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Defendant.

Kyle O'Dwyer

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MARICOPA

PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR OF ALL DEFENDANT'S

PARTIAL SUMMARY JUDGMENT **COUNTERCLAIMS**

Case No: CV2021-052893

Plaintiff hereby files this motion for partial summary judgment, requesting that the Court issue an order dismissing Defendant's counterclaims for fraud and intentional infliction of emotional distress. The counterclaims must be dismissed because, as to the fraud claim, there are no genuine issues of material fact as to the issues that Defendant did not suffer a consequent proximate injury and did not suffer any damages stemming from his allegations and, as to the claim for intentional infliction of emotional distress, there are no genuine issues of material fact regarding the issues that he did not suffer severe emotional distress and did not suffer damages. He did not provide any information regarding these issues in his disclosure statements in any fashion and therefore is precluded from providing any evidence regarding the same.

This motion is supported by the statement of facts and the Court file generally.

INTRODUCTION

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This case concerns the relationship between Plaintiff and Defendant and the communications they had with each other that led to Defendant coercing Plaintiff into having an abortion and the severe emotional distress the parties allegedly suffered during that time. Defendant alleges that although he was present on a video call with Plaintiff's nurse, has seen medical records of a urine test showing that Plaintiff was pregnant, and although he virtually witnessed Plaintiff administer to herself abortion pills, his counterclaim is that she was never pregnant to begin with and that he suffered severe emotional distress as a result of what he calls a fraud. Defendant claims that he missed work as a result of severe emotional distress, but never disclosed any actual facts in support of his claim that he suffered "severe emotional distress." He further never disclosed any documentation or information regarding the work he allegedly missed and damages he allegedly incurred thereby. He further never disclosed any facts or information regarding what damages he would be seeking at all. Due to these complete failures, and the fact that Defendant's failures thereby preclude him from providing any evidence regarding these essential issues of his claims, he cannot succeed on his counterclaims and the Court should grant Plaintiff's motion for summary judgment.

I. FACTS

Defendant filed a counterclaim against Plaintiff, alleging that Plaintiff intentionally inflicted emotional distress on Defendant and committed fraud against Defendant. Answer and Counterclaim. In his Second Supplemental Disclosure Statement, which was his final disclosure statement, Defendant gave no specific factual support for his claims. Plaintiff's Statement of Facts Supporting Her Motion for Partial Summary Judgment ("PSOF"), ¶¶ 1, 3. Instead, he referenced his motions to dismiss and answer and counterclaim. *See* Exhibit A to PSOF, at 2. None of the documents cited in his Second Supplemental Disclosure Statement contained any information regarding the alleged emotional distress Defendant suffered or the alleged injury he suffered. *See generally*

Exhibit A to PSOF, Answer and Counterclaim, Motion to Dismiss, filed 9/24/2021, and Motion to Dismiss/Motion for Judgment on the Pleadings, filed 2/15/2022. Further, Defendant's Second Supplemental Disclosure Statement contained no actual disclosure of what damages Defendant would seek at the arbitration hearing or how Defendant calculated those specific damages. PSOF, ¶¶ 2, 4.

II. <u>LEGAL ANALYSIS</u>

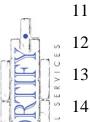
A. Summary Judgment Standard

The legal standard for summary judgment is well known: "[t]he court shall grant summary judgment if the moving party shows that there is no genuine dispute as to any material fact and the moving party is entitled to judgment as a matter of law." Ariz. R. Civ. P. 56(a). Further, metaphysical doubts as to the facts do not suffice to deny summary judgment; summary judgment should be granted if no rational trier of fact could find in favor of the party opposing the motion if the case were at trial; and the non-moving party may not rest upon mere allegations or denials in pleadings but must show from the record that there are specific facts presenting genuine issue for trial. *Matsushita Elec. Indus. Co.*, v. Zenith Radio Corp., 475 U.S. 574, 586 (1986).

For a moving party to prevail on a motion for summary judgment regarding the non-moving party's claim, the moving party

need merely point out by specific reference to the relevant discovery that no evidence existed to support an essential element of the claim. Conclusory statements will not suffice but the movant need not affirmatively establish the negative of the element. If the party with the burden of proof on the claim or defense cannot respond to the motion by showing that there is evidence creating a genuine issue of fact on the element in question, then the motion for summary judgment should be granted.

Orme School v. Reeves, 166 Ariz. 301, 309-10, 802 P.2d 1000, 1008-09 (1990) (internal citations omitted).



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B. <u>Defendant's counterclaim for fraud must be dismissed because</u> <u>Defendant cannot assert and/or prove a consequent proximate injury and damages when he did not disclose any information or documentation showing that he suffered any injury or damages.</u>

"[C]harging fraud is a serious matter, and it should never be alleged routinely, as a makeweight or as a hoped-for panacea for an otherwise imperfectly perceived remedy." *Trollope v. Koerner*, 106 Ariz. 10, 19 (1970). A plaintiff cannot prevail on its fraud claim absent proof of clear and convincing evidence of all nine required elements. *Servs. Holding Co., Inc. v. Transamerica Occidental Life Ins. Co.*, 180 Ariz. 198, 208 (Ct. App. 1994). The elements of a fraud claim are "(1) a representation; (2) its falsity; (3) its materiality; (4) the speaker's knowledge of its falsity or ignorance of its truth; (5) his intent that it should be acted upon by and in the manner reasonably contemplated; (6); the hearer's ignorance of its falsity; (7) his reliance on its truth; (8) his right to rely thereon; and (9) his consequent proximate injury." *Id.* The "failure to prove any one of the essential elements is fatal to the cause of action." *Fridenmaker v. VNB*, 23 Ariz. App. 565, 569 (Ct. App. 1975). "Fraud may never be established by doubtful, vague, speculative, or inconclusive evidence." *Enyart v. Transamerica Ins. Co.*, 195 Ariz. 71, 77, 985 P.2d 556, 562 (App. 1998).

In this case, there are no genuine issues of material fact as to the fact that Defendant did not suffer consequent proximate injury and in fact cannot assert any damages because he failed to disclose any calculation of the damages he would assert. Defendant failed to disclose the amount he would seek at trial, or how to calculate that amount, in violation of Ariz. R. Civ. P. 26.1(a)(7), which is clearly incorporated into the arbitration proceeding by Rule 74(b). Failing to disclose what damages you are seeking is fatal to any attempt to collect those damages. *SWC Baseline & Crismon Investors, L.L.C. v. Augusta Ranch Ltd. Partnership*, 228 Ariz. 271, 284-85, 265 P.3d 1070 (App. 2011) (reversing the denial of a motion for directed verdict when the damages asserted and awarded after a trial were

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not specifically disclosed in violation of Rule 26.1(a)(7)); see also Hoffman v. Construction Protective Services, Inc., 541 F.3d 1175, 1179-80 (9th Cir. 2008) (affirming the district court's grant of a motion in limine to preclude evidence of damages for plaintiffs for which no damages calculation was disclosed under the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, and indicating the appropriateness of the "even when a litigant's entire cause of action... [will be] precluded.").

Defendant further did not disclose any facts, circumstances, documentation or information regarding work that he allegedly missed as alleged in the counterclaim, which assumedly would have included W-2s, pay stubs, emails, text messages, actual dates missed, hourly pay, etc. He similarly failed to disclose any facts or information regarding what alleged emotional distress he suffered from. In sum, he disclosed nothing regarding his alleged damages and therefore cannot seek them.

Based on his failure to properly disclose any documentation or information in accordance with the disclosure Rules, Defendant cannot meet his burden of proof of proving that he suffered any consequent proximate injury or any damages at all and summary judgment on this claim is appropriate.

C. <u>Defendant's counterclaim for intentional infliction of emotional distress must be dismissed because Defendant did not disclose any calculation of damages and did not disclose any facts that would support his contention that he suffered severe emotional distress.</u>

The elements for a claim of intentional infliction of emotional distress are "first the conduct by the defendant must be 'extreme' and 'outrageous'; second, the defendant must either intend to cause emotional distress or recklessly disregard the near certainty that such distress will result from his conduct; and third, severe emotional distress must indeed occur as a result of defendant's conduct." Ford v. Revlon, 153 Ariz. 38, 43, 734 P.2d 580, 585 (1987) (citing Watts v. Golden Age Nursing Home, 127 Ariz. 255, 258, 619 P.2d 1032, 1035 (1980)) (emphasis in original).

Initially, as mentioned above, Defendant will not be able to assert any damages in this case and therefore he cannot be successful at trial. Summary judgment is appropriate for that reason alone. However, even apart from his inability to seek damages, Defendant has failed to disclose any facts relating to any emotional distress he allegedly suffered, which precludes him from being able to meet his burden to prove that he suffered from not only any emotional distress but <u>severe</u> emotional distress. He therefore cannot prove that he suffered severe emotional distress, which is an essential element of that claim. Therefore, summary judgment on the claim is appropriate.

III. CONCLUSION

Because Defendant cannot meet his burden to prove he suffered consequent proximate injury, that he suffered <u>severe</u> emotional distress, or that he suffered any damages at all, the Court should find there are no genuine issues of material fact and render summary judgment in Plaintiff's favor regarding all of Defendant's claims.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 26th day of July, 2023.

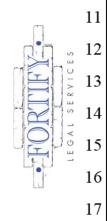
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PLAINTIFF'S STATEMENT OF
FACTS SUPPORTING HER MOTION
FOR PARTIAL SUMMARY

Defendant.

FOR PARTIAL SUMMARY
JUDGMENT

Case No: CV2021-052893

Plaintiff hereby files this statement of facts in support of her motion for partial summary pursuant to Arizona Rules of Civil Procedure Rule 56(c)(3)(A).

- 1. Defendant did not suffer a consequent proximate injury due to the alleged fraud. See Exhibit A, Defendant/Counterclaimant Gregory Gillespie's Second Supplemental Rule 26.1 Disclosure Statement, dated March 4, 2022, at 2 (noting that the factual bases for the defenses and counterclaims can be found in the Motion to Dismiss filed 9/24/2021, Answer and Counterclaim filed 1/4/2022, and Motion to Dismiss/Motion for Judgment on the Pleadings of Plaintiff's Abortion Coercion Claim, filed 2/15/2022. None of these documents refer to any specific consequent proximate injury allegedly suffered by Defendant but only contain a conclusory statement of such).
- 2. Defendant did not incur damages due to the alleged fraud. *See* Exhibit A, at 5 (showing no calculation of damages).

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WOODNICK LAW, PLLC 1747 E. Morten Avenue, Suite 205 1 Phoenix, Arizona 85020 2 Telephone: 3 4 Gregg R. Woodnick, #20736 Kaci Y. Bowman, 5 Attorneys for Defendant 6 IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA 7 IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MARICOPA 8 9 In Re the Matter of: Case No.: CV2021-052893 10 LAURA OWENS, 11 **DEFENDANT/COUNTERCLAIMANT** Plaintiff, GREGORY GILLESPIE'S SECOND 12 **SUPPLEMENTAL RULE 26.1** v. 13 DISCLOSURE STATEMENT **GREGORY GILLESPIE,** 14 (Additions in bold) 15 Defendant. (Assigned to the Hon. Alison Bachus) 16 17 Pursuant to Rule 26.1, Arizona Rules of Civil Procedure, 18 Defendant/Counterclaimant, (hereinafter "Mr. Gillespie"), by and through undersigned 19 20 counsel, hereby submits his **Second Supplemental** Rule 26.1 Disclosure Statement. Mr. 21 Gillespie reserves the right to supplement his disclosure statement as discovery progresses, 22 and as the parties continue to disclose information pursuant to Rule 26.1, Arizona Rules of 23 24 Civil Procedure. 25 /// 26 /// 27 /// 28

I. FACTUAL BASIS OF DEFENSES AND COUNTERCLAIMS

See Motion to Dismiss filed 09/24/21, Answer and Counterclaim filed 01/04/22 and Motion to Dismiss/Motion for Judgment on Pleadings of Plaintiff's Abortion Coercion Claim filed 02/15/22. In addition, and critically notable, Plaintiff has reportedly fabricated a pregnancy and subsequent abortion in the past during a relationship with Michael Marraccini in 2016.

II. LEGAL THEORIES UPON WHICH DEFENSES AND COUNTERCLAIMS ARE BASED

See Motion to Dismiss filed 09/24/21, Answer and Counterclaim filed 01/04/22 and Motion to Dismiss/Motion for Judgment on Pleadings of Plaintiff's Abortion Coercion Claim filed 02/15/22.

III. NAMES, ADDRESSES AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS OF WITNESSES DEFENDANT/COUNTERCLAIMANT EXPECTS TO CALL AT TRIAL

1. Gregory Gillespie c/o Gregg R. Woodnick WOODNICK LAW, PLLC

Mr. Gillespie is expected to testify regarding the extent of his relationship with Plaintiff, all communications with Plaintiff and the emotional distress and monetary damages he has suffered as a result.

2. Laura Owens

Plaintiff is expected to testify regarding her allegations against Mr. Gillespie and the alleged damages she has suffered as a result.

- 3. Plaintiff's current and former medical providers.
- 4. Any other witness found to have relevant information regarding the subject matter of this lawsuit.
- 5. In the absence of an agreement about the admissibility of documents, any and all custodians of records, and any other witnesses required to authenticate or lay proper foundation for documents presented.
- 6. Without waiving any objections, any and all experts, if any, listed by any party.

IV. PERSONS WHOM DEFENDANT/COUNTERCLAIMANT BELIEVES MAY HAVE KNOWLEDGE OR INFORMATION RELEVANT TO THE EVENTS THAT GAVE RISE TO THIS ACTION

- 1. Joseph W. Cotchett, Alison E. Cordova, Toni Stevens and Patrice O'Malley of Cotchett, Pitre & McCarthy, LLP, 840 Malcolm Road, Suite 200, Burlingame, CA 94010, are believed to have knowledge or information regarding Plaintiff's seemingly fraudulent emails purportedly authored by Joseph Cotchett and lawyers that have not worked at the firm for quite some time.
- 2. Michael Marraccini,
 is believed to have knowledge or information
 regarding allegations Plaintiff lodged against him in the past and alleged emotional distress
 and damages Plaintiff allegedly sustained as a result (as alleged in FDV-18-813693) and
 Plaintiff's admissions regarding her fabrication of a pregnancy and subsequent

abortion during their relationship in 2016. S Manual and C S S are also believed to have knowledge or information regarding allegations Plaintiff lodged against Michael Marraccini in FDV-18-813693 and Plaintiff's admissions regarding her fabrication of a pregnancy and subsequent abortion during her relationship with Michael Marraccini in 2016. Upon information and belief,

3. Plaintiff's family members including, but not limited to, R O , J B , S N and C N may have knowledge or information relevant to the allegations that gave rise to this action as well as Plaintiff's actions against Michael Marraccini and defendants in Case No. CGC-19-575032 and alleged resulting damages. Upon information and belief, Mr. C and Ms. B live in .

Any and all persons identified through on-going discovery and/or disclosure. Mr. Gillespie reserves the right to supplement as discovery progresses.

V. NAMES OF ALL PERSONS WHO HAVE GIVEN STATEMENTS

- 1. See March 26 gave a written statement under penalty of perjury on or about March 26, 2018 in FDV-18-813693 indicating knowledge of Plaintiff's admissions regarding her fabrication of a pregnancy and subsequent abortion during her relationship with Michael Marraccini in 2016.
- 2. Case Same gave a written statement under penalty of perjury on or about March 27, 2018 in FDV-18-813693 indicating knowledge of Plaintiff's

admissions regarding her fabrication of a pregnancy and subsequent abortion during her relationship with Michael Marraccini in 2016.

Any and all persons identified through on-going discovery and/or disclosure. Mr. Gillespie reserves the right to supplement as discovery progresses.

VI. ANTICIPATED SUBJECT AREAS OF EXPERT TESTIMONY

Mr. Gillespie reserves the right to supplement as discovery progresses.

VII. DAMAGES

Mr. Gillespie has sustained significant monetary damages as a result of being unable to work due to the extreme amount of emotional distress he experienced while being subjected to Plaintiff's fraudulent representations and intentional infliction of emotional distress and is therefore seeking to be compensated for the same in addition to an award of his attorneys' fees and costs pursuant to A.R.S. §§ 12-341, 12-349 and Rule 11, *Arizona Rules of Civil Procedure*.

VIII. EXHIBITS

- 1. Text messages between parties' cell phones from 06/29/21 through 08/24/21 [GG0001-GG0216];
- 2. Communications between Plaintiff's work phone and Mr. Gillespie's cell phone dated 08/02/21 [GG0217-GG0217];
- 3. Communications between Plaintiff (@gmail.com) and Mr. Gillespie's cell phone dated 08/02/21 [GG0218-GG0218];

- 14. Email from Plaintiff to undersigned counsel dated 02/06/22 and attached screenshot [GG0432-GG0433];
- 15. Plaintiff's Complaint for Damages Based Upon: Negligence, Negligent Entrustment, Negligent Hiring, Supervision or Retention in Case No. CGC-19-575032 [GG0434-GG0449];
- 16. 'Vanishing' blogpost on I Still Believe Our story and journey after the stillbirth of our son and our faith in the Lord [GG0450-GG0452];
- 17. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UlOX-_VDIfo (The Lifesaving Power of Kindness to Strangers | Laura Owens | TEDxMercerIslandHSWomen YouTube);
- 18. All public records obtained regarding FDV-18-813693 [GG0453-GG0672];
- 19. Plaintiffs' current and former medical records from all providers (will supplement);
- 20. Without waiving available objections, any and all transcripts of depositions or statements taken of any person in this matter and any exhibits or attachments thereto.
- 21. Without waiving available objections, any and all admissible portions of discovery responses and disclosure statements served by any party in this matter and any exhibits or attachments thereto.
- 22. Without waiving available objections, any and all expert reports and attachments thereto provided in this matter.

23. Without waiving available objections, any and all exhibits and or evidence disclosed and/or listed by Plaintiffs.

IX. INSURANCE POLICIES

Not applicable.

X. RELEVANT DOCUMENTS

Mr. Gillespie reserves the right to supplement as discovery progresses.

DATED this 4th day of March, 2022.

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By: <u>/s/Sara Seeburg</u>

VERIFICATION

GREGORY GILLESPIE, being first duly sworn upon his oath, deposes and says:

That he is the Defendant/Counterclaimant in the foregoing cause of action; that as such, he is authorized to make this Verification; that he has read the foregoing *Second Supplemental Disclosure Statement* and knows the contents thereof to be true of his own knowledge, except as to those matters stated on information and belief, and as to such, he believes the same to be true.

Docusigned by: HRY Lilleyer	3/4/2022
GREGORY GILLESPIE	Date