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5	Plaintiff,)
6	vs.) Cause No. CV-2018-4003)
7 8 9	GLEN LUDWIG and PEARLE) ORAL ARGUMENT LUDWIG, Trustees of the) Ludwig Family Trust;) FAIRWAY CONSTRUCTORS, INC.,) MEHDI AZARMI.
10	Defendants.)
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13	BEFORE THE HONORABLE LEE F. JANTZEN, JUDGE
14 15	May 11, 2020 1:31 p.m. Kingman, Arizona
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- 1 PROCEEDINGS
- 2 THE COURT: Good afternoon.
- This is CV-2018-04003; in the matter of Nancy Knight,
- 4 plaintiff, versus Glen Ludwig and Pearle Ludwig, et
- 5 cetera, defendants.
- 6 Show the presence in the courtroom of
- 7 Ms. Knight, representing herself.
- 8 Show the presence of Mr. Ludwig; is that
- 9 correct?
- 10 MEHDI AZARMI: Azarmi.
- MR. OEHLER: Mr. Azarmi.
- 12 THE COURT: Mr. Azarmi.
- MR. OEHLER: Is one of the defendants.
- 14 THE COURT: One the defendants, sorry.
- 15 Mr. Azarmi?
- 16 MEHDI AZARMI: Correct.
- 17 THE COURT: Azarmi, A-z-a-r-m-i.
- 18 MEHDI AZARMI: Correct.
- 19 THE COURT: Show the presence of Mr. Oehler,
- 20 representing the defendants in this matter.
- 21 This is the time set for oral argument on two
- 22 pending summary judgment motions; one is from Ms. Knight,
- 23 which is a motion -- a partial motion for summary
- 24 judgment on the issue of signage.
- 25 The other is from Mr. Oehler, which is a motion for

- 1 summary judgment of the remaining issues in this case.
- 2 As I told you on the phone the other day, we
- 3 have three hours set aside for this hearing. I have
- 4 never once used three hours to do oral arguments in a
- 5 motion for summary judgment, but I've allowed that in
- 6 this case.
- 7 The way I anticipate this going is Mr. Oehler
- 8 gets to go first and last on his motion for partial
- 9 summary judgment; and Ms. Knight gets to go first and
- 10 last on her motion for partial summary judgment on
- 11 signage.
- 12 So, Mr. Oehler will go first. Ms. Knight will
- 13 go second in responding and arguing her motion; and then
- 14 Mr. Oehler will go third; and Ms. Knight will go fourth.
- 15 You have a combined hour and-a-half each. I will
- 16 keep track of that to hopefully -- you don't have to use
- 17 it. I'll go on the record now; if you don't to use the
- 18 whole time, do not use it.
- But you have a combined hour and-a-half each.
- I will let you know when you're down to half an
- 21 hour, in case you want to stop then and save it for the
- 22 remainder of your budget; but if you're using your time
- 23 wisely hopefully we'll get beyond that portion.
- 24 Since the last time we talked I've received
- 25 three more pleadings from Ms. Knight. One is a motion

- 1 for clarification of plaintiff's right to be argued in
- 2 today's hearing; and then two motions today were filed --
- 3 I'm not sure they've been filed, but -- yeah, one was
- 4 filed this morning at 8:32; the other is unfiled. I'm
- 5 assuming it has been filed.
- And they are motions to dismiss defendants' motion
- 7 for summary judgment for failure to join indispensable
- 8 parties.
- 9 First of all, on the motion for clarification,
- 10 Ms. Knight, you can argue the issues that relate to the
- 11 pending motion for summary judgment.
- 12 You understand what has been dismissed already in
- 13 this case; I hope you do.
- And we're going to go forward today; in your time
- 15 allotted you can argue those motions, and I'm sure you
- 16 will.
- With regard to the motions to dismiss, there's
- 18 usually time to respond to these. I don't think time is
- 19 necessary.
- 20 It is ordered denying both of the motions to
- 21 dismiss defendants' motion for summary judgment for
- 22 failure to join indispensable parties.
- This is an issue -- you know, we can deal with that
- 24 issue in a different forum if we get beyond today's
- 25 hearings; but I'm not going to wait and -- wait for a

- 1 response from Mr. Oehler and then argue today whether or
- 2 not we're dismissing the motions for summary judgment on
- 3 some technical issue or some belief that the defendant
- 4 had to join indispensable parties.
- 5 So, Mr. Oehler, are we ready to proceed on
- 6 the motion for summary judgment?
- 7 MR. OEHLER: We are, your Honor.
- 8 THE COURT: All right. Go ahead; starting now.
- 9 MR. OEHLER: Thank you, your Honor.
- 10 Simply to be, I think, ultra-cautious, based on the
- 11 history of this file, um, your Honor, I believe your
- 12 Honor misspoke in regard to the defendants' pending
- 13 motion for summary judgment.
- 14 It is -- it was filed, and it is being argued as a
- 15 dispositive motion as opposed to a partial motion for
- 16 summary judgment.
- 17 THE COURT: Well, I -- if I did misspeak, I think
- 18 Ms. -- I thought I said Ms. Knight's motion was partial,
- 19 and your's is --
- 20 MR. OEHLER: You did for Ms. Knight, but you did
- 21 -- I understood you to say the same for defendants'; and
- 22 again, you know, based on the history, I think the record
- 23 needs to be absolutely clear that the defendants' motion
- 24 is a dispositive motion for summary judgment on all
- 25 issues.

- 1 THE COURT: That's absolutely clear to me; so if I
- 2 misspoke, I apologize.
- 3 MR. OEHLER: Thank you.
- 4 THE COURT: But go ahead.
- 5 MR. OEHLER: Thank you, your Honor.
- It seems to me that the best way to handle a file
- 7 like this, and I can avow to the Court that we're
- 8 probably at something in the range of 50,000-plus pages
- 9 of documentation; cases, allegations, statements and
- 10 items that have been generated in this file.
- 11 I think, you know, this -- as is the case in
- 12 most pieces of litigation, whether they're civil or
- 13 criminal, is to attempt to sort-of peel back the onion
- 14 to its core, and deal with what otherwise could be
- 15 considered incredibly complex matters, as really fairly
- 16 simple matters.
- 17 And I can appreciate the fact, your Honor, -- if I
- 18 might go to the podium here.
- 19 I can appreciate the fact that your Honor is, I
- 20 believe, the third -- third of the fourth judge that has
- 21 been involved in this proceeding, which obviously makes
- 22 it difficult for the Court, for a multitude of reasons.
- But, you know, in today's -- in today's matter we
- 24 have a set of circumstances that are really intended to
- 25 dismiss and to discuss, followed by a dismissal of

- 1 plaintiff's remaining count 2 of her complaint.
 - 2 So, the first thing, I think, that a little bit
 - 3 of time needs to be spent on is indeed the plaintiff's
 - 4 complaint; and although there have been allegations
- 5 submitted to the Court, historically and more recently,
- 6 Plaintiff has alleged on numerous occasions that count 1
- 7 of her complaint was not dismissed by Judge Carlisle.
- 8 On several occasions she has alleged that -- well,
- 9 just the Roberts, who were owners of a lot and a
- 10 residence in Tract 4076-A were dismissed.
- 11 However, your Honor, as I'm sure the Court is
- 12 aware and as I'm sure your Honor has reviewed the file,
- 13 um, Judge Carlisle's order was very succinct, very clear;
- 14 it dismissed count 1 of Ms. Knight's complaint.
- 15 That order, your Honor, was formally entered; the
- 16 finding -- the finding occurred on June 11th of 2018, and
- 17 the order, excuse me, was also entered with the June 18th
- 18 minute order on the 11th day of June in 2018; almost two
- 19 years ago.
- 20 What that order did is it left intact, at least
- 21 portions, of count 2.
- 22 So, the first thing I believe we need to do this
- 23 afternoon is examine what count 2 says.
- 24 First of all, it is captioned as an injunctive
- 25 relief. Starting with paragraph 59 of the complaint.

- 1 Plaintiff alleges that she has a strong likelihood of
- 2 success on the merits of the violations of the CC&Rs as
- 3 were set forth in the complaint.
- 4 Plaintiff alleges she is entitled to a preliminary
- 5 and permanent injunction enjoining the defendants from
- 6 all current signage violations on unimproved lots.
- 7 She indicates that she's entitled to a preliminary
- 8 and permanent injunction from any existing or future
- 9 violations of CC&Rs, including but not limited to setback
- 10 reductions and signage on unimproved lots.
- 11 She alleges that she's entitled to compensatory
- 12 damages that do not exceed the jurisdictional limitation
- 13 of this Court, plus filing fees, compensation for hours
- 14 of research, emails, letters, postage, physical and
- 15 emotional distress.
- In other words, we're starting the case on a
- 17 contract basis, and we're somehow morphing to damages for
- 18 emotional distress. All flowing out of alleged
- 19 violations of various CC&Rs.
- 20 That is the second count that exists today as a
- 21 result of the Carlisle ruling.
- 22 Throughout my presentation today, your
- 23 Honor, I'll be referring to the Carlisle findings. The
- 24 Carlisle, in effect, statement of law that allowed us to
- 25 get here before this Court today; and in that respect

- 1 it's the law of the file, at least up until today.
- Originally we filed a motion to dismiss; fairly
- 3 simple motion, a motion alleging that Ms. Knight, who
- 4 along with her husband, who's here in court today, lived
- 5 in a subdivision called Desert Lakes Golf Course &
- 6 Estates, Tract 4163; and as such, she was not allowed to
- 7 or did not have standing to argue alleged violations in
- 8 two different tracts; namely 4076-A where the Roberts
- 9 defendants, former defendants, used to reside or where
- 10 they owned a home, nor did she have authority to argue
- 11 any issues that occurred in 4076-B.
- Only, only was she or should she be allowed to argue
- 13 violations in 4163, a subdivision which had no
- 14 independent separate CC&Rs recorded against them.
- I was unsuccessful in that argument, your Honor.
- 16 We alleged that the lands which were the subject matter
- 17 of the Knight residence, and that were originally in
- 18 Tract 4076-B, had been abandoned.
- 19 They had been abandoned from that tract, from that
- 20 subdivision; that subdivision no longer existed.
- 21 Judge Carlisle thought differently, and has
- 22 allowed, as a result of that finding, this matter to
- 23 proceed exclusively in regard to count 2.
- Now, because of the -- because of the
- 25 wording, because of the form of the complaint in count 2,

- 1 we have one paragraph in count 2 that discusses anything
- 2 germane to this matter, other than signage; and that
- 3 particular paragraph alleged setback violations.
- 4 So, what we will be presenting to, your Honor,
- 5 today is despite the fact we believe there was an
- 6 abandonment, the law of the case is there wasn't, as it
- 7 now stands; and how do we address the signage, which was
- 8 the paramount interest of Ms. Knight in regard to her
- 9 complaint.
- 10 THE COURT: Let me interrupt. You're saying
- 11 you're -- you're not abandoning -- abandoning the
- 12 argument of abandonment, just --
- MR. OEHLER: No, I'm not, your Honor.
- 14 THE COURT: Okay.
- 15 MR. OEHLER: I'm not arguing it today. I'm just
- 16 trying to give some history to your Honor as to -- as to
- 17 how we got Tract 4163 involved in 4076-B.
- 18 THE COURT: No, let me finish. My question is
- 19 4163 did not have the CC&Rs. 4076-B had the original
- 20 CC&Rs.
- MR. OEHLER: Correct.
- 22 THE COURT: Your position is, even if Judge
- 23 Carlisle is right and it carried to 4163, those
- 24 particular CC&Rs have been abandoned through lack of
- 25 enforcement; so, it's a different argument.

- 1 MR. OEHLER: That's correct.
- When I talk about abandonment in my -- in my
- 3 preamble here, I'm talking about the lands that were the
- 4 subject matter of 4163 had been abandoned from the 4076-B
- 5 subdivision; and as such, the fact that any CC&Rs were
- 6 recorded didn't apply.
- 7 I lost that argument, your Honor.
- 8 So, we're here dealing with the Carlisle law, if
- 9 you would; it is the law of the case as we are here
- 10 before the Court today.
- 11 So, our position and the defendants'
- 12 position is, your Honor, that even though -- even though
- 13 the Tract 4076-B CC&Rs are, for today's argument, to be
- 14 considered binding on Tract 4163, they are unenforceable
- 15 as to Ms. Knight.
- 16 They are unenforceable as a result of their having
- 17 been abandoned, practically speaking, 30 years ago.
- How were they abandoned?
- 19 I think first, your Honor, we need to look at the law
- 20 dealing with restrictive covenants; and then apply that
- 21 law to the facts, and I think the reasonable way to
- 22 proceed on that basis is to first discuss, albeit
- 23 briefly, the law here in the state of Arizona and how it
- 24 has transitioned from the 1940s, 50s, 60s into this
- 25 century.

- 1 I think it is fair to say, your Honor, that when
- 2 we're dealing with a set of CC&Rs, such as those that
- 3 were recorded in Tract 4076-B, they included a non-waiver
- 4 paragraph.
- 5 That, your Honor, to some extent changes the game
- 6 plan when one is dealing with those CC&Rs.
- 7 The general law in Arizona -- and I think it is
- 8 pretty clear; I don't think there's a lot of fuzzy gray
- 9 areas -- is that if there is a non-waiver clause, which
- 10 means that despite the fact there may have been one or
- 11 two violations of one the covenants or two of the
- 12 covenants or three of the covenants, that is not enough
- 13 to push aside the non-waiver provision, which is involved
- 14 in the 4076-B CC&Rs if they, in fact, applied to Tract
- 15 4163; and for today's argument we are considering the
- 16 fact that they do based on the law of the case.
- 17 Your Honor, in my dispositive motion, I
- 18 cited what I believed to be virtually every one of the
- 19 current cases dealing with non-waiver issues.
- 20 In other words, where restrictive covenants included
- 21 non-waiver provisions.
- Those cases, your Honor, include I think
- 23 most-importantly several court of appeals cases; and
- 24 actually, a case that was argued up in this neck of the
- 25 woods, Powell versus Washburn, which ultimately was a

- 1 supreme court case.
- But they include -- and, I think, most-importantly,
- 3 consist of pretty-much in decade-order, Whitaker versus
- 4 Holmes, 1952 case. The Whitaker case dealt with what is
- 5 described as four sections of ground.
- 6 There were, in that litigation, 7 violations. That
- 7 was a 1952 case.
- 8 In 1954, your Honor, the court of appeals dealt with
- 9 Condos versus Home Development Company. That was a case
- 10 dealing with a liquor store that was attempted to be
- 11 built in a residential subdivision.
- 12 In that particular case, -- let's take a look at the
- 13 number of violations that were involved.
- 14 There were 5 minor violations. Those minor
- 15 violations consisted of -- there was a prohibition
- 16 against raising animals in the subdivision.
- 17 The proponent of the liquor store alleged, and I
- 18 guess successfully proved, that there was a chicken farm;
- 19 the Court drilled-down on that a little bit and found
- 20 that the chicken farm consisted -- and I quote -- of 6
- 21 roosters that were for sale.
- The proponent of the liquor store alleged that, um,
- 23 there was a second-hand store. Well, the second-hand
- 24 store, according to the reported outcome, was that
- 25 somebody in a house was selling a few chairs and a stove.

- 1 This is an early 50s case, your Honor.
- The set of CC&Rs, just like the CC&Rs for Tract
- 3 4076-B, prohibited the use of outhouses; so did the 1989
- 4 4076-B CC&Rs.
- 5 Anyway, the liquor store proponent appears to
- 6 have successfully shown that there were a total of nine
- 7 outside toilets in this subdivision.
- 8 So, that represented the potpourri, if you would, of
- 9 restriction violations. Certainly very, very, very minor
- 10 violations.
- 11 Then, perhaps, the sentinel case, Powell versus
- 12 Washburn. That was a case where the CC&Rs restricted the
- 13 property to manufactured homes.
- 14 The issue was whether or not a recreational vehicle
- 15 would fit that criteria. There weren't prior violations
- 16 there. It was purely a does-a-recreational-vehicle fit
- 17 the norm of a manufactured home.
- 18 So, it is really not a case, although important, it
- 19 is really not a case that is similar to this one nor that
- 20 certainly deals with waiver, non-waiver matters.
- 21 A 1948 case, O'Malley versus Central Methodist
- 22 Church; a home-only subdivision. Issue there was not
- 23 prior violations; it was whether or not the proponent,
- 24 the plaintiff, could build a church.
- The Court found that a church fit within the purview

- 1 of that particular subdivision; despite the fact that it
- 2 was homes-only.
- But then we get to the, really, two important and
- 4 almost on all-fours with the case that is before your
- 5 Honor today.
- 6 Burt versus Voice Stream, a 2004 court of
- 7 appeals case. The issue in the Burt case was whether or
- 8 not -- whether or not the homeowner's association could
- 9 stop the construction of a 50-foot cell tower that was
- 10 being proposed by Voice Stream.
- 11 Voice Stream's defense in that matter consisted of
- 12 allegations -- and I believe factual allegations, at
- 13 least to some extent, of prior restrictions being
- 14 violated; attempting, again, to avoid the non-waiver
- 15 clause or to offset it, if you would.
- 16 When we drill-down on that particular case, your
- 17 Honor, we find out what the prior violations were. They
- 18 were one home had a 30-foot flag -- it was a homes-only
- 19 subdivision, your Honor; a 30-foot flag pole.
- There were two bell towers; and there was a 38-foot
- 21 cross. Those were the violations; not set-back
- 22 violations, not fencing violations, not color scheme
- 23 violations, not gate access to open areas.
- 24 The Court found that those violations, your Honor,
- 25 did not, in fact, throw out, if you would, the entire set

- of CC&Rs because of the major change in the subdivision;
- 2 and the Court found for the homeowners.
- 3 The next case, your Honor, was on a -- on a
- 4 waiver issue was College Book Centers, and these were all
- 5 cited, your Honor, in my memorandum.
- 6 THE COURT: I have three or four of them up here
- 7 with me.
- 8 MR. OEHLER: Pardon me?
- 9 THE COURT: I have three or four of them up here
- 10 with me.
- MR. OEHLER: Oh, okay.
- 12 THE COURT: Okay, go ahead.
- MR. OEHLER: College Book Centers is a 2010 case;
- 14 probably the most recent and, really, technically-similar
- 15 case; at least on the basis of non-waiver in this
- 16 jurisdiction.
- 17 In College Book Centers, your Honor, we were dealing
- 18 with the proponent, the defendant, wanted to build a road
- 19 to access from one lot to another lot in the subdivision.
- 20 His basis for getting around the non-waiver clause
- 21 was the fact that there had been two other roads that had
- 22 been built within the subdivision previously.
- So, the question was whether or not the non-waiver
- 24 clause was no longer effective because two -- two similar
- 25 violations had occurred.

- 1 The Court said that it was not adequate to pitch the
- 2 non-waiver clause.
- In College Book Centers, your Honor, the Court
- 4 goes into pretty-graphic detail; and I think it's worth
- 5 actually repeating live today.
- 6 The two roads in question that had previously been
- 7 built were Thiele and Applegate Roads, but the Court said
- 8 at the bottom -- and I quote, Thiele and Applegate
- 9 roadways do not constitute frequent violations such that
- 10 a jury might reasonably infer waiver.
- 11 And it quoted Sterling Cotton Mills, a case out of
- 12 North Carolina, where finding 4 violations out of 62 lots
- in the subdivision was insufficient to constitute waiver.
- 4 out of 62. Here we're dealing with roughly 225
- 15 lots in the matter before your Honor, and we're dealing
- 16 with hundreds, perhaps thousands, of restrictive covenant
- 17 violations.
- 18 But let's go on and talk a little bit more about
- 19 College Book Centers. The next case that our court of
- 20 appeals quoted was Pebble Beach Property Owners
- 21 Association, a case out of Texas, that prohibited mobile
- 22 homes.
- 23 Here there were 14 similar violations in an 800-lot
- 24 subdivision. 14 out of 800 lots.
- 25 I'll point out to the Court that in the case

- 1 before your Honor today we have a plaintiff whose own
- 2 home has at least 7 covenant violations; just her home,
- 3 to say nothing of the hundreds of other violations that
- 4 we'll discuss further.
- 5 The next case that the Arizona court quoted was
- 6 another Texas case; holding that five violations in a
- 7 56-lot subdivision was insufficient, as a matter of law,
- 8 in number, nature and severity to bar enforcement of a
- 9 waiver clause; and that was despite the fact that on one
- 10 street there were several setback violations.
- 11 Actually, the jury determined that there were 15
- 12 setback violations involving a subdivision in Virginia;
- 13 and found that -- excuse me; that was another Texas case;
- 14 that it did not constitute adequate basis in severity to
- 15 eliminate the non-waiver clause.
- 16 THE COURT: So, all these cases so-far are keeping
- 17 the waiver clause intact?
- MR. OEHLER: Pardon?
- 19 THE COURT: These cases are keeping the waiver
- 20 clause intact?
- MR. OEHLER: That's correct.
- 22 THE COURT: All right.
- MR. OEHLER: The point that's important, your
- 24 Honor, is the number of violations and the severity of
- 25 the violations.

- 4 out of 62; 14 out of 800. Figure out the ratio.
- 2 5 out of 56. The Vir -- I guess it was the Wyoming case.
- 3 Keller versus Brayton.
- 4 Again, quoted by our court here in Arizona; declining
- 5 to find waiver of right to enforce, prohibiting
- 6 front-yard fence where there were 20 fence violations
- 7 out of a 157 lots. 20 out of 157.
- 8 The Court went on, you know, looking -- looking for
- 9 the definition of a frequent happening because that was
- 10 important in College Book Station; is this something that
- 11 frequently has occurred. Frequently or continuously.
- 12 Quoted Webster's II New College Dictionary, defining
- 13 frequent as happening or appearing often or at close
- 14 intervals, habitual, or regular.
- 15 Indeed, your Honor, that's precisely what we
- 16 have in the matter that is before the Court when we apply
- 17 the facts to the law.
- 18 The College Book Centers court, your Honor, I think
- 19 did the best that it could do as far as trying to set
- 20 some non-fuzzy gray parameters for what it was dealing
- 21 with; stated that so long as the violations did not
- 22 constitute a complete abandonment of the CC&Rs.
- 23 And what is a complete abandonment; a complete
- 24 abandonment of deed restrictions occurs when the
- 25 restrictions imposed upon the use of the lot, in a

- 1 subdivision, have been so thoroughly disregarded so as
- 2 to result in such a change in the area as to destroy
- 3 the effectiveness of the restrictions, and defeat the
- 4 purposes for which they were imposed.
- 5 Quoting Condos versus Home Development; case that I
- 6 earlier referred your Honor to.
- 7 So, we know then, your Honor, what -- under the
- 8 law of the case, the burden is on an individual, such as
- 9 my client, who is building within a 225 -- and because of
- 10 joining together of multiple lots, perhaps originally 250
- 11 or 60 lot subdivisions.
- 12 It is a heavy burden to show, based on what I believe
- 13 Arizona's case law to represent today, when we're dealing
- 14 with a non-waiver clause, I think we have to meet the
- 15 standard set forth that I just read to you in College
- 16 Book Stations as quoted in Condos versus Home
- 17 Development.
- So, let's -- let's take a look then, your Honor,
- 19 at -- assuming this is the law, and I'm sure Ms. Knight
- 20 is sitting there saying wow, Mr. Oehler is making my
- 21 case. Just like you observed, your Honor. That was --
- 22 that was my point. Just like you did, Judge.
- These were all cases that the court, the appellate
- 24 court level -- at the appellate court level, didn't feel
- 25 there were adequate in-number, severity from a time

- 1 standpoint, standpoint to toss the complete set of
- 2 restrictions that were originally placed against the
- 3 property.
- 4 So, the question before you, your Honor, I think
- 5 is a fairly simple one; we have submitted to the Court
- 6 multiple affidavits; affidavits under oath, surveyor,
- 7 engineer, other general contractor, two general
- 8 contractors; the defendant and one other general
- 9 contractor, a realtor, a specialty contract -- two
- 10 specialty contractors that have been very close to this
- 11 subdivision, literally since its birth in 1989; quite
- 12 unlike Ms. Knight.
- First of all, your Honor, this chart, which
- 14 is really a blow-up, if you would, in slightly-different
- 15 format from what's in -- what's in my -- directly in my
- 16 motion. This is a starting point, your Honor.
- 17 This chart does not deal with the two items that are
- 18 in count 2 of Plaintiff's complaint; but what it does
- 19 deal with, your Honor, is we believe it meets the
- 20 standard, if you would, of the fact that there are
- 21 multiple, continuous, existing and significant covenant
- 22 violations.
- 23 The set of CC&Rs in question, your Honor, 4076-B,
- 24 have multiple paragraphs in the restrictions that really
- 25 aren't applicable any longer.

- 1 They -- they restrict things that are restricted
- 2 under county zoning requirements; like you can't raise
- 3 pigs in the single-family subdivision. You can't have
- 4 slaughter houses in the single-family homes-only
- 5 subdivision.
- 6 So, you know, we have not delved into that aspect of
- 7 this particular subdivision, your Honor.
- 8 What we do have is these are major covenant
- 9 violations, and there's a couple of stars here; um, these
- 10 -- these asterisks, if you would, are intended to say
- 11 that this chart excludes rear-yard setback violations.
- 12 That's -- that's a violation that's set forth, along
- 13 with the signs, in Ms. Knight's complaint.
- 14 They also don't involve existing violations regarding
- 15 minimum size. There are minimum-size restrictions in
- 16 these covenants, your Honor; and the affidavits that we
- 17 have filed clearly show multiple violations in regard to
- 18 minimum-size homes; where the homes that have been
- 19 constructed do not reach the square-footage requirements
- 20 of the CC&Rs.
- 21 So, this chart doesn't include those; but what it
- 22 does include is here is the material used for side and
- 23 rear wall. By side and rear wall, most graphic example
- 24 is golf course.
- 25 There are 19.6 -- and these are all of the homes in

- 1 all three tracts that are involved.
- 2 4076-B; 4163 and 4076-D, as in delta. 19.6
- 3 percent of the homes, 19.6, are compliant. 91.4 percent
- 4 don't comply.
- 5 Is that material?
- 6 Is that significant?
- We believe it is.
- 8 The CC&Rs in this next category, paint
- 9 color, requires black wrought iron fence on the golf
- 10 course.
- 11 Where -- where does Ms. Knight's fence fall?
- Right here in this 43 percent that aren't painted
- 13 black.
- 14 The most successful category of these covenants is
- 15 this one; the color of paint that was used on the wrought
- 16 iron fence. 57 percent compliant, your Honor.
- Next we go to gate access to the golf course.
- The CC&Rs specifically, specifically indicate that
- 19 there shall be no gate access to the golf course.
- What has developed between 1989 and today?
- 21 42 percent don't have golf course access.
- 22 57.7 percent of the homes have golf course access.
- Next category, your Honor. Lack of fence or
- 24 height violation.
- Now, the CC&Rs specifically indicate the maximum

- 1 height that this rear-yard fence on the golf course can
- 2 be; and they indicate that there is no access to the golf
- 3 course, which means, obviously, they got to have a fence.
- 4 How many do? 49 and-a-half percent. Not quite half,
- 5 in fact, have vertical height-compliant fences.
- 6 50.5 percent, over half of the subdivision, is
- 7 non-compliant.
- 8 Antennas on the roof. They were a covenant that
- 9 was included.
- I can hear Mrs. Knight chortle over there.
- 11 This particular covenant, your Honor, is very similar
- 12 to the sign covenant that she's arguing about.
- Now, Mrs. Knight has a dish antenna on her
- 14 house. She's amongst the 71 percent of other homes in
- 15 the subdivision that violate that covenant.
- 16 Can she do that? Well, yeah, she probably can
- 17 because a governmental agency has indicated that that
- 18 type of covenant is improper and is not going to be
- 19 enforced; just like the signage issue that we will hear
- 20 about in a few minutes.
- 21 Next, your Honor, this -- how does this data fit
- 22 into College Book Station criteria. Total homes with one
- 23 or more violations; 2.8 percent. 97.1 percent have one
- 24 or more violation.
- 25 Your Honor, without -- without expending

- 1 upwards to an additional 30 or \$40,000, it was im --
- 2 practically impossible for us to go home by home and
- 3 inspect each home to determine the actual livable square
- 4 footage; so, we don't have a percentage data chart for
- 5 that, but you will note that the McKee affidavit, the
- 6 Kukreja affidavit, and the defendant's affidavit would
- 7 indicate that there are a multitude of homes that do not
- 8 meet minimum square-footage requirements.
- 9 Indeed, in plaintiff's Tract 4153, 8 -- 8 of the
- 10 homes in 4163 do not meet minimum square-footage
- 11 requirements. 8.
- 12 And, of course, Ms. Knight, I'm sure, will have her
- 13 neighbors, on lots that are too small to do it, build
- 14 additional square footage on their homes if she is
- 15 successful.
- But 8 in her own small subdivision that I think have,
- 17 what, 25 homes in it.
- 18 So, let's take a look at the first area that is
- 19 complained of in Ms. Knight's complaint. There are two;
- 20 once again, signage and rear-yard setback violations.
- 21 We were -- we weren't able to determine, your Honor,
- 22 not a hundred percent of the rear-yard setbacks because
- 23 without getting court orders allowing, you know, actual
- 24 measurements, it's virtually impossible to determine on
- 25 interior lots; but with Tract 4163 I would advise the

- 1 Court that 100 percent, Ms. Knight's subdivision, 100
- 2 percent violate the rear-yard setback requirements of
- 3 Tract 4076-B. 100 percent.
- And I'll show you in few moments, your Honor;
- 5 Ms. Knight's own residence that she openly admits is 9
- 6 feet 9 inches from the rear property line; not -- not
- 7 even 10 feet. 9 feet, 9. Let alone 20 feet, which is
- 8 required in the CC&Rs.
- 9 So, here, your Honor, the first column, the first bar
- 10 graph, deals with the plaintiff's tract; 4163. Zero
- 11 percent compliance with the set-back requirements.
- 12 100 percent violation.
- 13 How does that fit College Bookstore's program?
- 14 Question that the Court must ask itself.
- 15 Tract 4076-D, 20 percent. 20 percent are compliant
- 16 with a 20-foot setback. 80 percent violated.
- How does that fit the program?
- 18 Overall, Tract 4076-B, 43 percent, 43.1 comply. 56.9
- 19 percent do not.
- When you combine all of the three tracts together,
- 21 you have 64.1 percent that have constructed into the
- 22 rear-yard setback. 64 percent. 35.9 do not.
- What is the plaintiff's?
- What's the plaintiff's resolution about those
- 25 numbers? About these numbers?

- 1 Well, very simple. I'll have those people cut down
- 2 the portion of their house, these 64.1 percent; the
- 3 hundred-percent, which of course, would have to include
- 4 her own house. They'll cut down the encroachment, or
- 5 she's actually come with a remarkable idea that she has
- 6 espoused to the Court; the golf course a few years ago
- 7 was purchased by the Fort Mohave Indian Tribe.
- 8 So, to cure these violations, to cure these
- 9 violations, she is proposing that the owners go to the
- 10 Fort Mohave Indian Tribe and buy a 10-foot chunk of the
- 11 golf course.
- So, their house, then, would be 20 feet back from the
- 13 golf course, and compliant.
- 14 And I suppose she believes that that will cure what
- 15 she argues about the violation of her view corridor.
- Obviously, your Honor, it will have no impact
- 17 whatsoever on her view corridor.
- One of the items that all of the cases talk
- 19 about, your Honor, is amongst other things the Court has
- 20 to be aware and apply, as it should in literally every
- 21 case to some extent, the equitableness of what's being
- 22 proposed, and the cleanness of the hand of the proponent.
- 23 This is a record of survey, your Honor; a record of
- 24 survey prepared by Mr. and Mrs. Knight. It shows her
- 25 house. Here's the golf course. This is her covered

- 1 patio, the dotted line. The distance between .5, this
- 2 corner, and that corner of her house, by her own
- 3 admission and by her own document that has been submitted
- 4 to this Court, is 9 feet, 9 inches.
- So, she's got a 9 foot, 9-inch setback in a 20-foot
- 6 setback-required residence.
- 7 Then it goes -- it goes further than that, your
- 8 Honor. How clean are this -- this plaintiff's hands.
- 9 Here, your Honor, this is called a side setback that
- 10 I'm sure your Honor is familiar with.
- 11 How close can you build to a side property line?
- 12 Under the CC&Rs, your Honor, the answer to that question
- 13 is 5 feet.
- What is Mrs. Knight's side setback at this
- 15 point? 4.25 feet according to her surveyor.
- At this location, 4.6 feet for a side setback.
- 17 So, let's see what the -- let's see what these
- 18 translate to.
- 19 When we take it from a survey -- if I can get that
- 20 off. A survey to vertical depiction.
- 21 Here's some photographs that were attached to
- 22 the motion of Plaintiff and Mr. Knight's residence.
- 23 Remember, the covenants require wrought iron fencing
- 24 on the golf course.
- 25 THE COURT: You can just lay it down there.

- 1 I can see it.
- 2 MR. OEHLER: Okay. Require wrought iron fencing
- 3 on the golf course. This is not the plaintiff's home.
- 4 The plaintiff's home is over here behind the chain-link
- 5 fence. But what do we have; this is her property.
- 6 So, they require wrought iron fencing, and what we
- 7 have is some wrought iron, some concrete block. The
- 8 CC&Rs require black. Ms. Knight painted it white.
- 9 And here, your Honor, the lower photograph, this
- 10 -- this is a photograph from her neighbor's home; and I
- 11 think --
- 12 THE COURT: I can see.
- MR. OEHLER: -- it's very important, your Honor;
- 14 and I think it's very telling, and I'll try this one more
- 15 time because I think it's difficult to see when it's on
- 16 the floor.
- 17 NANCY KNIGHT: Mr. Oehler, would you like me to
- 18 hold it up for you?
- 19 THE COURT: Just put it out here would be fine.
- 20 I can see it.
- 21 MR. OEHLER: I'm sorry. Where do you want it?
- 22 THE COURT: That's fine. That's just right.
- 23 That's fine.
- 24 MR. OEHLER: Okay. This is the all-important view
- 25 corridor that she complains of.

- 1 She doesn't want a house closer than 20 feet
- because that's what the CC&Rs say; because if there is a
- 3 house, I don't know, half-mile away, a quarter-mile away,
- 4 it's going to block her view corridor.
- 5 Yet, here is what she has done in violation of the
- 6 CC&Rs, in regard to her next-door neighbor's view
- 7 corridor.
- 8 Chain-link fence, 15 feet high. You can see well
- 9 above the top of her roof the view corridor that is of
- 10 such great import to the plaintiff.
- 11 So, after all is that work getting that to
- 12 stick there, I got to take it down one more time.
- 13 This one I don't think I have to put up on the easel.
- Here is a close-up of her neighbor's view
- 15 corridor; standard chain-link fence tubing, chain-link
- 16 fence. But this is an issue within the CC&Rs that the
- 17 plaintiff likes. She likes it because she calls it
- 18 chain-link cloth or fabric. She likes it because she has
- 19 decided that it is a safety factor, and her safety is
- 20 more important than the CC&Rs.
- 21 So, the CC&Rs clearly are important to her when she
- 22 likes them. They're pretty irrelevant to her; in fact,
- 23 they don't even require discussion, when she doesn't like
- 24 them.
- And finally, I have one more, your Honor.

- 1 This is a chart that specifically addresses the
- 2 quantity of Ms. Knight's violations.
- Now, you know, what she's going to tell you is gosh,
- 4 I bought this house, and somebody else created all these
- 5 violations.
- 6 Well, somebody else didn't create the white fence.
- 7 She built it. Somebody else didn't create the partial
- 8 block that included some wrought iron. She built it,
- 9 your Honor; and she built it knowing specifically what
- 10 the CC&Rs required.
- 11 So, here we are; these are Plaintiff's residence
- 12 violations. Rear-yard setback, 20-feet required. We
- 13 believe, at least in the Morris affidavit, his estimate
- 14 was 8.5 feet.
- 15 Ms. Knight's estimate is 9.1 feet. We'll go --
- 16 because we did, we did not have -- we did not have a
- 17 court order allowing us to go on her property to make
- 18 these measurements; we'll go with her 9.1 feet. 5 feet
- 19 required. 4.2 feet actual. This is side yard.
- Okay. I showed you her own surveyors' data. Wrought
- 21 iron only required for rear-yard fence. Block used.
- 22 Admittedly, there was some wrought iron. Chain-link fence
- 23 is prohibited in the CC&Rs.
- We don't call this chain-link fence. We call it
- 25 chain-link fabric for protection; and so, therefore, it's

- 1 okay, according to the plaintiff.
- 2 Rear-yard fence color, black required. White
- 3 installed. There it is right there.
- 4 Exposed antenna, prohibited. She installed it.
- 5 That data, your Honor, is specifically set forth
- 6 in the memorandum that was originally filed back in
- 7 December.
- 8 So, let's talk about the second item in the
- 9 second cause of action; signage. Signage really consists
- 10 of two totally-separate items.
- 11 First of all, there is a covenant restriction that's
- 12 in many of these types of subdivisions where the original
- 13 developer is selling the bare lots.
- 14 The reason that they install a prohibition against
- 15 for-sale signs on those lots is because they don't want
- 16 people who purchased the lot to be reselling it in
- 17 competition with them.
- 18 But it's really irrelevant as far as -- for purposes
- 19 of this discussion, what the underlying reason for that
- 20 very common paragraph is.
- In this instance, your Honor, you will find
- 22 affidavits of the defendant stating, beginning in the
- 23 mid-1990s and consistently thereafter a significant
- 24 number of realtors, owners, owner-builders installed
- 25 for-sale signs, will-build and other marketing signage

- 1 throughout tract 4076-B, and tract 4076-D.
- 2 The practice continues today, without objection,
- 3 until the present litigation. This practice has occurred
- 4 continuously for at least 25 to, perhaps, 29 years.
- 5 Statement under oath.
- 6 Statement under oath. Douglas McKee. A licensed
- 7 general residential contractor holding a B general
- 8 license.
- 9 To whom, I might add, Ms. Knight sent a letter of
- 10 caution advising him that effectively he was going to be
- 11 getting in trouble because he knows what the CC&Rs say,
- 12 and as a general contractor when he's building for
- 13 somebody and they order this house and the County issues
- 14 a permit, and there is nobody to review the permit, the
- 15 house is built; but he's going to be in trouble now.
- In any event, Mr. McKee, in regard to the
- 17 signage issue, under oath -- and he's got no skin in this
- 18 game, in reality, your Honor, because we're talking about
- 19 signs now.
- By the way, Mr. McKee also testified in his,
- 21 under-oath statement, that for multiple clients he has
- 22 built homes that are less than 1400 square feet of living
- 23 area in the B tract.
- 24 Anyway, he said in regard to signs -- and I
- 25 apologize for getting off-track. Your affiant

- 1 consistently recalls, since at least 1994, that there
- 2 have been many signs from both contractors and single-lot
- 3 owners throughout all of the various Desert Lakes Golf
- 4 Course & Estates subdivisions, including 4076-B, offering
- 5 to build custom homes or simply for-sale offerings on
- 6 unimproved lots they either owned or for which they
- 7 represented the owners.
- 8 THE COURT: Mr. Oehler,
- 9 MR. OEHLER: Gentlemen --
- 10 THE COURT: Mr. Oehler, I just want to point out
- 11 you have now passed one hour on your argument.
- MR. OEHLER: I have one?
- 13 THE COURT: You've gone one hour. You have 30
- 14 minutes left. Okay.
- MR. OEHLER: Thank you, your Honor.
- 16 THE COURT: You're welcome.
- 17 MR. OEHLER: We were ultimately able to contact a
- 18 gentleman by the name of Kukreja, I think, is how he
- 19 pronounces his name.
- 20 His company bought approximately 183 lots from the
- 21 original subdividers in 1998, including multiple lots in
- 22 Tract 4076.
- What does he say, your Honor?
- What does he say about the signage issue?
- 25 Under oath, your Honor, I mean he now, I

- 1 believe, resides someplace in Florida or New York. The
- 2 availability of unimproved lots with for-sale signs or
- 3 construction of a future home was used not-only by our
- 4 home building company, but by many of the local builders
- 5 and lot owners through Tract 4076-B, marketing via
- 6 signage of this type was the marketing custom used by
- 7 all.
- 8 Under-oath statement, of which I would point out to
- 9 your Honor there is not a single under-oath statement in
- 10 any motion in favor of an action of this Court, or in
- 11 opposition to those that we have presented.
- So, Ann Pettit, a realtor; a realtor against whom Ms.
- 13 Knight would appear as a result -- um, as a result of her
- 14 involvement on a very-marginal basis in this matter,
- 15 filed a complaint with the Arizona Board of Realtors.
- 16 In any event, Ann Pettit, a long-timer realtor
- 17 in Bullhead, a broker since 1988, a realtor since 1984;
- 18 so, even before the creation of this subdivision, has 50
- 19 current licensees in her office.
- 20 She states, in regard to signage, that from at least
- 21 the early 1990s your affiant, and your affiant's licensed
- 22 realtors have advertised their clients unimproved lots
- 23 and -- unimproved and listed lots in all Desert Lakes
- 24 Golf Course & Estates tracts, including 4076-B.
- 25 They've consistently used standardized real estate

- 1 sales signs, with and without riders, and posted the
- 2 subject signs on our customers' clients lots all in
- 3 conformity with other real estate office listings in the
- 4 Desert Lakes Golf Course & Estates areas.
- 5 She goes on; that your affiant and your affiant's
- 6 office has, for not-less-than 20 years, last/past,
- 7 utilized signs in many residential projects, including
- 8 most, if-not-all, of the various Desert Lakes Golf Course
- 9 & Estates tracts, including Tract 4076-B.
- 10 The subject signage were the -- where the lot owner
- 11 is the builder, and/or developer, who provides their
- 12 will-build-to-suit sign of appropriate size, and your
- 13 affiant's real estate firm provides a rider for
- 14 additional contact information.
- 15 Such signs, including riders, are within the standard
- 16 regarding signage measurements allowed by applicable
- 17 Mohave County or Bullhead City code ordinances.
- 18 And it says see Exhibit B.
- 19 Letter to plaintiff from ADRE regarding signage
- 20 issue, being a Mohave County sign ordinance issue.
- 21 They've referenced see Mohave County interpretation of
- 22 Mohave County's ordinance; Exhibit C to Ann's affidavit.
- 23 And why do I believe Exhibit C is worth
- 24 spending a couple more moments of my fast-going time is
- 25 because Ms. Knight filed a complaint with the State Board

- 1 of Real Estate; and then alleged -- alleged to Mohave
- 2 County that the sign in-question that says will build to
- 3 suit violates county sign ordinances because it's
- 4 off-site advertising; and indicates that the County is
- 5 corrupt; the planning director is corrupt; the inspectors
- 6 are corrupt; everybody is corrupt.
- 7 That the Department of Justice is investigating me.
- 8 That the Department of Justice is investigating my
- 9 client. That the Attorney General's Office is
- 10 investigating my clients as a result of their egregious
- 11 -- I think that's her word, her favorite word, perhaps,
- 12 -- conduct; and that County had better do something about
- 13 these sign violations.
- So, we have two issues here, your Honor. We've
- 15 got multiple past -- literally since the birth of the
- 16 subdivision, continuous signage issues that have been
- 17 established in contradiction of the restrictions.
- Then, your Honor, the legislature here in Arizona,
- 19 under Title 33, outlawed the prohibition of property
- 20 owners from advertising for sale, for lease indications,
- 21 inappropriate-sign signs on their properties.
- In other words, they've basically gutted the
- 23 restriction.
- 24 So, now what the plaintiff is alleging is that
- 25 because Title 33, just like this antenna situation that

- 1 she likes, you know; the feds said you can't do this, so
- 2 she did it, even though the restrictions say she can't;
- 3 she likes it, and she's not complaining; but the signs,
- 4 she doesn't like it, and she has, as the documents
- 5 indicate, has filed several requests with the state
- 6 legislature, filed complaints with the legislative body
- 7 about her constitutional right to be protected from these
- 8 signs; and that is the basis for the signs have to go
- 9 away.
- 10 So, number one, the restrictions, your Honor,
- 11 are not enforceable; and number two, we believe and
- 12 obviously the County believed that the signs of my
- 13 client, and there are not a multitude of them, but the
- 14 couple of signs that are out there that say will build to
- 15 suit are not off-site advertising; they are allowed under
- 16 the ordinance; and the state real estate department told
- 17 the plaintiff that, you know, if you have an issue you
- 18 have to deal with the County; this case is closed, and it
- 19 is not appealable. Quote/unquote.
- 20 Your Honor, just on the happenstance that
- 21 Ms. Knight might say something that I would like to speak
- 22 about at the conclusion, I will end my initial
- 23 presentation at that point.
- Thank you very much.
- 25 THE COURT: All right. Just for the record,

- 1 you've used an hour and 9 minutes. You have 21 minutes
- 2 left.
- 3 MR. OEHLER: Thank you.
- 4 THE COURT: All right. What I'm going to do, for
- 5 the court reporter's sake, Ms. Knight, is let you go
- 6 until about 5 of 3:00; then we're going to take a
- 7 10-minute recess. All right?
- 8 NANCY KNIGHT: About 5 till 3:00?
- 9 THE COURT: So, you're going to go 12 minutes
- 10 right now.
- 11 NANCY KNIGHT: 12 minutes.
- 12 THE COURT: I just don't want to -- if I take too
- 13 early, she's going to be back in here for --
- NANCY KNIGHT: Do you think I can go 24?
- 15 THE COURT: Just -- just go.
- NANCY KNIGHT: I've scripted this.
- 17 THE COURT: Okay.
- 18 NANCY KNIGHT: It's about -- I'm going to speak
- 19 quickly, and -- but I've got a script, so that if you get
- 20 behind.
- 21 THE COURT: Well, so, you're just going to read?
- NANCY KNIGHT: My opening statement.
- THE COURT: Okay.
- 24 NANCY KNIGHT: With all due respect --
- THE COURT: All right. Go ahead.

- 1 NANCY KNIGHT: Your high -- I mean, your Honor's
- 2 high position, there exists a peremptory challenge under
- A.R.S. 12-409; that the plaintiff bring allegations of
- 4 bias to the forefront before a lower court enters a final
- 5 judgment.
- 6 There exists a real possibility that bias is a
- 7 affecting court rulings. I understand the Court's close
- 8 ties to attorneys and Mohave County judges.
- 9 In the case of State versus Ellis, I quote:
- 10 Judges are by no means free from the infirmities of human
- 11 nature; and therefore, it seems to us that a proper
- 12 respect for the high positions they are called upon to
- 13 fill should induce them to avoid even a cause for
- 14 suspicion of bias or prejudice in the discharge of their
- 15 judicial duties, end quote.
- As you may recall, you declared me a
- 17 vexatious litigant on August 16, 2018, with your failure
- 18 to understand the difference between the settlement and
- 19 the agreement in case number CV-2016-04026 that Mr.
- 20 Oehler and his cohorts Mr. Gregory, now Judge Gregory,
- 21 and Mr. Gregory's former law partner Ms. Elias, kept
- 22 mixing up as if they were one-and-the-same.
- 23 Even though you declared me a vexatious litigant and
- 24 awarded attorney fees to the law firm of Gregory and
- 25 Elias, and to the joindered Mr. Oehler, I continued to

- 1 place trust in the justice system and in the high
- 2 position you hold.
- I believed at the time that you were just confused.
- 4 You even admitted so in court.
- 5 Because Mr. Oehler and Mr. Gregory kept clouding the
- 6 Court's view by calling the agreement the settlement, I
- 7 opened my oral argument in that vexatious litigant
- 8 hearing by attempting to clear up the confusion between
- 9 the settlement and the agreement, but you and the
- 10 defense attorneys continued to consider them
- 11 one-and-the-same.
- 12 You admitted you were confused as to why I didn't
- 13 file an appeal for the settlement; and I told you I was
- 14 not opposed to the settlement. Again, I am telling you
- 15 the settlement was the binding mediated settlement that
- 16 was reached on May 17, 2017, and on page 9 --
- 17 THE COURT: Ms. --
- 18 NANCY KNIGHT: -- Line 22 of the transcript, --
- 19 THE COURT: Ms. Knight, --
- 20 NANCY KNIGHT: -- Judge Gurtler states --
- 21 THE COURT: Ms. Knight, I don't mean to interrupt
- 22 you; but are you really going to spend the limited time
- 23 that you have in this case to relitigate --
- 24 NANCY KNIGHT: I need to get it into the record.
- 25 I'm sorry, your Honor.

- THE COURT: To relitigate, and you haven't filed
- 2 anything.
- 3 NANCY KNIGHT: We're not relitigate -- no, I'm
- 4 just getting it into the record for -- in case there's an
- 5 appeal.
- 6 THE COURT: Okay.
- 7 NANCY KNIGHT: Anyway, Judge Gurtler states: It
- 8 is ordered adopting the settlement of the case.
- 9 The agreement was a surprise. Brought up, as we see
- 10 on page 10 of the transcript, with attorney Moyer and
- 11 attorney Gregory deciding to extend the case with a
- 12 formal written agreement.
- Worse, the agreement was revised at the request of
- 14 attorney Gregory for terms that did not conform to the
- 15 adoptive settlement.
- 16 Terms, in my eyes, that attempted extortion and
- 17 fraud. There is a huge difference between the adopted
- 18 mediated settlement and the written agreement.
- 19 Due to my own attorney Moyer being complicit in
- 20 accommodating Mr. Gregory's request to have me pegged for
- 21 restoration of Mr. Gregory's clients entire rear-yard
- 22 fence, Mr. Moyer was asked to withdraw.
- 23 As a pro per plaintiff I asked both Mr. Oehler and
- 24 Mr. Gregory what they did not like about the language in
- 25 the original written agreement for paragraph 2 that

- 1 conformed to the binding mediated settlement, and they
- 2 both ignored me.
- 3 Instead, Mr. Gregory and Mr. Oehler set a course to
- 4 force me into signing an agreement against the terms of
- 5 the settlement with a joindered motion to compel that was
- 6 filed on July 20th.
- Judge Carlisle agreed that Mr. Gregory's written
- 8 agreement revision to paragraph 2 did not conform to the
- 9 binding settlement, and stated that the language of
- 10 restoring the entire fence needed to be changed to a
- 11 portion of the fence.
- 12 But nonetheless, ruled that I pay attorney fees to
- 13 the two attorneys.
- 14 Apparently pro per plaintiffs do not get fair
- 15 rulings.
- 16 There were elements of surprise and fraud defined as
- 17 a clear misrepresentation -- misrepresentation of the
- 18 opposing party in that agreement; and plaintiff attempted
- 19 to correct the injustice of attorney feeds by filing a
- 20 rule 60 motion to set aside the judgment for attorney
- 21 fees.
- 22 Judge Carlisle awarded more attorney fees to the
- 23 two attorneys. Adding salt to the wound, the two defense
- 24 attorneys filed a motion to declare the plaintiff a
- 25 vexatious litigant.

- Judge Carlisle was promoted to criminal court;
- 2 you became the judge, and you claimed my rule 60 motion
- 3 was harassment. It is not harassment when a party
- 4 attempts to protect themselves from the injustice.
- I should not have been subjected to attorney fees for
- 6 a motion for compel me to sign an agreement that did not
- 7 conform to the parties mutually-agreed upon binding
- 8 mediated settlement, so that all three attorneys in the
- 9 case could bilk me for more money. My own attorney
- 10 billed me \$1200 for his complicit authoring of the
- 11 agreement.
- 12 Nonetheless, you declared me a vexatious litigant and
- 13 awarded the two attorneys more attorney fees. Your
- 14 warning that if I appealed I could end up with more
- 15 attorney fees awarded to the defense attorneys was taken
- 16 seriously. I had to accept your orders to pay the full
- amount that the two attorneys requested.
- 18 The mediated settlement had been heard by Judge
- 19 Gurtler. Mr. Oehler's business partner and former
- 20 associate in his law practice. Judge Gurtler's court
- 21 order had serious -- had serious error that had to be
- 22 corrected to remove the words no fraud. That entire case
- 23 was rife with fraud.
- 24 It is unknown why Judge Gurtler attempted to enter
- 25 the words no fraud in the record when it was never raised

- 1 by the judge. The correction to remove the words no
- 2 fraud was finally done after numerous requests and
- 3 complaints to the clerk of the court.
- 4 You have apologized for your errors on your
- 5 documents, but refuse to correct the errors and omissions
- 6 on two documents that are part of the court record.
- 7 I did not file a fifth motion to amend the complaint,
- 8 as Mr. Oehler led to you believe. This disingenuous and
- 9 deceptive claim is not only reflective in his response
- 10 header, but throughout his memorandum, in an apparent
- 11 intent to make me look vexatious again; and it apparently
- 12 worked.
- 13 You attributed his inflammable header and the date of
- 14 his response to me; and then you refused to correct the
- 15 error in your court order claiming that if someone reads
- 16 my motion for corrections they will have the information.
- 17 That is a big if.
- 18 If they, being an appeals court, reads the court
- 19 orders first and never reads minute entries, they will
- 20 never know you agreed with the language I rewrote in the
- 21 -- to set the record straight. They will be inclined to
- 22 deny to even hear the appeal. Your refusal is wrong.
- 23 The language is inflammable, and it reflects badly on on
- 24 me.
- Now, I have a impression of bias, and this time it's

- 1 not because you are confused. I do not take the
- 2 perception of being perceived a vexatious -- vexatious
- 3 litigant lightly.
- 4 The third incident of bias is not yet final. I'm
- 5 going to give you an opportunity to reconsider this
- 6 incident of bias in order to prevent you from making a
- 7 grave error that affects 673 indispensable parties in my
- 8 subdivision.
- 9 All of the confusion in this case and the thick file
- 10 was avoidable; but for Mr. Oehler and his clients'
- 11 repeated deception upon the Court that the
- 12 alphabetically suffixed tract names created separate
- 13 subdivisions. They do not.
- 14 And I given -- I've given you that documentation
- 15 from the County about final plats what those
- 16 alphabetically suffixed tract names mean.
- 17 The county land division regulations have now been
- 18 made a part of the record, and you still refuse to give
- 19 me full rights to prosecution in the subdivision, and
- 20 want to limit me and every other property owner, to
- 21 limited right to prosecution, and alphabetically suffixed
- 22 said tract.
- 23 An alphabetically-suffixed said tract is for a final
- 24 plat for a phase of development. Subdivision Tract 4076,
- 25 as a whole, was created by the approved preliminary plat

- 1 in 1988 for 300-plus acres to be built in phases.
- I do not know why the Court refuses to address my
- 3 real and compelling preponderance of evidence that proves
- 4 a purposeful and deliberate language differentiation in
- 5 the CC&Rs between the restrictions for said tract lots
- 6 and the prosecution rights for property owners in the
- 7 entire subdivision.
- 8 Courts are not endowed with the high position they
- 9 hold to rule on assumptions. Court are supposed to rule
- 10 on law.
- 11 In the 1961 case of David Lillard and -- versus
- 12 Jet Homes it is cited, I quote: Where restrictive
- 13 covenants are imposed upon an area included within a --
- 14 within a single subdivision or plan of development the
- 15 restrictions are characterized as real rights running
- 16 with the land. The inure to the benefit of, and are
- 17 subsequently enforceable by, all grantees of property in
- 18 the subdivision which come under the same plan of
- 19 development.
- 20 The single subdivision Tract 4076 was created by
- 21 Desert Lakes Development, L.P. The intent on the part of
- 22 Desert Lakes Development is found in both the language in
- 23 the CC&Rs that differentiates covenants for lots in a
- 24 said tract and covenants for the subdivision as a whole,
- 25 and in the conduct that established special development

- 1 zoning for 20-foot setbacks, front and rear, and 5 feet
- 2 on the sides in 1989, and clarified again in 1993.
- 3 The single developer did not have to go back to the
- 4 County for special development zoning for each said
- 5 tract. The CEO was approved for special development
- 6 zoning setbacks for the entire subdivision Tract 4076,
- 7 from inception and before approval, for the Final Plat
- 8 for Phase I, Tract 4076-A.
- 9 And I would like to point out that Mr.
- 10 Oehler is deceiving the Court because that's what
- 11 happened to my tract; CEO of Desert Lakes Development had
- 12 nothing to do with that. The CEO of Desert Lakes
- 13 Development had planned Parcel VV for 22 lots.
- 14 They would have had plenty of space for 22 lots to
- 15 have front and back setbacks, according to the special
- 16 development zoning, but somebody got greedy and decided
- 17 they were going to squeeze 32 lots into the 5 acres, and
- 18 that's what happened; and that's what caused most of this
- 19 problem.
- 20 Five-foot setbacks were consistent; not only in the
- 21 subdivision Tract 4076, but throughout Mohave County. In
- 22 contrast, the 20-foot setbacks in subdivision Tract 4076
- 23 was not consistent throughout Mohave County.
- In 1989, the county-wide front-and-rear setback was
- 25 25 feet. In 1989 and '93, resolutions were a part of the

- 1 existing court record.
- 2 Ignoring all of the evidence creates a
- 3 perception of bias on the Court.
- The architectural committee guidelines in the
- 5 declaration provides evidence of intent to provide for
- 6 protections that assured development did not, in any way,
- 7 detract from the appearance of the premises, and are not
- 8 in any way detrimental to the public welfare or to the
- 9 property of other persons located within the tract.
- That's on page 8 of Tract 4076-B CC&Rs.
- 11 The intent is for each said tract to be protected.
- 12 The intent was for any person in the subdivision to
- 13 prosecute violations. The intent was not for any person
- in a said tract to prosecute violations.
- The differentiated language is clear for prosecution
- 16 rights.
- 17 The defendants' deteriorated sheet metal
- 18 advertising signs is a clear conflict of the intent
- 19 for public welfare. Their signs -- their signs are
- 20 everywhere; not just in my alphabetically suffixed
- 21 Tract-B.
- 22 The defendants setback violations, front and rear, is
- 23 a clear conflict with the intent for the rights of other
- 24 property owners on adjacent lots in a said tract to have
- 25 unobstructed golf course views; not views of my patio.

- 1 He is clouding the Court's view by showing you
- 2 my patio. This is not the corridor. The golf course
- 3 corridor is from the back yard fences, and you can see up
- 4 and down the fairways
- 5 On adjacent lots in said tract to have unobstructed
- 6 golf course views; and also for the public welfare of
- 7 travelling our streets with unobstructed views.
- 8 The intent for the minimum 20-foot long driveways
- 9 back in 1989 was sufficient for standard automobiles and
- 10 pickup trucks. Today pickup trucks can be 19 feet long
- 11 according to GMC.com. The 20-foot driveway not
- 12 sufficient -- not as sufficient as it was 30 years ago.
- 13 The 15-foot driveway that Defendant Azarmi attempted
- 14 to get passed by the Board was clearly insufficient for
- 15 unobstructed views, as is the 18-foot setback in the
- 16 subject home in Tract-A that the plaintiff wishes
- 17 remedied by the jury in this lawsuit.
- 18 A taking of my right to prosecute violations in said
- 19 Tract-A amounts to a Court taking the rights of all
- 20 property owners against the intent of the developers who
- 21 created the language in the CC&Rs.
- 22 This is a grave error and reflects badly as a
- 23 perception of bias.
- The original developers purpose for wrought iron
- 25 fencing, front and rear, is also for views.

- 1 Regarding the defendants' attorney arguing that
- 2 setbacks are not intended for use, and argues for the
- 3 Court to disregard Supervisor Johnson's statement on
- 4 protected views as stated during the hearing on Defendant
- 5 Azarmi's attempted violation of Desert Lakes front/rear
- 6 setbacks, Mr. Oehler would also have to argue for the
- 7 Court to disregard entire Judge Langford's successful
- 8 mediation to protect my views of the golf course and
- 9 surrounding area in case number CV-2016-04026.
- 10 Further, views are part of the pertinent language in
- 11 a 1995 California Supreme Court case.
- 12 Citizens for Colorado Covenant Compliance is an
- 13 unincorporated association that appealed their case for
- 14 rights to prosecution all the way to the California
- 15 Supreme Court, who reversed the appeals court decision in
- 16 favor of Citizens.
- 17 The Supreme Court discussion on restrictions is
- 18 relevant to our case both for commercial advertising
- 19 signs and for views. I quote: These subdivision
- 20 restrictions are used to limit the type of buildings that
- 21 can be constructed upon the property or the type of
- 22 activity permitted on the property, prohibiting such
- 23 things as commercial use or development within the tract,
- 24 limiting the height of buildings, imposing setback
- 25 restrictions, protecting views, or imposing similar

- 1 restrictions.
- County Development Services has proven to do
- 3 their best to ensure their employees follow the special
- 4 development zoning for 20-foot front/rear setbacks.
- 5 Mohave County Development Services' efforts were
- 6 proven in the denial of a permit for the subject home
- 7 currently owned by the Roberts in Tract A.
- 8 That permit denial was circumvented, by Misters
- 9 Azarmi and Roberts, with a variance.
- Mr. Azarmi's attempted violation of the CC&R setbacks
- 11 was in-progress at the time of the permit denial. He
- 12 convinced the volunteer Board of Adjustment members to
- 13 give him a variance on May 16, 2016, for the setbacks,
- 14 front and rear, claiming in words and by inference that
- 15 his attempted Board of Supervisors resolutions 2016-125
- 16 and 2016-126 would soon be approved.
- 17 He stated, according to the minutes of the meeting,
- 18 and I quote: These setbacks would be in full compliance
- 19 based on the new 15-foot setbacks, end quote.
- 20 Little did anyone know at the time that in less than
- 21 5 months his reduced setback attempt would be denied by
- 22 the duly-elected honorable Board of Supervisors.
- Denying plaintiff's right to prosecute the attempted
- 24 violation as a count 1 violation in her complaint is
- 25 further perceived as bias favoring the defendants.

- 1 In Powell versus Washburn, it is stated that the
- 2 Arizona Supreme Court adopted the Restatement approach
- 3 for interpreting restrictive covenants holding that a
- 4 restrictive covenant must be interpreted to give the
- 5 effect to the intention of the parties and to carry out
- 6 the purpose for which it was created.
- 7 The Supreme Court noted that the Restatement approach
- 8 reinforces a contemporary judicial trend of recognizing
- 9 the benefits of restrictive covenants. The overriding
- 10 aim of the Restatement is to keep the original parties'
- 11 bargain in place.
- 12 It is not the job of the Court to misinterpret the
- 13 covenant that grants prosecution rights to all property
- 14 owners in the subdivision.
- 15 The Court has done just that. The Court wants to
- 16 interpret the covenant on prosecution rights as limited
- 17 to a property owner in a said tract. That isn't how the
- 18 declaration is written; nor does it conform to the county
- 19 land division regulations that assigns an alphabetical
- 20 suffix to subdivision tract number for the final recorded
- 21 plat for a phase of development in the whole subdivision.
- 22 Ignoring all of the evidence is perceived as bias
- 23 favoring a powerful and influential developer who refuses
- 24 to follow the rules in a self-serving interest for
- 25 profits.

- 1 Unfair competition profits from the development
- 2 services advertising; and profits from a larger building
- 3 footprint when setbacks are violated.
- 4 Interpretation of a contract is a question of
- 5 law. The plain and ordinary meaning of the word
- 6 subdivision is synonymous with tract. Whether we look to
- 7 Arizona Title 9 for municipality definitions, or statutes
- 8 section 11-806.01 for rules the county must use in
- 9 regulating approved preliminary plat that creates a
- 10 subdivision with a subdivision tract number, as a
- 11 precedent to submitting a final plat that is assigned an
- 12 alphabetical suffix to the subdivision tract number.
- 13 The State even has language that allows the Board
- 14 of Supervisors a waiver from procedure. Section
- 15 11-806.01(f) states, I quote: For any subdivision that
- 16 consists of lots, tracts or parcels, each of which is of
- 17 a size as prescribed by the Board of Supervisors, the
- 18 Board may waive the requirement to prepare, submit and
- 19 receive approval of a preliminary plat as a condition
- 20 precedent to submitting a final plat.
- The Court -- end quote.
- The Court -- the Court has a copy of my
- 23 subdivision's approved preliminary plat. You have copies
- 24 of final plats. You have the County's certificate signed
- 25 by three county officials certifying that they checked

- 1 the approved preliminary plat before the Final Plat was
- 2 sent to the Board for approval.
- 3 You have the County Land Division Regulations, page
- 4 37, section 3.8, that defined how the Final Plat would be
- 5 named with an alphabetically suffixed tract number
- 6 associated with the subdivision tract number. That is
- 7 what a said tract number is.
- 8 Tract 4076-A, Tract 4076-B, Tract 4076-C, et cetera,
- 9 are the recorded Final Plats in subdivision Tract 4076
- 10 that are referred to in the CC&Rs as said tracts.
- 11 Prosecution rights are granted to property
- 12 owners in the subdivision; not to property owners in a
- 13 said tract, as this Court wishes to claim. It is wrong
- 14 and it is unjust. It is a taking of rights from 673
- 15 current property owners, excluding the three primary
- 16 defendants in this case, and potentially a taking of
- 17 rights of a total of 759 lot owners when all the parcel
- 18 numbers are sold to separate individuals.
- The burdens are benefits to the entire
- 20 subdivision; but only if every property owner has a right
- 21 to protect his investment, regardless of his said tract
- 22 designation.
- 23 The intent of the developers was protection of their
- 24 entire project into perpetuity. The Court suggested that
- 25 if I didn't like his decision I could file a special

- 1 action appeal for this matter. That is a very expensive
- 2 action for me to do. Even if I could find any evidence
- 3 that supports the suggestion.
- In the interest of public policy for the contract,
- 5 as written in explicit language and in the public
- 6 interest, I need you to focus on the evidence without
- 7 prejudicial view favoring the defendants or their
- 8 attorney.
- 9 I intend to file one last attempt for reconsideration
- 10 of the dismissal of count 1. The new evidence is the
- 11 entrance sign to my street. My expectations are clear.
- 12 I bought a home in a subdivision named Desert Lakes Golf
- 13 Course & Estates; and the expectation was that a golf
- 14 course master planned community has rules established
- 15 that are to be followed.
- 16 Courts have no right to abandon those rules with an
- 17 improper interpretation of the contract. Judge Carlisle
- 18 erred. You do not have to follow suit. I plead with the
- 19 Court to set aside any clouding of the Court's view on
- 20 this case and follow law, precedent, and intent of the
- 21 original developer for all property owners to have
- 22 prosecution rights in the entire subdivision.
- 23 Defendant Roberts should not be dismissed. His
- 24 actions were just as egregious as the other principal
- 25 defendants in this case.

- 1 Prosecution serves justice only when the Court is not
- 2 biased.
- Regarding the advertising signs, all three
- 4 judges on this case to date had an opportunity to
- 5 evaluate real evidence in support of declaring these
- 6 signs off-premises advertising.
- 7 On August 24, I believe it was, Judge Carlisle wrote
- 8 in his court order that he could have ruled on the
- 9 controversy over statute 33-441 if he had a photo of the
- 10 sign. I did provide a photo, as Exhibit 1, on July 31.
- Is someone now tampering with evidence?
- 12 This is the sign. Wind-rusted, wind-blown, and
- 13 now these signs are coming apart and off the rider; who
- 14 knows where they ended up.
- The two subsequent judges in this matter read the
- 16 complete file to know they could rule with photographic
- 17 evidence, and the plaintiff submitted a preponderance of
- 18 additional real evidence that included more photos
- 19 including dilapidation, a determination from the
- 20 Department of Real Estate's investigation and the County
- 21 ordinance on signage.
- 22 It has been shown that the County definition of an
- 23 unlawful sign is if it becomes dangerous to public safety
- 24 by reason of dilapidation.
- There exists no real evidence to support a claim that

- 1 the signs are for sale signs. We now know, based on the
- 2 March 21, 2018 building permit, on land owned by Jordan
- 3 and Gina Grice in Tract 4076-B, that setback violations
- 4 continued and build-to-suit advertising signage results
- 5 in jobs on land not owned by the Ludwigs.
- 6 This fact is evidence that the advertising signs in
- 7 subdivision Tract 4076 provides a competitive advantage
- 8 to Fairway Constructors, Inc. An unfair competitive
- 9 advantage since they are the only developing company with
- 10 development services signs on lots in the subdivision.
- 11 The Court does have constitutional authority to
- 12 correct the ambiguity in the language of statute -- sign
- 13 Statutes 33-441, 33-1808 and others. I think there's
- 14 four altogether.
- The ambiguity is that the statute does not specify if
- 16 for sale signs on improved lots are prohibited from
- 17 restrictions. All statutes related to for sale, for rent
- 18 and for lease signs are easily interpreted for an intent
- 19 on developed lots. You can't have an indoor sign on an
- 20 undeveloped lot. You can't have an open house on an
- 21 undeveloped lot. There would be no purpose for renting
- 22 or leasing an undeveloped lot.
- 23 Plaintiff understands the Court may prefer
- 24 avoidance of a political controversy in correcting a
- 25 legislative action.

- 1 Whatever the reason, for not attempting to correct
- 2 this ambiguity, it has no impact on the subject case.
- 3 The defendants signs are not for sale signs.
- Any interpretation that the defendants' signs are for
- 5 sale signs is refuted by Plaintiff's real evidence that
- 6 includes documents and photographs. The county
- 7 regulations on signage proved these signs are
- 8 off-premises advertising, county regulations.
- 9 The photographs proved dilapidation and risk of harm
- 10 to persons or property. The County ordinance defined
- 11 illegal signs as dilapidated signs.
- 12 All of the plaintiff's foundational real evidence is
- 13 relevant, material and competent in accordance with the
- 14 state codes and federal rules of evidence.
- The defendants provided no real evidence to support
- 16 the claim that their signs are for sale signs. Any
- 17 ruling favoring the defendants on signage is a biased
- 18 view considering all of the evidence in the record to the
- 19 contrary.
- These are my closing arguments on my motion for
- 21 summary judgment on signs.
- Now we can take a break, your Honor. I've
- 23 got to get some water.
- 24 THE COURT: Well, let's just make a record before
- 25 we do that.

- You used, I think -- 1:42; so, you used 30 minutes of
- 2 your hour and a half.
- 3 NANCY KNIGHT: Okay, good.
- 4 THE COURT: Okay. So, Mr. -- so, you're sitting
- 5 down now and letting Mr. Oehler do his response; and then
- 6 you'll respond to him? Is that what -- when we come
- 7 back? Is that what your plan is?
- 8 NANCY KNIGHT: As far as signs, I'm done. You
- 9 know, I'm -- my motion for the thing on signs, that was
- 10 it. That was encapsulated.
- 11 THE COURT: Okay. I've got -- I've got your
- 12 motion. I've got that part.
- 13 NANCY KNIGHT: Okay.
- 14 THE COURT: But you weren't done arguing the
- 15 motion for summary judgment?
- NANCY KNIGHT: Yeah, that's coming next, after
- 17 break. I think you wanted to break.
- 18 THE COURT: Yeah, I want to break. And, more
- 19 importantly, the court reporter needs a break. I could
- 20 keep going, but we're going to take 10 minutes. We'll
- 21 come back at 3:25. You have used 30 minutes.
- Mr. Oehler has used an hour and 9 minutes.
- 23 So, as you can tell, we're going to be
- 24 pushing here to get done by 5:00. So, let's do that.
- 25 All right. 10 minutes.

- 1 (The proceedings recessed from 3:13 p.m. until
- 2 3:24 p.m.)
- 3 THE COURT: We're back on the record in
- 4 CV-2018-4003. Show the presence of parties.
- 5 Ms. Knight, you've used 30 minutes.
- 6 Go ahead.
- 7 NANCY KNIGHT: I was going to start off with the
- 8 indispensable parties, so I guess I'll read it anyway.
- 9 Indispensable parties that have not been joined for
- 10 Tract 4076-B, Tract 4132, which I recently discovered is
- 11 a fourth tract involved in the CC&Rs for Tract B, those
- 12 lots in Tract 4132 are defined in -- on one of the pages
- 13 of the CC&Rs.
- So, there's all of the Tract B, 4132; all of Tract D
- 15 because that is also in the CC&Rs. It was -- it was
- 16 developed with the frontage road, even though the new
- 17 CC&Rs for Tract D didn't -- didn't specify a frontage
- 18 road.
- 19 It's very -- this development is very confusing.
- But anyway, so, and then, of course, my tract
- 21 runs with the land because Parcel VV runs with the land
- 22 for Tract B.
- 23 There's a total of 252 property owners; and in my
- 24 opinion it is necessary to join these parties before
- 25 dismissal of this case can be granted by the Court.

- 1 I've made every effort to assist the defense attorney
- 2 with a list of owners of all lots in subdivision Tract
- 3 4076. The defendants have made no effort to join
- 4 indispensable parties, as is necessary, for their intent
- 5 to abrogate the CC&Rs.
- 6 I had to file a motion to dismiss defendants' motion
- 7 for summary judgment for failure to join the
- 8 indispensable parties today.
- 9 In Gila Bend versus Walled Lake Door Company,
- 10 an Arizona case, I quote: In Arizona, the test of
- 11 indispensability is whether the absent person's interest
- 12 in the controversy is such that no final judgment or
- 13 decree could be entered, doing justice between the
- 14 parties actually before the Court and without injuriously
- 15 affecting the rights of others not brought into the
- 16 action, end quote.
- 17 In Karner versus Roy White Flowers, Inc., I
- 18 quote: It is only necessary to join other lot owners in
- 19 an action to abrogate, not to enforce CC&Rs, end quote.
- I plead with the Court to dismiss the
- 21 balance of the oral argument. But I've lost that
- 22 complaint because I think you opened your hearing today
- 23 by saying you dismiss my motion for --
- 24 THE COURT: I denied those motions.
- 25 NANCY KNIGHT: Correct?

- 1 THE COURT: That's correct, yes.
- 2 NANCY KNIGHT: Okay.
- 3 THE COURT: But I will tell you that they were
- 4 untimely; and I've just denied them. We're going forward
- 5 with it.
- 6 NANCY KNIGHT: I think your court order will
- 7 explain why, right?
- 8 THE COURT: I hope so, yes.
- 9 NANCY KNIGHT: Okay. So, material facts for the
- 10 jury. I have been adjudicated rights to prosecute
- 11 violations in Tract 4076-B. Count 1 setback violations
- 12 occurred in Tract B prior to the June 11, 2018 court
- 13 order signed by Judge Carlisle.
- 14 And someone has written in court orders that anything
- 15 that occurred is prosecutable violation; and violations
- 16 are count 1.
- 17 Count 1 setback violations continued to occur in
- 18 Tract B during litigation.
- 19 Causes of action common to all counts in the original
- 20 complaint include signage on unimproved lots, building
- 21 and projection setback violations; and attempted building
- 22 setback violations.
- 23 Violations occur when a party decides to circumvent
- 24 or ignore the provisions cited in the CC&Rs. The
- 25 defendants both ignored and circumvented the provisions

- 1 of the CC&Rs.
- 2 It can be shown by plot plans that setbacks were
- 3 violated. Setback violation is a material fact for the
- 4 jury.
- 5 And I noticed I have had no real evidence
- 6 confirming any of this bar graph data that the defendants
- 7 have provided.
- 8 The causes of action for count 1 of the plaintiff's
- 9 original complaint included the proposed setback
- 10 resolution amendment that has been proven to be
- 11 orchestrated by Defendant Azarmi as the proponent.
- 12 It can be shown by video recording and by emails
- 13 that the attempted setback violations were committed by
- 14 Defendant Azarmi.
- 15 It can be shown that Mr. Azarmi's attempted violation
- of the CC&R setbacks was in progress at the time of the
- 17 permit denial for the subject home in Tract A. He
- 18 convinced the volunteer Board of Adjustment to give him
- 19 a variance on May 16 for the setbacks, front and rear,
- 20 claiming in words and by inference that his attempted
- 21 Board of Supervisor resolutions would soon be approved.
- 22 And I already told you what he -- what was quoted out
- 23 of the -- out of the minutes.
- 24 Financial compensation for me to prevent this
- 25 attempted violation is warranted. Financial compensation

- 1 is a material fact for the jury.
- 2 I fully expect that the Court will reconsider
- 3 dismissal of count 1 for Tract-A given the preponderance
- 4 of evidence that there exists one subdivision, namely
- 5 subdivision Tract 4076, and that final plats are given
- 6 alphabetically suffixed tract numbers appended to the
- 7 approved preliminary plat's legal name of the subdivision
- 8 such as 4076-A through 4076-F.
- 9 A single developer, Desert Lakes Development, created
- 10 a declaration for said tract lot restrictions and
- 11 conditions; and the responsibility for prosecution of
- 12 violations, threatened and attempted, was left in the
- 13 hands of all property owners in the subdivision Tract
- 14 4076, regardless of what phase of development their lot
- 15 is situated in.
- 16 It can be shown through the plot plan for the home in
- 17 Tract A that front and rear setbacks were violated. It
- 18 can be shown that Mr. Roberts was complicit in
- 19 circumventing the permit denial from Development
- 20 Services.
- 21 It can be shown that Mr. Azarmi and Mr. Roberts
- 22 convinced the volunteer Board to approve a variance.
- 23 It can be shown that disingenuous claims were made to
- 24 the volunteer Board of Adjustment. Violations are
- 25 material facts for the jury.

- 1 Remedy for setback violations is available.
- 2 Remedy is a material fact for the jury.
- 3 It can be shown that real estate advertising espouses
- 4 no HOA, which the plaintiff alleges creates a perception
- 5 that no CC&Rs exist.
- 6 Escrow does not provide a copy of the CC&Rs during or
- 7 after close of escrow. Abandonment, therefore, cannot be
- 8 adjudicated for lack of knowledge. Abandonment, without
- 9 knowledge of the CC&Rs, is a material fact for the jury.
- 10 Complete abandonment does not exist. It can be shown
- 11 that about 25 percent of the lots in the subdivision
- 12 remain vacant. Therefore, complete abandonment of the
- 13 CC&Rs in the subdivision is impossible to claim at this
- 14 time.
- 15 Complete abandonment is a material fact for the jury.
- 16 Subdivision Tract 4076 is desirable. No reasonable
- 17 person would judge our subdivision CC&Rs so thoroughly
- 18 disregarded that their effectiveness has been destroyed
- 19 and defeated the purposes for which they were intended.
- 20 The existing violations have available remedies to
- 21 substantially achieve the intent of the purpose of the
- 22 covenants.
- The visual appearance of our homes is attractive and
- 24 maintained. Our wrought iron fences are aesthetically
- 25 attractive regardless of paint color. The golf course

- 1 that was a part of the original general plan of
- 2 development still exists. The entire image of the
- 3 subdivision is harmonious, aesthetic and appealing.
- It can be shown that investment in private ownership
- 5 continues in the subdivision. It can be shown that home
- 6 prices have risen substantially between 2018 and 2019.
- 7 Home prices rose an average of 24.63 percent in the
- 8 subdivision as a whole. 24.61 percent in Tract A. 19.55
- 9 percent in Tract B. 18.58 percent in Tract C. 16.55
- 10 percent in Tract 4132; and a whopping 43.88 percent in
- 11 Tract 4163 for lots adjacent to the golf course.
- 12 Thorough disregard for the CC&Rs such that their
- 13 effectiveness has been destroyed and defeated the
- 14 purposes for which they were intended is a material fact
- 15 for the jury.
- Another material fact for the jury is whether
- 17 available remedies exist to substantially achieve the
- 18 intent of the purpose of the covenant.
- 19 Undersized lots only the exist in Tract 4163.
- 20 Frank Passantino had no direct hand involved in
- 21 what happened to 4163.
- The 6,000 square-foot minimum lot size approved by
- 23 the County for all lots in subdivision Tract 4076 was
- 24 violated; however, due to purchaser's combining lots only
- 25 13 out of the 759 buildable lots in the entire

- 1 subdivision Tract 4076 are outliers. That's 1.7 percent
- 2 of the buildable lots. These outliers affected the
- 3 average home price for the period between 2018 and 2019.
- 4 So, those lots, small lots, they only rose about
- 5 9 percent.
- 6 The special development minimum 20-foot rear-yard
- 7 setback was only violated by the County in Tract 4163.
- 8 Due to purchasers combining lots, only 25 out of the 759
- 9 lots are in a County-approved state of violation. That's
- 10 3.3 percent, subdivision-wide.
- 11 A material fact for the jury is whether the
- 12 percentage should be calculated for an effect on the
- 13 entire subdivision or only for the 290 lots in the
- 14 limited adjudication -- adjudicated area, and that would
- 15 be 8.6 percent.
- 16 What percent constitutes frequent violations is a
- 17 matter of fact for the jury. It can be shown that
- 18 setback violations, front and rear, on my property are
- 19 due to no fault of my own.
- 20 A jury needs to rule on remedy for violations due to
- 21 no fault of my own, and consequently no fault of any
- 22 property owner with violations due to no fault of their
- 23 own.
- 24 It can be shown that when clustering occurs, as is
- 25 the case in Tract 4163, where all homes have a 10-foot

- 1 rear-yard setback, the purpose of golf course views for
- 2 lots adjacent to the fairways has not been defeated.
- 3 Views and a ruling on any defeated purpose are
- 4 material facts for the jury.
- 5 Setbacks are the primary violations in this case to
- 6 date. Attempted setback violations and actual building
- 7 and projection setback violations, front and rear.
- 8 There is no evidence to conclude that the setbacks
- 9 have been violated to the extent that any reasonable
- 10 person would be able to consider the existing violations
- 11 as abandonment of the setback restrictions.
- 12 What constitutes frequency violations, complete
- 13 abandonment of the setback restrictions, and a change in
- 14 the character of the subdivision due to setback
- 15 violations are material facts for the jury.
- 16 Defendants claim that count 2 is the remainder of the
- 17 complaint. That is false; and was already ruled as an
- 18 inaccurate claim made repeatedly by the defendants.
- Judge Carlisle corrected the defendants in his court
- 20 order, and Judge Carlisle's words in the April 2 of 2018
- 21 transcript exclusively gives the plaintiff the right to
- 22 preserve count -- pursue count 1 violations in this same
- 23 complaint; albeit for only Tract 4076-B violations.
- Judge Carlisle only dismissed count 1 with respect to
- 25 the Roberts home. The Roberts and the other defendants

- 1 are subject to the causes of action in count 1 for the
- 2 Roberts home.
- 3 The entire fiasco limiting plaintiff's right to
- 4 prosecute violations in only Tract B has been found to be
- 5 an error of the Court in misinterpreting the difference
- 6 in the language of the declaration for said tract and
- 7 subdivision. They are not one-and-the-same as has been
- 8 the position of the Court to date.
- 9 The subdivision is Tract 4076, and the said tract is
- 10 an alphabetical suffix appended to the subdivision name
- 11 for the final plat that is recorded before construction
- 12 begins.
- 13 I've limited my complaint to the alphabetically
- 14 suffixed said Tracts A and B for this matter.
- I fully expect dismissal of the Roberts to be
- 16 reversed. I have no intention of searching Development
- 17 Services records to seek out additional violations in
- 18 Tract A.
- 19 I do expect the Court to grant my rights to prosecute
- 20 violations for this one home in said Tract A, as was the
- 21 intent of covenant 20 in Book 1641, page 897, for
- 22 prosecution rights in the subdivision known as Tract
- 23 4076.
- I will be filing a motion for reconsideration
- 25 with one more piece of new evidence for my rights and

- 1 expectations for my purchase in this master planned
- 2 community.
- 3 I'm not prosecuting violations in two said tracts.
- 4 Tract C, which is a Phase IV, which is Phase IV on the
- 5 approved preliminary plat and it's situated on the
- 6 easterly side of a main road; and Tract 4159, which is
- 7 not even a part of this approved preliminary plat for
- 8 subdivision Tract 4076. Tract 4159 is comprised of a few
- 9 lots that had been a part of a Mohave Mesa Acres.
- 10 The cause of action for part 2 is preliminary and
- 11 permanent injunction -- injunctions enjoining Defendants
- 12 from all current signage violations on unimproved lots,
- 13 for preliminary injunctions enjoining defendants from any
- 14 existing or future violations of the CC&Rs, including but
- 15 not limited to setback violations and signage on
- 16 unimproved lots.
- 17 Reasonable monetary compensation that does not exceed
- 18 the jurisdictional limit of the Court, including but not
- 19 limited to filing fees, compensation for hours of
- 20 research, emails, letters, postage; and the physical and
- 21 emotional distress from the battle to protect my Desert
- 22 Lakes Community from CC&R violations which, in turn,
- 23 threatened my property values and enjoyment of home.
- Injunctive relief is a matter of material fact for
- 25 the jury.

- 1 The defendants claim that the CC&Rs have been
- 2 abandoned; and that there is no issue of material facts
- 3 in this case. There exists a multitude of material facts
- 4 for the jury in this case.
- 5 Regarding Plaintiff's standing. The defendants'
- 6 continuous false claims of abandonment of Tract 4163 from
- 7 the subdivision includes bad faith affidavits acquired in
- 8 their rally for support.
- 9 I have had to repeatedly defend that Parcel VV, where
- 10 my lot is situated, was not abandoned. The truth is that
- 11 Parcel VV's zoning for multi-family housing was
- 12 abandoned, and the abandoned zoning reverted Parcel VV
- 13 back to residential acreage for 22 single family lots by
- 14 the original developers, Desert Lakes Development.
- I was going to give overheads, but I don't think
- 16 I'm going to have time. So, the resolutions are 90-362,
- 17 91-98 and 91-185.
- Defendant Azarmi served on the Planning Commission
- 19 for nearly 15 years and, therefore, knew or should have
- 20 known that it was the multi-family zoning that was
- 21 abandoned.
- 22 He and attorney Oehler chose to deceive the Court
- 23 with the repeated reference to the abandonment of a
- 24 sliver of Parcel KK from the golf course as abandonment
- 25 of both Parcel VV and Parcel KK from the subdivision.

- 1 Parcel VV land was an original part of Phase II in
- 2 the 1988 preliminary plat that created subdivision Tract
- 3 4076.
- 4 The second phase of development was labeled Tract
- 5 4076-B, and since the CC&Rs run with the land, Parcel VV
- 6 is subject to Tract 4076-B CC&Rs recorded in 1989.
- 7 This matter of law has been adjudicated and reuttered
- 8 in court records.
- 9 This case against the subject defendants has a
- 10 potential to establish a new precedent, by jury or by
- 11 appeal, for a very large subdivision with a frequency of
- 12 specific violations to be determined by jury or an
- 13 appeals court.
- Rule 56. I filed a motion on February 28th for
- 15 clarification of what part of Rule 56 I did not follow in
- 16 my response, stating in the conclusion, I quote:
- 17 Plaintiff pleads with the Court to clarify what part of
- 18 the rule was not followed, and to grant Plaintiff leave
- 19 to amend her complaint for errors and/or omissions.
- The 60-day time limit, according to the Arizona
- 21 Constitution for the Court to respond, has passed; with
- 22 no opportunity to amend errors and/or omissions, nor any
- 23 clarification from the Court on what part of the
- 24 procedure I did not follow.
- 25 In Wigglesworth versus Mauldin, I quote:

- 1 Generally, before granting a motion to dismiss on the
- 2 pleadings a Court should give a defendant a chance to
- 3 amend if that would cure the defect, end quote.
- In Haines versus Kerner I quote: A pro per
- 5 litigant should be given a reasonable opportunity to
- 6 remedy defects in his pleadings if the factual
- 7 allegations are close to stating a claim for relief,
- 8 end quote.
- 9 The American Bar Association has standards that
- 10 allows courts to help pro se litigants with regard to the
- 11 pleadings they file.
- This case should not be dismissed due to any
- 13 error or omission in Plaintiff's response to the motion
- 14 for summary judgment.
- 15 . A preponderance of factual allegations, supported by
- 16 real evidence, exists in the record for relief from the
- 17 Defendant's plea for dismissal.
- 18 Plaintiff expects the Court to respect -- I
- 19 mean, to respond to my plea for knowledge as to what I
- 20 did not follow.
- 21 I expect this is not the last motion for summary
- 22 judgment that the defendants will file; and I do not want
- 23 to keep making the same mistakes they claim that I made.
- 24 The Court needs to address my motion for
- 25 clarification.

- 1 Plaintiff has suffered substantial emotional and
- 2 physical distress; who found herself having to spend
- 3 hours of sleepless nights conducting research and sending
- 4 requests for public information to the County in order to
- 5 finally prove her original complaint was valid for
- 6 prosecution rights in Tract A, and that the defendants
- 7 and Mr. Oehler are suspect of fraud upon the Court.
- 8 Compensation is warranted. When matters of fact
- 9 exist for the jury, the case must go to trial.
- 10 Affiant statements are suspect of fraud.
- 11 Cross-examination of the affiants requires a jury trial.
- 12 A class 4 felony or perjury are punishable offenses.
- Necessary and interested parties. Plaintiff has
- 14 served all necessary and interested parties in the
- 15 lawsuit to date.
- 16 An amended complaint will be forthcoming to name
- 17 additional defendants who violated the CC&Rs during
- 18 litigation, and the current owners of homes who will have
- 19 an interest in the lawsuit.
- 20 While the case of Standish versus White Mountain
- 21 Vacation Village Subdivision does not establish legal
- 22 precedent, discussion is food for thought upon which
- 23 Plaintiff relies, especially given that remedy for
- 24 setback violations includes a cutting-away of the
- 25 violating building projections.

- 1 In the Standish case lot owners were approved for
- violations by the subdivision's homeowners association.
- 3 In our case, the County approved the offending
- 4 improvements.
- 5 According to the CC&Rs, the more restrictive setback
- 6 governs over any County variance or County ordinance.
- 7 The pertinent part of the supreme court discussion, I
- 8 quote: Lot owners who had previously received approval
- 9 from the HOA would be required to remove the alleged
- 10 offending improvements, end quote.
- 11 I repeat for emphasis. Required to remove the
- 12 alleged offending improvements. Remedy is a matter of
- 13 fact for the jury to decide.
- 14 Plaintiff is following the rules of procedure by
- 15 joining the necessary and interested lot owners, as well
- 16 as those who committed the setback violations; such as
- 17 Fairway Constructors, who is a party to the CC&Rs as
- 18 owners of the lot in the subdivision.
- 19 A material fact for the jury is who is the
- 20 responsible party who is required to remove the alleged
- 21 offending improvements.
- In this matter, Mr. Roberts was complicit in the
- 23 approval for the variance to violate the CC&Rs.
- 24 Abandonment of a party's right to enforce a
- 25 violation. Lot owners must be able to see a violation in

- 1 order to enforce a CC&R.
- 2 For example, livable space is not visible from the
- 3 exterior of a home. In a subdivision of 571 built homes,
- 4 it would be a prohibitive burden to do a search of every
- 5 Development Services plot plan to see if a livable space
- 6 violation had occurred.
- 7 However, if a violation has been identified for
- 8 a subject home, and the property owner does nothing about
- 9 it, abandonment can be claimed in the future.
- 10 Therefore, Plaintiff is obligated to add Does for
- 11 livable space violations to her future proposed amended
- 12 complaint.
- The Court is required to grant such an amendment in
- 14 order to prevent prejudicing this case and any future
- 15 case in relation to livable space.
- The plaintiff can see wood fence materials in a
- 17 property owner's yard and, therefore, a wood fence
- 18 violation is another potential amendment to the existing
- 19 complaint.
- The potential new defendants' attorney costs could be
- 21 avoided by compliance; and therefore, a registered letter
- 22 to the potential defendants asking for removal of the
- 23 wood fence is preferred.
- 24 Plaintiff remains in this state of defense against
- 25 dismissal of the case and must await the court order on

- 1 this dispositive motion before proceeding with a
- 2 potential mailing of a registered letter asking for
- 3 compliance.
- 4 The defendants claim that 75 percent of the
- 5 subdivision's homes have been built in contradiction of
- 6 the CC&Rs is not a relevant nor plausible claim.
- 7 First, each restriction must be evaluated
- 8 independently. You cannot bundle all of the various
- 9 possibilities of violations in 4076 for one calculation
- 10 due to the non-waiver clause that is consistently cited
- 11 in all versions of the alphabetically suffixed said tract
- 12 declarations.
- 13 It states: Invalidation of any of these
- 14 restrictions, covenants or conditions above by judgment
- or court order shall in no way affect any of the other
- 16 provisions thereof, which shall remain in full force and
- 17 effect.
- That's clause 19 in 4076-B CC&Rs.
- 19 For example, even if the defendants found 75
- 20 percent of the fences to be painted some color other than
- 21 black, it would not affect the small frequency of setback
- 22 violations that would remain in full force and effect.
- 23 Secondly, the law provides for remedy such that
- 24 any violation can be restored to the intent of the
- 25 declaration. Wrought iron fences can easily be painted

- 1 black.
- 2 Setback violations have a cutting away remedy just
- 3 as I had to cut away my side-yard fence and my adjacent
- 4 neighbor's rear-yard fence to restore compliance for
- 5 fence height and steel rail restoration for views.
- 6 And, by the way, it was the County that required T&N
- 7 Development, who built my home, to file -- to file an
- 8 assurance and even take out a loan that he would build a
- 9 block -- a cement block bottom part and steel rails above
- 10 it; as part of the County assurance for fences.
- 11 Secondly, the law provides for remedy. Oh, I
- 12 did that already.
- While the motion for dismissal at this time is
- 14 futile, in my opinion, I take this time to address the
- 15 appeals court authority.
- An appeals court has authority to rule on both law
- 17 and fact; and therefore, in an effort to be proactive in
- 18 attempting to prevent defendants from a futile appeal, I
- 19 will cover areas of law and fact here.
- In Condos versus Home Development Company, I
- 21 quote, complete abandonment of deed restrictions occurs
- 22 when the restriction imposed upon the use of lots in a
- 23 subdivision have been so thoroughly disregarded as to
- 24 result in a change in the area as to destroy the
- 25 effectiveness of the restrictions and defeat the purposes

- 1 for which they were imposed.
- 2 It can be shown that as of March 18, 2020, the
- 3 subdivision still had nearly 25 percent of the 759
- 4 buildable lots still unimproved.
- 5 Thorough disregard and complete abandonment of the
- 6 CC&Rs for setbacks, therefore, has not occurred.
- 7 It can be shown that the defendants' setback
- 8 violations have remedy; therefore, the long-term
- 9 effectiveness of the restriction and purposes for which
- 10 these front and rear setbacks were imposed will not be
- 11 defeated.
- 12 Regarding any court order that may invalidate a
- 13 CC&R. Even if an appeals court could find a restriction
- 14 that is deemed abandoned, this case could not be
- 15 dismissed for the other restrictions that cannot be
- deemed abandoned, such as the setbacks that shall remain
- in full force and effect.
- The original developers did not have unclean hands in
- 19 the creation of Tract 4163, unit E, for a 32 lot
- 20 subdivision in Parcel VV.
- 21 Ludwig Engineering is the culpable -- is culpable for
- 22 this re-subdivision, and possibly for the flooding of 2
- 23 of those 32 lots in Tract 4163.
- Remedies upon breach of a CC&R.
- 25 Plaintiff's ongoing research into CC&Rs revealed,

- in April, 2020, a difference in remedies available to the
- 2 injured party between a restriction and a condition.
- A breach of a condition allows a property owner the
- 4 right to entry for removing the offending violation
- 5 without risk of a claim of trespass or -- and to recover
- 6 costs for removal of the offending violation.
- 7 An example is weed removal. This violation does not
- 8 require a \$300 filing of a civil complaint.
- 9 THE COURT: Mr. Oehler?
- MS. KNIGHT: My time is up?
- 11 THE COURT: No, no. Mr. Oehler is talking too
- 12 loud. He can't whisper very well.
- So, go ahead. Keep talking.
- MR. OEHLER: I apologize, your Honor.
- THE COURT: You are now 3 minutes away from being
- 16 at 30 minutes left.
- 17 NANCY KNIGHT: Oh, I've got a lot of time.
- 18 THE COURT: So, you have 33 minutes left.
- 19 Yeah, don't use it all if you don't have to.
- So, go ahead.
- 21 NANCY KNIGHT: The costs of clearance of weeds
- 22 could be recovered in small claims court.
- 23 With breach of a restriction, the lot owners in a
- 24 subdivision, who are similarly bound by the restriction,
- 25 can seek relief by either an action for money damages or

- 1 an injunction terminating the breach of the restriction.
- 2 Money damages, to me, for setback violations is
- 3 inappropriate in this matter; therefore, the remedy for
- 4 terminating a breach of setbacks is to cut away the
- 5 offending building projections just as I won the right to
- 6 have CC&R fence restrictions of height and solid block on
- 7 the side and rear-yard fences cut away in case
- 8 CV-2016-04026.
- 9 And I'd like to clarify that chain-link is not a
- 10 fence. It is open-ended, and it is a barrier for golf --
- 11 air golf balls that are hit because I'm adjacent to a
- 12 fairway. It is not a fence. I have one fence.
- 13 With a breach of a restriction the lot owners in a
- 14 subdivision -- oh, I think I did that.
- 15 Cutting away violating building projections fulfills
- 16 the intent of the restriction in accordance with
- 17 Restatement 3rd on property.
- 18 Plan of restrictions. In Murphy versus Marino, it is
- 19 stated that, I quote, in order to create a binding
- 20 covenant running with the land in a subdivision which is
- 21 is enforceable by any purchaser of property therein,
- 22 there should be a uniform plan of restriction applicable
- 23 to the subdivision as a whole or to a particular part of
- 24 the subdivision known to each purchaser; and thereby, by
- 25 reference or implication, forming a part of his contract

- 1 with the subdivider, end quote.
- Every said tract declaration of CC&Rs is consistent
- 3 for the plan of restrictions imposed by the original
- 4 single developer Desert Lakes Development, L.P.
- 5 The uniform setback restrictions were imposed by the
- 6 original developer upon all lot owners for the
- 7 improvements to be constructed on the lots in the entire
- 8 subdivision Tract 4076.
- 9 Each lot owner is granted the right to protect his
- 10 investment through enforcement of the plan of
- 11 restrictions against other lot owners within subdivision
- 12 Tract 4076.
- 13 The consistent plan of development, together with the
- 14 plan of restriction, accomplished the intent for burdens
- 15 and benefits afforded to all property owners, including
- 16 the consistent language for their enforcement rights in
- 17 the entire subdivision.
- 18 As cited in Lillard versus Jet Homes, I quote:
- 19 Where these principles must be applied to determine one's
- 20 right to enforce a covenant, it becomes necessary to: 1.
- 21 Define a plan of development. 2. The basic nature of the
- 22 rights acquired; and 3. A grantee under such plan of
- 23 development, end quote.
- 24 These principles have been shown to exist; and
- 25 therefore, I have a right to enforce covenants through

- 1 prosecution of CC&R violations.
- The issues of abandonment and waiver.
- 3 In College Book Centers versus Carefree Foothills
- 4 Homeowners' Association, I quote: Deed restrictions may
- 5 be considered abandoned or waived if frequent violations
- 6 of these restrictions have been permitted.
- 7 Frequent violations is a material fact for the jury.
- 8 It goes on; but when the CC&Rs contain a non-waiver
- 9 provision, a restriction remains enforceable despite
- 10 prior violations, so long as the violations did not
- 11 constitute a complete abandonment of the CC&Rs.
- 12 25 percent of our lots are still undeveloped; there
- 13 cannot be a determination of complete abandonment.
- 14 However, that is another material fact for the jury.
- As shown and can be shown to the jury we do not
- 16 have complete abandonment of any of the violations, and
- 17 the plaintiff intends to enforce -- that I intend to
- 18 enforce in this lawsuit.
- Due to the non-waiver clause, no failure of any
- 20 person to enforce violations in the past shall impact my
- 21 right to enforce in this lawsuit.
- 22 A non-waiver clause, the non-waiver clause is
- 23 consistent in all alphabetically suffixed said tract
- 24 declarations as follows: From the third sentence in
- 25 clause 20, in Book 1641, which is for Tract B, no failure

- of the trustee or any other person or party to enforce
- 2 any of the restrictions, covenants or conditions
- 3 contained herein shall, in any event, be construed or
- 4 held to be a waiver thereof, or consent to any further or
- 5 succeeding breach or violation thereof, or consent to any
- 6 further succeeding breach of violation thereof.
- 7 Due to limited time for this oral argument, I
- 8 refer the Court to look up, if you need verification,
- 9 it's in -- on Page 899, Book 1631.
- 10 THE COURT: All right. Let me clarify. You're
- 11 now down to 27 minutes left.
- 12 NANCY KNIGHT: Okay.
- 13 THE COURT: That includes your rebuttal; so, if
- 14 you use it all up your don't have any rebuttal, but just
- 15 to --
- NANCY KNIGHT: I only -- I've got maybe --
- 17 THE COURT: I'm just telling you how much you have
- 18 left.
- 19 NANCY KNIGHT: I have 3 minutes.
- 20 THE COURT: All right. Go ahead.
- 21 NANCY KNIGHT: Before I get to my closing argument
- 22 or rebuttal whatever.
- THE COURT: All right.
- NANCY KNIGHT: Now I lost my place. Let's see.
- 25 From the first sentence in clause 20 this

- 1 lawsuit is my implied duty to prevent violations and
- 2 attempted violations.
- 3 It can be shown that the attempted violations to
- 4 reduce setbacks in the entire subdivision has been
- 5 factually determined to have been committed by Defendant
- 6 Azarmi both in the recorded video of September 25, 2016,
- 7 at the planning commission meeting, and the email from
- 8 direct -- the director of Development Services, Tim
- 9 Walsh.
- 10 Plaintiff alleges that the jury needs to rule on the
- 11 remedy for \$12,500 in misappropriation of government
- 12 funds to benefit this defendant's proposed setback
- 13 reduction.
- 14 Plaintiff prevented the attempted setback violation
- orchestrated by Defendant Azarmi through her successful
- 16 efforts in achieving denial of the Board of Supervisors
- 17 resolutions 2016-125 and 2016-126.
- 18 County Planning and Zoning approved the 20-foot
- 19 setback, front and rear, for the -- front and rear for
- 20 the entire subdivision in 1989, and Frank Passantino
- 21 went back and had them clarified in 1993.
- 22 Those are resolution 89-116, resolution -- resolution
- 23 93-122; and it's resolution 93-122 that is clearly cited
- 24 in the supervisors' denial for resolution 2016-125, and
- 25 it's clearly cited in the supervisors' denial that the

- 1 name of the subdivision is Tract 4076.
- 2 Remedies are available, and remedies are valuable.
- 3 Remedies are valuable.
- 4 A visually graphic cutting-away remedy is a deterrent
- 5 to any future violations; front and rear setback
- 6 violations perpetrated by the defendants in Phase I,
- 7 Tract 4076-A through a Board of Adjustment setback
- 8 variance, has a cutting-away remedy.
- 9 All exist -- existing front and rear setback
- 10 violations in Tract B, that is pending a motion for leave
- 11 to amend the complaint, has a cutting-away remedy.
- Remedy has a potential to bring the CC&Rs into a
- 13 hundred percent compliance for front-yard setbacks.
- 14 And it has the additional benefit for all of the
- 15 people who have no idea that we even have CC&Rs to
- 16 finally learn that they better get a copy of them and
- 17 follow the rules.
- 18 Existing rear-yard setback violations in Tract 4163
- amounts to 25 of 759 lots, or less than 5 percent of the
- 20 lots in the entire subdivision Tract 4076.
- 21 There is just no remedy today for these violations
- 22 that are adjacent to the golf course; and as I think the
- 23 defendant said my creative idea to get the Indian tribe
- 24 to sell parcels, the Indian tribe has responded back to
- 25 me that because it's Indian reservation land they cannot

- 1 sell any part to an American citizen.
- 2 So, we are stuck with what we have.
- 3 Potential does, in Tract 4076-B, for other
- 4 violations have available remedies. Livable space
- 5 violations can be remedied through adding square footage
- 6 to these homes. Wood fence materials can be remedied
- 7 through taking down the wood fence.
- In other words, the possibility of realizing, to
- 9 a substantial degree, the benefits intended through the
- 10 covenants exists.
- And I reserve the balance of my time; whatever the
- 12 word is.
- 13 THE COURT: All right. Let me just clarify that.
- 14 You still have 23 minutes when it's your turn.
- 15 NANCY KNIGHT: Thank you.
- 16 THE COURT: All right. Mr. Oehler, you have 21
- 17 minutes; beginning now.
- 18 MR. OEHLER: Thank you, your Honor.
- 19 My initial comment would flow along the lines or
- 20 the stream of what would appear to be the fourth, fifth,
- 21 sixth, seventh, maybe eighth -- I'm sure I'll find out
- 22 what the exact number is later -- motion to reconsider.
- 23 That's basically what we have been hearing for the
- 24 last hour and-a-half. A motion to reconsider what the
- 25 plaintiff believes was Judge Carlisle's mistaken finding

- 1 that 4076-B was a sole and separate subdivision.
- I mean, that is the law of the case.
- 3 The plaintiff doesn't like it. So, she ignores
- 4 it. The plaintiff's talking about 700-and-some lots that
- 5 are apparently involved in x-number of different separate
- 6 subdivisions.
- 7 Despite the fact that the law of the case is we're
- 8 talking about 4076-B, and its two derivative
- 9 subdivisions; the 4076-D and 4163.
- But the plaintiff doesn't like it.
- 11 This is not a motion for reconsideration. Roberts
- 12 are not defendants in this cause of action. Roberts have
- 13 been dismissed.
- 14 Count 1 has been dismissed. At some point in time
- 15 Plaintiff has to realize what the law of the case is.
- 16 I have spent quite a few minutes before your Honor
- 17 today certainly indicating that I don't necessarily agree
- 18 with the law of the case; but that is what we are arguing
- 19 today.
- I don't like the fact that the burden, in effect, as
- 21 a result of court of appeals and supreme court law says
- 22 that to avoid a restriction in a non-waiver case it is
- 23 the opponent's, in effect, obligation to show that there
- 24 has been an abandonment of the scheme that was
- 25 orchestrated by the developer.

- 1 Since there has been, indeed, an abandonment and have
- 2 we shown that; have we shown that through Rule 56
- 3 required documentation.
- 4 I think the clear answer is absolutely and
- 5 unequivocally in the affirmative.
- 6 If you have subdivision restrictions that have been
- 7 -- that there have been more violations of than there
- 8 have been commitments to, does that show there has been
- 9 an open disregard for what those restrictions have,
- 10 apparently at one time, -- in this case, early-on, hoped
- 11 to have been.
- 12 If, in fact, we have, perhaps a hundred percent of
- 13 the homes that have been built in the tracts that are the
- 14 subject matter of this litigation, with one or more
- 15 violations, does that show a disregard for the codes,
- 16 covenants and restrictions.
- 17 THE COURT: Is that a jury question under College
- 18 Book?
- MR. OEHLER: No, I don't believe it is, your
- 20 Honor. I believe it is under Rule 56; the quality and
- 21 the state of the documentation and evidence supporting,
- 22 in this case, the dispositive motion for summary
- 23 judgment.
- 24 It sounds as if the plaintiff wants to argue
- 25 that her filing a motion for what she's supposed to argue

- 1 in a Rule 56 matter, and not having the Court respond to
- 2 the motion or not having the opposing party give her
- 3 direction, is supposed to be some kind of, what,
- 4 inappropriate or unethical conduct. I think not.
- 5 I don't think that is my obligation. I don't think
- 6 it's the Court's obligation.
- 7 But, you know, I think the Court has to take a
- 8 look at Rule 56. Was there compliance in the plaintiff's
- 9 motion. Was there compliance in her response; or indeed
- 10 was the plaintiff's response to the actual issue -- not a
- 11 motion to reconsider today, but a motion for summary
- 12 judgment.
- 13 Was it appropriately and properly opposed. What are
- 14 the provisions of Rule 56. Rule 56; what is it, um, E
- 15 under subparagraph 5.
- 16 When a summary judgment action is made and supported,
- 17 as provided by this rule -- I suggest to the Court it was
- 18 -- an opposing party may not rely merely on allegations
- 19 of denials of its own pleadings.
- The opposing party must, by affidavits or otherwise,
- 21 provided in this rule, set forth specific facts showing a
- 22 genuine issue for trial.
- 23 If the opposing party does not so respond summary
- 24 judgment is appropriate, and it shall be entered.
- 25 So, your Honor, in the couple of minutes I

- have left, or remaining, I mean let's -- let's take a
- 2 look, just for a moment, at Plaintiff's response.
- 3 She sets forth, I believe it's 15 separate alleged
- 4 material facts; and what are those material facts in the
- 5 15 categories she's outlined.
- 6 Many of them have no application. They're irrelevant
- 7 to the issue that's before this court. In fact, it might
- 8 be fair to say most of them are irrelevant to the issues
- 9 that were raised in the motion.
- 10 Material fact 1. Condensed from multiple pages
- 11 basically says Judge Carlisle didn't really dismiss count
- 12 1. That's on page 2, line 13. That's her argument. He
- 13 didn't really dismiss count 1.
- Material fact 2. It's irrelevant to this action.
- 15 The defendant, here she's complaining, as we've spent
- 16 many minutes with your Honor here in the last hour,
- 17 talking about an application that was filed by the
- 18 defendant to the planning commission.
- 19 That's not the issue that's before this Court. The
- 20 planning commission denied the application. The County
- 21 followed its ordinance as far as notification. It's
- 22 irrelevant to anything that is before your Honor.
- 23 Material fact number 3. Here the plaintiff is
- 24 talking about it's her intention to prevent the
- 25 defendants, not others, from violating the restrictions

- 1 that have been violated consistently and conclusively for
- 2 30 years.
- 3 Number 4. Nuisance signs. Business advertising.
- 4 She's unhappy, and alleging corruption within Mohave
- 5 County because they don't agree with her off-premise
- 6 advertising assessment; because she doesn't agree with
- 7 title 33, eliminating the covenant regarding no signage
- 8 on unimproved lots.
- 9 Number 5. An action to recover zoning expense
- 10 contrary to the County ordinance.
- 11 One or more of the judges that have heard this case
- 12 already have clearly found that Plaintiff does not
- 13 represent Mohave County; is not in a position to attempt
- 14 to reclaim zoning expense that was incurred as a result
- 15 of Mohave County's zoning ordinance that requires
- 16 notification.
- 17 It is irrelevant to anything that's before the Court.
- 18 Material fact number 6. Realtor email, miscellaneous
- 19 documents, apparently intended as evidence, which she
- 20 says, which the plaintiff says in her own material fact
- 21 paragraph, is snapshots of thoughts of the plaintiff.
- Where does that fit within Rule 56.
- 23 Material item 7. Mohave County's obligation and
- 24 their right to issue permits. Plaintiff believes that
- 25 the County, the permitting entity, has the duty and

- obligation, apparently, to be aware of and enforce CC&Rs.
- 2 They do not. Where is it relevant or germane in
- 3 anything that is in the motion before the Court. That
- 4 was item 7.
- 5 Item 8. Antennas and signage. With antennas she
- 6 says it must be ignored because the law changed saying
- you can't prohibit them, as if it had not been inserted.
- 8 Same thing applies for the signs.
- 9 Different jurisdiction. The State of Arizona versus
- 10 a federal court decision. But maybe the State of Arizona
- 11 and the legislative body that passes the laws don't have
- 12 the authority that is acceptable to the plaintiff.
- 13 It's irrelevant.
- 14 THE COURT: Mr. Oehler, what was the mechanism if,
- 15 in fact, these original covenants and restrictions were
- 16 to be enforced back in 18 -- '89 and '93. Who was to
- 17 enforce them; the other users of the property?
- 18 MR. OEHLER: Well, ultimately, yes, if they chose
- 19 to do so. The codes were set up that there was a named
- 20 committee that was to serve for a period of one year from
- 21 the date of issuance of the public report.
- 22 That one year terminated, as I recall, in January of
- 23 1991. As is indicated by the plaintiff in a multitude of
- 24 her pleadings, she has been unable to find, I've been
- 25 unable to find that there ever was a meeting of that

- 1 architectural committee, even for the one year of its
- 2 existence.
- 3 It terminated one year after the date of issuance of
- 4 the public report. It has not been seen nor heard from
- 5 since.
- 6 THE COURT: I heard some reference to the escrow;
- 7 when people buy property or buy houses does not reflect
- 8 the CC&Rs.
- 9 MR. OEHLER: Some of them do and some of them do
- 10 not. Some of them, in regard to transactions occurring
- 11 in 4163, have gone back and picked up the 4076-B
- 12 regulations, which of course, should advise the
- 13 prospective purchaser immediately, as it did Mrs. Knight,
- 14 that her house was out of compliance when she bought it.
- 15 That it was within 9 -- according to her, 9.19 feet
- of the rear-yard setback; that it was within 4.-something
- 17 feet of the side-yard setback.
- 18 THE COURT: All right. That was --
- MR. OEHLER: There was a block wall on both sides,
- 20 but those were violations that were open and obvious; but
- 21 she purchased them.
- 22 THE COURT: You have about --
- MR. OEHLER: Other title companies have not, and I
- 24 think correctly, incorporated the 4076-B CC&Rs in dealing
- with 4163, including Chicago Title.

- 1 THE COURT: You have 3 minutes, Mr. Oehler.
- 2 MR. OEHLER: Sorry, you got me off --
- 3 THE COURT: Sorry; my bad.
- 4 MR. OEHLER: In any event, your Honor, I mean,
- 5 they're open, obvious, consistent; they're universal.
- 6 There have been far-more violations than there have
- 7 been compliance.
- But let's go back. I think we were on number 8.
- 9 Number 9. CC&Rs were recorded. No enforcement for
- 10 over 30 years. Hundreds, if not thousands, of violations
- 11 have occurred.
- 12 Material fact number 10. Enforcement proven. Her
- 13 enforcement proven as a material fact is that the tribe,
- 14 the Mohave Indian tribe, bought the golf course.
- 15 That's a material fact proving there has been
- 16 enforcement? What else did she say about it. The
- 17 plaintiff complained to the tribe that she saw an ATV on
- 18 the golf course. That's enforcement according to the
- 19 plaintiff. That's in material fact number 10.
- 20 And finally, in material fact number 10, the Fort
- 21 Mohave Indian Tribe, who owns the golf course, needs to
- 22 be protected; and the plaintiff is providing that
- 23 protection.
- 24 Material fact number 11. Enforcement has been proven
- 25 by the Edwards-Chase case. She incurred \$14,000 worth of

- 1 fees. A specific finding and statement -- excuse me.
- 2 A specific agreement in that case is that if
- 3 Plaintiff wanted to tear down the block wall between her
- 4 house and the Edwards house, formerly the Chase house,
- 5 and install wrought iron, she could do it.
- 6 Not because there was an agreement that the CC&Rs
- 7 mandated it, or even required it; but if she wanted to do
- 8 it she was allowed the right with the specific inclusion
- 9 in that agreement that the Court has made and no one has
- 10 made any finding of applicability of the CC&Rs in 4076-B
- 11 to the 4163 tract in which she lives.
- 12 And no matter how many times she wants to say
- 13 different, that's exactly what the agreement in the
- 14 Chase-Edwards case says.
- 15 She alleges in number 12 that Tract 4163 developers
- violated the 4076-B CC&Rs, re: fencing; and she's exactly
- 17 right. As they did, in most every other respect, when
- 18 they developed 4163; and I hasten to point out, although
- 19 it has not be been said, your Honor, my client was not
- 20 the developer of this property.
- 21 My client developed 9.1. something -- excuse me.
- 22 Developed .091 percent of the homes in 4076-B. 9 percent
- 23 of them over 30 years.
- No houses in 4163. Zero, of which 100 percent
- violate the covenants she's attempting to enforce.

- 1 THE COURT: All right. Your time is up if you --
- 2 that's why she was standing; and I'm going to cut her off
- 3 when her time is up, so ...
- 4 MR. OEHLER: I understand.
- 5 THE COURT: Your time is up.
- 6 MR. OEHLER: Your Honor, the plaintiff has not
- 7 complied, even remotely, with rule 50 -- with Rule 56.
- 8 We are entitled to a determinative ruling from this
- 9 Court, including attorney fees --
- 10 THE COURT: Thank you.
- 11 MR. OEHLER: -- that have been incurred as a
- 12 result of the actions.
- The question before the Court, finally, your Honor,
- 14 is is the plaintiff in a position -- is the plaintiff in
- 15 a position to enforce the covenants against the
- 16 defendants she has named, and the answer is clearly no.
- 17 THE COURT: All right. Thank you.
- 18 Ms. Knight?
- 19 NANCY KNIGHT: I don't even, I don't -- I think he
- 20 was --
- 21 THE COURT: Ms. Knight, just talk to me --
- 22 NANCY KNIGHT: I'm sorry.
- 23 THE COURT: -- and argue your case. All right.
- NANCY KNIGHT: You have a copy of my response?
- THE COURT: You have 23 minutes.

- 1 NANCY KNIGHT: So, I think he was twisting the
- 2 words to cloud your view again.
- 3 The thing I mentioned about --
- 4 THE COURT: Ma'am, Mr. Oehler can arque just like
- 5 you're arguing your case.
- 6 NANCY KNIGHT: I'm arguing. I'm arguing his
- 7 claims.
- 8 THE COURT: So, go ahead.
- 9 NANCY KNIGHT: The sign is clearly not a for sale
- 10 sign; that is a material fact for the jury to look at
- 11 that sign and make a determination.
- 12 The Supervisor Johnson, regarding the \$12,500, I am
- 13 not asking on behalf of the County. What I'm doing is
- 14 giving the jury the opportunity to recover tax dollars.
- 15 My tax dollars. Their tax dollars.
- Because even Supervisor Johnson, at the meeting, said
- 17 with all this labor and -- to the director, at the time,
- 18 Director Hahn (phonetic), the proponent is paying for
- 19 this, right; and the answer was no.
- So, normally, it looks like proponents pay when
- 21 they want a change in the zoning or the setbacks,
- 22 whatever -- whatever the proposal was going to be, they
- 23 pay for it. And the taxpayers should not be burdened
- 24 with so much. I mean, it was outrageous.
- 25 Let's see. Regarding, um, the golf course.

- 1 Regardless of who owns it, we don't need to have these
- 2 CC&Rs terminated so that some developer who wants mobile
- 3 homes in Desert Lakes can now go before the Board of
- 4 Supervisors and get approval to have mobile homes and
- 5 wood fences put in our yards because the economic --
- 6 there's economic value to the property owners, to the
- 7 golf course that are running a business there, that it
- 8 remains attractive.
- 9 It is attractive now, and what I'm trying to do is
- 10 protect my property value because I've got an acrimonious
- 11 neighbor -- and by the way, that wood -- that block that
- 12 I had to cut away was because a neighbor, that was a
- 13 prior owner, went to the County, got a permit to build on
- 14 my property.
- That's why I had to spend \$1400 on a survey, and it
- 16 came up with a setback of the -- less than 5-foot
- 17 setback, which according to the County, as long as you
- 18 have a total of 10 feet between two structures it's okay
- 19 because the purpose of a 5-foot setback on both sides of
- 20 a fence is for light, air and fire protection.
- 21 My 5-foot setback -- and that's probably another
- 22 thing for the jury if you want to counterclaim; that the
- 23 jury could determine whether this is an issue. It was
- 24 not my fault. Somebody at the County didn't do
- 25 inspection properly, I assume.

- But, the distance between two structures is over 25
- 2 feet. There is no issue of light, air or fire. And
- 3 there was when -- when my adjacent neighbor decided he's
- 4 going to take out the steel rails, which are required by
- 5 the CC&Rs, the block wall is not -- not required; it's
- 6 okay to have partial block wall and partial -- as long as
- 7 you've got the steel rails that create the view.
- What was I saying?
- 9 Anyway, I had to cut away the blocks because it was a
- 10 -- it was an infringement on my -- a trespass on my
- 11 property, and it was a CC&R case.
- 12 That's part the record. You've got a copy from the
- 13 Arizona -- what is it that when attorneys go the bar --
- 14 state bar. I got a letter from the state bar.
- 15 It was a CC&R case, which is why a lis pendens wasn't
- 16 in place to protect the new owner, who now wants to take
- 17 his view back; and he got the Court to quash my rights to
- 18 get an adjudication that that fence belongs to me based
- 19 on the -- based on the survey.
- So, they quashed my thing to quiet title. Action to
- 21 quiet title.
- 22 Anyway, I did -- what I was doing is saying in
- 23 defense of these oral arguments for a dismissal,
- 24 indispensable parties, there's a lot of -- I mean,
- 25 there's a multitude of property owners who will be

- 1 affected if these CC&Rs are considered abandoned.
- 2 I gave material facts. The words were twisted
- 3 as far as I could see, when he recited back to you; so I
- 4 hope you go back and look and see what I actually said.
- 5 There -- the signs are definitely not -- not for
- 6 sale signs, and even the Department of Real Estate who
- 7 did the investigation claimed no, those are -- and it's
- 8 Development Services; U.S. Southwest, it's their
- 9 development services, boutique of services, out of their
- 10 U.S. Southwest business.
- 11 And even Ann Pettit's own testimony in the affidavit
- 12 that when she -- she would append a rider onto somebody's
- 13 development services to put for sale on it. That made it
- 14 a legal sign. Yours have -- the defendant has nothing on
- 15 his signs that claim that --
- THE COURT: Yeah, just talk to me; don't --
- 17 NANCY KNIGHT: Yes, they do.
- To claim that they are for sale signs.
- Okay. So, the setbacks bestow a substantial
- 20 benefit to property owners.
- 21 Conditions inside the subdivision have not changed
- 22 drastically.
- The covenants provide value to the property owners.
- 24 Material facts exist for the jury.
- 25 And I don't -- I need to wait for your -- I may

- 1 have written the motion wrong about indispensable
- 2 parties; but according to law it looks like that when
- 3 you're going to abrogate CC&Rs there are indispensable
- 4 parties that need to be joined.
- 5 And the affidavits in the record are subject to
- 6 cross-examination. That can only happen at trial.
- 7 Then we talked about relevance. Evidence is
- 8 relevant when it has a tendency in reason to make the
- 9 fact that is offered probable proof or probable disproof
- 10 of claims.
- So, yes, every one of my arguments is real
- 12 evidence, unlike your bar graph that has no real
- 13 evidence.
- 14 THE COURT: Ms. Knight.
- 15 NANCY KNIGHT: I'm sorry.
- 16 THE COURT: Argue your case.
- NANCY KNIGHT: I did it again. I'm sorry. I'm
- 18 sorry.
- 19 Anyway, real -- I gave real evidence. Evidence
- 20 is material if it's offered to prove a fact that is at
- 21 issue in the case, and evidence is competent if the proof
- 22 is reliable.
- 23 It can be shown that the affiants have not submitted
- 24 relevant material nor competent evidence.
- 25 Affidavits submitted with false statements of

- 1 material facts, such as claiming my fence is 4 -- 5 feet,
- 2 4 inches high. It is not. It is 5 feet exactly
- 3 according do the -- what was written in the CC&Rs.
- 4 In Swain versus Bixby Village Golf Course the
- 5 developer had to prove that fundamental or radical
- 6 changes defeated or frustrated the covenant's purposes.
- 7 The homeowners established their harm would continue
- 8 without an injunction and enforcing CC&Rs preserves
- 9 public policy and is in the public interest.
- I also need to have, um, protection from harm
- 11 from an acrimonious neighbor who bought a house thinking
- 12 he's going to have a privately-located pool and spa, and
- 13 he is -- he is adamant about trying to get that -- those
- 14 steel rails taken out; and if the CC&Rs are abandoned,
- 15 considered abandoned by the Court, they can retake -- all
- 16 the money I invested to restore the CC&Rs to comply --
- 17 the fence to compliance with CC&Rs is lost, and my views
- 18 will be lost again.
- 19 As in our case, developer defendants, Ludwig, Ludwig
- 20 Trust, and Fairway Constructors have not proven that
- 21 fundamental or radical changes have defeated or
- 22 frustrated the covenant's purposes.
- In 2014 they began the process of offering 10 lots in
- 24 Tract 4076-A for sale as developed lots. One of the
- 25 those lots is a subject home in this case, currently

- 1 owned by defendant Roberts.
- 2 The defendants' violations and the indisputable
- 3 attempted violations by defendant Azarmi, which is in
- 4 count 1 of my original complaint, -- I don't know why I
- 5 should lose that part -- remain prosecutable, in my
- 6 opinion, and have remedies that will serve to preserve
- 7 public policy and serves public interest.
- Public policy of the peoples' expectations for the
- 9 benefits and burdens of the contract, and the public
- 10 policy of protecting people from harm, the safety from
- 11 these wind-bent and deteriorated sheet metal signs and
- 12 sign riders, which you have photographic evidence of,
- 13 public policy in protection from tax dollars being spent
- 14 inappropriately to benefit a politically well-connected
- 15 developer who served on the planning commission for 15
- 16 years; you think they want to tell him no, take your
- 17 signs down?
- I think there is a conflict of interest; and the
- 19 reason they refuse to enforce their own ordinance.
- 20 Public interest in fair competition. Off-premises,
- 21 advertising signs are prohibited. Consistent
- 22 application of the rules for equity, and the economic
- 23 value of protecting the aesthetic appeal of the
- 24 subdivision serves the public interest of economic growth
- 25 of property values.

- 1 Plaintiff is entitled to compensation in law and
- 2 in equity from a court of competent jurisdiction.
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 Let's see. I think I'll -- I will give up
- 4 the balance of my time.
- 5 THE COURT: All right. That will be it.
- 6 NANCY KNIGHT: My throat's sore.
- 7 THE COURT: That will be a conclusion of our
- 8 arguments then.
- 9 NANCY KNIGHT: Except that I plead to the Court to
- 10 deny it.
- 11 THE COURT: Okay. And you're asking to grant your
- 12 motion and deny Mr. Oehler's motion; is that correct?
- NANCY KNIGHT: Yeah. My motion is based on
- 14 evidence that the signs are not for sale signs, and
- 15 that's something for you to rule on.
- 16 THE COURT: All right. I'm just clarifying what
- 17 you said then.
- 18 NANCY KNIGHT: Yeah.
- 19 THE COURT: You're not just asking me to deny
- 20 both. You're asking to deny Mr. Oehler's motion for
- 21 summary judgment; and not grant --
- 22 NANCY KNIGHT: Deny dismissal of his dispositive
- 23 motion about CC&Rs, and approve my motion --
- 24 THE COURT: For summary judgment.
- 25 NANCY KNIGHT: -- to take down the signs.

- 1 THE COURT: All right.
- NANCY KNIGHT: I'll redirect.
- 3 THE COURT: And you mentioned earlier that you
- 4 have written copies for the court reporter.
- 5 Do you have -- have you given those to her
- 6 already, or --
- 7 NANCY KNIGHT: Yeah, this one -- this one I went a
- 8 little bit off-script, the final one; but I do have my
- 9 beginning one that I can -- I gave her the original
- 10 beginning, and then opening argument.
- 11 THE COURT: Yeah, give her what you can to help
- 12 her put this together in case it ever needs to be put
- 13 together.
- Okay. I just want to make a couple
- 15 clarifications. One, you know, I have not told anybody
- 16 to do a special action.
- I suggested on the record that that's one of the
- 18 options if you talk to a lawyer or if you don't talk to a
- 19 lawyer. But one of the options is a special action.
- I cannot give legal advice. I think special actions
- 21 are hard to win, and I've made that record, as well.
- 22 So, the point is it's just an option if you don't
- 23 like the Court's ruling. The other option, of course, is
- 24 to wait till the final ruling or to have our jury trial
- 25 if I -- if, you know, we can ever get to that part; and

- 1 then appeal whatever rulings both sides don't like.
- 2 Mr. Oehler doesn't like one of Judge Carlisle's
- 3 rulings either.
- 4 So, that's the issues that we have to deal with
- 5 as we go forward here; and so, I kind-of, despite this
- 6 being more than 3 hours today, I did get a good feel for
- 7 both sides' issues; and I did some reading.
- 8 I obviously have to go back and apply this to some of
- 9 these cases that are cited, but Mr. -- you know, Mr.
- 10 Oehler doesn't disagree; I don't think anybody disagrees
- 11 that covenants, CC&Rs are legitimate in cases that he has
- 12 to show, based on the case law, that they've been
- 13 abandoned by the numerous violations that have taken
- 14 place over the last 30 years.
- That's his argument. Nobody's disagreeing that CC&Rs
- 16 are valid and enforceable when they're not -- when
- 17 they're not abandoned.
- 18 So, that's where I have to come -- that's step one,
- 19 and then we start dealing with the legitimacy of each and
- 20 every argument as we go forward; but we haven't got to
- 21 that part yet because I have rule on this.
- 22 The one thing I -- you know, I find myself concerned
- 23 about, Ms. Knight, is you mentioned today that you're
- 24 going to file two new motions during the middle of your
- 25 argument in this motion.

- I don't know what those -- I mean, I do know what you
- 2 said they're going to be; but I don't know why you're
- 3 considering filing more motions.
- And when you've argued stuff, I'll address what
- 5 you've argued today in my rulings that I make in this
- 6 case. But you have a right.
- 7 You have not been declared a vexatious litigant
- 8 in this case; and if you recall that case I wasn't the
- 9 judge.
- I was asked to review what was going on at the time,
- 11 as the plethora of filings that kept coming, and I made
- 12 that ruling. We made that record when you first -- when
- 13 this case first came to me.
- So, I -- you know, ruling against you, ruling on
- 15 things you disagree with, is not evidence of bias.
- 16 It's, you know, ruling against Mr. Oehler is not
- 17 evidence of bias. Ruling for you against Mr. Oehler will
- 18 not be evidence of bias against Mr. Oehler. Ruling for
- 19 Mr. Oehler against you will not be evidence of bias.
- 20 So, I just want that that's -- that's clear case
- 21 law. That's a history. There has to be some other
- 22 indication of bias besides the rulings.
- 23 So, you've brought that up -- and Ms. Knight, do not
- 24 raise your hand. You're done talking today. Time is up.
- I'm just making that record just to say, when I'm

- 1 addressing this, I don't -- even being accused of bias
- 2 doesn't make me biased against you.
- 3 I'm going to go read the case law. You've accused
- 4 multiple people today of multiple crimes; but I'm going
- 5 to go read the case law and do the things that I need to
- 6 do in this case; and it's not -- not going to be easy.
- 7 This is a complicated -- I allowed both of you to
- 8 file lengthy pleadings, lengthier than I -- as I look
- 9 back at it, than I should have. But I allowed it. You
- 10 both did it. I've reviewed those pleadings. I'll now
- 11 have to go review them again.
- But that's where we're at.
- 13 It is ordered taking under advisement both
- of the pending motions for summary judgment, and I'll get
- 15 a ruling out.
- We'll stand at recess.
- NANCY KNIGHT: Can I just answer the question?
- 18 You posed a question to Mr. Oehler about the CC&Rs, and
- 19 he isn't even not a part of the CC&Rs; the answer to your
- 20 question about architectural committee; like who is
- 21 supposed to enforce --
- THE COURT: Ms. Knight?
- NANCY KNIGHT: Can I answer it?
- 24 THE COURT: No, you may not.
- 25 NANCY KNIGHT: Okay.

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           THE COURT: You had a chance.
           NANCY KNIGHT: I just wanted to say if he could --
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            THE COURT: You had time. You've stopped arguing.
              I did pose that; that's why you had the last word.
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         And we're done today. All right.
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              So, that's it. I'm taking this matter under
     advisement; and I'll get that out to you.
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              We'll stand at recess.
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         (The proceedings recessed at 4:39 a.m.)
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