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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA Supreme Court Cause No. DA 20-0418

WADE AYALA,

Plaintiff, Counterclaim-Defendant, and Appellee,

v.

GAIL STAFFORD,

Defendant, Counter-Claimant, Third-Party Plaintiff, Appellant, and Cross-Appellee,

v.

RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A.; BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.; and FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION,

Third-Party Defendants, Appellees, and Cross-Appellants,

EQUITY PROCESS MANAGEMENT, INC.; PAMELA PFAFF, Personal Representative of the Estate of JOSEPH NOWAKOWSKI; BRANDY LOU AYALA, SADIE LYNN BARRETT; and DOES 1-10,

Third-Party Defendants and Appellees.

NOTICE OF CROSS-APPEAL

NOTICE is hereby given that ReconTrust Company, N.A., Bank of America, N.A., and Federal National Mortgage Association, the Cross-Appellants above-named and who are the Third-Party Defendants in that cause of action filed in the Second Judicial District, in and for the County of Silver Bow as Cause No. DV-18-267, hereby cross-appeals to the Supreme Court of the State of Montana from the District Court's "Order on Pending Matters" entered on the 23rd day of July, 2020.

THE CROSS-APPELLANTS FURTHER CERTIFY:

That this cross-appeal is subject to the mediation process required by
M. R. App. P. 7. The money judgment being sought is not less than \$5,000.

2. That this cross-appeal is not an appeal from an order certified as final under M. R. Civ. P. 54(b).

3. This cross-appeal does not involve a challenge to the constitutionality of any act of the Montana Legislature.

4. All available transcripts of the proceedings in this cause were already ordered from the court reporter by the Appellant/Cross-Appellee.

5. That included herewith is the filing fee prescribed by statute.

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Dated this 3rd day of September, 2020.

BROWNING, KALECZYC, BERRY & HOVEN, P.C.

By <u>/s/ Mark D. Etchart</u>

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have filed a true and accurate copy of the foregoing Notice of Cross-Appeal with the Clerk of the Montana Supreme Court and that I have served true and accurate copies of the foregoing Notice of Cross-Appeal upon the Clerk of the District Court and each attorney of record in the above-referenced district court action, as follows:

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DATED this 3rd day of September, 2020

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I, Mark D. Etchart, hereby certify that I have served true and accurate copies of the foregoing Notice - Notice of Cross Appeal to the following on 09-03-2020:

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