IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., AS SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP, F/K/A COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP, Appellant, vs. CORNERSTONE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, Respondent.



ORDER OF AFFIRMANCE

This is an appeal from a post-judgment order denying a request for attorney fees. Eighth Judicial District Court, Clark County; Mark R. Denton, Judge.¹

We conclude that the district court was within its discretion in determining that Bank of America did not litigate the underlying action as a "unit owner" for purposes of being eligible for attorney fees under Section 2.7 of the CC&Rs. See Thomas v. City of N. Las Vegas, 122 Nev. 82, 90, 127 P.3d 1057, 1063 (2006) (reviewing the denial of attorney fees for "a manifest abuse of discretion"). As the district court found, "the issues framed and tried in this case had to do with BANA's status as an encumbrancer, not as a unit owner." We also question how Bank of America's September 16, 2015, Amended Answer, Affirmative Defenses, Counterclaims, and Cross-Claims constituted "commence[ment of] litigation to enforce" the CC&Rs for purposes of Section 2.7's prevailing-party provision when that filing

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¹Pursuant to NRAP 34(f)(1), we have determined that oral argument is not warranted in this appeal.

contains no reference whatsoever to the CC&Rs. And Bank of America no longer is a "prevailing party" vis-à-vis Cornerstone Homeowners Association in light of the reversal of the money judgment against Cornerstone in *TRP Fund IV*, *LLC v. Bank of America*, *N.A.*, Docket No. 73669 (Order Affirming in Part, Reversing in Part and Remanding), which has been filed contemporaneously with this disposition. Accordingly, we

ORDER the judgment of the district court AFFIRMED.

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J.

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J.

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cc: Hon. Mark R. Denton, District Judge Akerman LLP/Las Vegas Lipson Neilson P.C. Eighth District Court Clerk

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