FILED **JUDG** BRIAN P. CLARK 2 Nevada Bar #004236 KARL L. NIELSON, ESO. 3 Nevada Bar #005082 JONES VARGAS 3773 Howard Hughes Parkway Third Floor South CLERK 5 Las Vegas, Nevada 89109 Telephone: (702) 734-2220 ATTORNEYS FOR DEFENDANTS/ 6 COUNTERCLAIMANTS 7 8 DISTRICT COURT 9 **CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA** 10 GARY DAHLBERG and KELLY DAHLBERG, 11 12 Plaintiffs, Case No. A404780 Dept. No.  $X\Pi$ 13 VS. 14 PRISM, INC., a Nevada corporation, FRONTIER PHARMACEUTICAL AMENDED JUDGMENT 15 DISTRIBUTORS, INC., a Nevada Corporation, ROBERT FENTON, IRENE FENTON, JEANNE MULLEN, individually and as trustee 16 of the FENCO SYSTEMS TRUST, and Date of Trial: November 6, 2001 17 SIERRA LANE TRUST and DOES I - X, Time of Trial: 9:00 a.m. 18 Defendants. 19 AND RELATED COUNTERCLAIMS. 20 21 appeared for trial on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of November, parties having 22 Plaintiffs/Counterdefendants Gary and Kelly Dahlberg (collectively "Plaintiffs") and Counterdefendant 23 Dwayne Dahlberg appearing through their attorneys James R. Hales, Esq. and Robert L. Esensten, Esq.; 24 Defendants Prism, Inc., Frontier Pharmaceutical Distributors, Inc., Robert Fenton, Irene Fenton, Jeanne 25 Mullen, Fenco Systems Trust, and Sierra Lane Trust (collectively "Defendants"), and Counterclaimants 26 Fenco Systems Trust and Frontier Pharmaceutical Distributors, Inc. (collectively "Counterclaimants") appearing through their attorneys, the law firm of Jones Vargas, the Court took evidence from the 28 parties through November 16, 2001 and made the following findings of fact and conclusions of law in

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rendering its decision:

THE COURT FINDS AND CONCLUDES that NRS 87.060 defines a partnership under Nevada law and states that a partnership is "an association of two or more persons to carry on as co-owners a business for profit." To create a partnership, the partners must agree to become partners. See Shaw v. Delta Airlines, 798 F. Supp. 1453 (D. Nev. 1992). A partnership cannot arise out of the expectations of the Plaintiffs alone.

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS AND CONCLUDES that in this case, there was no such agreement among Plaintiffs and Defendants Robert Fenton, Irene Fenton, and Jeanne Mullen and therefore, no partnership existed. Specifically, the following factors demonstrate the lack of a partnership:

- -There was no beginning date to the alleged partnership because Plaintiffs could not establish a point in time where the alleged partnership actually began;
  - There never was a meeting where the alleged partnership was agreed upon;
  - There was no capital contribution from the Plaintiffs to the alleged partnership;
  - There was no conveyance of property to the alleged partnership;
  - There was no sharing of losses;
- Plaintiffs could not establish their right of control of the business, the critical criterion for establishing a partnership. Irene Fenton, as the sole shareholder and owner of the corporation, Frontier Pharmaceutical Distributors, Inc., rather than Plaintiffs, controlled the business. There was no evidence Irene Fenton ever relinquished her control;
- -Plaintiffs were paid well for their services, including the use of cars and houses. Compensation for services, however, does not create a partnership or establish the requisite control to establish such a partnership.

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS AND CONCLUDES that with respect to Plaintiffs' claim for breach of fiduciary duty, there could be no such breach as a matter of law given there was no partnership. Furthermore, there was no evidence presented at trial to support such a claim.

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS AND CONCLUDES that with respect to Plaintiffs' claim for breach of contract, there was insufficient evidence presented at trial to support the existence of an

agreement and therefore, insufficient evidence to support a claim for breach.

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS AND CONCLUDES that with respect to Plaintiffs' claim for fraud, there was no sufficient evidence presented at trial to support such a claim.

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS AND CONCLUDES that with respect to Counterdefendant Gary Dahlberg's use of the American Express credit card, his use of the card to charge personal items became a pattern which continued throughout his employment at Counterclaimant Frontier Pharmaceutical Distributors, Inc. ("Frontier"). There was no evidence Gary Dahlberg was ever requested to stop charging personal items, to return the credit card or that there was a written or clear policy regarding the reimbursement of personal charges to the business. In addition, Counterdefendants Gary and Kelly Dahlberg received 1099 forms from Frontier for the personal expenses charged on the credit cards.

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS AND CONCLUDES that with respect to Counterclaimant Frontier's claim for the return of commissions paid to Gary Dahlberg and Dwayne Dahlberg, the evidence established that in May 1998, Irene Fenton was aware commissions were being paid but failed to make a demand of repayment of the commissions and failed to take any action to prevent further payments of commissions. In addition, Counterdefendants Gary and Dwayne Dahlberg received 1099 forms from Frontier for the commissions. Frontier is estopped to claim other than what is contained in these forms. With respect to the September 30, 1998 check to Dwayne Dahlberg, the check indicates that it was for a commission and the evidence was insufficient to establish otherwise.

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS AND CONCLUDES that with respect to Counterclaimant Frontier's claim for intentional interference with contractual relations and prospective economic advantage, the evidence established that: (1) R&W Pharmacy and Liberty Consulting, Inc. transacted business with Frontier as a result of Patti Reed's relationship with her brother, Gary Dahlberg; (2) that there was no exclusive contract between Patti Reed's companies and Frontier since Patti Reed could transact business with whomever she chose; and (3) R&W Pharmacy and Liberty Consulting, Inc. stopped doing business with Frontier due to Gary and Kelly Dahlberg leaving Frontier. There was insufficient evidence to establish Frontier lost profits due to any conduct by Plaintiffs.

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS AND CONCLUDES that with respect to Counterclaimant

Frontier's claim for breach of fiduciary duty based on Gary and Kelly Dahlberg's status as director and secretary, respectively, there was no breach due to the short period of time Gary and Kelly Dahlberg were listed as officers or directors of Frontier.

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS AND CONCLUDES that with respect to Counterclaimant FENCO Systems Trust's ("FENCO") claim for the 1998 Fleetwood 29L Motorhome, VID #1FDXE40S4WA46378 ("Motorhome"), the Motorhome was owned by FENCO and properly titled therein. Kelly Dahlberg, without authority to do so, signed over title to the Motorhome to herself and Gary Dahlberg. The value of the Motorhome after credits is \$48,000.00.

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS AND CONCLUDES that with respect to Counterclaimant Frontier's claims against Dwayne Dahlberg arising out of the payment of commissions, there was insufficient evidence to support such claims.

Having made the foregoing findings of fact and conclusions of law, the Court issued its decision and judgment as follows:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that Defendants are awarded judgment against Plaintiffs with respect to all causes of action and relief asserted by Plaintiffs against Defendants in Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint, including the First Claim for Relief for breach of oral partnership, the Second Claim for Relief for breach of fiduciary duty, the Third Claim for Relief for breach of contract, the Fourth Claim for Relief for fraud, and the Fifth Claim for Relief for constructive trust.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that Counterdefendant Dwayne Dahlberg is awarded judgment against Counterclaimant Frontier Pharmaceutical Distributors, Inc. with respect to all causes of action and relief asserted by Counterclaimant in the Second Amended Counterclaim, including the Third Claim for Relief for conversion and the Eighth Claim for Relief for unjust enrichment.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that Counterclaimant FENCO Systems Trust through Jeanne Mullen, Trustee, is awarded judgment against Counterdefendants Gary and Kelly Dahlberg on the First Claim for Relief for claim and delivery of the Motorhome or the Second Claim for Relief for conversion of the Motorhome contained in its Second Amended Counterclaim in

the principle amount of FORTY-EIGHT THOUSAND DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$48,000.00), 1 2 plus interest on the judgment at the legal rate of 8.75% (N.R.S. 17.130) from June 28, 1999, through 3 December 21, 2001, in the amount of \$ 10,436.71. Interest shall continue to accrue at the legal daily 4 rate pursuant to NRS 17.130(2) until the judgment is satisfied. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that Counterdefendants Gary and 5 Kelly Dahlberg are awarded judgment against Counterclaimant Frontier Pharmaceutical Distributors, 6 7 Inc. with respect to the following causes of action and relief asserted by these counterclaimants against these counterdefendants in Counterclaimants' Second Amended Counterclaim, including the Third 8 Claim for Relief for conversion, the Fourth Claim for Relief for breach of fiduciary duty, the Fifth 9 Claim for Relief for intentional interference with contractual relations, the Sixth Claim for Relief for 10 .11 unjust enrichment, the Seventh Claim for Relief for civil conspiracy, the Eighth Claim for Relief for 12 unjust enrichment, and the Ninth Claim for Relief for intentional interference with prospective 13 economic advantage. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that Defendants are awarded 14 their costs of action in the amount of \$57,418.59 against Plaintiff's Gary Dahlberg and Kelly Dahlberg. 15 16 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that Counterdefendant Dwavne Dahlberg is awarded to his costs of action in the amount of \$3,603.69 against Counterclaimant Frontier 17 18 Pharmaceutical Distributors, Inc. DATED this 🗸 19 20 21 22 Submitted by: JONES VARGAS 23 BRIAN P. CLARK, ESO. 24 Nevada Bar No. 4236 25 KARL L. NIELSON, ESQ. Nevada Bar No. 5082 3773 Howard Hughes Parkway 26 Third Floor South 9:10

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