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IN THE DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT FOR THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR NEZ PERCE COUNTY

DPW ENTERPRISES LLC and MOUNTAIN PRIME 2018 LLC.

Plaintiff -Respondents,

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JEREMY L. BASS,

Defendant-Appellant,

and

DWAYNE PIKE, and CURRENT OCCUPANT, and Unknown Parties in Possession of the real property commonly known as 1515 21st Avenue, Lewiston, Idaho 83501

Defendants,

Docket No. 52552-2024

Case No. CV35-24-1063

MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT OF MOTION TO WAIVE SUPERSEDEAS BOND

ORAL ARGUMENT REQUESTED

I. INTRODUCTION

Defendant Jeremy L. Bass ("Defendant"), perforce pro se, submits this *Memorandum in Support of his Motion to Waive Supersedeas Bond*. The Court's judgment of <u>December 16th</u>, 2024, has been appealed, and Defendant seeks relief from the financial burden of a bond to ensure meaningful access to appellate review. The Defendant respectfully requests that the Court waive the bond requirement pursuant to *Idaho Appellate Rule 13(b)*.

II. LEGAL STANDARD

Under *Idaho Appellate Rule 13(b)*, courts may waive or reduce the requirement for a supersedeas bond when it is equitable to do so. The bond's purpose is to protect the prevailing party from harm caused by the delay in enforcement but should not create an insurmountable barrier to justice for the appellant. Courts consider:

1. The financial circumstances of the appellant;

- 2. The degree of risk to the prevailing party;
- 3. The equities of the case; and
- 4. The public interest.

III. ARGUMENT

1. Minimal Financial Risk to Plaintiffs

Plaintiffs face little to no financial risk due to Defendant's ongoing contributions to property upkeep and the nature of their investment:

- a. **Bid Recovery:** Plaintiffs purchased the property at a trustee's sale for \$165,346.71. If the foreclosure sale is voided, they can recover their bid amount through the trustee or foreclosure fund.
- b. **Property Value:** The property is assessed at \$306,545, and Defendant's diligent maintenance ensures it remains in good condition.
- c. **Temporary Delay:** The appeal will impose only a temporary delay in Plaintiffs' possession, during which their interests are protected.
- 2. Significant Financial Hardship for Defendant

Requiring a bond would impose an unjust financial burden on Defendant, who has acted in good faith to maintain the property and protect tenant rights:

- a. Monthly Expenses: Defendant covers approximately \$600 per month in propertyrelated costs, including taxes, insurance, utilities, and tenant accommodations.
- Rental Income Loss: Defendant receives only \$200 of the \$700 monthly rent,
 further straining his financial resources.
- c. Equity Risk: The property represents over \$400,000 in equity for Defendant, and requiring a bond would exacerbate financial hardship and threaten Defendant's ability to pursue appellate relief.

3. Equitable Considerations Support Waiver

Public policy and the equities of the case favor granting the waiver:

- Access to Justice: Imposing a bond would create a financial barrier, effectively denying Defendant the right to appeal and undermining the principles of fairness and equity.
- b. Unjust Enrichment: Plaintiffs would benefit unfairly from Defendant's financial contributions to maintaining the property, including ensuring tenant rights and property preservation, if enforcement proceeds without appellate review.
- c. Good Faith: Defendant has demonstrated good faith by preserving the property's value and meeting obligations that directly benefit Plaintiffs.

4. Public Interest

Granting the waiver serves the public interest by:

- a. Promoting meaningful access to appellate review in foreclosure disputes involving significant property rights;
- Preventing unnecessary financial barriers that limit fair resolution of legal issues;
 and
- c. Encouraging responsible property maintenance and tenant protections during litigation.

IV. CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, Defendant respectfully requests that this Court waive the supersedeas bond requirement. In the alternative, Defendant requests that the bond amount be set at a nominal figure, not exceeding \$1,000, reflecting the minimal risk to Plaintiffs and Defendant's financial circumstances.

Dated this <u>2nd</u> day of January 2025.

| Respectfully submitted, Jeremy L. Bass Defendant-Appellant / Perforce Pro Se | | | |
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| Jeremy L. Bass Defendant-Appellant / Perforce Pro Se | Signature | | <u>=</u> |
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| · | | ss mail this <i>MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT</i> Defendant's counsel on January 2 nd , 2025, at | |
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| Jeremy L. Bass Defendant-Appellant / Perforce Pro Se | Signature | | |
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| On the 2 nd day of January , 2025, before me | e, the undersigned Notary Public, personally appeared |
| <u>leremy L. Bass</u> , known to me to be the person wh | nose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and |
| acknowledged to me that s/he executed the same. | |
| IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and | seal the day and year as above written. |
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