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Plaintiff Pro Per

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MOHAVE

NANCY KNIGHT

Plaintiff,

and

GLEN LUDWIG and PEARL LUDWIG,
Trustees of THE LUDWIG FAMILY TRUST;
FAIRWAY CONSTRUCTORS, INC.;
MEHDI AZARMI; JAMES B. ROBERTS and
DONNA M. ROBERTS, husband and wife;
JOHN DOES 1-10; JANE DOES 1-10; ABC
CORPORATIONS 1-10; and XYZ
PARTNERSHIPS 1-10.

Case No.: CV 2018 04003

REPLY TO DEFENDANT'S RESPONSE TO PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION OF DISMISSAL OF COUNT ONE DATED APRIL 26, 2019

Defendants.

Honorable Judge Eric Gordon

Comes now Plaintiff pro per Nancy Knight respectfully requesting the Court to consider the following Memorandum of Points and Authorities and references of Law prior to entering an Order/Directive as requested in the Defendant's Response and to deny any award of attorney fees.

## **MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES**

Good cause shown by the Plaintiff to reverse the Dismissal of Count One (Violations of Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions) are violations, threatened and attempted violations, in Tract 4076-B. The CC&Rs for Tract 4076-B runs with the land



and the Plaintiff's lots are within the boundaries of Tract 4076-B as was adjudicated by the Court on April 2, 2018. The threatened and attempted violations, cited in paragraph 20 of the CC&Rs are for the BOS Resolution setback reductions that had a financial impact on the Plaintiff in 2016 and placed the Plaintiff at risk of litigation had she opted-in for Defendant Azarmi's proposed BOS resolutions for her RV garage; existing setback violations in Tract 4076-B that are known by the Plaintiff to date includes three homes that have been built by the Defendants after the MSJ Oral Argument decision of the Court on April 2, 2018; advertising signage on unimproved lots have been an ongoing violation of the CC&Rs both prior to and after the MSJ Oral Argument decision of the Court on April 2, 2018.

Correction from the April 26, 2019 filing on page 6, line 18: The Complaint was filed in 2018 and not 1998.

## **LAW**

1. As has been the case in many landmark decisions of the Arizona Supreme Court, lower courts often make erroneous judgments especially when a lack of timely evidence exists at the time of the Court Order/Ruling. In the case of Cundiff v. Cox (Dec. 28, 2012) P1300 CV 2003 0399 on page 3, STANDARD FOR GRANTING SUMMARY JUDGMENT, it is cited that summary judgment is proper when "there is no genuine issue as to any material fact and the moving party is entitled to a judgment as a matter of law". Ariz. R. Civ. P. 56 (c)(1). Violations, or threatened, or attempted violations are material facts and therefore the moving party (defendants) are not entitled to dismissal of Count One with prejudice.

2. A mere scintilla of evidence or a slight doubt as to whether a material factual dispute exists is not sufficient to overcome summary judgment. When the material facts are not disputed, a trial court may decide the issues as a matter of law. The major material fact that was in dispute during the MSJ Oral Arguments was whether Desert Lakes Golf Course and Estates was one Subdivision. Plaintiff has shown that the material fact of "one subdivision" known as Desert Lakes Golf Course and Estates Tract 4076 designed by Bella Enterprises in 1988 is not disputable at this time. Also, undisputable at this time, is evidence from Mr. Walsh of Development Services that Defendant Azarmi was the proponent for the threatened and attempted violations for the 2016 BOS setback reduction Resolutions for all lots in the entire Tract 4076 Subdivision. Also undisputable at this time, are the Defendants own admission from their Initial Disclosure and plot plans from Development Services that the Defendants have continued to violate setbacks for Mr. Sanaye's and Ms. Rovno's homes in Tract 4076-B. The Defendants also violated the setbacks on the home built for Mr. and Mrs. Grice at 1839 Lipan Blvd. in Tract 4076-B. A preponderance of evidence exists to overcome the MSJ summary judgment of dismissal of Count One with prejudice.

3. The Arizona Supreme Court wrote in the case of Orme School v. Reeves "Summary judgment procedure is not a catchpenny contrivance to take unwary litigants into its toils and deprive them of a trial, it is a liberal measure, liberally designed for arriving at the truth. Its purpose is not to cut litigants off from their right of trial by jury if they really have evidence which they will offer on a trial, it is to carefully test this out, in advance of trial by inquiring and determining whether such evidence exists." Evidence

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exists and the Plaintiff's right to trial was violated by the Defendant's "with prejudice" addition to the Court's oral dismissal of Count One. The Plaintiff's April 4, 2018 attempt to right the wrong through a Stay of Execution of the court decision was denied. All attempts by the Plaintiff to Amend the Complaint and recover some semblance of a right to trial were denied. The time has come for the Court to right the wrongs.

- 4. In Whitaker v. Coleman, 115 F.2d 305, 307 (5th Cir.1940) it is further cited that Rule 56 is carefully drawn to effectuate this purpose. Subdivisions (a) and (b) provide for the institution of the procedure. Subdivisions (c) and (d) provide, the one for complete, the other for partial determination of the existence of genuine issues as to material facts. Subdivision (e) provides for affidavit and other forms of proof while Subdivision (f), making it further clear that the judgment is to be rendered only where it clearly appears that there is no issue, provides for the granting of a continuance to obtain proofs which appear to be existent but not then available." Plaintiff was refused a continuance (see page 15 lines 8-12 of the Oral Argument Transcript - Supra Exhibit A). It is clear today that additional evidence existed to prove the one subdivision claim made by the Plaintiff during Oral Arguments. That evidence is the reason the County referred to the subdivision as Desert Lakes and not as separate and distinct subdivision tracts. A continuance would have been proper but the Court pressed ahead, and erroneously, to a summary judgment decision that favored the Defendants.
- 5. In the absence of complete evidence that has now been provided to the Court that Desert Lakes Golf Course and Estates Tract 4076 is one subdivision as argued profusely in the Transcript of the Oral Argument (Supra Exhibit A), and denied by the

Defendant's attorney, an error occurred and the Plaintiff is being deprived a right for a jury to rule on Count One violations of the Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions including the threatened and attempted violations in the Defendant's proposed BOS Resolutions for setback reductions throughout the entire Subdivision. There exists numerous "genuine issues" of material fact in this case.

- 6. The Arizona Supreme Court decision in Peterson v. Valley National Bank, held that "summary judgment ... is not a substitute for a trial" and "litigants are entitled to the right of trial where there is the slightest doubt as to the facts." The sole question presented on this appeal was whether the trial court erred in granting the summary judgment. The Conclusion was "We think the judgment of the lower court should be reversed and the case remanded for a new trial on all of the issues properly pleaded. It is so ordered."
- 7. Rule 8(f) FRCP, holds that all pleadings shall be construed to do substantial justice. The federal rules accept the principle that the purpose of pleading is to facilitate a proper decision on the merits. In 2007, the United States Supreme Court overruled *Conley*, creating a new, stricter standard of a pleading's required specificity. Under the standard the Court set forth in *Conley*, a complaint need only state facts which make it "conceivable" that it could prove its legal claims—that is, that a court could only dismiss a claim if it appeared, beyond a doubt, that the plaintiff would be able to prove "no set of facts" in support of her claim that would entitle her to relief. In *Bell Atlantic Corp. v. Twombly*, the court adopted a more strict, "plausibility" standard, requiring in this case "enough fact[s] to raise a reasonable expectation that discovery will reveal evidence of illegal agreement." The *Twombly* reading was upheld in *Ashcroft v. Iqbal* in 2009.

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8. Time has proven that discovery has revealed plausibility of enough facts to warrant reversal of the dismissal of Count One. Further, Mr. Rinaldi, a partner in Desert Lakes Development who claimed to have the boilerplate for all of the CC&Rs appears to be the subject of witness tampering as he is refusing correspondence by email and has refused postal delivery of the Court Subpoena for the Architectural Committee files. Post Office Box delivery for his personal mail, such as Assessor property tax bills, is the same as the PO Box cited in Tract 4076-B CC&Rs. Contemporary developments have a plausible expectation of additional violations affecting Tract 4076-B and the annoying plausible reality that corruption is negatively influencing the Plaintiff's discovery.

Plaintiff pleads for direction from the Court in how to serve the Subpoena to Angelo Rinaldi when his home address is unknown.

Plaintiff pleads for justice and a right to present the case of the Defendant's violations of covenants, conditions, and restrictions at trial. Reversal of dismissal of Count One is appropriate in the eyes of the law and is warranted.

Plaintiff pleads for denial of Defendants attorney fees.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 13th day of May, 2019

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