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1 IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA COURT 2 2011 MAR 10 PM 4: 10 TEVA PARENTERAL MEDICINES, INC., 3 A DELAWARE CORPORATION, F/K/A SICOR PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.: 4 SICOR, INC.: BAXTER HEALTHCARE CORPÓRATÍON 5 Appellants, 6 VS. Supreme Court Case No. 57085 7 HENRY CHANIN AND LORRAINE 8 CHANIN, HUSBAND AND WIFE: GASTROENTEROLOGY CENTER OF NEVADA, LLP; DESERT SHADOW ENDOSCOPY CENTER, LLC, A 10 NEVADA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY; RAJAT SOOD, M.D.; 11 BOBBIE GLASS-SERAN, CRNA 12 Respondents. JOINDER OF AMICUS LAS VEGAS SANDS CORP. 14

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TO THE MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE AMICUS CURIAE BRIEF AND AMICUS CURIAE BRIEF OF THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IN SUPPORT OF APPELLANTS

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Pursuant to Nevada Rules of Appellate Procedure 28(i) and 29(a), Las Vegas Sands Corp. respectfully requests this Court's permission to join the Motion for Leave to File *Amicus Curiae* Brief and *Amicus Curiae* Brief of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States of America In Support of Appellants.

Amicus Las Vegas Sands Corp. joins in the unconstitutionality of the punitive damages argument made by amicus Chamber of Commerce of the United States of America in support of Appellants.

## INTEREST OF LAS VEGAS SANDS CORP.

Las Vegas Sands Corp. ("Las Vegas Sands") is a Fortune 500 company headquartered in Las Vegas, Nevada. Las Vegas Sands is the leading global developer of destination properties (integrated resorts) that feature premium accommodations, worldclass gaming and entertainment, convention and exhibition facilities, celebrity chef restaurants, and many other amenities. Las Vegas Sands owns and operates The Venetian Resort Hotel Casino, The Palazzo Resort Hotel Casino and The Sands Expo and Convention Center in Las Vegas, Nevada. Together these properties represent an integrated resort with approximately 7,100 suites and approximately 225,000 square feet of gaming space, which includes approximately 230 game tables and 2,640 slot machines. With approximately 1.2 million gross square feet of exhibit and meeting space, the Sands Expo and Convention Center is one of the largest overall trade show and convention facilities in the United States (as measured by net leasable square footage). In 2010, approximately 0.9 million visitors attended meetings, trade shows, and conventions at the Sands Expo and Convention Center and at the Las Vegas Sands' other meeting and conference facilities. Las Vegas Sands also owns and operates the Sands Casino Resort Bethlehem in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, the Marina Bay Sands in Singapore, and the Sands Macao, The Venetian Macao Resort Hotel, the Four Seasons Hotel Macao, Cotai Strip, and

the Plaza Casino all located in the Macau Special Administration Region of the People's Republic of China.

As a Nevada-based corporation with a major presence in the state's business community, Las Vegas Sands has a significant interest in the fair administration of punitive damages within the state's court system, in the procedures state courts employ in cases involving punitive damages, as well as in the process by which trial and appellate courts evaluate jury awards of punitive damages. As one of the largest private employers within Nevada, employing over 8,700 Nevada residents, Las Vegas Sands is particularly concerned about the chilling effect that a clearly unconstitutional punitive damages award like the one at issue in this case would have on business development and growth within the State. Las Vegas Sands has helped to diversify and improve the economy of Nevada and is directly responsible for creating thousands of jobs for Nevada residents. Las Vegas Sands continues to create new employment opportunities within the State. A per se unconstitutional punitive damages award such as the one upheld by the trial court in this case, if left undisturbed by this Court, will undermine the State's ability to attract and maintain business and investment. The imposition of a manifestly unconstitutional punitive damages award, such as that imposed by the trial court below, creates uncertainty, making it difficult for businesses to order their affairs, and it undermines the rule of law that is necessary for businesses like Las Vegas Sands to thrive in the State.

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## <u>PURPOSE OF JOINDER</u>

For the sake of judicial economy, Las Vegas Sands seeks to join the Chamber's Motion for Leave to File *Amicus Curiae* Brief and *Amicus Curiae* Brief to avoid any unnecessary duplication of perspective or filings from those non-parties that may be affected by the Court's ruling but are not represented in this matter.

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For the foregoing reasons, and pursuant to NRAP 28(i) and 29(a), proposed *amicus* Las Vegas Sands respectfully requests that this Court permit it to join the Chamber's Motion for Leave to File *Amicus Curiae* Brief and *Amicus Curiae* Brief.

Dated: March 10, 2011

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## **RULE 28A CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that I have read the foregoing brief, and to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, it is not frivolous or interposed for any improper purpose. I further certify that this brief complies with all applicable Nevada Rules of Appellate Procedure, in particular NRAP 28(e), which requires every assertion in the brief regarding matters in the record to be supported by appropriate references to the record. I understand I may be subject to sanctions in the event this brief is not in conformity with the requirements of the Nevada Rules of Appellate Procedure.

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The undersigned does hereby certify that on March 10, 2011, I caused to be served 2 a true and correct copy of the foregoing JOINDER OF LAS VEGAS SANDS CORP. TO 3 THE MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE AMICUS CURIAE BRIEF AND BRIEF OF 4 AMICUS CURIAE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF THE UNITED STATES OF 5 AMERICA IN SUPPORT OF APPELLANTS, by the method indicated: 6 7 BY FAX: by transmitting via facsimile the document(s) listed above to the fax 8 number(s) set forth below on this date before 5:00 p.m. pursuant to EDCR Rule 7.26(a). A printed transmission record is attached to the file copy of this document(s). 9 BY U.S. MAIL: by placing the document(s) listed above in a sealed envelope with X 10 postage thereon fully prepaid, in the United States mail at Las Vegas, Nevada addressed as set forth below. 11 BY OVERNIGHT MAIL: by causing document(s) to be picked up by an overnight delivery service company for delivery to the addressee(s) on the next business day. 12 BY PERSONAL DELIVERY: by causing personal delivery by \_ 13 messenger service with which this firm maintains an account, of the document(s) listed above to the person(s) at the address(es) set forth below. 14 BY ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION: submitted to the above-entitled Court for electronic filing and service upon the Court's Service List for the above-referenced case. 15 16 17 Robert T. Eglet, Esq. James R. Olson, Esq. 18 Robert M. Adams, Esq. Michael Stoberski, Esq. 19 Max E. Corrick, II, Esq. Marni K. Rubin, Esq. OLSON, CANNON, GORMELY & **MAINOR EGLET** 20 400 South Fourth Street, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor **DESRUISSEAUX** Las Vegas, NV 89101 9950 West Cheyenne Avenue 21 Las Vegas, NV 89129 22 Attorneys for Respondent Henry Chanin Attorneys for Appellants Teva Parenteral 23 Medicines, Inc. f/k/a Sicor Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Sicor, Inc, and 24 Baxter Healthcare Corporation 25 26

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