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> ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR AWARD OF ATTORNEYS FEES

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WALTER G. FISK and EDITH L. FISK

Plaintiffs,

vs.

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JERRY L. ANDERSON; EDWARD B. ANDERSON; ALICE FLORIO SMITH; JANELLE G. DIETRICH; all other unknown persons, spouses, of the aboveheirs, devisees named persons, partnerships, 15 corporations or other entities claiming any right, title, 16 estate, lien or an interest in the real property described in Complaint adverse to Plaintiffs' ownership or any

Defendants.

Plaintiffs'

ORDER GRANTING
MOTION FOR AWARD OF
ATTORNEYS FEES

Defendants.

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The Plaintiffs, WALTER G. FISK and EDITH L. FISK, acting by and through their attorney JAMES M. COPENHAVER, P.C., filed a motion for an award of attorney fees which was filed with the Court on March 23, 2007. The certificate of mailing attached to the Motion for Award of Attorneys Fees shows it was mailed to the Defendants attorney, Stanley J. Steiber, Esq. on March 19, 2007.

IN THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF EUREKA

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7JDCR 7 paragraph 6 states as follows regarding Motion practice before this Court.

- "6. Within 10 days after service of the motion, the opposing party shall serve and file a written opposition. Each opposition shall contain a brief statement describing the extent to which the relief sought by the moving party is contested. Unless the entire relief sought is contested, the opposing party shall particularly delineate which portions of the relief sought in the motion are being contested. The opposition shall include, or shall be filed simultaneously with, the following:
- (a) Memorandum of "Points and Authorities in Opposition to the Motion."
- (b) "Notice of Opposition" which shall include one of the following two alternatives:
  - (1) "A hearing on this motion is not requested"; or
  - (2) "A hearing on this motion is requested and a court reporter is/is not requested. It is estimated that hours should be set aside for the hearing on this motion.
  - (c) Proof of service of the opposition and all supporting documents."

## 7JDCR 7 paragraph 7 states:

7. All motions and oppositions shall be accompanied by affidavits in support of any factual contentions made in the motions or oppositions. The absence of a memorandum of Points and Authorities in support of the motion or in opposition may be construed by the Court as an admission that the motion or opposition is not meritorious and is cause for granting or denying the motion.

The Defendants have not filed any opposition to the Plaintiff's Motion for Award of Attorney Fees and the Court finds that the failure to filing any Opposition is an admission that the Motion for Award of Attorney Fees is meritorious and is cause for granting the Motion.

In Nevada attorney fees are considered elements of damages in a Slander of Title Action see <u>Michelsen v. Harvey</u>, 110 Nev. 27, 27; 866 P.2d 1141 (1994).

In this case the Plaintiffs alleged a cause of action for slander of title and have successfully removed a cloud upon the title to their real property which was placed upon the property by the Defendants or

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their predecessors in interest and which the Defendants failed and refused to voluntarily remove of record. Therefore the Plaintiffs are entitled to an award of their attorney fees as damages.

The Plaintiffs are further entitled to an award of their attorney fees pursuant to NRS 18.010 2.(b) as the court found that the Defendants counterclaim and defense of the complaint was maintained without reasonable grounds and the Court is to liberally construe the provisions of NRS 18.010 2.(b) in favor of awarding attorney's fees in all appropriate situations.

WHEREFORE, the Court grants the Plaintiffs' Motion for an Award of Attorney Fees against the Defendants, JERRY L. ANDERSON, EDWARD B. ANDERSON, ALICE FLORIO SMITH, JANELLE G. DIETRICH, individually and jointly in the amount of \$7,871.25.

Dated this day of April, 2007.

DobresQu HONORABLE STEVEN DOBRESCU District Judge - Department 1

SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR COUNTY OF EUREKA STATE OF NEVADA

I, the Undersigned COUNTY CLERK and Ex-Officio CLERK of the SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT do hareby CERTIFY that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the original on file in my office and that I have carefully compared the same with the

WITNESS, My Hand and Seal of said day of DISTRICT COURT, this \_\_\_\_\_\_

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