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8 **UNITED STATE DISTRICT COURT**

9 **DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

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11	ROBERT ANSARA, as Special	)	CASE NO.: 2:19-CV-01394-GMN-VCF
12	Administrator of the estate of D.B., born	)	
13	December 18, 2015, and died August 15,	)	<b>STIPULATION AND ORDER TO</b>
14	2017, and GABRIELLE BRANON-	)	<b>EXTEND DISCOVERY</b>
15	CHESLEY, individually, as the Natural	)	<b>(Fourth Request)</b>
16	Mother of D.B., DAVID BANKS,	)	
17	individually and as the Natural Father of	)	
18	D.B.,	)	
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20	Plaintiffs,	)	
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22	v.	)	
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24	GLORIA MALDONADO, individually;	)	
25	AUDRA GUITERREZ, individually;	)	
26	CLARK COUNTY, a Political Subdivision	)	
27	of the State of Nevada, DOE individuals I-	)	
28	XX; ROE CLARK COUNTY	)	
	DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY SERVICES	)	
	EMPLOYEES I-XX, individually and in	)	
	their official capacities; TROPICANA DE,	)	
	LLC, d/b/a SIEGAL SUITES OF	)	
	TROPICANA, a Foreign Limited Liability	)	
	Corporation; AND DOE SECURITY	)	
	COMPANY and ZOE CORPORATIONS	)	
	XXI-XXX,	)	
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	Defendants.	)	

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**STIPULATION AND ORDER TO EXTEND DISCOVERY**  
**(Fourth Request)**

**IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED** by and between the parties that discovery shall be extended Ninety Days (90) days until **March 10, 2022**.

This litigation arose out of an alleged wrongful death that occurred on August 15, 2017. The parties have engaged in extensive motion work during the pendency of this litigation, as summarized below:

1. Plaintiffs filed their original Complaint on (ECF No. 5) on August 14, 2019.
2. A First Amended Complaint (ECF No. 5) was filed on August 15, 2019.
3. Defendant Tropicana DE, LLC filed their Motion to Dismiss (ECF No. 16) on September 9, 2019.
4. Plaintiffs filed their Opposition to Defendant Tropicana's Motion (ECF No. 21) on September 30, 2019.
5. Defendant Tropicana filed their Reply (ECF no. 28) thereto on October 7, 2019.
6. Plaintiffs filed a Motion for leave to file a Second Amended Complaint (ECF no. 31) on October 8, 2019.
7. Defendant Richard Whitley filed a Motion to Dismiss (ECF No. 41) on October 24, 2019.
8. Defendants Clark County, Gloria Maldonado, Audra Gutierrez/Guerro, Yolanda King and Tim Burch filed their Joinder to Richard Whitley's Motion to Dismiss (ECF No. 42); and their Separate Motion to Dismiss (ECF No.45) on October 31, 2019.
9. Plaintiffs filed an Opposition (ECF No. 48) to Richard Whitley's Motion to Dismiss on November 8, 2019.
10. Defendant Richard Whitley filed a Reply to Plaintiff's Opposition (ECF No. 50) on November 13, 2019.

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11. Defendant Clark County, Gloria Maldonado, Audra Gutierrez/Guerro, Yolanda King and Tim Burch filed their Joinder to Richard Whitley’s Reply to Response to Motion to Dismiss (ECF. No. 52) on November 14, 2019.
12. Plaintiffs filed an Opposition to Defendant Clark County’s Motion to Dismiss (ECF No. 53) on November 14, 2019.
13. Defendant Clark County, Gloria Maldonado, Audra Gutierrez/Guerro, Yolanda King and Tim Burch filed their Reply to Plaintiffs’ Opposition to Dismiss Plaintiffs’ First Amended Complaint (ECF no. 56) on November 26, 2019.
14. The Court entered an Order (ECF No. 63) regarding the Motions to Dismiss filed by all Defendants (ECF Nos. 16, 41, and 45) as well as Plaintiffs Motion to Amend (ECF No. 31) on May 7, 2020. In that Order, the Court granted in part and denied in part Defendants’ Motions as well as Plaintiffs’ Motion to Amend. Specifically, the Court held that the claims against the Defendants were *dismissed without prejudice* but that Plaintiffs’ Motion to Amend was **granted** in part and **denied** in part. ECF No. 63 P. 20:1-20. Plaintiffs were awarded twenty-one (21) days from the date of the Order to file a Second Amended Complaint.
15. Plaintiffs filed their Second Amended Complaint (ECF No. 64) on May 28, 2020.
16. A Stipulation and Order of Dismissal of Defendants Yolanda King and Timothy Burch with Prejudice was signed and entered on June 5, 2020 (ECF No. 69).
17. Defendant Tropicana filed their Motion to Dismiss Plaintiffs’ Second Amended Complaint (ECF No. 70) on June 11, 2020.
18. Defendant Clark County, et. al., filed their Motion to Dismiss Plaintiffs’ Second Amended Complaint (ECF No. 72) on June 25, 2020.

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- 1 19. The Stipulation and Order for Extension to Respond to Defendant Tropicana
- 2 DE, LLC Motion to Dismiss (ECF No. 74) was entered on June 26, 2020. This
- 3 stipulation granted Plaintiffs until July 27, 2020 to Oppose Defendant's
- 4 Motion.
- 5 20. A second Stipulation and Order for Extension of Time was entered in to by
- 6 Plaintiffs and counsel for Defendant Tropicana. This Stipulation extended
- 7 Plaintiff's time to oppose Defendant's Motion to Dismiss Plaintiffs Second
- 8 Amended Complaint from July 27, 2020, until September 10, 2020. This Order
- 9 was entered on July 21, 2020 (ECF No. 82).
- 10 21. On July 23, 2020, the Court entered an Order on the Stipulation for Extension
- 11 to Respond to Defendant Clark County et. al.'s Motion to Dismiss Plaintiffs
- 12 Second Amended Complaint (ECF No. 84). This Order granted Plaintiffs an
- 13 extension until August 31, 2020 to respond to said Motion.
- 14 22. On August 31, 2020, the Court entered an Order extending discovery - second
- 15 request (ECF No. 86).
- 16 23. On September 1, 2020, Plaintiffs' Response to Clark County's Motion to
- 17 Dismiss was filed (ECF No. 87).
- 18 24. On September 3, 2020, the Court entered an Order re extension of time (First
- 19 Request) to Reply re Motion to Dismiss, (ECF No 88).
- 20 25. On September 9, 2020, Plaintiffs filed Response to Motion to Dismiss (ECF
- 21 No. 90).
- 22 26. On September 9, 2020, Plaintiffs filed Motion to Amend Complaint (ECF No.
- 23 91).
- 24 27. On September 11, 2020, The Court entered Order regarding Defendant
- 25 Tropicana De, LLC's Stipulation for Substitution of Attorneys (ECF No. 93).
- 26 28. On September 16, 2020, Defendant Tropicana De, LLC filed a Reply regarding
- 27 Motion to Dismiss (ECF No. 94).
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- 1 29. On September 23, 2020, Defendant filed Response to Motion to Amend
- 2 Complaint (ECF No. 95).
- 3 30. On September 25, 2020, the Court entered an Order granting Extend Deadlines
- 4 to Reply to Motion to Dismiss (ECF No. 97).
- 5 31. On October 5, 2020, the Court entered an Order granting Stipulation to Extend
- 6 Deadline to Reply to Motion to Amend Complaint. (ECF No. 99)
- 7 32. On October 5, 2020, Plaintiffs filed a Reply regarding Motion to Amend (ECF
- 8 No. 100).
- 9 33. On October 9, 2020, Defendants Clark County, Audra Gutierrez, Gloria
- 10 Maldonado filed a Response to Motion to Amend (ECF No. 101).
- 11 34. On October 9, 2020, Defendants Clark County, Audra Gutierrez, Gloria
- 12 Maldonado filed a Reply regarding Motion to Dismiss (ECF No. 102).
- 13 35. On October 9, 2020, Defendants Clark County, Audra Gutierrez, Gloria
- 14 Maldonado filed a Motion to Leave to File Exhibits Under Seal (ECF No. 103).
- 15 36. On October 15, 2020, the Court entered an Order granting Stipulation to file
- 16 Reply re Motion to Amend (ECF No. 106).
- 17 37. On November 10, 2020, the parties filed a Joint Status Report (ECF No. 108)
- 18 38. On November 20, 2020, the Court entered an Order granting Stipulation for
- 19 Extension of Time (Second Request) to Reply to Plaintiffs' Countermotion to
- 20 Amend Complaint (ECF No. 111).
- 21 39. On November 20, 2020, Plaintiffs filed a Reply re Motion to Amend (ECF No.
- 22 112).
- 23 40. On February 22, 2021, the Court entered an Order Denying Defendant
- 24 Tropicana's Motion to Dismiss, Granting in Part and Denying in Part Clark
- 25 County Defendants' Motion to Dismiss, Granting Clark County Defendants'
- 26 Motion for Leave to File, and Denying without prejudice Plaintiff's Motion to
- 27 Amend (ECF No. 113).
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- 1 41. On March 8, 2021, Defendant Tropicana De, LLC filed Answer to Second
- 2 Amended Complaint (ECF No. 114).
- 3 42. On March 9, 2021, Defendants Clark County, Audra Gutierrez, Gloria
- 4 Maldonado filed Answer to Second Amended Complaint (ECF No. 115).
- 5 43. On March 17, 202, a Stipulation and Order to Extend Discovery (Third
- 6 Request) was filed. (ECF No. 118)
- 7 44. On March 17, 2021, an Order Granting Stipulation and Order to Extend
- 8 Discovery (Third Request) was filed. (ECF No. 119).
- 9 45. On March 19, 2021, an Errata to Stipulation and Order to Extend Discovery
- 10 (Third Request) was filed. (ECF No. 120).
- 11 46. On March 19, 2021, a corrected filing of Second Amended Stipulation and
- 12 Order to Extend Discovery (Third Request) was filed. (ECF No. 122).
- 13 47. on March 19, 2021, an Order Granting Second Amended Stipulation and Order
- 14 to Extend Discovery (Third Request) was filed. (ECF No. 123).

15 In January 2021, counsel for Plaintiffs Samantha A. Martin, Esq. found out that she was  
16 pregnant with a due date in August 2021. It is Ms. Martin's intention to take maternity leave from  
17 August 2021 until the end of October/beginning of November 2021 depending on her health and the  
18 health of the child. Ms. Martin will not be available for any depositions and will have limited  
19 availability to review the necessary expert disclosures. Furthermore, the parties anticipate that there  
20 will be numerous depositions that need to be taken to fully litigate all of the claims and defenses in  
21 this matter. The ninety-day (90) day extension of time will ensure that the parties have ample time to  
22 conduct any and all discovery necessary for this matter. The parties recognize that this is a lengthy  
23 discovery period but given Ms. Martin's pregnancy as well as all of the claims, leave as well as all of  
24 the claims, defenses and parties at issue here, they believe that the ninety (90) day extension is  
25 necessary. As such, the parties agree that an additional **Ninety (90) days** are needed to disclose  
26 experts, complete party and witness depositions and complete discovery.

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1           **I.       Discovery Completed to Date**

- 2           1. A Joint Discovery Plan and Scheduling Order (ECF No. 39) was filed on October 23,  
3           2019.
- 4           2. Plaintiff served their Initial FRCP Disclosures on October 28, 2019, and First and  
5           Second supplement on September 4, 2020.
- 6           3. Defendant Tropicana De, LLC served their Initial FRCP Disclosures on October 29,  
7           2019.
- 8           4. Defendant Clark County, et. al. served their FRCP 26 Initial Disclosures on October  
9           30, 2019.
- 10          5. Defendant Clark County, et. al served their FRCP 26 First Supplemental Disclosures  
11          with exhibits on February 25, 2020.
- 12          6. Plaintiffs propounded their First Set of Discovery to Defendant Tropicana on February  
13          12, 2020 and received Tropicana's Responses on April 27, 2020.
- 14          7. Plaintiffs propounded their First Set of Written Discovery to Defendant Clark County,  
15          et. al. on February 12, 2020, and received their response on April 29, 2020.
- 16          8. Defendant Clark County, et. al. served their Second Supplemental FRCP26 disclosures  
17          and exhibits on April 29, 2020.
- 18          9. Defendant Clark County, et. al. propounded their first set of written discovery on  
19          Plaintiffs on April 21, 2020, and received their response on June 9, 2020.
- 20          10. Plaintiffs propounded Second Set of written discovery on Defendant Clark County on  
21          April 13, 2020.
- 22          11. Plaintiffs propounded Third Set of written discovery on Defendant Clark County on  
23          June 9, 2020, and received their response on April 10, 2020, and received their  
24          response on July 30, 2020.
- 25          12. Plaintiffs propounded Second Set of written discovery on Defendant Tropicana on  
26          June 11, 2020, and received their responses on August 21, 2020.
- 27          13. Defendant Clark County, et. al. served their Third Supplemental FRCP26 disclosures  
28          and exhibits on June 26, 2020,

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- 1 14. Defendant Clark County, et. al. served their Fourth Supplemental FRCP26 disclosures
- 2 and exhibits on July 30, 2020,
- 3 15. Defendant Clark County, et al. served their Fifth Supplemental FRCP26 disclosures
- 4 and exhibits on May 20, 2021.
- 5 16. Defendant Clark County, et al. responded to Plaintiff's Second set of Production of
- 6 Documents on April 16, 2021.
- 7 17. Defendant Clark County, et al. served their Sixth Supplemental FRCP26 disclosures
- 8 and exhibits on May 20, 2021.
- 9 18. Defendant Clark County, et al. served their Seventh Supplemental FRCP26
- 10 disclosures and exhibits on July 8, 2021.
- 11 19. Defendant Clark County, et al. served their Eighth Supplemental FRCP26 disclosures
- 12 and exhibits on July 30, 2021.
- 13 20. The deposition of Terry Kukyendoll was set for October 6, 2020, and has been
- 14 continued to October 25, 2021.
- 15 21. The deposition of Rebecca Taylor was set for October 7, 2020, but needs to be re-
- 16 noticed.
- 17 22. The deposition of Sasha Scott was set for October 7, 2020 but needs to be re-noticed.
- 18 23. The deposition of Gloria Maldonado is TBD.
- 19 24. The deposition of Audra Gutierrez is TBD.
- 20 25. The deposition of Tim Burch is TBD.
- 21 26. The deposition of Anthony Diggs is TBD.
- 22 27. The deposition of Valerie Shyface is TBD.
- 23 28. The deposition of Anne Sullivan is TBD.
- 24 29. The deposition of Michelle Brown is TBD.
- 25 30. The deposition of Traci Silva was taken July 26, 2021.
- 26 31. The deposition of Mark Perkinson was taken July 26, 2021.
- 27 32. Clark County served fourteen (14) Notices of Taking Custodian of Records
- 28 Deposition scheduled for August 30, 2021 (Records only by August 23, 2021).



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1 32. Plaintiffs served their Third Supplemental FRCP26 disclosures and exhibits on July  
 2 30, 2021.

3 33. Plaintiffs served their Fourth supplemental FRCP26 disclosures and exhibits on August  
 4 4, 2021.

5 **II. Description of Additional Proposed Discovery**

6 The parties discussed what additional discovery needs to be completed in this matter. It was  
 7 determined that, in order to fully litigate and investigate all alleged claims and defenses, the parties  
 8 need to engage in the following:

- 9 1. Depositions of parties and witnesses.
- 10 2. Additional disclosure of documents and written discovery.
- 11 3. Retention of experts.
- 12 4. Disclosure of all experts and their reports as well as depositions of the same.

13 **Proposed Schedule for Completing All Remaining Discovery**

14 The parties wish to extend the dates for discovery as follows:

	<u>Current Dates</u>	<u>Proposed Dates</u>
Last day to amend pleadings or add parties	September 10, 2021	<b>December 9, 2021</b>
Last day to serve Plaintiff’s Initial Expert Disclosures	September 10, 2021	<b>December 9, 2021</b>
Last day to serve Defendant’s Initial Expert Disclosures	October 8, 2021	<b>January 6, 2022</b>
Last day to serve Plaintiff’s and Defendant’s Rebuttal Expert Disclosures	November 8, 2021	<b>February 7, 2022</b>
Last day to complete discovery	December 10, 2021	<b>March 10, 2022</b>
Last day to file dispositive motions	January 7, 2022	<b>April 7, 2022</b>

21 Joint Pretrial Order May 9, 2022 If dispositive motions are filed, the deadline for filing the joint pretrial order will be suspended  
 22 until 30 days after decision on the dispositive motions or further court order.

23 **III. Reasons Why Good Cause Exists to Extend Expert Discovery Deadlines**

24 FRCP 16(b)(5) provides that the scheduling order “shall not be modified” except upon  
 25 a showing of good cause. The purpose of this rule is “to offer a measure of certainty in pretrial  
 26 proceedings, ensuring that at some point both the parties and pleadings will be fixed.” *Nutton v. Sunset*  
 27 *Station, Inc.*, Nev. Adv. Rep. 34, 357 P.3d 966, 971 (Nev. App. 2015). Good cause is established by  
 28 showing that the current deadline cannot be met despite the requesting party’s diligence in attempting  
 to meet said deadline. Diligence in attempting to meet a deadline may be determined by considering

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1 the explanation for the untimely conduct; the importance of the requested untimely action; the  
2 potential prejudice in allowing the untimely conduct; and the availability of a continuance to cure  
3 such prejudice. *Id.* at 971-72.

4 As outlined above, the parties have been engaged in extensive motion work relating to  
5 Plaintiffs various claims and the defenses to the same and, until recently, the parties were without an  
6 operative complaint fully outlining the parties involved in the litigation and the claims against them.  
7 Parties were therefore unable to take depositions of any percipient witnesses, retain experts or send  
8 out written discovery narrowly tailored to the claims at issue. With the parties finally having an  
9 operative complaint from which to work, discovery can truly begin in this matter. Additionally, now  
10 that Ms. Martin is pregnant with a due date in August 2021, the parties are requesting additional time  
11 to allow for Ms. Martin’s post-partum recovery.

12 The parties recognize that this is the fourth discovery extension requested. However, given  
13 the nature of this case and the extensive motion work up to this point, the parties agree that additional  
14 time is needed to complete discovery and to fully litigate this matter. This request is not being made  
15 in an attempt to delay the litigation of this matter but instead is being requested as a result of the issues  
16 outlined above as well as the party’s inability to fully litigate the claim up to this point.

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1 The requested extension of time for completion of discovery will allow the parties and their  
2 counsel to fully litigate this matter.

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4 Date: August 23, 2021  
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17 IT IS SO ORDERED.

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20 Cam Ferenbach  
United States Magistrate Judge

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Good Afternoon,

Attached please find the Stipulation and Order to Continue Discovery as discussed. If it meets your approval, please advise that we may use your e-signature for submission to the Court. Should you have any proposed changes or corrections, please make those in redline format.

Thank you,

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