April 17, 2026, Civil Law & Motion Tentative Rulings

1. CU0002119 Dhillon Law Group, Inc. v. Joby Ogwyn

Petitioner's unopposed petition to confirm contractual arbitration award is denied without prejudice.

Petitioner seeks an order confirming the arbitration award issued in its favor on August 21, 2024. Once arbitration is concluded, "any arbitrator's award is enforceable only when confirmed as a judgment of the superior court." *O'Hare v. Municipal Resource Consultants* (2003) 107 Cal.App.4th 267, 278. Any of the parties may file a petition with the court, which must then "confirm the award, correct and confirm it, vacate it, or dismiss the petition." Code Civ. Proc. §§ 1285, 1286; *EHM Productions, Inc. v. Starline Tours of Hollywood, Inc.* (2018) 21 Cal.App.5th 1058, 1063. "It is well settled that the scope of judicial review of arbitration awards is extremely narrow." *California Faculty Assn. v. Superior Court* (1998) 63 Cal.App.4th 935, 943. "Neither the trial court, nor the appellate court, may 'review the merits of the dispute, the sufficiency of the evidence, or the arbitrator's reasoning, nor may we correct or review an award because of an arbitrator's legal or factual error, even if it appears on the award's face." *EHM Productions,* 21 Cal.App.5th at 1063-1064.

On the Court's motion, Petitioner's unopposed petition to confirm contractual arbitration award was previously continued to April 13, 2026. Petitioner was previously ordered to file proof of service of the final arbitration award that complied with Code of Civil Procedure section 1283.6, to serve notice of the continued hearing in compliance with Code of Civil Procedure section 1290.4, and to file proof of service with the court of such notice. To date, these requirements have not been satisfied.

Filing Requirements – Code of Civil Procedure § 1285.4

The Court previously concluded that Petitioner satisfied these filing requirements.

Service of the Arbitration Award & Timeliness of Petition – Code of Civil Procedure §§ 1283.6, 1288, 1288.4

Code of Civil Procedure section 1283.6 provides that: "The neutral arbitrator shall serve a signed copy of the award on each party to the arbitration personally or by registered or certified mail or as provided in the agreement." In addition, a party may seek a court judgment confirming an arbitration award by filing and serving a petition no more than four years, but not less than 10 days, after the award is served. Code Civ. Proc. §§ 1288, 1288.4.

Here, the Court, for a third time, cannot tell if this motion is timely. Petitioner submits the Final Award which was issued on August 21, 2024. Pet., Ex. 8(c). The Court previously noted there was no proof of service, let alone any evidence that Arbitrator Silverman served a signed copy of the award to each party of the arbitration personally or by registered or certified mail or as provided in the agreement.

On April 6, 2026, Petitioner filed a Proof of Service stating a copy of the "Final Award" was served on Respondent. Such is not proof the neutral arbitrator served a signed copy of the award as required by Code of Civil Procedure section 1283.6. Thus, there is still no evidence Arbitrator Silverman served a signed copy of the award to each party of the arbitration as provided in the agreement.

Service of the Petition and Notice of the Hearing – Code of Civil Procedure § 1290.4

Code of Civil Procedure section 1290.4, the statute governing proper service of this motion, states, in pertinent part:

> (a) A copy of the petition and a written notice of the time and place of the hearing thereof and any other papers upon which the petition is based shall be served in the manner provided in the arbitration agreement for the service of such petition and notice.
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> (b) If the arbitration agreement does not provide the manner in which such service shall be made and the person upon whom service is to be made has not previously appeared in the proceeding and has not previously been served in accordance with this subdivision: ¶ (1) Service within this State shall be made in the manner provided by law for the service of summons in an action. ….

Pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure section 1290.2, "not less than 10 days' notice of the date set for the hearing on the petition shall be given."

Here, the arbitration agreement does not provide the manner of service. *See* Pet., Ex. 4(b). Petitioner personally served Respondent with a copy of the petition on August 7, 2025. *See* Proof of Service of Summons, filed August 13, 2025. Petitioner served the original notice of hearing. Of note, there is no filed notice of hearing for April 16, 2026 (although there is proof of service of the same). Therefore, the Court cannot ascertain if the notice requirements for the hearing have been met.

Based on the foregoing, the motion to confirm the contractual arbitration award has still not conformed to statutory requirements. Therefore, the petition is denied without prejudice.

2. CU0001605 Andrew Alan Johnson vs. Donald Judas

Plaintiff's motion to compel production of unedited sub rosa and deposition of private investigator is withdrawn from calendar. To the Court's knowledge, Plaintiff has not filed the instant motion as contemplated in the March 17, 2026, order. In any event, the motion appears moot. Per Defendants, Plaintiff advised Defendants on March 18, 2026 that the motion is no longer necessary because the sub rosa footage was produced to Plaintiff and the private investigator was being produced for deposition.

3. CU0001697 County of Nevada vs. Wild Earth Property LLC, et al.

Receiver's March 20, 2026, motion for discharge of receiver and exoneration of surety is granted.

A receiver is an independent third party, a "hand" or "agent" of the court that acts only upon the direction and authority of the appointing court. *Takeba v. Superior Court* (1919) 43 Cal. App. 469, 475. All receiver actions undertaken are subject to final ratification by the court, and the discharge hearing is the appropriate venue for a court to utilize its discretion on all receivership actions. *Hanno v. Superior Court* (1939) 30 Cal.App.2d 639, 641. Once the work of a receivership is finished, the receiver is required to submit a motion or stipulation for discharge, and a summary of all accounts, payments, and debts of the receivership. *See* California Rules of Court, Rules 3.1183 and 3.1184. The order discharging the receiver is necessary to fully complete the receivership and end the court's involvement. *Jun v. Myers* (2001) 88 Cal.App.4th 117, 123-24. The discharge does not happen automatically and must be requested. *Scoville v. De Bretteville* (1942) 50 Cal.App.2d 622, 632; *Hanno*, 30 Cal.App.2d at 641. The discharge order settling the account is the final judgment in a receivership proceeding. *Aviation Brake Systems, Ltd. v. Voorhis* (1982) 133 Cal.App.3d 230, 233. Because all issues concerning a receiver's actions are fully adjudicated as part of the final accounting, the discharge order operates as *res judicata* to any claims of liability against the receiver in his official capacity. *Id*. at 234; *Southern California Sunbelt Developers, Inc. v. Banyan Limited Partnership* (2017) 8 Cal.App.5th 910, 926.

The Court has reviewed the instant motion. The Court appointed the receiver to bring the subject property into compliance with all applicable state and local laws and sell the property, which he has now completed. The Court has also previously approved the monthly accountings submitted by the receiver. The Court is satisfied that there is good cause to discharge the receiver at this time and exonerate the surety as requested.

Accordingly, the receiver's motion is granted in its entirety. The Court appreciates the dedicated service of the receiver in this matter.

4. CU0001902 Travis Gould vs. PHH Mortgage Corporation, et al.

No appearances are required. A party reserved a motion hearing date; however, no motion has been filed. Moreover, a notice of settlement has been filed. The hearing today is withdrawn from calendar. The case management conference is confirmed for June 1, 2026, 09:00.

5. CU0002002 Cynthia Repella vs. Tania Blair, et al.

Appearances are required. Plaintiff filed a notice of a bankruptcy stay on September 19, 2025. The Court must be advised whether the stay remains effective or otherwise.

Assuming the stay has been lifted, Plaintiff filed a January 26, 2026, motion for leave to file an amended complaint. There is no proof of service of the motion on Defendant and there is no response from Defendant. That said, Defendant indicates in her April 1, 2026 case management conference statement that she intends to file a demurrer *if* the motion is granted (suggesting she had some notice of the motion). The parties shall verify whether Defendant has been served with

the motion and Defendant shall verify whether she opposes the same. Absent opposition, the Court is inclined to grant the motion.

6. CU0002360 Melanie Highsmith, et al. vs. Samuel Miller, et al.

Plaintiff Melanie Lee Highsmith's unopposed motion for leave to request trial by jury and deposit jury fees pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure section 631(d) is granted.

> The California Constitution provides that all civil litigants have the right to trial by jury, but they may waive that right in a manner prescribed by statute. (Cal. Const., art. I, § 16.) The statute implementing this provision, Code of Civil Procedure section 631 (section 631), sets forth various acts and omissions that constitute jury waiver, including failing to make a timely jury demand and failing to timely deposit a jury fee in accordance with statutory requirements. (§ 631, subd. (f).) Waiver does not categorically foreclose trial by jury; a litigant that has waived jury trial may seek relief from the waiver. The trial court has discretion whether to grant relief, on such terms as may be just. (§ 631, subd. (g) …)

TriCoast Builders, Inc. v. Fonnegra (2024) 15 Cal.5th 766, 773.

In deciding whether it should exercise its discretion to grant relief to a plaintiff who has waived his right to a jury trial, "a court properly considers a host of essentially equitable factors" *TriCoast,* 15 Cal.5th at 784, including, for example, "whether relief would cause hardship to other parties ... ; the timeliness of the request; the party's willingness to comply with applicable jury fee obligations; and the party's reasons for seeking the relief." *Id.*. at 783.

At bar, Plaintiff inadvertently failed to post jury fees by the deadline. Zimmerman Decl., ¶ 2. Plaintiff has now posted jury fees. Zimmerman Decl., Ex. 1. Defendants have also requested a jury trial and posted jury fees. Zimmerman Decl., ¶ 4. There is no opposition and no showing of prejudice or hardship to any party. Good cause having been established, the motion is granted.

7. CU0002491 Malin Kumar Ram vs. Rodney Andrews, et al.

Defendant Charles Hasbun's January 23, 2026, demurrer is sustained as to counts four, six, eight, and nine. Plaintiff is granted leave to amend within ten (10) days of this Court's order.

Legal Standard

On demurrer, a court's function is limited to testing the legal sufficiency of the complaint. *Fremont Indemnity Co. v. Fremont General Corp.* (2007) 148 Cal.App.4th 97, 113-114. In determining a demurrer, the court assumes the truth of the facts alleged in the complaint and the reasonable inferences that may be drawn from those facts. *Miklosy v. Regents of the Univ. of Cal.* (2008) 44 Cal.4th 876, 883. A court must determine if the factual allegations of the complaint are adequate to state a cause of action under any legal theory. *Barquis v. Merchants Collection Assn.* (1972) 7 Cal.3d 94, 103.

Contentions, deductions and conclusions of law, however, are not presumed as true. *Aubry v. Tri-City Hospital Dist.* (1992) 2 Cal.4th 962, 967. A plaintiff is not required to plead evidentiary

facts supporting the allegation of ultimate facts; the pleading is adequate if it apprises the defendant of the factual basis for the plaintiff's claim. *Perkins v. Superior Court* (1981) 117 Cal.App.3d 1, 6. A demurrer is not the appropriate procedure for determining the truth of disputed facts. *Fremont Indemnity Co.,* 148 Cal.App.4th at 113-114.

"If a complaint does not state a cause of action, but there is a reasonable possibility that the defect can be cured by amendment, leave to amend must be granted." *Milligan v. Golden Gate Bridge Highway & Transportation Dist.* (2004) 120 Cal.App.4th 1, 6

Fourth Cause of Action – Unjust Enrichment

In his demurrer to this claim, Defendant Hasbun argues unjust enrichment is not a cause of action, but rather that restitution may only be awarded under a quasi-contract theory where a defendant obtained a benefit from the plaintiff by fraud, duress, conversion, or similar conduct, none of which is plead by Plaintiff. The Court agrees that the claim is insufficiently pled.

An unjust enrichment claim is not a cause of action. *Jogani v. Superior Court* (2008) 165 Cal.App.4th 901, 911. The elements of a quasi-contract unjust enrichment claim are: "receipt of a benefit and [the] unjust retention of the benefit at the expense of another." *Peterson v. Cellco Partnership* (2008) 164 Cal.App.4th 1583, 1593. However, "mere fact that a person benefits another is not of itself sufficient to require the other to make restitution therefor." *Ibid.*

A quasi-contract unjust enrichment claim "cannot lie where there exists between the parties a valid express contract covering the same subject matter." *Rutherford Holdings, LLC v. Plaza Del Rey* (2014) 223 Cal.App.4th 221, 23. "[R]estitution may be awarded in lieu of breach of contract damages when the parties had an express contract, but it was procured by fraud or is unenforceable or ineffective for some reason." *Ibid.* Thus, the complaint must allege "the express contract is void or was rescinded." *Ibid.* Plaintiffs may inconsistently plead a breach of contract claim and quasi-contract unjust enrichment claim. *Ibid.*

At bar, the Court has examined the operative portions of the complaint related to defendant Hasbun and this claim. *See* Complaint ¶¶ 17, 25, 65-68. The Complaint generally alleges Defendant Hasbun acted as the broker/private money lender representative for the transaction and received a fee to perform services for Plaintiff's financing and Defendant Sheila Lafaye Dewey obtained a $45,000 loan from Defendant Hasbun and Jacqueline Contreras secured by the Property. Complaint, ¶¶ 17, 26. The Complaint then alleges that Defendants (generically) used Plaintiff's contribution for closing costs ($34,000) and loan proceeds ($700.000) "to acquire and hold title to the Property for their own benefit" rather than Plaintiff's benefit. Complaint ¶¶ 67-68.

These allegations are insufficient. Plaintiff has failed to allege whether he seeks recovery for quasi-contract unjust enrichment, or in lieu of breach of contract damages, and also fails to allege any details as to what purported wrongdoing by defendant Hasbun gives rise to the requested relief. In the absence of allegations of the "actionable wrong, there is no basis for [unjust enrichment] relief." *Hill v. Roll Intl Corp.* (2011) 195 Cal. App. 4th 1295, 1307. The demurrer as to the fourth cause of action is sustained.

Plaintiff suggests (without detail) that any deficiency may be cured by amendment, but makes no showing of how cure is reasonably possible. This notwithstanding, the Court will allow the same given the liberality generally associated with amendment of pleadings.

Sixth Cause of Action – Breach of Fiduciary Duty

Defendant argues the Complaint fails to state facts sufficient to allege a cause of action for breach of fiduciary duty against Defendant because there are no facts alleged that any breaches of fiduciary duty were committed by Defendant Hasbun. The Court agrees.

"A fiduciary relationship is ' " 'any relation existing between parties to a transaction wherein one of the parties is in duty bound to act with the utmost good faith for the benefit of the other party. Such a relation ordinarily arises where a confidence is reposed by one person in the integrity of another, and in such a relation the party in whom the confidence is reposed, if he voluntarily accepts or assumes to accept the confidence, can take no advantage from his acts relating to the interest of the other party without the latter's knowledge or consent. . . .' " ' " *Wolf v. Superior Court* (2003) 107 Cal.App.4th 25, 29 (internal citations omitted).

At bar, once again, the Complaint generally alleges Defendant Hasbun acted as the broker/private money lender representative for the transaction and received a fee to perform services for Plaintiff's financing and that Defendant Sheila Lafaye Dewey obtained a $45,000 loan from Defendant Hasbun and Jacqueline Contreras secured by the Property. Complaint ¶¶ 17, 26. The Complaint further alleges "Defendant RODNEY ANDREWS and CHARLES HASBUN" knowingly acted "as Plaintiff's financial consultant, investment adviser, and partner in the acquisition and financing of the real property at issue," and "Defendant" (without specifying which defendant) consistently represented to Plaintiff he had "special expertise in real estate investment, financing, and project development, and that he would act for Plaintiff's benefit in structuring the transaction, securing financing, managing the investment, and protecting Plaintiff's interests." Complaint ¶ 80. The Complaint goes on to allege various breaches of fiduciary duty, again without specifying which Defendant allegedly engaged in which breach. Complaint ¶ 83.

Here, the allegations do not clearly delineate the nature of the fiduciary relationship between Plaintiff and Defendant Hasbun or how this Defendant specifically breached any of his purported fiduciary obligations. The demurrer as to the sixth cause of action is sustained.

Plaintiff suggests (without detail) that any deficiency may be cured on amendment. Even though the requisite showing as to leave is lacking, the Court concludes that there is some reasonable possibility the defects can be cured and will permit leave to amend.

Eighth Cause of Action – Violation of Bus. & Prof. Code Section 17200

Defendant argues Plaintiff's Complaint never identifies Defendant Hasbun as having misrepresented anything about Plaintiff's investment, or about any of the exhibits attached to the Complaint, nor does the Complaint identify Defendant Hasbun as failing to disclose any information. The Court agrees this claim is inadequately pled.

"A plaintiff alleging unfair business practices … must state with reasonable particularity the facts supporting the statutory elements of the violation." *See Khoury v. Maly's of California, Inc.* (1993) 14 Cal. App. 4th 612, 619; *see also Mueller v. San Diego Ent. Partners, LLC*, 260 F. Supp. 3d 1283, 1299 (S.D. Cal. 2017) (dismissing UCL claim where plaintiff "merely" alleged "'[b]y reasons of Defendants' fraudulent, deceptive, and unfair conduct as herein alleged, Defendants have violated California Business and Professions Code section 17200'").

Here, Plaintiff alleges that "Defendants" (generically) engaged in seven purported unlawful, unfair and fraudulent practices. Complaint ¶ 97. Plaintiff, however, has failed to allege with any particularity what unlawful practices were conducted or promoted by defendant Hasbun specifically. The demurrer as to the eighth cause of action is sustained.

Plaintiff suggests (in a conclusory fashion) that any deficiency may be cured. Even though the requisite showing has not been made, the Court will permit amendment.

Ninth Cause of Action – Conspiracy

Defendant argues the Complaint lacks specific allegations demonstrating the required elements of conspiracy and rather merely provide general and conclusory allegations, and that each participant in an alleged conspiracy must owe the same duty to the plaintiff in the alleged wrong. The Court agrees, at least in part.

> "A civil conspiracy however atrocious, does not per se give rise to a cause of action unless a civil wrong has been committed resulting in damage. [Citations]." *Unruh v. Truck Insurance Exchange* (1972) 7 Cal.3d 616, 631 "The elements of an action for civil conspiracy are the formation and operation of the conspiracy and damage resulting to plaintiff from an act or acts done in furtherance of the common design. ... In such an action the major significance of the conspiracy lies in the fact that it renders each participant in the wrongful act responsible as a joint tortfeasor for all damages ensuing from the wrong, irrespective of whether or not he was a direct actor and regardless of the degree of his activity. [Citations.]"

Doctors' Co. v. Superior Court (1989) 49 Cal.3d 39, 44 (parentheses and parallel citations omitted).

At bar, the Complaint alleges "Plaintiff was harmed by the underlying tortious conduct committed by Defendants – including fraud, intentional misrepresentation, conversion, unjust enrichment, and breach of fiduciary duty – and that each Defendant named in this cause of action is liable as a co-conspirator to those torts." Complaint ¶ 104. The Complaint further alleges, "[t]wo or more Defendants," including Defendant Hasbun, "formed and operated a coordinated agreement[] to commit the wrongful acts alleged herein." Complaint ¶ 107. Plaintiff also alleges Defendants' "cooperation and unity of action show a 'meeting of the minds,'" and that Defendant Hasbun facilitated the financing and receiving fees as part of the plan. Complaint ¶ 111.

Here, the cause of action for civil conspiracy alleges tortious conduct including fraud, intentional misrepresentation, conversion, unjust enrichment, and breach of fiduciary duty, but fails to allege

sufficient facts as to what act or acts were performed by Defendant Hasbun that furthered the common design or conspiracy. The demurrer is well taken.

For the reasons noted previously, the Court will permit leave to amend.

8. CU0000090 Matthew Palleschi, et al. v. Daniel Fraiman Construction, Inc., et al.

The Court previously continued the hearing for this discovery matter from April 10, 2026, to April 17, 2026, at 10:00 a.m., with the following tentative ruling:

The Court grants Plaintiff Palleschi's motion for an order deeming its Requests for Admission (Set Three) directed to Defendant Daniel Fraiman Construction, Inc. ("DFC, Inc.") as admitted, unless DFC serves substantially compliant responses before the scheduled hearing. The Court denies, as moot, Plaintiff's motion for an order directing Defendant DFC, Inc. to provide further responses to Plaintiff's Requests for Admission (Set Three) and related Plaintiff's Construction Form Interrogatory No. 326.1. The motion for monetary sanctions against DFI, Inc. and its counsel is granted.

Plaintiff argues the Court should order that the truth of all matters specified in Plaintiff's requests for admission, set three, be deemed admitted because Defendant DFC, Inc. failed to serve verified responses to Plaintiff's Requests for Admission, Set Three ("RFAs"). DFC, Inc. argues it served compliant, verified responses and that the motion to deem admitted is inappropriate as a matter of law. Plaintiff has the better argument.

"The party to whom the requests for admission are directed shall sign the response under oath, unless the response contains only objections."[1] Code Civ. Proc. § 2033.240(a). "If that party is a …. private corporation . . . *one of its officers or agents shall sign the response under oath on behalf of that party*." Code Civ. Proc. § 2033.240(b) (italics supplied).

A "response to [an] RFA …fail[s] to conform to the statutory prescription" if "it was not signed by a party and was not under oath." *Allen-Pacific, Ltd. v. Superior Court* (1997) 57 Cal.App.4th 1546, 1550–1551, *disapproved on other grounds by Wilcox v. Birtwhistle* (1999) 21 Cal.4th 973 "Unsworn [or unverified] responses are tantamount to no responses at all." *Allen Pacific, Ltd. v. Superior Court* (1997) 57 Cal.App.4th 1546, 1550-1551, *citing Appleton v. Superior Court* (1988) 206 Cal. App. 3d 632, 636 and *Zorro Inv. Co. v. Great Pacific Securities Corp.* (1977) 69 Cal.App.3d 907, 914.

A party may move for an order deeming the request for admissions admitted if the party to whom they are directed has failed to serve a timely response. Code Civ. Proc. § 2033.280(b). More specifically:

> In the event responses to RFAs are not timely served, the responding party waives any objections thereto (§ 2033.280, subd. (a)), and "[t]he requesting party may move for an order that the genuineness of any documents and the truth of any matters specified in the

[1] The exception to this requirement, for responses with only objections, is not at issue.

> requests be deemed admitted, as well as for a monetary sanction" (id. subd. (b)). Unless the court determines that the responding party "has served, before the hearing on the motion, a proposed response to the requests for admission that is in substantial compliance with Section 2033.220," it must order the RFAs deemed admitted. (Id. subd. (c).) "[A] deemed admitted order establishes, by judicial fiat, that a nonresponding party has responded to the requests by admitting the truth of all matters contained therein." (*Wilcox*, supra, 21 Cal.4th at p. 979, 90 Cal.Rptr.2d 260, 987 P.2d 727.) The court must also impose monetary sanctions upon the party and/or the attorney for the failure to serve a timely response to the RFAs. (§ 2033.280, subd. (c).) But a responding party's service, prior to the hearing on the "deemed admitted" motion, of substantially compliant responses, will defeat a propounding party's attempt under section 2033.280 to have the RFAs deemed admitted. (*Tobin v. Oris* (1992) 3 Cal.App.4th 814, 827, 4 Cal.Rptr.2d 736 (Tobin).) As one court put it: "If the party manages to serve its responses before the hearing, the court has no discretion but to deny the motion. But woe betide the party who fails to serve responses before the hearing. In that instance the court has no discretion but to grant the admission motion, usually with fatal consequences for the defaulting party. One might call it 'two strikes and you're out' as applied to civil procedure." (*Demyer v. Costa Mesa Mobile Home Estates* (1995) 36 Cal.App.4th 393, 395–396, 42 Cal.Rptr.2d 260, fns. omitted (*Demyer*).)

St. Mary v. Superior Court (2014) 223 Cal.App.4th 762, 776.

At bar, the verification in connection with Defendant DFC, Inc.'s response to the request for admissions is legally inadequate. While Daniel Fraiman apparently signed the verification, there is no adequate indication that he executed the same as an officer or agent *on behalf of* the party requested to make the admission. See 3/16/26 Pl. Mot., Ex D. Indeed, the portion of the verification that calls for identification of the position of Fraiman vis a vis DFC, Inc. is left blank.[2] The verification purportedly on behalf of DFC, Inc. does not meet the requirement that an officer or agent of the private party "shall sign the response under oath *on behalf of that party*." Code Civ. Proc. § 2033.240(b) (italics supplied). [3]

The conduct of Defendant necessitated this motion. Sanctions are mandatory and appropriate. *See* Code Civ. Proc. 2033.280(c). Sanctions are awarded jointly and severally against DFC, Inc. *and* its counsel.

[2] On at least one previous verification, no such omission was made. *See, e.g.*, 3/16/26 Pl. Mot., Ex G.

[3] Plaintiff has advised the Court that DFC, Inc. is apparently not a going concern and was never a proper party to this action. Per Plaintiff, "Daniel Fraiman Construction" is the correct party. The Court defers to the parties to address this situation as deemed appropriate.