SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF NEW YORK

RENITA JANELLE MOORE, as Administrator of the Estate of B.E.M.F. a/k/a B.E.M.F., deceased, and RENITA JANELLE MOORE, individually,

Index No.: 805344/2023

<u>VERIFIED ANSWER ON</u> <u>BEHALF OF LIRON BAR-EL,</u> M.D.

Plaintiffs,

- against -

NAGARAJ GABBUR, M.D., ADVANTAGECARE PHYSICIANS, P.C., ADVANTAGECARE PHYSICIANS IPA, LLC, ADVANTAGECARE PHYSICIANS UPPER EAST SIDE MEDICAL OFFICE, ERAN BORNSTEIN, M.D., ANNAMARIE ORTIZ, RDMS, CENTER FOR MATERNAL FETAL MEDICINE & OBGYN ULTRASOUND, NORTHWELL HEALTH PHYSICIAN PARTNERS, INC., NORTHWELL HEALTH PHYSICIAN PARTNERS MATERNAL FETAL HEALTH, **OBSTETRICS & GYNECOLOGY AT** LENOX HILL HOSPITAL, HARRY KARAMITSOS, M.D., LIRON BAR-EL, M.D., MICHAEL PLAKOGIANNIS, M.D., LENOX HILL HOSPITAL, LENOX OBGYN L.L.C. and NORTHWELL HEALTH, INC.,

	Defendants.
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COUNSEL:	

Defendant LIRON BAR-EL, M.D. as and for his Verified Answer to Plaintiff's Verified Complaint respectfully show to this Honorable Court and allege upon information and belief:



AS AND FOR A FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION ON BEHALF OF DECEDENT B.E.M.F. a/k/a B.E.M.F.:

FIRST: Denies the allegations contained in paragraph "1" in the form alleged, except admits at all relevant times NAGARAJ GABBUR, M.D. was a physician authorized to practice his profession in the State of New York and respectfully refers all questions of law to the Court.

SECOND: Denies the allegations contained in paragraph "2", "3", "12", "23", "67", "80", "81", "82", "91", "94", "95", "96", "105", "114", "122", "123", "124", "152", "153", "155", "160", "161", "162", "186", "187", "198", "199", "200", "201", "202", "203", "205", "206", "208", "209", "210", "211", "364", "367" and "368" in the form alleged and respectfully refers all questions of law to the Court.

THIRD: Denies the allegations contained in paragraphs "4", "5", "6", "7", "8", "9", "10", "11", "22", "44", "45", "66", "83", "84", "85", "86", "87", "88", "89", "92", "97", "98", "99", "100", "101", "102", "103", "106", "107", "108", "109", "110", "111", "112", "113", "115", "116", "117", "118", "119, "120", "121" "125", "126", "128", "129", "130", "131", "132", "133", "134", "135", "136", "137", "138", "139", "140", "141", "142", "143", "144", "145", "146", "147", "148", "149", "150", "151", "154", "156", "157", "158", "159", "163", "164", "172", "174", "188", "189", "190", "191", "193", "194", "204", "207", "220", "221", "233", 234", "235", "236", 237", "238", "239", "240", "241", "242", "243", "244", "245", "246", "247", "248", "249", "250", "251", "252", "253", "254", "255", "256", "257", "258", "259", "260" "261", "262", "264", "286", "287", "294", "295", "297", "302", "303", "304", "316", "317", "318", "319", "320", "320",



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FOURTH: Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraphs "13", "14", "15", "16", "17", "18", "19", "20", "21", "24", "25", "26", "27", "28", "29", "30", "31", "32", "33", "34", "35", "36", "37", "38", "39", "40", "41", "42", "43", "46", "47", "48", "49", "50", "51", "52", "53", "54", "55", "56", "57", "58", "59", "60", "61", "62", "63", "64", "65", "68", "69", "70", "71", "72", "73", "74", "75", "76", "77", "78", "166", "167", "168", "169", "170", "171", "173", "176", "177", "178", "179", "180", "181", "182", "183", "184", "212", "213", "214", "215", "216", "217", "218", "219", "222", "223", "224", "225", "226", "227", "228", "229", "230", "231", "263", "265", "266", "267", "268", "269", "270", "271", "272", "273", "274", "275", "276", "277", "278" "279", "280", "281", "282", "283", "284", "285", "288", "289", "290", "291", "292", "293", "296", "298", "299", "300", "301", "305", "306", "307", "308", "309", "310", "311", "312", "313", "314", "315", "327", "328", "329", "330", "331", "332", "333", "334", "335", "336", "337", "338", "339", "340", "341", "342", "343", "344", "345", "346", "348", "349", "350", "351", "352", "353", "354", "356", "357", "358", "359", "360", "361", "362", "366", "369", "370", "372", "373", "374", "375", "376", "377", "378", "388" and "398" and respectfully refers all questions of law to the Court.



FIFTH: Denies the allegations contained in paragraphs "79" and "90" in the form alleged, except admits at all relevant times ERAN BORNSTEIN, M.D. was a physician authorized to practice her profession in the State of New York employed by LENOX HILL HOSPITAL and respectfully refers all questions of law to the Court.

SIXTH: Denies the allegations contained in paragraphs "93" and "104" in the form alleged, except admits at all relevant times ANNAMARIE ORTIZ, RDMS was a sonographer authorized to practice her profession in the State of New York employed by LENOX HILL HOSPTIAL and respectfully refers all questions of law to the Court.

SEVENTH: Denies the allegations contained in paragraph "127" in the form alleged, except admits as of March 4, 2021 NORTHWELL HEALTH PHYSICIAN PARTNERS, INC. was a not-for-profit corporation organized pursuant to New York State law.

EIGHTH: Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph "165" except admit at all relevant times upon information and belief HARRY KARAMITSOS, M.D. was a physician authorized to practice his profession in the State of New York and respectfully refers all questions of law to the Court.

NINTH: Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph "175" except admit at all relevant times upon information and belief MICHAEL PLAKOGIANNIS, M.D. was a physician authorized to



practice his profession in the State of New York and respectfully refers all questions of law to the Court.

TENTH: Denies the allegations contained in paragraphs "185" and "192" in the form alleged, except admits at all relevant times LIRON BAR-EL, M.D. was a physician authorized to practice her profession in the State of New York employed by LENOX HILL HOSPITAL and respectfully refers all questions of law to the Court.

ELEVENTH:Denies the allegations contained in paragraphs "195", "196" and "197" in the form alleged, except admits at all relevant times LENOX HILL HOSPITAL s/h/a CENTER FOR MATERNAL FETAL MEDICINE & OBGYN ULTRASOUND and LENOX HILL HOSPITAL s/h/a NORTHWELL HEALTH PHYSICIAN PARTNERS MATERNAL FETAL HEALTH, OBSTETRICS & GYNECOLOGY AT LENOX HILL HOSPITAL was a not-for-profit corporation organized pursuant to New York State law which operated a hospital located at 100 East 77th Street, New York, New York and respectfully refers all questions of law to the Court.

TWELFTH: Denies the allegations contained in paragraph "232" in the form alleged, except admits at all relevant times NORTHWELL HEALTH, INC. was a not-for-profit corporation organized pursuant to New York State law and respectfully refers all questions of law to the Court.

THIRTEENTH: Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph "365" except admit one RENITA



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