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6 SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF SONOMA

7 In Re Marriage of

8 Petitioner: NATALIA A. SIDIAKINA

Case No. 29989

9 and

10 Respondent: SIAMAK NAVID

**DECLARATION OF ATTORNEY
DOUGLAS B. PROVENCHER IN SUPPORT
OF PETITIONER'S MOTION FOR
ATTORNEY'S FEES AND COSTS**

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12 Date: June 12, 2007
13 Time: 1:30 p.m.
14 Dept: 13

15 I, DOUGLAS B. PROVENCHER, declare and state that if called as a witness in this
16 matter, I would testify as follows, based on my own personal knowledge:

17 1. I am an attorney licensed to practice in Federal and State Courts in the State of
18 California. I am Petitioner's attorney in her Chapter 13 bankruptcy proceedings. I am also
19 advising Petitioner in her dissolution of marriage proceedings.

20 2. I make this declaration in support of Petitioner's motion for attorney's fees and costs in
21 Petitioner's Chapter 13 proceedings and dissolution of marriage proceedings.

22 3. I have been representing Petitioner in her Chapter 13 bankruptcy and have been
23 advising Petitioner in her dissolution of marriage proceedings since November of 2005. As of
24 May 15, 2007, Petitioner incurred the following amounts in my firm attorney's fees and costs:
25 \$9,777.50 in her Chapter 13 case and \$11,772.50 in her dissolution of marriage case.

26 6. My billing rate is \$300 per hour. I have been practicing in the areas of bankruptcy and
27 family law for approximately 30 years. Based on my knowledge of what other bankruptcy and
28 family law attorneys with similar level of experience charge, my hourly rate is a reasonable

rate.

1 7. As of May 15, 2007, Petitioner owed to my offices \$6,397.50 in her Chapter 13 case
2 and \$1,922.50 in her dissolution of marriage case.

3 8. This Court ordered me as Petitioner's attorney of record in her Chapter 13 to contact
4 the creditors and try to settle the claims in Petitioner's Chapter 13. Based on my experience, I
5 estimate that I will have to spend ten hours to settle, if it is possible at all, Petitioner's Chapter
6 13. Thus, Petitioner's additional attorney's fees in her Chapter 13 case would be a minimum
7 of \$3,000.

8 9. Petitioner's Chapter 13 debt was incurred during her marriage and Petitioner's
9 Chapter 13 case is an integral part of Petitioner's dissolution of marriage. I estimate that I will
10 have to spend at least thirty hours on Petitioner's dissolution of marriage case.

11 10. I therefore request on behalf of Petitioner an award of \$20,000 for *pendente lite*
12 attorney's fees in her Chapter 13 case and dissolution of marriage case.

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14 I declare under penalty of perjury under the Laws of the State of California that the
15 foregoing is true and correct, and was executed on May 16, 2007, at Santa Rosa,
16 California.

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DOUGLAS B. PROVENCHER

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