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Case No. 17-27397-E-13

Adv. Proc. No. 18-2014

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10	GEVORG GEORGE POLADYAN and ARMINE ASATRYAN,
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12	Debtors.

TAPAN TRIVEDI, 13

Plaintiff,

Defendants.

15 v.

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GEVORG G. POLADYAN and 16 ARMINE ASATRYAN,

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## SUPPLEMENTAL MEMORANDUM OPINION AND DECISION

The trials in Adversary Proceedings 18-2130 and 18-2014 were concluded with the court stating it Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law orally on the record. Fed. R. Civ. P. 52(a), Fed. R. Bankr. P. 7052. The trials for the two Adversary Proceedings were jointly conducted due to the necessary determination of facts and conclusions of law that are common to both Adversary Proceedings. This Supplemental Memorandum is issued to document the Undisputed Facts as agreed by the Parties and clearly state the burden of proof/persuasion standards for the two Adversary Proceedings, and is made as part of the court's Findings and Conclusions.

The Parties have documented the undisputed facts in their Statement of Undisputed Facts filed in Adversary Proceeding 18-2130 on July 22, 2019 (Dckt. 68), a copy of which is attached hereto as Addendum "A."

Adversary Proceeding 19-2130 was one commenced by Gevorg Poladyan and Armine Asatryan, the two Debtors in the Chapter 13 case No. 17-27397 ("Debtors"), objecting to the claim filed by Tapan Trivedi, the predecessor in interest to Judith Ambrus and Emeric Ambrus ("Creditors"), who were substituted in as the real parties in interest for the trial. Judith Ambrus and Emeric Ambrus were asserting in Adversary Proceeding 18-2014 that the obligation represented by their claim was nondischargeable.

For the claim asserted in Proof of Claim No. 1-1, the *prima facie* evidentiary value of Proof of Claim No. 1-1 was rebutted by the two Debtors, placing the burden of proof on Creditors to establish the claim by a preponderance of the evidence, as well as the alleged grounds for nondischargeability of the asserted claim. *Lundell v. Anchor Constr. Specialists, Inc.*, 223 F.3d 1035, 1039 (9th Cir. 2000); *Grogan v. Garner*, 498 U.S. 279, 289-291 (1991).

As stated on the record, the court determined that Creditors failed to establish there was an obligation owed upon which a claim could be asserted and for which an obligation could be determined nondischargeable.

Judgment has been granted for Debtors in both Adversary Proceedings and against Creditors on all claims therein. Separate judgments are entered by the court for each Adversary Proceeding.

Dated: September 16, 2019

/s/

RONALD H. SARGIS, Chief Judge United States Bankruptcy Court

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