IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLORADO

Civil Action No. 12-cv-03208-MJW

WILLIAM BARTNICK and LAURA LARKINS BARTNICK,

Plaintiff(s),

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STATE FARM FIRE AND CASUALTY COMPANY,

Defendant(s).

ORDER ON DEFENDANT STATE FARM FIRE AND CASUALTY COMPANY'S MOTION FOR ATTORNEY FEES (Docket No. 87)

and

DEFENDANT'S MOTION TO STRIKE PLAINTIFF'S AFFIDAVIT OF FACTS WITH SUPPORTING EXHIBITS, INDEXED, FOR OFFERS OF PROOF OR, IN THE ALTERNATIVE, DEFENDANT'S REPLY IN SUPPORT OF MOTION FOR ATTORNEY FEES (Docket No. 103)

Entered by Magistrate Judge Michael J. Watanabe

This matter is before the court on Defendant State Farm Fire and Casualty Company's Motion for Attorney Fees (Docket No. 87). The pro se plaintiffs filed a response. (Docket No. 92). This court then directed the defendant to submit a more detailed billing statement for the attorney fees sought in this motion that includes a detailed itemization of the date of each task, what task was performed on that date, who performed that task, and the time billed for each task. (Docket No. 94). Defendant promptly provided such detailed billing statement to the court. (Docket No. 95).

Pursuant to this court's Order (Docket No. 94), plaintiffs had until April 19, 2013.

to file any response to such detailed billing statement. On that deadline, plaintiffs filed what they captioned as "Affidavit of Facts with Supporting Exhibits, Indexed, for Offers of Proof" (Docket No. 96) as well as 421 pages of exhibits (Docket No. 97) and even blueprints which were conventionally filed (Docket No. 98). The court finds, however, that with the exception of just a few paragraphs in Docket No. 96, these submissions (Docket Nos. 96, 97, and 98) are not relevant to the very limited issue at hand - defendant's motion for attorney fees.

Not surprisingly, defendant thereafter filed Defendant's Motion to Strike Plaintiffs' Affidavit of Facts with Supporting Exhibits, Indexed, For Offers of Proof or, in the Alternative, Defendant's Reply in Support of Motion for Attorney Fees. (Docket No. 103). The court will grant defendant's motion to strike with respect to the exhibits (Docket Nos. 97 and 98) but will deny such motion with respect to the Affidavit (Docket No. 96) because it contains a couple of paragraphs relevant to the defendant's motion for attorney fees. The court will thus construe defendant's filing at Docket No. 103 as a reply in support of their motion for attorney fees.

The court has very carefully reviewed the subject motion (Docket No. 87), defendant's supplement (Docket No. 95), plaintiffs' responses (Docket Nos. 92, 96), and defendant's reply (Docket No. 103). In addition, the court has once again taken judicial notice of the court's file and the Arapahoe County District Court case captioned: William Bartnick and Laura Bartnick v. City of Englewood, et al., case no. 09-cv-2198 (hereinafter "state case"), and has considered applicable Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, case law, and Local Rules of this court. The court has construed plaintiffs' filings liberally because the plaintiffs, William Bartnick and Laura Larkins Bartnick, are

not represented by counsel. <u>See Haines v. Kerner</u>, 404 U.S. 519, 520-21 (1972); <u>Hall v. Bellmon</u>, 935 F.2d 1106, 1110 (10th Cir. 1991).

As this court has previously advised the pro se plaintiffs several times, this court has jurisdiction over just the plaintiffs' breach of contract and bad faith claims arising from losses that occurred in May 2007 as a result of water damage that occurred at property owned by the plaintiffs. Despite this fact, plaintiffs continue to make various arguments concerning all sorts of claims that have nothing to do with this very limited water damage claim, and with respect to the motion at issue, plaintiffs have argued way beyond the limited issue of defendant's attorney fees.

Defendant seeks an award of attorney fees incurred while defending against this action pursuant to §§ 13-17-102 and 13-17-103, C.R.S., asserting the following. As repeatedly explained to plaintiffs, both in person during a January 17, 2013, motions hearing and subsequent orders of this court, the case pending before this court involved only plaintiffs' breach of contract and bad faith claims premised upon a 2007 water loss and defendant's subsequent handling of plaintiffs' related insurance claim. Throughout this litigation, defendant has demonstrated that plaintiffs' claims are wholly meritless and lack either factual or legal support. In fact, on March 11, 2013, this court granted defendant summary judgment on all of the plaintiffs' claims. In addition, plaintiffs have throughout this litigation attempted to relitigate matters previously dismissed by the state court, presented allegations wholly unrelated to their water loss claim, and failed to provide any meritorious grounds for their claims. As of the date of the motion at issue, plaintiff had filed no fewer than sixteen motions and other filings and several hundred pages of exhibits, the vast majority of which have no relevance to

their claims for relief advanced against defendant. More recently, they continued to file numerous baseless filings, wholly ignoring the limited scope of this case, presenting several legally unsupported arguments alleging that this court's entry of summary judgment was incorrect, and unilaterally amending the caption to include various parties previously dismissed from the state court actions and other individuals, including defendant's attorneys. In sum, throughout this case, plaintiffs' claims against defendant have lacked legal or factual bases, and plaintiffs have repeatedly ignored the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and this court's orders, despite explicit warnings regarding the consequences of doing so. They have repeatedly engaged in needlessly litigious conduct, requiring defendant and this court to waste vast amounts of resources in addressing plaintiffs' time-barred claims. Given the groundless nature of plaintiffs' claims against defendant, coupled with their litigation conduct throughout the course of this action, defendant seeks an order awarding it attorney fees incurred in defending against this action.

Pursuant to § 13-17-102(6), C.R.S., "[n]o party who is appearing without an attorney shall be assessed attorney fees unless the court finds that the party clearly knew or reasonably should have known that his action or defense, or any part thereof, was substantially frivolous, substantially groundless, or substantially vexatious" "A vexatious claim is one brought or maintained in bad faith to annoy or harass. It may include conduct that is arbitrary, abusive, **stubbornly litigious**, or disrespectful of the truth." <u>Bockar v. Patterson</u>, 899 P.2d 233, 235 (Colo. App. 1994) (emphasis added).

Pursuant to § 13-17-203, C.R.S., the procedure for determining a reasonable fee is as follows:

- (1) In determining the amount of an attorney fee award, the court shall exercise its sound discretion. When granting an award of attorney fees, the court shall specifically set forth the reasons for said award and shall consider the following factors, among others, in determining whether to assess attorney fees and the amount of attorney fees to be assessed against any offending attorney or party:
- (a) The extent of any effort made to determine the validity of any action or claim before said action or claim was asserted;
- (b) The extent of any effort made after the commencement of an action to reduce the number of claims or defenses being asserted or to dismiss claims or defenses found not to be valid within an action;
- (c) The availability of facts to assist a party in determining the validity of a claim or defense;
 - (d) The relative financial positions of the parties involved;
- (e) Whether or not the action was prosecuted or defended, in whole or in part, in bad faith;
- (f) Whether or not issues of fact determinative of the validity of a party's claim or defense were reasonably in conflict;
- (g) The extent to which the party prevailed with respect to the amount of and number of claims in controversy;
- (h) The amount and conditions of any offer of judgment or settlement as related to the amount and conditions of the ultimate relief granted by the court.

§ 13-17-103, C.R.S.

Section 13-17-102, C.R.S., does not require "the district court to conduct a hearing on the reasonableness of the award of attorney fees and costs in every case. If a party requests a hearing concerning the award of fees and costs under [the] statute, then the district court must hold a hearing." In re Marriage of Aldrich, 945 P.2d 1370, 1380 (Colo. 1997). "However, a party who fails to make a timely request for such a hearing waives the right to a hearing. The district court is under no obligation to

conduct a hearing *sua sponte*." <u>Id.</u> Here, neither party has requested a hearing on the issue of attorney fees, and this court finds that a hearing would not materially assist the court in ruling on the motion.

When evaluating a motion for attorney fees, the court must also follow the threestep process set forth in Ramos v. Lamm, 713 F.2d 546 (10th Cir.1983), overruled on other grounds by Pennsylvania v. Delaware Valley Citizens' Council for Clean Air, 483 U.S. 711, 725 (1987). Brokers' Choice of Am., Inc. v. NBC Universal, Inc., 2011 WL 3568165, at *2 (D. Colo. Aug. 15, 2011). The first step in determining a fee award is to determine the number of hours reasonably spent by counsel for the party seeking the fees. Ramos, 713 F.2d at 553. Factors considered in a reasonableness determination include: (1) whether the amount of time spent on a particular task appears reasonable in light of the complexity of the case, the strategies pursued, and the responses necessitated by an opponent's maneuvering; (2) whether the amount of time spent is reasonable in relation to counsel's experience; and (3) whether the billing entries are sufficiently detailed, showing how much time was allotted to a specific task. Brokers' Choice of Am., Inc., 2011 WL 3568165, at *2 (citing Rocky Mountain Christian Church v. Board of County Comm'rs of Boulder County, 2010 WL 3703224, at *2-3 (D.Colo. Sept. 13, 2010)). "Counsel for the prevailing party should make a good faith effort to exclude from a fee request hours that are excessive, redundant, or otherwise unnecessary" Hensley v. Eckerhart, 461 U.S. 424, 434 (1983). Although courts are obligated to exclude hours not reasonably expended from the fee award, courts need not "identify and justify every hour allowed or disallowed, as doing so would run counter to the Supreme Court's warning that a 'request for attorney's fees should not

result in a second major litigation." Malloy v. Monahan, 73 F.3d 1012, 1018 (10th Cir. 1996) (quoting Hensley, 461 U.S. at 437); Fox v. Vice, 131 S. Ct. 2205, 2216 (2011) ("[C]ourts need not, and indeed should not, become green-eyeshade accountants. The essential goal in shifting fees . . . is to do rough justice, not to achieve auditing perfection. So trial courts may take into account their overall sense of a suit, and may use estimates in calculating and allocating an attorney's time.").

Once the Court has determined the number of hours reasonably spent, it must then determine a reasonable hourly rate of compensation. Ramos, 713 F.2d at 555. "A reasonable rate is the prevailing market rate in the relevant community." Malloy, 73 F.3d at 1018 (citing Blum v. Stenson, 465 U.S. 885, 897 (1984)). The party seeking the award has the burden of persuading the court that the hours expended and the hourly rate are both reasonable. Id. The third step consists of multiplying the reasonable hourly rate by the number of hours reasonably expended to determine the "lodestar" amount. See Hensley, 461 U.S. at 433.

Here, this court has considered all of the factors set forth in § 13-17-103, C.R.S., and finds that an award of attorney fees to defendant is appropriate. First, it does not appear that plaintiffs made much, if any, effort to determine the validity of the claims that were removed to this court before they raised such claims toward the conclusion of their state case. Second, even after defendant raised the statute of limitations defense, plaintiffs persisted in litigating their claims, and moreover they continued their attempt to relitigate matters previously dismissed in state court notwithstanding this court's advisement concerning the very limited scope of this case. In fact, plaintiffs proceeded to change the caption of this case to include defense counsel and previously-dismissed

defendants. Third, all of the information concerning the timeliness of the claims here was available to the plaintiffs, and the facts determining the timeliness were not reasonably in conflict. Next, plaintiffs did not prevail on any of the limited claims before this court. See Docket No. 78 - Order granting defendant's motion for summary judgment. In addition, as defendant notes, plaintiffs' offer regarding settlement requested that defendant purchase the property that was the subject of the 2007 water loss claim for its purported market value of \$525,000, as well as paying an additional \$75,000 as compensation for other alleged losses. In contrast, their claims here were dismissed with prejudice. See Docket No. 78. Next, the court acknowledges that the financial positions of the parties are obviously unequal but finds that this does not negate an award of attorney fees when viewing all of the circumstances in this case as a whole.

Finally, the court finds that the plaintiffs engaged in substantially vexatious conduct, namely stubbornly litigious conduct. On January 17, 2013, plaintiffs were very clearly advised by this court (both orally during a hearing and in a written Minute Order issued after that hearing) that there were only two pending claims before this court, and accordingly this court ordered the plaintiffs to limit their pleadings to address only those claims. (Docket No. 49). In fact, this court specifically ordered that "[t]he Plaintiffs are not restricted from filing motions or pleadings as long as they are directly related to the pending claims in this case." (Docket No. 49 at 1). A review of their subsequent filings, however, readily establishes that plaintiffs did not comply with this court's order because they continued to assert claims which were not part of this action, and even continued to do so after this court determined that the only claims that were before this

court were time-barred. Most recently, as noted above, plaintiffs continued to make and file such rambling, lengthy arguments and accompanying exhibits, such as actual blueprints of their property, which had absolutely nothing to do with the very limited attorney fees issue that remains. Plaintiffs have wasted the time and resources of the defendant and this court by their persistence in rearguing such claims.

Defendant seeks attorney fees in the amount of \$30,395.50 for all fees paid to defense counsels' firm on this matter from the date the law firm was retained by defendant through the date of counsel's affidavit in support of the motion at issue (March 21, 2013). This court, however, finds that not all of the attorney fees sought by defendant should be awarded. Although the limited claims before this court have been found to be time-barred (see Docket No. 78), and the facts establishing the accrual date of such claims were readily available to plaintiffs, defendant will not be awarded its fees starting from when plaintiffs first asserted these claims. Plaintiffs were not obligated to refrain from bringing such time-barred claims in anticipation of defendant's assertion of the affirmative defense. See MacMillan v. Bruce, 900 P.2d 131, 133-34 (Colo. App. 1995).

This court does, however, find that defendant should be awarded its attorney fees commencing on February 4, 2013, when plaintiffs filed their Motion to Amend Claims and Scheduling Order for Good Cause, for certain tasks completed which were necessitated by plaintiffs' stubbornly litigious conduct. (Docket No. 54). That motion was filed after this court specifically directed plaintiffs not to file anything that was not directly related to the pending claims in this case. Contrary to this court's order, that motion included arguments concerning claims that were already adjudicated in state

court. From that date forward, essentially all of the plaintiffs' filings continued their attempt to relitigate claims that were already litigated in state court.

This court has excluded the fees billed on and after February 4 which concern matters such as defendant's motion for summary judgment, actions taken on the state court case, defense counsels' preparation for and appearance at the Rule 16 scheduling conference on February 4, defendant's required disclosures, and the drafting of a response to plaintiffs' objections to this court's ruling on their motion to remand. Attached to this Order are pages 21 through 27 of Docket No. 95-1, which are part of defense counsels' detailed itemization of the fees billed in this case. The court has marked up those pages to reflect which fees are being allowed. In addition, this court will allow defendant one more hour of fees at the rate of \$125 an hour for attorney Jones having to file Docket No. 103 (their motion to strike plaintiffs' affidavit/defendant's reply). Those notations, plus the addition of one hour, reflect a total award of \$3,516.25, which is comprised of 22.25 hours billed by attorney Christopher R. Jones at a rate of \$125 per hour and 4.2 hours billed by attorney Suzanne Lambdin at an hourly rate of \$175. The court finds that such hours were reasonably spent addressing plaintiffs' stubbornly litigious conduct and that the hourly rate of compensation is very reasonable.

WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, it is hereby

ORDERED that the Defendant's Motion to Strike Plaintiffs' Affidavit of Facts with Supporting Exhibits, Indexed, For Offers of Proof or, in the Alternative, Defendant's Reply in Support of Motion for Attorney Fees (Docket No. 103) is granted in part to the

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extent that the court will strike Docket Nos. 97 and 98. The plaintiffs may pick up from

the Clerk's Office their conventionally-filed materials (Docket No. 98), which consist of

blueprints that are not relevant to the issue of defendant's attorney fees. It is further

ORDERED that Defendant State Farm Fire and Casualty Company's Motion for

Attorney Fees (Docket No. 87) is granted in part. Defendant is awarded \$3,516.25 in

attorney fees as detailed above. Judgment shall thus enter in favor of the defendant,

State Farm Fire and Casualty Company, and against the plaintiffs, William Bartnick and

Laura Larkins Bartnick, jointly and severally, for attorney fees in the amount of

\$3,516.25, plus post-judgment interest shall accrue at the statutory rate.

Date: April 25, 2013

Denver, Colorado

s/ Michael J. Watanabe

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United States Magistrate Judge

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Motion to Set Aside Judgment with Coram Nobis Lawyer: CRJ 1.30 Hrs X 125.00 Feb/22/2013 162.50 L250 Other Written Motions and Submissions; Al04 Review Analyze complete review of the Bartnicks' Motion to Set Aside

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of motion for summary judgment and response to the Bartnicks Motion to Amend Lawyer: SJL 0.40 Hrs X 175.00 Feb/25/2013 L250 Other Written Motions and 870992 Submissions; Al03 Draft/revise portion of Response to Plaintiff's Motion to Amend and review and approve Reply to Plaintiff's Response to MSJ

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Judgment with Coram Nobis and voluminous attachments thereto

Lawyer: CRJ 1.30 Hrs X 125.00 L250 Other Written Motions and

Submissions; A103 Draft/revise revisions to reply in support

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Entry # 869925	Explanation L250 Other Written Motions and	Rec#	Ropts	Disbs	12.50	THAN NCC NOTES STORE				
007723	Submissions; A104 Review									
	Analyze Statement Concerning Case Status filed in state									
	court to determine accuracy of									
	statements made by other parties re State Farm's status									
	in state court case									
Feb/27/2013 870162					137.50					
• ,	Submissions; AlO4 Review					ALLOW				
	Analyze lengthy affidavit submitted by the Bartnicks									
	recounting chronology relating				- 4					
	to their claims and attachments thereto									
Feb/27/2013					75.00					
870166	L250 Other Written Motions and Submissions; AlO3 Draft/revise				75.00					
	proposed Scheduling Order and									
	Notice regarding Proposed Scheduling Order re the									
	Bartnicks refusal to participate in conference re									
	drafting of order									
Feb/28/2013 870520	Lawyer: CRJ 0.20 Hrs X 125.00 L250 Other Written Motions and			•	25.00					
870320	Submissions; AlO3 Draft/revise									
	final revisions to proposed Scheduling Order and Notice re									
	same prior to filing									
Feb/28/2013 870523					12.50					
070523	Submissions; A104 Review									
	Analyze Notice of Referral Pursuant to 28 USC 636 to									
	Magistrate Judge Watanabe									
	following unanimous consent to exercise of his jurisdiction									
Mar/ 4/2013	Lawyer: CRJ 0.10 Hrs X 125.00				12.50					
871177	L230 Court Mandated Conferences; A104 Review	1			12.50					
	Analyze Order resetting Case									
	Management Conference due to Court's scheduling conflict					•				
Mar/ 4/2013 871328	Lawyer: SJL 0.20 Hrs X 175.00 Email communication to Reda	acted			35.00					
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	Redacted L210 Pleadings;									
	Lawyer: SJL 0.40 Hrs X 175.00									
871329	L210 Pleadings; A104 Review Analyze begin review of				70.00					
	"Amended Complaint"									
Mar/ 5/2013 871464	Lawyer: CRJ 0.70 Hrs X 125.00 L210 Pleadings; Al04 Review				87.50					
	Analyze Amended Complaint filed by the Bartnicks naming					ALLOW				
	several additional defendants									
Mar/ 5/2013	including counsel Lawyer: SJL 0.70 Hrs X 175.00									
872096	L210 Pleadings; A104 Review			·	122.50					
	Analyze Complete review of 68 page *Amended Complaint* and				:					
	attachments and consider									
Mar/ 6/2013	appropriate response to same Lawyer: CRJ 0.10 Hrs X 125.00									
871662	L210 Pleadings; Al04 Review				12.50					
	Analyze Order striking Amended Complaint and entering					with the state of				
	recommendation on Motion for									
	Temporary Injunction from Garnishment and Levy an Order									
	of the Court									
Mar/ 6/2013 871841	FirstBank Local Travel -2/4/13 Parking at			2.00		+				
4.2072	meeting with Bartnicks in US									
Mar/ 7/2013	District Court-SJL 1 @ 2.00 Lawyer: CRJ 0.20 Hrs X 125.00									
872118	L240 Dispositive Motions; A104				25.00					
	Review Analyze Court's Order granting Motion for Summary									
	Judgment									
Mar/ 7/2013 872119					25.00	·				
0.0117	Communicate (in firm) with Ms.									
	Lambdin re strategy following grant of summary judgment re					•				
	pursuit of costs and potential			•		•				
	motions for attorney fees and advisability of same			•						

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Mar/ 7/2013 872379	Lawyer: SJI. 0.30 Hrs X 175.00 Telephone call from paralegal Mary Brown of AG's office xe service of DOI with Amended Complaint and her questions re same; L210 Pleadings; A107 Communicate (other outside counsel)			52.50	
872380	Lawyer: SJL 0.30 Hrs X 175.00 L240 Dispositive Motions; AlO4 Review Analyze Court Order on dispositive and other orders			52.50	
ar/ 7/2013 872381	Emails with Redacted Redacted			105.00	
ar/ 8/2013 872333	Redacted L240 Dispositive Motions; A106 Communicate (with client) Lawyer: CRU 0.60 Hrs X 125.00 L430 Written Motions and			75.00	
872333	Submissions; A102 Research costs recoverable following award of summary judgment for potential filing of Bill of				
	Costs for entry by Clerk and review bills to compute total value of potentially recoverable costs				
ar/12/2013 872918	Lawyer: CRJ 0.20 Hrs X 125.00 L250 Other Written Motions and Submissions; A104 Review Analyze Orders from the Court re remaining outstanding motions and detailing finality of judgment in state court action for purposes of appeal			25.00	
ar/12/2013 872924	of same Lawyer: CRJ 1.60 Hrs x 125.00 L460 Post-Trial Motions and Submissions: A102 Research deadlines and applicable standards for recovery of			200.00	
	costs and potential motion for attorney fees and potential for recovery of same following entry of summary judgment				
x/12/2013 872925	Lawyer: CRJ 0.60 Hrs X 125.00 L460 Post-Trial Motions and Submissions; Al02 Research necessity for and effect of filing supersedeas bond to stay execution of judgment in connection with expected appeal by the Bartnicks			75.00	
er/14/2013 873538	Lawyer: CRJ 0.60 Mrs X 125,00 L460 Post-Trial Motions and Submissions; Al02 Research potential post-judgment filings available to the Bartnicks and deadlines and timeframes applicable to each for planning and strategy purposes			75.00	
r/14/2013 873546	Lawyer: CRJ 0.30 Hrs X 125.00 L250 Other Written Motions and Submissions; Al04 Review Analyze the Bartnicks' Objection to Mistaken Summary Judgment without Party Stipulation due to Ongoing Facts			37.50	
r/14/2013 873547	Lawyer: CRJ 0.40 Hrs X 125.00 L250 Other Written Motions and Submissions, A104 Review Analyze the Bartnicks' Motion to set aside Punitive Judgments and for Entry of	e e		50.00	ALLOW
873821	Judgment on the Pleadings Lawyer: CRJ 0.10 Hrs X 125.00 L250 Other Written Motions and Submissions; Al04 Review Analyze the Bartnicks' Objection, Motion to Join and			12.50	
r/18/2013 873822	Motion for Judgment on the Pleadings Lawyer: CRJ 0.70 Hrs X 125.00 Lber Written Motions and Submissions; Al04 Review			87.50	

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attachments thereto Lawyer: SJL 0.60 Hrs X 175.00 L460 Post-Trial Motions and Mar/18/2013 B73891

Submissions; A104 Review Analyze portions of Post Trial Motions filed by Plaintiff and email communication to Redacted Redacted

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Mar/19/2013 Lawyer: CRJ 0.10 Hrs X 125.00 L250 Other Written Motions and 874130 Submissions; Al04 Review Analyze Notice indicating that

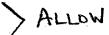
recent Orders sent to the Bartnicks' address have been returned as undeliverable Lawyer: CRJ 0.50 Hrs X 125.00

L460 Post-Trial Motions and Submissions; A103 Draft/revise begin drafting Bill of Costs and compiling support for same

Mar/19/2013 Lawyer: CRJ 1,40 Hrs X 125.00 874133 L460 Post-Trial Motions and Submissions; AlO3 Draft/revise begin Motion for Attorney Fees

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