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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MARICOPA

LAURA OWENS,

Plaintiff,

GREGORY GILLESPIE,

Defendant.

Case No.: CV2021-052893

REPLY IN SUPPORT OF APPLICATION FOR COSTS

(Assigned to the Hon. Michael Gordon)

Defendant/Counterclaimant Gregory Gillespie ("Defendant"), by and through undersigned counsel, hereby replies in support of his Application for Costs ("Reply"). Plaintiff Laura Owens ("Plaintiff") contends that neither party is the successful party in this matter. Plaintiff further contends that her conduct did not increase costs in this matter and that a judgment will maintain a reason for additional contact between the Parties. Plaintiff further objects to Defendant's supplemental costs as untimely.

Plaintiff's arguments are without merit. First, as stated in Defendant's Application, the Court should consider the lack of support for Plaintiff's claims as well as Plaintiff's late disclosures. The Court should also consider Plaintiff's numerous and unnecessary filings, which increased the costs in this matter. Based on the totality of the litigation, the Court should conclude that Defendant is the successful party in this matter. Moreover, Defendant's desire for finality in this matter is not a reason to deny the Application. Lastly,

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Defendant explained in his Motion for Leave to Supplement Application for Costs, there exists good cause to supplement Defendant's Application, because Defendant's counsel filed its motion once it received relevant records from Defendant's prior counsel. Plaintiff will not suffer prejudice in responding to Defendant's Motion for Leave or from the supplemental costs.

For the foregoing reasons, the Court should determine that Defendant is the successful party in this matter and grant the Application.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 2nd day of January 2024.

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