BEFORE THE CERTIFIED COURT REPORTERS' BOARD OF NEVADA

IN THE MATTER OF GINA SHRADER, CCR License No. 647,

Case No.: 2019-C004

Respondent.

#### SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND ORDER

WHEREAS, the Certified Court Reporters' Board of Nevada ("Board"), having jurisdiction over licensee GINA SHRADER, CCR License No. 647 ("Respondent" or "Licensee"), pursuant to NRS 656.040, and

WHEREAS, the Board having the duty to administer the provisions of NRS Chapter 656. Accusations against said Licensee having been received alleging violations of the Nevada statutes and regulations controlling the practice of court reporting, and the parties being mutually desirous of settling the controversy between them relative to the pending accusation,

IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED UPON by and between the undersigned parties that this matter shall be settled and resolved upon the following terms:

## JURISDICTION

1. Licensee Shrader is now, and was at all relevant times alleged herein issued certified of registration no. 647 as a certified court reporter by the Certified Court Reporters' Board of Nevada. Accordingly, Licensee is subject to the provisions of Chapter 656 of the Nevada Revised Statutes ("NRS") and Chapter 656 of the Nevada Administrative Code ("NAC").

2. Pursuant to NRS Chapter 656, the Board is vested with the legal power and authority to take disciplinary action, including, but not limited to, the revocation of licenses to practice court reporting in the State of Nevada.

#### STIPULATED FACTS

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Licensee Shrader understands the nature of the allegations under

consideration by the Board. She acknowledges that the conduct described below constitutes violations of NRS Chapter 656 governing the practice of court reporting in Nevada and that if proven by a preponderance of the evidence, she is subject to disciplinary action by the Board. As allowed under NAC 656.440, in an effort to resolve these allegations and to avoid the necessity and cost of a hearing, Licensee Shrader agrees to the terms of this Agreement:

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Licensee Shrader was at all relevant times mentioned herein licensed a. by the Board to practice court reporting, issued license no. 647.

8 b. On or about January 31, 2018, Philip J. Kohn, Esq., Clark County 9 Public Defender, filed Appellant's Request for Certified Transcript of Proceedings 10 ("Request") in the case captioned State of Nevada v. Gustavo Hernandez, Jr., Case No. C-11 16-315348-1, in the District Court of Clark County Nevada. The Request was made to 12 Licensee Shrader, among others.

c. On or about February 6, 2018, the aforementioned Request was also 14 filed with the Clerk of the Nevada Supreme Court, Supreme Court Case No. 74835.

15 d. As related to Licensee Shrader, the Request sought the following portions of the transcript: 16

17 07/19/16, 02/21/17, 02/23/17, 03/02/17, 05/02/17, 08/31/17 - any i. 18 and all proceedings, all transcripts to include word index; and

19 ii. 09/11/17, 09/12/17 - trial transcripts - all transcripts, include 20 word index – any and all proceedings, jury voir dire, jury selection, opening statements, 21 testimony, matters heard outside the presence of the jury, settling of instructions, closing 22 arguments, verdict, any and all bench conferences.

23 On or about March 26, 2018, Licensee Shrader filed a Motion to Extend e. 24 Time for Transcripts, wherein she informed the Nevada Supreme Court that she was also 25 responsible for transcription for 09/13/17 and 09/15/17, and requested a 30-day extension 26 to complete the transcripts.

27 f. On or about April 3, 2018, the Nevada Supreme Court issued an Order 28 Granting Licensee Shrader's Motion, noting that her Motion was untimely but nonetheless

1 granting her request for a 30-day extension to complete the transcripts. The Order 2 specifically indicated that Licensee Shrader would have until April 18, 2018 to file the 3 transcripts in the District Court and deliver copies to the requesting party, and further 4 stated that Licensee Shrader would have until April 25, 2018 within which to file a notice 5 with the Nevada Supreme Court that the transcripts were filed and delivered.

6 On or about May 22, 2018, Licensee Shrader filed certificates of g. delivery for transcripts dated 02/21/17, 02/23/17, 03/02/17, and 05/02/17. However, Licensee Shrader had not filed certificates of delivery for the balance of the transcripts 8 9 and filed a second Motion to Extend Time for Transcripts, requesting an additional 30 10 days to complete transcription.

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11 h. On or about May 30, 2018, the Nevada Supreme Court filed its Order 12 Granting Licensee Shrader's Motion, again noting that her Motion was untimely, but 13 ultimately affording additional time to prepare the transcripts, to be filed with the District 14 Court and delivered to the requesting party by June 21, 2018, and up to June 28, 2018 15 within which to file a notice with the Supreme Court that the transcripts were filed and delivered. 16

On or about August 27, 2018, the Nevada Supreme Court issued an i. 18 Order Regarding Transcripts, noting that Licensee Shrader had failed to file the notice of 19 delivery of the transcripts and affording her 14 days from the date of the Order to file the 20 transcripts with the District Court and deliver the same to counsel, as well as to file a 21 notice of delivery with the Clerk of the Nevada Supreme Court.

22 j. On or about November 5, 2018, the Nevada Supreme Court issued an 23 Order Conditionally Imposing Sanctions upon Licensee Shrader for her failure to deliver 24 the transcripts and directed her to file and serve the requested transcripts within 10 days of the Order. 25

26 k. On or about December 17, 2018, the Nevada Supreme Court issued an 27 Order Imposing Sanctions upon Licensee Shrader for her failure to file the requested 28 transcripts. Licensee Shrader was ordered to pay \$250 to the Supreme Court Law Library

as well as to provide the transcripts within 11 days from the date of the Order.

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2 ]. On or about January 31, 2019, the Nevada Supreme Court entered an
 3 Order directing Licensee Shrader to file the transcripts within 11 days of the Order and
 4 cautioned that failure to comply would result in the imposition of additional sanctions,
 5 including referral to the Certified Court Reporters' Board.

m. On or about April 10, 2019, the Nevada Supreme Court issued its
Order Imposing Sanctions, Directing Filing of Transcripts, and Referring Court Reporter
Gina Shrader to the Nevada Certified Court Reporters Board for her continued failure to
deliver the transcripts.

n. On or about April 30, 2019, the Board sent Licensee Shrader a
Confidential Investigation Form requesting a response by May 30, 2019 to the following
requests:

 i. State the reason(s) for your untimely submission of transcripts *i*. State the reason(s) for your untimely submission of transcripts
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11. State the reason(s) for your untimely motion to request an extension to prepare the transcripts for *Gustavo Hernandez, Jr. vs. The State of Nevada*, #74835;

19iii.State the reason(s) for your continued failure to respond to the20court's orders; and

iv. Provide proof of payment for the sum of \$250.00 made to the
Supreme Court Law Library.

23 o. On or about July 19, 2019, Licensee Shrader untimely served her
24 response to the Confidential Investigation Form.

p. On August 21, 2019, Licensee filed a Notice with the Nevada Supreme
Court stating that the requested transcripts were delivered.

# VIOLATIONS OF LAW

4. The foregoing alleged conduct would violate NRS 656.250(12)(b) for Licensee

Shrader's failure without excuse to transcribe stenographic notes of a proceeding and filing or delivering to an ordering party a transcript of the stenographic notes within a reasonable time required for filing the transcript.

The foregoing alleged conduct would violate NRS 656.250(12)(c) for Licensee 5. Shrader's failure without excuse to transcribe stenographic notes of a proceeding and filing or delivering to an ordering party a transcript of the stenographic notes within a reasonable time required for delivery of the transcript.

The foregoing alleged conduct would violate NRS 656.250(11) for Licensee 6. Shrader's failure within a reasonable time to provide information requested by the Board as a result of a formal or informal complaint to the Board based on her failure to timely respond to the Confidential Investigation Form.

# DISCIPLINE AUTHORIZED

13 7. Pursuant to NRS 656.250 and NRS 656.253, the Board may impose discipline, including the denial, suspension, or revocation of certificates or licenses to practice court 14 reporting in Nevada.

8. Pursuant to NRS 656.257, the Board may place a certificate or license holder on probation and/or impose an administrative fine not to exceed \$5,000.00 per violation.

## SETTLEMENT

9. 19 The Board was prepared to file a formal complaint against Licensee Shrader 20 pursuant to NAC 656.440 and was also prepared to present a case based upon the 21 Complaint. Licensee Shrader does not contest the violations as alleged herein. The parties 22 desire to compromise and settle the instant controversy upon the following terms and 23 conditions:

24 Licensee Shrader shall be suspended for one (1) year from the date the a. 25 Board executes this Agreement, followed by one (1) year of probation. After completing the 26 suspension but prior to beginning the probation period, Licensee Shrader shall appear 27 before the Board.

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b. While on suspension, pursuant to NAC 656.375, Licensee Shrader agrees that: (a) she shall not accept any new court reporting assignments; (b) she shall furnish transcripts within 30 days from the date the deposit is received; (c) she shall not seek continuances from any Nevada Court to furnish transcripts, absent exigent circumstances, and if she does request a continuance that she shall notify the Board in writing of her request within five (5) days of her request for the continuance; (d) she shall comply with Rule 9 of the Nevada Rules of Appellate Procedure; and (e) she shall bill her services in accordance with NRS 3.370.

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c. Licensee Shrader agrees to pay to the Board the amount expended for its attorneys' fees and costs. An exact tally of the Board's costs will be sent to Licensee Shrader by mail within fifteen (15) days from the date of this Order. Licensee Shrader shall have one (1) year from the date the Board executes this Agreement within which to pay such sum. Failure to timely pay the total fees and costs shall be construed as an event of default by Licensee Shrader.

d. Within 7 days after the execution of this Agreement by the Board, 14 Licensee Shrader shall compile a list of outstanding transcript orders which includes case 15 16 number, name of ordering party, date of proceedings, date ordered, date deposit paid, 17 delivery date promised, and a page estimate and provide the same to the Board. Licensee Shrader agrees that while on suspension and/or probation, she shall notify the Board 18 within 24 hours of a new transcript order regarding a matter that she reported prior to her 19 suspension, including the case number, name of ordering party, date of proceedings, and a 20 page estimate. Licensee Shrader further agrees to notify the Board within 24 hours of 21 22 filing a transcript.

e. Licensee Shrader and the Board agree that by entering into this
Agreement, the Board does not concede any defense or mitigation Licensee Shrader may
assert and that once this Agreement is approved and fully performed, the Board will close
its file in this matter.

f. Licensee Shrader further acknowledges that the Board will retain
jurisdiction over this matter until all terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement have

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g. Licensee Shrader agrees that if the attorneys' fees are not timely paid, or if the information regarding transcript orders described herein in paragraph 9(d) are not timely provided, or if she fails to comply with the terms of her suspension and/or probation, the Board may, at its option, rescind this Agreement and proceed with filing a formal complaint and prosecution thereon before the Board. Further, debt collection actions for unpaid monetary assessments in this matter may be instituted by the Board.

h. Licensee Shrader hereby expressly acknowledges that she has freely and voluntarily entered into this Agreement, and she is aware of her rights to contest the charges pending against her. These rights include the right to representation by an attorney at her own expense, the right to file an answer in response to a formal complaint, the right to a public hearing on any charges or allegations formally filed, the right to confront and cross-examine witnesses called to testify against her, the right to represent evidence on her own behalf, the right to testify on her own behalf, the right to receive writing findings of fact and conclusions of law supporting the decision and the merits of the complaint, and the right to obtain judicial review of the decision. Licensee Shrader further is aware of her rights which may be accorded to her pursuant to the provisions of NRS and/or NAC chapters 233B, 622, 622A, and 656, and federal and state constitutions. Licensee Shrader hereby voluntarily waives all these rights in exchange for the Board's acceptance of this Agreement.

10. Licensee Shrader is aware of, understands, and has been advised of the effect of this Settlement Agreement and Order ("Agreement"), which she has carefully read and fully acknowledges. Licensee Shrader has had the opportunity to consult with competent counsel of her choice.

11. If the Agreement is not accepted by the Board, or if this matter proceeds to formal hearing due to Licensee Shrader's failure to comply with the terms of the Agreement, Licensee Shrader acknowledges and understands that the Board members who review this matter for approval of this Agreement may be the same members who

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|| ultimately hear, consider, and decide the Complaint.

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12. Licensee Shrader understands that this Agreement and other documentation may be subject to public records laws, and that at the time this Agreement becomes effective, it also becomes a public document. It is also understood that the meeting in which the Board considers and accepts or rejects this Agreement is open to the public and that the minutes of the Board meeting are a public document, available for inspection by any person so requesting.

13. Licensee Shrader agrees that the Board-approved Agreement may be used as evidence in any subsequent disciplinary hearing.

14. Should the Agreement be rejected by the Board, it is agreed that presentation to and consideration by the Board of such proposed Agreement shall not unfairly or illegally prejudice the Board or any of its members from further participation, consideration, adjudication, or resolution of these proceedings and that no Board member shall be disqualified or challenged for bias.

15. Licensee Shrader acknowledges that the Agreement shall only become effective upon being duly executed by both the Board and Licensee Shrader.

17 In consideration of execution of this Agreement, Licensee Shrader hereby 16. 18 releases and forever discharges the State of Nevada, the Certified Court Reporters' Board 19 of Nevada, and each of its respective members, agents, employees, and counsel in their 20 individual and representative capacities, from any and all manner of actions, causes of 21action, suits, debts, judgments, executions, claims, and demands whatsoever, known or 22 unknown, in law or equity, that Licensee Shrader ever had, now has, may have, or may 23 claim to have, against any and all of the persons and/or entities named in this section, 24 arising out of or by reason of the Board's investigation, this disciplinary action, and all 25matters relating thereto.

17. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement of the parties, and is
intended to be a complete and exclusive statement of the promises, representations,
negotiations, and discussions of the parties. Unless otherwise expressly authorized by its

terms, this Agreement shall be binding upon the parties unless the same is in writing and
 signed by the respective parties hereto.

3	IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be	
4	4 signed and intended to be legally bound thereby.	

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6	DATED this 24 day of 1000 at , 2019.	DATED this 14 day of November, 2019.	
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14	IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the foregoing Settlement Agreement and Order are approved and accepted by the Certified Court Reporters' Board.		
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