL
& DEENA R. HILL, and DOES 1
through 30, Inclusive,

Case No. CV-02-208

FOURTEENTH ORDER
ON PENDING MOTIONS

Defendants.

#### I. INTRODUCTION

Pending before the Court are defendant Cody Runyan's motion to dismiss under Rule 4(a)(2), I.R.C.P., filed on April 7, 2003; defendant Galen Woelk's motion for summary judgment under Rule 56, I.R.C.P., and motion for separate trials under Rule 42(b), I.R.C.P., on to continue trial. both filed on April 10, 2003; FOURTEENTH ORDER ON PENDING MOTIONS

plaintiff John Bach's motion for summary judgment under Rule 56, I.R.C.P., filed on April 18, 2003, and motion to continue Woelk's motion for summary judgment, filed on May 5, 2003; defendant Wayne Dawson's renewed motion to set aside clerk's default under Rule 55(c), I.R.C.P.; and defendant Miller's motion for Rule 11 sanctions against Bach and motion to continue jury trial, both filed on May 6, 2003.

Oral argument was heard on May 20, 2003.

Having read the motions, supporting affidavits and legal memoranda, opposition affidavits and legal memoranda, and the oral arguments of the parties, the Court issues the following decision on the pending motions.

#### II. ANALYSIS

#### 1. Runyan's Rule 4(a)(2) Motion to Dismiss.

Defendant Cody Runyan's motion under Rule 4(a)(2),

I.R.C.P., seeks dismissal of the first amended complaint without

prejudice. By affidavit dated April 7, 2003, Runyan testified

that he had not been served with a summons and the first amended

complaint that was filed on September 27, 2002. During oral

argument, plaintiff Bach conceded that he had not served Runyan,

because he was awaiting resolution of motions filed by defendant

Galen Woelk.

Rule 4(a)(2), I.R.C.P., requires that the Court dismiss without prejudice a complaint as to any defendant not served within 6 months of filing the complaint, unless the plaintiff can establish good cause for not serving such defendant. Nerco Minerals Co. v. Morrison Knudsen Corp., 132 Idaho 531, 533, 976 P.2d 457, 459 (1999). The determination as to good cause is factual using the summary judgment standard of liberal interpretation of admissible facts and reasonable inferences there from. Id.

Since Bach has presented no admissible facts from which good cause for not serving defendant Runyan can be gleaned, the Court must grant Runyan's motion.

#### 2. Woelk's Motion for Summary Judgment.

Defendant Woelk's motion for summary judgment seeks dismissal with prejudice all causes of action alleged against him by plaintiff Bach's first amended complaint. Counts one through four allege quiet title, damages and injunctive relief as to four tracts of real property in Teton County; count five alleges slander of title as to real property; count six alleged intentional interference with contracts, business relationships or economic expectations; count eight alleges violation of attorney client fiduciary duties, breach of implied covenants of good faith, and constructive fraud; count nine alleges

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conversion of person property; and count twelve alleges malicious harassment. In the Tenth Order on Pending Motions, count ten was dismissed with prejudice based on the same cause of action having been dismissed with prejudice in a federal action between the same parties.

Woelk filed no affidavits in support of his motion. Bach's first amended complaint was verified, and Bach filed an affidavit in opposition. Bach further asks that the Court consider facts in other affidavits and excerpts of depositions taken in other cases that he filed earlier, and consider his testimony at the hearing on preliminary injunction in this action. The parties requested a jury trial, however the causes of action alleging quiet title and injunctive relief must be decided by the court with or without advisory findings by a jury.

A motion for summary judgment "shall be rendered forthwith if the pleadings, depositions, and admissions on file, together with the affidavits, if any, show that there is no genuine issue as to any material fact and that the moving party is entitled to judgment as a matter of law." Rule 56(c), I.R.C.P.; G & M Farms v. Funk Irrigation Co., 119 Idaho 514, 516-17, 808 P.2d 851, 853-54 (1991); Burgess v. Salmon River Canal Co., 119 Idaho 299, 307, 805 P.2d 1223, 1231 (1991); Thompson v. City of Idaho

Falls, 126 Idaho 587, 590, 887 P.2d 1094, 1097 (Ct.App.1994).

If an action will be tried to a jury, all controverted facts are liberally construed in favor of the non-moving party.

Tusch Enters. v. Coffin, 113 Idaho 37, 40, 740 P.2d 1022, 1025 (1987); Doe v. Durtschi, 110 Idaho 466, 469, 716 P.2d 1238, 1241 (1986) (rehearing denied). Moreover, the court draws all reasonable factual inferences and conclusions in favor of the non-moving party. Farm Credit Bank of Spokane v. Stevenson, 125 Idaho 270, 272, 869 P.2d 1365, 1367 (1994); Harris v. State, Dept. of Health & Welfare, 123 Idaho 295, 298, 847 P.2d 1156, 1159 (1992) (rehearing denied).

If an action will be tried before the court without a jury, the judge is not constrained to draw inferences in favor of the party opposing a motion for summary judgment. Rather, the judge is free to arrive at the most probable inferences to be drawn from uncontroverted evidentiary facts. Riverside Dev. Co. v. Ritchie, 103 Idaho 515, 650 P.2d 657 (1982); Blackmon v. Zufelt, 108 Idaho 469, 700 P.2d 91 (Ct.App.1985); Sewell v. Neilsen, Monroe, Inc., 109 Idaho 192, 706 P.2d 81 (Ct.App.1985).

Where the party moving for summary judgment is not required to carry the burden of proof at trial, the moving party may show that no genuine issue of material fact exists by establishing the absence of evidence on an element that the non-moving party

will be required to prove at trial. *Dunnick v. Elder*, 126 Idaho 308, 311, 882 P.2d 475, 478 (Ct.App.1994). Once that burden has been met, by either an affirmative showing of the moving party's evidence or by a review of the non-moving party's evidence, the burden shifts to the non-moving party to establish that a genuine issue for trial does exist. Id.

Disputed facts will not defeat summary judgment when the party opposing the motion fails to establish the existence of an essential element of his case. Podolan v. Idaho Legal Aid Services, Inc., 123 Idaho 937, 941-42, 854 P.2d 280, 284-85 (Ct.App.1993) (citations omitted). On the other hand, where admissible facts create genuine and material issues on all of the elements of a cause of action, summary judgment must be denied. See, e.g., Ashby, 100 Idaho at 69, 593 P.2d at 404; Lundy, 90 Idaho at 326-27, 411 P.2d at 771-72.

Rule 56(e), I.R.C.P., requires that both supporting and opposing affidavits be made on personal knowledge, set forth facts that would be admissible in evidence, and show affirmatively that the affiant is competent to testify to the matters stated therein. Moreover, inadmissible opinions or conclusions do not satisfy the requirements for proof of material facts. Hecla Mining Co. v. Star-Morning Co., 122 Idaho 778, 783-786, 839 P.2d 1192, 1197-1200 (1992); Evans v. Twin

Falls County, 118 Idaho 210,213, 796 P.2d 87, 90 (1990), cert. denied, 498 U.S. 1086, 111 S.Ct. 960, 112 L.Ed. 2d 48 (1991); Gardner v. Evans, 110 Idaho 925, 930, 719 P.2d 1185, 1190, (1986), cert. denied, 479 U.S. 1007, 107 S.Ct. 645, 93 L.Ed. 2d 701 (1986).

The question of admissibility of affidavit and deposition testimony is a threshold question to be answered by the trial court before applying the required liberal construction and reasonable inferences rule in favor of the party opposing a motion for summary judgment. No objection or motion to strike is required before a trial court may exclude or not consider evidence offered by a party, Hecla\_Mining Co., 122 Idaho at 784, 839 P.2d at 1198; Ryan v. Beisner, 123 Idaho 42, 45, 844 P.2d 24, 27 (Ct.App.1992).

Since defendant Woelk's motion for summary judgment attacks the elements of each of plaintiff Bach's causes of action, rather than the establishment of an affirmative defense, the burden of producing admissible facts to support the elements of each cause of action falls on Bach once Woelk produces admissible facts negating one or more elements of each cause of action. Woelk produced no admissible facts negating any element of Bach's first four causes of action alleging quiet title, and at oral argument counsel for Woelk stated that Woelk claimed no

interest in any of the real properties described in such counts. Therefore, summary judgment cannot be granted to Woelk as to counts one through four.

Woelk produced no admissible facts negating the allegations in count five that Woelk prepared false deeds for Targhee Powder Emporium, Inc., an Idaho corporation, that was incorporated in November, 2000, by Woelk and others. The excerpts from Katherine Miller's deposition taken in CV-01-059 establish that Woelk participated in the incorporation of that entity. The affidavit of Woelk in CV-00-526 dated December 13, 2000, states that Woelk knew of such corporation and at least one deed being attached to said affidavit. Bach's testimony at the preliminary injunction hearing and his affidavits contain evidence that he and other persons, trusts, or partnerships were was using the name "Targhee Powder Emporium, Inc." (although no corporation actually existed) along with other names "Targhee Powder Emporium, Ltd. & Unltd." from 1994 through 2000 in connection with acquiring some of the real property he alleges the title was slandered by the deeds recorded for the new Targhee Powder Emporium, Inc., entity created in November, 2000, by Woelk and others. Woelk's evidence in the present record has not negated any of the elements of slander of title. Woelk has not even filed an affidavit stating that he did not prepare such deeds.

Therefore, summary judgment as to count five must be denied.

Count six alleges intentional interference with contracts, business relationships or economic expectations. These causes of action require that the plaintiff establish "the existence of a contract" or "a valid economic expectancy." Northwest BEC Corp v. Home Living Serv., 236 Idaho 835, 841, 41 P.3d 263, 269 (2002); Highland Enters., Inc. v. Barker, 133 Idaho 330, 338, 986 P.2d 996, 1004 (1999).

While Woelk has not produced his own evidence negating the foregoing elements, he argues that the great deal of evidence presented by Bach through affidavit, and court testimony negates Bach's ability to prove these causes of action. This Court has combed Bach's evidence and cannot find that Bach lost any specific contract, business relationship or economic expectation because of Woelk. Since this element is not dependent on any facts that would have to be discovered from the defendant, Bach would have specified the particular contracts, business relationships or economic expectancies lost, if there were any. Bach's own evidence suggests that he cannot prove the first element of the causes of action in count six, and partial summary judgment should be granted dismissing count six as to Woelk. Therefore, the Court should conditionally grant partial summary judgment dismissing this count, unless Bach files within

14 days hereafter an affidavit specifying in detail all contracts, business relationships or economic expectancies he contends were lost.

Count eight alleges that Woelk breached the fiduciary duties owed to Bach as his attorney, breached implied covenants of good faith, and should be subject to a constructive trust as to Bach's property in his possession. This Court previously held in its Third Order on Pending Motions, following an evidentiary hearing at which Bach and Woelk both testified, that no attorney client relationship existed between Woelk or Runyan and Woelk and plaintiff Bach. As such no fiduciary duties existed and no express or implied covenants from an attorney-client relationship existed. Bach's own evidence establishes that Woelk is not in possession of any of Bach's property, with the sole exception of the \$15,000.00 discussed in connection with count nine alleging conversion. Since conversion, if established at trial, is a sufficient remedy, constructive trust would not be appropriate as a matter of law. Therefore, summary judgment dismissing count eight as to Woelk should be granted.

Count nine alleges conversion of \$15,000.00 from Bach's bank account by defendant McLean and retention of such money by Woelk. The letters attached to Bach's affidavit written by Woelk and Bach's affidavit in opposition contain admissible facts from

which a jury could find that Woelk at least temporarily converted the \$15,000.00. While Bach's evidence is not sufficient to grant him summary judgment, if he were the moving party, it is sufficient to deny summary judgment on count nine as to defendant Woelk.

Count twelve alleges that defendant Woelk and other defendants maliciously harassed plaintiff Bach because of his ancestry from Montenegrin parents in violation of Idaho Code §§ 18-7901 et. seq. Again Woelk has filed no affidavit to support his motion for summary judgment. Further, Bach's affidavit states that Woelk called him "Jovan Bachovich," "gave him the finger on 3 occasions," and "said he wanted [Bach] to leave the [Teton] valley and that [Bach] would anticipate that people would harm [Bach] if he didn't leave, and that [Bach's] property would not be there for him to enjoy or own." Bach's evidence interpreted liberally in his favor as the non-moving party is sufficient to survive Woelk's motion for summary judgment as to count twelve.

# 3. Woelk's Motion for Separate Trials or To Continue Trial.

Defendant Woelk's motion for separate trials under Rule 42(b), I.R.C.P., seeks to sever counts one through five, nine and twelve, and to try such counts in a separate trial six months later. Alternatively, he seeks a continuance of the FOURTEENTH ORDER ON PENDING MOTIONS

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entire trial. Woelk argues that he has not had enough time to conduct discovery. Bach argues that Woelk personally has been involved in several similar lawsuits as attorney for various other defendants, and is familiar with the facts in the first amended complaint that he personally received in late September as attorney for defendant Miller.

Rule 42(b), I.R.C.P., authorizes a district court to sever certain claims against certain defendants and conduct a separate trial "in furtherance of convenience or to avoid prejudice" or when it will be "conducive to expedition and economy."

The record establishes that the first amended complaint was served on Woelk in January, 2003. It could have and should have been served in October, 2002. However, while defendant Woelk filed several motions, he undertook no discovery. Any prejudice suffered by defendant Woelk due to not conducting discovery cannot be placed on plaintiff Bach. Bach has been available for his deposition to have been taken, and through his multiple affidavits in response to motions in this case has produced most of what Woelk would have sought had he conducted discovery. Separate trials are not necessary to obviate any prejudice to defendant Woelk.

Counts one through four as to Woelk could be tried more conveniently later to the Court without a jury, particularly

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since Woelk claims no interest in the properties that Bach is trying to quiet title against any interest Woelk might have. Bach's proof at the presently scheduled jury trial as to his interest in the properties described in counts one through four will probably be sufficient for this Court to resolve such counts as to Woelk without repeating such evidence in a second trial. Counts five, nine and twelve can be tried later to a separate jury without causing prejudice to any party. The fact that Bach added the claims against Woelk several months after his initial complaint was filed, even though all the underlying facts had occurred before the first complaint was filed, militates in favor of separate trials. Lastly, it would be more convenient for the court in fashioning jury instructions and for the jury in understanding a very complex and confusing case to try the claims against Woelk separately at a later date. The first trial would be shorter, and the second trial likely with require very little repeat evidence, so two short trials will not be any longer than one long trial. However, a jury trial as to Bach's claims against Woelk need not be postponed for 6 months. The Court has time to hold a second trial in August or September.

Therefore, in the exercise of this Court's discretion, defendant Woelk's motion for separate trials should be granted. The alternate motion for continuance is then moot.

## 4. Bach's Motion for Summary Judgment.

Plaintiff Bach's motion for summary judgment seeks relief against defendant Miller on counts one through five of the first amended complaint, and dismissal of her counterclaim. Although Bach's supporting affidavit and his "closing brief" filed May 13<sup>th</sup> arguably allude to his seeking summary judgment against defendant Woelk and other defendants not in default, the motion itself clearly only notifies the defendants that the motion is against defendant Miller. The motion is inadequate to notify any other defendants that the motion was against them.

Bach's motion is supported by a verified first amended complaint, several affidavits from him, by his testimony at the hearing on preliminary injunction, and by various documents that would be admissible in evidence. In opposition, Miller filed her own affidavit and a legal memorandum on May 6, 2003. In addition, Miller's counterclaim is verified.

Having reviewed all of the affidavits, the testimony of Bach, and the admissible records, this Court finds that genuine issues of material fact preclude summary judgment on count one of the first amended complaint as to defendant Miller. The 1997

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deeds under which Bach claims ownership to the four tracts of land show "Targhee Powder Emporium, Inc." as a grantee, yet the facts indicate that it was not a duly incorporated entity. There is conflicting evidence as to whether the other persons, trusts, corporations, and partnerships that had an interest in Targhee Powder Emporium, Inc., during 1994 through 2000, ever assigned their interest to Bach. The Court can find no written assignment from anyone Bach identified as doing business under the fictitious name of Targhee Powder Emporium, Inc., to Bach as to any of the properties described in count one. Further Miller's verified counterclaim and her affidavit dated May 6, 2003, create a genuine issue of material fact as to whether any oral partnership existed between her and Bach. As to the slander of title cause of action in count five Bach's evidence does not establish that Miller created or recorded any of the deeds in November, 2000 that allegedly slandered Bach's title. Therefore, the Court must deny Bach's motion for summary judgment against defendant Miller as to counts one and five.

Counts two, three and four of Bach's first amended complaint seek to quiet title, enjoin possession and damages as to real property comprising a 1 acre lot on Highway 33, an undivided one-half interest in 8.5 acres adjacent to the lot, 40 acres in the SE1/4SW1/4 of Section 35, T6N, R45E B.M., and 40

acres in the SW1/4SE1/4 of Section 6, T5N, R45 E B.M., all in Teton County, Idaho. Miller's affidavit and verified counterclaim contain no facts from which the Court could find that she has any legal interest in these tracts of real property. Miller's legal memorandum argues that she does not claim any interest in such tracts. Therefore, the Court should grant Bach summary judgment against Miller quieting title against her as to such tracts. Bach's evidence does not contain any facts proving that Miller is in possession of or damaged any of these tracts, so summary judgment as to the injunctive relief and damages cannot be granted on this record.

Miller's counterclaim seeks to quiet title against Bach as two 40 acre tracts and a 6.63 acre tract being 110 foot wide by one half mile long in Sections 10 and 11, T5N, R45E B.M. in Teton County, previously referred to as "Miller Property," "Targhee Property," "Miller Access Parcel," and "Targhee/Miller Property;" to impose a purchase money resulting trust in Miller's favor on such properties; return of \$120,000.00 Miller paid or title to the 80 acres based on fraud by Bach; damages based on breach of fiduciary duty; estoppel based on fraudulent statements; damages for slander of title based on Bach's recording a deed on May 7, 2002; and damages for forcible detainer by Bach's blocking access to such properties;

restitution profits or land obtained by Bach based on unjust enrichment.

Bach's motion for summary judgment as to the counterclaim is based principally on affirmative defenses of the 3 year statute of limitations in Idaho Code § 5-218(4), and discharge of debts by a final order entered December 28, 2001 in the U. S. Bankruptcy Court for Eastern District of California in case 97-31942-A-13L.

In opposition, Miller argues that her claims are based on fraud not discovered until November, 2000 so within the discovery rule for applying I. C. § 5-218(4); that if affirmative relief is barred by the statute of limitations, the counterclaims can be used defensively or as an offset; and that Bach's bankruptcy discharge defense is not supported by legal authority or evidence of the bankruptcy order. By closing brief filed on May 13, 2003, Bach supplied uncertified copies of certain filings in the Chapter 13 Bankruptcy proceeding. However, the record does not contain the Chapter 13 petition, asset disclosure sheet, debt disclosure sheet, of the Chapter 13 plan.

There are genuine issues of material fact as to whether Miller discovered the alleged fraudulent representations in November, 2000, which if interpreted liberally in favor of the

non-moving party Miller would not be barred by the 3 year statute of limitations until after the counterclaim was filed. As the moving party Bach was required by Rule 56, I.R.C.P., to file and serve all evidence, including documents from the Bankruptcy Court record at least 28 days before the hearing on motion for summary judgment. Neither party has supplied this Court with any legal authority as to what causes of action Miller asserts in her counterclaim would be barred by the Bankruptcy discharge order. This Court does not have time to research the effect of the Bankruptcy discharge order, and it is not convinced that quiet title claims, or even damages claims accruing after the petition in bankruptcy was filed (presumably sometime in 1997 as inferred from the case number), are discharged. Therefore, the motion for summary judgment as to the counterclaim must be denied.

# 5. Bach's Motion to Continue Woelk's Motion for Summary Judgment.

Plaintiff Bach's motion to continue the hearing on defendant Woelk's motion for summary judgment argues that defendant Woelk and other defendants have not provided responses to his discovery. Although the motion asks the Court to also strike defendant Woelk's motion and/or his answer, such relief is not proper, because Bach has provided no foundational showing for striking either document under Rule 12(f) or Rule 37, FOURTEENTH ORDER ON PENDING MOTIONS

I.R.C.P., such relief in not authorized by the Idaho Rules of Civil Procedure.

Defendant Woelk argues in opposition that Bach did not serve any discovery on defendant Woelk.

Having reviewed Bach's discovery requests dated January 18, 2003, it is clear that no discovery was directed to or served on defendant Woelk personally with the first amended complaint or on his counsel after appearing of record. Further, Bach has not supplied the affidavit required under Rule 56(f), I.R.C.P., outlining what facts necessary to oppose the motion for summary judgment cannot be presently obtained, or why such facts cannot be presented by affidavit in opposition to Woelk's summary judgment motion. Lastly, this Court is denying defendant Woelk's motion for summary judgment except as to dismissal of counts six where Bach did not show any specific contracts, business relationships or economic expectancies lost (facts that Bach should know, not the other defendants) and count eight where this Court held an evidentiary hearing and Bach was able to cross examine Woelk.

Therefore, the Court must deny Bach's motion to continue the hearing on defendant Woelk's motion for summary judgment.

# 6. Dawsons' Renewed Motion to Set Aside Clerk's Default.

Defendant Wayne Dawson and his wife Donna Dawson's renewed motion to set aside clerk's default under Rule 55(c), I.R.C.P., was served on May 6, 2003, and is supported by the affidavits of Wayne Dawson and counsel Jared Harris, a proposed verified answer, and a legal memorandum. Bach filed a memorandum in opposition.

On April 2, 2003, this Court denied defendant Wayne

Dawson's original Rule 55(c) motion to set aside clerk's default

because Dawson did not show good cause and presented no facts

establishing a meritorious defense. See Eleventh Order on

Pending Motions. Although Dawson calls his motion "renewed" it

is really a motion for reconsideration under Rule 11(a)(2)(B),

I.R.C.P. This Rule provides that motions to reconsider

interlocutory orders must be filed "not later than fourteen (14)

days after the entry of the final judgment." Since no final

judgment has been entered, the motion for reconsideration is

timely.

As pointed out in this Court decision on Dawson's original Rule 55(c) motion, what a moving party must establish as "good cause" for setting aside a clerk's default was explained by the Idaho Court of Appeals decision of McFarland v. Curtis, 123 Idaho 931, 854 P.2d 274 (App. 1993). As explained by McFarland,

"detailed facts" establishing a meritorious defense must be shown by affidavit.

The affidavit filed by Dawson contains at most legal conclusions, without any factual basis, that "there is currently pending in Federal Court a lawsuit between Mr. Bach and myself regarding ownership of the 40 acres," and "I own a 1/2 interest in approximately 8.5 acres. The other owner of that co-interest is not my concern. That I am opposed to the partitioning of this property." Such conclusions are inadequate for this Court to find that Dawson really has a "meritorious defense." This Court has already held that the federal action John N. Bach v. Teton County, et. al., CV-01-266-E-TGN (Judge Thomas G. Nelson, 9th Circuit Judge sitting by designation) is not dispositive as to most of the causes of action alleged in Bach's first amended complaint. Dawson does not oppose Bach has an undivided interest in the 8.5 acres, and no facts to prevent partition as stated in the affidavit. In short, Dawson fails to meet his burden under McFarland.

Donna Dawson is not a party to this action. The first amended complaint names only Wayne Dawson. Id. at  $\P$  3(j). While the first amended complaint names several Doe defendants, leave of court was not obtained to amend it to name Donna Dawson as a defendant. Donna Dawson could not be expected to know that she

is a Doe defendant from reading the first amended complaint. No default should have been entered against Donna Dawson.

Therefore, the Court must deny defendant Wayne Dawson's motion, but grant non-party Donna Dawson's motion.

## 7. Miller's Motion for Rule 11 Sanctions Against Bach.

Defendant Miller's motion for Rule 11 sanctions against plaintiff Bach argues that the eight motions Bach pursued against Miller decided by this Court's Thirteenth Order on Pending Motions caused her to incur \$1,700.00 in attorney fees to respond. She argues that attorney fees in that amount should be awarded against Bach because his motions were presented for the improper purposes of creating unnecessary delay, and lacked any legal support. Miller seeks these attorney fees from the surety bond posted by Bach for the preliminary injunction pursuant to Rule 65(c), I.R.C.P.

Plaintiff Bach filed a memorandum in opposition, arguing that Miller did not file an affidavit detailing how the \$1,700.00 in attorney fees were calculated, that he did not get 17 days notice of the motion before the hearing, and that Miller's motion and memorandum do not specify how Bach's legal authority was lacking.

While technically Bach was entitled to a couple more days notice, he has shown no prejudice from the shortened notice of

the motion. The record is devoid of how Miller incurred \$1,700.00 in attorney fees in responding to Bach's motions. The Court's review of Miller's opposition memoranda, and the lack of any significant legal research done, causes it also to question the reasonableness of attorney fees sought as a Rule 11 sanction. The Court cannot disturb the Rule 65(c) security as a source for money to pay Rule 11 sanctions.

Having again reviewed Bach's motions, briefs, and affidavits, and Miller's opposition memoranda, and this Court's Eleventh Order on Pending Motions, the Court hereby finds that Bach's earlier motions were not all in violation of Rule 11.

However, this Court now finds that Bach's motion for default against Miller and his motion to strike Miller's answer and counterclaim were not well grounded in fact, not warranted by existing law, or extension, modification or reversal of law, and that such motions were interposed only to harass Miller. The reasonable expenses and attorney fees incurred by Miller as a result of such motions was \$400.00.

Therefore, the Court must grant defendant Miller's motion in part, but otherwise deny it.

### 8. Miller's Motion to Continue Jury Trial.

Defendant Miller's motion to continue jury trial is based n plaintiff Bach's failure to adequately respond to her discovery

requests served on March 31, 2003. Plaintiff Bach filed an opposition memorandum arguing that he responded to the discovery.

This action was filed in July, 2002. The first amended complaint was filed in September, 2002. The fact that defendant Miller decided not to undertake any discovery until March 31, 2003 does not support a continuance of the jury trial, where the plaintiff has been available to respond to written discovery and have his deposition taken. Most of the subject matter of this action has been alleged a number of prior state and federal actions between Miller and Bach, yet for one reason or another no decision on the merits has been reached. Discovery was conducted in some of the earlier actions. Plaintiff Bach has supplied numerous facts through his testimony at hearings in this action and by numerous affidavits. Further on May 20, 2003, this Court overruled any privilege objections and ordered Bach to fully respond to Miller's discovery.

There is no reason why Miller should not be ready for the jury trial that was scheduled with six months prior notice.

Therefore, the Court must deny this motion.

#### III. ORDER

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that

- 1. defendant Runyan's motion to dismiss is GRANTED, and the first amended complaint is dismissed without prejudice as to defendant Runyan;
- 2. defendant Woelk's motion for summary judgment is partially GRANTED as to counts six unless plaintiff Bach files an affidavit within 14 days specifying lost contracts, business relationships and economic expectancies; the motion is partially GRANTED as to count eight, but DENIED as to counts one through five, nine and twelve;
- 3. defendant Woelk's motion for separate trials is GRANTED, and trial as to Woelk on counts one through five, nine and twelve shall be held separately in August or September, 2003; a pretrial conference shall be held at the Teton County Courthouse at 3:00 p.m. on July 18, 2003 with plaintiff Bach and defendant Woelk required to attend with their available trial dates for August and September; Woelk's alternate motion to continue is MOOT;
- 4. plaintiff Bach's motion for summary judgment against defendant Miller is GRANTED IN PART as to quieting title against Miller to properties described in counts two, three and four of the first amended complaint, but DENIED in all other respects;
- 5. plaintiff Bach's motion to continue the hearing on defendant Woelk's motion for summary judgment is DENIED;

- 6. defendant Wayne Dawson's renewed motion to set aside clerk's default is DENIED, non-party Donna Dawson's motion to set aside clerk's default is GRANTED;
- 7. defendant Miller's motion for Rule 11 sanctions against plaintiff Bach is GRANTED IN PART, and plaintiff Bach shall pay \$400.00 within 10 days to defendant Miller, but otherwise the motion is DENIED;
- 8. defendant Miller's motion to continue jury trial is DENIED.

DATED this 28th day of May, 2003.

KICHARD T. ST. CLAIR

DISTRICT JUDGE

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JOHN N. BACH,

Plaintiff,

vs.

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KATHERINE M. MILLER, ALVA

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dba SCONA, INC., a sham entity)

JACK LEE McLEAN, BOB

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BAGLEY and MAE BAGLEY, husband)

and wife, BLAKE LYLE,

Individually and dba GRANDE

TOWING, and DOES 1 through 30,)

Inclusive,

Defendant(s).

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DISTRICT COURT

MINUTE ENTRY
Case No. CV-2002-208

On the 20th day of May, 2003, Defendant Runyan's motion to dismiss under Rule 4(a)(2) IRCP for plaintiff's failure to serve amended complaint within 180 days, Defendant Woelk's motion for summary judgment as to amended complaint under Rule 56 IRCP, Defendant Woelk's motion to sever plaintiff's causes of action as to Woelk to be tried in six months, Bach's motion for summary judgment as to defendant Miller for relief under first amended complaint and for dismissal of Miller's counterclaim, Defendant Miller's motion to compel discovery under Rule 37 against Bach, Bach's motion to continue Woelk's motion for summary judgment under Rule 56(f), Defendant Dawson's renewed motion to set aside

clerk's default under Rule 55(c) and to shorten time, Defendant Miller's motion for Rule 11 sanctions against Bach, Defendant Miller's motion for continuance of jury trial, came before the Honorable Richard T. St. Clair, District Judge, in open court at Idaho Falls, Idaho.

Mr. Ross Oviatt, Court Reporter, and Mrs. Marlene Southwick, Deputy Court Clerk, were present.

Mr. John Bach appeared pro se on his own behalf as Plaintiff.

Mr. Galen Woelk appeared on behalf of Defendant Katherine Miller.

Mr. Jason Scott appeared on behalf of Defendant(s) Galen Woelk dba Runyan & Woelk.

Mr. Jared Harris appeared on behalf of Defendant Wayne Dawson.

Mr. Scott presented Defendant Runyan's motion to dismiss under Rule 4(a)(2) IRCP for plaintiff's failure to serve amended complaint within 180 days. Mr. Bach argued in opposition to the motion. Mr. Scott presented rebuttal argument. The Court will take the matter under advisement and issue an opinion as soon as possible.

Mr. Scott presented Defendant Woelk's motion for summary judgment as to amended complaint under Rule 56 IRCP. Mr. Bach argued in opposition to the motion. Mr. Scott presented rebuttal argument. The Court will take the matter under advisement and issue an opinion as soon as possible.

Mr. Scott presented Defendant Woelk's motion to sever

plaintiff's causes of action as to Woelk to be tried in six months. Mr. Bach argued in opposition to the motion. Mr. Scott presented rebuttal argument. Mr. Woelk joined in the motion. The Court will take the motion under advisement and issue an opinion as soon as possible.

Mr. Bach presented Bach's motion for summary judgment as to defendant Miller for relief under first amended complaint and for dismissal of Miller's counterclaim. Mr. Woelk argued in opposition to the motion. Mr. Bach presented rebuttal argument. The Court will take the motion under advisement and issue an opinion as soon as possible.

Mr. Woelk presented Miller's motion to compel discovery under Rule 37 against Bach. Mr. Bach argued in opposition to the motion. Mr. Woelk presented rebuttal argument. The Court overruled objection, granted the motion, and ordered Mr. Bach to respond fully and completely by providing documents to the Copy Cabin for copying by Mr. Woelk at his expense by Friday, May 23, 2003, at 5:00 p.m. The Court awarded \$100.00 attorney fees from Mr. Bach to Mr. Woelk. Mr. Woelk will prepare a written order.

Mr. Bach presented Bach's motion to continue Woelk's motion for summary judgment under Rule 56(f). Mr. Scott argued in opposition to the motion. The Court will take the motion under advisement and issue an opinion as soon as possible.

Mr. Jared Harris presented Defendant Dawson's renewed motion to set aside clerk's default under Rule 55(c) and to shorten time. Mr. Bach argued in opposition to the motion. Mr. Jared Harris presented rebuttal argument. The Court will take the

motion under advisement and issue an opinion as soon as possible.

Mr. Woelk presented Defendant Miller's motion for Rule 11 sanctions against Bach and Miller's motion for continuance of jury trial. Mr. Bach argued in opposition to the motion. Mr. Woelk presented rebuttal argument. Mr. Bach presented surrebuttal argument. The Court will take the motion under advisement and issue an opinion as soon as possible.

Court was thus adjourned.

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DISTRICT COURT

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TETON

JOHN N. BACH,	)
Plaintiff,	) Case No. CV-02-0208 ) EXHIBIT LIST
V\$.	)
KATHERINE D. MILLER, aka KATHERINE M. MILLER, Individually and dba R.E.M., et al.,	) ) )
Defendants.	) ) )

Pursuant to section II(2) of the Order and Notice Setting Jury Trial entered by the Court on November 27, 2002, Defendant Galen Woelk, individually & dba Runyan & Woelk, submits this list of the exhibits he may offer into evidence at trial:

- 1. November 3, 2000 letter from Woelk to Laura Lowery
- 2. November 16, 2000 letter from Woelk to Laura Lowery
- 3. Affidavit of Alva Harris dated November 17, 2000
- 4. Memorandum Decision dated December 28, 2000
- 5. Motion to Dismiss and Memorandum in Support of Motion to Dismiss dated December 20, 2000

- 6. Photos of Miller property dated October 27, 2000, October 4, 2000, November 8, 2000, and September 22, 2000
- 7. Motion to Dismiss dated December 13, 2000
- 8. August 2, 2000 letter from Cody Runyan to Plaintiff
- 9. August 3, 2000 letter from Plaintiff to Runyan & Woelk
- 10. September 18, 2000 letter from Laura Lowery to Runyan & Woelk
- 11. July 12, 2000 letter from Woelk to Plaintiff
- 12. July 10, 2000 letter from Plaintiff to Miller
- 13. Verified Complaint dated May 19, 2000
- 14. May 2, 2001 order to dismiss
- 15. November 17, 2000 criminal complaint
- 16. January 31, 2000 memorandum in support of motion to dismiss
- 17. March 23, 2001 order denying motion to dismiss
- 18. January 22, 2001 order denying motion to dismiss
- 19. April 20, 2001 motion to dismiss
- 20. April 2, 2001 order
- 21. September 22, 2000 letter from Bach to Laura Lowery
- 22. January 30, 2001 criminal information
- 23. Verified Complaint dated February 9, 2001
- 24. March 28, 2001 letter from Kenneth Stringfield
- 25. November 28, 2000 letter from Plaintiff to Mark Liponis
- 26. November 29, 2000 letter to Plaintiff from Mark Liponis
- 27. November 30, 2000 letter from Woelk to Laura Lowery
- 28. November 22, 2000 letter from Woelk to Laura Lowery
- 29. November 22, 2000 letter from Plaintiff to Jack McLean
- 30. November 30, 1997 letter from Plaintiff to Jack McLean

- 31. Signature card for Liponis Emporium trust account
- Joint Venture Agreement dated July 7, 1994 32.
- 33. December 11, 2000 letter from Plaintiff to Laura Lowery
- All exhibits listed or utilized at trial by any other party to this action 34.

DATED THIS 27 day of May, 2003.

HAWLEY TROXELL ENNIS & HAWLEY LLP

Attorneys for Defendant Galen Woelk, individually & dba Runyan & Woelk

# CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 21 day of May, 2003, I caused to be served a true copy of the foregoing EXHIBIT LIST by the method indicated below, and addressed to each of the following:

John N. Bach P.O. Box 101 Driggs, ID 83422	U.S. Mail, Postage Prepaid Hand Delivered Overnight Mail X Telecopy
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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TETON

JOHN N. BACH,	)
	) Case No. CV-02-0208
Plaintiff, *	)
vs.	) NOTICE OF HEARING
	)
KATHERINE D. MILLER, etal	) MOTION TO SET ASIDE
Defendants.	) DEFAULT
	) AND
	) MOTION TO REINSTATE
	) ANSWER
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Alva A. Harris, attorney for Defendants herein, requests that a hearing be held upon their Motion to Set Aside Default and their Motion to Reinstate Answer on Friday, the 30th day of May, 2003, at 3:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard, at the Courtroom of the above-named court in Driggs, County of Teton, State of Idaho. This motion is supported by the Affidavit attached hereto and by the IRCP Rules cited in said Motions.

DATED this 23th day of May, 2003.

Alva A. Harris

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## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on the 22h day of May, 2003, I served a true and correct copy of the following described document on the Plaintiff and attorney's listed below by depositing the same in the United States mail, with the correct postage thereon, in envelopes addressed as follows:

**Document Served:** 

NOTICE OF HEARING, MOTION TO SET ASIDE DEFAULT,

MOTION TO REINSTATE ANSWER

Plaintiff Served:

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Hon. Richard T. St. Clair, District Judge

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TETON

JOHN N. BACH,		)	
		)	CIV-02-208
Plaintiff,		)	
vs.		)	AFFIDAVIT OF
		)	
KATHERINE D. MILLER, et	al	)	ALVA A. HARRIS
		)	
• *		)	IN SUPPORT OF MOTIONS
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STATE OF IDAHO	)		
	SS.		
County of Bingham	)		

Alva A. Harris, being first duly sworn on his oath deposes and says:

- 1. That he is the attorney for Defendants Harris, Fitzgerald, Oleson, Lyle, McLean and Scona, Inc..
  - 2. That this affidavit is given according to my own personal knowledge.
- 3. That this affiant received from this Court its "Thirteenth Order on Pending Motions" dated May 6, 2003, at the conclusion of a hearing in this

matter on May 20, 2003. No mailed copy has ever been received by affiant and affiant does not employ fax methods.

4. On page 5 of the "Thirteenth Order" their appears to be a clerical error. It writes,

"The record establishes that on January 27, 2003, a clerk's default was entered against these defendants. Apparently those defendants filed an answer sometime thereafter, ...."

- 5. This Court's "Eighth Order on Pending Motions" was filed in Chambers of March 4, 2003, and mailed to this counsel. Receipt should have been within 3 days. Therein these Defendants were first informed that their Rule 12 (b) motion against the amended complaint was denied. Under the applical IRCP rules these Defendants could not have been in default until at least 10-13 more days had lapsed from March 4, 2003.
- 6. On March 19, 2003, this affiant, in compliance with the Court's "Eighth Order" of March 4, 2003, filed these Defendant's "Answer" and "Demand for Jury Trial" and also their "Objection to Request For Production of Documents" by mailing. The certificates thereon are undisputed and the address of Plaintiff is correctly marked as 1858 South Euclid Avenue, San Marino, CA 91108. Plaintiff's filing described below in paragraph 9 evidences his receipt thereof.
- 7. Affiant did not mail a copy of the same to this Court in chambers because the instructions received from this Court in the last paragraph of its "Eighth Order" was taken to mean that only motions, and the documents related thereto, were to be sent to this Court in Chambers.
- 8. On or about March 31, 2003, this affiant received from Plaintiff a filing marked as having been filed in Teton County on March 28, 2003. It is entitled "Affidavit of Plaintiff John N. Bach, re Clerk's Irregularities/Actions...."
- 9. The second document enclosed in the above filing was concerning an "affidavit for entry of default" against these Defendants and was dated March

18, 2003; the third and fourth documents enclosed in the above filing gave notice to this affiant that a purported "Default" against these Defendants had been filed dated March 19, 2003. The same date affiant filed his Answer, etc. pleadings by mail.

- 10. On April 1, 2003, the next day, this affiant filed a Motion to Set Aside Default. Before this Affiant could determine the next hearing date scheduled he was striken with kidney stones and related fever. He was out of the office for most of the next 5 weeks.
- 11. This affiant has never received any notice of any kind from the Clerk of the Court that any Default against these Defendants had been lodged.
- 12. This affiant has never received any notice of any type from Plaintiff on an intention to take Default.
- 13. Affiant is a sole practioner and cannot spend his full time on Bach cases. Affiant has always resisted the multitude of litigation filed by Bach and these Defendants have valid and legal defenses against this Plaintiff.
- 14. Affiant feels that the granting of these Defendants Motions will not predudice any party to this case.
  - 15. Further this affiant sayeth naught.

Dated this Zaday of May, 2003.

Alva A. Harris

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this 2003 day of May, 2003.

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SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, IDAHO, TETON COUNTY

JOHN N. BACH,

Plaintiff & Counterclaim Defendant,

V.

KATHERINE D. MILLER, aka KATHERINE M. MILLER, Individually and dba R.E.M. et al.,

Defendants & Counterclaimant.

CASE NOT: CV 02-208

PLAINTIFF & COUNTERCLAIM
DEFENDANT JOHN N. BACH'S
TRIAL BRIEF NO. TWO (2)
DEFENDANT & COUNTERCLAIMANT
MILLER'S ANSWER & ALL COUNTERCLAIMS ARE BARRED AS A MATTER
OF BOTH FACT AND LAW-BY MILLER'S
DISCHARGE OF CLAIMS AGAINST BACH
IN HIS CHAPTER 13 BANKRUPTCY &
PER THE WRITTEN UNDISPUTE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT OF OCTOBER 3, 1997.

(ALSO CITED/PRESENTED FOR PLAIN-TIFF'S MOTIONS IN LIMINE TO BE FILED HEREIN.)

This Plaintiff's and Counterclain Defendant's, John N.

Bach's Trial Brief N. TWO (2) addresses the inadvertent ronconsideration of both admitted/established/proven facts and law, which this Court did not apply in it's FOURTEENTH ORDER ON PENDING MOTIONS, filed May 28, 2003, 2:03 p.m., a copy of which was not physically received until 1:30 p.m., Thursday, May 29, 2003.

This Court's FOURTEENTH ORDER, page 17, center full paragraph, inappropriately, if not mistakenly, did not consider either, admitted Plaintiff's Exhibit 1, Documents from CV 01-59, and the application of I.R.E., Rule 901(a)(b)(1)["Testimony of witness with knowledge. Testimony of a witness with knowledge that a matter is what it is claimed to be true."], Rule 902(10)["Presumptions created by law. Any signature, document, or other matter declared by any law of the United State or of this State, or rule prescribed by the

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Idaho Supreme Court, to be presumptively or prima facie genuine or authentic. "], "and Rule 803(6) [Records of regularly conducted activity."], which letter from Chapter 13, Trustee, Loheit of January 10, 2002 with copies of FINAL DECREE APPROVING TRUSTEE'S FIR NAL REPORT AND ACCOUNT, DISCHARGING TRUSTEE AND CLOSING DATE, dated 12828-01, with said date filed stamp, FINAL REPORT AND ACCOUNT, filed Dec. 28, 9:33 a.m., showing that "KATHYYD. MILLER" was named as a creditor, filed no claim and was discharged, all of said copies being Defendant's Exhibit 9, pages 1-4, but was admitted during the August 13, 2002 hearing via plaintiff JOHN N. BACH's testimony and authentication of said documents as true and correct, all part of Plaintiff's Exhibit "1" herein & reaffirmed by plaintiff's affidavits.

Also overlooked, which was more than significant was the next Exhibit "X", copy of which was attached to plaintiff's closing brief re support of his motions for summary judgment, but said copy has already been admitted herein on August 13, 2002 and testified, authenticated and identified by plaintiff to be entirely in Miller's handwriting, which handwritten note she has neither denied nor even mentioned in the invalid affidavit she filed in opposition to said plaintiff's summary judgment motions. (NOTE: Miller's affidavit, her answer and counterclaim are not properly under sworn oath, of her own personal knowledge affidavit which precluded this court from considering anything she may have stated in her said purported affidavit, answer or counterclaims, as such were not controverting affidavits or properly sworn of personal knowledge pleadings per Rule 56(e).)

All of said copies from Loheit and Miller handwritten letter, were plaintiff's business records, "kept in the regular practice of as so provided in I.R.E., Rule 803(6), which his business activity" includes "business, institution, association, profession, occupation Page 2. 000542TWO (2)

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and calling of every kind, whether or not conducted for profit."

The Chapter 13 petition, proceedings therein/therewith and the

Order of Discharge, etc., comes within said definitions and enumerations on both sides, from the Chapter 13 Trustee's side and JOHN N.

BACH's side, as both a petitioner therein and plaintiff/counterclaimant defendant herein. Said records and Miller's handwritten letter, the

latter admitting she knew of John N. Bach's pending bankruptcy and her advice to him, re seeking a quit claim deed, also come within the hearsay exceptions of said Rule 803%14)(15) and (24)(A)(B) and (C), and as to the latter rules, subpart (24) Miller has had more than multiple notices and knowledge of said trustee's records and her written note in advance, as both were utilized not just in Teton CV 01-59, which was dismissed with prejudice, but also in USDC, Idaho, CV 01-266.

More significantly, overlooked and not considered inor applied, is that the Bankruptcy Court has still, and had exclusive jurisdiction over Miller's affirmative defenses and counterclaims as well as even cross chaims and third party claims. Plaintiff cited to this Court per his initial brief re support of preliminary injunction a number of Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals cases, that hold, citing U.S. Suprem Court decisions and the Chapter 13, Bankruptcy federal statutes and especially of the automatic stay order and said bankrupty's court's exclusive, sole and all inclusive jurisdiction, that MILLER has no standing, capacities nor rights of any kind to make any claims vs. JOHN N. BACH, individually or in any associational, dba or other entity affiliation capacities; the sole and exclusive jurisdiction of said claims, if Miller ever had them or still possesses them is to petition for relief in said bankruptcy court wherein she was discharged and precluded from making any claims whatseover against plaintiff and counterclaim defendant JOHN N. BACH.

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Attached hereto, is the complete copied decision of McGhan v. Rutz, (9th Cir., May 7, 2002, D.ARR. 4968#71, which unequivocally and uncontradictorily, establishes that a state court lacks total jurisdiction as to a bankruptcy proceeding, even lacks jurisdiction to determine whether creditor received adequate notice of discharge in bankruptcy, and as stated pertinently to the preclusion of this Idaho Court from allowing Miller to proceed with her affirmative defenses, counterclaims, etc., as follows:

"Our extension of Gruntz to modifications of the discharge order and discharge injunction flows naturally from the policy concerns that informed our decision there. Our decision was animated by our concern that permitting a state court to modify the federal automatic stay 'would undermine the principle of a unified federal bankruptcy system as declare in the Constitution and realized through the Bankruptcy Code.' 202 F.3d at 1083. 'If state courts were empowered to issue binding judgments modifying the federal injunctions created by the automatic stay, creditors would be free to rush into frendly courthouses around the nation to garner favorable relief.' Id. at 1083-83. The same concerns arise when California [Idaho] courts purport to modify a discharge order and to grant relief from the bankruptcy court's permanent injunction." (See lower left paragraph page 4970)

McGhan, supra, also invalidates any order, ruling or judgment adversetto JOHN N. BACH in that action entitled SCONA, INC., an Idaho Corp., Plaintiff v. JOHN N. BACH and TARGHEE POWDER EMPORIUM, UNLTD, as nominee of JOHN N. BACH, Defendants., Teton CV 98-025.

SCONA, INC., and ALVA A. HARRIS are both in default in this action and defendants BRET & DEENA R. HILL have admitted all the facts and circumstances of the FIRST AMENDED COMPLAINT, thus, plaintiff is entitled to judgement of quieting title, along with a writ of assistance and/or possession under his THIRD COUNT, pages 16-17, with further award of damages per IRCP, Rule 55(b)(2). (See also copy attached of JOHN N. BACH's FURTHER BRIEF, etc., filed Sept. 24, 1998, in Teton CV 98-025.

BUT MOST SIGNIFICANTLY OVERLOOKED BY THE COURT IN SAID ORDER, is the unquestioned, unassailed and uncontroverted PLT'S TRIAL BRIEF NO. TWO (2) Page 4. 00544

SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT entered intorbetween plaintiff JOHN N. BACH, and as nominee, C.EQO., and as sole owner of TARGHEE POWDER EMPORIUM, INC., (an unformed and nonexisting corporation, and in fact a solely owned, and under a dba designation, individually by JOHN N. BACH), with KATHERINE M. MILLER, a single women, who was represented by counsel, Charles (Chuck) Homer, such being EXHIBIT "H" to the AFFI-DAVIT OF JOHN N. BACH, filed herein April 18, 2003, in support of his motions for summary judgment. Said affidavit and all exhibits thereto and requested judicial notice of various Teton County actions was filed more than 31 days before May 20, 2003, the hearing date on his summary judgment motions.

BUT EVEN MILLER & HER COUNSEL, UTTERLY FAILED, IGNORED AND AVOIDED MAKING ANY COMPETENTLY CONTESTIBLE FACT OR STATEMENT, UNDER OATH, ON PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE, THAT SAID SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WAS NOT EFFECTIVE, OR THAT MILLER DENIED IT OR THAT SOMEHOW EXTRINSIC FRAUD PRECLUDED IT'S EFFICACY AND APPLICATION AS BARRING, BY WAIVER, FOREVER RELEASES AND DISCHARGES of "Targhee and Bach and all of their present and past employees, attorneys, insurers and agents and each of them from any and all claims, demands, debts, liabilities, accounts, obligations, costs, expenses, liens, actions, and causes of action of every kind and nature, whether or known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, that Miller now owns or holds or at any time heretofore has owned, or held, based upon, or related to, or by reason of any contract, liens, liability, matter, cause, fact, thing, act, or omis-THUS, MILLER, WHO HAS NOT AVERRED ANY EXTRINSIC FRAUD sion whatever." THAT WOULD INVALIDATE SAID SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT, IS BARRED, PRECLUDED, AND ESTOPPED, BY THE VERY TERMS OF SAID AGREEMENT FROM ANY AFFIRMATIAL DEFENDSES, COUNTERCLAIMS OR CROSSCLAIMS, ETC., AGAINST JOHN N. BACH, TARGHEE POWDER EMPORIUM, INC., OR ANY TRUST KNOWN AS THE VASA N. BACH, 000545 PLT'S TRIAL BRIEF NO. TWO (2) Page 5.

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# BANKRUPTCY

State court lacks jurisdiction to determine whether creditor received adequate notice of discharge in bankruptcy proceeding.

Cite as 2002 DJDAR 4968

In re: LON MCGHAN, aka Lon L. McGhan fdba Envirotrend, Inc. fdba McGhan Management, Debtor.

> LON MCGHAN. Appellant, JASON RUTZ. Appellee.

No. 99-56956 BAP No. CC-99-01219-PaMeMa United States Court of Appeals Ninth Circuit Filed May 7, 2002

Appeal from the Ninth Circuit Bankruptcy Appellate Panel Pappas, Meyers and Marlar, Judges, Presiding

Argued and Submitted May 10, 2001--Pasadena, California

Before: M. Margaret McKeown and Raymond C. Fisher, Circuit Judges, and David W. Hagen, District Judge. Opinion by Judge Fisher

#### COUNSEL

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William J. Light, David B. Felsenthal, Law Offices of

Todd Rash, Riverside, California, for the appellee.

## **OPINION**

FISHER, Circuit Judge:

Appellee Jason Rutz was a listed creditor in his stepfather's -- appellant Lon McGhan -- bankruptcy proceedings. Rutz, a minor at the time, did not file a complaint of nondischargeability in those proceedings. As a result, the bankruptcy court issued an order discharging Rutz's claim and issued a permanent injunction barring Rutz from collecting on the debt. After Rutz attained maturity, he nonetheless filed a civil action against McGhan to collect on the discharged debt. Over McGhan's objections, the state court in which that action was filed ruled that Rutz's action could proceed because Rutz had inadequate notice of the earlier bankruptcy proceedings. Arguing that only the bankruptcy court had jurisdiction to resolve that question, McGhan then moved the bankruptcy court to reopen his bankruptcy case to review the state court's decision. The bankruptcy court denied the motion, reasoning that McGhan's desire to relitigate an issue already heard in state court was insufficient cause to reopen the case. We reverse. Relying on Gruntz v. County of Los Angeles (In re Gruntz), 202 F.3d 1074 (9th Cir. 2000) (en banc), we hold that state courts lack jurisdiction to determine whether a listed and scheduled creditor received adequate notice of discharge proceedings. We also hold that the state court lacked authority to modify the bankruptcy court's orders discharging Rutz's claim and permanently

enjoining Rutz from collecting on the debt. In light of those holdings, we conclude that it was an abuse of discretion for the bankruptcy court to decline to reopen McGhan's bankruptcy case. The bankruptcy court was required to reopen the proceedings to protect its exclusive jurisdiction over the enforcement of its own orders.

FACTS AND PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND

In 1991, McGhan was charged with five counts of sexual molestation of Rutz, his stepson. At the time the charges were filed, Rutz was 12 years old. McGhan pled guilty to one count of felony violation of California Penal Code § 288(a) (lewd and lascivious acts committed on a child under 14).

Shortly after his conviction, McGhan filed a voluntary petition for bankruptcy under Chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code. When a debtor files a Chapter 7 petition, the debtor lists each of his creditors. The appointed bankruptcy trustee convenes a meeting of these creditors pursuant to 11 U.S.C.§ 341(a). All creditors must receive at least 30 days' advance notice of the creditors' meeting. Rule 4007(c). Within 60 days after the date first set for that meeting, any creditor wishing to have a debt characterized as nondischargeable must file a complaint alleging nondischargeability of the debt. Id. If the creditor has adequate notice of the meeting but fails to make a timely complaint, his claim is automatically discharged pursuant to § 523(c)(1). Although debts for intentional torts such as Rutz's claim ordinarily are not dischargeable under § 523(a)(6) of the code, which states that debts for "willful and malicious injury" are nondischargeable, such claims will be discharged automatically if the listed creditor fails to make a timely objection. When a debtor is discharged under the Bankruptcy Code, the discharge "operates as a permanent injunction against any attempt to collect or recover on a . . . debt." Irizarry v. Schmidt (In je Irizarry), 171 B.R. 874, 878 (B.A.P. 9th Cir. 1994); accord Am. Hardwoods, Inc. v. Deutsche Credit Corp. (In re Am. Hardwoods, Inc.), 885 F.2d 621, 626 (9th Cir. 1989).

A different provision of the code is implicated when the creditor was not listed on the bankruptcy petition. An unlisted creditor's claim ordinarily is not discharged. Under § 523(a)(3) of the code, however, the debt will be discharged if the creditor had "notice or actual knowledge". of the bankruptcy proceedings in time to permit the creditor to file a proof of claim and, if necessary, challenge its dischargeability. Under § 523(a)(3)(B), which applies to debts for "willful and malicious injury" defined by § 523(a)(6), the debt will not be discharged if the creditor (1) was neither listed nor scheduled and (2) did not have "notice or actual knowledge" of the case in time for timely filing a proof of claim and timely request for a determination of dischargeability. Federal courts have iurisdiction exclusive over (nondischargeability of willful and malicious injury) and 523(c)(1) (adequacy of notice to a listed creditor) of the code, whereas state and federal courts have concurrent jurisdiction over § 523(a)(3) (unlisted or unscheduled debt)

proceedings.

With respect to Rutz's claim, McGhan's bankruptcy proceedings followed the general scheme for a listed creditor rather than an unlisted one. His petition for bankruptcy listed Rutz as a creditor holding an unsecured nonpriority claim against him. As Rutz's guardian, Rutz's mother received timely notice of the creditors' meeting and the deadline for creditors to file a complaint objecting to discharge of the debtor or to determine dischargeability of debts, but she did not file a nondischargeability claim on her son's behalf. Applying § 523(c)(1), the bankruptcy court issued a discharge order automatically discharging McGhan's debt to Rutz. The discharge order also stated that of those etion for cGhan's uired to isdiction

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"any judgment... obtained in any court other than this court is hull and void as a determination of the personal liability of the debtor with respect to" any debt under § 523(a)(6). Pursuant to § 524, the discharge order also permanently enjoined any listed creditor from instituting or continuing any action... to collect such debts as personal liabilities of the above-named debtor. "The bankruptcy court closed McGhan's case.

Upon reaching adulthood, Rutz filed a civil action against McGhan in California Superior Court, seeking damages arising out of his sexual molestation at the hands of McGhan. McGhan promptly moved to dismiss the action, arguing that Rutz's claim had been discharged by the bankruptcy court's discharge order and that Rutz's civil suit was enjoined by the § 524 discharge injunction. At McGhan's request, the state court took judicial notice of numerous documents from McGhan's bankruptcy case. including McGhan's bankruptcy petition, which listed Rutz as a creditor, and the discharge order containing the permanent injunction, which showed that Rutz's claim had been automatically discharged. McGhan contended that the bankruptcy court possessed exclusive jurisdiction over the dischargeability of Rutz's claim and that Rutz was estopped from collaterally attacking the validity of the discharge order and injunction in state court. Rutz responded that neither he nor the state court should be bound by the discharge order or permanent injunction because he had not received the notice required by § 523(c)(1) as a prerequisite to automatic discharge. Because notice of the proceedings had been provided only to his mother and her interests had conflicted with his own, he contended, the bankruptcy court's orders did not apply to his action against McGhan. The superior court agreed with Rutz. First, the court reasoned that it had jurisdiction pursuant to § 523(a)(3) to determine the sufficiency of Rutz's notice and the applicability of the discharge order. Second, the court agreed with Rutz that notice had been inadequate. Accordingly, the court ruled that Rutz was not bound by the discharge order and allowed Rutz's case to proceed.

McGhan then sought to collaterally attack the state court's ruling in federal court. He moved to reopen his Chapter 7 bankfuptcy case in the bankruptcy court, seeking leave to file a complaint against Rutz for violation of the § 524 permanent discharge injunction. In denying McGhan's motion, the bankruptcy court agreed that the state court had jurisdiction to adjudicate the adequacy of Rutz's notice under § 523(a)(3)(B) and reasoned that McGhan's desire to relitigate an issue already properly decided by the state court did not constitute sufficient cause to reopen.<sup>6</sup> The Bankruptcy Appellate Panel ("BAP") affirmed, holding that the bankruptcy court had not abused its discretion in refusing to reopen McGhan's case. Like the state court and the bankruptcy court, the BAP assumed that the state court's jurisdiction validly rested on § 523(a)(3). The BAP also affirmed on the alternative ground that the Rooker-Feldman doctrine precluded the bankruptcy court from reversing or modifying the state court decision. McGhan appeals.

appears.

#### STANDARDS OF REVIEW

We review jurisdictional issues in bankruptcy appeals de novo. Durkin v. Benedor Corp. (In re G.I. Indus., Inc.), 204 F.3d 1276, 1279 (9th Cir. 2000). A refusal to reopen a bankruptcy case is reviewed for an abuse of discretion. Weiner v. Perry, Settles & Lawson, Inc. (In re Weiner), 161 F.3d 1216, 1217 (9th Cir. 1998). We review the decision of the BAP de novo, Scovis v. Henrichsen (In re Scovis), 249 F.3d 975, 980 (9th Cir. 2001), and independently review the bankruptcy court's rulings. Oyama v. Sheehan (In re Sheehan), 253 F.3d 507, 511 (9th Cir. 2001).

#### DISCUSSION

I. State Court Jurisdiction

To assess whether the bankruptcy court abused its discretion by denying McGhan's § 350(b) motion to reopen his bankruptcy case, we first must determine whether the state court had the authority to adjudicate the adequacy of Rutz's notice and modify the bankruptcy court's discharge order and permanent discharge injunction. Relying on our en banc opinion in Gruntz v. County of Los Angeles (In re Gruntz), 202 F.3d 1074 (9th Cir. 2000), we conclude that the state court lacked that authority. In reaching a contrary conclusion, the state court asserted that it had jurisdiction pursuant to § 523(a)(3), which vests state courts with concurrent jurisdiction to adjudicate the adequacy of the notice provided to creditors who were neither listed nor scheduled. Because Rutz was a listed and scheduled creditor, § 523(a)(3) has no application here.

A. Gruntz

Gruntz involved a Chapter 13 debtor who was prosecuted by the Los Angeles County District Attorney. convicted for misdemeanor failure to support his dependent children and sentenced to 360 days in jail. Gruntz subsequently filed an adversary proceeding against the County in bankruptcy court, asking the court to declare the state proceedings void as violative of the § 362(a) automatic stay on proceedings to collect debt. Reasoning that the state court's judgment included a determination that the automatic stay did not enjoin the state criminal proceeding, the bankruptcy court dismissed the complaint as collaterally estopped by the state judgment. The district court, acting in its appellate capacity, affirmed the dismissal on the basis of the Rooker-Feldman doctrine. which prohibits direct appellate review of state court decisions by federal courts other than the Supreme Court. 202 F.3d at 1077-78.

We reversed. Gruntz, as well as our later decision in Contractors' State License Bd. v. Dunbar (In re Dunbar), 245 F.3d 1058, 1063 (9th Cir. 2001), stand primarily for the proposition that federal courts are not bound by state court modifications of the automatic stay. Gruntz, 202 F.3d at 1077. Gruntz held that the Rooker-Feldman doctrine does not deprive federal courts of jurisdiction over the scope and applicability of the stay. Id. at 1083. Dunbar added that state court modifications of the automatic stay do not preclude federal relitigation of the scope and applicability of the stay under the doctrines of collateral estoppel and res

judicata. Dunbar, 245 F.3d at 1060.8

Gruntz has broader implications, however, that dictate the outcome here. First, Gruntz holds not only that a federal court may review state court decisions modifying an automatic stay, but also that state courts lack jurisdiction in the first instance to modify the stay. Id. at 1082-83. Because "bankruptcy court orders are not subject to collateral attack in other courts," "[a]ny state court modification of the automatic stay would constitute an unauthorized infringement upon the bankruptcy court's jurisdiction to enforce the stay, " and actions and judicial proceedings taken in violation of the automatic stay are void. Id. at 1082; see also Gonzales v. Parks, 830 F.2d 1033, 1035-36 (9th Cir. 1987) ("Congress' grant to the federal courts of exclusive jurisdiction over bankruptcy petitions precludes collateral attacks on such petitions in state courts.").

Second. Gruntz bars state court intrusions on all "bankruptcy court orders" (or other "core" bankruptcy proceedings), 202 F.3d at 1082, not just the automatic stay. As we stated in Gruntz, "state courts should not intrude upon the plenary power of the federal courts in administering bankruptcy cases by attempting to modify or extinguish federal court orders such as the automatic stay."

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unaware of the existence of the bankruptcy order until after he filed his state action, he could have sought to stay the lawsuit and petitioned the bankruptcy court for relief before proceeding in state court.

B. Section 523(a)(3)

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Id. at 1088 (emphasis added). Thus, just as "[a] state court does not have the power to modify or dissolve the automatic stay," id. at 1087, a state court also lacks authority to modify or dissolve a discharge order or the § 524 discharge injunction. See Lenke v. Tischler (In re Lenke), 249 B.R. 1, 10 (Bankr. D. Ariz. 2000) (applying Gruntz and holding that state courts lack jurisdiction to modify a bankruptcy court's discharge order); see also Pavelich v. McCormick, Barstow (In re Pavelich), 229 B.R. 777, 782 (B.A.P. 9th Cir. 1999) ("Congress has plenary authority over bankruptcy in a manner that entitles it to preclude state courts from doing anything in derogation of the discharge.").

Our extension of Gruntz to modifications of the discharge order and discharge injunction flows naturally from the policy concerns that informed our decision there. Our decision was animated by our concern that permitting a state court to modify the federal automatic stay "would undermine the principle of a unified federal bankruptcy system, as declared in the Constitution and realized through the Bankruptcy Code." 202 F.3d at 1083. "If state courts were empowered to issue binding judgments modifying the federal injunction created by the automatic stay, creditors would be free to rush into triendly courthouses around the nation to garner favorable relief." Id. at 1083-84. The same concerns arise when California courts purport to modify a discharge order and to grant relief from the bankruptcy court's permanent injunction.

Accordingly, we conclude that the state court lacked authority to adjudicate the adequacy of the notice received by Rutz. By reaching that issue, the state court held that Rutz was bound by neither the discharge order nor the discharge injunction, documents that on their face plainly barred Rutz's action. The state court effectively modified both orders, and in so doing impermissibly infringed upon the bankruptcy court's jurisdiction to enforce its orders. See Gruntz, 220 F.3d at 1082.

In so deciding, we do not hold that a state court is divested of all jurisdiction to construe or determine the applicability of a discharge order when discharge in bankruptcy is raised as a defense to a state cause of action filed in state court by a listed creditor. See Pavelich, 229 B.R. at 783 (holding that "state courts have the power to construe the discharge and determine whether a particular debt is or is not within the discharge" because "discharge in bankruptcy is a recognized defense under state law"). 10 It plainly was in the power of the state court to take judicial notice of McGhan's proceedings. In this case, those documents showed that Rutz was a listed creditor, that Rutz's claim was discharged and that Rutz was enjoined from taking any action to collect on the debt. The state court should have given effect to the bankruptcy court's orders. By going further, the state court exceeded its jurisdiction, even if the state court believed that Rutz had valid grounds to object to the orders. As we noted in Gruntz, " persons subject to an injunctive order issued by a court with jurisdiction are expected to obey that decree until it is modified or reversed [by the issuing court], even if they have proper grounds to object to the order." 202 F.3d at 1082 (quoting Celotex Corp. v. Edwards, 514 U.S. 300, 306 (1995)).

Nor do we suggest that a listed creditor such as Rutz is without means to attack a discharge order on grounds of inadequate notice or to repel attempts to enforce the order against him if notice was insufficient. Rather, we hold that only the bankruptcy court could grant such relief. Rutz had several options, such as addressing the validity of the discharge order before proceeding in state court by petitioning the court to reopen the McChan proceedings or by petitioning the bankruptcy court for leave to file an untimely complaint of nondischargeability. If Rutz was

In concluding that it possessed jurisdiction to adjudicate the adequacy of Rutz's notice and to modify the discharge order and injunction, the state court erroneously relied on § 523(a)(3). State and federal courts have concurrent jurisdiction over actions brought under § 523(a)(3), which allows debtors to extend the coverage of the discharge order to creditors who were not listed but who had actual notice of the bankruptcy proceedings. See Menk v. Lapaglia (In re-Menk), 241 B.R. 896, 904 (B.A.P. 9th Cir. 1999). By its plain language, however, that subsection applies only to creditors "neither listed nor scheduled" during the initial bankruptcy proceedings. See, e.g., Malandra, 206 B.R. at 672 (holding that a listed creditor contending that he did not receive notice of the case until after the discharge had issued did not raise a § 523(a)(3) claim because not being listed is a prerequisite to raising an issue under that subsection). Rutz offers no authority to the contrary. There is no dispute that Rutz was listed during McGhan's bankruptcy proceedings, so the state court had no jurisdiction under § 523(a)(3) and Rutz is barred from obtaining relief under that subsection.

The distinction between § 523(a)(3), pertaining to an unlisted creditor, and § 523(c)(1), relating to the adequacy of notice provided to a listed creditor, is not merely technical. A creditor who was not listed in the bankruptcy proceedings is not expressly covered by the discharge order. When a court adjudicates whether that creditor's claim nonetheless should be discharged because the creditor had actual notice of the bankruptcy proceedings in time to file a nondischargeability complaint, the state court is not entertaining a collateral attack on the bankruptcy court's order or infringing on the bankruptcy court's exclusive jurisdiction. That situation is altogether different from the one here, where a state court entertains a listed creditor's argument to void or modify a discharge order or injunction that is facially valid and that expressly covers the creditor's claim. In the latter situation, the jurisdictional and policy concerns discussed in Gruntz are paramount.

II. Abuse of Discretion

Having concluded that the bankruptcy court erroneously assumed that the state court had jurisdiction to modify the discharge order and injunction, we hold that the bankruptcy court abused its discretion by denying McGhan's § 350(b) motion to reopen proceedings. First, Gruntz and Dunbar make clear that neither Rocker-Feldman nor collateral estoppel is applicable here. To the extent that the bankruptcy court was concerned that it would have been collaterally estopped from relitigating an issue determined by the California Superior Court, therefore, that concern was misplaced. See Dunbar, 245 F.3d at 1064 (holding that the bankruptcy court erred in finding itself precluded from reviewing the judgment of a state administrative law judge modifying the automatic stay); see also Pavelich, 229 B.R. at 782 (holding that when a bankruptcy court was presented with a motion to reopen proceedings after a state court had ; proceeded to hear a claim on a debt discharged by a bankruptcy court order, the bankruptcy court "should not have taken the position that it could not examine the state court judgment"). For the same reason, the BAP erroneously concluded that the bankruptcy court's decision was compelled by the Rooker-Feldman doctrine. See Gruntz, 202 F.3d at 1083 (holding that Rooker-Feldman is not implicated by collateral challenges to core bankruptcy proceedings because Congress vested the federal courts

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Given the posture of this case, however, we go further and hold that the bankruptcy court should have reopened the proceedings. It is well settled that "[a] Congressional grant of exclusive jurisdiction to the federal courts includes the implied power to protect that grant." Gonzales, 830 F.2d at 1036. A bankrupicy court may not decline to invoke this power in the face of a clearly invalid state court action infringing upon the bankruptcy court's exclusive jurisdiction. The bankruptcy court was required to reopen the proceedings to protect its exclusive jurisdiction over the enforcement of its own orders. Cf. id. (holding that the bankruptcy court properly vacates a state court judgment and properly holds that a state court's action was void from the outset when the state court proceeded with an action in violation of an automatic stay).

HII. Adequacy of Rutz's Notice

We offer no opinion on the viability of Rutz's claim that he did not receive the notice required by § 523(c)(1). Because the bankriptcy court may confront that issue on remand, however, we note that in In Re Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific R.R. Co., 788 F.2d 1280 (7th Cir. 1986), the Seventh Circuit opined that notice to a minor's mother might be inadequate where a conflict of interest prevents the mother from representing the minor's interests adequately in the bankruptcy proceedings. Id. at 1283. Whether the Seventh Circuit's reasoning should be applied here, and, if so, whether Rutz can establish that a conflict of interest or other grounds prevented his interests from being adequately represented so as to vitiate notice are issues to be determined in the first instance by the bankruptcy court

# CONCLUSION

The judgment of the BAP is reversed. Under the circumstances of this case, the bankruptcy court abused its discretion by denying McGhan's motion to reopen the bankruptcy proceedings. We remand for further proceedings consistent with this opinion.

REVERSED AND REMANDED. Each party to bear its

- The Honorable David Walker Hagen, Senior District Judge, United States District Court for the District of Nevada, sitting by designation.
- Unless otherwise indicated, all Chapter, Section and Rule references are to the Bankruptcy Code, 11 U.S.C. §§ 101-1330, and to the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, Rule 1001-9036.
- <sup>2</sup> The petition described the claim as follows: "January 1989[.] Potential Civil Action for Personal Injury; Amount Unknown."
- <sup>3</sup> Rutz asserted a conflict of interest because his mother, also a listed creditor in McGhan's bankruptcy proceedings, had a competing claim for child support against McGhan.
- A Section 523(a)(3)(B) provides that a debtor is not discharged from any debt neither listed not scheduled in time to permit the creditor to file a claim, and request that the debt be found nondischargeable, unless the creditor had notice or actual knowledge of the case in time to file a timely request for a determination of dischargeability.
- McGhan then filed a petition for writ of mandate with the California Court of Appeal, arguing the superior court had misapplied federal bankruptcy law; the Court of appeal defiled the petition.
- 6 Section 350(b) states: "A case may be reopened in the court in which such case was closed to administer assets, to accord relief to the dehtor, or for other cause." In its conclusions of law, the bankruptcy court stated that it would exercise its discretion to reopen McGhan's bankruptcy case

only if he would supulate to allow the bankruptcy court to hear Rutz's claims under § 523(a)(6), McGhan would not so stipulate.

7 The Rooker-Feldman doctrine takes its name from Rooker v. Fidelity Trust Co., 263 U.S. 413 (1923), and District of Columbia Court of Appeals v. Feldman, 460 U.S. 462 (1983). Rooker held that federal statutory jurisdiction over direct appeals from state courts lies exclusively in the Supreme Court and is beyond the original jurisdiction of federal district courts. See 263 U.S. at 415-16. Feldman held that this jurisdictional bar extends to particular claims that are "inextricably intertwined" with

those a state court has already decided. See 460 U.S. at 486-87.

- Reguntz identified three limited circumstances in which a state judgment could be given preclusive effect in subsequent bankruptcy proceedings in federal court: (1) the state judgment is prepetition: (2) the bankruptcy court affirmatively has authorized the state action, as, for example, by lifting an automatic stay; or (3) the case does not involve a core proceeding that implicates substantive rights under title 11. See Dunbar, 245 F.3d at 1063; Gruntz, 202 F.3d at 1084; cf. Diamond v. Kolcum (In re Diamond).

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  , 2002 WL 500657 (9th Cir. Apr. 4, 2002) (affirming bankruptcy court's decision to give preclusive effect to state court judgment where the bankruptcy court lifted the stay as to the creditors' statecourt action).
- No matter how we characterize it, the state court's action here relates to a core bankruptcy proceeding. Dischargeability of a debt under § 523(a)(6), for instance, is a core bankruptcy proceeding, see, e.g., Sandersville Prod. Credit Ass'n v. Douthit (In re Douthit), 47 B.R. 428, 430-31 (M.D. Ga. 1985); Wurm v. Ridgway (In re Ridgway). 265 B.R. 853, 857 n.1 (Bankr. N.D. Ohio 2001); Mass. Cas. Ins. Co. v. Green (In re Green), 241 B.R. 550, 559 (Bankr. N.D. Ill. 1999); Leathem v. Volkmar (In re Von Volkmar), 218 B.R. 890, 892 (Bankr. N.D. Ill. 1998), over which federal courts possess exclusive jurisdiction. Rein v. Providian Fin. Corp., 270 F.3d 895, 904 (9th Cir. 2001). The adequacy of notice required for automatic discharge under § 523(c)(1) also is related to a core proceeding over which federal courts exercise exclusive jurisdiction. See, e.g., RTC v. McKendry (In re McKendry), 40 F.3d 331, 335 (10th Cir. 1994); Schunck v. Santos (In re Santos); 112 B.R. 1001, 1005 (B.A.P. 9th Cir. 1990). Finally, actions relating to the § 524 discharge injunction also constitute "core" proceedings. See Iris. Co. of N. Am. v. NGC Settlement Trust & Asbestos Claims Mgmt, Corp. (In re 'at'l Gypsum Co.). 118 F.3d 1056, 1064 (5th Cir. 1997); In re Kewänee Boiler Corp., 270 B.R. 912, 918 (Bankr. N.D. Ill. 2002) (action to enforce discharge injunction); Polysat, Inc. v. Union Tank Car Co. (In re Polysat), 152 B.R. 886, 888 (Bankr. E.D. Pa. 1993) (scope of discharge injunction).
- At least one out-of-circuit bankruptcy court has read Gruniz as barring a state court not only from modifying a discharge order but also from assessing the applicability of a discharge order to the action before it. See Siskin v. Complete Aircraft Services, Inc. (In re Siskin), 258 B.R. 554, 562 (Bankr. E.D.N.Y. 2001) (criticizing and refusing to dollow Gruntz because it supposedly blurred the distinction between a state courts valid authority to determine the applicability of an automatic stay to the action before it and the hankruptcy court's exclusive authority to grant relief from the automatic stay). But see Lenke v. Tischler (In re Lenke), 249 B.R. 1, 8 (Bankr. D. Ariz, 2000) ("Gruntz should not be read to mean that states lack jurisdiction to determine the applicability of either the stay or the discharge, but only that they lack jurisdiction to modify either of them[.]"). However narrowly Gruntz is read, the state court's modification of the discharge order runs afoul of that decision.

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TETON CO. DISTRICT COURT

JOHN N. BACH 1196 Sierra Madre Blvd. San Marino, CA 91108 (626) 584-6679 Defendant In Pro Per, Appearing Specially, Contesting All Aspects of Jurisdiction over any and all Defendants.

> DISTRICT COURT OF SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TETON

SCONA, Inc. an Idaho Corp,

Plaintiff,

v.

JOHN N. BACH and TARGHEE POWDER EMPORIUM, UNLTD as nominee of JOHN N. BACH,

Defendants.

CASÉ NO: CV 98-025

DEFENDANT'S FURTHER BRIEF IN SUPPORT OF ALL HIS MOTIONS AND FOR SANCTIONS AGAINST PLAINTIFF AND ITS ATTORNEY; and IN OPPOSITION OF ALL PLAINTIFF'S MOTIONS Hearing Date: Sept. 24, '98

Time:

2:00 p.m.

Place: Driggs, Idaho (Teton County Courthouse)

I.

PREFACE TO FURTHER BRIEF BY PLAINTIFF IN SUPPORT OF ALL HIS MOTIONS & IN OPPOSITION TO PLAINT MOTIONS WHICH ARE IFF'S SPECIOUS.

Defendant JOHN N. BACH's motions before this Court, per his said speciallappearance are completely unopposed by plaintiff. Nor can they validly be opposed per the presented specious allegations of two complaints, to wit, the original complaint and a purported amended complaint, which was filed without a noticed motion so allowing it to be filed and certainly without any order of this Court. More controlling is the further total absence of any cited federal statutes or Idaho Code sections or applicable case authorities to counter the mandating authorities cited by defendant JOHN N. BACH, that this court has absolutely no subject matter or personal jurisdiction over any defendant named herein, other than the duty, Phligation and jurisdiction to grant all defendant's motions in full, awarding the requested monetary sanctions of \$5,000.00 against plaintiff and their counsel, holding said plaintiff's counsel in contempt for direct acts of contempt, misrepresentation, deceit and violattion of his oath and the applicable rule of professional conduct and ordering plaintiff and its attorney to execute forthwith a proper and complete warranty deed conveying any and all interests, claims, etc., in the subject property to TARGHEE POWDER EMPORIUM, UNLTD. Said defendant is entitled to full ametioration and relief to have this Court totally void, invalidate and establish any purported sale of the subject property as entirely null and remove all and any claims by the plaintiff or the I.R.S. to such property by an appropriate decree/judgment herein quieting title to said property in the sole name of TARGHEE POWDER EMPORIUM, UNLTD, free and clear of all liens; claims or interests whatsoever by the plaintiff or the I.R.S. and directing the Teton Clerk-Recorder's office and Assessor and Tax Collector's offices to show by their official records such return to complete and unencumbered ownership of said real property to TARGHEE POWDER EMPORIUM, UNLTD. PLAINTIFF AND ITS COUNSEL, ALVA
A. HARRIS, FURTHER PRESENTS A
WHOLLY SPECIOUS, FRIVOLOUS AND
UTTELY SAAM ISSUE THAT JOHN N.
BACH CANNOT REPRESENT TARGHEE
POWDER EMPORIUM, UNLTD per his
special appearance; and that
HE IS PRACTICING LAW WITHOUT

AL LICENSE.

The aforesaid caption under this part, should have aroused the ire and concern of this Court by the further deception, fraud and contemptous acts and conduct of Alva A. Harris. This Court on its own, once it had evidence that the Sacramento Chapter 13 proceeding had exclusive jurisdiction over all aspects of this action, should have issued an order to show cause upon plaintiff and its counsel why the same orders as sought by defendants motions should not be forthwith granted without further delay. I.R.C.P., Rule 11(a)(1); Bell v. Bell (Ct. App. 1992) 122 Idaho 520, 835 P.2d 1331 (Court must take into its concern and consideration of misuse of its process, whether the attorney sought to be sanctioned made reasonable inquiry or acted in a manner to harass, cause unnecessary delay or needless increase in the costs of litigation.); Durrant v. Christensen, (1990) 117 Idaho 70, 785 P.2d 624 (reasonableness under the circumstances, and a duty to make reasonable inquiry prior to filing the action and continuing thereafter, is the appropriate standard to apply under this rule and a showing of subjective bad faith is no longer necessary for the imposition of sanctions.)

In the very recent case of Paul Oil Co. Inc. v. Federated Mutual Insurance Company (Ninth Cir, decided September 8, 1998,) Los Angeles Daily Appellate Reports, pages 9688-9689, copy attached hereto, any sham act brought to the district court's attention, there a sham declaration prepared with the assistance of counsel to try to frustrate the granting of a motion for summary judgment should be inquired into and be determined by "the district court as they bear upon the integrity of the bar."

Alva A. Harris and his client, in which he is also a n investor, officer and director, if not an alter ego. thereof, now make the wholly egregious and specious argument to draw attention away from their unprofessional and contemptuous acts, herein, that JOHN N. BACH, in representing TARGHEE POWDER EMPORIUM, UNLTD, an asset of the VASA N. BACH, FAMILY TRUST of California, is practicing law without a license. Had Alva A. Harris just attempted to research even the Idaho law on this issue, let alone read the Restatement of Trusts, Second, sections 2 and 280, as well as SCOTT ON TRUSTS, §§23, 2 24 (4th ed. 1989) and \$280.6, and George G. Bogert, TRUSTS & TRUSTEES (2nd ed. 1980) he would have readily known that his assertion of JOHN N. BACH, either as a trustee or claimed nominee of TARGHEE POWDER EMPORUIM, UNLTD, appearance specially herein, was practicing law without a license is entirely bogus, frivolous, utterly without merit and justifies sanctions against against him and his client corporation, SCONA, INC. More immediately he had easily available to him in any law library, the internet, West Law, etc., the decision of <a href="Dennet v.">Dennet v.</a>
<a href="Kuenzli">Kuenzli</a>
(Idaho Ct. App. 1997) 130 Idaho 21, 936 P.2d 219, wherein at pages 228-229, Alva A. Harris would know that he is not only wrong in such assertion but the law on trusts is entirely against his making any such assertion. On page 229, the following applications and conclusions were reached by said Idaho Court of Appeals:

". . . . This statutory modification [of Idaho Code \$15-7-306(a)] of the common law rule does not, however, alter the trustee's status as the holder of title to the assets in the trust estate, nor does it make it necessary for the trustee to disclose his fiduciary capacity in executing documents that affect the trust estate. By implication, the statute recongnizes that a trustee may effectively enter into contracts for trust purposes without such disclosure.

We hold, therefore, that Dennett's exercise of the option in his own name was effective event if the option right was held by him subject to his fiduciary obligation as trustee.

Simiarly, a trustee may bring legal actions in his own name regarding proper or contract interests of the trust estate. On this point, a commentator has stated:

"By the weight of authority it is held that in an action brought by the trustee against a third person, whether for a tort with respect to the trust property or on a contract held by him in trust, it is unnecessary for the trustee in the pleadings or other proceedings to describe himself as trustee. As far as the third person

is concerned, it is immaterial whether the plaintiff is suing on his own account or as trustee. If the trustee does describe himself as trustee the description is treated as surplusage. It is true that whatever is recovered by the trustee in the action, he will hold subject to the trust; but with this the defendant is not concerned.

SCOTT, §280.6 See also RESTATMENT (SECOND) OF TRUSTS §280 cmt. h. (1959) (stating that is is unnecessary for a trustee to describe himself as a trustee in the pleadings or other proceedings and that Buch a description is treated as surplusage); George C. Bogert, TRUSTS & TRUSTEES (2nd ed 1980) (stating that a trustee may bring a suit in his own name); Loring, supra, (same)."[Loring, refers to A.P. Loring, A TRUSTEE'S HANDBOOK 92-93 (4th ed. 1928).]

"Accordingly, we conclude that Dennett was not required to refer to himself as the trustee of the Mel Dennett Living Trust in order to act in that capacity in exercising the option. We conclude, as well, that Dennett is the real party in interest as plaintiff in this action. . . "

[Emphasis and note

added re Loring.]

But even more egregiously is the confession and admission by Alva A. Harris, who obviously prepared, filed and masterminded the Amended Complaint which has not been properly served upon JOHN N. BACH as trustee herein, and therefore, this Court does not have jurisdiction of said trustee or trustee. Said confession is found at page 3, which is unnumbered as all said pages of the Amended verified

complaint are, per paragraph 5 thereof:

"That Targhee Powder Emporium, Unltd is a non existent corporation or trust, has never properly been created, has no shareholdres or directors or trustees, and has never legally received this real property as a corporation or trust asset. That the title to the property was taken in this name solely as an attempt to circumvent the claims of the IRS for income taxes levied and assessed against the said JOHN N. BACh and this 'entity' is merely a nominee, aransferee, and/or alter ego entity for defendant, John N. Bach. . . . "

By verifying such machinated and obfuscatedly phrase he confesses that he is only suing defendant John N. Bach. But John N. Bach has a validly filed Sacramento Bankruptcy Cahpter 13 proceeding which existed before the attempted sale of said property to plaintiff and that Alva A. Harris and the plaintiff knew that, knew there was a stay order that precluded the I.R.S. sale to him or his corporation, and yet he and his corporation along with the I.R.S. conspired to criminally and tortuously violate, disregard and flaunt the law and thereby, commit not only subornation of perjury, but perjury itself, obstruction of justice and criminal conspiarcy to violate John N. Bach's constitutional and civil rights. 18 U.S.C. §§240, 241, et seq; Federal RICO Act, Idaho Racqueteeering Act, I.C. §§18-7001 to 18-7005, See also Idaho@cCode Section 48-603A Unconscionable methods, acts or practices, et seq & particularly 48-603C(1); and Dennis v. Higgins (Nb. 1991)

111 S.Ct. 865, 113 L.Ed2d 969 (a private person acts under color of law for purposes of application of the Federal Civil Rights Act, 42 U.S.C. S\$1983-1988, either under color of state or federal law; if he is a participant or conspirator in a joint action with the federal government or the state or any of its agencies, agents or representatives). See also re liability via conspiracy of joint conspirators, Hafer v.

Brown (1992) 983 F.2d 570, 576-577; Hampton v. Hanrahan (1979) 600 F.2d600, 620-24)

What Alva A. Harris, has done in the past is use the false charge, assertion and deceptive ploy to charge persons, such as individuals or individual trustees who are presenting themselves in pro per cr pro se, as practicing law without a license. Such utterly frivolous charge, practice and acts are patently an unconstitutional deprivation of such in pro per or pro se's rights to procedural and due process, equal protection and constitute disbarable acts by Alva A. Harris. For this Court to allow, countenance of ignore such unconstitutional practices, acts or efforts, is more than blatant condonation and acquiesence it the same, but exposes this Court to the further powers of federal district courts to intervene and put a stop once and for all to such affronts and violations. See Lebbos v. Judges of Superior Court of Santa Clara County, (CA 9 1989) 883 F.2d 810n 5, 813 (judges not immune from claims for injunctive or equitable relief for continuing constitutional violations and practices sanctioned); Consumers Union of United States v. American Bar Assoc. et al(ED Va 1981) 505 F. Supp 822, app. dismd 451 U.S. 1812(1982) (district court awarded attorney fees under 42 U.S.C.

§1988against the members of the Virginia Supreme Court for their part in enforcing unconstitutional state bar rules and their application—that State judges enforcing unconstitution ally state bar rules or procedures are not acting in a judic—ial capacity.)

Since such claims per federal statutes must be brought and are exclusively jurisdictioned against the I.R.S. and those acting with complicity, conspiracy, joint venture, enterprise, common plan, scheme or concert of actions, etc., with the I.R.S., in federal district court, even if this court had subject matter jurisdiction or over the defendant's person, which it does not, plaintiff's complaint and action would have to be transferred to the appropriate venued federal district court. Defendant specially appearing herein, is having prepared, along with a number of other plaintiffs such a federal district court complaint against the I.R.S. and the plaintiff and its Attorney Alva A. Harris along with a number of other defendants.

III.

ALL DEFENDANT'S MOTIONS

SHOULD AND MUST BE GRANTED

DATED: September 24, 1998

JOHN N. BACH, Specially Appearing Defendant

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# CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certified that on this date I will personally deliver or hand to Alva A. Harris at Driggs Idaho a copy of this further brief consisting of these nine (9) pages / /

DATED: September 24, 1998

JOHN N. BACH

# ATTORNEYS

District Court must determine whether attorney played role in preparing sham affidavit.

Cite as 98 Daily Journal D.A.R. 9688

PAUL OIL COMPANY, INC. a California Corporation, Plaintiff-Appellant,

FEDERATED MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY, a Minnesota Corporation, Defendant-Appellee.

No. 97-16190
D.C. No. CV-95-05308-OWW
United States Court of Appeals
Ninth Circuit
Filed September 8, 1998

Appeal from the United States District Court for the Eastern District of California

> Oliver W. Wanger, District Judge, Presiding

Argued and Submitted July 16, 1998-San Francisco, California

Before: Stephen Reinhardt, John T. Noonan, and David R. Thompson, Circuit Judges. Opinion by Judge Noonan

## COUNSEL

Lori T. Okun, Greben & Associates, Sacramento, California, for the plaintiff-appellant.

Thomas H. Crouch, Meagher & Geer, Minneapolis, Minnesota, for the defendant-appellee.

NOONAN, Circuit Judge:

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Paul Oil Company, Inc. (Paul Oil), a California corporation, appeals the grant of summary judgment against it in its suit against Federated Mutual Insurance Co. (Federated), a Minnesota corporation. The district court, after first denying Federated's motion for summary judgment, reconsidered, finding that Paul Oil's attempt to defeat the motion had depended upon a sham. The district court also denied Paul Oil's offer of additional testimony on the ground that Paul Oil had been disingenuous as to the availability of the witness whose testimony it belatedly attempted to offer. Affirming the district court, we write to call attention of the duties of counsel to the court.

#### **FACTS**

Paul Oil is a family-owned business whose president and CEO since 1974 has been Ross Barton Paul (Bart Paul). The company is a jobber of Shell Oil products. In 1985 it leased property on Highway 99 in Livingston, California from Leonard and Shirley Blevins. The property had previously been used for a convenience store and gas station. It contained one underground gasoline storage tank holding 8,000 gallons, two tanks holding 5,000 gallons and a 4,000 gallon tank holding diesel fuel.

On May 24, 1986 Paul Oil entered into several insurance contracts with Federated, including a pollution liability insurance policy. On the first page of the policy in / type much larger than the rest of the text a heading announced: "THIS IS A CLAIMS MADE POLICY -PLEASE READ CAREFULLY." The first paragraph under this heading said the company would pay compensatory damages for bodily injury or property damage provided that "(I) such bodily injury or property damage is caused by a pollution incident which commences subsequent to the retroactive date shown in the declarations of this policy; and (2) the claim for such damages is first made against the insured during the policy period and reported to the company during the policy period or within fifteen days after its termination." The policy continued: "A claim shall be deemed to have been made only when suit is brought or written notice of such claim is received by the insured." The "retroactive date" was the same as the date the policy was entered into, May 24, 1986.

Federated issued similar policies to Paul Oil for May 24, 1988 through May 24, 1989 and for May 24, 1989 through August 1, 1989 when Paul Oil cancelled.

Paul Oil tested the tanks on the property and in June 1986 found a leak in a supply line between the tank and a pump. It was due to a faulty pipeline coupling. Paul Oil replaced the coupling and cleaned out the soil. The company notified the Merced County Environmental Management Department, which approved its handling of the problem. The amount of soil removed was approximately five cubic yards. Paul Oil was receiving deliveries three times a week and doing from 60,000 to 80,000 gallons of business per month. It kept a tight inventory control of the gasoline in the tanks by doing daily stickings. The company was unaware of any other leaks or losses from the tanks. Occasionally there were small losses when a driver drove away from a pump with the nozzle from the tank still in his car.

In 1989 the California Department of Transportation began studies for a bypass in Livingston and made an environmental investigation that revealed at least 20,000 gallons of petroleum product in the ground that apparently had come from the site occupied by Paul Oil. On November 14, 1990 the district attorney of Merced County notified Paul Oil and prior occupiers of the site of alleged code violations that had caused the problem. In 1992 Paul Oil was sued by the Bergers, adjacent land owners, who asserted that their land had been contaminated from the Paul Oil site. In 1994 the California Regional Water Quality Control Board sent Paul Oil a Clean Up and Abatement Order. The order noted that the gasoline contamination dated back to 1978 and the total amount in the soil was between 37,000 and 50,000 gallons.

Paul Oil tendered these matters to Federated for defense and indemnification. Federated denied any duty to defend or to indemnify, noting that none of the claims had been made while the policies were in effect.

## **PROCEEDINGS**

On March 29, 1995 Paul Oil filed suit against Federated in the Superior Court for Merced County. The suit referred generally to "policies" issued by Federated which gave rise to obligations that Federated was not fulfilling. The suit sought declaratory relief, damages for breach of contract, and damages for breach of the implied covenant of good faith. On the ground of diversity Federated removed the suit to the federal district court for the Eastern District of California.

Both sides took deposition testimony, Federated taking inter alia the deposition of Bart Paul. Both sides also served each other with interrogatories. On August 14, 1995 Federated moved for summary judgment. At a hearing on the motion the court asked Paul Oil's counsel to identify any jecord evidence of a claim in 1986 by Merced County and gave counsel five days to search the record for such evidence. Counsel responded with Bart Paul's sworn declaration stating that Merced County had inspected leakage at the site in 1986. The district court then granted Federated's motion for summary judgment, subject to another grace period for Paul Oil to introduce evidence of a plaim during the period the policies were in effect. In esponse Paul Oil submitted the declaration of Jeff Palsgaard, Director of the Division of Environmental Health of the county, stating that it was and had been Merced County's custom "to issue a letter demanding investigation and repair when evidence of a release from eaking underground storage tanks occurred." Palsgaard, jowever, added that he had been unable to locate such a etter in 1986 to Paul Oil. He submitted a sample of the kind of letter the county would have sent if it had followed is usual custom. The court observed that it would take a quantum leap to infer from Palsgaard's letter that Merced County had actually made a claim in 1986 against Paul Dil. The court gave the plaintiff another 10 days to submit evidence that a claim had been made.

On March 15, 1995 Bart Paul filed a sworn declaration stating that within a month after the June 1986 leak Paul Oil "received a letter from Merced County requiring that we conduct an inspection and clean up of the subject property." (emphasis in Bart Paul's affidavit). Bart Paul stated he was unable to locate a copy of the letter. He also stated, "I was advised by Merced County that Paul Oil would be subject to enforcement action if these remedial steps were not taken" and that Paul Oil expended more than \$5,000 "to comply with Merced County's dictates." Characterizing the evidence as "weak" the district court gonetheless found it sufficient to defeat summary

judgment. Federated moved for reconsideration on the grounds that Bart Paul's new declaration was a sham, contradicting his deposition testimony and his answers to interrogatories. In his December 14, 1990 telephone interview with Federated, Bart Paul stated that the only thing he knew about government actions against him was the November 1990 letter from the Merced County District Attorney. In Paul Dil's September 14, 1995 response to Federated's interrogatories it wrote in response to a request that it admit hat the first claim made against it was the 1990 claim by the district attorney that "[t]here may have been a telephone call immediately prior to" the letter. In his October 13, 1995 deposition Bart Paul agreed that this letter was the first written notice Paul Oil . . . received from the . . . District Attorney that it was claiming . . . damages from" Paul Oil; that the district attorney's letter, the subsequent tion by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, and the civil suit by the Bergers were the only gains "made against Paul Oil for damages arising out of contamination" and that they "were made after" Paul Oil cancelled its policy with Federated; and that no claims were made against Paul Oil after it fixed its leaking fuel ank in 1986. All of these statements are contradicted by Bart Paul's assertion in his supplemental declaration that Merced County made a written demand that contamination E removed in 1986.

Federated also filed a new affidavit of Palsgaard stating: We have exhausted every avenue of inquiry and scovered no information suggesting that we took any ction at the site in 1986." David Block of the Merced County Department of Public Health provided an affidavit that the county's investigation of the site began in 1989,

adding that its files were complete and that he had searched them and found no documentation supporting the suggestion that his office had commenced any investigation in 1986. A similar affidavit was sworn to by William Peeler, another county employee involved in the later investigation by the county. On October 9, 1996 the court granted reconsideration, finding that Bart Paul's second sworn declaration attempting to create an issue of fact had been a sham. No genuine issue of fact existed.

Paul Oil now moved for reconsideration of the finding that the declaration was a sham. Counsel for Paul Oil asked for 30 days to search for Pat Catanzarite, the maintenance man who had worked on the removal of the soil in 1986. When the court inquired why this witness had not been produced before, counsel replied "[w]e have a missing witness and have had for a long time. . . [h]e is apparently somewhere in the area absolutely unlocatable. We have been trying literally for years to track him down."

Two days later Paul Oil obtained an affidavit from Pat Catanzarite that he remembered the alleged 1986 letter from Merced County. Federated took steps to determine whether Catanzarite had, in fact, been previously unlocatable. It took only minutes for Federated to locate him by using directory assistance and only a few minutes more to confirm that he had been at the same place for many years. Federated opposed the admission of his declaration on the grounds that it was not newly discovered evidence. The court agreed, holding that counsel for Paul Oil had "disingenuously" informed the court that Catanzarite was "absolutely unlocatable." The court denied Paul Oil's motion for reconsideration and granted Federated summary judgment on all issues.

Paul Oil appeals.

## **ANALYSIS**

By the terms of the pollution liability policies, Federated was liable only for claims made during the policy period.

None of the claims made against Paul Oil in 1990, 1992, and 1994 fell within the policy periods of May 24, 1986-August 1, 1989. Paul Oil had no basis on which to bring its suit.

A second, independent reason existed why Paul Oil had no case. The farthest back any pollution liability policy covered was May 24, 1986. From the facts in Paul Oil's knowledge, the claims being advanced were for enormous gas spillages which could not have occurred in the four years Paul Oil occupied the premises. Keeping a close track of its inventory, Paul Oil was well aware that it never had spillages that could have amounted to 20,000 to 50,000 gallons of pollution. For this reason, too, its suit was baseless.

Whether the sham declaration of Bart Paul was prepared with the assistance of counsel and whether the statement about Catanzarite's unavailability was made by counsel because of inaccurate information supplied by others are matters we cannot determine on this appeal, but should be determined by the district court as they bear on the integrity of the bar.

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AFFIRMED.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TETON

JOHN N. BACH,

Plaintiff,

VS.

KATHERINE D. MILLER aka
KATHERINE M. MILLER, ALVA
HARRIS, Individually & dba
SCONA, INC., JACK LEE MCLEAN,
BOB FITZGERALD, OLE OLSON, BOB
BAGLEY & MAE BAGLEY, husband and
wife, BLAKE LYLE, Individually
and dba GRAND TOWING, GALEN
WOELK and CODY RUNYAN,
Individually & dba RUNYAN &
WOELK, ANN-TOY BROUGHTON, WAYNE
DAWSON, MARK LIPONIS, EARL
HAMLIN, STAN NICKELL, BRET HILL
& DEENA R. HILL, and DOES 1
through 30, Inclusive,

Case No. CV-02-208

FIFTHTEENTH ORDER ON PENDING MOTIONS

Defendants.

#### I. INTRODUCTION

Pending before the Court is defendants Harris, Scona, Inc., Fitzgerald, Olesen, Lyle and McLean's motion to set aside clerk's default under Rule 55(c), I.R.C.P., dated May 23, 2003. The motion was supported by an affidavit of counsel Alva Harris.

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An objection was filed by plaintiff Bach on May 28, 2003. Oral argument was heard on May 30, 2003.

Having read the motion, supporting affidavit, objection, and the oral arguments of the parties, the Court issues the following order on the pending motion.

The clerk's default entered on January 27, 2003, must be set aside because these defendants filed a motion to dismiss under Rule 12(b)(8), I.R.C.P., on January 22, 2003, that was not decided until March 4, 2003. These defendants' counsel received the Court's Eighth Order by telefax on March 4, 2003. Under Rule 12(a), I.R.C.P., a responsive pleading from these defendants was not due until March 14, 2003.

The clerk's default entered at 9:01 a.m. on March 19, 2003, cannot be set aside because these defendants did not file an answer under 11:25 a.m. on March 19, 2003. These defendants' argument that a clerk's default under Rule 55(a) cannot be entered without a three (3) notice is without merit because the three (3) day notice in Rule 55(b)(2) does not apply to entry of a clerk's default under Rule 55(a). Olson v. Kirkham, 111 Idaho 34, 36-37, 720 P.2d 217, 219-220 (App. 1996). Their argument that "good cause" is shown for setting aside a clerk's default under Rule 55(c) is without merit because they have shown no facts to support any "meritorious defense." McFarland v. Curtis,

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123 Idaho 931, 854 P.2d 274 (App. 1993).

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that

1. defendants Harris, Scona, Inc., Fitzgerald, Lyle and McLean's motion to set aside clerk's default entered on January 27, 2003 is GRANTED, but their motion to set aside clerk's default entered on March 19, 2003, is DENIED.

DATED this 2nd day of June, 2003.

RICHARD T. ST. CLAIR

DISTRICT JUDGE

# CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on the 2 day of June, 2003, I certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document was mailed, telefaxed or hand delivered to the following persons:

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SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, IDAHO, TETON COUNTY

JOHN N. BACH,

Plaintiff & Counterclaim Defendant,

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KATHERINE D. MILLER, aka
KATHERINE M. MILLER, Individedually and dba R.E.M. et al.,

Defendants & Counterclaimant.

CASE NO.: CV 02-208

PLAINTIFF JOHN N. BACH'S
TPIAL BRIEF MO THREE (3) RE
FOR IMMEDIATE ENTRY OF JUDGMENT
QUIETING TITLE TO PLAINTIFF ON
THOSE PROPERTIES SUBJECT OF
SECOND, THIRD, and FOURTH COUNTS,
RESERVING ISSUES OF ALL DAMAGES
THEREON,

Plaintiff JOHN N. BACH, submits this TRIAL BRIEF NO. THREE (3) in support of his application/request for not only issuance of default judgments against those defendants which entries of defaults have been entered (Alva A. Harris, SCONA, Inc., Jack Lee McLean, Robert (Bob)Fitzgerald, individually & dba CACHE RANCH, OLY OLESEN, (who appeared as OLY OLSON before entry of default against him), Blake Lyle, Individually & dba GRANDE TOWING and also GRANDE BODY & PAINT, WAYNE DAWSON, EARL HAMLIN, BRET & DEENA HILL), on all counts of the FIRST AMENDED COMPLAINT, but, especially for separate judgments per I.R.C.P., Rule 54 (b), for the immediate issuance of separate JUDGEMENTS in favor of plaintiff, quieting title, ownership, all interests, rights of immediate possession, use and exclusive control, along with appropriate writs of possession, assistance and/or exclusion of all said defaulted defendants, as to those properties the Plt's TRIAL BRIEF NO. 3

the subject of his SECOND, THIRD and FOURTH COUNTS of said FIRST AMENDED COMPLAINT.

Several most recent developments and rulings/orders of this court and the Ninth Circuit court of Appeals, which includes Idaho, more than justify, if not call for such immediate separate judgments being entered. This Court's rulings/orders on late Friday, May 30, 2003, during the pretrial conference, denying Alva A. Harris' motions, restated for the third time, of seeking the setting aside of his clients' entries of defaults, and the entries of defaults, earlier that day, @ 9:26 a.m., of defendants BRET HILL & DEENA R. HILL, preclude any delay or hesitations of entering said request special separate judgemnts of quiet title to plaintiff on the SECOND, THIRD and FOURTH COUNTS, while reserving the court's further determination of damages, injuries and property losses and related amounts to be awarded plaintiff on said SECOND, THIRD & FOURTH COUNTS, and all other remaining COUNTS against all said defendants whose defaults have been entered herein.

The very recent decision of 40235 Washington Street Corp. v. Lusardi, (9th Cir. May 23, 2003) reported in L.A. Daily Journal, D.A.R., May 27, 2003, Pages 5547-5550, is a decision almost on all fours with the facts of the THIRD COUNT, quieting title in plaintiff's sole favor, rights, claim and all interests in that one (1) acre parcel with home, and all water rights, Teton Canal Company twenty-two (22) plus shares thereof. A complete copy of the said Lusardi decision, is attached hereto and incorporated herein. For the sake of brevity and ease of legal principles applying herein, plaintiff has either bracketed or directed via margin "arrows" to those applicable and binding holdings of said decision herein. The very first paragraph, thereof, reveals, that said litigation therein, had been plt's TRIAL BRIEF NO. 3. 00056 page 2.

ongoing "for more than a dozen years, in both state and federal court." Said first paragraph is repeated herein for emphasis:

"W. C. Lusardi purchased an apartment complex at a Riverside County tax foreclosure auction in 1990. Unbeknownst to Lusardi, the owner of the property, 40235 Washington Street Corporation ('WSC' or 'the corporation') had recently filed a federal bank-ruptcy petition, creating an automatic stay preventing the sale. The sale was therefore void, and although the bankruptcy petition was later dismissed, Lusardi never acquired possession or any benefit of ownership. Neither has his money been returned to him by Riverside County, The parties have been litigating for more than a dozen years, in both state and federal court. This appeal arises from the district court's order quieting title and granting declaratory relief in favor of WSC and denying relief to Lusardi. We affirm, although not on the same ground as that relief on by the district court." [Emphasis added]

Lusardi claimed exemption from the automatic stay order, per 11 U.S.C. sec. 549, subsection. (c), but as the decision pointed out page 5548: "As subection (a) and (d) [of sec. 549] make clear, section 549 concerns avoidance actions by the [bankruptcy] trustee, not transfers that are already void under the automatic stay. ." As the court further stated, page 5549:

"... Specifically, so far as we are aware, every court that has considered the governing legal factors has reached the conclusion we have, that section 549(c) does not create an exception to the automatic stay. [citations omitted, esp., see three (c) cases cited thereafter].."

And at page 5550:

"As noted above in our discussion of the federal Bankruptcy Code issue, transfers in violatin of an automatic stay under section 362(a) are void: The property interests remain the same as they would have been if no transfer had been attempted. See Schwarz, 954 F.2d at 571..." [Emphasis Added]

All of plaintiff's creditors were discharged in his Chapter 13, bankruptcy, especially named therein were Miller, Dawson and the IRS, along with numerous others. Both the IRS and Alva Harris and SCONA, Inc., who purchased illegally plaintiff's said real property of 195 N. Hwy 33, Driggs, were told by plaintiff and others at the sale, Plt's TRIAL BRIEF NO. 300568

of the automatic stay order and the voidness of such sale. Thereafter, Scona Inc., and Harris pursued an action against JOHN N.

BACH, individually and as nominee of Targhee Powder Emporium, Unitd, being Teton County 98-025, in clear violation and contemptuous defiance of said bankruptcy stay order. See Plaintiff's TRIAL BRIEF

No. 2, etc., filed May 39, 2003 @ 9:36 a.m., especially the decision of McGhan v. Rutz, (9th Cir. May 7, 2002) attached thereto, and also the attached "Defendant's [John N. Bach's] Further Brief In Support of his Motions and For Sanctions Against Plaintiff [SCONA, Inc.,] and ITS ATTORNEY [Alva A. Harris], etc., filed Sept. 24, 1998 in Teton Action CV 98-025.

Further, compelling, if not controlling in the immediate issuance of said separate quiet title judgements on the SECOND, THIRD & FOURTH COUNTS, is the uncontested and properly executed and recorded"

"WARRANTY DEED, ANNNULLING, VOIDING & RESCINDING WARRANTY DEEDS RECORDED NOVEMBER 21, 2000, BY TARGHEE POWDER EMPORIUM, INC., JACK LEE McLEAN, Vice President, BEING INSTRUMENT NUMBERS 140249, 140248, 140247, 140246 and CORPORATION WARRANTY DEEDS, RECORDED FEBRUARY 22, 2001, INSTRUMENT NO. 141453 AND AUGUST 16, 200[1], INSTRUMENT 143453 and REGRANTING REESTABLISHING ALL OWNERSHIP, OF JOHN N. BACH AS SOLE OWNER OF ALL PROPERTIES DESCRIBED IN THE VOIDED DEEDS" [This annulling, voiding & rescinding, vetc., warranty deed being Teton County Instrument Number 148042]

As all said defaulted defendants now have deemed admitted all the facts and statements of Plaintiff's FIRST AMENDED COMPLAINT, plaintiff's immediate quiet title judgments relief should be granted without delay. Most significantly, to be included within the monetary amount of damages, properties' losses, etc., to be awarded plaintiff, against all said defaulted defendants, and even Miller, Individually and dba R.E.M., and CACHE RANCH, and defendants GALEN WOELK, Individually and dba RUNYAN & WOELK, and defendants ANN-TOY BROUGHTON and STAN NICKELL's, are those moneys not only paid illegally and per all of said defendants' criminal pursuits in removing plaintiff from Plt's TRIAL BRIEF NO. 3 Page 4. (1) (56.9)

said property and residence of 195 N. Hwy 33, Driggs, but the extorted and stolen, contrived and void rent amount imposed upon plaintiff per said Teton CV 98-025, of over \$15,000.00, on or about November 14, 2000, which plaintiff paid to prevent further void judgment liens from going to a sheriff's sale on his other properties, the subject of all FIRST through FOURTH COUNTS, the loss of rent to said house from the time he was illegally/criminally removed by a write of assistance in September, 1999 therefrom, by all of said defendants' further conversions, theft and destruction to his personal belongings, furniture, antiques, other personalty, etc., which he was not able to remove from said property and house at 195 N. Hwy 33, and the further special and general damages suffered by plaintiff and inflicted upon him by all said defendants herein. See such damages, relief as sought per paragraphs 19 and 22 of SECOND & THIRD COUNTS, which damages/relief are sought against all defendants, and plaintiff is now entitled to such full relief by reason of said defaults and the further, admitted, confessed and proven, vicarious liabilities of Miller, Woelk, Broughton and Nickells of coprincipals, mutual agents, servants/employees, representatives and conspirators for each other and all defendants. [See par. 2, of First Amended Complaint incorporated in all counts thereof, as are paragraphs 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13 and 14. Included within said damages/losses and injuries amounts, etc., to be awarded plaintiff is the specific sum of 415,000.00 stolen from his personal bank account by all said defendants, which amount was at least 2 plus times promised to be returned to plaintiff by defendant GALEN WOELK, but who as a major principal, perpetrator, conspirator and instigator of said illegal/criminal actions of defendants against plaintiff, specifically wanted to break plaintiff financially and make him a pauper so he 000570Page 5. Plt's TRIAL BRIEF NO. 3

could not have resources, means or finances to repell and defend against all defendants' said criminal and illegal acts, pursuits and misuse of process.

NOTE: TO the extent, plaintiff's contracts, agreements and other prospective economic ownership, title, uses, possession and management, etc., of all saidproperties the subject of First through Fourth Counts, exist, they are hereby also disclosed to Woelk and his law firm, per page 25 provisions of this Court's Fourteenth ORDER of May 28, 2003. These contracts, agreements, and economic advantages, relations, etc., are also disclosed as to all other counts, per said May 28, 2003 ORDER, especially of Woelk's and his law firm's now established liabilities per Plaintiff's FIFTH, SIXTH, SEVENTH, EIGHTH, NINTH, TENTH, ELEVENTH and TWELVTH COUNTS of the FIRST AMENDED COMPLAINT.

DATED: June 2, 2003

JOHN N. BACH Pro Se

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE BY FAX & MAIL: I, the undersigned, certify, that on June 2, 2003, I did personally fax a copy of this document with attachments to Judge St. Clair, Galen Woelk, Jason Scott, Jared Harris, and did further mail a copy to each of the following at their given addresses per the filings made on their behalves herein, to wit: mailed a copy to Alva A. Harris, Esquire, and Ann-Toy Broughton, Stan Nickells and Earl Hamblin.

As said requested and applied for separate quiet title judgments are solely on equitable issues, to be decided by the court only, and said defendants, some 10 of them are already re default entries without any opposition to said quieting titles, the hearing re such judgments being entered, must be given immediate precedence, priority and resolution, even ahead of the jury selection now set for June 10, 2003.

PLAINTIFF THEREFORE REQUESTS, THAT SELECTION OF THE JURY HEREIN BE DELAYED ONE (1) DAY, to JUNE 11, 2003, to have the Court hold a hearing on said entries of QUIET TITLE JUDGMENTS, ETC., WHICH WILL SHOTREN THE JURY TRIAL ISSUES RESOLUTION CONSIDERABLY. Athletic Round Table Inc. v. Merrill, 99 Idaho 598, 586 P.2d 1042 (19978) (No reason for delay in entering separate judgments, in multiple claims quiet title action as there was no reason for request removal of encroachments to await ascertainment of actual damages between plaintiff & defendants/third parties) See also Rule 65(a) (2) Initialed 7/1/5

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FYBEL, J.

## BANKRUPTCY

Good faith purchaser status under 11 U.S.C. Section 549(c) does not create exception to automatic stay provision.

Cite as 2003 DJDAR 5547

40235 WASHINGTON STREET CORPORATION, a California corporation, Plaintiff-Appellee,

W. C. LUSARDI, an individual, Defendant-Appellant.

No. 01-56644 D.C. No.CV-90-01472-JSR

40235 WASHINGTON STREET CORPORATION, a California corporation, Plaintiff-Appellant,

> W. C. LUSARDI, an individual, Defendant-Appellee.

No. 01-56801 D.C. No. CV-90-01472-JSR United States Court of Appeals Ninth Circuit Filed May 23, 2003

Appeal from the United States District Court for the Southern District of California

> John S. Rhoades, District Judge, Presiding

Argued and Submitted February 4, 2003 Pasadena, California

> Before: Harry Pregerson, Stephen Reinhardt, and Glenn L. Archer, Jr.,\*

Opinion by Judge Reinhardt

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Duane S. Horning, Mary A. Lehman, and James W. Huston, Gray Cary Ware & Friedenrich, LLP, for 40235 Washington Street. Corporation.

## OPINION

REINHARDT, Circuit Judge:

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possession or any benefit of ownership. Neither has his money been returned to him by Riverside County. The parties have been litigating for more than a dozen years, in both state and federal court. This appeal arises from the district court's order quieting title and granting declaratory relief in favor of WSC and denying relief to Lusardi. We affirm, although not on the same ground as that relied on by the district court

I. Background

WSC was incorporated on February 20, 1990. Eight days later it purchased an apartment complex in Palm Desert, California, located on a property that was in tax default and was scheduled to be sold at a Riverside County tax auction. The next day it filed a Chapter 11 bankruptcy petition, thereby creating, under section 362(a) of the federal Bankruptcy Code, an automatic stay on sales of properties it owned. 11 U.S.C. § 362(a). Although WSC informed the tax collector of its bankruptcy filing, Riverside County proceeded with the sale in violation of the stay. Lusardi, unaware of the bankruptcy petition, purchased the property at the foreclosure sale for \$269,500. The foreclosure sale included competitive bidding and complied with state law. After the tax sale, the bankruptcy court dismissed WSC's bankruptcy petition, finding that it was filed in bad faith. In re 40235 Washington St. Corp., No. 90-01612-LM11 (Bankr. S.D. Cal. filed May 15, 1990). WSC retained, and continues to retain, possession of the property, and Riverside County has never returned Lusardi's money.

The litigation that followed, in both state and federal court, is described in the most recent decision of the district court, see 40235 Washington St. Corp. v. Lusardi, 177 F. Supp. 2d 1090, 1095-96 (S.D. Cal. 2001) and, in greater detail, in a 1998 order of the district court, see 40235 Washington St. Corp. v. Lusardi, No. 90-1472-R, unpublished order at 1-6 (S.D. Cal. filed August 19, 1998). A brief description of the federal litigation is all that is required here.

The federal proceedings were initiated by WSC, which sought to quiet title and to obtain declaratory relief. It contended that because of the automatic stay Lusardi never acquired any title to the property. The proceedings in federal court were stayed pending the outcome of the state court litigation. See 40235 Washington St. Corp. v. Lusardi, 976 F.2d 587 (9th Cir. 1992). In 1998, the district court granted a motion by Lusardi to lift the stay on the federal litigation, and allowed Lusardi to bring counterclaims under federal and state law. Lusardi asked the court to quiet title in his favor on the ground that section 549(c) of the federal Bankruptcy Code, 11 U.S.C. § 549(c), provides an exception to the automatic stay provision and is applicable to him as a good faith purchaser without knowledge of the bankruptcy petition. Alternatively, he demanded compensation from WSC for his lost investment and associated costs, under section 3728 of the California Revenue and Taxation Code. Lusardi, 177 F. Supp. 2d at 1096

Ultimately, the district court granted WSC's motion for declaratory relief and to quiet title and denied all relief to Lusardi. Id. at 1090. It agreed with Lusardi that section 549(c) of the Bankruptcy Code creates an exception to the automatic stay provision, 40235 Washington St. Corp. v. Lusardi, No. 90-1472-R, unpublished order at 9-12 (S.D. Cal. filed Jan. 19, 1999), but held that Lusardi's purchase did not meet the requirements for invoking the exception. Lusardi, 177 F. Supp. 2d at 1096-102. The district court further held that the state tax law provisions under which Lusardi seeks compensation are preempted by the federal Bankruptcy Code. Id. at 1102-05. Lusardi appeals the district court's grant of relief to WSC, including its quiet

title order, while WSC argues that there is no federal jurisdiction. Although we hold, contrary to the district court, that section 549(c) of the Bankruptcy Code does not create an exception to the automatic stay provision, we affirm its grant of relief to WSC for the reasons set forth below.

#### II. Discussion

A. Jurisdiction

Federal courts have jurisdiction over matters in which a federal question is presented on the face of the wellpleaded complaint. Abada v. Charles Schwab & Co., Inc., 300 F.3d 1112, 1118 (9th Cir. 2002). "Where the plaintiff seeks coercive relief under state law, as in a quiet title action, a well pleaded complaint presents a federal question if the plaintiff's right to such relief 'necessarily turn[s] on some construction of federal law.' "Yokeno v. Mafnas, 973 F.2d 803, 807 (9th Cir. 1992) (quoting Franchise Tax Bd. v. Const. Laborers Vacation Trust, 463 U.S. 1, 9 (1983)). In the case before us, it would be impossible to quiet title in favor of either party without addressing the federal Bankruptcy Code issue discussed below. Furthermore, the Bankruptcy Code issue is not raised as a defense or merely in anticipation of avoiding a defense. See Yokeno, 973 F.2d at 807. Rather, the automatic stay provision, which was raised by WSC in its complaint, is the only basis on which WSC's claim to title could be superior to that of Lusardi. Therefore, there is federal jurisdiction.

B. Stay Exception

Section 362(a) of the Bankruptcy Code provides that the filing of a bankruptcy petition creates an automatic "stay, applicable to all entities, of," inter alia, "any act to create, perfect, or enforce any lien against property of the estate." 11 U.S.C. § 362(a). Transfers in violation of the automatic stay are void. Schwartz v. United States (In re Schwartz), 954 F.2d 569, 575 (9th Cir. 1992). When WSC filed its bankruptcy petition, the automatic stay took effect, with the result that the Riverside County tax sale, conducted to enforce the tax lien on the property, was void. Unless an exception to section 362(a) applies, therefore, Lusardi's purchase of the property at the tax sale was without effect.

Eighteen exceptions to section 362(a) are listed in section 362(b). 11 U.S.C. § 362(b) (listing circumstances in which "the filing of a petition . . . does not operate as a stay"). The text of section 362(a) makes reference to the exceptions listed in section 362(b), 11 U.S.C. § 362(a) (providing that the stay applies "[e]xcept as provided in subsection (b) of this section"), but not to any other exceptions. The language of section 362, thus, suggests that the 18 listed exceptions are the only exceptions to the

automatic stay.

Lusardi does not argue that any of the 18 exceptions of section 362(b) applies to his purchase. Rather, he asserts that section 549(c) of the Code provides a further exception to the automatic stay provision. This assertion is plausible primarily because a number of courts, including ours on some occasions, have assumed it to be correct, as we discuss below. The district court in the present case relied on such assumptions and held that section 549(c) does create an exception to the automatic stay provision. Lusardi, No. 90-1472-R, unpublished order at 9-12 (S.D. Cal. filed Jan. 19, 1999). However, we have never before addressed the question directly. Recently the Bankruptcy Appellate Panel of the Ninth Circuit did so and concluded in an opinion we find persuasive that section 549(c) does not create an exception to section 362(a). Value T Sales, Inc. v. Mitchell (In re Mitchell), 279 B.R. 839, 841-44 (B.A.P. 9th Cir. 2002). We reach the same conclusion as the Bankruptcy Appellate Panel.

Section 549 concerns the ability of a bankruptcy trustee to avoid postpetition transfers of the property of the estate, and subsection (c) protects bona fide purchasers who did not know of the petition and who meet certain other requirements. Section 549 provides in full as follows:

## § 549. Postpetition transaction

- (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) or (c) of this section, the trustee may avoid a transfer of property of the estate—
- (1) that occurs after the commencement of the case; and
- (2) (A) that is authorized only under section 303(f) or 542(c) or that is authorized only under section 303(f) or 542(c) of this title; or
- (B) that is not authorized under this title or by the court.
- (b) In an involuntary case, the trustee may not avoid under subsection (a) of this section a transfer made after the commencement of such case but before the order for relief to the extent any value, including services, but not including satisfaction or securing of a debt that arose before the commencement of the case, is given after the commencement of the case in exchange for such transfer, notwithstanding any notice or knowledge of the case that the transferee has.
- (c) The trustee may not avoid under subsection (a) of this section a transfer of real property to a good faith purchaser without knowledge of commencement of the case and for present fair equivalent value unless a copy or notice of the petition was filed, where a transfer of such real property may be recorded to perfect such transfer, before such transfer is so perfected that a bona fide purchaser of such property, against whom applicable law permits such transfer to be perfected, could not acquire an interest that is superior to the interest of such good faith purchaser. A good faith purchaser without knowledge of the commencement of the case and for less than present fair equivalent value has a lien on the property transferred to the extent of any present value given, unless a copy or notice of the petition was so filed before such transfer was so perfected.
- (d) An action or proceeding under this section may not be commenced after the earlier of—
- (1) two years after the date of the transfer sought to be avoided; or
- (2) the time the case is closed or dismissed.

11 U.S.C. § 549.

As subsection (a) and (d) make clear, section 549 concerns avoidance actions by the trustee, not transfers that are already void under the automatic stay. Subsection (c), which Lusardi invokes, prevents such avoidance actions from succeeding against certain bona fide purchasers. By its terms, subsection (c) creates an exception only to subsection (a). 11 U.S.C. § 549(c) (describing transfers that "trustee may not avoid under subsection (a) of this section"). Thus, as the Mitchell court noted, the language and the structure of both section 362 and section 549

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This interpretation is also consistent with the purposes of the two sections. The purpose of the automatic stay is to protect debtors from their creditors while bankruptcy proceedings are underway. Schwartz, 954 F.2d at 571 ("[The stay] is designed to protect debtors from all collection efforts while they attempt to regain their financial footing."); see H.R. Rep. No. 595, 95th Cong., 1st Sess. 340 (1978) ("The automatic stay is one of the fundamental debtor protections . . . "). The purpose of section 549, in contrast, is to provide a just resolution when the debtor himself initiates an unauthorized postpetition transfer. The general rule in such situations is that the trustee is authorized to avoid the transfer in order to protect the creditors. See 11 U.S.C. § 549(a); Schwartz, 954 F.2d at 574 ("Section 549 exists as a protection for creditors against unauthorized debtor transfers of estate property."). Section 549(c) creates an exception to that rule to protect innocent purchasers whom the debtor has defrauded, 5 COLLIER ON BANKRUPTCY, § 549.06 (15th ed. rev. 2002). As sections 362 and 549 are designed to protect different parties, it is not surprising that an exception to one would not apply to the other. Congress evidently saw fit, as Mitchell discerned, "to afford greater protection to [bona fide purchasers] who purchase from debtors than to those purchasing at sales violating the automatic stay." Mitchell, 279 B.R. at 843.

As noted above, some of our prior decisions imply, contrary to our present holding, that section 549(c) does create an exception to the automatic stay provision. Most recently, in Schwartz, we stated at one point in the opinion "subsection 549(c)'s protection of good faith purchasers carves out an extremely specific and narrow exception to the automatic stay when section 362 overlaps subsection 549(c)." Schwartz, 954 F.2d at 574. This statement, although the district court in Lusardi believed it was binding, was a mere assumption that did not contribute to our resolution of any matter at issue in the case. The "sole issue" in Schwartz was whether transfers in violation of the automatic stay were void or merely voidable. Id. at 570-71. We held that they were void and addressed section 549(c) only to refute the argument that section 549(c), because it is an exception to section 362(a), demonstrates that violations of the stay are not void. Our assumption that sec tion 549(c) does create such an exception was, in this sense, actually in tension with our holding. Furthermore, in subsequent portions of the opinion, Schwartz appears to assume precisely the opposite of its initial assumption: It appears to state quite clearly that section 549(c) does not create an exception to the automatic stay. See, e.g., id. at 574 ("The law in this circuit is that violations of the automatic stay are void and that section 549 applies to transfers of property which are not voided by the stay."). We therefore draw no conclusion from Schwartz as to the relationship between sections 362(a) and 549(c). In another case, we assumed that section 549(c) creates an exception to the automatic stay but held that the requirements of section 549(c) were not met. Walker v. California Mortgage Serv. (In re Walker), 861 F.2d 597, 600 (9th Cir. 1988) (perfection requirement not met). Similarly, we made the same assumption but decided the issue on a different basis in Thompson v. Margen (In re McConville), 110 F.3d 47, 49 (9th Cir. 1997) (applying section 364(c)(2)). Finally, to confuse matters even further, in Phoenix Bond & Indemnity Co. v. Shamblin (In re Shamblin), 890 F.2d 123, 127 n.5 (9th Cir. 1989), we expressly declined to "resolve [the] difficult question" whether the section 549 exception applies when an automatic stay is in effect.

We also acknowledge that our holding today conflicts with the view expressed in two bankruptcy treatises, see 3 COLLIER ON BANKRUPTCY § 362.11[1] (15th ed. rev. 2002) ("Section 549(c) contains an important limitation of the principle that actions taken in violation of the stay are void, or at least voidable."); NORTON BANKRUPTCY LAW AND PRACTICE 2D § 59:5 (Supp. Nov. 2002) (stating that Schwartz "correctly" regarded section 549(c) as an exception to section 362(a)). We also note that in Tsafaroff v. Taylor (In re Taylor), 884 F.2d 478 (9th Cir. 1989), we assumed Collier to be correct, without considering the question, and affirmed a decision of the Bankruptcy Appellate Panel holding that the lackofnotice requirement of 549(c) was met. Id. at 483-84. We did so only shortly before we announced, in the final amended opinion in Shamblin, that the question was an open one.

We also note that the Third and Fifth Circuits and, in a pre-Mitchell decision, the Bankruptcy Appellate Panel of the Ninth Circuit, have stated in dictum, and a number of Bankruptcy Courts have held, assumed, or opined, contrary to our holding today, that section 549(c) does create an exception to section 362(a). See, e.g., In re Siciliano, 13 F.3d 748, 751 n.2 (3d. Cir. 1994); Sikes v. Global Marine, Inc., 881 F.2d 176, 179 (5th Cir. 1989); Shaw v. County of San Bernadino (In re Shaw), 157 B.R. 151 (B.A.P. 9th Cir. 1993); Jones v. Wingo (In re Wingo), 89 B.R. 54, 58 (B.A.P. 9th Cir. 1988); In re Shah, 2001 Bankr. LEXIS 380, \*15-\*26 (Bankr. E.D. Pa. 2001); Carpio v. Smith (In re Carpio), 213 B.R. 744, 750-51 (Bankr. W.D. Mo. 1997); Groupe v. Hill (In re Hill), 156 B.R. 998, 1007 (Bankr. N.D. Ill. 1993); Little v. Bago (In re Bago), 149 B.R. 610, 612 (Bankr. C.D. Cal. 1993); In re King, 35 B.R. 530, 531 (Bankr. N.D. Ga. 1983).

None of these decisions, however, considered the textual, structural, and policy arguments we address above. Most were arrived at without any analysis at all. While numbers are on the side of finding section 549(c) to create an exception, the clear weight of judicial reasoning strongly supports the contrary view. Specifically, so far as we are aware, every court that has considered the governing legal factors has reached the conclusion we have, that section 549(c) does not create an exception to the automatic stay provision. See Mitchell, 279 B.R. at 841-44; Glendenning v. Third Fed. Sav. (In re Glendenning), 243 B.R. 629, 633-34 (Bankr. E.D. Penn. 2000); Smith v. London (In re Smith), 224 B.R. 44, 46-48 (Bankr. E.D. Mich. 1998); New Orleans Airport Motel Assocs. v. Lee (In re Servico, Inc.), 144 B.R. 933, 934-37 (Bankr. S.D. Fia. 1992).

Because we hold that section 549(c) does not create an exception to section 362(a), we do not reach the issue whether Lusardi's purchase at the Riverside County tax foreclosure sale met the requirements of section 549(c).

C. Preemption

California state law provides that after a property has been sold in a tax foreclosure sale, the tax deed acquired by the purchaser may not be voided unless the former owner reimburses the purchaser "the amount of taxes, penalties and costs expended by him or her as determined by the court in pursuit of title to the property." Cal. Rev. & Tax. Code § 3728(a). "If the amount required to be paid... is not paid within... six months, the court shall order a new tax deed issued by the county tax collector to the original grantee or his successor in interest as designated in the order." Id. § 3728.1. Lusardi asserts that these provisions prevent the federal courts from voiding his deed unless WSC pays him the full amount he paid to Riverside County at the tax sale, as well as the other costs he incurred in acquiring title. The district court held that section 3728 is preempted by the automatic stay provision of the Bankruptcy Code. 11 U.S.C. § 362(a). We agree.

Under the doctrine of "conflict preemption," preemption is implied where "compliance with both federal and state regulation is a physical impossibility." Gade v. Nat'l Solid Wastes Mgmt. Ass'n, 505 U.S. 88, 98 (1992) (internal quotation marks omitted).

Section 3728 requires that, before a tax deed is declared void, the court must determine the amount of taxes owed on the property and order the former owner to pay to the purchaser that portion of the taxes, penalties and costs that the purchaser expended in pursuit of the title. Cal. Rev. & Tax. Code § 3728. Next, the court must order that the former owner pay any taxes that it still owes on the property to the appropriate tax agencies. Id. If both payments are not made within six months, a new tax deed will issue to the purchaser. Id. § 3728.1.

As noted above in our discussion of the federal Bankruptcy Code issue, transfers in violation of an automatic stay under section 362(a) are void: The property interests remain the same as they would have been if no transfer had been attempted. See Schwartz, 954 F.2d at 571. Section 3728 conflicts directly with this rule. First, it does not treat the transfer as if it never happened. To the contrary, under section 3728, the transfer has important consequences, burdening the trust or former owner. Second, under section 3728 the transfer is not void, as Schwartz held with respect to transfers under the automatic stay provision, but voidable. If no action is taken, the deed remains effective.

As the district court noted, section 3728 also conflicts with the Bankruptcy Code's system of ordering creditor's claims. If the tax lien is not paid in full within six months, then the tax purchaser takes the property free of all encumbrances under California Revenue and Taxation Code section 3712, whereas under the Bankruptcy Code all secured claims remain after bankruptcy proceedings are complete. 11 U.S.C. § 1129(b)(2); see Lusardi, 117 F. Supp. 2d at 1105.

The district court was therefore correct to hold California Revenue and Taxation Code section 3728 preempted.

Because of our preemption ruling, we do not reach the further issue raised by WSC that, regardless of federal law, section 3728 is not applicable in this case.

#### Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons the judgment of the district court is

AFFIRMED.

- \* The Honorable Glenn L. Archer, Jr., Senior Circuit Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, sitting by designation.
- Certain details of the state court litigation are relevant to WSC's arguments that Lusardi's claims for relief are both timebarred and barred by collateral estoppel. However, because we affirm the district court's denial of relief on other grounds, we do not reach those issues.
- Although the bankruptcy court dismissed WSC's bankruptcy petition as having been filed in bad faith, the dismissal has no bearing on the issues before us. Lusardi asked the court to apply the dismissal retroactively so as to give effect to the tax sale. The parties disagree as to whether the bankruptcy court denied the motion or rather declined to address it. In either case, Lusardi does not now seek relief on the theory that the stay should be retroactively voided.
- In truth, we did not explain clearly in Schwartz the argument based on section 549(c) that we were refuting. We wrote that "[i]t is disingenuous to argue that the general rule must be invalid simply because there is a narrow exception to the rule." Schwartz, 954 F.2d at 574. It appears, then, that one of the parties argued that violations of the stay cannot be void because violations that meet the requirements of section 549(c) are not void. However, that argument is without any logic, because violations that meet the requirements of section 549(c) are also not voidable. A better argument on basis of section 549(c) can be found

in Sikes v. Global Marine, Inc., 881 F.2d 176, 179 (5th Cir. 1989), which held, contrary to Schwartz, that transfers in violation of the stay are voidable, not void. Id.

We addressed section 549 as a whole in Schwartz in order to refute the following, more persuasive argument: A transaction can be both in violation of the automatic stay and controlled by section 549; section 549 explicitly makes unauthorized postpetition transactions not void, but rather avoidable by the trustee; therefore, a holding that transactions in violation of the automatic stay are void would conflict with section 549. Schwartz, 954 F.2d at 573-74. We assumed the premises of this argument but rejected the conclusion. Id.

- Section 3728 provides in full as follows:
  - § 3728. Payments required to be made before voiding deed Before holding any tax deed heretofore or hereafter given under this chapter or Chapter 8 (commencing with Section 3771), former Chapter 3 (commencing with Section 3475), former Chapter 4.3 (commencing with Section 3475), former Sections 3897 and 3897d of the Political Code to be void, the court shall determine the correct amount of taxes, penalties and costs that should be paid upon redemption to discharge the tax and assess ment liens of all taxing agencies and revenue districts had the purported tax sale not been held and the court shall order the former owner or other party in interest to pay that amount within six months as follows:
  - (a) To the purchaser, or his or her grantee or successor in interest, the amount of taxes, penalties and costs expended by him or her as determined by the court in pursuit of title to the property, and when the purchaser at that sale or the grantee in any deed for taxes or his or her grantee or successor in interest is in possession of that property in good faith and claiming the property under a tax deed, which is regular upon its face, and has made permanent improvements thereon, the court shall not make that decree until there has also been repaid to the purchaser or his or her grantee or successor in interest a sum, as determined by the court, equal to the amount by which the value of the property has been enhanced by those permanent improvements; and
  - (b) To the county tax collector, the balance, if any, of the correct amount as determined by the court that should be paid upon redemption, which shall be distributed by the county to the taxing agencies and revenue districts as redemption money.
  - If the amounts are not paid in accordance with the order the court shall not hold the tax deed void.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TETON

JOHN N. BACH,

Plaintiff,

VS.

KATHERINE D. MILLER aka
KATHERINE M. MILLER, ALVA
HARRIS, Individually & dba
SCONA, INC., JACK LEE MCLEAN,
BOB FITZGERALD, OLE OLSON, BOB
BAGLEY & MAE BAGLEY, husband and
wife, BLAKE LYLE, Individually
and dba GRAND TOWING, GALEN
WOELK and CODY RUNYAN,
Individually & dba RUNYAN &
WOELK, ANN-TOY BROUGHTON, WAYNE
DAWSON, MARK LIPONIS, EARL
HAMLIN, STAN NICKELL, BRET HILL
& DEENA R. HILL, and DOES 1
through 30, Inclusive,

Case No. CV-02-208

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Defendants.

The Court held a final Pre-Trial Conference on the 30th day of May, 2003; the plaintiff John Bach appeared in person, the defendant Katherine Miller appeared by and through counsel Galen Woelk, Esq., the defendant Ann-Toy Broughton appeared in person, The defendant Stan Nickell did not appear, but the parties advised the Court that Mr. Nickell died in March, and the FINAL PRE-TRIAL ORDER

defendants Bret and Deena Hill appeared by and through counsel Alva Harris, Esq. Bach, Miller and the Hills filed lists of witnesses and exhibits. Miller filed proposed jury instructions.

The Court file reflects that earlier in the morning of May 30<sup>th</sup>, the Clerk had entered a default under Rule 55(a)(1), I.R.C.P., against defendants Hill for failure to plead. Mr. Harris advised the Court that he would move to have the default set aside and asked to be excused. Clerk's defaults also have been entered against defendants Harris, Scona, Inc., McLean, Fitzgerald, Olesen, Lyle, Dawson and Hamlin. No return of service is present as to defendants Bagley or Liponis. The first amended complaint was dismissed as to defendant Runyan for lack of service. The claims against defendant Woelk were severed for a separate trial.

The likelihood of a settlement is poor. A jury trial is scheduled to commence at 10:00 a.m. on June 10, 2003, on Bach's first amended complaint, Broughton's answer, and Miller's answer and counterclaim.

Now therefore, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that pursuant to Rule 16(f), I.R.C.P., the following shall control the trial of this matter.

# A. Nature of the Action.

This is an action by John Bach to quiet title in his sole FINAL PRE-TRIAL ORDER

name as to several tracts of real property in Teton County,

Idaho, for injunctive relief and damages as to such property,

for damages for conversion and loss of personal property, and

for damages for personal injuries from assaults and ancestry

harassment. It is also an action to quiet title to some of the

same real property in the sole name of Miller, for injunctive

relief, imposition of constructive trust and damages based on

fraud and breach of fiduciary duty.

As a result of the Court's Tenth Order on Pending Motions, count ten alleging violations of the Idaho RICO Act was dismissed. As a result of the Court's Fourteenth Order on Pending Motions, Bach was granted partial summary judgment against Miller as to quiet title to real property described in counts two, three and four. Defendant Broughton's answer claims no interest in the property described in counts one, two, three and four.

# B. Statement of All Claims For Trial.

1(a). In **count one** Bach claims that under an oral partnership agreement between he and Miller entered sometime after October 3, 1997, that title be quieted in his name against Miller as to following described 4 tracts of real property, all situate in Township 5 North, Range 45 East, Boise Meridian, Teton County, Idaho, to wit:

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- 1. A part of the S1/2SW1/4 Section 11, commencing from the SW corner of said Section 11 thence N 0 02'03" W 1214.14 feet along the Western section line to the true point of beginning: thence N 0 02'03" W 110.00 feet further along said Western section line to the NW corner of the S1/2SW1/4 of Section 11; thence S 89 57'55" E 2627.56 feet along the north line of the S1/2SW1/4 of Section 11 to a point on the Western right of way line of State Highway 33; thence S 0 09'27" W 110.00 feet along the Western right of way line of State Highway 33 to a point; thence N 89 57'55" W 2627.19 feet to the point of beginning, comprising 6.63 acres more or less (hereafter "Miller Access Parcel").
- 2. W1/2S1/2SE1/4 Section 10, comprising 40 acres more or less (hereafter "Miller Property").
- 3. E1/2S1/2SE1/4 Section 10, comprising 40 acres more of less (hereafter "Targhee Property").
- 4. A part of the  $\rm E1/2S1/2SE1/4$  Section 10, commencing from the NE corner of the  $\rm E1/2S1/2SE1/4$  of said Section 10; thence West along the North boundary line of the  $\rm E1/2S1/2SE1/4$  of said Section 10 to the to the NW corner of the  $\rm E1/2S1/2SE1/4$  of said Section 10; thence South along the West boundary line of the  $\rm E1/2S1/2SE1/4$  of said Section 10 110.00 feet; thence East to the East boundary line of the  $\rm E1/2S1/2SE1/4$  of said Section 10 to the point of beginning (hereafter the "Targhee/Miller Property").

Bach seeks to enjoin Miller and Broughton from entering these properties, and damages from their obstructing his use of such properties.

1(b). Miller denies Bach's claims, and alleges affirmatively that she owns the properties solely or jointly with others, that Bach is estopped to claim ownership, that the statute of frauds bars any oral interest in real property, failure of consideration, fraudulent acts by Bach, illegality,

waiver, equitable unclean hands, equitable laches, release and assignment, comparative negligence, nuisance abatement, superseding acts of third persons, and failure to join real parties in interest.

- 1(c). Broughton denies Bach's claims.
- 2(a). In **count five** Bach claims that he was damaged by Miller and Broughton slandering his title to the 4 tracts of property described above, and 4 more tracts of real property comprising a 1 acre lot on Highway 33, an undivided one-half interest in 8.5 acres adjacent to the lot, 40 acres in the SE1/4SW1/4 of Section 35, T6N, R45E B.M., and 40 acres in the SW1/4SE1/4 of Section 6, T5N, R45 E B.M., all in Teton County, Idaho, by recording false deeds.
- 2(b). Miller denies Bach's claims, and asserts the same affirmative defenses listed above.
  - 2(c). Broughton denies Bach's claims.
- 3(a). In **count six** Bach claims that he was damaged by Miller and Broughton intentionally interfering with his contracts, business relationships and economic expectancies.
- 3(b). Miller denies Bach's claims, and asserts the same affirmative defenses listed above.
  - 3(c). Broughton denies Bach's claims.
- 4(a). In **count seven** Bach claims that he was damaged by FINAL PRE-TRIAL ORDER

Miller's breach of fiduciary duties of trust, loyalty and candor and implied duties of good faith and fair dealing.

- 4(b). Miller denies Bach's claims, and asserts the same affirmative defenses listed above.
- 4(c). This count does not allege any liability against Broughton.
- 5(a). In **count nine** Bach claims damages from conversion of his money, personal property and business names by Miller and Broughton.
- 5(b). Miller denies Bach's claims, and asserts the same affirmative defenses listed above.
  - 5(c). Broughton denies Bach's claims.
- 6(a). In **count eleven** Bach claims damages from malicious prosecution and abuse of process by Miller's prosecuting Teton County Case CV-01-59 against him in 2001 and 2002.
- 6(b). Miller denies Bach's claims, and asserts the same affirmative defenses listed above.
- 6(c). This count does not allege any liability against Broughton.
- 7(a). In count twelve Bach claims damages under I. C. \$\$18-7901 through 18-7904 from malicious harassment by Miller and Broughton based on Bach's Montenegrin ancestry.
- 7(b). Miller denies Bach's claims, and asserts the same FINAL PRE-TRIAL ORDER

affirmative defenses listed above.

- 7(c). Broughton denies Bach's claims.
- 8(a). In her first counterclaim Miller claims that title to the 4 tracts described above as the "Miller property," "Targhee Property," "Miller Access Parcel," and "Targhee/Miller Property," be quieted in her sole name because the two 40 acre tracts were purchased entirely with her \$120,000.00 payments in December, 1994 and March, 1995, and the 6.63 acre strip was purchased entirely with her \$7,456.73 payment in October, 1996, because Bach falsely represented that other "undisclosed" investors in "Targhee Powder Emporium, Inc." were paying like amounts for Targhee Powder Emporium's equal interest in the property, when she discovered in November, 2000 that in truth Targhee Powder Emporium had no other investors nor made any payments.
- 8(b). Bach denies Miller's claims, and alleges affirmatively that the court lacks subject matter and personal jurisdiction, the claims are barred by a Chapter 13 federal bankruptcy discharge order, the claims are barred by failure to assert a compulsory counterclaims in federal case CV-99-014-E-BLW, the claims are barred by dismissal of Teton County case CV-01-59, the claims are barred by res judicata and collateral estoppel or claim preclusion from Teton County case CV-00-76,

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the claims are barred by promissory estoppel, equitable estoppel, and quasi estoppel, the statute of limitations, release by agreement of October 3, 1997, illegality and misappropriation or conversion of business name, equitable unclean hands, fraudulent acts by Miller, breach of fiduciary duties, failure to exhaust conditions precedent, waiver, abandonment, failure to mitigate damaged, and superseding acts of third persons.

- 9(a). In her **second counterclaim** Miller claims imposition of a purchase money resulting trust to hold the property for her benefit based on the same facts.
- 9(b). Bach denies Millers claims, and alleges the affirmative defense described above.
- 10(a). In her third counterclaim Miller claims damages and return of the \$127,456.73 she spent based on Bach's fraudulent acts.
- 10(b). Bach denies Millers claims, and alleges the affirmative defense described above.
- 11(a). In her **fourth counterclaim** Miller claims damages based on breach Bach's breach of attorney-client fiduciary duties.
- 11(b). Bach denies Millers claims, and alleges the affirmative defense described above.

- 12(a). In her **fifth counterclaim** Miller claims that Bach be estopped to claim any interest in the 4 tracts because of his fraudulent acts.
- 12(b). Bach denies Millers claims, and alleges the affirmative defense described above.
- 13(a). In her **sixth counterclaim** Miller claims damages from Bach's slander of title by recording a false deed as to the 4 tracts on May 7, 2002, and that such deeds should be declared void.
- 13(b). Bach denies Millers claims, and alleges the affirmative defense described above.
- 14(a). In her **seventh counterclaim** Miller claims damages from Bach's obstructing her use of the "Miller Property" and her sole or undivided one half interest in the "Miller Access Parcel" and the "Targhee/Miller Property" from September 15, 1999 through the present, and seeks treble damages under I. C. \$6-317 for forcible detainer.
- 14(b). Bach denies Millers claims, and alleges the affirmative defense described above.
- 15(a). In her **eighth counterclaim** Miller claims damages for the unjust enrichment of Bach by having the use of the 4 tracts of property that Miller paid the entire purchase price to acquire.

- 15(b). Bach denies Millers claims, and alleges the affirmative defense described above.
- C. Admissions or Stipulations of the Parties.

  None.
- D. <u>Amendments to Pleadings</u>.

  None.
- E. Statement of Issues of Fact Which Remain to be Litigated.
- 1. The prima facie factual elements of counts one, five, six, seven, nine, eleven and twelve described in ¶B above proved by Bach's evidence as to Miller.
- 2. The prima facie elements of counts one, five, six, nine and twelve described in ¶B above proved by Bach's evidence as to Broughton.
- 3. The prima facie factual elements of affirmative defenses described in ¶B above proved by Miller's evidence.
- 4. The prima facie factual elements of **counterclaims** described in ¶B above proved by Miller's evidence as to Bach.
- 5. The prima facie factual elements of affirmative defenses described in ¶B above proved by Bach's evidence.
  - F. Statement of Issues of Law For the Court.
- 1. Whether Bach's evidence is sufficient to require instructing the jury on any causes of action against Miller and Broughton in the first amended complaint?

- 2. Whether Miller's evidence is sufficient to require instructing the jury on any affirmative defenses in her answer.
- 3. Whether Miller's evidence is sufficient to require instructing the jury on any counterclaims against Bach?
- 4. Whether Bach's evidence is sufficient to require instructing the jury on any affirmative defenses in his reply.
- 5. Whether judgment should be entered on the first amended complaint and the counterclaim based on the jury's verdict on legal claims and the Court's findings of fact on the equitable claims, for or against Bach, Miller and Broughton, and the specific relief to be awarded.

## G. Orders on Matters to Expedite Trial.

1. The parties shall meet and agree before trial on which exhibits shall be admitted into evidence by stipulation.

## H. List of Exhibits.

- 1. Plaintiff's exhibits are listed and described in plaintiff's exhibit list on file.
- Defendant Miller's exhibits are listed
   and described in defendant Miller's exhibit list on file.
- 3. Defendant Broughton's exhibits are listed and described in defendant's exhibit list on file.
- 4. All of the parties' exhibits shall be deposited with the clerk not later than June 4, 2003 at 5:00 p.m. Plaintiff's

exhibits shall be pre-marked numerically, and defendants' exhibits shall be pre-marked alphabetically. The parties may examine each other's pre-marked exhibits under supervising of the clerk of court.

5. No proposed exhibit not described above and filed with the clerk shall be admitted into evidence, except when offered for impeachment purposes or when otherwise permitted by the Court in the interest of justice.

## I. List of Witnesses.

1. Plaintiff Bach's witnesses are John Bach, Cindy L.

Milleer, Diana Cheyovich, Milan Cheyovich, J. D. Ritchie, Elaine
Ritchie, Garen Hancock, Steve Green, Travis Thompson, Carol Eck,
Chuck Geiger, Steven N. Bach, Melissa Bach Lehmer, Minda N.

Trimmer, Jeff Trimmer, Roger Kaufman, Gene Knight, Dave Guymon,
Sherry Guymon, Tyler Hammond, Cindy McCracken, Roxanne Sanchez,
Staci Sanchez, Linda Miller, Sanford I. Beck, William Vrabec,
Mary Lou Vrabec, Harold Steinecker, Blake Robinsion, William j.
Thomas, Ken Price, Jaydell Buxton, Judy Buxton, Layne price,
Gary Johnson, Kathy Johnson, him Williams, Ken Chambers, ken
Dunn, Sam Sewell, Ralph Sewell, Larry Hansen, Don Moller, Ole
Olesen, Kelly Circle, John Schultz, Audie Schultz, Dick Arris,
Sonny Arris, Mark Wittig, Beth Wittig, Leanne Bolten-Lewis,
Charles Homer, Charles Wright, Alva Harris, Ronald E. Miller,

and Ken Stringfield.

- 2. Defendant Miller's witnesses are Ken Rizotti, Alva Harris, Robert Fitzgerald, Jack McLean, Laura Lowery, Anne Broughton, Janet Woodland, John Letham, Wane Dawson, Donna Dawson, Jerrilee Bower, Katherine Miller, Paula Ehrler, Craig Case, John Bigley, and Mark Liponis.
- 3. Defendant Broughton's witnesses are Ann-Toy Broughton, Katherine Miller, Alva Harris, Ryan Kaufman, Craig Peterson, Bob Fitzgerald, Louis Everett, Mike Webster, Dr. Don Ritchey, Bob Russ, Charlene O'Connell and Chris Lander.
- 4. All other proposed witnesses, except impeachment witnesses and rebuttal witnesses whose identity was unknown before trial, shall be excluded from testifying at the trial unless permitted by the Court in the interest of justice.

### J. Discovery.

The parties have completed discovery.

#### K. Trial Date.

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Trial shall commence at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 10, 2003, initially for jury selection at the Driggs High School auditorium, and thereafter in the District Courtroom, Teton County Courthouse, Driggs, Idaho, before a jury composed of twelve (12) persons, and (1) alternate. Each party shall have five (5) peremptory challenges. Trial shall last no longer than

eight (8) days. Ninety (90) prospective jurors have been summoned. The struck jury system shall be utilized with a seated panel of twenty eight (28) to be questioned as to possible challenges for cause, and peremptory challenges to be made by secret ballot with five rounds.

DATED this 3rd day of June, 2003.

RICHARD T. ST. CLAIR DISTRICT JUDGE

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on the day of June, 2003, I certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document was mailed, telefaxed or hand delivered to the following persons:

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SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, STATE OF IDAHO
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TETON

JOHN N. BACH,

Plaintiff,

v.

AKTHERINE D. MILLER, aka KATHERINE M. MILLER, et al.

Defendants & Counterclaimant.

CASE NO: CV 02-208
PLAINTIFF JOHN N. BACH'S
MEMORANDUM BRIEF RE OBJECTIONS,
MOTION TO STRIKE, & OPPOSITION
TO DEFENDANT WAYNE DAWSON'S
MOTIONS RE (1) SECOND RENEWED
MOTION TO SET ASIDE DEFAULT;
(2) MOTION TO CONTINUE TRIAL
OR (3) BIFURCATE, ETC.

DATE OF HEARING: June 5, 2003
TIME OF HEARING 9 a.m.
PLACE: Bonneville County Courthouse
THE HONORABLE RICHARD T. ST. CLAIR,
Assigned, Presiding.

COMES NOW PLAINTIFF & COUNTERCLAIM DEFENDANT JOHN N. BACH, and submits his initial MEMORANDUM BRIEF OF OBJECTIONS, MOTION TO STRIKE, and OPPOSITION TO DEFENDANT WAYNE DAWSON'S SPECIOUS AND UTTERLY FRIVOLOUS/VEXATIOUS MOTIONS RE (1) SECOND RENEWED MOTION TO SET ASIDE DEFAULT [ENTRY], (2) TO CONTINUE TRIAL DATE, or (3) ALTERNATIVELY, BIFURCATE, etc., dated June 2, 2003, not properly served by fax nor timely otherwise, served by any validly issued nor any issued ORDER SHORTENING TIME, but, speciously set for hearing Thursday, June 5, 2003, @ 9 a.m., in Bonneville County Courthouse. Dawson's motions are attempted to be supported by two (2) contrived and deliberately falsified affidavits of Dawson, himself and his current counsel, Jared Harris. (Plaintiff incorporates herein his earlier Memo Briefs re Objections/Opposition to Dawson's earlier motions.)

I. OBJECTIONS & MOTION TO STRIKE DAWSON'S MOTIONS, AFFIDAVIT

& AFFIDAVIT OF JARED HARRIS. 000591 Pt's Mem Brief re Objn/Mtn-Strike & Opp to Df Dawsons 2d Renw'd Mtn/Set/Deflt P. 1.

plans were made, with what travel agency or transportation/airline, etc., nor what confirmations, monesy paid, whether such moneys are refundable or not, etc., But more indicative of such canards by Jared Harris, is that nothing about such family vacation plans were brought up, either in the motions, nor at argument, etc., of Jared Harris' first two motions to set aside DAWSON's defaults, such relief being sought for both Wayne & Donna Dawson. (See Twelveth Order of this Court.) Even then, Jared Harris, filed an appearance on both Wayne and Donna Dawson's behalves, made no mention of his vacatin plans, nor was any mentoon made of Wayne Dawsons' now clearly contrived health injuries condition. In fact, when Plaintiff made a motion to stike the DAWSONs' said general appearances, Jared Harris did not oppose, nor appear during argument thereon, to oppose or advise the court of any vacation problems or health injury conditions of either DAWSONS nor of WAYNE DAWSON. (See May 6, 2003, filed Thirteenth ORDER, page 9, paragraph 7. "Motion to strike defendant Dawsons' attorney's notice of appearance." . . . "No party opposes this motion. Since th[is] supports Bach's argument, good cause for granting this motin has been shown. Therefore, the Court must grant Bach's motion.")

Even after Jared Harris, noticed the second motion, denominated Renewed Motion to Set Aside Defaults, etc., again no mention whatsoever, made nor any statements presented re Jared Harris' conflicting vacation plans, nor Wayne Dawson's health or injury condition preventing his attendance at trial. (At this point it is very revealing, that defendant Miller's witness list, reveals and declares that her witness number "9. Wayne and Donna Dawson.") Most deceptively stated is the entire affidavit of Wayne Dawson, who in his very last paragraph itemizes what are invalid injury conditions purportedly keeping him 0.00592

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Objections are made to both affidavits of Dawson and his current attorney Jared Harris, the son of Alva Harris, who previously was Dawson's a-torney herein and is still DAWSON's attorney in that USDC, Idaho Action, CV 01-266-E-TGN, as follows

- 1. Said DAWSON's motions are untimely, in point not only of filing, but also, incredibly and egregiously late, on the even of trial herein, after two (2) other motions were denied, found to be untimely, without showing of good cause and without any proof properly and admissibly presented of any adequate defense. Now, these third motions, designated a SECOND RENEWED MOTION is compounding and moreso aggravating RE THE UTTEP LACK OF SHOWING, that it be heard a third time, let alone considered for any relief whatseover. Said DAWSON's motions do not comply, nor seek to comport with IRCP, Rules 6(d), 6(e), 11(b)(1)(2), nor Rules 55(c) and least of all Rule 60(b), which rules, although cite generally, no particular subportion therein is cited, not case authority nor law is given or supplied by any memorandum brief as required, per said Rule 60(b) and Rule
- 2. Most deceptively, the affidavits offered are more than contrived and a contemptuous misuse of process, creating greap prejudice, loss of time and resources, as well as enegeries from plaintiff, re his preparation for trial which is set to comment June 10, 2003. Said trial date was well known to Alva A. Harris, herein and Jared Harris in both November and December 2002, and ever since then. At no time had Jared Harris, in his two previous motions, advised the court or plaintiff of any of his personal travel commitments with his family as precluding his availabilities for trial. More significantly, Jared Harris' prior refusal and ignoring of DAWSON's calls and efforts of communications with and to him, had nothing to do with his not contrived June 1-17, 2003 travel plans. Jared Harris' affidavit does not say when in Nov., 2002 said \$\text{00593}\$ Pt's Memo Brief re Objn/Mtn Strke & Opp to Df Dawson's @d Renw'd Mtn/Setasd Defit P. 2.

from traveling to trial, but which occurred over eight (8) plus weeks, over two (2) months ago, purportedly on Mar. 31, 2003, from downhill skiing, but which now contrived and sympathy seeking injuries were nothing that had to be mentioned earlier or at all, Plaintiff has received brief information, since his receipt of DAWSON's 2d RENEWED MOTIONS, that Wayne Dawson is very ably going around and outside of Chico, drives his pickup truck, attends Chico State and High School sporting events, sitting on many hard wood or steel bleachers and even has been seen with a tennis racket in hand playing on numerous local tennis courts. NO WHERE WITHIN DAWSON'S AFFIDAVIT DOES HE MENTION HOSPITALIZATION, FOR HOW LONG, NOR HIS DOCTORS" NAMES, NOR IF HE HAD ANY SURGERY NOR ANY DOCTORS REPORTS, AFFIDAVITS OF CONVALESCENT CONCERNS, AT THIS LATE DATE. (Plaintiff in his own law practice as a plaintiffs' injury attorney, became very familiar with rehabilitation periods, which for the generally described and thoroughly routine fractures, hairline, or cast settings, ribs bindings, etc., the normal estimated recovery and recuperation period was 5 weeks and at the most 8 weeks with light non weigth bearing physical therapy to preclude any muscular atrophying.) DAWSONS' claimed injuries are more than bamboozling false sumpathy seeking biased treatment. The real truth is that his two attorneys, Alva and Jared Harris religing upon the L.D.S. status and statures they claim and the very nonjudicial L.D.S preferences they receive from L.D.S. judges, to cover such attorneys errors and omissions. But the statutes, rules and authorities which are applicable herein have not been refuted nor shown to be distinquishable in any of said DAWSONS' and HARRIS' previous motions to set aside defaults. Nor are any authorities cited whatsoever.

Plaintiff moves to strike both affidavits and all said motions.  $\begin{array}{c} 000594 \\ \hline \\ \text{Plt's Memo Brief re Objn/Mtn Strke \& Opp to DAWSON's 2d Rend/Mtn/Set/Deflt} \end{array}$  P. 4.

II. OPPOSITION TO DAWSONS' MOTIONS, ALL THREE, WHICH MOTIONS ARE MORE THAN SPECIOUS AND VEXATIOUS, BEING UTTERLY WITHOUT MERIT, AND CALL FOR MONETARY SANCTIONS AGAINST DAWSON & HIS COUNSEL, TO REIMBRUSE ALL COSTS, EXPENSES, AND OBLIGATIONS INCURRED BY PLAINTIFF TOUTRAVEL AND ATTEND THE HEARING ON JUNE 5, 2003 at IDAHO FALLS.

Before going into any response and opposition to DAWSON'S affidavit, the court is reminded that Wayne Dawson was a disclosed, a named creditor in Plaintiff's Bankruptcy petitions, one filed originally in Idaho, and then because of questions of jurisdictions, thesecond filed in Sacramento, CA, Eastern Cal., U.S. Bankruptcy Court, the Aug. 13 and 15, 2002 hearing re preliminary injunction, testimony and documentary evidence was admitted that Wayne Dawson was listed as a \$15,000.00 creditor of petitioner John N. Bach, he never filed anycclaims, was ssubject to the automatic stay order, and was discharged. until said Chpater 13 banktucpy terminated in Dec 28, 2001, Dawson did absolutely nothing to have his claim of fraud exempted from said bankruptcy proceedings, a contrived fraud claim which he assets now in his perjurious declaration against JOHN N. BACH, personally, and in which affidavit he deliberately avoids stating with clarity the exact date, cirucmstances, etc., purportedly he discovered such fraud by JOHN N. BACH. Despite his further smear contrivances of plaintiff misusing falsely his funds, no amounts, times or reasons of when, how and for what purposes such unclarified moneys and denominations thereof, were misappropriated by plaintiff. Such bogus contrivances are the demented thoughts and Alice in Wonderland distortions of both Harris' who as counsel for DAWSON constantly revise and recreate falsehoods to cover the numerous crimes they have perpetrated upon plaintiff.

Therefore, even under DAWSON's perjurious false and contrived defenses, since he was named in August 4, 1997 as a creditor in said Cal., Chapter 13 Petition, not only was his claim denied disproven of 0.0595

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any validity or satisfaction, he never made any claim, never asked such purported fraud to be exempt from said banktuptcy petition or automatic stay order. But, secondly, all statutes of limitations of three, four and even five years have long since expire, even if you sert counting from Aug 4, 1997, but such statutes ran from late '94.

But most revealing of DAWSON'S and his dual counsels' duplicities, is that no counterclaims are asserted, nor could they be. No denial is made of the illegal, criminal misues of Targhee Powder Emportum, Inc., an Idaho Corporation formed by Alva Harris, Jack McLean, Dawson himself, Kathy Miller, Mark Liponis, and others, to steal from plaintiff his interest in the 8.5 acres adjacent to 195 N. Hwy 33, Driggs, Idaho & his one-quarter interest in said PEACOCK PARCEL of 40 acres. Plaintiff never defrauded nor committed any torts or crimes on either DAWSONS who have joined with all said defendants in their conspiracies to financially destroy plaintiff. Plaintiff refers to his Trial Briefs Two and Three and the authorities cited therein, that DAWSONS has absolutely no meritorious defenses, despite his and his counsels' canardly esconed assertions in his affidavit and that of Jared Harris.

III. PLAINTIFF EVEN AS A NONLICENSED ATTORNEY, BUT IN PRO PER IS ENTITLED TO BE REIMBRUSED FOR HIS TRAVEL, MEALS, DOPING COSTS, EXPENSES AND ALSO TIME LOST IN PREPARING FOR TRIAL, SUCH SANCTIONS AGAINST DAWSON AND HIS COUNSEL TO BE IN THE AMOUNT OF FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (%500.00) PAYABLE TO REALNTIFF FORTHWITH.

DATED: June 3, 2003
(NOTE: Dawson's Notary's seal on his proposed
ANSWER (Ver. \ Was signed/affixed some 3 plus
miles from his home, on April 17, 2003.)

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE BY MAIL & FAX: I the undersigned hereby certify on June 3, 2003, that I did mail a copy of this document to each attorney of record, Jared Harris, Alva A. Harris, Jason Scott and Galen Woelk, and further mailed copies to defendants in pro per stauts, to wit, Ann-Toy Broughton and Stan Nickells, and did fax a copy this date, J-ne 3, 2003 to Judge St. Clair in Idaho Falls Courthouse. DATED: June 3, 2003

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ANN-TOY BROUGHTON 1054 Rammell Mountain Rd. Tetonia, ID 83452 208 456-2758 Defendant Pro Se

## SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR TETON COUNTY

JOHN N. BACH,

Plaintiff & Counterclaim Defendant

CASE NO. CV 02-208 DEFENDANT ANN-TOY BROUGHTON'S EXHIBIT LIST

TRIAL DATE, JUNE 10, 2003

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#### ANN-TOY BROUGHTON et al.,

Defendant hereby submits her list of exhibits.

1. 7/15/2001 John N. Bach's data statement to Idaho State Police G-

2. 3 No Trespassing signs: "goons", "gang" and "crazed posse" A-1, B-1 + C-1

3. A series of photographs E-1 and F-1

4. A video D-1

5. Transcript from Case CR-99-165

6. Other exhibits offered or produced during any other participants' testimony

DATED: June 2, 2003

ANN-TOY BROUGHTON, Pro Se

#### Certificate of Service:

I certify that on June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2003, I did fax copies of this DEFENDANT ANN-TOY BROUGHTON'S EXHIBIT LIST to Judge St. Clair, hand deliver same to Galen Woelk, and did mail a copy by depositing the same in the United States mail, with the correct postage thereon, in an envelope addressed as follows:

John Bach P.O. Box 101 Driggs, ID 83422

ANN-TOY BROUGHTON, Pro Se

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Idaho State Bar No. 968
Attorney for Defendants Bret Hill and Deena R. Hill

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TETON

JOHN N. BACH,	)
Plaintiff	) Case No. CV-02-208
vs.	) VERIFIED ANSWER TO
KATHERINE D. MILLER et al,	) FIRST AMENDED COMPLAIN
Defendants.	)
	)

COMES NOW the defendants Bret Hill and Deena R. Hill, his wife, and Answer the First Amended Complaint as follows:

- 1. The complaint fails to state a claim against these defendants upon which relief may be granted.
- 2. These defendants deny each and every allegation of said complaint that is not specifically admitted herein.
- 3. Answering the allegations of paragraph 1 defendants do not know whether the same are correct or false and therefore deny the same.
- 4. Answering the allegations of paragraph 2 defendants deny acting in any capacity with any one to damage plaintiff and specifically deny that they "purchased with knowledge of void deeds and transaction" their home. Defendants affirmatively allege that they are good faith purchasers for value of their residence.

- 5. Defendants deny the allegations of paragraph 4 and the first 5 and affirmatively allege that they know nothing of plaintiffs purported properties or background and have never sought to remove him from Teton County.
- 6. Defendants know nothing of plaintiff's property and do not know whether the same as alleged in 5(a) are correct or false and therefore deny the same.
- 7. Defendants deny the allegations of paragraph 5(b) and (c).
- 8. Defendants are not mentioned in paragraph 6, 7,8,9,10,12,13 or 14 and therefore do not answer the same. If an answer is required they deny the same.
- 9. Defendants are excluded from the allegations of the First Count and therefore do not respond to it.
- 10. Defendants are included in allegations of the Second Count; therefore, they assert all defenses alleged above as if inserted herein and deny all of said allegations.
- 11. Defendants deny all the allegations refered to in the Third Count. Defendants deny that plaintiff ever held title to said real property. Defendants deny that they particaped in "criminal theft" of their residence and deny that they had "constructive notice" of any type that would or could void their purchase of their residence. Defendants affirmatively allege that their predecessors in interest have had title and possesion of the real property since August 7, 1997, and that this action is barred by the statute of limitations as five (5) years has lapsed. Defendants affirmatively allege that plaintiff is barred from recovery against defendants by the doctrines of res judicata, judicail estoppel, and./or collateral estoppel inasmuch as the U.S. District Court has ruled on this issue and held title confirmed in Scona, Inc.

- 12. Defendants are excluded from the allegations of the Fourth Count, Seventh Count, Eighth Count, both Eleventh Counts and the Twelveth Count and therefore no response is needed to those.
- 13. Defendants are included in allegations of the Fifth Count; therefore, they assert all defenses alleged above as if inserted herein and deny all of said allegations. Defendants affirmatively allege that any damages suffered by plaintiff were the proximate result of plaintiff's own acts or omissions, or of third parties, in such a degree as to bar recovery against these answering defendants. Plaintiff is further barred from damage recovery against defendants because of the doctrine of unclean hands and misrepresentation wherein he represented that he was the agent for undisclosed principles when in fact he was covering for himself in dealing with his alleged properties.
- 14. Defendants are included in allegations of the Sixth Count; therefore, they assert all defenses alleged above as if inserted herein and deny all of said allegations. Defendants affirmatively allege that any damages suffered by plaintiff were the proximate result of plaintiff's own acts or omissions, or of third parties, in such a degree as to bar recovery against these answering defendants. Plaintiff is further barred from damage recovery against defendants because of the doctrine of unclean hands and misrepresentation wherein he represented that he was the agent for undisclosed principles when in fact he was covering for himself in dealing with his alleged properties.
- 15. Defendants are included in allegations of the Ninth Count; therefore, they assert all defenses alleged above as if inserted herein and deny all of said allegations. Defendants affirmatively allege that any damages suffered by plaintiff were the proximate result of plaintiff's own acts or omissions, or of third parties, in such a degree as to bar recovery against these answering defendants. Plaintiff is further barred from damage recovery against defendants because of the doctrine of unclean hands and misrepresentation

wherein he represented that he was the agent for undisclosed principles when in fact he was covering for himself in dealing with his alleged properties.

Defendants are included in allegations of the two Tenth Counts; therefore, they assert all defenses alleged above as if inserted herein and deny all of said Defendants deny that they have ever engaged in any racketeering allegations. enterprise or committed any criminal offense that would subject them to said act.

WHEREFORE, defendants Hill respectfully pray that plaintiffs complaint be dismissed with prejudice, that plaintiff be awarded nothing, and that defendnts be awarded their costs and attorney fees herein.

DATED this 4th day of June, 2003.

Alva A. Harris

### VERIFICATION

STATE OF IDAHO )

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County of Teton

Deena R. Hill, being first duly sworn on oath, deposes and says:

That she is one of the defendants in the above entitled matter; that she has read the forefoing Verified Answer, knows the contents thereof, and that she verily believes the same to be true to the best of her knowledge.

Deena R. Hill

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this day of June, 2003.

Notary Public for Idaho Residing at: Tetonia Id My Comm. expires: /-3-06

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## ATTORNEY FOR DEFENDANT

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TETON

JOHN N. BACH,	
Plaintiff,	
vs.	CASE NO. CV-02-208
KATHERINE M. MILLER, et. al.,	CASE NO. CV-02-208
Defendant. )	ORDER FOR DEFAULT
KATHERINE M. MILLER,	
Third Party Plaintiff ) Counterclaimant ) Cross Claimant, ) vs.	
VASA N. BACH FAMILY TRUST, JOHN N. BACH SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE AND TARGHEE POWDER EMPORIUM, INC.,) (A NON-INCORPORATED ENTITY) ALSO DOING BUSINESS AS TARGHEE POWDER EMPORIUM INVESTMENTS, TARGHEE POWDER EMPORIUM LIMITED, TARGHEE POWDER EMPORIUM UNLIMITED, TARGHEE POWDER EMPORIUM A HOLDING VENTURE OF VASA N.BACH FAMILY TRUST, JOHN N. BACH, TRUSTEE, NOMINEE, CEO,	) ) ) )
Third Party Defendant Involuntary Plaintiffs.	, ) )

Parties Defendant. )

In the above-entitled cause, it appearing from Affidavit on file that the above-named defendant is not a person in the military service of the United States and is not an infant or incompetent person, and it appearing that the defendant has been properly served with a Complaint and Summons in the above entitled matter, and having not entered an answer,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, and this does order, that Third Party Defendant/Party Defendant:

a. Vasa N. Bach Family Trust (John N. Bach, Successor Trustee) is in default in this action, and the Clerk is hereby directed to enter a default of said defendant on the records and files herein.

DATED this Mday of June, 2003.

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## CERTIFICATE OF ENTRY BY MAIL, HAND DELIVERY OR FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION

I, the undersigned and Clerk of the above-entitled Court, hereby certify that pursuant to Idaho rule of Civil Procedure 77(d), a copy of the foregoing was duly posted by first class mail to the following persons at the names and addresses stated below.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TETON

JOHN N. BACH,  Plaintiff,	) CASE NO. CV-02-208 )
vs. KATHERINE M. MILLER, et. al.,	) ) ORDER )
Defendant.	) ) )

On June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2003, this Court heard Miller's SECOND MOTION TO COMPEL DISCOVERY, whereby oral argument was made by Miller's attorney and Plaintiff Bach, and Bach answered discovery on the record. Having reviewed the written motions and having heard argument thereon;

The Court takes notice that:

1. Plaintiff Bach responsively answered, pursuant to Miller's Discovery Requests, that he did disclose or report his ownership interest in the properties

ORDER

located west of highway 33 just south of milepost 138 to the California Bankruptcy Court in his Federal Bankruptcy action.

Plaintiff Bach stated that Targhee Powder Emporium, Inc. and/or Targhee Powder Emporium, Limited and Unlimited had never been registered to do business in the State of Idaho.

IT IS FURTHER HEREBY ORDERED that Miller's motion to compel discovery is GRANTED. Plaintiff Bach shall provide Miller with copies of his individual tax returns for the years 1994 through 1998. These tax returns shall be provided by Tuesday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2003 at 10:00a.m..

DATED this // day of June, 2003.

Richard T. St. Clair District Judge

# CERTIFICATE OF ENTRY BY MAIL, HAND DELIVERY OR FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION

I, the undersigned and Clerk of the above-entitled Court, hereby certify that pursuant to Idaho rule of Civil Procedure 77(d), a copy of the foregoing was duly posted by first class mail to the following persons at the names and addresses stated below.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TETON

JOHN N. BACH,

Plaintiff,

vs.

KATHERINE D. MILLER, aka
)
KATHERINE M. MILLER, ALVA
A. HARRIS, individually and
dba SCONA, INC., a sham entity)
JACK LEE McLEAN, BOB
FITZGERALD, OLE OLESON, BIB
BAGLEY and MAE BAGLEY, husband)
and wife, BLAKE LYLE,
Individually and dba GRANDE
TOWING, and DOES 1 through 30,)
Inclusive,

Defendant(s).

MINUTE ENTRY
Case No. CV-2002-208

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MAGISTRATE COUNT

On the 5th day of June, 2003, Defendant Miller's motion for reconsideration and alternative request for findings of fact, Miller's motion for entry of default against Vasa Bach Family Trust and Targhee Powder Emporium, Miller's second motion to compel discovery or alternatively dismiss counts of Bach's complaint as sanctions, Miller's motion to disqualify Bach, came before the Honorable Richard T. St. Clair, District Judge, in open court at Idaho Falls, Idaho.

Mr. Ross Oviatt, Court Reporter, and Mrs. Marlene Southwick, Deputy Court Clerk, were present.

Mr. John Bach appeared pro se on his own behalf as Plaintiff.

Mr. Galen Woelk appeared by telephonic connection on behalf

of Defendant Katherine Miller.

Mr. Steve Madsen appeared on behalf of Defendant Wayne Dawson.

Mr. Alva Harris appeared on behalf of Defendant(s) Bret and Deena Hill.

Mr. David Shipman and Mr. Bart Birch appeared on behalf of Defendant Earl Hamblin. Defendant Earl Hamblin was present at counsel table.

Mr. Woelk presented Defendant Miller's motion for reconsideration and alternative request for findings of fact.

Mr. Bach argued in opposition to the motion. Mr. Woelk presented rebuttal argument.

The Court denied the motion.

Mr. Woelk presented Miller's motion for entry of default against Vasa Bach Family Trust and Targhee Powder Emporium. Mr. Bach argued in opposition to the motion. The Court will allow entry of default against the Vassa N. Bach Family Trust. The Court will not allow entry of default against Targhee Powder Emporium. Mr. Woelk presented further argument.

Mr. Woelk presented Miller's second motion to compel discovery or alternatively dismiss counts of Bach's complaint as sanctions. Mr. Bach presented argument in opposition to the motion. The Court inquired of Mr. Bach. Mr. Woelk presented rebuttal argument. Mr. Bach presented further argument.

The Court ordered Mr. Bach to provide tax return information by Tuesday, June 10, 2003 at 9:00 a.m. Mr. Woelk is to prepare a proposed order and default on the trust.

Mr. Woelk presented Miller's motion to disqualify Bach. Mr. Bach objected to the motion.

The Court denied the motion.

Mr. Shipman presented Defendant Hamblin's motion to set aside default judgment against Hamblin. Mr. Bach argued in opposition.

The Court instructed Mr. Shipman to file the motion with the Court, schedule the motion for hearing and give the parties adequate notice of the hearing.

Mr. Madsen presented Defendant Dawson's motion to set aside default judgment against Dawson.

The Court instructed Mr. Madsen to file the motion with the Court, schedule the motion for hearing and give the parties adequate notice of the hearing.

Mr. Alva Harris presented Defendant Hill's motion to set aside default judgment against Hill.

The Court instructed Mr. Harris to file the motion with the Court, schedule the motion for hearing and give the parties adequate notice of the hearing.

Court was thus adjourned.

CHARD T. ST. CLAIR

DISTRICT JUDGE

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TETON CO. DISTRICT COURT

SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, IDAHO, TETON COUNTY

JOHN N. BACH,

Plaintiff, Counterclaim Defendant,

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KATHERINE D. MILLER, aka KATHERINE M. MILLER, et al.,

Defendants,
[Miller[ Counter- claimant, et al.,

CASE NO: CV 02-208

PLAINTIFF and COUNTERCLAIM
DEFENDANT JOHN N. BACH'S
MOTION FOR DIRECTED VERDICT ON
ALL HIS COUNTS IN THE FIRST
AMENDED COMPLAINT AND ON ALL
HIS AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES TO
KATHERINE MILLER'S COUNTERCLAIMS.

(IRCP, Rule 50(a) et seq.)

COMES NOW PLAINTIFF and COUNTERCLAIM DEFENDANT JOHN N. BACH, and does hereby move this Honorable Court for a finding and order of DIRECTED VERDICT of liability, culpability and FINDING in his favor against the defendants KATHERINE D. MILLER, aka KATHERINE M. MILLER, individually and dba R.E.M., and defendant ANN-TOY BROUGHTON, on all his counts in his FIRST AMENDED COMPLAINT and on all his affirmative defenses to KATHERINE MILLER'S Counterclaims averred against him. Said motion for such directed verdicts on all said counts and all his affirmative defenses is based upon the provisions and authorities with I.R.C.P., Rule 50(a)

DIRECTED VERDICT AS TO COUNT ONE AGAINST MILLER AND BROUGHTON

Idaho gernal statutes sections 6-415 through 6-418, require that issues be tried before a court, as to quiet title and equitable issues. Shield v. Johnson (1904) 10 Idaho 476, 79 P. 391, 3 Adm.

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Cas. 245 (No jury trial exists in quiet title actions, which include not only legla or equitable titles, but rights of pose session, [rights of installation of installation of gates, control of access, easements, licenses, permission at will eggess and ingress, etc.]). Every estate or interest known to law in real property, whether legal or equitable, may be determined in an an action to quiet title. Lewiston Lime Co. v. Bainey (1964) 87 Idaho 462, 394 P.2d 323. (See 65 Am. Jur. 2d, Quieting Title & Determination of Adverse Claims, Sec. 29 et seq.) Even the plaintiff's and counterclaim's installation, control and permission of access per gates over Miller's claim of jointly owned property, besides being proper, appropriate and protect, is a quiet title action issue, to be resolved by the Court. (See right to Install Gate or Fence vs. Right of Way, 52 A.L.R.3d 9, especially pages56-57 & 60-61. Moroever, the trial court solely, has the jurisdiction and right to try partnership dissolutions and/or disputes created thereby, other than breach of contract, fraud or other clear legal actions and legal issues for a jury to resolve. (See Plaintiff's INITIAL MEMORANDUM BRIEF, etc., filed Aug. 13, '02)

As to all the evidence presented herein, it has now been shown, conclusively and irrefutibly that:

- 1. Katherine Miller, via the October 3, 1997 Settlement Agreement waived, relinquished and surrender all and every claim she had, against John N. Bach as of that date, regardless of whether she knew or appreciated the exact theory or basis of said claims.
- 2. Moreover, her failure to raise in USDC, Idaho 99-014, any countercliam is both a bar and issue/claim preclusion against JOHN N. BACH, per any of her claims via her Counterclaims both

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per F.R.C.P., and I.R.C.P., identical Rule 13(a) <u>Federated Dept</u>.

Stores, Inc., v. Moities, 452 U.S. 394, 397-99, 69 L.Ed 2d 103 (1981).

- 3. Katherine Miller's single claim, premature and without basis, in CV 01-59, to remove JOHN N. BACH, on a claimed basis of tenant at sufferance, dismissed with prejudice May 23, 2002, precludes all her counterclaims since she cannot serially in succesive actions, advance such claim, but is subject to issue/claim preclusion for what claims she now asserts. Nielsen v. City of Moss Point, 701 F.2d 556, 560 (5th Cir. 1983)
- 4. Miller's agreement, cospiracy and scheme of, from Nov. 13, 2000 through this date, of stealing/converting plaintiff's moneys (\$15,000 plus), real property parcels, i.e. the 87 acres, the Draw-knife and Peacock investment interests, his ½ interest in 8.5 acres, along with his personalty properties removed, destroyed and damaged, by his agents, etc., via the new Targhee Powder Emporium, Inc., an Idaho corporation, and dba as T.P.E., Unltd and Ltd, are criminal, illegal and void schemes, contract and actions, that cannot be given any effect or validity whatsoever; thus Miller and her agents, including Ann-Toy Broughton, who jointed them and did nothing to stop or dissassociate herself from Miller, her agents, etc., are liableato plaintiff on all counts. (Kunz vi. Lobos Lodge (1999)133 Idaho 609, 990 P.2d 1219.)
- 5. Any any all statutes of limitations that could be applicable have lone expired; Miller since May, 1995 and certainly, by end of July, 1995 knew completely directly and via her attorney, Chuck Homer, of the price and terms at which John Bach agreed to purchase the 160 acres from Harrops.
  - 6. Katherine Miller more than acquiesced in the benefits of said purchase agreement terms; in fact, she sought to solely benefit?

and take full advantage of the terms of said settlement agreement, which she per assignment from plaintiff to her of the Harrop agreement of purchase, became not merely specifically knowledgeable of the Harrop's agreement's terms, but she accepted and utilized for her personal and private advantage to offer to purchase the remaining easterly 80 acres for \$80,000.00, which she so testified/admitted was through her attorney, Chuck Homer. Miller is more than estopped, as a matter of law to prevail on any of her affirmative defenses, she is also estopped and more so, quasi estopped to pursue or prevail over any of her counterclaims against counterclaim defendant JOHN N. BACH. Brown v. Burnside (1971) 94 Idaho 363, 366, 487 P.2d 957, 960 (Wife quasi estopped where it's shown se was "actually aware of the contract" or benefitted from it during it's duration.) Grice v. Woodworth 10 Idaho 459, 466, (S/F subj to estoppel)
7. Also uniquely applicable and proven as a matter of law is

the application of promissory estoppel, along with all other doctrines averred by plaintiff's answer to her counterclaim, that require a directed verdict that there was an oral partnership agreement, upon which not only did plaintiff JOHN N. BACH, rely to his detriment, but in fact, performed and honored, despite Miller's breaches and violations of her fiduciary duties and express, as well as implied covenanats of good faith and fair dealings with/to plainitff. The court should direct a verdict finding that plaintiff is a one half equal partner/joint venturer with Katherine Miller, as to the ownership of the most westerly 40 acres; and the strip of 110 feet by ½ mile, from Hwy 33 to the easterly boundary of plaintiff's solely owned 40 acres at the end of said 1/2 mile strip; that Miller has breached and disassociated herself from such partnership, with the result, that plaintiff has succeeded to all her interests and ownership of being a 50% partner, with her interest value at ½ of \$2,500.00 and acre, or \$1,500 for the 40 acre partnership nor solely owned by plaintiff most westerly parcel, being therefore established as \$50,000.00 plus 1/2 half of \$8,000.00 for the 6.3 acres strip of 110 feet by  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile, for another \$4,000.00, totalling \$54,000.00 less the

monetary damages/awarded plaintiff by the jury, and further, if any balance according to Idaho's Uniform Partnership Act.

8. Katherine Miller's claims against plaintiff are barred by all her claims being discharged and dismissed in plaintiff's Chapter 13 bankruptcy proceeding, Eastern District of California, Sacramento Division: (Plt's Ex. 13(2), (4),(5), (6), (7); 26B(2) and 30.) Plaintiff refers to his Trial Briefs Two and Three refurther case authorities which apply and preclude this Idaho State Court from determining any issues that should have been raised by Miller, Dawson, or even Alva Harris in his now discharged and terminated bankruptcy, which was terminated and closed Dec. 28, 2001.

Therefore as to the FIRST COUNT, all rights, title, possession, interests and benefits of use, enjoyment and/or ownership to all parcels comprising the 87 acres, plus all water rights, water shares, mineral rights, etc., as to said 87 acres, should by the court's order now be quieted in/to JOHN N. BACH, a single man, and to no one else. The Court should enter forthwith a permanent injunction as sought by plaintiff, including but not limited to restraining permanently all defendants, their attorneys, agents, representatives, friends and/or family members from entering, upon, trespassing, damaging, destroying or attempting to do so, any of said real property and/or any form of improvements, personalty thereon, therewith or utilized at any time hereafter by plaintiff re said real property, and especially enjoining, restraining and precluding all defendants from using, possessing and/or operating further the Idaho Corporation, formed Nov. 13, 2002, along with all dbas of Targhee Powder Emporium, Unltd and Ltd, which per a mandatory permanent injunction all defendants are to forthwith transfer, assign and convey to JOHN N. BACH, solely with all defendants, their attorneys, agents,

representatives, etc., further permanently enjoined and restrained from using any of said corporate or dba names, or interfering with any aspect of said corporation and dbas transferred to plaintiff, all as further may be restrained and enjoined per I.C.

Thus, as to count one, not just a directed verdict should be granted but full judgment, quieting title and permanent injunction being entered/ordered by the court, with damages and amount of monetary relief being determined by the jury. Such quiet title directed overdict and judgement quieting title and permanent injunction should also be entered/ordered in plaintiff's favor as to Counts Two, Three and Four, as to the interests of Plaintiff per his Warranty Deed, Rescinding and Voiding all deeds signed by Jack Lee McLean, purported as a vice president, of that void and illegal corporation, formedaby Alva Harris, Katherine Miller, Mark Liponis, Jack McLean, and Bob Fitzgerald, on November 13, 2000 and which said warranty deeds were in violation of public policies and the criminal grand theft statute of Idaho, in the execution and recording of all said corporation's warranty deeds of Nov. 21, 2000, which are attached to the FIRST AMENDED COMPLAINT, received in evidence herein for all purposes, being Plt's Ex:

Plaintiff further moves for directed verdict in his favor on all counts thereafter, for the establishment and order directing the jury to find for plaintiff on all remaining counts, as to all basis of liabilities set forth, and leaving only for the jury's determination, of the amount of damages against Miller and Broughton. Especially, plaintiff moves and seeks a directed verdict, that all the defendants whose defaults have been entered were all (1) agents of Miller, acting at all times within the nature and scope of their

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authority as given and established by defendant Miller, such also including defendant Broughton being such an agent of Miller's at all times stated in the FIRST AMENDED COMPLAINT: (2) that said defendants in default and Broughton were coprincipals, coperpetrators and coparticipants along with Miller and each other, such including Alva Harris, Jack McLean, Bob Fitzgerald, Blake Lyle, Ole Olesen Wayne Dawson, and even Mark Liponis, Bob and May Bagley's, the latter three (3) being not being named as defendants who were served and appeared on the FIRST AMENDED COMPLAINT; and (3) that all of said defendants, supra, and as otherwise stated in the FIRST AMENDED COMPL-AINT, Were coconspirators with each and all others, acting with more than one overt wrongful and criminal acts, for which per said agency, coprincipals, etc., and said conspiracy, which still continues, they are all joint and severally liable to plaintiff for the damages that the jury is to award plaintiff. As to the specific counts FIVE through TWELVE, plaintiff moves and request for directed verdict, order and ruling, that in each count, as a matter of law, based upon the evidence presented by plaintiff and not refuted with any degree of quantum proof of evidence to the countrary by Miller and Brougton, that said defendants and all others as agents, coprincipals and conspirators did (1) slander plaintiff's titles to said lands quieted to him per Counts, One through Four, (2) intentional interfering of plaintiff; s existing contractual relations, prospective and reasonably known business and economic advantages, opportunities, etc., (3) did both per sue malicious prosecution and acts of abuse of legal/court processes against plaintiff, (4) did maliciously harass, target and harm plaintiff for his family ethnicity, origina and heritage as a first born Montenagrin-American son of Montenagrin parents, and (5) breaches of the fidicuary relations with Miller, and of the express covenants as well good faith and fair dealings that Miller, and all her agents, coprincipals and conspirators owed to plaintiff, along with ((6) directed verdict of liabilities and judgment in favor of plaintiff on all other counts in the FIRST AMENDED COMPLAINT.

Plaintiff further moves and requests for an order of directed verdict that the jury award him punitive and/or exemplary damages, as such damages were set forth as requested relief, in the original complaint filed July 23, 2002, which original complaint is referred to and incorporated by reference within the FIRST AMENDED COMPLAINT, as was also his affidavit filed in support of his application for preliminary injunction and the evidence he presented in support thereof, on august 13 and 15, 2002. Any and all cash bond should be ordered exonerated and returned forthwith to plaintiff, along with said \$15,000.00 stolen from him by Miller, McLean, Harris and all said other mutual agent, coprincipals and conspirators defendants.

DATED: June 18, 2003

OHN N FACH Pro Se



# IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TETON

JOHN N. BACH,	
Plaintiff,	
vs.	
KATHERINE D. MILLER, aka KATHERINE M. MILLER, ANN-TOY BROUGHTON, et. al.	
Defendants.	Case No. CV-02-208
KATHERINE M. MILLER,  Counterclaimant,	SPECIAL VERDICT
VS.	
JOHN N. BACH,	·
Counterdefendant.	
We the jury find that the title to the real NO. 14 should be quieted, as follows:	property described in Amended Jury Instruction
A. West 40 Acre Parcel to Kather	cine Miller.
B. East 40 Acre Parcel to Kather	ine miller
C. 6.63 Acre Access Strip to Kathe	
D. 3.3 Acre Access Strip to Kould	
And we find as to the claims and counter	rclaims for damages, as follows:

QUESTION NO. 1: Did the defendant Katherine Miller breach an oral partnership
agreement between plaintiff John Bach and her?
ANSWER: Yes or No
If you have answered Question No. 1 "Yes" then answer Question No. 2. If you answered
Question No. 1 "No" then do not answer Question No. 2, and go to Question No. 3.
QUESTION NO. 2: What is the total amount of compensatory damages sustained by
plaintiff Bach on his breach of oral partnership claim against defendant Miller?
ANSWER?: \$
QUESTION NO. 3: Did the defendant Katherine Miller trespass on plaintiff John
Bach's real property?
ANSWER: Yes or No
If you have answered Question No. 3 "Yes" then answer Question No. 4. If you answered
Question No. 3 "No" then do not answer Question No. 4, and go to Question No. 5.
QUESTION NO. 4: What is the total amount of compensatory damages sustained by
plaintiff Bach on his trespass claim against defendant Miller?
ANSWER?: \$
QUESTION NO. 5: Did the defendant Ann-Toy Broughton trespass on plaintiff John
Bach's real property?
ANSWER: Yes or No
If you have answered Question No. 5 "Yes" then answer Question No. 6. If you answered
Question No. 5 "No" then do not answer Question No. 6, and go to Question No. 7.
QUESTION NO. 6: What is the total amount of compensatory damages sustained by

plaintiff Bach on his trespass claim against defendant Broughton?

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ANSWER?: \$
QUESTION NO. 7: Did the defendant Katherine Miller slander the title of plaintiff
John Bach's real property?
ANSWER: Yes or No
If you have answered Question No. 7 "Yes" then answer Question No. 8. If you answered
Question No. 7 "No" then do not answer Question No. 8, and go to Question No. 9.
QUESTION NO. 8: What is the total amount of compensatory damages sustained by
plaintiff Bach on his slander of title claim against defendant Miller?
ANSWER?: \$
QUESTION NO. 9: Did the defendant Ann-Toy Broughton slander the title of plaintiff
John Bach's real property?
ANSWER: Yes or No
If you have answered Question No. 9 "Yes" then answer Question No. 10. If you
answered Question No. 9 "No" then do not answer Question No. 10, and go to Question No. 11.
QUESTION NO. 10: What is the total amount of compensatory damages sustained by
plaintiff Bach on his slander of title claim against defendant Broughton?
ANSWER?: \$
-QUESTION NO. 11: Did the defendant Katherine Miller intentionally interfere with
plaintiff John Bach's prospective economic expectancy?
ANSWER: Yes or No
If you have answered Question No. 11 "Yes" then answer Question No. 12. If you
answered Question No. 11 "No" then do not answer Question No. 12, and go to Question No. 13

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QUESTION NO. 12: What is the total amount of compensatory damages sustained by
plaintiff Bach on his intentional interference claim against defendant Miller?
ANSWER?: \$
QUESTION NO. 13: Did the defendant Ann-Toy Broughton intentionally interfere with
plaintiff John Bach's prospective economic expectancy?
ANSWER: Yes or No
If you have answered Question No. 13 "Yes" then answer Question No. 14. If you
answered Question No. 13 "No" then do not answer Question No. 14, and go to Question No. 15
QUESTION NO. 14: What is the total amount of compensatory damages sustained by
plaintiff Bach on his intentional interference claim against defendant Broughton?
ANSWER?: \$
QUESTION NO. 15: Did the defendant Katherine Miller convert or misappropriate
plaintiff John Bach's personal property?
ANSWER: Yes or No
If you have answered Question No. 15 "Yes" then answer Question No. 16. If you
answered Question No. 15 "No" then do not answer Question No. 16, and go to Question No. 17
QUESTION NO. 16: What is the total amount of compensatory damages sustained by
plaintiff Bach on his conversion or misappropriation claim against defendant Miller?
ANSWER?: \$
QUESTION NO. 17: Did the defendant Ann-Toy Broughton convert or misappropriate
plaintiff John Bach's personal property?
ANSWER: Yes or No

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If you have answered Question No. 17 "Yes" then answer Question No. 18. If you
answered Question No. 17 "No" then do not answer Question No. 18, and go to Question No. 19
QUESTION NO. 18: What is the total amount of compensatory damages sustained by
plaintiff Bach on his trespass claim against defendant Broughton?
ANSWER?: \$
QUESTION NO. 19: Did the defendant Katherine Miller damage plaintiff John Bach's
personal property?
ANSWER: Yes or No
If you have answered Question No. 19 "Yes" then answer Question No. 20. If you
answered Question No. 19"No" then do not answer Question No. 20, and go to Question No. 21
QUESTION NO. 20: What is the total amount of compensatory damages sustained by
plaintiff Bach on his personal property damage claim against defendant Miller?
ANSWER?: \$
QUESTION NO. 21: Did the defendant Ann-Toy Broughton damage plaintiff John
Bach's personal property?
Bach's personal property?  ANSWER: Yes or No
If you have answered Question No. 21 "Yes" then answer Question No. 22. If you
answered Question No. 21 "No" then do not answer Question No. 22 and go to Question No. 23
QUESTION NO. 22: What is the total amount of compensatory damages sustained by
plaintiff Bach on his personal property damage claim against defendant Broughton?
ANSWER?: \$
QUESTION NO. 23: Did the defendant Katherine Miller maliciously prosecute a civil
action against plaintiff John Bach?
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ANSWER: Yes or No $\frac{\checkmark}{}$ .
If you have answered Question No. 23 "Yes" then answer Question No. 24. If you
answered Question No. 23 "No" then do not answer Question No. 24, and go to Question No. 25.
QUESTION NO. 24: What is the total amount of compensatory damages sustained by
plaintiff Bach on his malicious prosecution claim against defendant Miller?
ANSWER?: \$
QUESTION NO. 25: Did the defendant Katherine Miller maliciously harass based on
ancestry plaintiff John Bach?
ANSWER: Yes or No
If you have answered Question No. 25 "Yes" then answer Question No. 26. If you
answered Question No. 25 "No" then do not answer Question No. 26, and go to Question No. 27.
QUESTION NO. 26: What is the total amount of compensatory damages sustained by
plaintiff Bach on malicious harassment claim against defendant Miller?
ANSWER?: \$
QUESTION NO. 27: Did the defendant Ann-Toy Broughton maliciously harass based
on ancestry plaintiff John Bach?
ANSWER: Yes or No
If you have answered Question No. 27 "Yes" then answer Question No. 28. If you
answered Question No. 27 "No" then do not answer Question No. 28, and go to Question No. 29
QUESTION NO. 28: What is the total amount of compensatory damages sustained by
plaintiff Bach on his malicious harassment claim against defendant Broughton?
ANSWER?: \$

QUESTION NO. 29: Did the counterdefendant John Bach fraudulently induce
counterclaimant Katherine Miller to acquire real property?
ANSWER: Yes or No
If you have answered Question No. 29 "Yes" then answer Question No. 30. If you
answered Question No. 29 "No" then do not answer Question No.30, and go to Question No. 31.
QUESTION NO. 30: What is the total amount of compensatory damages sustained by
counterclaimant Miller on her fraud counterclaim against counterdefendant Bach?  ANSWER?: \$ 1275456.73
QUESTION NO. 31: Did the counterdefendant John Bach trespass on Katherine Miller's
real property?
ANSWER: Yes or No
If you have answered Question No. 31 "Yes" then answer Question No. 32. If you
answered Question No. 31 "No" then do not answer Question No.32, and go to Question No. 33.
QUESTION NO. 32: What is the total amount of compensatory damages sustained by
counterclaimant Miller on her trespass counterclaim against counterdefendant Bach?
ANSWER?: \$
QUESTION NO. 33: Did the counterdefendant John Bach breach a fiduciary duty owed
to counterclaimant Katherine Miller?
ANSWER: Yes or No
If you have answered Question No. 33 "Yes" then answer Question No. 34. If you
answered Question No. 33 "No" then do not answer Question No.34, and go to Question No. 35.

<b>.</b>	QUESTION NO. 34: What is the total amount of compensatory damages sustained by
counter	claimant Miller on her breach of fiduciary duty counterclaim against counterdefendant
Bach?	
	ANSWER?: \$ 127,456,73
a	QUESTION NO. 35: Did the counterdefendant John Bach slander the title of
counter	rclaimant Katherine Miller's real property?
	ANSWER: Yes or No
	If you have answered Question No. 35 "Yes" then answer Question No. 36. If you
answer	ed Question No. 35 "No" then do not answer Question No.36, and sign the verdict.
	QUESTION NO. 36: What is the total amount of compensatory damages sustained by
counter	rclaimant Miller on her slander of title counterclaim against counterdefendant Bach?
	Answer?: \$ 5000.00
	DATED this 19 day of June, 2003.
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Hearing type:

Jury Trial

Minutes date:

06/11/2003

User: PHYLLIS

Assigned judge:

Richard T. St. Clair

Start time:

09:00 AM

Court reporter:

End time:

09:00 AM

Minutes clerk:

PHYLLIS HANSEN

Audio tape number: CV 6

Prosecutor:

[none] Defense attorney: [none]

Tape Counter: 1

J calls case; jury is not present

J - parties wanted embellishments on Instruction 14

P agrees DA agrees

Parties would like Alice Stephenson questioned

Tape Counter: 98

DA motion limiting order - in regards to final pre-trial order No 14 - Bach slandering my

COncern is that we attempting to prove my client slandered - attempting to litigate

ownership of all properties - then others will be necessary parties

P has not named Targhee Powder Emporium - Corporation has not been included

Tape Counter: 224

P - too late; Woelk does not have any standing to raise that Talking about pre-trial order that DA has not responded to

Miller has conceeded she does not have any interest in those properties

Is prejudicial; has no standing This is issue for this jury to decide Ask court to strike and deny this motion

Tape Counter: 329

Da responds - have made these motions all along

Tape Counter: 343

J - considered motion in limine - is proper motion Bach has a right to present evidence of slander of title

No summary Judgment ruling dismissing that

There is different in liability

THink issue has been joined; will deny motion

Tape Counter: 419

Alice Stevenson is called in

J? her about visiting with potetnial witnesses yesterday

Did you have a discussion after selection yesterday with Donna Dawson

Just met her yesterday don't remember her last name

Mary Langdon has been friend for years

Bassically she just said she was glad to meet me

J - ? about Mary Langdon

She asked about my son and she explained to Donna how she knew my son

I asked her how she liked her job; she said she was teaching in Rigby;

She told me about her boyfriend

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P?iuror

Didn't you feel uneasy talking to her

No, we were not talking about the case at all

I did not see her there in the morning, did not talk to her before the meeting in the aisle

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Did not discuss the trial at all

I did not think that the fact that she knew Kathy Miller meant that I could not talk to her

about anything

I believe I can be completely impartial during this trial

I did not think I was violating any restrictions

I am totally convinced that I can be a fair and impartial juror

P I do challenge for cause

Tape Counter: 656

DA - Mary Langdon is not named as a witness for this case

Somewaht confused with regards as to how juror would not be allowed to talk to person

Tape Counter: 679

DB - no ?; no objection to for cause

P argues - Craig Crass has made slanderous remarks about me this past week

Do not see how Mary Langdon's actions can not be testified to

Langdon has been direct conduit from Kathy Miller to poison the well against me for the

past 5 years

Tape Counter: 744

J - don't know about any of this P is talking about

going on what info I have

Instruction to her - is clear to me that she did not know that Mary Langdon was any body's

witness

Dld not know DOnna Dawson

Did not discuss the facts of this case with them They did not say anything about the case to her

She has indicated that she can be a fair and impartial jurorl believe she is honest and

would leave of her own volition if she felt she could not be fair and impartial

Will deny request

Tape Counter: 821

P move for mistrial

based on statements from juror

Find inescapable of attempts to influence this juror

Tape Counter: 842

DA - object to P's motion

No evidence this juror has been influenced

Tape Counter: 857

Jury is recalled 9:32

Clerk calls jury attendance

J addresses jurors

Parties have asked that I read some additional defenses

Will generate amended Instruction 14

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Miller's defense to Bach's claim - statute of frauds

Counter claim - Bach denies Miller's claims - court lacks subject matter

Barred by Bankruptcy

Barred by dismissal of Cv 01 -59 Res Judicata or collateral Estoppel

Statue of Limitations

Illegality and misappropruation Failure to mitgate damages

Superceeding acts

Tape Counter: 1001

P gives opening

COncern is that at all time that you realize that you are now judges

Number of defendants that were named on complaint that have been defaulted; they failed

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DA object - not relevant J sustains One of Defenants is Alve Harris He along with Woelk were

Da objects to referrences to cliams against me overruled DA objects to referrals to rulings this court has made Sustained

Jack <cLean

Bob Fitzgerald - dry out facility unlicensed by the State of Idaho

Ole Olesen - wa alcoholic and drug user; firmly involved and perpetrator

Blake Lyle - Used by Miller to pull off property - 8 vehicles, 4 trailers

DA objects to a juror panel's conclusions as being evidence in this case sustained

DA objects - to testimony - no cause of action as to burning barn Purpose of opening statement what party anticipates what will proof

What jury is to rely on is testimony of withnesses and exhibits

Evidence will sho that although only trying this case against two defendants, there are a

number of actors they have used

2. People are mutuak agents - jointly liable Co conspirators - associated in plan or action

These people had ameeting of the mind; doesn't have to be written

4. people can know what's going on and they have a duty to stop whatr is going on

Direct and indirect evidence to have equal weight

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Are a total of 11 potential counts you may have to decide

1 - quiet title of 80+ acres

two other parcels were purchased by P in 1992

1 house one acre lot purchased in the name of Targhee Powder Emporium Unlimited Purchased 8.5 acres around the one acre; did as joint vnture; as a partnership

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Layne Price and has wife owned the 1 acres; he paid them cash \$80,00

Lived in that house while he was sojourning here

P has always California Driver's License

Two parcels one nect to Drawknfe 33>5 acres

Purchased for P for McLean and Liponis

Just before closing P walked 33 acres and finds out it is short; p then renegotiates

purchase price

Agreed to put in special account; put in Dr. Liponis's name but was understood this was p's private account

DA - object -t his will not come out in evidence - J - P can put on what he wants to put on -

overruled

Per David Kearsley - whoever puts money in, that money belongs to him

Peacock porperty - 40 acres - four people went in;

Both parcels under name of Targhee Powder Emporium Limited

McLean knew there was s difference in what he paid and what Dawson and Liponis paid Parcel secured from john Stewart - High ranking Priest and Member of the LDS church

Secured agreement to buy 13.2 acres from Stewart

Agreement came apart in 1995

Miller flew to oregon to meet with her daughter Clare Caffo

Lovell and Edith Harrop 160 acres

Secured agreement that he could buy that property at \$1350/acre 1994 P contact ed people as to the pu rchase prospects of that property

On November 11 Miller wanted to buy in on 160 acres

December 8 and 12, Miller agreed to buy the back 40 acres at \$3000/acre

Tape Counter: 2440

Irritated judges as trial advocate - not at attorney Because of ethnic background; p was disbarred

Miller agreed to build P house within 3 years or would owe him \$40,000

Prior to Christmas 1994, Miller asked to move in; P said no - had to go visit his aging

Knew P spoke high Russian dialect; went to first grade not knowing a word of

English\Could not accept that P was of that ethnic religious beleifs Miller established an office in the basement at 195 Highway 33

Involved P in personnel problems

Tape Counter: 2521

Evidence will show I found some of her notes from her counselor

around May 1995 Harrops failed to disclose zoning anf wetalnd status some of acreage

Miller and P were sued by Harrops; they wanted the 80 acres bak Miller was told to hire her own attorney; that p was not an attorney

Represented by high politiccal LDS church oriented law firm Attornies got Harrops to dismiss her without prejudice

DA - going to object is P is going to read from Exhibit not in evidence yet

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Tape Counter: 2700 Miller made 4 statements has now recanted

Knew about purchase price

Pursuaded to buy in at \$2000/acres

Case settled as to me

Have signed complete settlement agreement releaseing Bach from any and all claims up

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top that date

Signed a umber of answers to interogatories in federal court case

Did not provide all exhibits reugested

Tape Counter: 2787 Miller siad she would give P lifetime interest in her house

said she would always take care of P

She was named as creditor at second Chap 13 bankruptcy

Tape Counter: 2894 Siad wanted to get relationship back on track

Said would always take care of P; said that was the least she owed him

Recess 10:33 Reconvene 10:50

Tape Counter: 2935 J recalls case; all jurors are present

School board swap for LDS seminary Pursuaded LDS leaders to pull back offer

P was assaulted by Cliff Calderwood

Tape Counter: 3300 P had agreed to just take front 40 acres

Irene Beard case in Bonneville OCunty D would come by to see what P was doing

Even came in to house because she had not returned his key Invited him to dinner on Valentines Day and had intimacy afterwards

Miller was visiting property and leaving gates open

P told her to be careful of his animals

May 2000 CV 00-076 filed verified complaint and affidavit

Admitted that P owned 40 acres

Action was later dismissed without prejudice by D

P drove by Miller's house; pulled from trash can notes from meeting with Nancy Schwartz

and Roy Moulton that she should have disclosed

Then filed false report; tried to get crimianl complaint filed against him

Circle called to back 40 acres Fitzgerald had shotgun

Runyan and Woelk directed what Miller and Fitzgerald should do

Miller attempted to run over P and Deputy Circle
All SO was doing was maintaining the staus quo
There have been a number of attacks and damages

Found Miller and Fitzgerald had one one porperty and damaged fenceposts, windows,

painted graffiti; placed water in his gas tanks

Prosectuion of Fitzgerald for Minor malicious destruction

Tape Counter: 3848 P came to So and demnded protection for property

Lowery, Kaufman, Luke said you are an outlaw - we will not protect you

This is campaign of hate directed by Miller Five times there were assualts on that property

Had to block property with his vehicles to prevent further damage to property

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Stole \$15,000 from Liponis account

Formed new corporation Targhee Powder Emporium - business identity theft and grand

theft

In Cv 01-059 Bach filed counterclaim - Moss said filed as defendant D (Bach) got restraining order keeping Miller off strip and property

On two occasions tried to start fire

Moss threw out the complaint of Miller with prejudice; told Bach to refile

Tape Counter: 4254

THree Saturdays ago, P received info from Tyler Hammond and Dave Guymon that Lyle

still had possession of three of Bach's vehicles

Travis Thompson presented to P development of subdivision

Not only cloud but slander of title on P's title that no financial institution would touch

Slander or title on 2 1/2 million dollars

Tape Counter: 4476

Other than that marital plan, p would have been in that business SHe said not to worry

about it - that she had enoughmoney to take careof us Counterclaims in this lawsuit are absolutely bogus

Lack of progress and planning and intolerance for otherreligious persuasions

Tape Counter: 4646

Counts 7 and 8 are somewhat related

8 is delayed for another trial against Woelk and his law firm

Unless you play by unwritten rules, you don't get justice

Tape Counter: 4700

COunt 9 - conversion

McLean was told of account by Miller - took \$15,000

Abuse of leagal process

Lists items destroyed or stolen from trailer

Tape Counter: 4875

Maliciaous prosectuion and Abuse of Legal Process four cases that Miller has either lost or withdrawn

Tape Counter: 5014

Mailcious harassment hate group

Miller knew large family of poor immigrant parents

Needed large caring family

Tape Counter: 5209

Ms Broughton told Miller to try and get dirt on Bach

Miller did nothing to stop it

Don't throw common sense out especially when it comes to damages

Include not only for my loss of time

Damages of lost opportunity - sale of remaining 72 acres by Harrops for \$52,000

Magnitude of damages will be considerable

Recess 11:48

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Reconvene 1:01

J recalls case; all are present

Da begins openiing

Confidence game, confusion harrassment

Paranoid delusion and lies

Bach didn't mention he didn't pay one dimes on these (points) properties

P objects - bordering on argument rather than evidence

J try to stick with the topic

Harrassment - stalking and harrassment of Kathy Miller

P objection - that is not at issue; has never been raised - J opening statement

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Only thing D did wrong is put her trust in this man

Remember "undisclosed principles"

Miller buys westerly 40 acres. TPE buys 40 acres next to them She pays Wright Law Office; she thinks "U P" paid for the other 80 3 -15 -95 told they need another \$10,000; told her to make it to TPE Just spent \$120,000 and 2 days later she finds out she's been sued

Title to property was tied up while Bach litigated

Told needed to pay additional \$7500 for easement in 1996

P objects- argument DA - will rephrase

TPE paid nothing

Harrops received \$102,000 for property plus \$74?? for easement - roughly \$110,00

P - same objection sustained

Kathy gets 40 acres of property and an easement for \$120,000; Bach gets \$17,000 and

TPE. Inc gets 40 acres of property

Make sure Bach shows you the evidence of all the moeny he spent individually

P - admonish Woelk to be professional

J - be professional or will dismiss jury and impose sanctions

Not one of these properties was listed as having been owned by Bach in Federal bankruptcy

Never listed for any taxes

'98 - '99 P began blocking her access to her property

In 2000 Miller engaged services of Alva Harris

Harris said Bachsaid TPE was "U P"; not registered

Said you and others file as TPE

Not one deed out there that has P's individual name on it

going to ask you to come back and tell my client that she has done nothing wrong

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DB gives opening

Chose to represent myself because I find it hard to beleive that I am actually a part of this law suit

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P - think this is argument J - Just outline evidence

As you will see, I am a friend of Ms. Miller

Evidence of P's systematic attempts to isolate her from her friends

Law suit filed in Federal court against over 80 defendants i was not on origianl complaint; I was an after thought

i was added only after I accompanied Ms. Miller on to her property

Only vaguest of details

No where do I claim title or interest of any kind in any of these properties

Simply not involved in this matter except as Ms. Miller's friend

We dmaged nothing, we removed nothing, we merely drove down the access strip

Miller has good reason to fear Bach

Tape 7 ends 7474 Tape 8 begins

Tape Counter: 25

P calls W - 1

Garron Hancock

Clerk swears in W - 1

Lewisville Idaho

P? W-1

Small contractor

Built pond

Built channel so water would go over road Finished road to first 40 acres - about \$5,000 Bach did paralegal work for you around \$7000

exchanged vacation trailer - \$2500

Paid \$500

Told me right up front had been disbarred

DA objects - leading sustained DA objects - leading sustained

P requests PX 13

Tape Counter: 288

DA initial problem several pictures not individually marked DA going to be easier if do each exhibit 1 - 10 one at a time P will take in sequence; provided to DA before delivering it

PPX 13 - 1

DA objects relevance J need to know more about it; going to sustain

P - note of automatice stay of bankruptcy sale

DA - continuing objection as to how assertion prohibited sale

J - don't know either but has to be some evidence on it somewhere

PX 13 second page (2)

Notice handed out at bankruptcy sale hand to Harris and Mason before slae

DA objects - hearsay sustained

Followed Mason and Harris to another office

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PX 13 (5) PX 13(6)

Wids -

PX 13 (7) ALva Harris in the courtroom DA objects - no foundation sustained

call from Bach

DA objects - leading sustained Da objects - relevance sustained

P ask court to reconsider J - not going to reconsider

DA objects relevance sustained DA objects leading sustained PA offers PX 13 1,2, 5,6,7

DA objects on relevance, no foundation

J sustained 1,2, overrule 5,6,7

Ask court to reconsider suceeding pages on 13 - 2 and mark as A - H

J will not reconsider

Da objects leading sustained DA objects leading overruled

Tape Counter: 761

DA begins X

Trying to sue government yes

Was dismissed yes How many plaintiffs

P objects relevance overruled P objects irrelevant sustained P objects Irrelevant sustained

P objects asked and answered - overruled

P objects relevance, prejudicial, inflammatory overruled

P objects irrelevant and hearsay sustained

Tape Counter: 886

P calls Katherine as adverse witness .

Clerk swears in W -2

DA requests recess J not at this time

Tape Counter: 920

P?W-2

DA objects relevance - think just background

DA objects relevance overruled

DA objects relevance J what is sustained

DA objects relevance sustained DA objects relevance sustained DA objects relevance sustained DA objects A&A overruled DA objects relevance overruled DA objects relevance overruled

P move to strike as non -responsive sustained W - beleive that might be confidential sustained

DA objects - how is Midas Business relevant to the case sustained

DA objects relevance sustained DA objects relevance sustained

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P intro PX 93 marked hand written letter P offers 93 no objection ADMITTED

P may have read to jury J - don't want to take the time

DA - like record to reflect P ripped off part of the evidence he wants to submit

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No objection as long as he includes the top page that he ripped off

J why coming up with new exhibits now P - you said except fro ompeachment

P finally received 2 huge boxes of evidence from San Marino

Tape Counter: 1737

Da would object to P trying to impeach client with documents I haven't seen

Want to have page he ripped off for purposes of impeachment

P later

P not offering until lay foundation J then going to keep both out.

Recess 2:41

Tape Counter: 1818

Reconvene 304 J recalls case

P will stipulate to admission

Da will stipulate

P want to lay more foundation

PX 94 A - F

W not sure these are in order

DA - document speaks for itself P no it doesn't J overruled

P move to strike as non-responsive

Tape Counter: 2115

P intro PX 20 W ids DA objects overruled

Can remember looking at 3 properties - the one I eventually bought

11 acre piece enxt to Trout's Ranch - John Stewart

Third piece off Peacock Lane

Had started personal relationship in early November

DA objection relevance sustained

Tape Counter: 2367

Back to PX 20

DA objection calls for speculation sustained Strike Latter as non responsive stricken

Tape Counter: 2480

Tape Counter: 2745

P intro PX 22, PX 23 Dated Dec 8m 1994 on 3rd page

Move to strike as guessing sustained

Move to strike as non -responsive overruled

DA my client wasn't finished responding P it was non responsive DA objection relevence as wells confidential overruled

Da same objectionn overruled

Move te strike as non responsive overruled Did you tell him you were not of your own mind

DA objects relevance overruled W don't agree with that

At end of two years you were going to pay me back and you had no money

Move to strike as non responsive

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(P moves to easel)

Began living with Back in May of 95 Who paid for option price Mr Bach

Then what attorney said was a lie? But you had money refunded

Tape Counter: 2995

Envelope that Bach sealed

Recommended another attorney in Chuck Homer's office

Homer secured a dismissal in this lawsuit

P want to pull action 95-047

J not now

Tape Counter: 3284

First Federal lawsuit

Did not file compulsory counterclaim

Was still under the impression that TPE had purchased some of the land

Moved to strike as non repsonsive - sustained

Tape Counter: 3416

P refers to PX 22 (H) 5 page execited agreement with exhibits A, B, C

W - some of these are not signed

Tape Counter: 3535

Document not in to evidence on=bject to client reading from it Sustained

P then as be admitted

DA - would change response no objection to Exhibit C Dec letter to Miller

Object to Exhibit 22(H) as not best evidence

Objection is overruled as to 22 (C) 3 pages and 22(H) 5 pages plus exhibits A-C

J recess 3:55

Tape Counter: 3656

Reconvene 4:15

J recalls case

P continues examination

Ethnicity

DA objects compound? sustained

P - can have file folder with Miller's Answer and Affirmative Defenses P have had PX 22 C and PX 22 (H) marked separately (handed to jury)

Tape Counter: 4081

P refers to court file #4

DA objects don't beleive is proper impeachment

Certainly can't be impeaching on prior inconcsistent statements

J sustained on lack of foundation

DA same objection

J - don't think document P asks w to read bottom of page 10 last sentence is that your statement under penalty of perjury

Move to strike as non responsive sustained Move to strike as non responsive sustained Move to strike as no -responsive sustained

J will be stricken

Dld you make that statement under penalty of perjury This is a lawsuit prepared by my attorney for me

Move to strike as non responsive Answer will be stricken

On page 37 verification read it to yourself

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P intro PX 96

Is it your duty to read very carefully and completely any reports You don't see any distortion between this and the Counterclaim?

Who did Back represent in the Harrop lawsuit

You always told me

Move to strike as non responsive

Tape Counter: 4624

P wants marked 97 AB

DA objects no in time sustained

P still want marked

Tape Counter: 4818

Attorneys consulted about house

NAncy Schwartz DA objects foundation

intimate

DA objects relevance sustained

DA continue to object on relevance sustained

J evening recess

admonishes jury - do not discuss; do not form an opinion

Tape Counter: 5000

Jury is excused

In pre-trial order instructed parties to get together and stipulate to exhibits

J orders parties to get together in Treasurers Office and go through exhibits and stipulate

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to exhibits

place in defferent piles

Clerk will read all exhibits stipulated to

Second pile will be exhibits that you can't agree on

Adjourn

End Tape 8 at 5100

Tape Counter: 1

Tape 9

reconvene 9:01 Injunction

2. Juror that wrote a note basis of reptitious nature Instructions were questions, not

critique Implies that more than one juror were discussing

Renew motion for mistrial

Found intolerable Mary Langdon came up back steps for jurors - knows she is not to be

near jurors

Feel her actions are compromising the jurors

Tape Counter: 99

DA

just looking at Rule 65 A

Anything admissaable becomes part of the record

P attempts to admit large reams of paper

object to motion in that regard

2. Like juror to be discovered and voir dire - don't think question neccesitates voir dire

That can become part of their deliberations

3. There is no evidence put on the record that that is the case, and certainly object Can we have an idea when the case might in or when witnesses might be called

Need to let my own witnesses know

Asking for some limiting instructions: need some kind of basis with which to work

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DB first two issue s defer to Woelk

third issue - think we need to be very careful before we make assumptions

Tape Counter: 210

P - voir dire and further instruct jurors as to their responsibilities

THink Court should determine the identity of the juror prejudicing DA's case - two witnesses in the hospital

Looking forward to resting on Monday

Am mindful of court's instruction that don't go more than 8 days but I disagree with that

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Object to any motion in limine as far as resticting me as to my witnesses

Tape Counter: 299

J going to deny first motion

Preliminary injunction was court trial-very liberal in letting exhibits come in

Rule reserves the right at jury trial with both parties

Proper the exhibits that go to jury come in by stipulation or ruling

2. Voir dire or mistrial

Did read off record: think said should be on the record

Reads note - tend to agree with the comment by the juror - think it goes to style rather

than evidence

Don't think juror was not obeying instructions

Will be denied

3. injubction against Mary Langdon - jurors have been instructed not to talk with anyone about the case, if she is trying to contact, assume the court will be notified. SHe could end up being prosecuted. Has to have rocks in her head to even get near jurors

4. P intends to be trhoug with his case by Monday

Witnesses in hospital, he may reopen should they get out of hospital

DA not preopared to answer whether would let reopen if necessary for witnesses

Tape Counter: 463

P - do renew motion for mistrial based on note from juror and contact wioth Mary Langdon

J - heard the argument and made my ruling.

Tape Counter: 484

Jury is called in 9:17

Parties waive roll call of jurors

Katherine Miller is recalled

Tape Counter: 507

DA announces exhibits that have been stipulated for admission

P agree to admission of named exhibits

Tape Counter: 646

P continues ? of D Miller

P Refers to PX 96

At any time during federal district court action - did you ever assert that Bach had cheated

you or defrauded you - not in this document

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Bankruptcy proceedings

Don't remember being told that I was going to be named as creditor

Did you tell me to transfer my properties to you

You will agree that you were told what the purpose of filing was

You ask me to try to subvert any proceedings by giving you a guit claim deed

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DA imporoper question sustained Chap 13 just to reorganize bills

Were you informed there was a second bankruptcy to be filed in CA - yes

DA hearsay overruled

Did I not tell you I had to refile in Sacramento - yes

ONly porperty in California to be sold were community properties

Thought your house in CA was to be sold

You were told you were going to be listed as creditor DA objects assumes facts not in evidence overruled

Move to strike as non responsive stricken

Have you ever filed a claim in Chap 13 proceedings no have you ever as the court to set aside that petition no

Did you challenge the legitimacy of filing no

Tape Counter: 1171

P intros PX 35

Restraining order and injunction

you named John N Bach and Targhee Powder Emporium, Inc. DA object J beleive was just illustrative no it isn't evidence

THere have been so many lawsuits, I can't remember

This cover page says this is the first set of interogatories but there are none attached DA objection foundation J sustained as to reading from a document not in evidence

Tape Counter: 1368

P - didn't want to burden the court with the 300 pages of that document.

These are just select pages stapled

DA continue to object sice P has just admitted that he cannot lay the foundation as to the

complete document J going to sustain P - turned to 4th page of that exhibit

Are you asking to have that money returned to you? DA objection calls for legal conclusion overruled

Making claim to either get the land I paid for or get the money I paid

Sure yes. I want it back

DA continue to object to foundation of these exhibits

Were confusing and misleading when we refer to documents included n 35 A

J can't just rule without a?

Tape Counter: 1547

Page 45, 46 dated Octo 8, 1997

2 page hand written letter from Bach to Miller

Fantasy letter Partnership

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W - letter from you to me date is cut off

This is not the "fantasy" letter

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Tape Counter: 1672

Page 69 and 70

Are they in your hand writing - yes

Date 6-22-98

Thinking this is what came out of my trash can or out of my house

Move to strike as non responsove overruled

Not related to that conversation

DA object asked and answered; she's testified she doesn't know what that document is

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sustained

You always wanted me top join into a joit venture with you

Move to strike her answer - granted

Tape Counter: 1900

Pages 72 and 73

March 6, 199?

Did you ever deny the statements in that letter no

Ask that letter be received in evidence

No objection

J will be 35 72 & 73 ADMITTED DA - will object attorney client privilege

There has been no foundation that privileges have been waived J going to overrule on the grounds that the W has identified it

J has been admitted already

Tape Counter: 2197

Had my attorneys contact you (about trailer) but never filed a lawsuit

Garbage -

Papers submitted to lawyers

That is the approximate time (June 7, 2000) that papers were missing form my house

Filed complaint with TCSO that P had broken in to my home DA objects form of question argumentative sustained

Ms. Lowery did not contact me

Tape Counter: 2378

Started rating P's property

Had friends that would help me

Visit by yourself and 6 vehicles traveling the Harrop property

Tape Counter: 2494

PA refers to PX 82

DA will stipulate to admission P have not effered it yet

Incident August 17, 2000; didn't make report until 11 days later Did you authorize Fltzgerald to act at your real estate agent

Drove from the south across farmer's field to get to the back because you were locking

the gate

I drove across the farmer's lane and three ditches to get to my land

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Tape Counter: 2732

DA object on relevance grounds sustained Was very upset when you tried to ram my car Circle tried to arrest you and Mr. Bob Fitzerald

DA objects assumes facts not in evidence sustained

P offers document no objection ADMITTED

DA objects relevance uverruled

I tried to drive on to my own land and you tried to ram my car and I found that very

User: PHYLLIS

upsetting

DA objects assumes facts not in evidence Sustained

DA objects client privilege sustained

DA objects assumes facts not in evidence overruled

Tape Counter: 2941

Da objects answered sustained

Da objects asked and answered sustained

Would like to have video tape set up and played for the jury

PX 45

Would note that video has been spliced

Recess 10:39

Tape Counter: 3021

reconvene 11:07

J about to view PX 45 A

J reads note from juror Visual diagram of all land plots

P note w is not in witness chair Lawsuit in May or June 2000

DA onjection confused compund, assumes facts

File lawsuit don't remember date

P was Case CV 01-059

Bach had sent letters was building a barn and a house

Received notice you had rescinded all of my rights unilaterally

You knew Bach was going to build barn and house

Vasa N. Bach trust sole nominee

move to strike as non repsonisive overruled

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Vidoe tape played PX 45

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Tape Counter: 4409

Tape ends

P continues with questions

DA objects misstates the law sustained DA objects argumentative overruled DA objects asked and answered sustained moves to strike non responsive sustained

Tape Counter: 4609

Had always been told by Mr. Bach that TPE was an Idaho Corporation that was owned by

other people, it was not you Move to strike overruled J explains reasons on rulings

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Tape Counter: 4689

P requests PX 26 A and 26 B

P offers objects foundation J No foundation sustained

Da objects to P's attempts to get in to evidence by reading it now overruled DA continue objections. J will sustain as reading from document not in evidence

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DA objects asked and answered sustained

P juror asked for plat of property - sub ex 7 page 1 of 2

W - yes I prepared plat -

Tape Counter: 4950

wrote "Bach's parcel" P offer as PX 26 B DA want to voir dire

P object J can wuestion witness in aid of objection

When you wrote in 40 acres Bach

P objects not voir dire

P objects asked and answered

Strike as non responsive

J 2 pages 26B(7) 1,2 will be admitted

J admonishes jury recess 11:57

Tape Counter: 5193

No statute of limitation that precluded her totally

settlemaent agreement as well

going to spend inordinate amount of time on something that cannot be changed

Tape Counter: 5220

Da responds

settlement agreement is frad\ud

Client should be allowed to make that claim

3 year statue haven;t seen any evidence that specifies that we have missed the statue of

limitations

when date is disputed is ? for trier of fact

Request motins be denied

Tape Counter: 5285

P - para 8 oc counter claim

no allegations of anything other than fraud

even 5 year statute has run

Testimony was that she had settled all of her claims completely Make specific offer of

proof showing averments in affirmative defenses

Tape Counter: 5355

J really a motion for directed verdict is premature

P hasn't rested on his case

cannot rule as a defense until DA has put on evidence

P then still can argue

No allegation that this settlement agreement was a fraud upon Ms. MillerJ objection to

ruling is noted

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Tape Counter: 5425

Jury is recalled 1:10

J recalls case; all jurors are present

DA objects asked and answered sustained

DA asked and answered sustained

Did you ever use any part of this acreage in the winter I had gone cross country skiing

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how many times

DA objects relevance overruled

did you go alone

DA objects relevance overruled

DA A&A overruled

Would walk on it when the snow wasn't too deep

Tape Counter: 5656

Met with Cody Runyan and others to plot against Mr. Bach

DA objects overruled

Tape Counter: 5717

When was Targhee Powder Emporium incorporated

November 2000

How many meetings one when met don't remember

Were you advised there was a Judgment Lien Notice on property Said found Harris's name on internet as purchaser of property

Tape Counter: 5852

When did you actually retain Harris don't remember Hires Harris sometime between June and end of July

You were still intending to pursue legal action in sptie of having settled everything with P

Did you sue your attorney

DA objects argumentative sustained

What was sole reason you wanted to continue prosecuting Bach after October settlement

agreement I want ted to find out if Bach had put any money into any purchase

Da objects argumentative overruled

Move to strike overruled

Tape Counter: 6091

Who told you there was fraud - Mr Harris

What other business was Harris in

DA objects relevance
Da objects A&A sustauned
DA objects A&A overruled

I hired him to try to ascertain the truth anbout this transaction Did he tell you there was no fraud no he felt there was fraud

Did he tell you you had signed a settlement agreement

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Officers of TPE

FITzgerald case went to trial in front of jury

TPE gave that person the land that they had paid for DA objects - misstatement of the law sustained

DA sme objection overruled What was Liponis going to get

DA objects same objection overruled

J same objection Bach is attempting to testify as to what the law is to the jury

User: PHYLLIS

Lack of foundation Assumes facts, assumes the law J will sustain

DA lack of foundation hearsay overruled

Da objection overruled

DA objection relevance and privilege sustained

Tape Counter: 6595

P request PX 23

DA need to address evidentiary issues P no right of confidentiality; are public records

J - proceed to lay some foundation

J objection is premature

Da asking for hearing outside presence of jury

Jury is excused 1:35

Tape Counter: 6696

Da - p is going to try to attempt to X W to introduce letters I wrote to PA when I

represented Fltzgerald and McLean in criminal actions

are privileged information

No way my letters to settle are not relevant

He will not be able to authenticate Not relevant peice of evidence J Rule 502 lawyer client privilege

408 offer to settle
P -no such thing
Is irreleant to this case

Tape Counter: 6843

PA - do you have the benefit of Idaho Constitution Article 1 Sec 22

J have read it; not memrized it Dont have it here at the bench

P have right to have investigation documentation

Almost a discovery provision

three letters for date Nov 3, 16, 22 2000

Tape Counter: 7072

408 only pertains to civil prodeeding

Is prelude to other affidavits in Fitzgerald case

There is no privilege

Tape Counter: 7183

Da - have hard time remembering whre conspiracy comes in Court needs to start weeding out relevant stuff from irrelevant stuff

He is attempting to call me as a witness so he can disqualify me

Tape Counter: 7254 P know I warned the court against letting Woelk try this case in front of a jury Should not be prejudiced

Tape Counter: 7315 J not privileged communication when send to prosecutor

Tape ends 7358

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J reads from law book

Don't think any of those exceptions apply

Dont think 408 protects it

Do think is irrelevant - nothing establihes that MS. Miller could be liable Have serious dobts as to whether or not this witness can authenticate it

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Will grant Motion

Tape Counter: 48

P has the court read these letters

Ask the court to read the next to the last paragraph

P read page 2

Da are you going to let him read part of the letter

J - it can be part of the record

P reads

Tape Counter: 120

P I have ? about this claim

That is conversion, I am entitled

J - there is no showing that that would make Miller liable for the money

She has contained it She has control of it DA - where does it say

Tape Counter: 169

At this point you haven't put any kind of foundation

P haven't laid foundation yet

J as long as you don't tried to put them in to evidence

DA - why are we litigating this \$15,000 I think the conversion is an issue in this case

This court can take judicial notice that it has \$15000 in it;s account

J I haven't researched those files DA - you can take judicial notice J - maybe you can do it later

J - you can ask W what she knows about the \$15,000

Am going to grant motion in limine

Jury is recalled 1:56

Tape Counter: 278

P intro PX

P id's documents in question

You knew McLean was told to go and take \$15000 out of Liponis account

DA objects A&A sustained

Tape Counter: 576

P continues

You have kept yourself deliberately ignorant to justify stealing these properties

W - Harris was the agent

I beleive the information about that account were in the original packet that I gave Mr.

Harris at our original meeting

You were going to take all the interest in all 86 acres

Who were going to take theother properties

Drawkife Dr Liponis ad paid Moved to strike non responsive

Peacock Lane property

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P requests PX 27

**Entire First Amended Complaint** 

DA objects sustained

Tape Counter: 787

November 15 2000 was Fitzgerald living with you

DA objects relevance overruled

Remember one time Jack coming over to my house

He had just stolen \$15,000 from me

DA relevance overruled

You knew a warrant for his arrest had gone out DId you harbor Mr. Mclean untl the next Monday DA confused - don't see P on stand right now

J is not evidence

Tape Counter: 900

In PX 23 supplemental affidavit of Harris filed Nov 17, 2000

On Woelk's letterhead DA A&A sustained

DA A&A she said she's never seen it

P argues overruled

DA calls for speculation hypothetical?

P non responsive

W - you hypothetical does not match this situation

DA objects argumentative susptained DA objects argumentative sustained

Da argumentative sustained P move to strike sustained

Tape Counter: 1087

Look at next 7 pages

HAve not seen affd of Galen Woelk no Have seen Articles of Incorporation

Assumed Business Name

Tape Counter: 1139

Did you ever put me on notice to idemnify you or to hold you harmless

{ those were before the October 13, 1997 settlement DA objection document speaks for itself sustained Mr. Harris took care of all the paperwork for me

Tape Counter: 1214

Ask affd of MR. Woelk be marked separately and that they be marked as subsection

DA objects foundations

PX 23 A has been marked and moved for admission

DAB has no objectin Will be admitted

Tape Counter: 1380

Da objects argumentative sustained

Didn't you know you had to file a Quiet Title action

I didn't think you owned the land Harris filed a lawsuit in 2001

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P requests PX 68-76 That is my signature

Did you ever send Bach a copy of your deed

Offer exhibit

DA already stipulated to it

J if already admitted no point in offering it again

DA reads list of exhibits stipulated to that missed this morning

DAB no objection ADMITTED

Tape Counter: 1657

P offering PX 76

DA argues that it is incomplete without the FIndings that go along with it

Tape Counter: 1713

Judge reads letter from juror

Wants to know difference between with or without prejudice

J Instruction 4 ? for witness would ask
This appears to be question for the Judge
Probably will be covered in final instructions

Tage Counter: 1758

P continues

This is triple marked exhibit

DA objects no foundation sustained

Recess 2:51

Tape Counter: 1960

Jury is recalled 3:11

J preliminary matter Can start tomorrow at 8:00

P continues

PX 26 b sub exhibit E

DA if could go one at a time, perhaps would stipulate to P would normally accept but want to proceed the way I am

J how many exhibits

I;m mr. Woelk does not want the jury to see this

P will stipulate that both of the exhibits in their entirety come in

I offered these and he objected

DA these two exhibits have 25 documents each. I told him I would stipulate to most of then

D they can come is as one exhibit

Tape Counter: 2109

PX B (e) 4 typed pages

Seems to be recreation Move to strike sustained

Says Targhee Powder Emporium on the top

Did you call Bach and ask him to stop using the name TPE DId you take to any attorney and say answer this letter

Move to strike nonresposive sustained

P offers them

DA objects self serving statement; doesn't mean it goes to the truth sustained

It gave you notice of his legal position

Ask this be received strictly for the legal position

DA same objection sustained

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2 page letter dated Jan 10, 2001 Admitted as L

Addressedto Roger Wright by Alva Harris

? are very specific

Was Harris attorney on that date yes
Did you authoriaze or approve that letter
Move to strike as non responsive sustained

Did not receive this letter

Did you review this letter - don't remember seing this letter no

Did you review that letter with Harris in that action beofre it was offered

No it is a defendan't exhibit

Did you refute that letter being sent - don't recall

Tape Counter: 2445

DX M admitted May 16,

DA will stipulate to that ADMITTED

P intro 26A(1)

DA stipulate ADMITTED

Tape Counter: 2670

P PX 26B(2)

W - don't recall seeing this

Did you go over this exhibit with your attorneys - no

DA Á&A

DA? has been answered Bach hasn't met foundational requirements

Did Bah ever discuss with you his expectation that there was enough money in California

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to pay almost all his assets DA relevance sustaining

P not talking about that document

Did you find out from Dawson money from Chap 13 bankruptcy You never discussed that subject with either of the Dawson's

Tape Counter: 3000

Have you seen those four pages before (PX 26B(3))

P offers PX

DA object insufficient foundation sustained\Oral agreement as to Bach putting in front

metalgate

Making improvements

Only spaceyou were to be give was along northern boundary

Agreed terminable condition Move to strike as non responsive

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Six pgaes in handwriting - j\6 pages

Wants marked as 26A(2) Wants 26A(3) marked Is that handwriting yours

I think these are things that were taken from my house

Moves to strike sustianed

Da objects arumentative overruled Don't Recall writing some of these things

These same documents were filed in Federal District Court

You filed an Affidavit claiming the were stolen

You were upset because Lowery would not press criminal charges They wer so pristine it's hard to beleive they were in my trash can

How do you knos that it's you

DA improper impeachment overruled need to make objection before she answers

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DOn't beleive the whole page is about John N Bach

Tape Counter: 3457

Did you make these knotes after talking to Roy Moulton

DA no objc ADMITTED PA intro PX 26A(3) No objection ADMITTED

Move to strtike as non=responsive

Tape Counter: 3595

Cost of building a house for you and Bach

DA objects front 80 acres overruled say it again

Wrote down somethings for building a house - not for you or me

DA continue objection to relevance overruling

Did you attempt to buy the 80 acres from the Harrops; they refused

Was that offer made through Mr. HomerP offers exhibits

Da objects improper impeachment

J excuses jury 4:01

Tape Counter: 3727

P intros PX 98A 98 B

Being offered for limited issue of impeachment

DA - improper impeachmen

Tape Counter: 3883

P responds all goes to impeachment

1 yes she did write it down 2 did make offer of \$80,000

These documents do impeach that

That negates that testimony and puther credibility further at issue

SHe has been evasive, she has been non responsive

Tape Counter: 3949

J she admitted she offered to buy 80 acres

she diagramed to buy a house This is going to impeach her You may attempt to impeach her

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P?

did you walk the 80 acres

placed stakes where could build a house

did you receive frm Bach as assignment to purchase

DA? is somewhat confusing Not sure these two go together

Tape Counter: 4117

J have heard enough

They are not inconsistent with anything she has said They should have been disclosed beforehand

Jury is recalled 4:12

Tape Counter: 4163

three?

in 1996 as to front 80 acres of Harrops - did you walk the front acres with Bach

Do remember putting possible places to put house

Did you walk that property and put stakes

Yes

Did you go with Bach to Health Dept to apply for septic tank permit - no

Dld you go to kaufman's to get bid to build road to build house

Got an estimate to build a road

J not offeing? no

J - if we're not going to have 98 A admitted, what is the purpose of having her testify about

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it

Sustained

Tape Counter: 4300

Assignment of rights

Went to Homer make offer on front 80 acres

On the day we walked the property we talked about the ex-wife's Cahp 13 bankruptcy

Move to strike as non responsive

Tape Counter: 4373

In year 2000, did you give Back notice to vacate or remove from property

Da objects relevancy sustained

DA objects sustained Da objection sustained DA objects sustained

Did Ole Olesen drive on to property in you rvehicle You removed yourself from Olesen for last 40 days

DA objects relevance sustained DA objects relevance overruled DA relevance sustained DA relevance overruled no

Did talk to Cindy McCracken and tell her she was on my witness list

Told John Letham he was on your witness list

DA argumentative overruled

Tape Counter: 4636

did you undertake any action to legally obtain a prelimianry injunction no

Howed many actins filed against Bah in 2001

Move to strike as non responsive overrule in the interest of time

Order to maintian status quo

Move to strike as non responsive overruled Move to strike  $\Omega \Omega \Omega \Omega \subseteq \Sigma$ 

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Tape Counter: 4830 P intro PX 1,2,3 already ADMITTED

Tape Counter: 5100 Da will just save ? of W for direct

Tape Counter: 5160 P calls w -3 Cindy Miller

Clerk swears in W -3

They said you stole money and used women

Names of friends

Mary gives gestures or signs - very derrogatory - puts her middle finger up

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Tape Counter: 5800 Damaged fences

Da objects leading
DA objects sustained
DA objects overruled
DA leading sustained

Jury is excused Recess 4:54

End of tape 10 6125

Tape Counter: 1 Tape 11 June 13, 2003

Jury is recalled 8:05

J recalls case; all jurors are present

P continues questioning of W -3 Cindy Miller

DA objects A&A J ask your question before the witness answers

Barbed wire gate DA leading sustained

More than one instance where the Barbed wire gate was left open

DA leading sustained Da leading overruled

Tape Counter: 199 P requests PX 32 B, 43, 44, 46-55

W ids PX 42

DA leading sustained Photos cover year 2000

PX 54 1-22

Taken before 42 series

DA objects foundation overruled

P am prepared to go through each one of these photographs

DA - all these photographs are all cumulative

J - which one are they cumulative with

DA - basically they are just photos of hs property DA - no bjection will stipulate to them coming in

PX 54 will be admitted

P - PX 42 (Actually was 43) DA will stipulate to admission

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PX 44

DA stipulate to those

Photos of damage of Sept 12 and 13 2000

These were taken after Bach's return from California Depict damage that was left after Fistzgerald and Miller

J will ADMIT 44

Tape Counter: 619

Repair of damages

DA objection nos responsive sustained

DA objection leading sustained Da objection leading overruled

DA leading removed Da leading overruled

DA assumes facts not in evidence J sustained ask her what she saw

Tape Counter: 743

P intro PX 28

Which raid - after the wedding

DA leading sustained Da leading overruled Did not see them done

Tape Counter: 809

PX 53 1-28

Da will stipulate to those to move things along

Now back to sequence DA leading sustained DA hearsay sustained

DA objects calls for hearsay sustanied

DA objects leading sustained

Da objection hearsay move to strike sustained

P default already entered

admissions are attributed to principle

Tape Counter: 967

DA - untrue theory, no establishment of admissions or of agency

Jonly if establishment of Lyle as agent of Miller

Objection sustianed

DA move to strike overruled

DA leading sustained

Believe Lyle returned camp trailer, white horse trailer, gray pickup and white pickup

Let trailer drop from about 4 feet up

Tape Counter: 1100

Bob Fitzgerald as there

Lyle came with wrecker within inch or two from ramming my vehicle

he told me to get my fing vehcile out of the way

DA object to any further testimony with regards to relevance overruled

DA hearsay sustained

I was very frightened, very scared

DA objects sustained

My? was what fears concerned her J was not

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Went to Lyle's place of business

PX 32B 1-26

W id's

DA moves to strike - non responsive overruled

W ids each picture

Tape Counter: 1547

P offers 32 B

DA foundation and relevancy

DB no objection

ADMITTED

DA objects leading sustained

Tape Counter: 1590

Located Dodge pickup and Camry last night at Shauna Crandall's

DA objects relevancy overruled DA objects relevancy overruled DA objects hearsay sustained

Da objects hearsay

overruled

Tape Counter: 1784

Lyle's initital response to attempt to get vehicles back

DA objects - foundation overruled

DA hearsay overruled

He said Kathy Miller had requested that they be towed from the \$110 foot strip

DA same objection sustained on leading

Tape Counter: 1846

Miller's vehicle left at Lyle's Ford Expedition left for 3 or 4 days

DA leading sustained Da relevancy sustained DA objection overruled Da objects relevancy

J if that's where you're going with it, I'll overrule the objection

DA continue to object on relevancy

J - has nothing to do with Clndy McCracken so will sustain objection

Tape Counter: 1950

Miller and Olesen talking to Cindy McCracken They appeared to be waiting for me to leave

DA objects - leading sustained

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Talking to Ken Price

DA lack of foundation sustained DA leading move to strike overruled

Olesen was in blue FOrd ickup and Fitagerald was on passenger side and they blocked us

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goingout on to the road DA objects overruled

DA objects calls for hearsay sustained

DA non responsive sustained DA leading sustained Da relevance sustained

DA objection calls for hearsay sustained

DA objection Leading sustained

DA assumes facts not in evidence sustained DA objects - non responsive sustained

DA objects leading sustained DA objects leading sustained Da leading move to strike

DA - going to lead, I'm going to object, you'll sustain and she'll know what he wants her to

say

Tape Counter: 2272

J explains "leading"

DA lack of foundation overruled

DA leading sustained

DA non responsive overruled

DA foundation, speculation sustained DA same objection sustained on foundation

DA objection hearsay sustained DA objection leading overruled Da objects relevancy sustained

DA objection relevancy DA relevancy sustained

Tape Counter: 2500

March 24 this year Sunday Ritchie's left approx 8:30 9:00

Vistied approx 45 minutes with landlord and son

Recess 9:31

Tape Counter: 2636

Reconvene 9:45

Ask witness to speak up

Telephone call to Mr. B ach on phone close to an hour Sheriff came and knocked on outside wall of bedroom

Went down to property

the barn was entirely engulfed in flames

I rode with the sheriff; Bach was still getting his clothes

Tape Counter: 2706

P intros PX 51; 49 already admitted DA stipulate to admission of PX 50 1-12

Consturction of house and barn

50 will be ADMITTED

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Progress on house

Offers PX 51

Da not relevant DB defer to Woelk

**ADMITTED** 

Tape Counter: 2898

View from house

Could see Ms. Miller's house

Stayed out there most of the day

Joined by friends of ours

Arrived early morning 9:30 10:00

Tape Counter: 2994

Fire chief Henry

DA objects relevance sustained

DA sam sustained DA same sustained

Da same sustained

DA relevance sustained

DA relevance sustained

Jury is excued 9:56

Tape Counter: 3045

P -If court is sustaining relevancy, am surprised it is not relevant

My pleadings have placed this throughly in evidence

Incorporated First amended Complaint

Testimony was of threat by Olesen and Fitzgerald to burn that barn

No motion was made for more definate statement

Had alleged punative damages of \$5,000,000 and no one objected

Intending to make that part of the already stipulated to First Amended Complaint Tere is no dounbt that I can testify to what I heard Blake Lylw and Olesen's trheat and

Fitzgerlad's threat

Loss of damages from those threats

Tape Counter: 3167

DA not remember and reference in FAC

Not relevant

Rule 403 will allow to tell Bach this evidence isn't going to come in

Is attempt to mislead jury

Tape Counter: 3208

P wants Exhibit 21

DB defer to Woelk

Tape Counter: 3271

Page 6 C reads

Don't see need to amend my pleading

If I do, ask for time to amend

Tape Counter: 3339

Torts committed after SSept 27,2002 is outside scope of pleadings and outside the scope

of issues to be trtied in this case

Such evidence is irrelevant and immaterial

Undue prejudice to defendant to have to defend against charges not given notice of

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P inclusion

J not suggest anythin; it may be but not gong to be in this lawsuit

I supplied those; set forth damages

Is the court saying that is insufficient notice

J-yeslam

dnager and threat starts at the beginning of an act, can be contiuned

Tape Counter: 3472

If you can prove that a match was lit in Sept 2002 and it tool 6 months to burn, that's quite

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a feat

Have made ruling on this issue

Jury in returned 10:07

Tape Counter: 3500

P's 49 sonstruction of the barn
Offers 49 Already ADMITTED
Living in Alice Sessions apartment
DA objects relevance, hearsay sustained

Da leading sustained

DA leading foundation sustained

DA leading, hearsay P that's what 403, 404 allow

DA relevancy as well

J sustained on lack of relevance

DA same objection sustained on lack of relevance

P assume if ask about Olesen, answer will be the same correct

Tape Counter: 3762

Christmas party - dead horse DA objection relevancy sustained

DA same objection
J hearing outside jury
Jury is excused 10:15

Tape Counter: 3800

J where are we gong with this dead horse

P -was pled in FAC August 13,14 hearings

Starting to lay foundation both in to deciphering cause of death

J - how does relate to Miller and bRoughton

Fitzgerald poisoned the horse

J you saw him P no

Tape Counter: 3869

DA - same objections

Looked at counts; don't see any counts

9th count - doesn't say livestock

Would set forth request that it be incorporated was denied

Cannot base on inferential evidence No evidence of dead horse; no discovery

Tape Counter: 3968

DB noopinion Defer to Woelk

Tape Counter: 3988 Pii

P incorprate all paragraphs of allegation

Para 5, page 10

The horse issue is there; it was raised

P's 61 1-19 are photos relative to the death of that horse

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J reads paragraph Guess yo've got that in the pleadings

Tape Counter: 4078

DA no discovery

How will we even know that horse was poisoned

P - have listed witnesses

J - you're going to be done wth your case on Monday

P - going to try

DA - No expert witnesses have been disclosed

P disclose in timely manner P gave Woelk additional 40 days

Intent to call one or both of those expert witness

Francie Tritka; Jane Weins

P - But those weren't the pnly witnesses

DA - Tritka is listed

Tape Counter: 4247

J - think expert has been disclose

DA would like court to look at Discovery request

Asked for damages Request no. 14

J - think entered order requiring Bach to provide copies; if not in that pile, another issue

Tape Counter: 4309

Da will continue to object to Miller's theories about how horse poisoned

J will have to wait unti? asked

DA miller's own testimony can't be qualified as expert

Says "I;m somewhat acquainted with horses."

"Used to live on a ranch" "My husband ran the ranch/"

J - will decide on qualifications of witness

Tape Counter: 4393

Jury is recalled 10:30

P continues

300-350 head of brood mares DA objects foundation sustained DA obejects leading sustained Da objects leading sustained DA? is objeted to sustained Da foundation sustained

P ask court to determine foundation has been laid J - is inadequate to answer the question asked

DA objects sustained

Da same objection sustained

Tape Counter: 4646

horse fed winter 2001-2002

where was source of hay front gate where in relation was dead horse found

DA - foundatin sustained DA leading overruled DA leading sustained DA foundation sustained

FOotprints leading from road to horse

GOOGOO

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PX 66 1-14 Tape Counter: 437

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DA objectin leading sustained

Footprints around horse

Anything unusual about prints in the snow

DA objects leading overruled Lead from road over fence to horse DA objection leading sustained

Don't beleive another set of prints leading back to raod don't beleive so

Offers ex

DA objects no proof they are what they say they are; they could be staged

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Offers

66 ADMITTED

DA objects relevance sustained

DA relevance sustained Da relevance sustained DA foundation sustained DA same foundation sustained DA relevance sustained DA foundation sustained Da leading sustained

DA leading overruled DA foundation overruled DA non responsive sustained

DA objection relevance, foundation sustined

DA begins X Tape Counter: 5114

Dou you own land - no

pay rent

P irrelevant and immaterial

DA sh'e talkin about all the horses she has on the property overrule

P objects overrule

J not sure talking about same exhibit Never have parties out there no-

have people over yes

Sleep out there on one occasion

Grow hay out there cuts depend on sub

No cut since 1999

P objects vague, sustained as to time frame P objection time frame, propertues overruled

SHe came out inthe summer

SHe could put her horses out there in the summer

Have never placed one of my vehicles in fromnt of the easment stip

DA requests DX WW

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P asked and answered sustianed Tape Counter: 5390

> P stipulated date on picture is accurate although we don't know Not a corral; is fenced in area so horses couldn't get to the hay

P - argumentaive; assumes facts not in evidence J - going to have to lay more foundation sustained

Fenced in area Tape Counter: 5484

right next to entrance gate

DA A&A, assumes facts overruled Did not put there to help obstruct entrance

P A&A overruled

Didn't need residential permit

No water, no electiricty

At sme point on time, going to try to live in it P irrelevant, immaterial, improper X sustained

P A&A overruled

P same objection, overruled

Did you beleive he owned the entire easement strip

P objection argumentative sustained Never locked gates in front of easement

P hearsay sustained

Lived with Bach full time since 99 Tape Counter: 5760

Idaho residence

P objection irrelevant and immaterial sustained

P objection irrelevant overruled

How many days did P spend in Ca this year

How many days last year 30 He goes back off and on

2001

P objects - irrelevant overruled

1999 criminal case

P objects relevance overruled Recently in criminal action P objects relevance overruled

p objects relevance sustained Tape Counter: 5915

p objects irrelevant overruled Move to strike sustained

P objects misstates testimony sustained P objects irrelevant; overruled

Paralegal services Tape Counter: 6036

P objects relevance overruled

How many lawsuits filed in Teton COunty in last years 5-6

objection to witness leading Tape Counter: 6154 Tape Counter: 6155

overruled, objection noted

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Damages to vehicles white horse trailer

first one

P objects vagu overruled

4 hours stock trailer

P obejction relevance J could be she doesn't know

P objection lask of rpoper foundatione not covered on direct overrules

P objects sustained

Tape Counter: 6313

J istere a title document on a horse trailer mentioned in this law suit

J objectio is sustained Second horse trailer

Objection, lack or foundation, irrelvant pverruled

P objection sustained

Tape Counter: 6376

Picture showingEasment strip

Has P ever signed property over to you

P objects irrelevant

P objects assumes facts not in evidence overruled

Tape Counter: 6484

Chiarlift ride in 1999

did you take notes - put notes together after that

Not real sure exact date

Didn't you tell them Bach had been keeping a daily log on client

didn't tell you had a retirement accountyou wouldn't tell John about because you were

afraid he would take it

Tape Counter: 6590

Skis

P objects irrelevant overruled

P Irrelevant and lack of foundation J where going?

DA just reliability, impeachment

No actually resigned

Tape Counter: 6700

Just happen to remember

Objection misstates testimony, compund, complex sustained on compound complex

Objectin argumentative overruled W - don't recall specific dates Don't always take notes

Da argumentative and irrelevant overruled Never seen Bach follow client around

Tape Counter: 6822

Didn't Lyle tell you you could get those trucks backonce you paid the impound fee

We didn't have them towed

Da refers to DX Ww

Can't tell if they are blocking the strip

P objection lack of foundation vague overruled

Tape Counter: 6926

Don't reacll Back living in storage shed

Tape 11 ends 6938

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Leave horse on ground over 4 months

P sustained on which horse

Da explains J overruled

P objects irrelevant immaterial overruled

Tape Counter: 49

Footprints in the snow

Prosecution

P objects overruled

P objects A&A 4th time sustained horse visible from the road - not very much

P aske Da be instructed

P never testified he was blocking the horse

Tape Counter: 111

Has that parcel ever been blocked

DB no?

Tape Counter: 121

P redirect

Lyle blocked entrance to that strip

ALI four tires were flat; one popped off rim; pole wedged between vehicles

DA leading sustained DA leading sustained

Tape Counter: 189

Present job financial manager Da objects relevance sustained

Da relevance beyond scope sustained

Da objection leading sustained DA beyond scope sustained Da leading beyond scope

P he opened this door sustained

Da relevancy beyond scope sustained on scope

DA beyond scope sustained
DA same objection sustained
Could use caretakers room to sleep in

DA relevance sustained

Done anything to damage property Done anything to reduce hay crop

DA objection foundation DA leading sustained Da foundation overruled

Da objection foundation beyond the scope overruled

Da object to foundation still J will sustain from point of objection

J go another direction

DA leading beyond scope J not going to let reopen on water

DA objection foundation sustained

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P calls himself 11:33

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P will not swear

J gives oath of affirmation P limit to question and answer

J - will be overly burdensome to ask question and then give answer

P move to strike

Tape Counter: 453

General background

Da obejcts foundatin overruled Da same objection sustained

DA smae objection sustained J if any instructions need to be given, I will give

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DA foundatin J - not entirely accurate

Move on to another area

Tape Counter: 764

Involved in cases in Utah Nevada Oregaon Washington D.C. Texas

Considered trial advocate

Perosnal injury, federal civil rights, wrongful termination

When you turn your legal talent against hgh public officials, there is a lot of political

backlash

Tape Counter: 859

Back log of cases

Began to realize my health was failing, could not give proper service to clients Tried to give resignation to California Bar Want to go back to being ahuman being

Had some fabulous results

Tape Counter: 991

Arrived in Driggs in 1986 Came back again in 1991 Did not write check Signed contract

Complete patdown search

Jury is excused Recess 11:58

Tape Counter: 1128

Reconvene 1:02
Jury is recalled

P résumes testimony

DA object relevance issues J in interest of time will sustain objection

Came to Teton Valley in May 1992

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Tape Counter: 1323

Targhee Powder Emporium Utld

P requests 8, 9, 10, 11B, 12, 13

P requests 4 - 6A Px copy of Court Deed

PX 8 Warranty Deed fro m Layne and Cindy Price

P offers No objec ADMITTED PX 10 American Realty West W ids offers PX 10 no objection ADMITTED

PX Chandler Insurance Packet shows there is motgagee TPE Ultd

Offers PX 9 No Objetion ADMITTED Tried to have bed and breakfast

Then tried to have exclusive Sportsmens' Lodge

Tape Counter: 1584

Started residing There on a seasonal basis on September 16, 1992

Was there a minimum of 20 some times in 1993

Maintained California license DA objects relevance sustained

Tape Counter: 1621

Forming a Trust for her
Da objects hearsay sustained

DA objects hearsay sustained DA objects foundation overruled

Da continue to object foundation and hearsay overruledDA objects overruled

Offers PX 5

DA objects beleive is hearsay, proper foundation J will ADMITTED

Tape Counter: 1709

PX6

DA objects to reading from document not in evidence overruled

Accepted as standing to represent trust as asignee DA Idaho Uniform Custodial Trust Act; Invalid

J want to voir dire witness

DA want side bar

J will admit assignment document; not admit letter to Judge Shindurling

DA 68-1307 says must be registered J can submit proposed instruction Inadmissable letter to Judge will be 6 B

Tape Counter: 1878

PX 6A

Moves admit PX 12

No objection ADMITTED

Tape Counter: 1946

PX 6A

DA objects P offers 6A

self serving, unreliable, unnotarized

Doesn't comply with 6501

P - others parties have no standing to it

J think is admissable you can submit a propsed instruction

ADMITTED

Da it's not hearsay J it is hearsay but comes with legal signficance

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PX 14 and 15

P requests PX 16, 16A, '7, 18, 18 A, 18 B

Offers

Want 12, 6A, 8, 9 submitted to jury

DA objects sustained

DA objects relevance sustained

Tape Counter: 2231

McLean pleaded with me to let him join i with me on some property

Da wil stipulate for any deeds to these properties P talking now about Drawknife and Peacock

PX 16, 16A

DA OBjects J let's take one at a time

Tape Counter: 2275

J is there a deed to the Peacock or Drawkinfe property

P 16

DA will wtipulate to PX 16 ADMITTED

Tape Counter: 2320

PX 16A notice of Assignemnt of all rights Liponis, McLean TPE ltd - Drawknife

DA objects as hearsay ADMITTED Offers 18 No Ojection ADMITTED

Tape Counter: 2391

PX 18 A

Offers no objection ADMITTED 18B joint venture agreement no objection ADMITTED

DA think last comment misstates the evikdence

Offer 18 B

no objection ADMITTED

Tape Counter: 2469

P request 18D and 19

1993 offer to Harrops from Wright Law Office

DA objects relevance overruled

DA objects hearsay relevance sustained

Tape Counter: 2769

Miller came by to see 160 acres
I had total possession of 160 acres
had Piad \$5000 cash of my own money
Also took to see 13.2 acres John J Stewart

Drawknife property Peacock Property

Took her to see 5 acre parcel in a Subdivision just of 250 that had been sold by McLean to

Mark Liponis

She asked me how much he had paid

Tape Counter: 2880

PX 17 Copy of Warranty Deed 08/15/94 This is the property I showed to Miller

She said she wanted to buy some large acreage

Particularly Ikied back 20

I had other prospects that wanted to buy the back 40

Offers PX 17

DA no relevant sustained

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Up to end of 94 receiving calls almost every night from D

DA a&A sustained

Gave name of tw attorneys she had talked to

Said she did not want name with TPE

said Diana was interestd in purchasing the front 80 acres

Tape Counter: 3100

D professed some feelings for me; said wanted to have a relationship with me

Discussed Idaho is common law marriage state

DA objects sustained

cinversed and exchanged calls

Sent he a proposal - if you want in on thise, here are my terms

Want this as part of prenuptial agreement

Said not to use term Pre-nuptual

Tage Counter: 3187

Indicated to her that this was to be the first step of many

at a loss to understand what as happening

DA relevance sustained Da relevance sustained

J - let's move to exchange of money

DA relevance sustained

Tape Counter: 3236

She dropped off check for \$110,000 to Wright Law Office

Did all contact by phone and by fax as directed by Kathy Miller

Escrow closed Dec 31, 1994 Miller got back 40 acres

TPE got the 40 acres to the east of that

Tape Counter: 3318

When I got back, Miller was still in the house as was her daughter Christy

DA relevance sustained Da Relevance sustained

Tape Counter: 3358

Around 10 March 95.

changed fax to Targhee Powder Emporium
DA irrelevant and immaterial sustained

Tape Counter: 3424

June 1995 complete office had been set up in the basement

Da relevance overruled Set up two separate lines

Could run Midas shop in Michigan Found out she was intercepting my calls

Tape Counter: 3474

J can you tell us about the \$10000 check Offer 11 B utility bill and statements

no objection 11B ADMITTED

Tape Counter: 3542

Liponis Emporium TRust Account not trus Trust account

Da relevance

McLean saw the check DA objects hearsay

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Got served with Summons and Subpoena

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Showed to Miller

Miller got notce identical complaint was waiting for her back in Michigan

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Told her considered it a bogus lawsuit Harrops had misstated to salient conditions

Front portion were not wetland

Entire 80 acres could not be subdivided

Tape Counter: 3710

Firt? Herndon asked was what was TPE Inc.

Were security interests

Kept Miller constantly informed of everything that was filed or faxed in that case

Tape Counter: 3761

Told me she wanted to buy the front 80 acres

Da - want to object to any comment about front 80 acres

J 0 isn't your testimony going to be cumulative

J will give 5 minutes to discuss thefront 80 acres 2:16

Tape Counter: 3822

PA request 24, 24 B, 24 C

DA is using to refreh memory" documents are not admissable Miller asked for Assignment of 6 month tenancy renewable

Then walked the property with three of her friends Drew a schematic drawing and bought stakes I had sole possession of all the property

Tape Counter: 3924

Went with her to District 7 Health Dept

Said wanted evrything put in her name to keep from ex-wife

Miller broke down the cost of building this house

ALI of these filed in CV 95-047 She said let's put all this in her name

"I can take care of it and I can take care of you"

Tape Counter: 4000

She was going to offer Harrops \$80000

DA objects sustained Da relevance sustained

Same obejction to the rest of the 80 acres

That case settled in mid 1996 upon direction of Kathy Miller

Tape Counter: 4079

Gave limited assignment of 80 acres to Miller

For almost the next year, nothing happened on that settlement

Took motion by me to get hings moving Had not been reduced to formal written document

Tape Counter: 4141

Relationship had shifted significantly Terminated relationshop July 4, 1997

Da object rievancy overruled

Tape Counter: 4176

J - now go to October of 97

Submitted offer to Miller Da relevance sustained

Da relevance let's not talk about dogs and AManda

P - is significant because Miller was gong through house and documents

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Call from Ms. Miller saying want to get back with you

I will take care of you

I know what we can do with the back 40 acres

We had discussed that she wanted me to put and sign whatever put before me

Can't have my children know about it, parents know about

Please John just sign the settlement agreement and I will take care of you

Tape Counter: 4343

Fantasy letter as from me to her WIII enter in to that partnership

Had settlement agreement that had been kept from me since January 3

Told both of the no

Tape Counter: 4424

Told IRS had leined the house

DA objection hearsay

J sustained as far as anything Homer said

Told both of them everything about that bankruptcy

Main assets in that bankruptcy were my California properties

Tape Counter: 4482

Miller had taken me to Pocatello to file Chap 13

Knew she had been named as creditor

Recess 2:34

Tape Counter: 4522

Reconvene 2:58

J recalls case Will begin again Monday at 9:00 and got to 5:00

Will take until Wednesday to put on case Doing best to have evidence on by Friday

Tape Counter: 4606

P continues PX 13(2), (3), (4)

Faxed to Alva Harris with attached notice to buyers Have received back 13 (4) envelope from Harris

Offers all three DA what offering Stip to 13 (4) object to 13 (2) 13-4 ADMITTED

13 -2

Move to strike testimony as to Alva Harris being agent

Sustain to 13-2 and 13-3 not admitted Offers Da Bach misstated testimony

Strike the testimony will admit exhibit 20 ADMITTED

Tape Counter: 4819

Assignemnt offers in 22 D and 22 L

Want marked 22 D 2 pages

22 E

DA 22 D relevancy and hearsay

22 E same objection Sustain objection

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22 F

DA objects hearsay

J may attempt to lay foundation

document used by Miller in Federal Court case

Part of my official business record

DA same objections foundation overrule

DB no

DA what is objection to hearsay J - statement by attorney

DA goes to truth

Tape Counter: 5079

PX 30 6 pages last page 9 2 97 authenticate signature

Offer for all purposes

Copy further confirmed in front of attorney

da - four objections

J what part appears to be altered

Page two properties and value of properties

J don't know as I see any
P tat is true and authentic copy
J you can voir dire the witness

Tape Counter: 5219

Tape Counter: 5269

DA third paragraph here on side

objecting in that you can't read what it says and you don't have the appropriate \$ amount

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J-goes to weight will ADMIT

Up to jury to assign what ever weight they want to give it PX letter of Jan 10, 2001 fro Alva Harris to Roger Wright

Note to Kathey Objection hearsay

offered also for impeachment of MS. Miller DA want to know what business talking about

Tape Counter: 5333

Responds -

Name of business P objects irrelevant

Da Idaho Code 55 53-504 55-509

J 24 C will be admitted exception to hearsay rule statement of attorney to party

Tape Counter: 5407

Conversation of October 2

Miller said should trust her and rely on her

Da foundation sustained Da hearsay sustained

CRiminal action against Bob Fitzgerald

Da relevance J this is not a crimanl action sustained

Tape Counter: 5509

Thought property was endangered by criminal action

DA relevance Sustained

P want to get documents from Clerk Memory was I stipulated to them

Talking about the ones he took from her garbage cans

Tape Counter: 5641

J not 91, not 93, not 94 2 hand written sheets by Mrs. Miller

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P continues

Specifically indicated that she wanted to get togeter that Thanksgiving

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Wasn't in any position to gove her what she wanted Told her all further contacts would have to be in writing

45 days litigation in Federal district court

DA objects res judicata
That is closed not to be cited

J been overruled

No mandatory counter claim

Da best evidence J sustained on that

Da objectin hearsay J foundation is inadequate

P haven't finished yet DA same objection December year 2000

in PocatelloDa best evidence then

overruled

Tape Counter: 6016

Not only was no basis for settlement DA - foundation best evidence hearsay J think it comes in, your client was there

Tape Counter: 6055

She had not and would not breech any of the commitments she had made

Will sustain what Judge Winmill said He's not an agent or attorney of D

Were to protect not only my interest but also the interest MS. Miller had in the back 40

Tape Counter: 6120

Had number of raids - confirmed some of the actin directed agaiinst myself

Saw Fitzgerald set his own field afire

Da foundation sustained P ofer as to my frame of mind

Da object to offering for a limited purpose

Allow for limited purpose of Bach's state of mind; not limited for the truth

Tape Counter: 6224

Fram of mind based on not only what saw but also previous discussions with Fitzgerald

personally

J - can hae continuing objection as to what Fltzgerald said

Being in drug trafficking

Tape Counter: 6285

Concerned as to lack of protection by SO of this county and the prosecutor

DA continue to object sustained

Search warrant

Da objects sustained

Tape Counter: 6331

Access on property by Ms. Miller

Gave to Schwartz who gave to Miler

Knew she could go on to property if she wanted to

Tape Counter: 6366

Summer 2000, 2001 was french keyed out

Locked out of property while horses, animals, other personal property were on the

property

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2001 case filed CV 01 -059

Had no idea there was a separate corporation formed nder name of TPE

Da objectins sustained; documents speak for themselves

Best evidenc objection was sustained

Tape Counter: 6475

Dismissal was made by Judge Moss

DA objects hearsay move to strike Harris wa sclients attorney overruled

DA hearsay

Sustained as to what Judge Moss said Judge Moss froze the status quo objection as to what Judge Moss did

DA best evidence overruled

They said they didn't need the acces throughthe front gate

Tape Counter: 6600

Raid by Bob Fitzgerald - I saw his truck

Cut the front posts; cut the gates

SO wouldn't come

Observed that it was Bob Fltzgerald with Ole Olesen and Mae Bagley was out in front

Stayed overnight to protect the property there were no gates; there was no fence

Blake Lyle pued red F250 pull up to his place of business it was at that time that I filed the original verified complaint

Was under time limits

Tape Counter: 6766

Filed lawsuit

Had Ritchie take to Teton county

Judge Moss da'd

Jdge St. Clair was assigned and immedicately sign restraining order

All parties were served

Had to use \$800 in plane fares and came back to find out hearing was delayed

Tape 12 ends 6838

Tape Counter: 1

Tape 13

Harris made appearance for Miller who was present in the courtroom.

Lyle admitted

DA objects Think evidence Lyle was her agent overruled

DA same objection

J can have continued objection overruled

DA just so I can understand this was said at the preliminary injunctin hearing

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This Court issued Retraining Orde

In front of Judge Shindurling
After that hearing Cindy Miller and myself drove to the property

Everythime I was in court three other raids had occured on my property

Upon arrival to property, saw tow truck on property

He dropped it and dragged it Flagged down Ronnie Fullmer

Called 911

When went across the street to Roger kaufmans, Lyle and Fltzgerald left

Jury is admonished

Recess 3:58 Tape 275