# ORAL ARGUMENT PREPARATION DOCUMENT

#### IN THE IDAHO SUPREME COURT

Docket No. 52552-2024

DPW ENTERPRISES LLC and MOUNTAIN PRIME 2018 LLC v. JEREMY L. BASS, et al.

Case No. CV35-24-1063

#### I. ARGUMENT STRUCTURE AND TIME ALLOCATION

#### A. Opening Statement (2-3 minutes)

- 1. May it please the Court, I am [ATTORNEY NAME] representing the Appellant, Jeremy L. Bass.
- 2. This appeal presents three critical issues:
  - The District Court's premature grant of summary judgment without allowing essential discovery
  - Fundamental violations of procedural due process
  - Misapplication of Idaho Code § 45-1508's good faith purchaser protections

#### B. Primary Arguments (23-24 minutes)

- 1. Summary Judgment and Discovery (8-10 minutes)
- a. Rule 56(d) Motion Denial
  - Demonstrate specific discovery needs related to:
    - Pre-auction communications
    - Trustee compliance documentation
    - Witness statements regarding auction irregularities
- b. Material Facts in Dispute
  - Video evidence of auction irregularities
  - Documentary evidence of pre-printed bid amounts
  - Witness testimony regarding trustee collusion
- 2. Procedural Due Process (5-7 minutes)
- a. Constitutional Requirements

- Article I § 13 of Idaho Constitution
- Fourteenth Amendment protections
- b. Evidence Exclusion Impact
  - Prejudicial effect on fundamental property rights
  - Denial of meaningful opportunity to present defense
- 3. Statutory Interpretation (5-7 minutes)
- a. Idaho Code § 45-1508 Analysis
  - Legislative intent and statutory construction
  - Prerequisites for good faith purchaser status
- b. Procedural Violations
  - Impact on sale validity
  - Relationship to statutory protections

#### C. Rebuttal Reserve (5 minutes)

- 1. Primary focus on:
  - Responding to statutory interpretation arguments
  - Addressing factual mischaracterizations
  - Reinforcing procedural violations

#### **II. EXHIBIT PREPARATION**

#### A. Visual Aids

- 1. Auction Video Evidence
  - Timestamp references: [SPECIFIC TIMES]
  - Key moments highlighting irregularities
  - Technical requirements for courtroom presentation
- 2. Documentary Evidence
  - Email communications (chronological order)
  - Trustee deed discrepancies
  - Notice requirement documentation

## **B.** Case Authority References

1. Primary Cases

- Trotter v. Bank of N.Y. Mellon
- Mathews v. Eldridge
- Jenkins v. Boise Cascade Corp.

## 2. Supporting Authority

- Idaho Code § 45-1506
- Idaho Code § 45-1508
- Idaho Rule of Civil Procedure 56(d)

# **III. ANTICIPATED QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES**

# **A. Procedural Questions**

- 1. Standard of Review
  - De novo review for summary judgment
  - Abuse of discretion for discovery matters

#### 2. Preservation of Issues

- Rule 56(d) motion filing
- Objections to evidence exclusion
- Constitutional claims raised below

#### **B. Substantive Questions**

- 1. Good Faith Purchaser Status
  - Elements required under statute
  - Evidence of non-compliance
  - Impact of procedural violations

# 2. Discovery Necessity

- Specific documents sought
- Relevance to material facts
- Prejudice from denial

# IV. CONCLUSION (2-3 minutes)

## A. Relief Requested

1. Reverse summary judgment

- 2. Remand for discovery
- 3. Award costs and fees

## **B. Key Points Emphasis**

- 1. Procedural fairness requirements
- 2. Constitutional protections
- 3. Statutory compliance necessity

## V. TECHNICAL TERMS AND DEFINITIONS

# A. Legal Terminology

- 1. Void ab initio
  - Definition: Legally void from inception
  - Application to trustee sale context
  - Relevant case law support
- 2. Good Faith Purchaser
  - Statutory definition under Idaho Code § 45-1508
  - Elements required for protection
  - Burden of proof requirements
- 3. Procedural Due Process
  - Constitutional foundations
  - Idaho-specific requirements
  - Application in foreclosure context

# **B. Specialized Concepts**

- 1. Pre-Auction Collusion
  - Legal definition and elements
  - Evidence standards
  - Impact on sale validity
- 2. Rule 56(d) Requirements
  - Procedural prerequisites
  - Timing considerations

Specificity requirements

# VI. CONTINGENCY PLANNING

## **A. Alternative Arguments**

- 1. Primary Position
  - Complete reversal of summary judgment
  - Full discovery rights
  - Constitutional violations
- 2. Secondary Position
  - Limited remand for specific discovery
  - Partial invalidation of sale
  - Procedural safeguards implementation

#### **B. Factual Clarifications**

- 1. Timeline of Events
  - Pre-auction activities: [DATES]
  - Discovery requests: [DATES]
  - Court rulings: [DATES]
- 2. Documentary Support
  - Record citations
  - Exhibit references
  - Witness statements

## VII. PROCEDURAL SAFEGUARDS

# A. Time Management

- 1. Timing Signals
  - Yellow light response protocol
  - Reserved time tracking
  - Priority point completion
- 2. Point Preservation
  - Essential elements for each argument

- Minimum necessary presentation
- Fall-back positions

#### **B. Panel Interaction**

- 1. Question Integration
  - Immediate acknowledgment protocol
  - Direct answer requirement
  - Transition back to outline
- 2. Respectful Disagreement
  - Acknowledgment of court's concern
  - Alternative analysis presentation
  - Supporting authority citation

## **VIII. EMERGENCY PROCEDURES**

#### A. Technical Issues

- 1. Exhibit Malfunction
  - Verbal description backup
  - Written summaries
  - Alternative presentation methods
- 2. Time Management Issues
  - Priority point identification
  - Abbreviated argument versions
  - Essential conclusion elements

## **B.** Unexpected Challenges

- 1. New Authority
  - Distinguished case handling
  - Statutory interpretation alternatives
  - Policy consideration responses
- 2. Factual Disputes
  - Record citation preparation

- Alternative support identification
- Clarification procedures

# IX. POST-ARGUMENT PROCEDURES

## A. Follow-up Submissions

- 1. Citation of Additional Authority
  - Idaho Appellate Rule compliance
  - Timing requirements
  - Format specifications
- 2. Supplemental Briefing
  - Court request response
  - Voluntary submission protocol
  - Page limit compliance

## **B.** Order Implementation

- 1. Favorable Ruling
  - Proposed order preparation
  - Implementation timeline
  - Compliance verification
- 2. Adverse Ruling
  - Reconsideration standards
  - Alternative relief options
  - Further appeal considerations