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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TUOLUMNE

ODD FELLOWS SIERRA RECREATION
ASSN, INC.,

Plaintiff,

V.

MANUEL SOARES, JR., et al.,

Defendants.

Case No. CV 48735

EX PARTE APPLICATION FOR ORDER FOR PUBLICATION OF SUMMONS [CCP §415.50]

Plaintiff, through its attorney of record, hereby applies for an order directing service of summons on ALL PERSONS UNKNOWN, CLAIMING ANY LEGAL OR EQUITABLE RIGHT, TITLE, ESTATE, LIEN, OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THE COMPLAINT ADVERSE TO PLAINTIFF'S TITLE, OR ANY CLOUD ON PLAINTIFF'S TITLE THERETO, by publication in a newspaper of general circulation, pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure Section 415.50.

Such application is made upon the ground that said defendants cannot with reasonable diligence be located and served in any other manner specified in Code of Civil Procedure sections 415.10 through 415.30, and that as shown by the complaint on file herein, a cause of action for quiet title exists against said defendants or they are necessary or proper parties to the action.

Such application is based on the attached declaration of Roger A. Brown, Lawyer, for Plaintiff, the points and authorities set forth below, and the complete files and records of this

action.

POINTS AND AUTHORITIES IN SUPPORT OF MOTION

Code of Civil Procedure section 763.010(b) authorizes the service of summons by

publication in quiet title actions:

(b) If upon affidavit it appears to the satisfaction of the court that the plaintiff has used reasonable diligence to ascertain the identity and residence of and to serve summons on the persons named as unknown defendants and persons joined as testate or intestate successors of a person known or believed to be dead, the court shall order service by publication pursuant to Section 415.50 and the provisions of this article....

Code of Civil Procedure section 415.50 states in relevant part:

- (a) A summons may be served by publication if upon affidavit it appears to the satisfaction of the court in which the action is pending that the party to be served cannot with reasonable diligence be served in another manner specified in this article and that:
- (1) A cause of action exists against the party upon whom service is to be made or he or she is a necessary or proper party to the action; or
- (2) The party to be served has or claims an interest in real or personal property in this state that is subject to the jurisdiction of the court or the relief demanded in the action consists wholly or in part in excluding the party from any interest in the property.

The action is an action to quiet title to certain real property. The declaration filed herewith by Plaintiff's counsel establishes the elements which the court must find to issue the order for service by publication. Plaintiff has exercised reasonable diligence to locate any unnamed and unknown persons claiming an interest in the estate or the property. Among other things, plaintiff has obtained a litigation guaranty policy of title insurance to ascertain the identities of any persons who may have or claim an interest in the property. Since this is a quiet title action, Plaintiff has a cause of action against any person, known or unknown, who claims any interest in the subject property. Unless Plaintiff serves the unknown claimants by publication, it will not be able to obtain a judgment quieting title against such persons and its relief will be only partially effective.

Accordingly, Plaintiff respectfully requests the court to issue an order permitting service of summons by publication on ALL PERSONS UNKNOWN, CLAIMING ANY LEGAL OR EQUITABLE RIGHT, TITLE, ESTATE, LIEN, OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY

DESCRIBED IN THE COMPLAINT ADVERSE TO PLAINTIFF'S TITLE, OR ANY CLOUD ON PLAINTIFF'S TITLE THERETO, by publication in a newspaper of general circulation, pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure Section 415.50.

Dated: March 70, 2002

ROCER A. BROWN Attorney for Plaintiff