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Obligee

ORDER CONFIRMING COURT
MASTER'S FINDINGS AND
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SUPPORT

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ROBERT LAMB, Obligor

THE COURT HAVING REVIEWED THE MASTER'S FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SUPPORT AND ALL PLEADINGS AND PAPERS ON FILE, FINDS THAT NO TIMELY OBJECTIONS HAVE BEEN FILED WITH THE COURT THEREFORE;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED: that the Master's Recommendations from the hearing held on November 21, 2012, and Recommendations from the hearing filed on December (), 2012 are hereby affirmed and adopted by the Court.

Dated this 2nd day of Jamus

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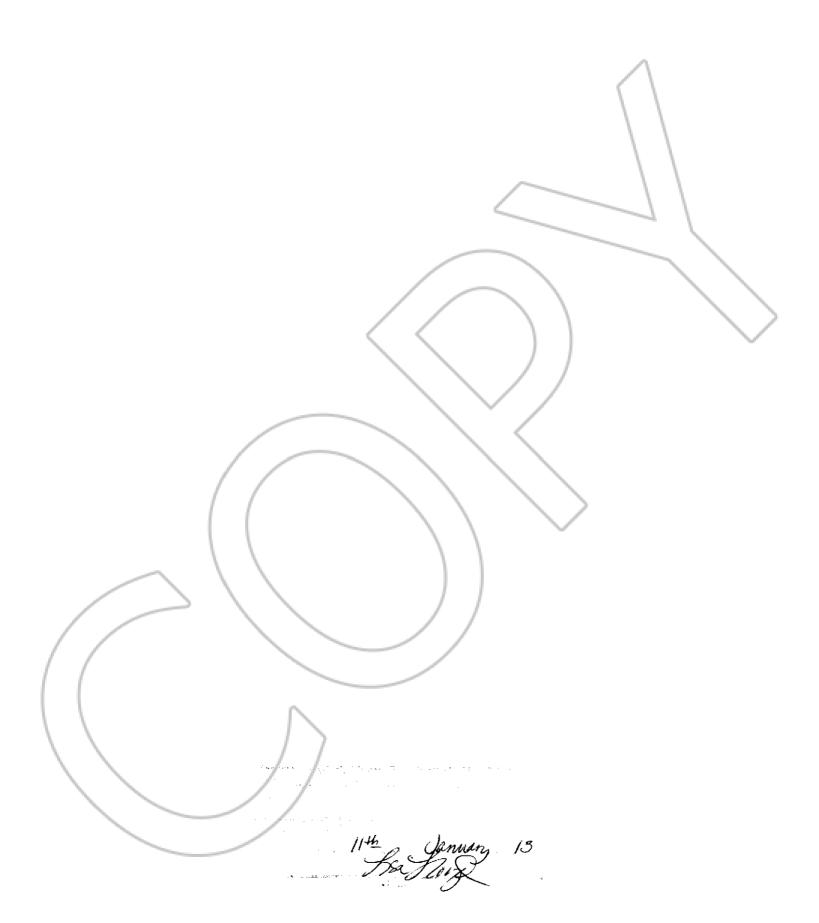
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Obligee

VS

COURT MASTER'S FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SUPPORT

ROBERT LAMB,
Obligor

the Court Master on the _21ST_ day of November, 2012; the Obligee being (X) present ()not present, and represented telephonically by _Christopher Karr, Esq.; and the Obligor being duly served and (X)present telephonically ()not present, and represented by __; Kimberly Ramirez of the Nevada State Welfare Division, Child Support Enforcement office appearing and representing the State of Nevada's interest in the support and welfare of the child(ren) pursuant to law. After hearing all of the evidence and being fully advised in the premises, the Court Master makes the following findings and recommendations:

2 FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW 1.(X) The State of Nevada has/is taking continuing 3 exclusive jurisdiction pursuant to the Full Faith and Credit 4 Support Orders Act (28 U.S.C. 1738b) 5 2.(X) The Court has jurisdiction of the parties and of the 6 subject matter of this case. 3. () The parties and the child(ren) reside outside the 7 State of Nevada. R 4.() No child support order exists for the support of the 9 minor child(ren). 10 5.(X) The Obligor is the parent of the following 11 child(ren): NAME (S) DOB(S) JULIANN M. LAMB 12 2-22-2001 CHAP A. LAMB 4-29-2002 13 6.(X) The Obligor has a duty to support the above named 14 child(ren); 7.(X) The Obligor owes support arrears to the Obligee in 15 the amount of \$2010.06 from 3-1-12 through 9-30, 2012 which 16 includes interest to be set forth below. 17 8. () Benefits have been received on behalf of the minor 18 child(ren) in the form of: () Medicaid 19 9.(X) The Obligor's Gross Monthly Income is \$ 9,708.36 and 25% of the amount is \$ 2,427.09; 20 10.(X) The Obligor's child support obligation pursuant to 21 125B.070 /(), 125B.080 (X) or Existing order() is NRS 22 \$ 1688.00 per month; 23 11.(X) The amount of the child support obligation determined by the Court Master deviates from the NRS 125B.070 24 percentage formula on the following grounds: the statutory cap 25 of \$844 per child was applied; 26

12. (x) This modifies the previous Order in Case No. <u>CV-0829007</u> entered on the <u>9th</u> day of <u>March</u>, <u>2012</u> in the <u>Seventh Judicial District Court</u>, <u>Lincoln County</u>, <u>Nevada</u>. ALL PROVISIONS NOT MODIFIED HEREIN SHALL REMAIN IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT.

OTHER FINDINGS:

The underlying Decree of Divorce was filed on March 9, 2012 in Lincoln County, case number CV-0829007. (It should be noted that the template used for the Decree was obtained from the self-help center and was not actually signed by the Obligor.) The Obligor requested a modification of the underlying order on October 4, 2012 based upon a change of income.

The Decree of Divorce states that the Obligor shall pay \$3200 dollars per month for child support. (Section 8, p. 3). However, section 9 of the Decree which specifically addresses the amount of support and how the amount was determined was not completed. (Section 9, p. 3). The Decree does not determine the Obligor's gross monthly income and does not determine the percentage of support owed for the children as required by NRS 125B.070. Additionally, the Decree does not address deviations from the statutory formula as required by NRS 125B.080.

Obligee through her counsel, argues that such a support amount is allowable under Fernandez v. Fernandez, 126 Nev.--, 22 P.3d 1031 (2010), and the parties have discretion to stipulate to said amount. The Obligee is incorrect, no where in Fernandez are the parties given discretion to disregard Nevada law. (Id). The underlying order clearly does not comply with NRS 125B.070 and NRS 125B.080. In Fernandez, the Nevada Supreme Court found that attempted stipulations to make child support awards non-modifiable are unenforceable as such is against public policy. (Id.) The Court notes that the statutory scheme

does not admit a child support order that cannot be modified based upon a material change in circumstances. (Id, at p. 1032). Hence, an order can always be modified if the circumstances warrant modification. In this case, modification is necessary in order to comply with Nevada law. The underlying obligation for \$3200 per month is actually 33% of the Obligor's income, rather than the 25% allowable pursuant to NRS 125B.070.

The Obligee testified that she had requested the high amount of support in the Decree instead of alimony. The Obligee was advised by the Master — that is not the purpose of child support. Child support is strictly for the support and maintenance of the children as addressed by NRS 125B.020. Alimony is separate issue regarding a debt for maintenance owed between the adults. The care of the children may be considered in awarding alimony, but the reverse is not true, and the care of the spouse is never included in child support. (See NRS Chapters 125 and 125B).

Additionally, the Obligee's request for an upward deviation for time spent with the children is denied. No evidence was presented that would warrant such a deviation above the statutory cap, with the exception that the Obligor had not been able to exercise his visitation as much.

IT IS HEREBY RECOMMENDED THAT:

- 1. (x) The Obligor shall pay \$1688.00 per month as and for ongoing child support, beginning 10-1, 2012.
- 2. (x) A judgment of support arrears is entered in favor of the Obligee and against the Obligor in the amount of $\frac{2010.06}{1000}$ from $\frac{3-1-12}{10000}$ through $\frac{9-30}{10000}$, 2012; The total arrears represents $\frac{2000.00}{10000}$ in principal arrears owed; and $\frac{10.06}{10000}$ in interest accrued. Obligor is to pay $\frac{100.00}{100000}$ per month beginning $\frac{10-1}{1000000000}$, 2012 and also continuing each and every month

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3. ALL PAYMENTS NOT COLLECTED BY INCOME WITHHOLDING SHALL BE MADE BY MONEY ORDER, CASHIER'S CHECK, OR BUSINESS CHECK AND PAYABLE TO "SCADU". PERSONAL CHECKS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. NO CREDIT WILL BE GIVEN FOR PAYMENTS PAID DIRECTLY TO THE OBLIGEE. ALL SUCH PAYMENTS SHALL CONTAIN THE OBLIGOR'S NAME (PAYOR), OBLIGOR'S SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER, CASE NUMBER, AND THE OBLIGEE'S NAME (PAYEE) ALL SUCH SHALL BE PAYABLE AND MUST BE DELIVERED BY THE OBLIGOR TO:

STATE COLLECTION AND DISBURSEMENT UNIT (SCaDU)

PO BOX 98950 LAS VEGAS, NV 89193-8950

- 4.(X) The Obligor shall provide health insurance coverage that is reasonable in cost and accessible for the child(ren) through:
 - a. Obligor's employer or group policy; or
 - b. private policy; or
- c. any other means available to Obligor, other than Medicaid.

Further, Obligor shall provide all reasonable and necessary assistance to enable the Obligee to obtain the medical benefits offered by the policy of insurance pursuant to NRS 125B.085.

- 5.() The Obligee is required to provide health insurance coverage at this time because () it is available at this time and/or () she is receiving Medical Cash compensation. Further, Obligee shall provide all reasonable and necessary assistance to enable the Obligor to obtain the medical benefits offered by the policy of insurance pursuant to NRS 125B.085.
- 6. Pursuant to NRS 125B.080.7, expenses for health care which are not reimbursed through insurance, including expenses for medical, surgical, dental, orthodontic and optical expenses, must be borne equally by both parents in the absence of extraordinary circumstances.
- 7. The Obligor shall notify the Family Support Unit of the District Attorney's office of any change of address, change in employment or change in the availability of health insurance coverage within ten (10) days of such coverage.
- 8. THIS IS AN INCOME WITHHOLDING ORDER. A mandatory wage withholding shall be initiated against the Obligor's wages or commissions. This does not preclude the use of other means to collect any arrears or enforce this order, including garnishment, liens, attachments, execution on real or personal property or interception of Federal Income tax refunds.

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- 9. NO CREDIT WILL BE GIVEN FOR PAYMENTS NOT MADE BY WAGE/INCOME WITHHOLDING OR DIRECTLY THROUGH THE STATE COLLECTION AND DISBURSEMENT UNIT (SCADU).
- 10. Pursuant to NRS 125B.145, this Order must be reviewed every three years, upon the request of either party, and is subject to modification or review and adjustment as provided by law.
- 11. Unless a stay of this Order is obtained from the District Court, all enforcement procedures, including but not limited to wage withholding, garnishment, liens and the interception of Federal Income tax refunds, will be undertaken upon entry of this Order.
- 12. The obligor is hereby given notice that failure to comply with the terms of this order may result in contempt proceedings. The obligor is required to inform the Court of his ability or inability to pay at all times. THE OBLIGOR IS FURTHER NOTICED that his/her ability to pay shall directly affect the determination of the Court during a contempt hearing.
- 13. (X) Interest upon the amount of the judgment for arrears shall accrue at the rate set by NRS 99.040. A 10% penalty may be assessed on each unpaid installment, or portion thereof, of an obligation to pay support for a child, pursuant to NRS 125B.095. If you pay your child support through income withholding and your full obligation is not met by the amount withheld by your employer, you are responsible to pay the difference between your court ordered obligation and the amount withheld by your employer directly to the state disbursement unit. If you fail to do so you will be subject to the assessment of penalties and interest. You may avoid these additional costs by making your current child support payments each month.

Dated: 1T IS SO RECOMMENDED

RITA D. FOWLER COURT MASTER

NOTICE

Objections to this recommendation are governed in part by NRS 425.3844. You have ten (10) days from receipt of this recommendation to file an appeal. This recommendation is governed by the "Review and Adjustment" guidelines of the Federal Regulations (45 C.F.R. 303.8).

PURSUANT TO NRS 425.3844 FAILURE TO FILE AN OBJECTION AND SERVE WRITTEN OBJECTIONS TO THIS RECOMMENDATION WITHIN TEN DAYS OF RECEIPT WILL RESULT IN THIS RECOMMENDATION BECOMING A FINAL JUDGMENT DEEMED APPROVED BY THE DISTRICT COURT BY OPERATION OF LAW.

Dated: 0 (5th, 2012

RITA D. FOWLER COURT MASTER

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