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## SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON FOR SKAGIT COUNTY

STEPHEN M. SHUBERT and NORMA CARTER, husband and wife, and ROY A. SANFORD and VENETTA SANFORD, husband and wife, and SCHUYLER **BROWN and HELEN BROWN, husband** and wife,

No. 04-2-01219-1

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Plaintiffs.

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RUEDI F. BAUMANN, a single man,

Defendant.

## I. JUDGMENT SUMMARY

**Judgment Creditors:** Stephen M. Shubert, Roy and Venetta

Sanford, and Schuyler and Helen Brown

Ruedi F. Baumann Judgment Debtor: \$5,453,00

Principal Judgment Amount: \$25.00 per day until removal of fence by **Continuing Sanctions:** 

Ruedi F. Baumann or the Plaintiffs

12% Interest Rate after Judgment:

\$ 0.00 Attorneys' Fees:

24 \$ 0.00 Costs:

25 Attorneys for Judgment Debtor: Patrick Hayden Attorney for Judgment Creditors: Michael D. Brandt 26

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This matter was tried from May 16, 2007 to May 17, 2007, the Honorable Susan K. Cook presiding. Plaintiffs Stephen M. Shubert, Roy and Venetta Sanford. and Schuyler and Helen Brown appeared through their attorney of record, Michael D. Brandt of Brandt Law Group. Defendant Ruedi F. Baumann appeared through his attorney of record, Patrick M. Hayden.

The parties presented evidence and testimony to Judge Susan K. Cook, and on May 17, 2007 Judge Cook made her rulings, which are contained in the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law entered in this matter. Consistent with the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law in this action, the Court enters judgment as follows:

- Plaintiffs Shubert and Sanford are awarded 1. Monetary Relief. judgment against defendant Ruedi Baumann in the amount of \$5,453.00.
- Continuing Sanctions. Plaintiffs Shubert and Sanford are awarded beginning June 8, 2007 2. \$25.00 per day against defendant Ruedi Baumann until defendant Baumann or the Plaintiffs remove the fence erected by defendant Baumann in the easement area in dispute in this matter.
- 3. Interest. Plaintiffs Shubert and Sanford are awarded interest on the amount of this judgment at the rate of twelve percent (12%).
- 4 Brown Title. Plaintiffs Schuyler Brown and Helen Brown have acquired title by adverse possession and the doctrine of mutual recognition and acquiescence to that portion of the real property described in Finding of Fact 1.9 of the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law (hereinafter "FF&CL") filed in this that portion of Parcel A matter, which is located West of the fence line depicted on the Record of Survey recorded in Skagit County Auditor's File No. 200201240246, a copy of which is attached to the FF&CL as Exhibit 7, and on the illustration prepared by Petersen Land Surveying, attached to the FF&CL as Exhibit 8. The location of the fence is found to be as shown on the Record of Survey, and is situated between 15.3 and

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17.6 feet East of the common surveyed property line, lying south of the south line of the County Road (Van Horn Lane) extended easterly. All right, title and interest of defendant Ruedi Baumann in said described property. West of the fence line is hereby quieted in Schuyler Brown and Helen Brown.

- 5. Shubert and Sanford Express Easements. Plaintiff Stephen M. Shubert and plaintiffs Roy Sanford and Venetta Sanford are the current owners of the real property benefitted by the O'Conner easement described in Findings of Fact 1.13, 1.14., and 1.16 of the FF&CL. Plaintiff Stephen M. Shubert and plaintiffs Roy Sanford and Venetta Sanford have the right to use the twenty (20) foot north-south strip and the twenty foot square parcel for ingress and egress to and from the benefitted property under the terms of the O'Conner non-exclusive easement. Plaintiff Stephen M. Shubert has the right to use the twenty (20) foot east-west strip and the twenty foot square parcel for ingress and egress to and from the benefitted property under the terms of the O'Conner non-exclusive easement. The twenty (20) foot north-south strip, the twenty foot square parcel, and the twenty (20) foot eastwest strip are depicted on the Record of Survey recorded in Skagit County Auditor's File No. 200201240246, a copy of which is attached to the FF&CL as Exhibit 7, and on the illustrations prepared by Petersen Land Surveying, attached to the FF&CL as Exhibits 8 and 9.
- 6. <u>Shubert Prescriptive Easement for Ingress and Egress</u>. Plaintiff Stephen M. Shubert has a non-exclusive prescriptive easement for ingress and egress to and from the real property described in Finding of Fact 1.5 of the FF&CL over the twenty (20) foot strip described in Findings of Fact 1.13 and 1.14 of the FF&CL, and legally described as:

A tract of land Twenty (20) feet square in the Southeast corner of the Southwest Quarter (SW 1/4) of the Northeast Quarter (NE 1/4)

and



The East Twenty (20) feet of that part of the Northwest Quarter (NW 1/4) of the Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4) lying North of the old county road.

- Shubert Presciptive Easement for Drainage. Plaintiff Stephen M. Shubert has a non-exclusive prescriptive easement for drainage, as currently constructed and maintained, over the portion of the twenty (20) foot strip east of the roadway described in Findings of Fact 1.13 and 1.14, and in Conclusion of Law 2.4, all of the FF&CL. To that end, Shubert may continue to mow that area and to maintain current drainage measures to keep water from entering the roadway. Shubert may not construct a ditch across the current spur road created by Baumann, identified on the illustrations prepared by Petersen Land Surveying, attached hereto as Exhibits 8 and 9, as "Baumann logging access gravel road." Shubert may also continue to mow the portion of the twenty (20) foot strip west of the roadway described in Findings of Fact 1.13 and 1.14 of the FF&CL.
- 8. <u>Shubert Prescriptive Easement for Drainage</u>. Plaintiff Stephen M. Shubert has a non-exclusive prescriptive easement for drainage, as currently constructed and maintained, over:

THE WEST 15.3 FEET OF THE NORTH 230.0 FEET OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 13, TOWNSHIP 35 NORTH, RANGE 8 EAST, W.M.,

that area cross-hatched in the illustration prepared by Petersen Land Surveying, attached to the FF&CL as Exhibit 11, including the mowed area and the maintained ditch described in Findings of Fact 1.19 and 1.20 of the FF&CL, up to the northern

extension of the fence separating the Baumann and Brown properties described in Finding of Fact No. 1.12 of the FF&CL. To that end, Shubert may continue to mow that area, trim brush, and take appropriate drainage measures to keep water from entering the roadway described in Findings of Fact 1.13 and 1.14 of the FF&CL.

- 9. Sanford Adverse Possession Claim. The claim of Roy Sanford and Venetta Sanford for title to the twenty (20) foot strip described in Findings of Fact 1.13 and 1.14 of the FF&CL and to the mowed area and maintained ditch described in Findings of Fact 1.19 and 1.20 of the FF&CL is denied.
- 10. <u>Baumann Rights of Use</u>. Defendant Ruedi Baumann, and his successors in interest, have the right to reasonable use for access and other uses of the area encumbered by the reserved and prescriptive easements, subject to the rights of Sanford and Shubert and their successors in interest to use the easement areas as described in Conclusions of Law 2.3 2.6 of the FF&CL. Baumann may not erect any fences in the easement areas. Neither party shall unreasonably interfere with the use of the easement area by the other parties, as provided herein.
- 11. <u>Denial of Remaining Claims</u>. The remaining claims and counterclaims of the parties should be denied.
- 12. <u>Costs and Attorneys' Fees</u>. Except as provided below, each party shall pay their own costs and attorneys' fees.
- 13. Baumann Remains in Contempt of Court. Defendant Baumann remains in contempt of Court, as the fence he was ordered to remove has not been His Contempt may be cored by removal of the fence removed, and he has not paid the Plaintiffs the money described in Findings of Fact by any party.

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14. Removal of Fence. Plaintiffs Shubert and Sanford may have the
fence removed at defendant Baumann's reasonable cost. A bill for such remova
including any costs to Plaintiffs to have Sheriff's officers keep the peace during the
process, shall be provided to defendant Baumann's counsel and shall be paid b
defendant Baumann in certified funds to Plaintiffs' attorney within seven (7
calendar days of such provision of the bill. The fence shall be placed on defendar
Baumann's property east of the easement area described in Conclusion of Law 2.
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15. The existing ditch location is an established *
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Presented by:

**BRANDT LAW GROUP** 

By: Michael D. Brandt, WSBA #20901

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Stephen Shubert, Norma Carter, Roy and Venetta Sanford, and

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Judge Susan K. Cook

Approved as to form;

Patrick M. Hayden, WSBA #11061

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