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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF ARIZONA

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF YAVAPAI

JOHN B. CUNDIFF and BARBARA C. CUNDIFF, husband and wife; BECKY NASH, a married woman dealing with her separate property; KENNETH PAGE and KATHRYN PAGE, as Trustee of the Kenneth Page and Catherine Page Trust,

Plaintiffs,

v.

DONALD COX and CATHERINE COX, husband and wife, et al. et ux.,

Defendants.

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Case No. CV 2003-0399

Division No. 1

DEFENDANTS' COX ET AL. PRETRIAL CONFERENCE MEMORANDUM IN ACCORDANCE WITH RULE 16(b), ARIZ. R. CIV. P.

(Assigned to the Hon. Kenton Jones)

Defendants Cox et al., through their counsel undersigned, hereby submit the following Joint Pretrial Conference Memorandum pursuant to Rule 16(b), Ariz. R. Civ. P. The time frames which the parties have set forth in this memorandum are based upon the premise that the trial will occur at the earliest October 31, 2012. Should the actual trial date be set prior to or later than that anticipated date, it will be necessary to reevaluate the deadlines set forth herein. Regardless, as this Court is well aware, this case has been pending for a very long time and there is absolutely no good or justifiable reason this case should not be set for trial 13 months or more as proposed by Plaintiffs.

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1. Discovery

The parties completed substantial discovery in this case already in anticipation of trial in August, 2005. However, Defendants do agree that some additional discovery will be necessary, which they already have begun and which will be completed in a very short amount of time. That discovery will includes updating the results obtained by Sheila Cahill, who conducted substantial research of the uses of the properties in the subdivision that is required because of changes that have occurred in the economy and changes in ownership. Ms. Cahill will very soon be finished with that work and Defendants will supplement their Rule 26.1 Disclosures accordingly. Defendants do not believe that there is a need to engage in a significant number of depositions although Plaintiffs have indicated a need to take depositions. Thus, at this time Defendants are unaware of any pending discovery disputes between the parties.

In considering the foregoing, it should be noted that since this case returned to this Court from the Court of Appeals and Arizona Supreme Court and they finished with their joinder activities, Plaintiffs have performed no discovery of any kind, at least that is our impression in light of the fact that they have served not a single supplemental disclosure statement, requested not a single deposition nor served any additional discovery requests. Rather, it seems Plaintiffs are content to simply sit on their hands while the calendar days and months click by. They should not be rewarded by allowing this case to be set for trial more than a year from now. It is time for Plaintiffs to get off the pot. Therefore, we suggest cutting discovery off 90 days before trial.

2. Expert Witnesses

Expert witnesses shall be disclosed no later than 90 days before trial with rebuttal expert witnesses disclosed 60 days before trial.

3. Determination or Designation of Experts

Defendants have designated Sheila Cahill as an expert witness. We expect that Plaintiffs will renew their objection to Ms. Cahill being called as an expert or even as a lay witness although we believe that this Court has resolved and disposed of that issue already and made a judicial determination that Ms. Cahill should be allowed to testify in this case. To date, Plaintiffs have neither designated nor disclosed and expert witness, which is curious in light of their statements to the Court of having an intention to do so. If they intend to use and expert, they should know already who that expert is inasmuch as they have literally had several years to do so. Thus, experts should be designated consistent with Section 2 above.

4. <u>Disclosure of Nonexpert Witnesses</u>

The parties have each disclosed a number of lay witnesses in their respective disclosure statements. However, following the joinder of all subdivision property owners, Defendants believe that additional witnesses will be identified and require disclosure. Defendants believe that non-expert witnesses will be disclosed no later than 75 days before trial.

5. Discovery Disputes

Defendants are unaware of any currently pending discovery disputes.

1 <u>6.</u> **Elimination of Unmeritorious Claims or Defenses** 2 Defendants believe all issues with respect to the merits of the claims and defenses asserted 3 in this case have been resolved and that there is not, at present, a need to eliminate any claims or 4 defenses. 5 6 <u>7.</u> **Amendment of Pleadings** 7 Defendants do not believe that any amendment of the pleadings is necessary or forthcoming. 8 **Identification of Issues of Fact** <u>8.</u> 9 10 The parties dispute whether the recorded Declaration of Restrictions has been 11 abandoned/waived and is enforceable. 12 Stipulations re Foundation or Admissibility 13 Defendants will agree that they will entertain and address any necessary stipulations by or 14 15 before 20 days before trial. 16 10. **Special Procedures** 17 No special procedures for management of this case are necessary. 18 19 11. **Alternative Dispute Resolution** 20 The parties already have participated in two mediations and a settlement conference, none of 21 which were successful. Further, given the joinder of all subdivision property owners, Defendants 22 believe that there are significant practical and legal barriers to the likelihood of success of any 23 24 mediation or settlement conference. 25 <u>12.</u> **Modification/Suspension of Any Rules** 26 The parties do not believe this is necessary. 27

1 **13.** Rule 26.1 Compliance 2 See paragraph 1 above. Defendants will agree to full compliance with Rule 26.1, Ariz. R. Civ. 3 P., will have been made by the discovery cut-off, which Defendants agree should be 90 days prior to trial. 5 6 14. **Settlement Conference** 7 See paragraph 11 above. 8 Joint Pretrial Statement <u>15.</u> 10 Defendants believe that the parties should file a Joint Pretrial Statement should be filed within 11 ten (10) days of trial. 12 <u> 16.</u> **Trial Date** 13 Defendants believe a trial date on or after October 31, 2012, would be reasonable. 14 15 **17. Motions in Limine/Dispositive Motions** 16 Defendants believe that any motions in limine, if necessary, should be filed no later than 20 17 days before trial. Dispositive motions should be filed no later than 90 days prior to trial. 18 19 18. Jury Trial 20 Defendants have requested a jury trial. 21 Setting a trial date not later than October 31, 2012, will accommodate all of the foregoing cut-22 off dates. Again, given the length of time this case has been pending just since it returned from the 23 24 Court of Appeals and Arizona Supreme Court, Plaintiffs have had more than an adequate amount of 25

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time to prepare their case for trial and to conduct any discovery they deem necessary. All of the

original parties to this case have been deposed, significant written discovery requests have already

been exchanged and responded to and a multitude of issues have been resolved through dispositive

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