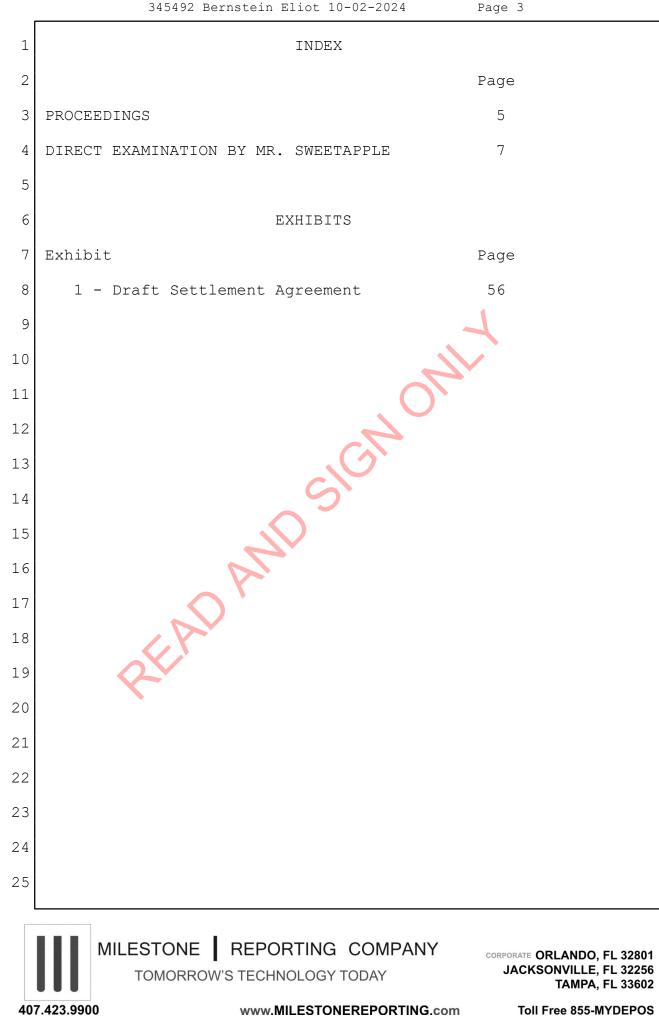
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9	the Fla. R. Civ. P. 1.310.
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11	It is agreed that ANESIA ROBERTS, being a Notary Public
12	and Court Reporter for the State of FLORIDA, may swear
13	the witness and that the reading and signing of the
14	completed transcript by the witness is not waived.
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1	PROCEEDINGS
2	THE REPORTER: My name is Anesia Roberts, I'm
3	the online video technician and court reporter
4	today, representing Milestone Reporting Company,
5	located at 315 East Robertson Street, Suite 510,
6	Orlando, Florida 32801. Today is the second day of
7	October 2024. The time is 10:04 a.m. We are
8	convened by video conference to take the deposition
9	of in the matter of Walter E. Sahm and Patricia Sahm
10	v. Bernstein Family Realty, LLC, Brian O'Connell, as
11	successor personal representative of the estate of
12	Simon L. Bernstein, Michael Bernstein, Molly Simon,
13	Pamela B
14	MR. SWEETAPPLE: Excuse me. We can excuse
15	me. You can just say et al. Otherwise
16	THE REPORTER: Okay. Thank you. Et al.,
17	pending in the Circuit Court of Palm Beach County,
18	Florida. Case number 2018-CA-002317. Will everyone
19	but the witness please state your appearance, how
20	you're attending, and location you're attending
21	from, starting with Plaintiff's Counsel?
22	MR. SWEETAPPLE: Yes. Robert Sweetapple and
23	Cynthia Miller on behalf of the guardian, Charles
24	Revard.
25	MS. LEWIS: Good morning. Kathryn Lewis on

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1	behalf of the guardian, Charles Revard. I am
2	attending from my home in Palm Beach County,
3	Florida. I am counsel of record in a related
4	guardianship matter, so I will be just observing,
5	not participating today.
6	MS. GARCIA: And I assume Mr. Sweetapple is
7	appearing from his office?
8	MR. SWEETAPPLE: Yes.
9	MS. GARCIA: Okay. Just because she asked.
10	Okay. Inger Garcia. I'm here with Mr. Eliot
11	Bernstein from my home office.
12	THE REPORTER: Mr. Bernstein, will you please
13	state your full name for the record and hold your ID
14	up to the camera, please?
15	THE WITNESS: Eliot Ivan Bernstein.
16	THE REPORTER: A little bit closer. Right
17	there. Okay. That's perfect. I can see your name
18	and you. Eliot. Thank you.
19	THE WITNESS: Uh-huh.
20	THE REPORTER: Do all parties agree that the
21	witness is in fact Mr. Bernstein?
22	MR. SWEETAPPLE: Yes.
23	MS. GARCIA: Yes.
24	THE WITNESS: Yes.
25	THE REPORTER: Mr. Bernstein, will you please

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raise your right hand? Do you solemnly swear or 1 2 affirm the testimony you're about to give will be 3 the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the 4 truth? 5 THE WITNESS: I do. 6 THE REPORTER: Thank you. You may begin. 7 DIRECT EXAMINATION 8 BY MR. SWEETAPPLE: 9 Good morning, Mr. Bernstein. How are you this Q. 10 morning? 11 Good. How are you? Α. 12 I'm excellent. Thank you. Have you ever been Q. 13 deposed before? 14 Α. I have. 15 Ο. On how many occasions? 16 One, I think. Α. 17 All right. And when was that? Ο. 18 That was a few years ago with your friend, Α. 19 Alan Rose. 20 Q. Okay. And have you ever testified at a trial 21 before? 22 Α. Trial? 23 Ο. Or any court proceeding? 24 Α. Oh. I've -- yes. 25 How many times have you testified in court Q.

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proceedings? 1 2 Numerous. I'm involved in numerous cases, and Α. 3 I've represented myself pro se. 4 Q. Okay. So more than a dozen times you've 5 testified? 6 Oh, yeah. Yeah. Α. 7 More than 50 times? Ο. 8 Probably. Maybe 100 or so. Α. 9 Okay. So you're familiar with testifying? Ο. 10 I am. Α. 11 You've been placed under oath repeatedly? Q. 12 Correct. Α. 13 Okay. Ο. Not under oath, meaning I've talked 14 Α. Well, no. 15 to the Court pro se. 16 Right. Q. 17 So if that's testifying, I haven't been sworn Α. 18 in, but maybe ten times. 19 Okay. So basically, as you may remember from Q. 20 Mr. Rose's deposition, I'm going to ask you questions 21 that you're expected to answer if you know the answer 22 under oath. Do you understand that? 23 Α. I do. 24 Okay. And it's quite possible that you're not Q. 25 going to understand my question because it's

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complicated, confused, unintelligible. Just tell me 1 2 that you don't understand my question and I will rephrase it; is that understood? 3 4 Α. It is. 5 All right. And we don't want you to speculate Ο. 6 or guess. If you don't know the answer, tell me you 7 don't know the answer; is that fair? 8 Sure. Α. Is there any reason you're unable to give a 9 Q. deposition here today? Are you on medication, doctor's 10 11 care? I am on medication. I am in doctor's care. My 12 Α. blood pressure is 230 over 150 this morning, and I'm on 13 heavy medication pending a two-year delay in an open 14 15 heart surgery for four arteries that are clotted. The medicine does make me a little bit rough around the 16 17 edges on dates, but everything else I'm pretty clear 18 about. 19 Q. Okay. So --20 Okay. Α. Yeah. 21 With regard to your condition, if at any time Q. 22 you need to stop and take a break, please let me 23 know --24 Years ago. Α. 25 Q. -- and we'll break, okay? I'm just saying,

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1	if
2	A. Yeah, no.
3	Q. If it's too stressful or if you need to use
4	the facilities or you know, just let me know. This
5	is not
6	A. Okay.
7	Q. This is not intended to be a painful
8	experience. It's a it's a it's a search for the
9	truth, essentially, regarding this case.
10	A. Okay.
11	Q. So what is your educational background?
12	A. Well, before we get started, under Rule 1310,
13	I just want to clarify with you that the deposition is
14	in good faith and whatnot. And I I wanted to find
15	out
16	Q. Well, you're not here to ask me questions, and
17	you're not at all here
18	A. No, but under 1310 I can ask the officer
19	conducting the deposition, which I think is you, if it's
20	being conducted purely. So the first question I have
21	is, were you contacted by the Palm Beach County
22	Sheriff
23	Q. Okay.
24	A regarding claims against you
25	Q. Sir. Sir, excuse me.

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-- for criminal misconduct? 1 Α. 2 Excuse me, sir. Ο. Yes. 3 Α. 4 Ο. I'm here to ask your -- to take your 5 deposition. It's in good faith. 6 Do you want me to repeat the rule? Α. 7 I'm doing this in good faith. Ο. Do you want me to repeat -- it's -- it comes 8 Α. 9 under Florida 1310. Mr. Bernstein, I'm going to start asking 10 Sir. Ο. 11 you questions. If you don't answer them, I will suspend 12 the deposition and go to the Court and seek sanction. Okay. Good. And if you do do that --13 Α. The deposition -- Tm telling you --14 Ο. Listen, that's your --15 Α. 16 I'm telling you --Q. 17 That's your right to do that. Α. 18 I'm telling you --Ο. 19 And I -- I accept that, but if you read the Α. 20 rule, I have the right to tell the Court why I'm feeling 21 this is not a good faith deposition, which I'm telling 22 you because you're under a criminal investigation or 23 several, and you're aware of that, and therefore, I 24 think your objective is not to get to the truth, but try 25 to frame people for crimes or something or make up some



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fraud that you haven't exposed to anybody what the fraud 1 2 you're claiming is. But more importantly, this deposition is being 3 used as a fishing for you to find out who is 4 5 investigating you, who we've talked to, et cetera, and I think it's wholly bad faith, what you're doing, and how 6 broad and all that. So I do want you to take it up with 7 the judge, and I do have two exhibits I'd like you to 8 9 give to the judge to review if you're taking it to him, 10 and the first one --Are you done making -- are you done making 11 Ο. 12 your statement? -- has been submitted. 13 Α. Are you done making your statement? 14 Q. Well, no. I'd like to -- I'd like to state on 15 Α. 16 the record for the judge to review, on 3-31-20 -- this 17 is from the Palm Beach County Sheriff Report. I'm sure 18 you got a copy of that. On 3-31-2023, I contacted Trust 19 Attorney Robert Sweetapple, who's listed as the attorney 20 of record or the plaintiff in this case involving the 21 Bernstein Family Trust. Mr. Sweetapple respectfully 22 declined to discuss the details of the case and stated 23 that Mr. Bernstein or his legal representatives had 24 previously raised all of this objection, all of their 25 objections in Court, and their appeals were denied --

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Ο. Sir. Sir. 1 2 -- based on the evidence. Α. 3 Ο. Any records --Did you make that statement to the police? 4 Α. 5 Sir, any records that you -- Mr. Bernstein, Ο. 6 any records you want to append to this deposition for 7 the Court we will do at the end of the deposition. Now 8 I'm going to commence with your questioning, sir. Well, if you're ending it to go get an order 9 Α. from the judge --10 11 Ο. No, no. I'm going to -- if you're not --12 -- because you're refusing to answer --Α. 13 MS. LEWIS: Ms. Garcia, are you going to make any attempt in good faith to control your client, or 14 15 should we just end this little song and dance? 16 THE WITNESS: Well, you're also in the 17 complaint -18 MS. LEWIS: I'm aware. 19 THE WITNESS: -- with the Palm Beach County 20 Sheriff. I'm sure you are. 21 MS. LEWIS: Yeah. 22 THE WITNESS: And so, you see, I don't think 23 you guys are doing this in good faith. You 24 shouldn't be doing this. You should both be --25 MS. GARCIA: Okay.

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1	THE WITNESS: represented by Counsel at this
2	point.
З	MS. GARCIA: Five-minute break.
4	MR. SWEETAPPLE: Mr. Bernstein. Mr. Bernstein.
5	MS. GARCIA: Five-minute break, please, sir.
6	Five-minute break.
7	MR. SWEETAPPLE: Thank you. I please
8	understand. We're not going off the record.
9	Understand that Mr. Bernstein has been sanctioned by
10	Courts for this very type of conduct, and I will be
11	seeking to strike pleadings and to hold him in
12	contempt of Court.
13	MS. GARCIA: The deposition hasn't started yet,
14	sir. I'm asking for a five-minute break
15	MR. SWEETAPPLE: Yes.
16	MS. GARCIA: because you're
17	MR. SWEETAPPLE: Yes, it has started. The
18	deposition has started, and I'm going to suspend it
19	for five minutes, and if this type of outrageous
20	conduct continues, I will be contacting
21	suspending and contact the Court immediately. And,
22	you know, this abuse of the litigation system has
23	got to end, ma'am.
24	THE REPORTER: Okay. The time is 10:13 a.m.,
25	and we are off record.

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1 (OFF THE RECORD) 2 THE REPORTER: The time is 10:20 a.m., and we are back on record. 3 BY MR. SWEETAPPLE: 4 5 Mr. Bernstein, I was asking you, what is your Ο. educational background? 6 7 Α. I'm a college graduate. 8 And where did you go? Q. 9 University of Wisconsin-Madison. Α. 10 My son went there. Q. Okay. 11 Α. Yes. 12 And when did you graduate? Q. 13 On 1983 or so. Α. You did graduate? 14 Q. Yeah. 15 Α. 16 And what 👇 did you get a -- what Q. 17 Psychology. Α. 18 Psychology. Okay. And did you ever practice Q. 19 as a psychologist? 20 No. Α. 21 Q. Okay. What type of work did you pursue after 22 you graduated? 23 Α. Well, I was in the insurance business since I 24 was 14 years old at that point. 25 Q. Okay.

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I had a dental company in college, and I 1 Α. 2 worked full-time and went to college full-time. Okay. And how long have you -- were you in 3 Ο. 4 the insurance industry? 5 I don't -- 30-plus years. Α. Wow. 6 Are you still in the insurance industry? Q. 7 Α. I am not. 8 Okay. And what was your relationship with the Ο. Bernstein Family Realty, LLC, when it entered into a 9 note mortgage with the Sahms? 10 11 Well, nothing other than that I was taking Α. 12 care of the property that my kids owned through Bernstein Family Realty. 13 And So you were --14 Ο. And it was a life estate my father set up so 15 Α. that our family was protected by some bad attorneys we 16 17 were exposing in federal and state courts, similar to 18 what's going on with you right now. 19 So you were never a member or an owner of any Q. 20 interest in Bernstein Family Realty? 21 Well, it was later when it was necessary. Α. 22 So -- but I'm talking about the time that the Q. 23 note mortgage was signed. You were not a member at that 24 time? 25 Α. No. No.

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345492 Bernstein Eliot 10-02-2024 Page 17 Okay. And --1 Ο. 2 That was to protect our lives. Α. Okay. But you were --3 Ο. 4 Α. 5 -- living in the home. You were living in the Ο. 6 home that was owned by Bernstein Family Realty, LLC? 7 Which is owned by my three children, who were Α. minors at the time. So yeah, we were living there --8 9 Ο. Okay. -- with them, and that was my dad's intent, 10 Α. 11 was to make -- with -- with Walt even knew all about it, 12 was to make the property secure, because I was in 13 litigation against lawyers, judges, and a whole bunch of --14 15 How many judges have you been in litigation Q. 16 against? 17 MS. GARCIA: Objection to relevance. 18 THE WITNESS: A lot. But there was also a bomb 19 in our car, which blew up three cars next to it, and 20 it's a very complicated situation, but my dad was 21 trying to protect my family from lawyers and others 22 who were trying to kill me to steal trillion-dollar 23 patents, so to speak. 24 BY MR. SWEETAPPLE: 25 Q. So how many judges have you litigated against?

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I don't know. You can look it up. 1 Α. It was a 2 Southern District of New York case that was related to a 3 whistleblower from the Disciplinary Department of New York, and it's a RICO, so it named quite a lot of 4 5 lawyers and judges. And what about in Florida? How many Florida 6 Ο. 7 judges have you sued? 8 MS. GARCIA: Objection to the relevance. We're here on limited issues of the settlement, and you're 9 10 going back to history of years ago. But go ahead. 11 THE WITNESS: I don't mind. [I'll tell him. Α 12 bunch. Jorge Labarga, who was at the 15th, which it kind of makes it why the 15th is not a good place to 13 be hearing anything of mine, but then several 14 Supreme Court members. / The Florida Bar, I sued. 15 16 It's -- and whatnot. A whole lot of people. BY MR. SWEETAPPLE: 17 18 Have you sued any other judges in the 15th Q. 19 Judicial Circuit or moved --20 MS. GARCIA: Again, objection. 21 BY MR. SWEETAPPLE: 22 Q. -- to recuse any other judges? 23 MS. GARCIA: Again, objection to relevance. 24 We're here for the settlement issues only. 25 MR. SWEETAPPLE: Okay. Excuse me, Ms. Garcia.

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Please just object to form. Relevance isn't even a 1 2 proper objection at a deposition. MS. GARCIA: In this particular deposition, 3 sir, because it's limited to the settlement issues, 4 5 I have a right to limit the scope of this 6 deposition, or then you can take it up with the 7 Judge. Go ahead. 8 MR. SWEETAPPLE: No. You can -- you can -- you can make an instruction to your client that you 9 believe is appropriate, but relevance is not an 10 11 objection. I'm getting background on the witness right now to go to his credibility. I'm entitled to 12 do that as a matter of law. 13 BY MR. SWEETAPPLE: 14 15 So how many other judges have you sued in Palm 0. 16 Beach County? 17 Α. None. 18 How many have you moved to recuse? Ο. 19 Α. Quite a few. 20 Okay. And do you --Q. 21 And they were recused or disqualified, and Α. 22 immediately after, most of them retired early off the 23 bench, getting rid of what I would say, was kind of a 24 cultish group of judges who were using predatory 25 guardianships to steal people's estates. And so those

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T	that group of judges is gone. And then I think
2	that's about it. That's the only you can look the
3	records up. They're Palm Beach County. I move to
4	recuse any judge that's not following the rules.
5	Q. Okay. And who was in terms of
6	A. Oh, and by the way by the way, the you
7	should also know that I've been pursuing quite a few
8	attorneys, like Alan Rose, yourself, et cetera. And Don
9	Tescher and Robert Spallina were arrested, not directly
10	related to my complaint, but insider trading. And they
11	also admitted to forging my mother's trust document in
12	my mother's trust case to the Palm Beach sheriff when
13	questioned Mr. Spallina did.
14	And then I think Brian O'Connell also recently
15	has destroyed his career was disbarred for stealing a
16	half a million dollars, according to the Florida Supreme
17	Court, out of a client's trust account. Will he be
18	criminally prosecuted? We'll see. It takes time, as
19	you know, as we build a web around you. So but go
20	ahead. Yeah. Any other question?
21	Q. Do you remember my question, Mr. Bernstein?
22	A. Yeah. What judges had I been pursuing and
23	others.
24	Q. And was your question intended to be
25	responsive to that?

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Yeah. 1 Α. 2 I asked judges, and you started talking about Ο. 3 oh --Oh -- yeah -- what --4 Α. 5 So were you --Ο. 6 -- I thought it meant what other people in the Α. 7 legal profession. 8 And so do you have a power of attorney from Ο. Bernstein Family Realty, LLC, to act on its behalf? 9 I was voted in as a -- as a manager. 10 Α. 11 Okay. When were you voted in as a manager? Ο. I believe in 2023. Like I said, I'm not real 12 Α. good on dates. You want me to look it up, I'll get it 13 14 later. And was the - was the entity reinstated with 15 Ο. the Secretary of State at or about that time? 16 17 Α. Yeah. 18 Okay. And so you are the manager currently of Q. 19 the entity? 20 Α. One of. 21 Q. How many other managers are there? 22 Α. Two. 23 Ο. Who are they? 24 Α. My wife and Kevin Hall. 25 Q. Okay. And who is Kevin Hall?

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He's a consultant. Business consultant. 1 Α. 2 Okay. And do you have any -- does -- do you Q. or the or Bernstein Family Realty, LLC, have any 3 contracts with him? 4 5 I'm not sure. I can check. Α. 6 Do you have any agreements with him to Q. 7 compensate him? I'm not sure what's there at this time. 8 Α. Is he working for free for the company? 9 Q. 10 Α. I -- he may be. 11 Do you know? Q. 12 Α. I don't. 13 You -- so you don't know that there's a signed Ο. agreement to pay him a percentage or compensate him in 14 any way with regard to 🔶 15 16 I think he has some kind of agreement, maybe Α. 17 verbal, with my kids and whatnot. I'm not exactly sure. 18 That's why I said I'm not --19 When you say your kids, are your kids managers Q. 20 or members? 21 They're the members. Α. 22 Q. Okay. And who are the members? 23 Α. Jo.B. --24 Q. Uh-huh. 25 Α. -- Ja.B., and D.B.

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Okay. And the property that is operated or 1 Ο. 2 owned by the Bernstein Family Realty, LLC, has the company -- when I say the company, I'm referring to 3 Bernstein Family Realty, LLC, paid the property taxes on 4 5 that property at any time in the last ten years. 6 The last ten years, I'm not sure. Α. 7 Q. Okay. I -- I don't -- I don't know. 8 Α. I -- yeah. Oh, 9 yeah. They -- they have paid the property taxes. 10 What years? Q. 11 Α. I'd have to check. 12 Okay. And what about in the last five years? Q. 13 Α. I believe so. And who would handle that as a manager, you, 14 Q. 15 your wife, or Mr. Hall? 16 MS. GARCIA: Objection. You're going beyond 17 the scope of the settlement issue. Go ahead. 18 THE WITNESS: Shall I answer? 19 MS. GARCIA: Go ahead. 20 THE WITNESS: Okay. What was the question 21 again? Sorry. 22 BY MR. SWEETAPPLE: 23 Ο. That -- who in the LLC is responsible for 24 conducting its affairs such as making payments, like 25 property tax?

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345492 Bernstein Eliot 10-02-2024 Page 24 Well, that would be me and my wife probably. 1 Α. 2 Okay. Ο. I mean, there'd be other people involved in 3 Α. the discussion. Kevin --4 5 And who would be in -- who was anyone Ο. Okav. involved from Bernstein Family Realty, LLC, in first 6 7 trying to negotiate or prepare a draft settlement agreement of this case? 8 Which settlement? 9 Α. What's the -- I want to know the first time 10 Q. there was ever any draft of a proposed settlement 11 12 agreement. The first settlement? 13 Α. Who prepared the first draft of a 14 Ο. Yeah. 15 settlement agreement? 16 I -- I believe that would be my attorney, Α. 17 Inger Garcia and John Ring. Inger Garcia and John Ring are the first ones 18 Q. 19 that tried to draft a settlement agreement? 20 Correct. Α. 21 Ο. And when was that? 22 They not only drafted it, my family signed it, Α. 23 and then I believe because of your frauds that the 24 estate had somehow become a party. My attorney wasted a 25 lot of her time and John Raymond ate up a lot of

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1 attorney fees, I believe, trying to settle this. And we 2 thought that the estate of Walter, which was substituted 3 into the bankruptcy, also fraudulently, were parties to 4 this foreclosure.

5 Well, Inger and John, who I believe one of these people, one of your co-counsels maybe belongs to 6 7 his firm, they went through all these steps of negotiating a settlement, only for John Raymond to come 8 back after the terms were done, my family had signed it. 9 We were waiting for the sum approval, and he said, no, 10 11 the estate has no interest in this foreclosure. Which is 12 strange because Brad Schreiber, who I'm sure you know, told the federal bankruptcy court falsely that Walter 13 Sahm's estate did have an interest. 14

15 And Inger wasted a lot of her time, months, 16 long before you ever filed your predatory guardianship that's been filed by, I believe, Kathryn Lewis' firm to 17 18 silence Patricia Sahm, which has been effective of 19 silencing a witness against you because she claims she 20 didn't know you, never met you. You've seen her 21 statements. You know, we -- we wasted all this time 22 negotiating with the wrong people. In fact, we were 23 unable to have the proper parties in the state court 24 before the state court because you were running a dead 25 man there who had been dead for a long time. You failed



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to substitute.
 And then you were representing Patricia Sahm,

3 even though you actually weren't. You don't know her or 4 ever have talked to her really and we'll be requesting 5 your records to prove that out at some point.

6 But the bottom line is you were committing a 7 fraud in the state court because Joanna Sahm was your 8 client, not Patricia. And now, only now, months, years later, we are learning, because you're busted, that 9 there was a power of attorney, and I just read something 10 11 where you didn't even have the power of attorney you 12 were acting under. So the proper parties to settle were never before the state court from the day Walt died to 13 the day you and your partner, Joanna, concocted this 14 fraud to hide the real litigants in the case. 15 So it 16 wasn't until bankruptcy where you -- suddenly they 17 switched the parties in the case because Brad Schreiber 18 got caught representing a dead person in court almost a 19 year or so after he'd been dead. He filed his -- his 20 notice of appearance for a dead person, kind of like you 21 running that same fraud on the state court. So you 22 know, that's pretty much my answer to that. 23 Ο. Do you remember my question, sir? 24 Oh, can you repeat it back? Α. 25 Do you remember it? Ο.



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1	A. Can you repeat it back?
2	Q. What question were you answering?
3	A. Well, I just want to make sure it's the
4	the
5	Q. What question were you answering, sir?
6	A. Something about BFR's payments and whatnot.
7	Oh, the settlement. Yeah, the settlement.
8	Q. Who prepared the first draft of a settlement?
9	A. Oh, the settlement, right.
10	Q. Of a proposed settlement agreement. Who was
11	that?
12	A. Right. And I was answering that it was the
13	proposed settlement between John Raymond and Inger,
14	which was based on a fraud that you had committed
15	Q. This
16	A leading up to believe that the estate
17	Q. Mr. Bernstein, I asked you
18	A was a party.
19	Q. I asked you for the name of someone. You gave
20	me a name and you gave me a speech. So Ms. Garcia
21	MS. GARCIA: Yes?
22	BY MR. SWEETAPPLE:
23	Q prepared the first draft
24	MS. GARCIA: No.
25	BY MR. SWEETAPPLE:
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1	Q of a settlement agreement?
2	MS. GARCIA: Objection. Are you talking about
3	the settlement agreement at issue now or the prior
4	settlements prior to me coming the case?
5	MR. SWEETAPPLE: The first draft of a
6	settlement agreement.
7	MS. GARCIA: Ever in this case, back with Mr.
8	Morgurber, and Leslie, and everybody else?
9	MR. SWEETAPPLE: Whatever. I don't know who it
10	is
11	THE WITNESS: Oh.
12	MS. GARCIA: Okay.
13	THE WITNESS: Okay. Oh, and even earlier, in
14	2019, Walt and I believe their former attorney,
15	who's supposed to be an outstanding guy, John
16	Cappellar, who Ms. Sahm recognized instantly when
17	we gave her her handwritten settlement with us in
18	2019, which covered all her costs, taxes, insurance,
19	everything to that point for \$200,000.
20	BY MR. SWEETAPPLE:
21	Q. Was that ever executed
22	A. And then
23	Q. Was that ever executed?
24	A. It was executed between us. Yeah.
25	Q. Who signed it?



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John Cappellar -- or Walt and Pat wrote it. 1 Α. 2 And it's in her handwriting. I submitted it as part of 3 my evidence. 4 Ο. Okay. So you believe there was a settlement 5 agreement in 2019? 6 Correct. Α. 7 And have any of your attorneys ever sought to Ο. 8 enforce that agreement in any court? 9 Α. No. Okay. And then the next time -10 Q. 11 And -- and actually -- actually what was being Α. 12 sought, just so you know, was -- was \$200,000, which was sitting in the registry for my kids. Now, we are not 13 responsible for paying off the BFR debt. 14 That was supposed to come out of the estates in trust. But since 15 Alan Rose knows that he's being hunted down, so to 16 17 speak, by state and federal criminal authorities, he's 18 been trying to force a foreclosure by the Sahms by not 19 letting me get the money out of my children's registry 20 funds to pay the Sahms. So that's caused a whole bunch 21 of delays, even in getting this money to pay off this 22 settlement. 23 He wants to oppose when he's also acting as 24 trustee for my children in a trust that's never been 25 produced and doesn't exist, but we'll get into that, if

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you'd like. 1 Mr. Bernstein, I'm trying to take discovery 2 Q. 3 with regard to settlements. Okay. That was a settlement. 4 Α. 5 If you're -- okay. Yeah. I asked you if the Ο. 2019 settlement agreement that you claim existed was 6 7 ever sought to be enforced in court and you said --8 Α. Yes. -- no. You said no, it has not been 9 Q. 10 Α. Oh. 11 -- in court, right? Q. 12 I think I changed it to yes. I was trying to Α. 13 get the money to achieve the settlement terms. You 14 can --15 Q. Was there ever a motion filed to enforce that 16 alleged settlement? 17 Well, I can't enforce it if I have -- no. Α. 18 Okay. And the next time that there was any Q. 19 effort to draft what you claim was the settlement 20 agreement, when was that? 21 That was the one with Inger and Raymond. Α. 22 Q. Okay. And Inger prepared a settlement 23 agreement indicating that Walter Sahm's estate was a 24 party. 25 Α. Correct. Because that's what you told the MILESTONE

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bankruptcy court. 1 2 Okay. And --Q. 3 Α. And Joanna Sahm illegally came in representing 4 the estate --5 Ο. Are you --6 Α. -- Walter. 7 -- are you -- are you aware that there was Q. never any substitution of Walter Sahm estate in the 8 9 foreclosure case? 10 I am. Α. Okay. And are you aware that there was never 11 Q. 12 a suggestion of death to substitute Walter Sahm out of 13 the case? I made a suggestion of death and my 14 Α. Oh, no. 15 wife did. 16 MS. GARCIA: Sorry, let him finish his 17 questions -18 THE WITNESS: Oh. Okay. Sorry. 19 MS. GARCIA: -- because the court reporter 20 needs to take down --21 THE WITNESS: Sorry. Okay. 22 MS. GARCIA: Delay for a moment when he asks 23 the question, so I have a chance to object. 24 THE WITNESS: You got it. 25 MS. GARCIA: Thank you. You can --

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1	BY MR. SWEETAPPLE:
2	Q. So did you so you're saying that you
3	you're there was a settlement agreement prepared
4	where the party was Walter Sahm estate.
5	A. Correct. As one of the parties.
6	Q. Even though the Walter Sahm estate was never a
7	plaintiff in the foreclosure case.
8	A. Well, it became a plaintiff in the bankruptcy
9	case, which the underlying matter of the foreclosure. So
10	they claim they had an interest in the state case
11	through Walter Sahm. And by the way, your question was,
12	did the suggestion of death was filed.
13	Q. Okay.
14	A. And you have failed and have been representing
15	a client, I think even to this day, without notifying
16	the Court that he is dead, not and which could void
17	your judgment for your clients instantly. Well, we'll
18	get to all those issues, but you know, the the honest
19	to God truth is we left with Joanna Sahm coming into a
20	for to a bankruptcy saying she represented the
21	interest of Walter Sahm's estate. And for the first
22	time we learned that she was representing her mother
23	through some kind of power of attorney or guardian.
24	Of course, she never filed that as legally required.
25	But, okay, that is my answer to that.



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1	Q. Okay. So your attorney, Ms. Garcia, prepared
2	a draft settlement agreement for the foreclosure case,
3	and the alleged plaintiff was the Walter Sahm Estate?
4	A. Correct.
5	Q. Okay. Even though
6	A. And Patricia Sahm. And Patricia Sahm. Of
7	course, I don't know if we knew at that point that it
8	was Joanna forging all her mother's documents.
9	Q. But Inger but
10	A. And you were concealing all that from the
11	State Court.
12	Q. But, sir, the it was clear from the probate
13	file I mean, strike that. From the litigation file
14	and the foreclosure, it was clear that no estate of
15	Walter Sahm was substituted, correct?
16	A. Correct. But we learned that the
17	bankruptcy
18	Q. Okay.
19	A. After the foreclosure case, while the
20	foreclosure was still pending, we learned that Joanna
21	was now representing the interest in the foreclosure
22	case and the judgment as a PR of an estate of Walter.
23	Q. Uh-huh. Well, where did
24	A. You see, you got so many frauds going it must
25	be hard for all of you.

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Where did -- where did -- where did Joanna 1 Ο. 2 Sahm ever appear --3 Α. In the bankruptcy. -- in the foreclosure case? 4 Ο. 5 She didn't, because you concealed her, but she Α. admits even in her affidavit in the guardianship case, 6 7 her own affidavit, that she was stunned that her mother knew anything about the foreclosure case because she was 8 9 handling it. You --And didn't she have a power of -- didn't she 10 Q. 11 have a power of attorney, sir? 12 You never presented it to the court. Α. She 13 never signed a document. Nobody knew it until the 14 bankruptcy case where your frauds were coming undone and 15 they had to change everything. So suddenly, we found out who the real plaintiffs in the Sahm case were. 16 Not 17 dead Walter. That's for sure. It was Joanna, I quess acting as PR without telling anybody, and not Patricia 18 19 Sahm. She knew nothing about the case, according to 20 Joanna, and I think some of your recent comments show 21 that you really don't know her, and I'm sure that's 22 because the police are -- might be closing in on you. 23 And you're aware of that, since they contacted you, 24 which I believe makes the basis of this deposition you 25 trying to fish yourself out of some real serious charges



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1	here. You ran a fraud. Did you expose to the Court
2	that you were acting under a power of attorney for
3	Patricia Sahm?
4	Q. Mr. Bernstein.
5	A. No. Did you?
6	Q. Sir. Mr. Bernstein, I'm asking the questions
7	and you're answering them.
8	A. And nobody ever
9	Q. Okay.
10	A. But that's why you shouldn't be doing this.
11	You're conflicted.
12	Q. Mr. Bernstein, you appear to think sir, you
13	appear to think that you have to notify the Court when
14	you're acting under a power of attorney. So you go
15	ahead and keep thinking whatever you think you know
16	about the law, okay?
17	A. You do.
18	Q. I'm asking you questions, all right?
19	A. Right. You do.
20	Q. So what you're telling me is
21	A. When the proper party
22	Q. What you're telling me is that Ms. Garcia and
23	you were aware at the bankruptcy court that Mr. Sahm had
24	died, correct?
25	A. Yeah.
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Okay. And did you file a suggestion of death 1 Ο. 2 at that time? I had filed it earlier in the State 3 Α. No. 4 Court. 5 Okay. In the pro -- in the pro --Ο. 6 And you failed -- and you failed to notify the Α. 7 Court --8 And after you filed the suggestion of death --Q. 9 -- that the Plaintiff had died. Α. And after you filed the suggestion of death, 10 Q. 11 do you know what happens as a matter of law if there's 12 no substitution? No. I'm not a lawyer, so I'm not --13 Α. So you're not aware, not aware of what 14 Q. Okay. 15 happens at that point? 16 I have my opinion. Α. 17 So Ms. Garcia was fully aware that Ο. Okay. 18 there was a suggestion of death and aware that the only 19 remaining plaintiff on a joint obligation was Patricia Sahm, and did Ms. Garcia -- did Ms. Garcia or -- did Ms. 20 21 Garcia contact me to negotiate the settlement of the 22 foreclosure case, to your knowledge? 23 MS. GARCIA: Go ahead. THE WITNESS: I think that's attorney-client 24 25 privilege, but --

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1	MS. GARCIA: No, no. Go ahead			
2	THE WITNESS: Okay. What was the question			
3	again?			
4	BY MR. SWEETAPPLE:			
5	Q. Did you direct, or anyone from Bernstein			
6	Family Realty, LLC, direct Ms. Garcia to communicate			
7	with me as attorney for Patricia Sahm to settle the			
8	to settle the foreclosure case?			
9	A. I I think she did contact you during the			
10	John Raymond settlement, but then, as you know, Patricia			
11	Sahm, Senior, when she			
12	Q. I asked you a question, sir.			
13	MS. GARCIA: (Audio cuts out.)			
14	BY MR. SWEETAPPLE			
15	Q. Did you instruct her to contact me to handle a			
16	settlement of the foreclosure case?			
17	MS. GARCIA: Objection. Calls for attorney-			
18	client privilege in our private conversations. You			
19	know you were part of the e-mail chain, sir, so do			
20	not ask him about our conversations. If you have a			
21	question about attorney-client privilege, the judge			
22	can determine if the answer must be had. So you can			
23	ask his knowledge, but do not use this deposition to			
24	try to set me up and get around the attorney-client			
25	privilege. Ask your question.			

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1	MR. SWEETAPPLE: Please mark this.			
2	THE WITNESS: Again, further bad faith.			
3	MR. SWEETAPPLE: Please mark that in the			
4	record.			
5	THE WITNESS: Yeah.			
6	MR. SWEETAPPLE: I'm going to be going to the			
7	Judge immediately.			
8	THE WITNESS: Take it up with the Judge.			
9	MR. SWEETAPPLE: Okay. I am asking the witness			
10	if he told you something to tell to me. That is not			
11	privileged. You made a speaking objection. You			
12	never instructed him not to answer, which would be			
13	the proper thing to do if you actually don't			
14	understand that that's not a privileged			
15	communication. I'm going to try it again, Ms.			
16	Garcia.			
17	BY MR. SWEETAPPLE:			
18	Q. Mr. Bernstein, did you ever instruct Ms.			
19	Garcia at the time that she prepared a proposed			
20	settlement agreement with the estate of Walter Sahm to			
21	contact me to attempt to negotiate that settlement?			
22	A. No.			
23	Q. Why not?			
24	A. What? I didn't hear you. You broke up.			
25	Q. Why not? Didn't you know I represented the			

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345492 Bernstein Eliot 10-02-2024 Page 39 Patricia Sahm in the foreclosure? 1 2 Because I don't tell my attorney what to do, Α. like I don't tell my brain surgeon what to do. 3 4 Ο. Okay. 5 She's the attorney. She knows what she's Α. 6 doing. 7 Okay. Q. She's --8 Α. 9 So she knows what she's doing. Q. 10 Correct. Α. 11 She knows what she's doing, but she has Q. 12 prepared a proposed settlement of a case where she knows 13 Walter Sahm is dead and it's a joint obligation, and the estate of Walter Sahm doesn't appear anywhere in the 14 foreclosure case, and she's doing a settlement with the 15 estate of Walter Sahm. Is that what you're telling me? 16 17 That's what happened? 18 MS/ GARCIA: I'm going to object to -- I'm 19 going to object to him not to answer. Attorney-20 client privilege communications. Take it up with 21 the Judge. You're not going to use this deposition 22 to set me up, sir. Go ahead. Mark it for the 23 Judge. You have a question of his knowledge and his 24 communications and what he understands, fine, but 25 you're not going to use this deposition like this.

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Go ahead. 1 2 MR. SWEETAPPLE: Stop making speaking objections. Make an objection and state the basis 3 of your form objection if you have a basis of a form 4 5 objection. BY MR. SWEETAPPLE: 6 7 Were you aware that -- were you -- did --Ο. strike that. So when this proposed settlement with the 8 Estate of Walter Sahm, that include the Estate of Walter 9 10 Sahm, are you aware if a proposed settlement agreement 11 was forwarded by Ms. Garcia to any lawyers? 12 John Raymond. Α. Yeah. 13 Okay. Ο. And --14 Α. And you. 15 And was that settlement --Ο. 16 And you. You were sent that settlement, even Α. 17 though you've testified, I believe under oath, that she 18 didn't contact you about the settlement. You knew damn 19 well of that settlement because I saw your name on it, 20 and you were asked several times to do things regarding 21 the settlement and you chose to ignore it, because this 22 isn't about a settlement. This is about the fact that 23 you're using a predatory guardianship to silence 24 Patricia Sahm from testifying that she doesn't know you, 25 you never talked to her, you never brought her



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settlement offers, nothing, that you were working under 1 2 an undisclosed to the Court or any power -- party, a 3 power of attorney that you claimed way later, just not too long ago, that you didn't have the power of attorney 4 5 in your possession. So you were representing Joanna Sahm, who hired you. Miss -- Ms. Sahm couldn't pick you 6 7 out of a lineup. 8 Q. Okay. 9 But she might now. Α. 10 Okay. Mr. Bernstein --Q. 11 Yes, sir. Α. 12 There was no guardianship of Patricia Sahm at Q. the time that Ms. Garcia prepared the settlement of the 13 Walter --14 15 Α. Garcia. 16 Right? Q. 17 The first settlement. Α. Correct. 18 Right. There was no --Q. 19 We'll get to it. We'll get into the second. Α. 20 So you're -- all your testimony about the Q. 21 first settlement and mentioning guardianship is in 22 error, right? 23 Α. I've got to think of the date. 24 MS. GARCIA: Objection to the form. 25 THE WITNESS: Yeah. No, I -- I -- I would --

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that you're discussing before he answers any more 1 2 questions. Put it on the screen so he can see which 3 settlement, which estate you're talking about. BY MR. SWEETAPPLE: 4 5 The only settlements I'm talking about and I'm Ο. 6 trying to learn about are --7 You were copied on it. Α. 8 Please let me finish. Okay. I'm talking now Ο. 9 about only settlements and draft settlements and negotiations concerning settlement of the foreclosure 10 11 case; is that understood? 12 Yeah. Let me check my notes here. Α. 13 MS. GARCIA: Okay. And you -- Robert, you do realize that there's many drafts. Some included the 14 Some included Pat Sahm. Joanna was 15 estate. 16 involved in every one of them. You were copied on 17 the -- some of the e-mails. So you have to be 18 clearer because you can't corner him with trick 19 questions. 20 MR. SWEETAPPLE: All right. Okay. 21 MS. GARCIA: If you have a particular draft, 22 please put it on the screen. 23 MR. SWEETAPPLE: Okay. Okay. All right. 24 MS. GARCIA: I sent you many drafts. 25 MR. SWEETAPPLE: All right. I'm moving to hold

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1	you in contempt for continuing to make speaking
2	objections and coaching your client on what to say.
3	You just gave him a whole narrative with regard to
4	my questioning. It's unprofessional, it's
5	outrageous, and it needs to stop now.
6	THE WITNESS: Take it up with the Judge.
7	MR. SWEETAPPLE: I am going to do that, Mr.
8	Bernstein.
9	THE WITNESS: You want to okay. So you want
10	to stop the terminate this and pick it up?
11	MR. SWEETAPPLE: No. No. No. No.
12	MS. GARCIA: Robert, I'm just asking you, if
13	there's many forms of the settlement, please put the
14	one you're discussing. You can't ask a general
15	question.
16	MR. SWEETAPPLE: Ms. Garcia. Ms. Garcia.
17	MS. GARCIA: Please cooperate here and put up
18	the evidence on the screen and let him see which one
19	you're talking about.
20	MR. SWEETAPPLE: Ms. Garcia. Ms. Garcia, make
21	your objections. I will take the deposition the way
22	I deem appropriate.
23	MS. GARCIA: Go ahead. Have fun, Robert.
24	THE WITNESS: And she'll object the way she
25	deems appropriate.

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1	MS. GARCIA: Go ahead.
2	THE WITNESS: And if you find something wrong,
3	take it up with the Judge.
4	MS. GARCIA: Go ahead.
5	THE WITNESS: This bullying of people. Yeah.
6	And I just saw a letter from Leslie Ferderigos to
7	you, the other attorney you bullied. You're
8	misogynistic. You abuse women. It's obvious you
9	just are going to attack her and threaten her with
10	saying, because you're trying to use this to get
11	sanctions or create some fraud that nobody, but your
12	mind, is involved in, because you're worried that
13	the police are investigating your prior frauds, and
14	you know you've committed them.
15	MS. GARCIA: Okay. Let him ask the question.
16	Go ahead. I will make simple objections. Let him
17	go. Go ahead, Mr. Sweetapple.
18	MR. SWEETAPPLE: Thank you. Thank you.
19	BY MR. SWEETAPPLE:
20	Q. So when I'm only now talking about the time
21	period that Ms. Garcia was negotiating what you told me
22	was the first draft after the 2019 settlement agreement
23	you say existed. You've told me that Ms. Garcia was
24	negotiating a first draft and had prepared a first draft
25	of a settlement of the foreclosure case and the party,



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the Sahm party included the Walter Sahm Estate. Are we 1 2 clear that's what I'm talking about? 3 Α. Yes. And I'm just --4 Q. Okay. 5 Just looking to see when the first power of Α. 6 attorney --7 And that question's not pending here, okay? Q. 8 MS. GARCIA: Let him ask his question. Go 9 ahead. 10 THE WITNESS: I -- I heard his question. 11 MS. GARCIA: No question pending, is there? 12 MR. SWEETAPPLE: Yeah. I'm going to ask a 13 question. MS. GARCIA: 14 Go ahead. 15 BY MR. SWEETAPPLE: 16 Who negotiated -- were there any -- were you Q. 17 involved in any negotiations regarding that settlement 18 agreement? 19 Just with my attorney. Α. 20 Okay. Did you ever speak with Patty Sahm, Q. 21 Junior? 22 Not at that juncture, no. Α. 23 Ο. You had you hadn't spoken to her at all at 24 that juncture? 25 Α. I don't believe so.

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Okay. And I take it that that draft of a 1 Ο. 2 settlement agreement regarding where it mentioned Walter Sahm Trust never was executed, correct? By Mrs. Sahm or 3 by Patricia Sahm as a power of attorney? 4 5 Α. No. 6 Correct? It was not executed ever, right? Q. 7 Α. Correct. It was not. And was another draft of a settlement 8 Ο. 9 agreement prepared by Ms. Garcia after that, to your 10 knowledge, that did not list the Estate of Walter Sahm 11 as a party? Yeah, right after John Raymond confirmed that 12 Α. 13 Joanna had misrepresented to a federal bankruptcy court that the estate of Walter Sahm had an interest in the 14 foreclosure case and therefore bankruptcy. 15 Yeah. 16 Excuse me lis that the case that your Q. 17 attorney, Ms. Garcia was sanctioned by the Court? 18 MS/ GARCIA: Objection to the form. I was 19 never sanctioned, number one. 20 MR. SWEETAPPLE: And your --21 MS. GARCIA: And number two --22 BY MR. SWEETAPPLE: 23 Ο. -- and your -- and your children were -- well, 24 she was identified by the Court as having engaged in 25 wrongdoing?

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1	Α.	I don't know what that means. I'm not a legal
2	expert.	
3	Q.	Okay.
4	Α.	Your word, not mine.
5	Q.	All right. All right.
6	Α.	Take her deposition next, I think, so
7	Q.	So you understand there was another draft of a
8	settlemen	nt agreement prepared by Ms. Garcia concerning
9	the fore	closure.
10	Α.	Right. Like I was saying, John Raymond
11	Q.	Let me finish my question, sir.
12	Α.	he heard that the
13	Q.	Sir
14	Α.	that the that the
15	Q.	can I finish my question?
16	Α.	Well, I'm finishing your last question.
17	Q.	Can I finish my question, sir?
18	Α.	Well, I'm finishing the answer to my last
19	question	
20	Q.	Sir, I want I you've already answered
21	the last	question.
22	Α.	No, I didn't. You interrupted
23	Q.	What was the what was the question you're
24	now finis	shing your answer to?
25	Α.	I don't know. Can you have the court reporter

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read it back? 1 2 No, because you've already finished it. Ο. No. 3 Α. Oh, what was your question? 4 I'm asking you a new question, sir. Q. 5 Well, I wasn't finished answering the other Α. 6 But okay. one. 7 So then what --Q. Okay. 8 MS. GARCIA: Objection. BY MR. SWEETAPPLE: 9 What question weren't you finished answering? 10 Q. 11 I wasn't finished answering about the next Α. settlement that Inger was going to do, and I was 12 13 explaining that --I haven't finished the question about that. 14 Ο. Ι 15 want to know whether or not --16 Well, what was your last question? Α. 17 I asked you if you were involved in Ο. 18 negotiating that second draft that didn't involve Walter 19 Sahm with Patricia Sahm, Junior. And you said you don't 20 believe you were at that time. 21 Okay. That was your last question. Okay. Α. 22 Q. Well, that's what I'm trying to follow up on. 23 Α. Okay. 24 Now, did -- were you aware at the time that Q. 25 that second draft was prepared that Patricia -- that

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1	Joanna Sahm held a power of attorney from her mother?				
2	A. For the second one?				
3	Q. At the time the second one was being prepared,				
4	were you aware of that?				
5	A. She didn't. She was revoked, I believe by the				
6	time the second one came to be. It might have been at				
7	the first one, too. See, when Pat Sahm, Senior				
8	Q. But when do believe when do you believe the				
9	power of attorney was revoked?				
10	A. I can't remember the exact date but hold on.				
11	Q. You would know because you were involved in				
12	getting that power of attorney revocation drafted,				
13	right?				
14	A. No.				
15	Q. And what about Mr. Hall? Wasn't he involved				
16	5 in getting that power of attorney?				
17	A. I don't know. Take his deposition.				
18	MS. GARCIA: Okay.				
19	BY MR. SWEETAPPLE:				
20	Q. So you're are you				
21	MS. GARCIA: I called for				
22	THE WITNESS: On March 28th.				
23	BY MR. SWEETAPPLE:				
24	Q. What year?				
25	A. 2023.				

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And you have -- there's a signed revocation 1 Ο. for March 28 --2 3 Α. Correct. --2023?4 Ο. 5 Α. Correct. 6 MS. GARCIA: Okay. Sir, I'm sorry. Ι 7 apologize. We need to take a five minute break 8 because I see my client shaking and I can't have him have a heart attack. So we'd like a five minute 9 10 break, please. Thank you. 11 MR. SWEETAPPLE: Absolutely. I've told him if 12 he wants a break to ask any time. THE REPORTER: Okay. The time is 10:59 a.m., 13 and we are off record. 14 15 (OFF THE RECORD) 16 THE REPORTER: The time is 11:10 a.m., and we 17 are back on record. 18 BY MR. SWEETAPPLE: 19 Q. Okay. Mr. Bernstein, the -- what -- the area 20 I'm -- the time period I'm trying to get into is before 21 the alleged March 23 revocation of the power of 22 attorney. And I want to talk about any settlement 23 agreements that Ms. Garcia was involved in negotiating 24 with Mr. Raymond, whether they contain the name Walter 25 Sahm Trust or not.

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So with regard to that time period, before the 1 2 power of attorney was allegedly revoked, were you involved in any negotiations with Patricia Sahm, Junior, 3 Patricia Sahm, Senior, or anyone else, you personally, 4 5 regarding settling the foreclosure case? 6 No, I don't believe so. Α. 7 And did there come a time where you Ο. Okay. became involved in any negotiations with anyone directly 8 in an attempt to settle the Patricia -- the Patricia 9 10 Sahm, Senior's judgment? 11 The settlement? Α. Anytime you became involved after --12 Ο. Yes. 13 after -- after the dealings with Mr. Raymond --14 Α. Yeah. Well, let me -- let me clear --15 Ο. 16 clean that up. As **[**understand it, the attempts of Ms. Garcia to settle the foreclosure case with Mr. Raymond 17 18 were not successful, correct? 19 Correct. Α. 20 And Mr. Raymond was never an attorney of Q. 21 record in the foreclosure case, was he? 22 Well, he became an attorney of record really Α. 23 in the bankruptcy case when the estate entered as 24 replacing Walter for the final judgment. 25 Q. But he never represented the -- he never

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represented Patricia Sahm, Senior, in the foreclosure 1 2 case? 3 Α. You'd have to talk to him. You'd have to talk 4 to him. 5 Well, I want to know what you knew. Did you Ο. 6 -- were you aware --7 Α. I don't know. 8 -- were you -- did you look at the docket Ο. 9 yourself of the foreclosure case? I did. 10 Α. 11 Okay. And were you aware that Mr. Raymond was Q. 12 an attorney for Patricia Sahm, Senior? No, because you concealed first for months 13 Α. that Walter had died. And then you failed when we filed 14 the suggestion of death to do anything with the court or 15 change the style of the case to reflect that Walter had 16 17 died and the interest went to Patricia wholly. Which is 18 all against all kinds of rules that I can see as a 19 layman and have reported to authorities. But --20 So did you know from looking at the docket 0. 21 that my firm represented Patricia Sahm, Senior, in the 22 foreclosure? MS. GARCIA: Objection. Calls for a legal 23 24 conclusion. 25 THE WITNESS: Oh, yeah.

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MS. GARCIA: You can answer. 1 2 BY MR. SWEETAPPLE: Did you understand that from looking at the 3 Ο. docket that my firm represented Patricia Sahm? 4 5 I did, up until the point that the power of Α. attorney revoked Joanna's powers because she was your 6 7 real client that you never put before the Court for 8 settlement or anything. 9 You never notified the Court that you were operating, or any of the litigants, that you were 10 11 operating under a power of attorney for someone else. So 12 we all thought it was Patricia Sahm. So you weren't aware that the alleged power of 13 Ο. attorney, by the way, was allegedly revoked -- it was on 14 15 4-13-2023. 16 There's also one earlier. Α. Yeah. 17 There's one earlier than that? Ο. Okay. 18 I believe so. And I believe I uploaded it as Α. 19 part of the production. 20 Q. Okay. And when do you think the date on that 21 was? 22 I told you. On March -- on March 28th. Α. 23 Ο. Okay. And so prior to these alleged 24 revocations of the power of attorney --25 Α. All --

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1	Q did you did you did you
2	A. No, they're factual.
3	Q. Pardon?
4	A. Those are your words, alleged.
5	Q. Okay.
6	A. Factual.
7	Q. When did you did you when you looked at
8	the docket prior to March of 2023, you understood that I
9	was the attorney of record for Patricia Sahm, right?
10	MS. GARCIA: Objection. Asked and answered for
11	the 10th time. You can answer. Can you repeat the
12	question?
13	THE WITNESS: Repeat the question, please.
14	BY MR. SWEETAPPLE:
15	Q. Prior to March of 2023 you understood that I
16	was Counsel of record in the foreclosure case for the
17	plaintiff, right?
18	A. Well, no. In March we found out that the
19	plaintiff was really Joanna, not Pat Sahm. So you had
20	been falsely representing that you represented Pat Sahm
21	after Walter's death to the court. And that you were
22	actually working with Joanna through a power of attorney
23	you claim you didn't even have. Much later you claimed
24	that.
25	Q. So you didn't know I was the attorney of

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1	BY MR. SWEETAPPLE:
2	Q. I'm asking I'm asking
3	A. Oh, okay.
4	Q I'm asking if after you claim there was a
5	valid first revocation of a power of attorney, did you
6	work with Mr. Hall to prepare a draft settlement
7	agreement?
8	MS. GARCIA: Are you putting it on the screen,
9	sir? Can you please put the document you re
10	referring to on the screen?
11	MR. SWEETAPPLE: I I'm asking him a
12	question. I'll tell you when I put it on the
13	screen.
14	MS. GARCIA: Oh, I thought you said you were
15	putting it. I'm sorry. That's why I was waiting
16	for
17	MR. SWEETAPPLE: I was talking to I'm sorry.
18	I was talking to Ms. Miller.
19	THE WITNESS: I believe I talked to Kevin about
20	it because he was talking to Pat Sahm, Senior,
21	first. And then he brought me in to talk to Pat
22	Sahm, Senior, where we found out all kinds of stuff
23	about you and what you were up to. And that she had
24	never met you, didn't know you.
25	And so we needed I think what I was told was

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1	we couldn't really settle anything with Patricia
2	Sahm, Senior, BFR, or anybody until she had counsel.
3	And I believe that was the discussion, was that she
4	needed to have independent legal representation
5	because she didn't know who you were. She didn't
6	know you were representing her. She didn't know
7	Brad Schreiber was representing, so we told her to
8	get counsel.
9	BY MR. SWEETAPPLE:
10	Q. So tell me when this happened. So when did
11	you first involve Mr. Hall in meeting with Patricia
12	Sahm, Senior?
13	A. Well, I had nothing to do with that.
14	MS. GARCIA: Objection to form. Assumes facts
15	not in evidence. Go ahead. You can answer.
16	THE WITNESS: I
17	MR. SWEETAPPLE: I'm sorry. What did you say,
18	Ms. Garcia?
19	MS. GARCIA: I said objection to form.
20	MR. SWEETAPPLE: Okay.
21	THE WITNESS: What was the question again?
22	BY MR. SWEETAPPLE:
23	Q. When you said that Mr. Hall contacted
24	Patricia Sahm, Senior.
25	A. Oh, and when?
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1	Q. Yeah, and when?
2	A. Okay. So it's my understanding
3	Q. Can you give me a date? Can you give me a
4	date?
5	A. It's my no. It's my understanding that
6	what happened was we found out Kevin found out once
7	we learned that Patty, Junior, and her sister were
8	involved in some kind of criminal thing. It popped up
9	on the thing.
10	Kevin went through the records and found
11	Patty, Junior's number. He called her and began talking
12	with her, is my recollection. And then they were next
13	to each other, Patty and her mother, and she was on a
14	speaker phone, and he had a -I don't know how long,
15	but several days he had talked to them, to Junior.
16	And finally her mother wanted to be heard
17	since she was listening all of the calls basically. And
18	she wanted to talk to Kevin, and she began conversing
19	with Kevin about what was going on with the gun. What
20	was going on with you, Schreiber. She had never heard
21	that there were settlement offers. She was appalled
22	that 18 percent interest, called it unchristian.
23	She was appalled about everything her daughter
24	was doing. She thought her daughter was stealing money.
25	She couldn't believe her daughter had taken my kids



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1	through bankruptcy. She said her husband would be
2	rolling in his grave, which he would, by the way. And
3	so Kevin started talking to her and I think we when
4	she wanted to settle it with us he said I can't do that.
5	You got to get a lawyer to represent you, or else it
6	will be a void type settlement.
7	And she wanted to get it done right away.
8	Like, I believe she wanted to get her power of attorney
9	out of Joanna's hand because she was appalled by what
10	Joanna and there's handwritten letters in the record
11	now that show she thinks Joanna is scary. That she is
12	in a satanic relationship where they practice Santeria.
13	She was scared. She was left with no money.
14	She thought she only that Joanna was stealing her
15	pension money. She thought she had \$200 in her bank
16	account because Joanna was concealing, both from her
17	sister and mother, that they had three and a half
18	million dollars in cash in a bank, basically. So they
19	thought they were poor and starving and that the only
20	money was going to come upon the death of Pat, Sr.
21	That's and so when we heard and none of us knew at
22	that time that there was three and a half million.
23	Nobody could figure out the motive for what
24	Joanna and you were doing concealing the proper parties
25	from the estate. But I think when you read the police



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1	report we	submitted against you, you'll see clearly what
2	we believe	e.
3	Q.	So this is what Mr. Hall told you from his
4	meetings w	with Patricia, Junior and Patricia, Senior?
5	Α.	Well, I was not in (audio cuts out)
6	Q.	Were you involved in those conversations?
7	Α.	Yes. And I was involved he she wanted
8	to talk to	o me, so they conferenced me on, and I did talk
9	to her.	L
10	Q.	And when did these conversations take place?
11	Α.	I don't have it in front of me.
12	Q.	And were they on the telephone?
13	Α.	Yeah.
14	Q.	And were there any in person?
15	Α.	I met with her in person several times.
16	Q.	So you went to her home?
17	Α.	Correct.
18	Q.	And when's the first time you went to her
19	home?	
20	Α.	I don't know the date exactly, but I'm I
21	you've go	t the records log, so you know when.
22	Q.	So you went to her home with Mr. Hall?
23	Α.	No.
24	Q.	Did Mr. Hall ever go to her home?
25	Α.	No.
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1	Q. Okay. And so you had these conversations with
2	Patty Sahm, Senior and Patty Sahm, Junior that you've
3	described?
4	A. Correct.
5	Q. Okay. And
6	A. Well, Patty, Junior, just so you know, on the
7	conversations, didn't want to be involved in any way,
8	shape, or form because she thought her sister would use
9	it to further frame her in the criminal gun charge,
10	where we believe also she's being framed as well. But
11	once Joanna knew we that her sister found out about
12	the judgment, we believe she went and instigated trouble
13	with her. And and her mom was actually going to be a
14	witness for Patty, Junior in the criminal case. And
15	when I said, hey, I don't know about that criminal case,
16	what happened?
17	The first thing Senior said was "If Patty,
18	Junior, didn't pull the gun on her, I would've." And I
19	said, "What?" And she goes, "Joanna came here looking
20	to start trouble, started attacking her dogs. Joanna is
21	a big bully, volleyball player type, Amazon person, and
22	Junior's a little brain-damaged, little innocent dog
23	walker who takes care of elderly people?" Yeah. That
24	we talked about a bunch of things like that.
25	Q. So how many times how many times did you go



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meet with Patricia, Junior and Patricia Sahm, Senior? 1 2 Α. I believe ten. 3 Ο. Okay. And so --4 Α. My kids -- my kids also went. 5 And you told her -- you told her that she Ο. 6 needed an attorney other than me? 7 If she wanted to settle. No, we said she Α. needed an attorney. And you were already out of the 8 picture because she had already revoked your - Joanna's 9 10 power of attorney, and therefore you had no client at 11 that time. 12 Ο. Was --You know that. Come 13 Α. on. Was -- well, when the power of attorney was 14 Q. 15 revoked, I still represented Mrs. Sahm, didn't I? 16 Α. No. 17 Mrs. Sahm, Senior? Q. 18 Α. Yeah. No. 19 Q. Well, did she -- had she terminated me? 20 She never hired you. Joanna did. Α. 21 Okay. But I was counsel of record? Q. 22 Α. Yeah. You're misrepresenting to the Court. 23 Q. I had a power of attorney, you say, that was 24 revoked by a competent -- you say competent Mrs. 25 Patricia Sahm, Senior, right? You say she revoked her

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power of attorney? 1 2 Correct. Α. And she knew -- did she know -- did she tell 3 Ο. you she knew she was still the plaintiff in a 4 5 foreclosure case? She -- she -- she did not know you were 6 Α. 7 representing her as a plaintiff in the foreclosure. 8 And didn't you tell her that? Q. Tell her what? 9 Α. Didn't you tell her that when she 10 Q. 11 Oh, yeah, yeah. And she -- and she wanted to Α. 12 remove you. And I think they sent you some letters 13 telling you get out, you've been replaced. She's hiring new counsel because she didn t like anything she heard 14 15 about you, and she didn't know you. 16 Q. Okay. 17 And she -- Mr. Schreiber --Α. 18 Right. Q. 19 -- who went into the bankruptcy court Α. 20 similarly claiming that the client was Patricia, not 21 Joanna through her power of attorney. 22 Q. And you discussed with her that she needed to 23 fire me? 24 Α. I didn't. 25 Ο. You discussed with her she needed to get a new

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1	attorney?
2	A. I I don't believe I did. I believe Kevin
3	did when he said, you need an attorney, and she didn't
4	want you for sure.
5	Q. Okay.
6	A. So Kevin said, well, you got to have somebody.
7	So she said, okay, I'll go get somebody to to
8	represent me.
9	Q. And you and Kevin had no involvement in
10	finding that attorney?
11	A. Well, I don't know how it came to be that she
12	found Morgan Weinstein, not Amber Patwell, but she
13	found
14	Q. How how how did she get Morgan
15	Weinstein's name?
16	A. I'm not sure.
17	Q. Did it come from Mr. Hall?
18	A. I you'd have to ask him.
19	Q. And Mr. Hall's a disbarred New York lawyer,
20	isn't he?
21	A. I'm not sure it's disbarment anymore. I don't
22	know how long it was for. But again, ask Kevin Hall.
23	Q. Okay. So Ms. Sahm allegedly hired Morgan
24	Weinstein?
25	A. Ms. Sahm hired Mister she filed a filled
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out a retainer with him. 1 2 How do you know that? Ο. Because there's copies of it. 3 Α. 4 Q. How did you get those? 5 I -- I don't know. Α. 6 Why do you have copies of a retainer? Q. 7 Α. I think there's -- I think they were put into 8 the Court record somewhere. Oh, in the bankruptcy case. 9 They were put in the record in the bankruptcy Q. 10 case? 11 Correct. Α. 12 Are you saying that Mr. Weinstein appeared as Q. counsel in the bankruptcy case? 13 14 Α. No. 15 Ο. Are you saying that there were signed 16 agreements between Mr. Weinstein and Mrs. Sahm? 17 Α. Yes. 18 Okay Q. 19 Α. We uploaded that to you. 20 Pardon? Q. 21 It's uploaded in our evidence. Α. 22 Q. And to your knowledge -- to your knowledge, no 23 one affiliated with the Bernstein Family Trust or the 24 Bernstein Family Realty, LLC had any involvement --25 including Mr. Hall, had any involvement in the hiring of

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1	A. I know that there's was a call to to
2	Morgan Weinstein, that that was canceling and it
3	came from a strange number, and it wasn't on Patricia
4	Sahm, Senior's phone, from what I heard. And she didn't
5	believe she had ever made that call firing him. And I
6	I saw some e-mails. I think it might be with Patty,
7	Junior, trying to send her mother's wish to continue him
8	representing.
9	Q. So Patty, Junior was acting as Ms. Sahm's
10	power of attorney, correct? Is that what you're telling
11	me?
12	A. No.
13	Q. Did Patty, Junior, to your knowledge, ever
14	have a power of attorney?
15	A. No.
16	Q. Okay. And who was involved in preparing any
17	revocation of power of attorney, do you know?
18	A. I wasn't so I don't know.
19	Q. You don't know? Was Mr. Hall involved?
20	A. Ask Mr. Hall.
21	Q. Okay. And so did you ever discuss with Patty
22	Sahm, Junior or Patty Sahm, Senior, the issue of hiring
23	Morgan Weinstein?
24	A. No.
25	Q. Did they ever tell you they had hired Morgan



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Weinstein? 1 2 Yes. I found that out that they had hired Α. 3 him. They told you they had? 4 Q. 5 I had nothing -- yeah. I had nothing to do Α. with --6 7 Q. So in one of your -- in one of your meetings, 8 they told you they hired Morgan Weinstein? 9 Α. Correct. 10 Okay. And it was --Q. 11 It was a consult to talk to my attorney. Α. 12 And that was at your suggestion that they get Q. some other attorney other than me? 13 14 She didn't want to use you. Don't you get Α. that? She thought you were committing fraud on my 15 family and her and her dead husband. She was stunned 16 17 that Walter Sahm continued filing pleadings one minute 18 after he was dead in court. 19 Who told her that? Ο. 20 Well, it came out, I think in their Α. 21 conversations. 22 Q. With you? 23 Α. No, with Kevin, I believe. 24 Oh. So Kevin told her all these things? Kevin Ο. 25 told her --

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1	A. You you you'd have to talk to Kevin and
2	take his deposition.
3	Q. But you but Kevin was acting on behalf of
4	the Bernstein Family Realty, LLC, right?
5	A. No, I don't believe so. I didn't nobody at
6	Bernstein Family Realty authorized that. Kevin was
7	acting on his own, for his own interest and he found the
8	number for Patty, Junior in the criminal file. He
9	contacted her and started to act on his own. He talked
10	to Patty and her mother without me for, I believe,
11	several days. And then she wanted to talk to me, and I
12	got on the phone with them, and we talked about certain
13	of these things.
14	Q. So Mister when Mr. Hall was meeting and
15	speaking with Patricia Sahm, Junior and Patricia Sahm,
16	Senior, he was affiliated with the defendant in this
17	case, Bernstein Family Realty, LLC, wasn't he?
18	A. Correct.
19	Q. Okay. And he is the one who introduced Patty
20	Sahm, Junior to Morgan Weinstein through one of his high
21	school friends, right?
22	A. I guess if you that's your words, not mine.
23	Q. But you know that?
24	A. I don't.
25	Q. He told you that.

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I don't know any of that. I just told you. I 1 Α. 2 don't know how Morgan Weinstein came in, who he knows, what he did. 3 Did Mr. Hall --4 Ο. 5 I wasn't a part of that. Α. 6 Did Mr. Hall tell you he was going to find an Q. 7 attorney for the Sahms? 8 No. He said she needed to find an attorney. Α. And did he ever tell -- he didn't tell you he 9 Q. 10 was going to take care of that? 11 Α. He what? 12 That he was going to take care of finding her Q. 13 attorney? No. He never told me he was going to take 14 Α. 15 care of it. 16 And so how do you believe Mrs. Sahm -- you Q. have no idea how Mrs. Sahm contacted Morgan Weinstein? 17 18 Α. No, I -- I know she had contacted several 19 local attorneys. I don't know how she got to Morgan 20 Weinstein. I wasn't a part of that. 21 How do you know she contacted several local 0. 22 attorneys? 23 Α. She told me, and she told me she was trying to 24 get a meeting to find counsel to settle this. She 25 wanted to get it settled. She's the one who wanted the

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1	settlement. And she definitely wasn't going to use you,
2	because she didn't know you, she had never met you. And
3	you'd been representing to a court that you were
4	representing her. You never told anybody that it was
5	Joanna who was your client, that we would've to settle
6	with Joanna. You didn't have the proper parties before
7	the court because you were propounding a fraud on the
8	court, in my view.
9	Q. And you're not a lawyer, right?
10	A. No.
11	Q. Okay. So
12	A. But now you've had lawyers tell that story,
13	too, and they are lawyers.
14	Q. Okay.
15	A. Who are all about to expose you for all the
16	fraud. And they're lawyers, not me, which is a lot
17	better, by the way.
18	Q. All right. I
19	A. I think in Inger's leading, she actually
20	requested the judge to report you.
21	Q. Okay. And when Mr. Hall was dealing with Ms.
22	Sahm, at any time was she in a guardianship proceeding?
23	MS. GARCIA: I'm sorry. Could you rephrase
24	that? I missed it. It cut
25	BY MR. SWEETAPPLE:

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1	Q. At any time that Mr. Hall was communicating
2	with Ms. Sahm, Senior, was she in a guardianship
3	proceeding?
4	A. I believe later, after you were contacted by
5	the sheriff within days, you and Joanna concocted this
6	predatory guardianship, it appears, to silence the
7	witness against you who could point to you and say, I
8	never met this man. I would've never let him do this.
9	He never consulted with me. He never offered me a
10	settlement. I've never I didn't know that you were
11	offering settlements. She she didn't know any of
12	those things, because you were representing Joanna.
13	Nobody knew that. Not even the court, not the
14	litigants. Proper parties. A dead man and a woman's
15	daughter you were representing. Not the dead the
16	the dead man, we know you can't represent, but you still
17	seem to think you can.
18	Q. You don't understand that I was representing
19	Joanna Sahm, Senior through a power of attorney granted
20	to Patricia Sahm. You don't understand that?
21	A. I don't know who Joanna Sahm, Senior is.
22	Q. No. Joanna I was representing Joanna Sahm
23	through I was representing Patricia Sahm, Senior
24	through a power of attorney held by Joanna Sahm. You
25	don't understand that?

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We -- we didn't know that until it was exposed 1 Α. 2 in bankruptcy court, which furthered the fraud you were 3 committing. 4 Ο. So let's get back to --5 Not only were you representing a dead person, Α. 6 you were now representing what you're calling an 7 incapacitated person through a power of attorney that you didn't disclose to any. So me and your -- how was I 8 9 supposed to settle with a dead man and a person who wasn't before the court that was her daughter --10 11 So -- and that's why -- and that's why --Ο. 12 -- didn't -- didn't go back to me. And you --Α. 13 And that's why --Ο. -- never notified anybody that you were 14 Α. 15 operating as an attorney through a power of attorney. 16 She didn't --17 And so that's why --Q. 18 -- know that --Α. 19 -- Yand that's why -- that's why no one Q. 20 contacted me. Even though I was Counsel of Record, no 21 one contacted me regarding this settlement in 2023, this 22 proposed settlement, correct? 23 Α. I -- that -- that's your words. Again, I'm 24 not agreeing with that. 25 Okay. So when -- when -- when Mr. Hall was Q.

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1	talking to Patricia Sahm, Senior, Was that at any time
2	after a guardianship had been filed?
3	A. One more time, sir?
4	Q. When at any time that Mr. Hall was
5	communicating with Mrs. Sahm, Senior, was it after the
6	guardianship had been filed?
7	A. Yeah. I think there were conversations with
8	her after the guardianship was filed, but she wasn't
9	adjudicated incapacitated. I still don't think she has
10	been as of this day. There's been no incompetency
11	hearing where she's been adjudicated as
12	Q. I didn't ask you that. I didn't ask you that.
13	I didn't ask you that.
14	A. Oh.
15	Q. I asked if Mr. Hall was speaking continuing
16	to speak to her after the guardianship proceeding was
17	filed?
18	A. I believe yeah. Again, ask Mr. Hall, but
19	Q. And was he negotiating a settlement at that
20	time?
21	A. No, not that I know of.
22	Q. Okay. And were you did and the
23	conversations you described that Mrs. Sahm, Senior,
24	related to Mr. Hall, which of those were before the
25	guardianship was filed and which were after?

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A. I don't know. I I don't.
Q. And you met with her ten times, right?
A. I did.
Q. And how many times did you meet with her
before the guardianship was filed?
A. Probably most of the times.
Q. Well, after the guardianship was filed, did
you still meet with her to try to get her to sign a
settlement?
A. I have to look at my notes and figure that
out, but
Q. Didn't you appear at her house on more than
one occasion before she signed the settlement agreement
to meet with her?
A. I did.
Q. Okay. And you had the settlement agreement in
your hand when you met with her, right?
A. I did.
Q. Didn't you bring the settlement agreement to
her at her house?
A. I did
MS. GARCIA: Wait.
THE WITNESS: on the request of her
attorney.
MS. GARCIA: Hold on. Time out. I'm sorry.

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1	Objection to form. Time frame, please?
2	BY MR. SWEETAPPLE:
3	Q. Didn't you so you met with Mrs. Sahm after
4	she had been after the guardianship had been filed,
5	right, at her house?
6	A. Yes.
7	Q. On more than one occasion, correct?
8	A. Yeah, most likely.
9	Q. Okay. And how many times that you met with
10	her did you have a signed settlement agreement? I mean
11	a strike that. A written settlement proposed draft
12	with you?
13	A. Once I had a proposed draft that was signed by
14	my family, and then because of location and whatnot, I
15	believe Amber Patwell asked Junior to have me bring it
16	over for her signature after we had just got all our
17	kids to sign, and then scan it and send it to her.
18	Q. So Amber Patwell
19	A. Had already discussed it with her. She had
20	read it several times, according to my understanding,
21	before I got there. When I got there, she went through
22	it two times. She read it, signed it. I took it over
23	to my house, scanned it, and sent it out.
24	Q. Okay. So explain to me what happened. So
25	after the guardianship was filed, you met with Patricia

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Sahm at her house, correct? 1 2 Α. Correct. And you did -- the -- prior to the time you 3 Ο. went there, this was -- I'm now talking about prior to 4 5 the time you went there with a written document. Who was present during those conversations with Patricia 6 7 Sahm, Senior? Was her daughter always there? 8 MS. GARCIA: Objection. You're -- to the form. You're assuming facts not in evidence. He testified 9 previously he went there with a document one time --10 11 MR. SWEETAPPLE: You're making a speaking 12 objection again, okay? MS. GARCIA: 13 You -MR. SWEETAPPLE: Again, you're making a 14 15 speaking objection. 16 MS. GARCIA: Objection. Form, sir. Objection. 17 Form. 18 MR. SWEETAPPLE: Thank you. 19 MS. GARCIA: Facts in evidence. Go ahead. 20 Thank you. Thank you. MR. SWEETAPPLE: 21 BY MR. SWEETAPPLE: 22 Q. You've told me that you went after the 23 guardianship was filed and you spoke with Mrs. Sahm, 24 Senior, before you ever brought a proposed or signed 25 settlement agreement to her, right?

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1	A. Correct.
2	Q. Okay. Who was present at those occasions?
3	A. My son, my wife possibly once or twice, Patty,
4	Junior, who didn't want to get involved, obviously,
5	because of the situation she was in with her sister at
6	the time, and nobody. And that was it.
7	Q. Who was which son?
8	A. D. and Ja.
9	Q. So you went there with your wife and two of
10	your sons?
11	A. Correct.
12	Q. On how many occasions did you go there with
13	your wife and two of your sons?
14	A. I don't know the number with who. My son was
15	fixing their table because Joanna was letting the house
16	fall apart on her, wouldn't get the necessary repairs to
17	take care of her. So my son and I fixed the kitchen
18	table that was falling over on her for months, that she
19	had asked Joanna, according to her, for months to fix.
20	And then there was a shower door that was
21	literally could have killed somebody, that was hanging
22	off the again, she had asked Joanna, and so my son
23	came over, helped out, fixed up a few things, and that
24	was about it.
25	Q. So while you were discussing settlement with



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Mrs. Sahm, Senior, you were --1 2 I didn't discuss settlement with Ms. Sahm, Α. Senior. 3 You never discussed having a settlement 4 Ο. 5 agreement? I -- the only thing I discussed with her was 6 Α. 7 the amount of money. And we based it off the 2019 8 Settlement Agreement, which is the last settlement offer she'd even heard of. And we added in the three years of 9 interest at three and a half percent because all of her 10 other costs were covered in the 200,000 2019 document, 11 12 if you read it --You negotiated that with her? 13 Ο. I -- I -- yeah. I offered -- I said -- well, 14 Α. what I recall was that I said, here's what it would cost 15 for interest. Three years since the 2019, that's about 16 17 on the \$100,000 note, 10,000. I offered her money to 18 pay her legal bills because she didn't want to pay your 19 bill because she doesn't know -- you didn't know you 20 were representing her. She was adamant she would never 21 pay your fees. Let Joanna deal with that, I believe 22 were her words. And I offered her -- so we came up with 23 -- 225 was about what would be due if she was excluding 24 your fees and the 18 percent interest, and we did it at 25 the rate that was in the note. And she wasn't going to



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pay the 18 because, like I told you, she thought it was 1 2 un-Christian, unholy. 3 And so that wasn't -- even though I offered that, I then said, you know what? My kids have 200 and, 4 5 I think, 75,000 in the registry. "Do you want that all, even though the number we're at is 225?" And she said, 6 "I don't want a penny over what's due under the note, at 7 the terms of the note." And she was appalled at 8 everything that you had done and adding fees in on her 9 behalf when she never contracted you. So I'd like to see 10 11 your retainer to show who really signed it. Was it Pat or was it Joanna? And so you're going to have to answer 12 those questions at some point, so I'm perfectly 13 comfortable waiting for your turn. But go ahead. You 14 15 want to --16 So we're talking about your -- we're talking 0. 17 about your negotiations. Well I really didn't negotiate the settlement 18 Α. 19 with her. I negotiated a price that we thought was 20 She had a lawyer who she was settling with. The fair. 21 -- the lawyer -- I didn't have conversations with Amber 22 Patwell, Inger, and Sahm. They had their own settlement 23 conversations without me and, to the best of my 24 knowledge, without Kevin. 25 And so -- and you and you came up to -- with Q.

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this number. What was the number you came up with to 1 2 settle? 225. 3 Α. And you came up with this negotiating with her 4 Q. 5 in her house? 6 Yeah. Α. 7 And you had your children there? Q. 8 I might have had D. there that day. Yeah. Α. 9 And your wife was there? Q. I don't know. I don't think so 10 Α. And you had done chores to help her fix her 11 Q. 12 house and her furniture? 13 Correct. Α. And how many times had you gone there, 14 Okay. Q. 15 or your family members gone there to do work for her? 16 Α. Out of the ten, maybe seven. 17 Okay. Q. 18 It was a lot of work that Joanna was Α. 19 neglecting. Telling her --20 Okay. And was --Q. 21 -- have any money, by the way. That's what's Α. 22 so scary here. 23 Ο. Was Joanna -- I'm sorry. Was Patricia Sahm, 24 Junior, present for all of these -- for the negotiations 25 you described?

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Like I told you, she didn't want to 1 Α. No. No. 2 be around when anything was happening because she didn't want her sister to frame her more than she felt she was 3 already being. 4 5 So you were meeting with this 80-plus-year-old Ο. 6 woman who was in a guardianship? 7 She wasn't in a guardianship. Α. 8 Well, at some point she was in a guardianship Ο. 9 proceeding? She still isn't, as far as we're 10 Α. No. 11 concerned. We'll -- that -- that's still 12 And you're --Ο. -- pending litigation. 13 Α. As far as you're concerned, there was no 14 Q. guardianship proceeding when you were meeting --15 16 Now you're changing it. You said proceeding Α. 17 first, you said in a guardianship --18 In a guardianship -- okay. Q. 19 -- proceeding, but it hadn't been adjudicated Α. 20 and it still hasn't ever been adjudicated that she's 21 incapacitated. 22 So you were with this 80-plus-year-old woman Q. 23 at her home, with your family, fixing her home and 24 negotiating a settlement, and she had no one else with 25 her?

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No. 1 Α. 2 MS. GARCIA: Objection to the form. 3 BY MR. SWEETAPPLE: 4 Q. Is that correct? 5 MS. GARCIA: Objection to the form. 6 THE WITNESS: Yeah, I would say that's correct. 7 I wasn't negotiating a settlement. The settlement 8 was negotiated between her competent counsel, Amber 9 Patwell, and her counsel, Inger Garcia. 10 BY MR. SWEETAPPLE: 11 And was that done -- and so tell me how --Q. 12 tell me how did Inger -- strike that. How did Ms. 13 Patwell get retained? Do you have any idea? 14 Α. How did she get retained? Who retained her? 15 Ο. Yeah. 16 Α. Who retained her? I -- I believe Pat Sahm, 17 Sr. 18 And how was she located? Q. Okay. 19 I don't -- I don't know. I never knew her, Α. 20 so --21 Do you know if Miss -- Mr. Hall had any Q. 22 involvement in that? 23 Α. Talk to Mr. Hall, but I don't think so. 24 Do you know if Ms. Garcia had any involvement Ο. 25 in that?

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I definitely know she did not. 1 Α. 2 Did you direct -- did you direct Ms. Ο. Okay. 3 Garcia to communicate with Ms. Patwell regarding a 4 settlement? 5 MS. GARCIA: Objection. That calls for attorney-client privilege. 6 7 MR. SWEETAPPLE: No, it doesn't. 8 MS. GARCIA: You are asking him about his comments and his communications with me. That 9 10 involves --11 MR. SWEETAPPLE: With the purpose of Read the 12 communicating it to a third party. 13 evidence code, please. I -- we -- I already made you aware of this the last time you tried this. 14 Sir, I'm just putting my objection 15 MS. GARCIA: 16 on the record like you asked me to. You can go 17 ahead and do what you want. He can answer if he 18 You said to put my objection on the record. wants. 19 I object. That's attorney-client privilege. Go 20 ahead. You can answer. 21 THE WITNESS: What was your question? 22 MR. SWEETAPPLE: Then you follow it -- then you 23 follow it with an instruction not to answer. If you 24 want to assert the attorney-client privilege when 25 it's not founded, don't just make things --

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MS. GARCIA: Answer the man's questions. He's 1 2 having fun fishing. Go ahead. 3 THE WITNESS: Okay. 4 MR. SWEETAPPLE: I -- I'm talking to you now 5 about what --THE WITNESS: I want to. I'm --6 7 MS. GARCIA: Answer his questions. I'm not --8 THE WITNESS: Wouldn't know the truth if it hit 9 him in the head. 10 MS. GARCIA: Go ahead. 11 MR. SWEETAPPLE: Mr. Bernstein, I'm trying to 12 get to the truth. Oh, yeah. know. 13 THE WITNESS: BY MR. SWEETAPPLE: 14 And that -- and that's what we're here for. 15 Ο. And in doing that, the trying to find out what you 16 17 instructed your attorney to communicate to other people, which is not privileged. And I'm trying to do that with 18 19 regard to Ms. Patwell who comes in at -- during a 20 guardianship proceeding and is allegedly representing 21 the alleged incompetent. So I want to know what you 22 know about how Ms. Patwell was located and retained. 23 What do you know? 24 Well, I think she might have, and I can't Α. 25 speak with certainty, been contacted by Hillary Hogue,

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345492 Bernstein Eliot 10-02-2024 Page 87 who is a -- she is part of the Florida Court task force 1 2 on guardianship abuse and elder abuse. And in this 3 case, we were -- I might have asked her to look for an attorney to help Pat, Senior. And --4 5 Right. And you're involved in that group that Q. deals with that --6 7 No, the task force? Α. 8 Q. Yeah. 9 No. It's a state task force. Α. Pardon? 10 Q. 11 It's a state task force. I'm not Α. 12 But you communicate with them, and you go on Q. 13 marches with them, right? With the task force? 14 Α. No. 15 No, with the people who are protesting Q. guardianship -- alleged guardianship abuse? 16 17 Yeah, I Α. 18 And you e-mail with them, right, you e-Okay. Q. 19 mailed back -20 I do. Α. 21 Okay. And so you asked somebody who was in Q. 22 that group that protests guardianship abuse to --23 Α. I might have asked everybody in the group --24 Q. Pardon? 25 -- if they knew -- I might have asked Α.

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345492 Bernstein Eliot 10-02-2024 Page 88 everybody in the group if they knew an attorney --1 2 Okay. So you were -- so you were helping --Q. 3 you were helping Patricia Sahm, Senior find an attorney? 4 Α. Yeah. 5 Okay. And you asked everybody in the Ο. 6 guardianship abuse group who you could get to represent 7 Patricia Sahm, Senior? 8 Correct. Α. And who -- did anybody find such -- Ms. 9 Q. Patwell for you? Who's the one that gave you Ms. 10 11 Patwell's name? MS. GARCIA: Objection to the form. 12 You're 13 assuming facts not in evidence. THE WITNESS: I don't -- I don't know if they 14 15 gave me the name or they gave Pat Sahm, Senior the 16 name. 17 BY MR. SWEETAPPLE: 18 Well was the name -- who was this person that Q. 19 came up with Ms. Patwell at your request? 20 Α. I believe -- I believe, I don't know, Hillary 21 Hoque. 22 Q. Hillary, how do you spell the last name? 23 Α. H-O-G-U-E. 24 Okay. And did Ms. Hogue contact you at any Q. 25 time letting you know that she recommended Ms. Patwell?

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long do you need? You're mute. You're on muted. 1 2 You're muted. You're muted. I haven't heard a word 3 you said. 4 MS. GARCIA: Okay. Make it ten because I have 5 someone here with a blood pressure kit. I want to 6 test this blood pressure. 7 MR. SWEETAPPLE: Fine. 8 THE REPORTER: The time is 11:54 a.m., we are off record. 9 10 (OFF THE RECORD) 11 BY MR. SWEETAPPLE: 12 It's a document. It's Q. 13 Well, did I already put up two exhibits that I Α. wanted in the record? 14 15 I -- I'm putting up -- I'm putting up a -- an Ο. 16 exhibit that was produced by your attorney this morning 17 or yesterday? Yesterday. It's -- do you see that? 18 It's --19 Yeah. Α. 20 It says, "Subject --" Q. 21 MS. GARCIA: Can you make it bigger? A little 22 bigger, please? Can you like zoom it out, you know 23 what I mean? A little more? Okay. I -- okay. 24 THE WITNESS: That's good. 25 MS. GARCIA: That's good. Scroll slow.

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1	BY MR. SWEETAPPLE:
2	Q. You see, it's subject, "FW: KRH Version, BFR
3	Sahm settle with Pat 5-4-23." Do you see that?
4	A. Yep.
5	Q. Okay. Do you are does this refresh your
6	recollection or are you aware that Mr. Hall sent you a
7	draft of a settlement agreement on May 4, 2023?
8	A. This is a settlement that was never used. This
9	was his what he thought should be in a settlement. I
10	know that the attorneys never used any of it in their
11	settlement. They once their attorneys were involved
12	and Amber and Inger were settling, Kevin, me, nobody
13	else had anything to do with it.
14	Q. Do you remember my question?
15	A. Yeah.
16	Q. What was it?
17	A. If I recall this settlement of Kevin's?
18	Q. Did you recall that on May 4, 2023, Mr. Hall
19	sent you the attached settlement agreement draft
20	settlement agreement?
21	A. Yeah.
22	Q. Okay. And you had you were talking with
23	Ms. Sahm at that time, right?
24	A. Yeah.
25	Q. On May 4, '23, right?
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Oh, I don't know. I -- that's your words. Not 1 Α. 2 mine. Well, there's a narrative here about a 3 Ο. 4 settlement, so I presume --5 Well, it's Mr. Hall. Α. Well, Mr. Hall wouldn't -- there's a reference 6 Q. 7 to \$225,000. So --8 Is it --Α. So this must have been after you had 9 Q. 10 negotiated with Ms. Sahm, right? 11 Correct. Α. 12 Okay. So it's fair to say you were -- you Ο. were -- you were negotiating with Ms. Sahm prior to May 13 4, '23? 14 15 Α. Only on a number, not any of the terms of the 16 settlement or anything. 17 Did you ever negotiate any of the other terms Q. 18 other than the numbers? 19 No. None. Α. 20 Okay. So --Q. 21 And none of the terms in this settlement of Α. 22 Kevin's were ever made it into that either because once 23 there were attorneys involved, they didn't want to talk 24 to Kevin or me or anybody else. They were working with 25 their clients.

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1	Q. Okay. So look on this the bottom of this
2	page, it says, "You have to expect the fight, but this
3	should help minimize the fight and answers the question
4	that Attorney Morgan asked, but didn't really want to
5	hear about why this less than judgment amount is in fact
6	reasonable." So Mr. Hall told you there was going to be
7	a fight on that issue, right?
8	A. In his mind, yeah.
9	Q. And let's go through the settlement agreement
10	that you say wasn't used by the attorneys. Now, you
11	knew that I was attorney of record when this document
12	was prepared well, strike that. You read this draft
13	settlement agreement when it was prepared, didn't you?
14	A. I don't know if I did. I think I called
15	Inger, and she said, don't bother, we're not using it.
16	And that was about my understanding.
17	Q. So you
18	A part of the settlement like I said, I
19	Q. So how did you testify that none of these
20	terms were used in the final agreement if you never read
21	it?
22	A. How did what?
23	Q. You testified under oath that none of the
24	terms in this draft were used in the final draft?
25	A. Because my attorney told me she didn't use any

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1	MR. SWEETAPPLE: All right.
2	MS. GARCIA: My husband is in my house. Candy's
3	in the house, but they're not in this room right
4	now.
5	MR. SWEETAPPLE: I'm not I'm not I'm not
6	I'm not asking you questions, Ms. Garcia.
7	MS. GARCIA: Oh, I'm sorry. I thought you were
8	asking me. Sorry.
9	THE WITNESS: Well, I second that.
10	BY MR. SWEETAPPLE:
11	Q. Okay. So you became aware that a document was
12	typed and signed by Patricia Sahm, Senior allegedly that
13	indicated she wanted
14	A. What document?
15	Q she wanted me it was
16	A. What document?
17	Q it was placed into evidence in court by
18	your lawyer, or you mentioned that Ms. Sahm
19	wanted
20	A. This settlement agreement that we're talking
21	about?
22	Q. No, no, I'm not talking no, I'm not talking
23	about the settlement agreement now.
24	A. This Kevin Hall thing?
25	MS. GARCIA: Let him finish the question.

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345492 Bernstein Eliot 10-02-2024 Page 96 BY MR. SWEETAPPLE: 1 2 Okay. Listen to my question, please. Q. 3 Α. Oh, okay. Okay. You testified earlier that there was a 4 Q. 5 decision that Ms. Sahm told you she wanted to terminate me, and there was a document typed up where that was 6 7 stated, right? 8 I believe so. Α. 9 Okay. You were aware that was done, right? Q. 10 Am I aware now? Yes. I'm not sure what I Α. 11 knew then. 12 Well, didn't she tell you she was terminating Ο. 13 me and sending out a letter or a document? I don't believe she told me that. I think she 14 Α. was in discussions from what I reviewed later with 15 16 Morgan to terminate you upon her signing him. 17 So you thought I was terminated based on the Ο. 18 conversation with Morgan? 19 No. I thought you were terminated from the Α. 20 power of attorney revocation. 21 Okay. Even though I was still counsel of Ο. 22 record? 23 Α. Yeah. For a party that didn't know you, 24 correct. 25 Well, you -- so you're making decisions about Q.



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whether I've ever talked to Ms. Sahm and whether or not 1 2 I was attorney, you made those decisions on your own? Don't put words in my mouth. She 3 Α. No. No. made those decisions --4 5 And so you --Ο. 6 Α. -- on her own. 7 Right. Q. 8 Α. And she was fully competent. She's more 9 competent than you, I --10 Q. Okay. 11 And we even heard Judge Burton echo those same Α. 12 remarks when he talked to her. 13 Ο. So --And he thought that he had mild cognitive 14 Α. 15 impairment, like everybody at AD does. And mild is to 16 say the least with Pat Sahm, Senior. She got a mind of 17 She's an Irish woman. You don't tell her what her own. 18 to do at all. 19 Right. So based on your testimony, if she Ο. 20 wanted to have terminated me after the power of attorney 21 was revoked, she would have written me -- she could have 22 written me and she would have terminated me, right? 23 MS. GARCIA: Objection. Form. Speculation. 24 THE WITNESS: Yeah. I don't know. 25 BY MR. SWEETAPPLE:

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1	Q. Well, based on your dealing with her and your
2	description of her, she told you she wanted to terminate
3	me?
4	A. Yeah.
5	Q. And she told you she did terminate me, right?
6	A. She believed she did.
7	Q. Okay. And when is what's do you
8	A. And by the way, she didn't terminate you. I
9	want to get that clear a little bit. Because she said
10	you never represented her. She didn't know you,
11	couldn't pick you out from a lineup, is what she said.
12	But yet she knows every other attorney in her and Walt's
13	life dating back years. The only two she'd never heard
14	of in her life were you and Brad Schreiber. So you
15	weren't representing her in her mind.
16	Q. So you listened to a woman who was in a
17	guardianship
18	A. No. She wasn't in a guardianship.
19	Q. Q. a guardianship proceeding, tell you that
20	she had never dealt with me and didn't know who I was,
21	and you relied on that?
22	MS. GARCIA: Objection to form.
23	THE WITNESS: Yes.
24	BY MR. SWEETAPPLE:
25	Q. Okay.
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1	A. Yeah. When we realized for ourselves that you
2	had already been running one scheme filing on behalf of
3	a dead man, not notifying a court that he was dead and
4	not notifying the court that you were operating and
5	running under a power of attorney, that later, you
6	claimed you didn't even have at the time. Yeah, we
7	started to put it together what you were up to. We
8	didn't know the main motive at that point. We still
9	might not, but hopefully the authorities will find out.
10	And that's all I can tell you.
11	Q. Well, while you were talking
12	A mind here, we didn't
13	Q while you were talking
14	A I didn't settle with her. She got an
15	attorney. She got an attorney to make her settlement.
16	She didn't settle with me. Her attorney and my attorney
17	settled. The settlement the only thing I did with
18	that settlement was bring it over to her for a signature
19	at the request of the attorneys to get it
20	Q. And it's the veracity of that I'm examining
21	right now.
22	A. Right. I didn't settle with her.
23	Q. I and I and I and I and I think
24	what you're saying is that while in these ten meetings
25	with Ms. Sahm, she made it clear to you she was going to

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1	terminate me from as counsel of record, right?
2	A. And terminate Joanna. Correct.
3	Q. Okay. So do you know when the first time Ms.
4	Sahm ever wrote me and suggested that I wasn't her
5	attorney anymore?
6	A. I don't I believe it might have been
7	through her attorneys trying to tell you to get out
8	because you had no client anymore.
9	Q. Do you know when the first time there's any
10	writing where Ms. Sahm indicates that I'm I shouldn't
11	be her attorney anymore?
12	A. Yeah. She wrote a sworn statement that she
13	had notarized, that said she wanted nothing to do with
14	you, didn't know you, and all kinds of things.
15	Q. Right. And you were
16	A. And you were part of a plot with her daughter.
17	Q. You were involved in the preparation of that,
18	right?
19	A. Not a drop.
20	Q. Oh, you didn't talk to her about that at all?
21	A. No.
22	Q. She told you about it, right?
23	A. I got a copy of it.
24	Q. And she gave you a copy of it?
25	A. I believe so.

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Right. 1 Q. 2 Somebody did. Α. Right. When did you get it? From her or from 3 Ο. 4 her daughter? 5 I might have got it from a relative of theirs. Α. 6 Okay. And you wouldn't have gotten it before Q. it was signed. You got it after it was signed, right? 7 8 Yeah. Α. Okay. So that document -- well, I'll show you 9 Ο. the date of that document as -- when I put it up after 10 11 this document. You see this document is May 4 of 2023, 12 this draft, right? 13 MS. GARCIA: Yeah. Okay. Look, he's asking 14 you a question. Look up at the screen. Sorry. 15 THE WITNESS: Okay. Hold on. I --16 BY MR. SWEETAPPLE: 17 You see the e-mail and it's a draft 5-4-23, Ο. 18 and it's attached? Just go to the next -- to the 19 document itself. Okay. So this was prepared by Mr. 20 Hall, your associate in --21 No. He's not --Α. -- the LLC. 22 Q. 23 Α. He's a consultant. 24 Your consultant for the LLC, right? Q. 25 Α. He -- he did this on his own.

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1	Q.	This was not prepared by Ms. Patwell, right?
2	Α.	No.
3	Q.	And it was not prepared by Ms. Garcia, right?
4	Α.	I believe the no, I don't think they I
5	I don't	t think they ever used it. I don't know if
6	they read	it, but
7	Q.	Okay. Well, I'm going to put up the
8	settlement	agreement, sir and we can
9	Α.	Okay.
10	Q.	we can we can all compare it.
11	Α.	Okay. Good.
12	Q.	Just to start and you'll be able to see what's
13	in there.	(C)
14	Α.	Okay.
15	Q.	Your testimony isn't going to trump what's in
16	the docume	ents.
17	Α.	I got it.
18	Q.	Okay. So on May 4th are you aware that May
19	4th I was	still counsel of record for Ms. Sahm?
20	Α.	You were never counsel of record for Ms. Sahm,
21	according	to Ms. Sahm.
22	Q.	According to the Court file, sir
23	Α.	Well, let me ask you this let me ask you
24	this: Who	was your client, Ms. Sahm or Joanna?
25	Q.	Okay. Sir

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1	A. See, well, let's ask the question correct. You
2	were never counsel for Pat Sahm, Senior. She never
3	retained you. You
4	Q. You that's because you believe that you
5	believe that, but the court file showed I've been
6	counsel for Mrs. Sahm for years.
7	A. No. You've you've even stated that you
8	were operating under Joanna Sahm's
9	Q. A power of attorney.
10	A. Right.
11	Q. A power so you knew I was
12	A. Undisclosed power of attorney.
13	Q. You knew I was counsel of record for Mrs. Sahm
14	in this case, right? On in May on May 4 when this
15	was prepared by Mister
16	A. No. I I was aware that she had revoked
17	your power of attorney for Joanna, who was your client.
18	You had been misrepresenting to the court for some
19	period of time, I believe since Walt's death, and
20	hold on one second. Okay.
21	Q. So on May 4, when this is done, you know that
22	I am counsel of record for Patricia Sahm, Senior, in the
23	foreclosure case, correct?
24	A. Yeah. And on and on May 1, 2023, I was
25	aware that Amber Patwell was her attorney.

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1	Q. Okay. But not in the foreclosure case?
2	A. Well, yeah.
3	Q. Amber Patwell had not filed a notice of
4	appearance in the foreclosure case.
5	A. Oh, that might have come later, but she was
6	my understanding was she was representing her in the
7	mental health and the foreclosure.
8	Q. Assuming that Patricia Sahm, Senior, was
9	competent enough to hire Patricia Ms. Patwell,
10	correct?
11	MS. GARCIA: Objection. Calls
12	THE WITNESS: No. There was no question of her
13	competency by anybody prior to your filing a
14	petition, which is not a guardianship. And she
15	still has not had an adjudicatory hearing deeming
16	her incapacitated, showing that that whole thing is
17	a big old fat fraud, too.
18	BY MR. SWEETAPPLE:
19	Q. Okay. So let's talk about fat fraud, sir.
20	A. Okay.
21	Q. This settlement agreement, are you aware the
22	first paragraph is exactly the same as what's in the one
23	that was signed?
24	A. No.
25	Q. Are you aware when it says recitals, that's
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1	exactly the same font and it's laid out the same way?
2	A. I think that's the same as was in the John
3	Raymond. So Kevin might have might have, and I
4	again, you need to talk to him, taken John Raymond's
5	settlement and put his comments into it. And part of
6	John Raymond's settlement might have fallen into the
7	settlement that Inger and Amber negotiated.
8	MS. GARCIA: Excuse me, Mr. Sweetapple?
9	MR. SWEETAPPLE: Uh-huh.
10	MS. GARCIA: Just to help you. So we don't sit
11	here and waste an hour and a half on this
12	settlement. Ms. Patwell and I had never considered
13	a settlement. Kevin drafted it on his own. The
14	client, your client former client never saw it.
15	So you are wasting your time. It was only produced
16	to you in good faith. So you can go down
17	MR. SWEETAPPLE: Okay.
18	MS. GARCIA: the road you
19	MR. SWEETAPPLE: Okay. I that's it.
20	MS. GARCIA: waste of time.
21	MR. SWEETAPPLE: Okay. Ma'am
22	MS. GARCIA: I'm just telling you
23	MR. SWEETAPPLE: Ma'am, I'm suspending the
24	MS. GARCIA: You can ask your question, sir.
25	I'm just trying to help you.

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1	MR. SWEETAPPLE: I'm going to I'm going to
2	suspend the deposition now. I'm going to ask the
3	Court
4	MS. GARCIA: Oh, okay.
5	MR. SWEETAPPLE: to sanction you. I've
6	repeatedly asked you not to coach your client and to
7	tell him your testimony and your
8	THE WITNESS: I just told you all that.
9	MR. SWEETAPPLE: view of the facts. I'm
10	suspending the deposition, sir.
11	MS. GARCIA: That's ridiculous, sir.
12	MR. SWEETAPPLE: And
13	MS. GARCIA: We're here and we're ready to move
14	forward.
15	MR. SWEETAPPLE: Okay.
16	MS. GARCIA: Go ahead with your question, sir.
17	MR. SWEETAPPLE: No. I'm suspending the
18	deposition.
19	MS. GARCIA: I was just helping you, sir.
20	MR. SWEETAPPLE: I I'm not going to have you
21	help me by coaching a witness.
22	THE WITNESS: This is what she is trying to
23	tell you.
24	MR. SWEETAPPLE: It's unethical. All right.
25	Would you please overnight this transcript, please?



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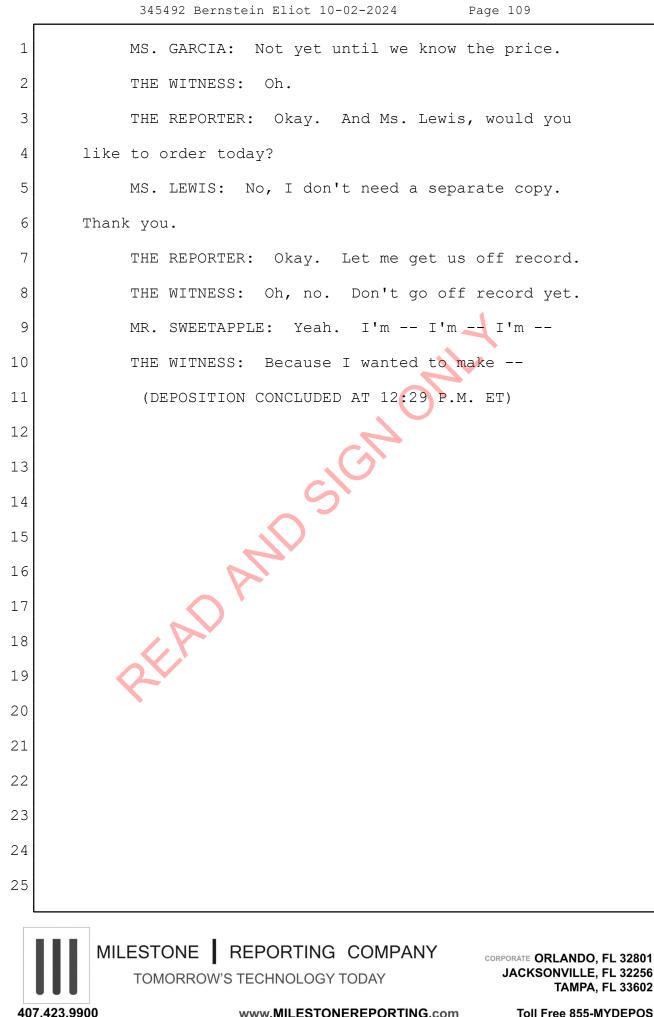
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1	I'm going to be filing an emergency motion with the
2	Court. I want to I want to establish facts
3	without Counsel continuing to coach and obstruct.
4	And I want responsive answers, not these long
5	diatribes. So I'm going to take this all up with
6	the judge. Thank you very much.
7	MS. GARCIA: We're here ready to continue, sir.
8	MR. SWEETAPPLE: I'm not going to continue with
9	the fact of
10	MS. GARCIA: Okay. So my deposition is being
11	suspended too, I assume? To
12	MR. SWEETAPPLE: No. Your deposition is going
13	to go on. And I trust you're going to have an
14	attorney with you who will make proper objections
15	and comply with the rules with regard to speaking
16	objections that you full well know, and you are
17	intentionally violating time and time again. And
18	the last violation was so blatant and so offensive
19	that I just can't even and I I'm losing my
20	patience with you. You're acting so
21	unprofessionally. Thank you very much. I'll see
22	you at 2:00 at your deposition.
23	THE REPORTER: Oh, wait. Mr. Sweetapple. So
24	would you like would you like that
25	electronically?

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345492 Bernstein Eliot 10-02-2024 Page 108 MR. SWEETAPPLE: Yes. 1 2 THE WITNESS: (Audio cuts out.) 3 MR. SWEETAPPLE: Overnight, electronically, 4 please. 5 THE REPORTER: Okay. And --6 MS. GARCIA: We do not waive reading. We do 7 not waive reading. 8 MR. SWEETAPPLE: There's no -- this deposition 9 is not completed. I'm suspending it. MS. GARCIA: We do not waive reading at this 10 11 point for you to present any deposition to a court. I have authority and I'm allowed to read and see it 12 13 before you present it or use it in any form whatsoever. So we do not waive. We expect a copy. 14 15 Thank you -- Court Reporter. 16 THE WITNESS: And -- and I would like -- and I 17 would like to 18 THE REPORTER: Oh, wait. One moment, Mr. 19 Bernstein. So Ms. Garcia, you would -- you want me 20 to send that to your e-mail address since you want 21 to read it? 22 MS. GARCIA: Yes. Yes. Thank you. 23 THE REPORTER: Okay. And would you like a 24 copy? 25 THE WITNESS: Yeah.

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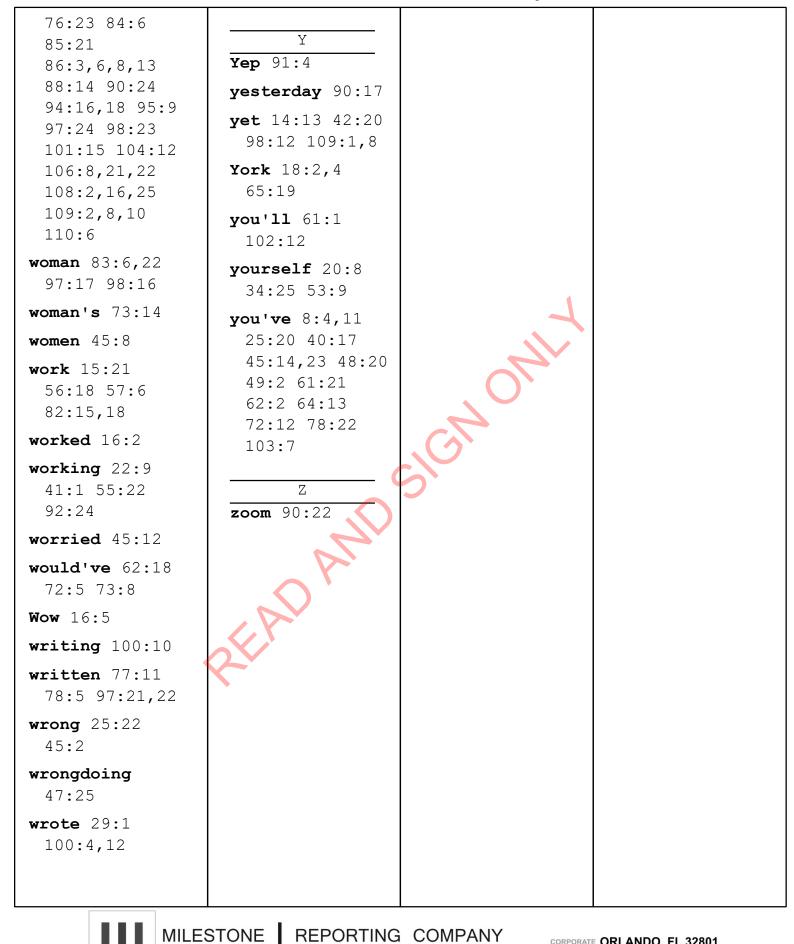
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