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Q What was the purpose of including that column?

A It was just to -- the reason I did that is I wanted to separate the real estate transfers from cash transfers, because -- and so I -- I setup two separate columns, one for the net book value, because I didn't know what the fair market value of all of the real estate was on the transfers. So I wanted to just -- I could quantify the value of cash going back and forth. And to just in -- -- and then it allowed me then to -- to say well, this is the cash back and forth. This is the net number of the real estate transferred back and forth if that's to be an exchange and there's still 50 percent of the Miss -- Mississippi property due back. I was able to come up with a value based on the most current appraisals that were done by -- had -- Larry Bertsch had done.

Q Okay. Before the end of 2004 when the transfers of Mississippi property occurred from the ELN Trust to the EL -- the LSN Trust, I'm sorry, how much was owed to whom between the two entities?

A Before any real estate was transferred in 2004 Eric's trust owed Lynita's trust \$324,940.

- Q That's reflected on Exhibit 7, right?
- A That is correct.
- Q And then the book value, you said you used the book value of that Mississippi property to come up with the -- what

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A Million three hundred and seven-eight thousand eight hundred and eighty-three dollars of --

- Q And was it your opinion that was below the fair market value at that time?
  - A Yes.
  - Q Based on what?

Α Based on many conversations I had with Eric actually back when he was acquiring this property. For example, a lot of that property was acquired before the state of Mississippi was going to put all this white sand in and increase -increase the value of all the beachfront property. Eric is always buying stuff at discount hopeful -- you know, that's well, the goal. And but he -- as he is putting it together, he was -- he laid out all of the -- the aerial maps, all the tracks. He was just showing me -- it wasn't that I was helping him plan how to do it. It was -- he was excited about this land. And this is back in 2000 -- prior to 2004 when he was actually acquiring it. And I was aware of the state spending millions to improve the beachfront and -- and make a, you know, all that white sand improvement so that it would have been white sand beaches all in front of this property.

Q Okay. So in essence, you took the book value of -of the property that -- at 1.3 or almost 1.4, applied it here

Α	That	is	correct.

- Q So that's total receivable due on property exchanges and cash loans and then it says \$971,269, is that correct?
  - A That is correct.
- Q However, you actually saw some evidence in the record that at least some of the properties that Eric's trust transferred to LSN Trust was to negate debt, existing debt, correct?
  - A That is correct.
  - Q So that 971,000 would be a very conservative figure.
  - A Correct.
- Q Based on that. Let me just wrap it up with maybe one or two more questions. I spent less than an hour asking questions on direct and you had a day and a half of cross here. Anything that Mr. Dickerson showed you or represented to you or had you look at in his very lengthy cross examination other than your failure to put the 40 percent interest and maybe you including that -- including your failure to put the 40 percent interest in Eric Nelson Auctioneering onto the balance sheet in 2001, has anything changed your opinion or any of the conclusions that you have set forth in this report?
  - A No.
    - MR. SOLOMON: I have nothing further.

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BY MR. DICKERSON:

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Q Sir, there -- from what you've seen, there is no question that Eric Nelson received that \$350,000 that that check referenced management. Is there any question in your mind?

- A There was -- no, I believe he received it.
- Q And if I were to show you the bank statement, the LSN Trust drawn on that account for the month of December 2005 which I will do on my phone so that you can verify, okay. So if I can show you it indicates a debit from her account of \$350,000 return of posted check. Do you see that?
  - A I do.
- Q Okay. And so that indicates to you that the check here -- it's check number 1769 is recorded twice.
  - A I do.
- Q So is there any question looking at that that he received that \$350,000?
  - A No, there is no question.
  - Q Okay.
  - A And I -- I included it in my report, yes.
- Q And the journal entry that you referenced didn't have anything on that as to what it was for. It didn't say loan, did it?

MR. SOLOMON: Yeah, if we -- you don't mind, Your 2 Honor. 3 (Off record) 4 This is recalling the matter as to Eric THE COURT: 5 Nelson and Lynita Nelson, case number D-411537. We just took a brief recess after concluding the testimony of Mr. Gerety. 6 7 I think you wanted to call Ms. Lynita back? 8 MR. SOLOMON: I do, Your Honor. I know that counsel had a question about ordering here. 10 MS. FORSBERG: We have a couple questions. 11 Dickerson and I were talking in the break trying to figure 12 this out. When we started our first day, we said we're going 13 to try to get through all of the trust issues first and then 14 you would start on the rest. That is how you would like it to 15 go. 16 THE COURT: Yeah, that's probably the easiest way to 17 do it you think or --18 MR. DICKERSON: Well, I --19 MS. FORSBERG: I think it is in case we get rid of 20 them. 21 MR. DICKERSON: Personally, I thought the best way 22 to do it, because I only have -- now I only have three witnesses that'll be Larry Bertsch, Lynita and possibly 23 24 Rochelle McGowan who's been subpoenaed. I noticed that she

MS. FORSBERG: See, and that was all we talked about. We talked about doing all the trust issues and then moving forward, because if you have a ruling on it, then it certainly cuts it down on what we need to -- because it's going to be a lot longer if we -- if we don't. I mean, if we're not going to end it until then and we're going to have to have another day, it makes sense if the Court can and I know the Court would like to clear out part of this to get it resolved, because you would like it off your docket.

So that would certainly make it quicker for the Court also if we did it the way we had discussed the first day and the way you had discussed whenever we -- they brought me for this

THE COURT: I don't know if we can keep it that clean, because it's also cross related. I'm sure Eric's going to be on the stand with a lot of questions from the prior testimony and explaining a lot of things that Mr. Gerety testified to. So I'm not so sure we can separate the Nelsons

THE COURT: Yeah, we had stopped I think both, because we tried to talked -- all the -- the goal was that once we heard some of the testimony from the experts I thought it might get the case settled. So we --

MS. FORSBERG: So then it --

THE COURT: -- kind of went into a settlement mode and it kind of fell apart from there. So we had started both. I --

MS. FORSBERG: Started both and finished to -- you have finished your cross on Eric and Mr. Jimmerson -- because you sat at the end and towards the -- I thought you had finished and you said you finished your cross, but I still have my redirect left.

THE COURT: Mr. Solomon, who are you thinking of calling as far as from the Trust's perspective as far as --

MR. SOLOMON: I'm almost done.

THE COURT: All right.

MR. SOLOMON: I have Lynita which hopefully will take less than an hour and then I have Eric and take the rest of the day and I hope we're done by the state of my case.

THE COURT: Well, okay.

MR. SOLOMON: My only issue, obviously I'm not thrilled about sitting here talking about alimony if that's

what they're going to be talking about or --

THE COURT: Absolutely. We'll let --

MR. SOLOMON: -- other issues and dividing assets if the -- but I'll do whatever the Court says. The one thing I have a concern about is I did a pretrial memo stating forth our legal positions, et cetera. There is none coming from the other side.

MR. DICKERSON: Oh, I --

MR. SOLOMON: I understand they intend --

MR. DICKERSON: The rule can come -- I'm going to present ours when we begin our case in chief.

MR. SOLOMON: And let me finish if then --

THE COURT: Well, yeah, let Mr. Solomon finish.

MR. SOLOMON: Then you'll have a chance.

THE COURT: Yeah, you can continue.

MR. SOLOMON: They intend I'm told now to file a pretrial memo at the beginning of their case and I'm not going to have an opportunity to really review and respond to it unless the Court gives us time after --

THE COURT: I was planning on giving you both -everybody who wanted to if they want to do post-trial briefs
to help clarify what they think the law is or any special
things they want me to look, because there's been a lot of
testimony with a lot of exhibits, if there's something they

MR. DICKERSON: -- case.

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THE COURT: That's right. The trust case.

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MR. DICKERSON: I mean, we've done our pretrial memo with respect to Plaintiff's case.

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THE COURT: Yeah, then it was all done. Yeah, that was back in 2000 --

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MS. FORSBERG: Pretrial memos are usually done --

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MR. SOLOMON: And I'm not objecting to it.

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MS. FORSBERG: -- so many days in advance.

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MR. SOLOMON: I just want a chance to respond to

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it. That's all.

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MR. SOLOMON: And you said you would give us that

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Thank you, Your Honor. MR. SOLOMON:

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## LYNITA NELSON

called as a witness on behalf of the Intervener and being previously sworn, testified as follows on:

## DIRECT EXAMINATION CONTINUED

BY MR. SOLOMON:

I'm sure we've all forgotten why we were going to play that video, so let me go back and refresh you on that. In their preliminary argument, opening argument, your counsel claimed that Mr. Burr had sent you to Mr. Koch to review the prenuptial agreement and that he was a tenant of Mr. Burr. And I asked you wasn't it a fact that Mr. Burr told you there were several lawyers you could see and Richard was just one of them and you chose Richard because he was close, he was down the street? And you denied that. Do you recall that?

I don't recall what I said the other day, but I -- I know that you wanted to show me the video of what I had stated earlier, so --

Okay. Well, whether or not you remember what you 0 said a couple days ago, isn't it a fact that Mr. Burr told you there were several lawyers you could see to advise you with respect to the prenuptial agreement, Mr. Koch was one of them, and you chose him because he was down the street, is that

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MR. DICKERSON: Well, she did answer the question.

MR. SOLOMON: -- it would go a lot faster.

MR. DICKERSON: She answered the question.

She started to answer. Why don't you finish up during one -- the purpose of that you said was what?

THE WITNESS: I just wanted to make sure that if anything happened to me during the divorce that the children would -- if there was anything that was decided that the children would get whatever my portion of the split was of the trust. And in order to do that, I had to make these other changes, because I knew that I could trust them to do that.

- Okay. In fact --
- That was the purpose of it.
- In fact, if you look at the last paragraph, it says regarding the distribution of the trust, I want to make changes to that also, but that's nothing something you discussed in this memo, is it?

No, I -- I'm just asking her when do I do that, because I didn't really completely understand the process of

Isn't the fact that you knew that what you were doing here or requesting was you were requesting Mr. Burr's office to help you to effectuate a change in removing Eric as That's correct. I did not.

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1	A	No.		
2	Q	Turn to Exhibit 14.		
3	A	I'm there already.		
4		THE COURT: I thought we just went through it.		
5	Q	15, I'm sorry.		
6	A	Okay.		
7	Q	Let's go to Exhibit 17.		
8	A	Okay. I'm there.		
9	Q	Is that your signature on the document?		
10	A	It is, sir.		
11		MR. SOLOMON: Offer 17.		
12		MS. FORSBERG: I have no objection.		
13		THE WITNESS: It's it's on		
14		MR. DICKERSON: No objection.		
15		THE COURT: No objection? Hereby admitted as		
16	Exhibit Number 17.			
17		(Intervener's Exhibit 17 admitted)		
18	BY MR. SOLOMON:			
19	Q	Would you turn to Exhibit 19?		
20	А	Sure. Okay. I'm there.		
21	Q	Okay. Let me have you go back to 18 for a second.		
22	A	Okay.		
23	Q	Is that your signature on 18?		
24	А	It is, sir.		
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THE COURT: I don't remember his testimony off the

Would you turn to 25?

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You were talking about the monthly checks that you had

BY MR. SOLOMON:

Q Would you turn to 76?

A Sure.

March 17th, 2008 -- I'm sorry, that's not the first one. The first one is at the very bottom. It's from Rochelle to you dated March 17th, 2008 at 3:02 p.m. It says hi, Lynita. Eric asked me to email this to you to see if you could sign and get back to me as soon as possible. He lost one of the ones I gave to him for you to sign. Can you sign and maybe have Erica drop off at the office since Eric is out all week. This is part of the Mississippi correction work that you signed before, but they have to have a certificate of trust for your 2001 trust to file with recorder's office. Thanks, Rochelle. And then in the middle it says I need a copy -- this is from you to Rochelle dated March 17th at 4:13, a couple hours later, saying I need a copy of Exhibit A it is referring to. Do you see that?

A Yes.

Q All right. Now if you'll look at the document that's attached that she had forwarded to you, on the first page, D, it says see Exhibit A attached hereto and made a part here of. Do you see that?

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PROCEEDINGS

(THE PROCEEDINGS BEGAN AT 09:53:59)

THE COURT: This is the time in the matter of continuation of adjudicatory hearing in the matter of Eric Nelson and Lynita Nelson, case number D-411537. We'll get everybody's appearance for the record and we'll get this show on the record. We'll start with Mr. Solomon.

MR. SOLOMON: Yes, bar number 418, Mark Solomon, on behalf of Lana Martin, the distribution trustee. She by the way is in a -- had to take her son up to Reno --

THE COURT: UNR.

MR. SOLOMON: -- for UNR for orientation, so she'll be back when she can.

THE COURT: Counsel, remember, it's Reno. Good job, counsel. If you said University of Nevada, I would have thrown you out of court or contempt or something I would have found.

MR. LUSZECK: Jeff Luszeck, bar number 9619, on behalf of Lana Martin, distribution trustee.

MS. FORSBERG: Good morning, Your Honor. Rhonda Forsberg, 9557, on behalf of Eric Nelson who is present to my right.

always.

THE COURT: Good to see you again Mr. Nelson as

MR. DICKERSON: Your Honor, Bob Dickerson, bar number 0945, and Katherine Provost, bar number -- oh, she's not here.

THE COURT: She's not here.

MR. DICKERSON: She will be coming back I will presume. And we're representing Lynita Nelson who is with us and also sitting at counsel table is Melissa Antanassio.

THE COURT: It's good to see you, Ms. Lynita, as always. It's good to see you. I think we left off with -- Mr. Gerety was cross examined. So is that where we're going to pickup?

MR. DICKERSON: Yes, Your Honor. Please.

THE COURT: Sir, we'll get you up here. We'll get you sworn in. Make sure you -- there's some water on the table if you want to grab one. I'm not sure if there's one up there for you or not, but there's some -- there's some? Okay. Let me make sure.

If you guys need any water, just let us know or there's Coke or Diet Cokes if you want available as well for a nominal fee -- no. Feel free if you need more water or stuff and we'll get it cold for you.

THE CLERK: You do solemnly swear the testimony

THE COURT: Absolutely.

THE WITNESS: Thank you. Excuse me.

THE COURT: I don't need glasses either. I do it because it makes me look intellectual to try to fake out the attorneys. By the second time I read the decision, they know I'm not that smart anyways, but that's okay.

THE WITNESS: Okay.

Q I would like to direct your attention to Page 2.

That -- the second paragraph there. It starts I spoke with

Shelly Newell (ph). Looking at all of Eric and Lynita's

accounting for the business entities and you go through them.

And as I understand it -- and you getting down to the next sentence. She told me that during this time period all of the assets and the counties were kept separate. The only exception we were aware of was that Lynita's separate property -- now that would be her revocable trust, is that correct?

- A Revo -- yes, the revocable trust.
- Q Received part of the proceeds from the disposition of Las Vegas Casino which was owned by Eric's separate property trust. Lynita's separate property trust received 50 percent of Tierra Del Sol real estate and 75 percent of Sycamore Plaza. Both of these properties were received as part of the proceeds from the sale of Las Vegas Casino. Okay. Now you learned that from Shelly Newell?

THE CLERK: Not yet.

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MR. SOLOMON: I have not offered it yet. Okay. So if I may then if I can have the exhibit book.

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Q Well, do you see that she originally acquired an interest by way of a warranty deed in 1993? Do you see the third one from the top?

A I do.

Q And so she originally acquired a 50 percent interest in that property, July of 1993.

A Okay.

Q She then apparently conveyed that property in 1994 to American Financial Partners, a Nevada partnership. And that is a partnership in which Eric had an interest, is that correct? You're familiar with --

A I'm -- I'm not familiar.

Q You're not familiar with that. Okay. And then we see that American Family -- American Financial -- Nevada general partnership which indicates Eric Nelson's partner conveyed it to Eric Nelson's separate property trust in February of 2000 -- or of 19 -- February of 1994. And in that very same day, the warranty deed that we're referencing earlier conveys to Lynita a 100 percent interest in this property Tierra Del Sol. Is that how you understand it?

A Oh, I can't see it. There's no percentages here on this second warranty --

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But we see that --

Tierra Del Sol property as of February 1st, 1994.

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0 Okay. Look at Page 7 of your report, the last paragraph. Is that correct?

That is correct.

So that we know then on September 28th there was a deposit in Eric's the trust, Eric's irrevocable trust non-account for that amount. And you have traced that to the transit -- the sale of Tierra Del Sol, isn't that true?

That is correct.

And then you go on and you say the property was Q owned by Lynita's irrevocable trust. Eric transferred 25,000 to Lynita's irrevocable trust from its Mellon account immediately after receive the Tierra Del Sol proceeds. also paid Lynita's 2005 federal and Arizona individual income taxes and tax preparation fees totaling \$606,965 in 2007 as partial repayment of the Tierra Del Sol sales proceeds.

Okay. Now that 25,000 was the one check that we saw last week, the \$25,000 check that says loan payment for you to exhibit --

Ά Possible.

-- in your report I believe that's tab number -- oh, it's mine. It's our exhibit -- and I see JJJ. I think that one has -- hold on. I'm showing you Exhibit quadruple J which has been admitted into evidence. Do you see the see last check here is for 25,000 loan payment? Is that the one you're

it is in fact your 1099 for 2006?

That's correct.

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I'm not sure.

Q Okay.

A Yeah, I can -- I'm sure I can find this, but -
MR. DICKERSON: Do you mind Judge if we take a short

five minute break while he look for that and I can run to the

restroom real quickly?

THE COURT: We can take --

MR. DICKERSON: Yeah.

THE COURT: Yeah, want to take a five minute break and see if you can --

MR. DICKERSON: Oh, Judge, while we're on the record, we do intend to be calling Larry Bertsch. And on -- right now it looks like he's available on Wednesday.

MS. PROVOST: Morning.

MR. DICKERSON: Wednesday morning. So we would like to arrange that. I don't want to do anything improperly. And knowing that he has been appointed by the Court as a special master, I do want to present his testimony. But I would like to talk to him before I put it -- put him on the stand. And Katherine has an appointment to meet with him today I believe at 1:00 o'clock. So with the Court's permission, I would like Katherine to go through with that meeting to just go through -- be able to go through with Mr. Bertsch the report and try to basically get his testimony down to as short and succinct

as possible.

MR. SOLOMON: Your Honor, I object to that. That is improper. You're not allowed to interview a special master and then call -- his report speaks for himself. He's a court appointed special master. He's not a witness for them. He's not a -- they're not allowed to have ex parte communications with him.

MR. DICKERSON: Well, we are under your order.

MR. SOLOMON: That -- in fact, your order says it shouldn't.

THE COURT: Let Mr. Solomon finish.

MR. SOLOMON: There should not especially at this stage. He's filed his report. His report is his report. And the parties are stuck with it and I object to them interviewing him at this point.

MR. DICKERSON: I know of no case law that prevents us from doing that. I do know of case law that would prevent me from giving him additional documents right now and try to have him change the report, but simply to meet with him, talk about his report and get an understanding of specifically what he means by this so that we can make a succinct presentation to the Court, I don't -- I know of no case law that prevents that.

THE COURT: And when do you plan on meet -- when is

1 MR. SOLOMON: He took evidence. 2 THE COURT: Yeah, I'll have my law clerk look at 3 that. I know we met to get information so he could submit his 4 report. But let me check on it real quick and give you a decision by lunch. All right. We'll be in recess for five 5 minutes. 7 (Off record) THE COURT: Okay. This is going back on the record in the matter of Eric Nelson and Lynita Nelson, case number 10 D-411537. We took a brief recess. And Mr. Dickerson, pickup 11 where you left off at your pleasure. 12 BY MR. DICKERSON: 13 Now Mr. Gerety, during a -- your break you had an 14 opportunity to call your associate Angelo. 15 Α That is correct. 16 0 And what's Angelo's last name? 17 Α Ruccio. 18 0 How do you spell that? 19 Α R-U-C-C-I-O. 20 0 And I'm going to call him --21 Α There's a --22 -- Angelo if you don't mind. Q 23 Α Yeah.

Angelo is an associate that works with you in your

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A That is correct. He's the -- he is the one who helped me prepared this report and do a lot of it, digging through the GLs and so forth.

- Q We were discussing Exhibit quadruple X, is that correct?
  - A That's correct.
- Q After consulting with Angelo during the break, you determined who prepared this Exhibit X?
  - A Yes.
  - Q Who did?
- A Angelo prepared this. It is taken from the client's general ledgers and the comment section which I believe you asked for previously were prepared by Angelo.
- Q Are those comments from the general ledger or elsewhere?

A It's a combination. It was his understanding at the time. This is a preliminary work paper. It's really been superceded with -- this is part of the initial phase of the work and trying to pull everything together and get it side by side. And this was the initial. And he had told me this was his -- his comments, but some of those comments would have been changed after we found out more information in some old documents.

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Correct.

Q And what is being referred to there?

A The Mellon account was an account in the name of Eric's irrevocable trust.

Q And apparently the wire shows it was going -- that the Mellon account was Eric's personal account, is that correct?

A No, the transfers to and from the Mellon account were running through draws and capital contributions on the GL. It never said one way or another -- it always said -- and I don't think it said one way or another. There may have been -- you know, I'm trying to remember on the GL. It may have been called personal on some of the comments, one or -- if some of the transactions and the Gl, but that account was never actually on the GL. It was just descriptions of the journal entries that were made.

Q Indicating that it was the Mellon account was Eric's personal account, is that correct?

A It may have.

Q Okay. I also sent you copies of a wire that was -that went into that account prior for \$1,000,000 from Mellon
LOC. We don't have the 2007 bank statements for that account,
because Dickerson never requested them. I have attached
January 2008 showing a balance in that account. This account

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was open when Eric sold the racetrack as far as I know. Okav. Then do you know what she's talking about there?

Α The Mellon account was opened with the proceeds from the sale of Wyoming Downs if my memory services me correct. And -- and we did get all the statements on that account.

The only account Eric had in his name personally was a small bank -- a small account at B of A that was garnished in 2007 for about \$5,000 and they had a small joint account at Wells Fargo prior to separation that had an average of about 10,000 in it. So can you confirm that through your studies you could find no personal bank account for Eric other than what she's referenced here?

Α That is correct.

The big loans from LSN, that's Lynita's trust, correct?

Ά Correct.

Well, actually, from an HECL, that stands for home equity credit line?

Α Correct.

So big loans from LSN were actually from a Okav. home equity credit line on the Palmyra house which is always been in the name of the Nelson trust, Lynita's old trust. Eric did not pay these loans back in cash, they Lynita probably paid the home equity credit line back receiving money

Yes. That's correct.

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That is correct.

Lynita's revocable trust, that's the 1993 trust, received

title to this property. Do you see that, sir?

quitclaim deed signed by this Roscoe Westin Lamplighter Motels

confirming that Lynita has a hundred percent ownership interest in High Country Inn, correct?

A Correct.

Q And then we see we get to January 18th of 2007, a deed is signed that is recorded on January 23rd, 2007. I noticed that all of these interesting -- we go back up to the warranty deed that was originally signed December 29th of 2006. So all of those deeds that one, two, three, four, five, the last five deeds are all being recorded on January 23rd, 2007. Do you see that, sir?

A I do.

Q And we see that this warranty deed that we're referencing that Lynita's irrevocable trust now is conveying a hundred percent interest in the High Country Inn to Eric's irrevocable trust, correct, sir?

A Correct.

Q Now so at least from what we're seeing here and assuming all of this is correct, the ELN Nevada Trust first acquired this property on January 23rd, 2007, is that right?

A That's correct.

Q And then we see that immediately thereafter within two minutes a deed is recorded from Eric's irrevocable trust to Wyoming Lodging, LLC. Do you see that?

A Correct.

A Trust -- the trust or grantor trust for tax purposes. So they are ignored. And transfers between spouses, you get the same holding period as transfers. So even transfers between the trust, the two irrevocable trusts that transferred between those -- even if it's a sale, even if it's for compensation, the sale gets ignored because they're grantor trust and they're treated for income tax purposes on -- from the individuals and those sales between individuals are ignored for individual spouses. Married spouses are ignored for income tax purposes. And therefore whichever spouse transfers back and forth holds it, you get that holding period. So that's -- that's why we use that date.

Q So you use that date because it goes back to at least that date if not earlier that Lynita's separate property trust, the revocable trust acquire the property, is that correct?

A That's correct. And looking at this, probably should have used 2000, because the contribution of Grada would have been a tax free transfer. And again, you get the -- you carryover holding period even if it's going to a partnership if it's a tax free transfer under -- which it would have been. And transfer back -- if -- if it was a tax free transfer over that.

Q Why would a transfer from any trust by Lynita

whether it's her revocable trust or irrevocable trust to Grana [sic] Financial Partnership be a tax free transfer?

- A It would have if it was a capital contribution.
- Q So in other words, it would have to show up on her capital contribution account?
  - A Yeah, if that's what happened.
  - Q For Grada, correct?
  - A Or -- or say that again? Sorry
- Q The partnership, the Grada Financial Partnership account would have to show that she made a capital contribution of whatever the value of this property will be.

A That is -- that's correct. It would have to be a transaction as a capital contribution in exchange for additional capital or partnership interest which will be tax free under 729. If it was a sale to the partnership, not as a partner, a partnership transaction, but as independent, then it would have started a new holding period.

- Q Okay. Now do you believe based upon what you know this property sold for in 2007 that when it was transferred that same day to Grada Finan -- well, excuse. When it was transferred to Grada in 2002, could you at least reasonably believe that it was worth more than 13, \$14,000?
  - A Yes.

Q Now if the books for Grada Financial indicated that

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with what we've talked about High Country Inn, but if you can take a look at the K-1s, can you confirm that one of the partners is Alita C. Nelson Trust?

Α Yes, there's a K-1 for that.

Q At least in 2005 her beginning capital account was \$13,178?

MR. SOLOMON: Your Honor, at this point, let me interpose an objection. Counsel's asking questions on an exhibit that's not in evidence, number one. Number two, this witness doesn't even know what Grada Group, LLC is. not part of this. This isn't anything this witness has reviewed before to my knowledge.

> MR. DICKERSON: Well --

MR. SOLOMON: The document will speak for itself in any case if it ever comes into evidence and it's inappropriate in examination.

MR. DICKERSON: Your Honor, the purpose of this is to question this witness with respect to capital account and what we can do is go directly to Lynita's capital account which is take a look at the K-1.

MR. SOLOMON: But her -- he never reviewed Alita's contributions. He wasn't hired to do that, he didn't do that. He had nothing to this.

> Then I'm not sure what you're going to THE COURT:

percent of those were deposited into Eric's account if that's

- Q Okay. I was unable to find it.
- A Which account number?

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- Q Yeah, I was unable to find it. Can you find it?
- A I do not find that -- well, I'm just looking at the one account which -- I mean --
- Q And you did not see it recorded on this account that we're referring to the account number --

1	Q	Do you see
2	А	I've got a Bank of America letter.
3	, Q	Now come back one.
4	A	Okay.
5	Q	Do you see the statement Bank of America statement
6	for July 3	1, 2007 through July 31st?
7	А	I do.
8	Q	All right. Turn to the second page.
9	A	Yeah.
10	Q	You'll see that apparently that deposit that you've
11	reference	in June 30th, 2002 was actually posted on the bank
12	statements	s for July 2nd of 2000.
13	A	Okay.
14	Q	Correct?
15	A	Correct.
16	Q	So now on the general ledger, does it indicate where
17	that depos	sit came from?
18	A	Yes, it's two checks, actually. One from Chicago
19	Title and	one from Paul and Sue Nelson.
20	Q	From who?
21	A	Paul and Sue Nelson.
22	Q	Does it indicate how much they were?
23	A	The check from Chicago Title is \$756,780.73. And
24	the cash 1	receipts from Paul and Sue Nelson was 210,000.

1	A	That is correct.	
2	Q	Check number 2040, is that to Megan Ramos for \$3500?	
3	A	3500, correct.	
4	Q	And do you know who Megan Ramos is?	
5	A	I do not.	
6	Q	Next one, check number 2051, \$9,675. Is that to	
7	Chad Ramos?		
8	A	It is.	
9	Q	Does it indicate what it's for?	
10	A	No.	
11	Q	Check number 2050, is that to Dynasty Development	
12	for 25,000?		
13	А	It is.	
14	Q	Okay. And you see a transfer of a million dollars	
15	to another account, is that correct?		
16	А	Yes.	
17	, Q	Does it say what account it's being transferred to?	
18	А	Money Market account.	
19	Q	Does it give an account number?	
20	A	It does not.	
21	, Q	If the July statement for this account reflected	
22	that it	's going to account number ending in 4215, do you know	
23	what ac	count that is?	
24	A	Let's see. Not off the top of my head I don't. You	
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the sale, yes. I understand there's -- it's account --

I'm showing you what's been marked as quadruple I.

that was deposited into his account on July 2nd, 2007,

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2	Q	I'd like to take you to August of 2005 and it's
3	account ni	umber 10004.
4	А	Just a minute here. Yeah, I have GL open. And
5	which acco	ount number did you want me to look at?
6	Q	10004.
7	A	Okay.
8	Q	Now this is the account that is held in the name of
9	LSN Nevada	a Trust dba Tierra Del Sol, correct?
10	A	It's the Bank of America account is all it says. It
11	says LSN/1	NPP-Bank of America.
12	Q	Okay. Can you confirm that in that account a
13	payment -	or check number 1562, is that reflected?
14	A	What date?
15	Q	January or excuse me, August 2nd 2005.
16	A	Have any deposits that date you said account
17	10004?	
18	Q	This will be a check. This will be a check number
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20	A	Oh.
21	Q	62. Do you see check number 1562?
22	A	Not out of this account.
23	Q	Are you looking at account number 2743?
24	A	I don't know what the account number is. I just
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later lunch or you just want to wait until we come back?

MR. SOLOMON: I'm going to be with him for awhile too, so --

THE COURT: Okay. As far as the request to meet with the Special Master Bertsch, I don't think that's appropriate. I haven't a chance to research it. I have my law clerk researching it. But he was appointed as a special master. We gave everybody access to him before so to get all their information, shared documents, shared documents back and forth so everybody had a chance so they could get all their input to prepare.

He has done the report and I think it speaks for himself. I'd rather have him examined. It may take a little bit longer in cross examine, but that's okay. I'd rather have it done in open court to ask any question so everybody is present there. So I'm going to direct Mr. Dickerson not to meet with Mr. Bertsch as our special master and we'll just do it in open court. It may take a little bit longer, but I'd rather do it that way in open court with everybody present.

MR. DICKERSON: No problem. Thank you.

THE COURT: All right. Thanks. We'll be in recess til 1:30.

(Off record)

THE COURT: This is the time set in the matter of

parties as a memorandum of the -- what they've agreed to.

This is part of the contract. It's signed by both

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Q So the contract that was signed by Eric and Frank Sorsa purportedly signed by them in February of 201, at the very top, spells Mr. Sorsa's name wrong and then talks about \$1,360,000 debt verified, nine percent net payments, 10,300 per month since 2001, see tax return, traded 20 homes Arizona, paid \$862,000, net profit over 500,000 January 2010. This comes with a continual liability of guarantee of \$1,360,000 to Soras, again, spelled incorrectly, now due to Bob Dickerson, question is very real. So are you telling me that is all part of the contract that Eric Nelson entered into?

A This is -- this was what was given to me as a signed agreement between the two parties.

- Q So you haven't seen the original of any signed agreement.
  - A This is all I have seen.
- Q Now it talks about a guarantee of \$1,360,000. Have you ever seen such a guarantee?
- A Yes. It was -- it's actually the original cash that Soras had given Lynita.
  - Q Have you seen a written guarantee?
- A I have not seen -- no, I'm sorry. I'm not seeing a written guarantee.
- Q So you've seen no written personal guarantee from Eric Nelson or any other -- or any entity owed -- owned by

Eric Nelson or his trust, is that correct?

A That is correct.

Q Now if I understand, I'm trying to -- if the agreement that Eric Nelson reached with Frank Soras in

February of 2010 was the trading of 20 homes were 862 -- or where they paid \$862,000 and Eric writes that apparently a net

profit of over 500,000 in January of 2010. Why is it that

anymore money is owed to Mr. Soras?

A They have the guarantee -- you've got -- the guarantee is right in this agreement that if you look at number four here, Eric further guarantees a minimum allocated price for the homes of the million three sixty-five. Allocate -- you know, they're allocating, here's 20 homes, we think they have a value of this. So that's number four. So Eric's guaranteeing a purchase price of the sale of those homes of the million 365. He's given then property to satisfy part of that guarantee, but he's still guaranteeing that when they're sold, he'll get his million three sixty-five.

Q Okay. So we're talking when the 20 homes sell, Mr. Soras is to receive \$1,365,000, correct?

- A Right.
- O Is that correct?
- A That's correct. And this isn't -- that's -- this is where the -- I -- first written guarantee I see of the amount.

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Before I ask -- well, before I ask that, did you

Trust. And as collateral for that note, Eric completed a deed

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He sold it.

of the escrow.

THE COURT: Any objections?

1	Q Okay. So it was never posted as a fee.
2	A No.
3	Q All right. Let's not waste anymore time on that
4	then.
5	A We let me go I have a journal entry for it,
6	actually. I if I remember correctly. Yeah, we we did
7	post a journal entry for \$350,000 and showed it as a payable
8	to to Lynita. It was not posted as a management fee. And
9	actually, it wasn't the I don't let me go to that
10	journal entry. It it was not we posted an asset for th
11	Bank of Nevada CD. So there was a CD.
12	Q What does that mean?
13	A It means that Eric's trust invested in the CD for
14	350,000. It was not posted by the by the client as a
15	management fee and it was not posted by us as a management
16	fee.
17	Q Okay. Do you have KKKK up there?
18	A I do.
19	Q All right. Mr. Dickerson asked you about his
20	summary on the top.
21	MR. DICKERSON: Which exhibit are we referring to?
22	MR. SOLOMON: KKKK.
23	Q You started off with the lefthand columns if you
24	will on sale of High Country Inn. It started off on January

prior to that. · 1 | 2 MR. DICKERSON: And I would say it would be based 3 upon hearsay and the proper person to explain the transaction 4 would be Eric Nelson. 5 MR. SOLOMON: Experts are allowed to testify based 6 upon hearsay and Mr. Nelson will be --7 THE COURT: I'll allow him to testify. And Mr. 8 Nelson will be on there and we'll see how things jive together, I guess. 10 MR. SOLOMON: Exactly. 11 THE COURT: This is based on your understanding? 12 THE WITNESS: It is. 13 THE COURT: But some of these are based on 14 conversations you had with Eric since last Thursday though and 15 some would be from prior ones? 16 THE WITNESS: That is correct. 17 THE COURT: Okay. You may proceed. 18 THE WITNESS: The High Country Inn, the first part, 19 and I'm not sure if you want me to cover both parts of it or 20 21 REDIRECT EXAMINATION CONTINUED 22 BY MR. SOLOMON: 23 Whichever way -- yeah, I do want you to cover both parts of it if you can and in anyway you can to make it less

complicated.

A I'll cover the OTB part first and that is -- there's a deal struck with Soras and that piece of it was sold to him and kind of in effect similar way I've seen Eric doing things is giving him a deed to hold as security on the cash that he had given Lynita's trust. So Soras had title to that and then there was rent he was paying -- it was setup as a like kind exchange originally. And Soras had issued a note and then there was guarantees to rent that back, because of a sale lease back and then of course that property wasn't worth -- it wasn't doing what it was supposed to do. There was no reason to leave it. The lease kind of -- there just was no value for leasing.

Q What was OTB property?

A It was a -- it was a -- really a -- it's -- part of the hotel -- it's part of the restaurant I believe and really the restaurant itself in -- in the hotel. And so it's kind of an undivided -- I -- I think it had been divided. I'm not -- I haven't seen the paperwork on that, but I believe it was somehow divided. I'm not sure how.

Q Anyway, Soras had given him money. It helped Soras out because he was able to qualify for a like kind exchange in time. And again, Soras held that property and he was collecting 10,000 a month on the money he had given Lynita's

trust and that of everything.

A Because that property -- because of what gaming falling through and so forth in Wyoming that they weren't able to do what they thought they were able to do there, Eric substituted the security on and effect that loan by giving the 39th Avenue -- the Phoenix property. And he took back the OTB. So and that's how Eric re -- I -- I may have missed a step. There was a couple other property exchanges in there.

Q Well, how did Eric get the property? That's the step you missed.

A Well, Eric got the property by giving Soras 39th Avenue. Eric's trust owned a hundred percent on -- with no deed -- no mortgage on it of some Arizona property, a warehouse I believe it was, 39th -- it was 39th Avenue, I believe. So Eric exchanged with Soras and obtained the OTB. So the title was in his trust name. That's part of it. So that's part of these proceeds is -- was derived from Eric and Eric ended up giving him -- 39th Avenue was again transferred back to Eric's trust and some Minnesota property was transferred back to Eric's trust and Eric transferred him, has security on the loan, houses from BanOne which is what the guaran -- that contract between Eric and Soras was that we just looked at.

Q So are you saying that Soras's debt kept on

Grada qualified for deferral of that gain under Code Section

1035. Grada then transferred it back to Lynita and I don't remember what part of that -- why that transaction was, why they gave it back. I -- it was I believe an exchange, but I'm not certain.

Q Do you remember anything about Lucky Lucky property in that exchange?

MR. DICKERSON: Why do we lead him? Objection.

THE COURT: Do you want to rephrase the question?

Do you recall the steps you're going through now?

THE WITNESS: Yes. There was some property that was owned by Lucky Lucky which Lynita's trust owned a hundred percent of. And that was exchanged for this -- the hotel here.

#### BY MR. SOLOMON:

Q And do you remember where the 3.5 million dollar encumbrance ended up as a result of that?

A It's still there. It was still there. Lynita still had that and they just swapped the security on it. So and the property that Lucky Lucky Lucky owned was Minnesota -- or not, excuse me, Min -- Missouri property. Mississippi, get the right M there. I keep going south. I'll get there. But it was a Mississippi property that Lucky Lucky Lucky owned. It was transferred to Grada and Grada transferred back the hotel. And then they swapped the security of the hotel -- so that the

assuming Soras's liability, that would I think believe wipe

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This was our reconciliation of client's computer records between 2004 and 2005. It didn't reconcile.

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The capital accounts, the retained earnings, the Α capital accounts. There was journal entries where assumption is there was journal entries posted after year end that they didn't have printouts for. So I mean, it's what they had printouts for which was writing off some of the assets that were no longer there. And then this is our reconciliation to what we needed to do to reconcile that which we really took it down -- well, we're able to figure out exactly why they were out of balance and get the adjustment made.

I'm sorry, you were or were not?

I was --

0 Okay.

-- able to. And this is -- these are the -- you know, they -- what balance has changed and so forth. And it was our reconciliation. You can see we tied it out to zero.

And how did you do that? How do you -- what did you use in order to make your reconciliation?

We were able to identify where the changes were and the assets and so forth. And, you know, like they had retained earnings, didn't tie. So there was a difference of

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23 24 the trust carry Lucky Lucky on its books as -- for book value?

I can go back to the general ledger. It's -- let's go to -- originally starting in 2001 it carried a balance of 400 -- or actually, at the end of 2001 it was carrying a balance of 506,529.

And did you reduce it by the 63?

Α And then that changes. In 2002, there was a loss of So that the investment or either cash was pulled out or a loss. The investment was changed to 40,000. So at the end of 2002 it was being carried at 40,000. Part of that probably -- see, 2002 was when that Mississippi property was transferred to Lynita and payment of that note. So that's why it was decreased because they moved real estate out of that entity and paid down the note. And that was the original cost of that Mississippi property or part of it. I -- that's just -- it's in that number.

Q I see.

Α And then so it changes each year based on the Lucky Lucky transactions. And we were able to tie -- tie that out and get it to reconcile. So it's just --

And is there a reason that you didn't make reference to this particular number 6 in your report?

Α Probably, because it -- I think we mentioned that in

- A It's referenced in my report.
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- A It's Page 6, DG-0006. The second paragraph from the bottom says see Exhibit 6.
  - Q Okay. You're absolutely right. Thank you.
  - A I was --
- 13 Q Okay. So --
  - A I was believing you that it wasn't referencing.
  - Q I didn't -- I thought I would find 6 before 7 and your reference 7 before 6. So okay. Speaking of that, then let's take a look back to your report. We had left off Page 5, the first full paragraph. We noted income that belonged to Lynita's trust that was deposited into Eric's trust accounts which we explained below. We also noted income that should have been received by Eric's trust that was never posted to Eric's trust books. The income did not go into any of Eric's other accounts and therefore, we have assumed that this income was deposited into Lynita's trust. We posted the net amount

putting this together.

A Million dollars going from Lynita's trust to

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Q Okay. Now she received no compensation in 2007 for transferring that 50 percent interest to Eric, did she?

Eric. You're aware that Lynita owned a hundred percent of

Q And this is what Eric told you?

A No, I saw the documents. I saw the transfers, I saw the -- the agreements between Soras and Eric.

Q And when did you see these?

A As I was preparing a report during the time I prepared the report. And then as -- after -- then 39th Street was going to be sold. So Eric wanted it back from Soras. So he gave Soras Arizona property from BanOne in exchange for 39th Avenue so he could dispose of it. And so Soras was really hanging onto these things as security for his notes just like we had the security similar, I guess, as because he owed Soras money. And actually, it was Lynita's trust that owed Soras money because it was Lynita's trust that entered into the original transaction to sell part of the hotel to Soras in that prior year.

So Lynita took cash and took cash of about a million two, a million three on the sale of the OTB. I think maybe it was in '02 or '04. And it also -- Lynita's trust would have also taken a note, that note receivable which is about a million dollars. But that note was tied to a requirement that yeah, I'll pay you interest on the note, but you're going to pay me back all this money and -- and rent so that it netted out to 16,000 a month that had to be paid back to Soras each

month.

Q And Soras then paid back 10,000.

A Soras paid back 10,000. So yeah, it was a net.

Q Okay. So a net sent to Soras.

A It was -- or it was 26,000 -- I think it was a net 16 negative a month that the trust owed Soras. So it was 26,000 one way, 10,000 the other way. And I think if I bring -- if I got the numbers right and my memory is right -- so there is this huge liability.

Q In Lynita's trust.

A In Lynita's trust. And Eric took that last part of the compensation you can say for taking these properties, because Eric assumed that liability and negotiated with Soras on -- on -- he entered into a new agreement with him. I'm going to give you a million dollars of Arizona property and I'm going to guarantee you that you collect rent on these. I'm collecting rent of this amount right now. I'm going to guarantee that you get your 16,000 a month in rent. Right. I may have some of the numbers off, but it's right in that area. And so Eric gave up the rent he had on that Arizona property, let Soras hang on to the title until he got paid back. And then Eric said when these properties sell, I guarantee you the sales price of this. So if the properties don't value it what was owed back to Soras, that Eric had guaranteed the

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difference. And that was done after Eric took over the liability from Lynita's trust. So that was part of the compensation of this 2007 property.

- Q Now you've --
- Α -- which is what I'm trying to reflect on of course.
- You see no personal guarantee from Eric or the trust 0 to Soras, isn't that correct?

Α No. I saw the agreement they signed. So I do see a personal guarantee by Eric.

0 All right. And do you know if those documents were -- well, you wouldn't know. Now originally then all of this transaction that you just described somehow a liability ended up in Lynita's trust, is that correct?

Α I'm saying Lynita's trust received on the sale of the OTB cash which she was allowed to invest and the note receivable that he was paying interest on. But the deal was is in the end I'm going to give you back the OTB I think is the gentleman's agreement they had with Soras. And I'll just -- and I get to use this cash now to invest. The trust gets to use the cash to invest and from there just as long as I get paid back and this is -- the net 16 a month was kind of like interest on the money that Soras had paid him.

And do you know how Lynita was as you put allowed to invest that money?

Okay. So in other words, the liability that Eric

month rent, is that correct?

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That is correct.

that correct?

A I'm adjusting everything at the end to \$1,000,000 on the property transfers to actually not even 1,000,000, but I'm showing it -- yeah, as the value of the 50 percent of the Mississippi property. So if you look at the last entry, it's

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Q Well, we're getting to that last entry right now.

A But -- but that's what I actually end up on the books.

Q Okay. So let's get to the last entry. adjustment to reflect value of 50 percent of Mississippi property due back, total receivable due on property exchanges and tax loans. Okay. So what you've done is you've thrown in a number here of \$496,695 that Lynita owes Eric for 50 percent of the value of the Mississippi property that was transferred in her name for whatever reason is may have been transferred into her name, correct?

A Correct.

Q Okay. And where did you come up with \$496,695?

A It's simple. I looked at all the book values and all the journal entries I have for the transfers, accumulated those. Right. You can see those in the running of the property book value, fair market value column.

Q Okay.

A And then so -- so at the end of the day what should be is that it -- it's the 50 percent of the Mississippi property which is valued at a million. So I'm showing based on these transfers that Eric in book value, not fair market, but in book value gave -- well, other than the Soras liability

to go through every page here. I just kind of would like to

accounts that were carried over from the separate property

1	A	I I believe that's correct. That's somewhere in				
2	that area, yes.					
3	Q Do you know what					
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5	Q the rents are?					
6	A I don't know the exact number.					
7	Q	Q So if the property is being rented to Soras, those				
8	rental mo	nies are what is being paid over to Soras, is that				
9	correct?					
10	А	Restate the question? Make sure I heard				
11	Q	The rent				
12	A you correctly.					
13	Q Soras owns the properties, correct?					
14	A	The title is in his name currently.				
15	Q	Eric is managing the properties and collecting the				
16	rents for	Mr. Soras.				
17	A	Correct.				
18	Q	And Eric is required to pay a net of \$10,000 per				
19	month to	Mr. Soras, is that right?				
20	A	I believe that's correct, yeah. I I can't				
21	remember	the exact number				
22	Q	And				
23	A	that he's required to pay him				
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A -- but there is an obligation --

Q Okay.

A -- per month.

Q And the rents from those properties are in excess of 16,000 a month.

A I don't know the exact number. I do know that the rents are in excess of the obligation to Soras. So I -- what you're telling me sounds correct.

Q All right. So now I'm just trying to understand your rationale of how you've done a -- I guess a present value calculation of paying Soras a net of 10,000 a month.

A Simple. It's -- this is what the obligation was at the end of -- at 2007 when Eric assumed that liability from Lynita's trust. Eric's trust assumed the liability from Lynita's trust. And so I'm -- and looking at it, what the obligation was when he took it over. That was 2007. It wasn't until four years later that Eric was able to hastily to -- to renegotiate that, because he couldn't -- and workout a deal, the here, I'll guarantee you the 10,000 by -- I'll give you these properties, you -- you have title, you can control me because all you got to do is we'll -- let me manage them and I'll make sure you get your 10,000 a month. If the rentals come up short, I guarantee you that you get your 10,000 a month or whatever that figure is that they

2 And so what I was valuing here was a 2007 3 transaction. And what happened four years later has nothing 4 to do with the value of what was happening when this was 5 transferred. 6 But in 2007 the secure -- do you know how that 7 transaction originally started with Soras? 8 Α Yes. 9 Q Okay. Didn't it start originally with a piece of 10 property in Arizona? 11 MS. PROVOST: Wyoming. 12 Or it was in Wyoming. The first property was in Q. 13 Wyoming. 14 Α It started with the OTB. 15 0 Right. And money was being collected on that, 16 correct? 17 Α Correct. 18 And again, it was a net of 10,000 and Eric was able Q to pocket anything above 10,000, isn't that correct? Yes or no? 20 21 Yes. I --Α 22 Q Okay. 23 Α -- that's --24 Q And then --

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Later down the road, Eric wanted to sell the hotel. He gave him -- I -- so I got to -- Well, I got to get the OTB back so I can sell it, because he couldn't sell the hotel without the OTB. So he meets with Soras and -- and I'll give you Arizona was 39th Avenue and I'll guarantee your rent on this.

Q Now the hotel you're talking about is the hotel that's in Lynita's trust.

A The hotel was in Lynita's trust, yes. And it tied to -- though that was -- there was another piece of that property that was called the OTB that Soras had title to.

Q So Eric wanted to sell the whole project thing, the OTT and the -- the OBT and the --

title more as security of his obligation knowing that I'll guarantee you you'll get paid back and hold this property as title just as security instead of giving him a deed of trust for a note, he's letting him hold title to the land.

Q And on each of these areas, each of these securities that he transferred to him, money is being made on those, is that correct, each month?

A I don't know that. No. I mean, with the OTB for awhile, no, money wasn't being made on that. So originally there was none. I -- I don't know about the 39th avenue. The only one I know for certain that there is some money being made this time was the new renegotiated property.

Q So --

A The new agreement.

Q -- when you come up with that 1.5 million that

Lynita owes to Eric, what you're attempting to do is say

you're assuming that no money was coming in to Eric in order

to payoff the -- the net 10 a month to Soras, is that correct?

A And then that's what was hap -- that was the case in 2007 when we did this value. The OTB was there was no gaming going on there. It was empty, I believe. And the hotel was not doing so well itself and there really wasn't any money coming in, Bob.

Q Okay. Now did you know that Mississippi is still

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3	THE COURT: Okay. Yeah. We can just run back and		
4	forth. We		
5	MR. SOLOMON: Those don't last long.		
6	MS. FORSBERG: Except for the downstairs now. So		
7	I'll really run.		
8	THE COURT: Yeah, we'll call it a day.		
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Lana Martin, Distribution Trustee ("Trustee") of the ERIC L. NELSON NEVADA TRUST, dated May 30, 2001 (hereinafter "ELN Trust"), by and through her Counsel of Record, Solomon Dwiggins & Freer, Ltd., hereby files the foregoing Opposition to Lynita's: (1) Motion in Limine to Exclude from Trial the Testimony and Report of Layne T. Rushforth, Esq., and any Purported Expert Testimony Regarding the Interpretation of Law, and Application of Facts to Law; to Strike the Eric L. Nelson Nevada Trust's Pre-Trial Memorandum; and for Attorneys' Fees and Costs; and (2) Motion in Limine to Exclude Testimony and Report of Daniel T. Gerety, CPA (hereinafter collectively referred to as "Motion in Limine").

#### I. <u>Introduction</u>

Lynita's Motion in Limine is her latest request to impose a double standard by attempting to apply a rule of procedure against the ELN Trust, which she herself has failed to comply with. Indeed, Lynita seeks to exclude the expert reports and testimony of Dan Gerety, CPA and Layne Rushforth, Esq. under NRCP 16.2, even though her own expert witness(es) failed to provide expert witness report(s), and even though she has already stipulated to Mr. Gerety testifying as an expert witness at trial regarding matters pertaining to the ELN Trust and LSN Trust. Noticeably absent from Lynita's Motion in Limine is the fact that the ELN Trust advised her over six months ago that the Trustee had retained Mr. Gerety (an accountant) and Mr. Rushforth (an attorney with expertise in estate planning and NRS Chapter 166) as expert witnesses. Moreover, Lynita has made no effort to depose or otherwise conduct discovery regarding the content or scope of their opinions.

Because Lynita undoubtedly realizes her timeliness argument is spurious, she also contends that Mr. Gerety and Mr. Rushforth should be excluded because their expert opinions are inadmissible at trial. Lynita, however, provides virtually no examples or statements from the expert reports to which she objects. Rather, in a broad stroke, Lynita paints not only the entirety of their reports as inadmissable, but alleges that their testimony at trial is likewise inadmissable. Lynita's inability to point out specific examples of objectionable expert opinion, comes as no surprise as even a cursory review of Mr. Gerety and Mr. Rushforth's reports illustrate that Lynita's sweeping allegations are simply not true.

However, in the event this Court is inclined to grant Lynita's Motion in Limine, the ELN Trust respectfully requests that this Court grant a short continuance so as to afford Lynita more time to try to rebut these expert witness reports, as the ELN Trust will be unduly prejudiced if it were precluded from calling either of Mr. Gerety or Mr. Rushforth as experts at trial.

#### II. OPPOSITION TO MOTION IN LIMINE

### A. NRCP 16.2 DOES NOT GOVERN THE DISCLOSURE OF EXPERT WITNESS REPORTS IN THIS MATTER.

NRCP 16.2 does not govern the disclosure of an expert witness report in a trial that has already commenced.<sup>1</sup> Indeed, NRCP 16.2(a)(3)(B) provides that "a party who retains or specially employs a witness to provide expert testimony in the case . . . shall deliver to the opposing party a written report prepared and signed by the witness, within 60 days *before trial*." (*Emphasis Added*). Said rule clearly pertains to the disclosure of expert witness reports before a trial commences as opposed to during the pendency of trial. In the instant action, trial commenced on or around August 30, 2010, and this Court has already heard seven days of trial testimony. Consequently, the sixty day deadline set forth in NRCP 16.2(a)(3)(B) does not apply.

Upon information and belief, this Court never intended the sixty day deadline set forth in NRCP 16.2(a)(3)(B) to govern the disclosure of expert witness reports for the continued trial. This is evidenced by the fact that this Court repeatedly instructed the Parties to confer and agree upon discovery deadlines. In fact, Lynita's Counsel admits in his July 9, 2012, e-mail that Counsel did have a number of discussions regarding discovery deadlines, but an agreement was never formally reached in writing. Noticeably absent from the July 9, 2012, e-mail is that Lynita's Counsel suggested that the discovery deadline expire one (1) week before the continuance of trial on July 16, 2012,<sup>2</sup> on

In addition, Lynita's reliance upon NRCP 16.1 is perplexing as she freely admits that in her Motion in Limine that NRCP 16.1 only applies in civil actions not involving domestic relations.

The fact that the discovery deadline had not expired when the ELN Trust disclosed Mr. Gerety or Mr. Rushforth's expert witness were disclosed is evidenced by the fact that they served a Subpoena Duces Tecum upon Bank of America on July 2, 2012, requesting the production of

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25 **9826**  took Lynita's Counsel's suggestion at face value and has operated under the belief that discovery would remain open until at least one week before the continuance of trial on July 16, 2012. Lynita 's Counsel never indicated that they believed and/or intended for expert reports to become due sixty days before the continuance of the trial on July 16, 2012, until after said deadline expired. If that was their intent, they had a duty to inform the ELN Trust of the same prior the expiration of such unannounced deadline. Lynita cannot now, after suggesting that discovery remain open until July 9, 2012, unilaterally rely upon an inapplicable discovery deadline under NRCP 16.2, when she failed to come to an agreement with the ELN Trust on separate discovery deadlines as directed by this Court.

at least two separate occasions, a suggestion the ELN Trust never opposed. Indeed, the ELN Trust

Lynita has additionally waived her right to rely upon the enforcement of NRCP 16.2(a)(3) in this matter because she has blatantly ignored the rule upon which she now relies. Indeed, Joe Leauanae, Lynita's accounting expert witness, testified at his deposition on July 27, 2010, one month before the August 30, 2010, trial that he had not issued any written reports in this case and that he did not know whether he would be providing a report at all:

- Have you issued any written reports in this case? Q:
- **A**:
- Do you anticipate issuing a written report in this case? Q:
- I don't know. **A**:
- What would make that decision for you? Mr. Dicerson asking Q: for it or something like that, or is there some understanding on your part already?
- Discussions with Lynita and her counsel.<sup>3</sup> A:

To date, Mr. Leauanae has not provided an expert witness report. Lynita's failure to submit a report for Mr. Leauanae was raised by Mr. Jimmerson on the first day of trial on August 30, 2010. Further, it is unclear whether Lynita complied with NRCP 16.2(a)(3) with respect to her other expert witness, Melissa Attanasio. In addition, Lynita failed to comply with NRCP 16.2(a)(3) with respect to Jeffrey

documents on July 6, 2012, which was the date Mr. Gerety's expert witness report was disclosed.

See Deposition Transcript of Joseph L. Leauanae at p. 24, 1. 25 - p. 25, 1. 9, attached hereto as Exhibit 1.

Burr, Esq., who provided expert witness testimony on November 22, 2010, despite the fact that he did not produce an expert witness report. Additionally, upon information and belief, Lynita intends to illicit additional expert opinions from Mr. Burr at the continued trial on July 16, 2012. For these reasons, this Court should deny Lynita's Motion in Limine in its entirety.

B. NRCP 16.2 GRANTS THIS COURT AUTHORITY TO EXTEND THE DEADLINE FOR EXCHANGE OF EXPERT REPORTS OR RELIEVE A PARTY OF THE DUTY TO PREPARE A WRITTEN REPORT.

In the unlikely event that this Court finds that the ELN Trust did not comply with NRCP 16.2(a)(3), this Court should exercise its authority to extend the deadline to exchange expert reports or relieve the ELN Trust of the duty to disclose expert reports altogether for the reasons stated above. Additionally, this Court should exercise its authority to extend the deadline for the reasons cited below.

1. The ELN Trust Timely Identified Mr. Gerety And Mr. Rushforth As Expert Witnesses And Their Expert Witness Reports Do Not Prejudice Lynita.

Lynita's contention that the ELN Trust only recently disclosed Mr. Gerety and Mr. Rushforth as expert witnesses is nonsensical as counsel for the ELN Trust advised this Court and Lynita's counsel that the ELN Trust intended to retain "a forensic accountant and a trust expert [to] testify as to the trust issues" on August 24, 2011.<sup>4</sup> Further, the ELN Trust specifically identified Mr. Gerety and Mr. Rushforth as expert witnesses on at least the following occasions:

- 1. On December 13, 2011, Lynita's counsel confirmed that they had been informed by counsel for the ELN Trust that they intended to retain Dan Gerety and Layne Rushforth.<sup>5</sup>
- 2. On March 6, 2012, the ELN Trust filed its Motion for Attorneys Fees and Costs seeking the payment to "Gerety & Associates, CPA, the ELN Trust's expert witness" who was in the process of preparing an expert witness report and behalf of the ELN Trust, and "The Rushforth Firm, the ELN Trust's other expert witness in this matter" who was also in the process of preparing an

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See id.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> See December 13, 2011, Hearing VTS: 14:30:34.

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expert witness report on behalf of the ELN Trust.<sup>6</sup>

- On May 23, 2012, the ELN Trust once again confirmed that they had retained 3. Mr. Gerety to prepare a tracing of the ELN Trust shortly after it was named a party in August 2011.<sup>7</sup> Further, the ELN Trust expressed concern that Lynita and/or the LSN Trust had not done the same, as it believed Lynita had already done so through her forensic accountant, Joseph Leauanae
- On June 16, 2012, the ELN Trust confirmed that it had retained expert 4. witnesses and that their reports would be forthcoming.8

The Court should also deny the Motion in Limine because Mr. Gerety and Mr. Rushforth's expert reports do not prejudice Lynita. The purpose of an expert report is to "prevent an ambush at trial." "Thus whether a late disclosure is prejudicial depends on whether the expert testimony was unexpected and left the other party without adequate opportunity to prepare for it."10 Courts refuse to strike expert reports when a party has timely identified its expert witness. For example, in BFI Waste System of North America v. Dekalb County, Georgia, 303 F.Supp. 2d 1335 (N.D. Ga. 2004), the court denied the defendants' motion to strike an untimely written report. Although the court acknowledged in BFI Waste System that the report was untimely, it refused to strike the report because: (1) the defendants did not seek to depose the expert after receiving the expert report; (2) the defendants did not argue that the expert was not qualified as an expert; (3) the defendants did not seek additional time to evaluate the expert's method; (4) the plaintiff timely identified the expert; and (5) there was no indication that the defendants ever intended to introduce their own expert to rebut the

*Id*.

See Motion for Payment of Attorneys' Fees and Costs, previously filed on March 6, 2012, on file herein.

See Opposition to Motion for Court Order Directing Larry Bertsch to Examine Transactions, previously filed on May 23, 2012, on file herein.

See Response to New Issues Raised in Lynita Nelson's Reply to Opposition to Motion for Court Order Directing Larry Bertsch to Examine Transactions, previously filed June 18, 2012, on file herein.

Michelone v. Desmarais, 25 Fed. Appx. 155, 158 (4th Cir. 2008) (quoting Ortiz-Lopez v. Sociedad Espanola de Auxilio Mutuo Y Beneficiencia de Puerto Rico, 248 F.3d 29, 35 (1st Cir. 2001)).

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plaintiff's expert.<sup>11</sup> "All of these factors lead the Court to conclude that the expert report need not be excluded."<sup>12</sup>

The considerations in BFI Waste System apply to this case as well because the ELN Trust timely put Lynita on notice: (1) that it planned to retain and use expert witnesses; (2) of the identity of said experts; (3) of the experts' area of specialties; and (4) of what issues the experts would opine on. Having received notice of the ELN Trust's plan to use Mr. Gerety and Mr. Rushforth as expert witnesses, Lynita had ample time to depose them. Lynita chose not to. At no point in time did Lynita propound interrogatories regarding Mr. Gerety or Mr. Rushforth's opinions, or serve requests for production of documents or a subpoena duces tecum requesting copies of documents received/review by Mr. Gerety or Mr. Rushforth. Further, Lynita never asked for copies of said reports or even inquire as to the status of the same. After the ELN Trust produced the expert reports, the ELN Trust informed Lynita's Counsel that they would make Mr. Gerety and Mr. Rushforth immediately available for depositions during the week of July 9, 2012.<sup>13</sup> Still, Lynita chose not to take their depositions. Lynita cannot, in good faith, argue that the ELN Trust's production of Mr. Gerety or Mr. Rushforth's reports are prejudicial when she has declined to depose Mr. Gerety or Mr. Rushforth and/or otherwise retain expert witnesses to testify regarding the issues contained within their reports, when she had prior notice of their retention and where counsel had identified the scope of their reports.

Further, any prejudice suffered by Lynita is a result of her, not the ELN Trust's, failure to timely to disclose expert witnesses and reports. It is no secret that the fundamental issues regarding the ELN Trust are its validity and whether the ELN Trust and LSN Trust were funded with Eric and Lynita's community or separate property. Despite the fact that the ELN Trust is presumed valid, and

<sup>24</sup> Id. at 1345.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> *Id.* 

The ELN Trust would have also allowed Lynita to depose Mr. Rushforth at any time after his expert witness report was disclosed on June 27, 2012; however, Lynita never made such request.

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Lynita bears the burden to show that the ELN Trust is invalid,<sup>14</sup> she failed to retain a trust expert to testify regarding this issue. Rather, her consistent approach has been to attempt to shift the burden to Eric and the ELN Trust to prove that the ELN Trust is valid and separately funded.

Similarly, apparently Lynita failed to retain an accountant to perform a tracing even though she bears the burden to prove by clear and convincing evidence that "[t]ransmutation from separate to community property" occurred. Lynita obviously recognized the importance of a tracing months ago when she requested that Mr. Bertsch conduct a tracing of any and all assets belonging to the ELN Trust and LSN Trust, which this Court denied on July 11, 2012. To be quite frank, the ELN Trust was dumbfounded when it learned that Lynita and/or the LSN Trust were taking the position that the Separate Property Agreement somehow does not constitute clear and convincing evidence that Eric

Where a settlor complies with all of the statutory requirements necessary to make a valid will and trust, such documents are presumed to be valid. In Nevada, a will is presumed to be valid unless proven otherwise by clear and convincing evidence. See NRS 133.040 (holding that a will is valid so long as it meets the formalities set forth under statute). See also In re Estate of Riley, 479 P.2d 1 (Wash. 1970) (holding that a will is presumed to be valid, and the burden is upon the contestants to prove the contrary by clear, cogent, and convincing evidence"); Succession of McLean, 580 So.2d 935, 939 (La. Ct. App. 1991) (stating that the provisions of a will are presumed to be valid where is no reason to presume otherwise). Likewise, a trust enjoys a similar presumption. See, e.g., In re Foster's Estate, 82 Nev. 97, 102, 411 P.2d 482, 484-85 (1966) (recognizing that an instrument shall constitute a valid trust in Nevada as long as it indicates and intention to create a trust and identifies the beneficiaries thereof). Once a proponent of a will has offered prima facie proof that the will was duly executed, contestant then assumes the burden of proving a lack of testamentary capacity, including a lack of sound mind, by a preponderance of the evidence. In re Peterson's Estate, 77 Nev. 87, 360 P.2d 259 (1961). Such presumption also applies to the challenge to a trust or other contract. See, e.g., General Motors v. Jackson, 111 Nev. 1026, 1031, 900 P.2d 345, 349 (1995).

Sprenger v. Sprenger, 110 Nev. 855, 858 (1994)(citing In re Marriage of Weaver, Cal.App.3d 478, 273 (Cal. 1990). See also NRS 123.310; Petition of Fuller, 63 Nev. 26, 36 (1945) ("[A] husband may convey all his interest in community property to his wife either for a valuable consideration, or by way of gift. But the evidence necessary to show a transmutation of community property into separate property must be of a clear and convincing character."); Barrett v. Franke, 46 Nev. 170, 208 P. 435, 437 (1922) ("The right of the spouses in their separate property is as sacred as is the right in their community property, and when it is once made to appear that property was once of a separate character, it will be presumed that it maintains that character until some direct evidence to the contrary is made to appear.").

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Solowor Chevenne 3 (207) 8 (208) W 1782 V 1783 V 1783 V 1783 V 1783 V 1784 V 17 and Lynita transmuted all of their community property to separate property. The purpose behind Mr. Gerety and Mr. Rushforth's report and testimony was to actually anticipate and rebut evidence and/or expert opinions introduced by Lynita; however, to date, she has done neither. In light of the foregoing, this Court should recognize that Lynita's Motion in Limine is nothing more than an attempt to shift blame to the ELN Trust for her failure/inability to adequately prepare for the upcoming continued trial.

### 2. THE ELN TRUST WAS UNABLE TO COMPLETE AND SUBMIT EXPERT WITNESS REPORT UNTIL ITS EXPERT WITNESSES WERE PAID.

The ELN Trust was unable to submit expert witness reports sixty days prior to the continuance of trial on July 16, 2012, because this Court only recently granted the ELN Trust authority to pay its expert witness fees. Indeed, on March 7, 2012, the ELN Trust filed its Motion for Payment of Attorneys' Fees and Costs, which sought, amongst other things, the payment of expert witness fees. Said motion was not ruled upon until June 5, 2012, which was less than sixty days prior to the July 2012 trial continuation. Lynita has previously discounted this argument based on her self-serving belief that such a request was improper as Eric and/or the ELN Trust had paid its fees in the past without seeking Court approval; however, given Lynita's constant objections to any money spent by Eric and/or the ELN Trust (even though she spends assets belonging to the LSN Trust in anyway she deems fit), the ELN Trust was left with no choice but to file said motion. The necessity of such filing is further exemplified by the fact that the Court only granted limited fees to pay the expert witnesses, recognizing that the ELN Trust was prudent in seeking an order before paying the experts from any source. After the Motion for Payment of Attorneys' Fees and Costs was granted in part, Mr. Gerety was on vacation for one week thereby necessitating additional time to complete his report.

Lynita also seems to contend that the ELN Trust was somehow lackadaisical in preparing expert reports because it filed its Notice of Appearance on August 19, 2011. Said contention could not be any further from the truth. Further, Lynita ignores the fact that the scope of said reports did not become clear until after the February 23, 2012, hearing when this Court ruled on the ELN Trust's Motion to Dismiss and dismissed the majority of Lynita's claims. Despite this Court's express ruling

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at the February 23, 2012, hearing, Lynita continued to make a frivolous argument that NRS 78 somehow applied, which this Court summarily rejected in its recent ruling July 11, 2012. As this Court will certainly recall, on September 30, 2011, Lynita filed a frivolous Third-Party Complaint naming numerous defendants and alleging spurious claims. Not only did Lynita's Third-Party Complaint waste judicial resources, but it also inhibited the ELN Trust and its experts' ability to complete their expert reports.

Even after the issues were narrowed, it took the experts a tremendous amount of time to look at the thousands of transactions that occurred from 2001 to present. To the extent that documents could not be located, the ELN Trust was forced to request said documents from banks and other sources. Further, some of the documents were in the possession of Lynita's expert witness who refused to comply with the ELN Trust's request to return the same based on instructions that he received from Lynita's Counsel. This Court is undoubtedly familiar with this issue as it recently ordered Lynita's expert to return the same.

### C. THIS COURT SHOULD NOT EXCLUDE THE EXPERT WITNESS REPORTS OF MR. GERETY OR MR. RUSHFORTH.

1. <u>In Nevada, Expert Testimony is typically Admissible As It Aids The Trier Of Fact In Understanding Evidence And/Or Determining Issues.</u>

"The admission of expert testimony lies within the sound discretion of the district court." Nevada law affords a low threshold for admissibility of expert testimony under NRS 50.275 and only requires a determination that the proffered expert testimony will assist the trier of fact in understanding evidence or determining a fact at issue. As this Court is undoubtably aware, the admissibility of evidence in a bench trial is different from the requirements in jury trials because a judge is capable of disregarding any impropriety and of differentiating between admissible and

Powers v. United Services Auto. Ass'n, 114 Nev. 690, 699, 962 P.2d 596, 602 n.3 (1998).

NRS 50.275 provides "If scientific, technical or other specialized knowledge will assist the trier of fact to understand the evidence or to determine a fact in issue, a witness qualified as an expert by special knowledge, skill, training or education may testify to matters within the scope of such knowledge."

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inadmissible evidence.<sup>18</sup> In a bench trial, the need for an advanced ruling on a motion in limine to exclude evidence is "generally superfluous" and unnecessary because courts are well equipped to make factual and legal determinations regarding the scope of evidence without an advance ruling on the same.<sup>19</sup> If the Court believes that any of Mr. Gerety or Mr. Rushforth's conclusions invade the province of the Court, it can simply disregard them just as it may disregard arguments of counsel. Accordingly, this Court should deny the Motion in Limine to strike Mr. Gerety or Mr. Rushforth's reports and testimony at trial.

2. THE TESTIMONY OF MR. GERETY AND MR. RUSHFORTH IS OFFERED TO ASSIST THE COURT REGARDING THE PRACTICABLE EFFECT OF THE TRUSTS AT ISSUE WITHIN THE CONSTRAINTS OF NEVADA LAW, AND IS BASED UPON RELEVANT FACTUAL ISSUES RAISED BY THE PARTIES.

"Fairness and efficiency dictate that an expert may state an opinion on a mixed question of law and fact as long as the opinion is confined to the relevant issues and is based on proper legal concepts." Similarly, in this case, expert testimony does not solely draw legal conclusions since "the [trier of fact] would still have had to draw its own inference from that predicate testimony to answer the ultimate factual question." Indeed, Nevada law recognizes that "[a]n expert witness may state conclusions on matters within his expert knowledge provided the conclusion is one laymen would not be capable of drawing for themselves."

Mr. Rushforth's opinions referenced in his report are on factual issues, and are based on the

See, e.g., Landis v. American Potash & Chemical Corp., 78 Nev. 424, 437, 375 P.2d 402, 409 (1962) ("The case was tried to the court without a jury. . . [t]he trial judge will be presumed to have relied only upon the admissible evidence without regard to any evidence that was inadmissible.").

See, e.g., United States v. Heller, 551 F.3d 1108, 1112 (9th Cir.), cert. denied, --- U.S. ----, 129 S.Ct. 2419 (2009).

Birchfield v. Texarkana Mem'l Hosp., 747 S.W.2d 361, 365 (Tex. 1987) (interpreting Texas Rule of Evidence 704 which is identical to NRS 50.295).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> U.S. v. Moran, 493 F.3d 1002, 1008 (9th Cir. 2007) (quoting United States v. Morales, 108 F.3d 1031, 1037 (9th Cir. 1997)).

Dawson v. State, 84 Nev. 260, 261, 439 P.2d 472, 473 (1968).

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testimony consists of much more than naked legal conclusions and is predicated on adequately explored factual and legal criteria. Lynita's contention that Mr. Rushforth opines on issues of law ignores the fact that the questions posed by Mr. Rushforth in his report formulate only the basis for his opinion on the facts in issue.<sup>23</sup> Moreover, and notwithstanding Mr. Rushforth's testimony, this Court, as the trier of fact, must still draw its own inference regarding the factual and legal issues in this case. Therefore, Lynita's contention that Mr. Rushforth's opinion includes legal conclusions is merely a tactic to preclude his entire testimony and expert opinion on primary issues before this Court. Significantly, Mr. Rushforth's opinion is entirely consistent with past expert opinions in Nevada and other states. See, e.g., In re Estate of Bowlds, 120 Nev. 990, 994, 102 P.3d 593, 596 (2004) ("Gardner Jolley, Esq., a Las Vegas attorney, testified as a probate expert" regarding estate administration and applied applicable statutory provisions).

NEVADA REVISED STATUTES PERMIT EXPERT TESTIMONY TO "INVADE THE PROVINCE" OF THE FACT FINDER ON ULTIMATE ISSUES. 3.

NRS 50.295 provides that "[t]estimony in the form of an opinion or inference otherwise admissible is not objectionable because it embraces an ultimate issue to be decided by the trier of fact."24 Thus, excluding an expert's testimony on an issue because it is an "ultimate issue of fact for the jury to decide" is, "of course, error of major consequence." In Nevada, experts are permitted

See Bludsworth v. State, 98 Nev. 289, 291, 646 P.2d 558, 559 (1982) (holding that any dispute over the evidence went to its weight and not its admissibility); United States v. Newmont USA Ltd., CV-05-020-JLQ, 2007 WL 4856859 (E.D. Wash. Nov. 16, 2007) ("As a general rule, the factual basis of an expert opinion goes to the credibility of the testimony, not the admissibility, and it is up to the opposing party to examine the factual basis for the opinion in cross-examination.").

See also Porter v. State, 94 Nev. 142, 151, 576 P.2d 275, 281 (1978) ("In Nevada, experts may testify as to ultimate issues of fact, even though such testimony traditionally invaded the province of the jury.") (Gunderson, J., concurring).

<sup>25</sup> Alford v. State, 111 Nev. 1409, 1411, 906 P.2d 714, 715 n.1 (1995) (citing Southern Pacific Co. v. Watkins, 83 Nev. 471, 487, 435 P.2d 498, 508 (1967) (The court recognized that "[t]he clear trend in the law of evidence is [ ] that an expert witness, in his field of expertise may testify to matters which embrace the ultimate issue to be decided by the triers of fact.")).

to invade the province of the fact finder because the trier of fact is free to accept or reject an expert's opinion.<sup>26</sup>

D. Mr. Rushforth's Testimony Assists The Trier Of Fact By Providing Specialized Knowledge Regarding The Separate Property Agreement, Separate Property Trusts, ELN Trust And LSN Trust.

Estate planning attorneys, similar to other specialized areas of law, have "technical, or other specialized knowledge," and therefore are qualified as experts because of their special knowledge. <sup>27</sup> "If the attorney's expert testimony would assist the trier of fact, then it is admissible." Brown v. State, 110 Nev. 846, 852, 877 P.2d 1071, 1075 (1994). See also In re Marriage of Lund, 174 Cal.App.4th 40, 49-50, 94 Cal.Rptr.3d 84, 92-93 (Cal. Ct. App. 2009) (in which the Court admitted the parties' experts, estate planning lawyers, to provide opinion as to whether certain estate planning documents had the effect of transmuting community into separate property); Germain v. Girard, 936 N.E.2d 451 (Mass. Ct. App. 2010) (qualifying a practitioner in estate planning to offer expert testimony about the tax consequences of estate plan and ability of or inability of party to demand principal from trust at her own discretion and the tax consequences of such discretionary access or lack thereof); Rio Grande Valley Gas Co. v. City of Edinburg, 59 S.W.3d 199 (Tex. Ct. App. 2000) (holding that estate planning attorney was qualified to give expert testimony about corporate structures where her testimony was based on her experience in creating and organizing corporations and her testimony satisfied the standards for reliability and relevancy of expert testimony. The Court additionally held that although the expert commented on ultimate issues, the Court found that those ultimate issues were sufficiently mixed with questions of fact to permit admission of her testimony).

The Motion in Limine completely ignores Mr. Rushforth's qualifications and concludes that Mr. Rushforth's report is "nothing more than a legal memorandum purporting to describe and

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See Grondin v. State, 94 Nev. 5, 6, 573 P.2d 205, 206 (1978).

U.S. v. Llera Plaza, 188 F. Supp. 2d 549, 563-64 (E.D. Pa. 2002) (stating that "accountants, vocational experts, accident-reconstruction experts, appraisers of land or of art, experts in tire failure analysis, or others, have technical, or other specialized knowledge, rather than scientific knowledge.").

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interpret Nevada law, and apply the facts of this case to Mr. Rushforth's alleged interpretation of Nevada law." The Motion in Limine also ignores the fact that Mr. Rushforth is in part, being used to rebut the expert witness opinions that Mr. Burr provided in favor of Lynita on November 22, 2010. As this Court will certainly recall, Mr. Burr has not provided an expert report. Mr. Gerety will also be used to respond to Lynita's defenses and cross-examination of Lana Martin, Rochelle McGowan and Shelley Newell on issues pertaining to the ELN Trust.

Mr. Rushforth is more than qualified to render the opinions contained within the scope of his expert report. A simple review of Mr. Rushforth's curriculum vitae attached as Exhibit A to Lynita's Motion in Limine demonstrates that Mr. Rushforth has the experience, specialized knowledge and training to give the opinions in his report regarding to complex trust and estate planning, including Nevada self-settled spendthrift trusts. Mr. Rushforth was on the legislative committee that was responsible for the drafting and implementation of NRS Chapter 166. Consequently, he is familiar with the history and public policy behind NRS Chapter 166. Mr. Rushfoth's expertise in "applying the law" in the field of trust planning speaks for itself, and Lynita fails to support her conclusion that Mr. Rushforth is merely "being offered to advise the Court about Nevada law." It would be impossible for estate planning specialist such as Mr. Rushforth to prepare complex trust and estate documents, including self-settled spendthrift trusts, and to give planning advice to trustors, trustees, and trust beneficiaries, without giving opinions as to how the law - including tax and trust law - apply to the specific situations in question. As a result, this Court should deny Lynita's Motion in Limine.

E. Mr. Gerety Should Also Not Be Excluded From Testifying At Trial, Nor Should His Report Be Excluded, Because Lynita Has Already Stipulated to Mr. Gerety Testifying As An Expert In This Matter.

Mr. Gerety should not be precluded from testifying at the continued trial on July 16, 2012, because Lynita's Counsel, after conducting an extensive voir dire examination qualifying him as an expert witness, already agreed to allowing Mr. Gerety to testify as an expert witness so long as Mr. Jimmerson did not object to Mr. Burr being called as a witness. Throughout his testimony on October 20, 2010, Mr. Gerety provided expert opinions regarding the ELN Trust and LSN Trust. Indeed, Mr. Gerety opined that the ELN Trust and LSN Trust's bank accounts and investments were maintained

separately,<sup>28</sup> and that the ELN Trust kept good records.<sup>29</sup> Further, Mr. Gerety responded to a series of questions presented by Lynita's Counsel regarding the ELN Trust, including, but not limited to the purpose of the ELN Trust and distributions that were made.<sup>30</sup> At the conclusion of his testimony, Mr. Jimmerson specifically reserved the right to recall Mr. Gerety as a witness depending on Mr. Burr's testimony.<sup>31</sup>

In addition to testifying as an expert witness, Mr. Gerety has prepared the tax returns and provided other professional services for the ELN Trust and LSN Trust for a number of years, and as such, has personal knowledge regarding the assets contained therein thereby making him a percipient witness as well.

Lynita also tries to unsuccessfully argue that Mr. Gerety's report is improper because it interprets for the Court "the very same matters addressed by the court's Special Master." As this Court confirmed in its July 11, 2012, Finding of Facts and Order, the scope of Mr. Bertsch's appointment was specifically limited to provide a "forensic accounting intended to provide the Court with an accurate evaluation of the parties' estate." Mr. Bertsch's report did just that by identifying the existence of assets and how said assets were titled. What the reports did not do, because it would exceed Mr. Bertsch's scope of appointment, is perform a tracing of the assets currently owned by the ELN Trust and LSN Trust. For this reason, Lynita filed a motion requesting that Mr. Bertsch trace the source of all current assets held by either the ELN Trust or LSN Trust, which this Court denied on July 11, 2012. Mr. Gerety's report did what Mr. Bertsch's reports did not do: perform a tracing of the ELN Trust from inception through present. Mr. Gerety's report does not address the same matters addressed by Mr. Bertsch, but rather performs the tracing: (1) that this Court repeatedly stated

See Trial Testimony of Dan Gerety at p. 330, ll. 2-7, attached hereto as Exhibit 2.

See id. at pp. 349, ll. 1-25.

See id. at pp. 374-375.

See id. at pp. 400, 11. 3-8.

See Findings of Fact and Order, previously filed on July 11, 2012, on file herein.

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it wanted to see; and (2) Lynita requested when she filed her motion requesting that Mr. Bertsch trace the source of assets held by the ELN Trust. For this reason, Mr. Gerety's report is proper and should not be excluded.

### F. LYNITA'S MOTION IN LIMINE SHOULD BE DENIED AS A MATTER OF LAW BECAUSE THEY ARE UNTIMELY.

EDCR 2.47 provides that a motion in limine "must be in writing and filed not less than 45 days prior to the date set for trial and must be heard not less than 14 days prior to trial." Lynita's contention that she could not file this Motion in Limine within the time period prescribed by EDCR 2.47 is simply not true as the ELN Trust repeatedly informed this Court and Lynita that the expert reports of Mr. Gerety and Mr. Rushforth were forthcoming and that a significant amount of time and expense had been spent in preparing the same. Notwithstanding, Lynita waited until six days before the continued trial date to submit the instant Motion in Limine, despite the fact that Mr. Rushforth's report was disclosed on June 27, 2012. Said Motion in Limine is untimely, and as such, should be denied as a matter of law.

### G. THE MOTION IN LIMINE SHOULD BE DENIED BECAUSE THE RELIEF REQUESTED THEREIN IS OVERBROAD.

Over broad requests for an order in limine must be denied.<sup>33</sup> Generally, instead of ruling on motions requesting an order in limine, "[a] better practice is to deal with questions of admissibility of evidence as they arise" at trial.<sup>34</sup> Lynita's Motion in Limine sweeps much too broadly and should be denied. An unlimited ban on Mr. Gerety and Mr. Rushforth's testimony a week before trial is

See, e.g., Sperberg v. The Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co., 519 F.2d 708, 712 (6th Cir. 1975) (warning against entering "orders in limine that exclude broad categories of evidence"), cert. denied, 423 U.S. 987 (1975); National Union Fire Ins. Co. of Pittsburgh, Pa. v. L.E. Myers Co. Group, 937 F. Supp. 276, 287 (S.D.N.Y. 1996) ("the current motion is too sweeping in scope to be decided in limine.").

Sperberg, 519 F.2d at 712. See also Hawthorne Partners v. AT & T Technologies, Inc., 831 F. Supp. 1398, 1400 (N.D. Ill. 1993) (evidence should be excluded on a motion in limine "only when evidence is clearly inadmissible on all potential grounds ... [and] [u]nless evidence meets this high standard, evidentiary rulings should be deferred until trial").

unwarranted and unnecessary.<sup>35</sup> Such broad relief would exclude evidence relevant to Lynita's allegations and the ELN Trust's defenses. Further, granting Lynita's Motion in Limine would not preclude her experts from testifying about accounting issues pertaining to the ELN Trust and LSN Trust, even though they never submitted expert reports. Thus, not only is Lynita's requested relief over broad, but such testimony sought to be excluded would be offered to contradict other testimony anticipated at trial, and therefore the wholesale striking of the ELN Trust's experts must be rejected.

The preferred method for dealing with Lynita's objection is on an instance-by-instance occasion at trial wherein she will have the opportunity to not only object to Mr. Gerety and Mr. Rushforth's testimony as presented, but also have the ability to cross-examine their proffered opinions and methods, and present opposing argument and opinion in support of her case. Such method not only guarantees that this Court will have the best evidence presented before it from which to render its decision, but also guarantees a due and adversarial process to all parties.

### H. LYNITA'S REQUEST FOR ATTORNEYS' FEES AND COSTS ARE UNWARRANTED.

As evidenced by the fact that two separate attorneys' filed substantially similar motions regarding substantially similar issues, Lynita is trying to run-up attorneys' fees and costs based on her belief that this Court is inclined to grant her attorneys' fees and costs incurred in this Divorce Proceeding. Lynita's attorneys' fees and costs are unwarranted because: (1) the ELN Trust complied with the Rules of Civil Procedure and this Court's specific instruction; and (2) Lynita is seeking to hold the ELN Trust to a different standard than as applied to herself, as she failed to provide an expert report for Mr. Leauanae prior to the commencement of trial on August 30, 2010. Further, Lynita's Counsel did not make a good-faith effort to resolve this matter prior to filing the Motion in Limine as they merely demanded that the ELN Trust agree to their unreasonable request to withdraw the reports. This "take it or leave it" mentality does not constitute trying to resolve an issue in good faith.

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Lynita's request to strike the ELN Trust's Pre-Trial Memorandum because it attaches a copy of Mr. Rushforth's report is equally misguided. In the unlikely event this Court agrees with Lynita's unfounded position that Mr. Rushforth's report is improper, the logical approach would be for this Court to strike the report as opposed to the Pre-Trial Memorandum in its entirety.

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#### III. COUNTERMOTION TO CONTINUE THE JULY 16, 2012, TRIAL

In the event this Court is inclined to grant the Motion in Limine, the ELN Trust respectfully requests this court to continue this matter to give Lynita sufficient time to attempt to rebut Mr. Gerety and Mr. Rushforth's report. A court may grant a continuance upon a showing of good cause, <sup>36</sup> which will not be overturned absent abuse of discretion. <sup>37</sup> Such latitude and discretion supports the well-settled policy of this State that cases should be decided on their merits. <sup>38</sup> [C]ontinuances should be liberally granted, especially when the continuance is sought because of a claim of insufficient time to conduct discovery. <sup>39</sup>

Although the Motion in Limine were brought in bad faith as Lynita was advised that the ELN Trust had retained Mr. Gerety and Mr. Rushforth in 2011, the ELN Trust will be severely prejudiced if the Motion in Limine are granted. Consequently, a short continuance is appropriate in lieu of striking the ELN Trust's expert witness reports and precluding Mr. Gerety and Mr. Rushforth from testifying at trial.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>36</sup> Southern Pacific Transportation Co. v. Fitzgerald, 94 Nev. 241, 243, 577 P.2d 1234 (1978); Sheeketski v. Bortoli, 86 Nev. 704, 708, 475 P.2d 675, 678 (1970).

EDCR 1.90(b)(5) ("The trial shall go forward on the date originally set, unless the court grants a continuance upon a showing of good cause."); see also EDCR 7.30.

See, e.g., Kahn v. Orme, 108 Nev. 510, 835 P.2d 790 (1992) ("Nevada's . . . basic underlying policy that cases should be decided on the merits . . ."); Price v. Dunn, 106 Nev. 100, 787 P.2d 785 (1990); Yochum v. Davis, 98 Nev. 484, 487, 653 P.2d 1215, 1217 (1982); Hotel Last Frontier v. Frontier Prop., 79 Nev. 150, 380 P.2d 293 (1963).

Lewis v. St. Cloud State Univ., 693 N.W.2d 466, 475 (Minn. Ct. App. 2005)

### IV. **CONCLUSION** witness and disclose an expert witness report.

In light of the foregoing, the Motion in Limine should be denied in their entirety. Alternatively, this Court should grant a brief continuance so as to allow Lynita to retain an expert

DATED this 13th day of July, 2012.

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LYNITA NELSON,

Defendant.

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- 1 A. Not right now.
- Q. And what remains to be done, as I understand
- 3 your testimony, is you need to meet more with
- 4 Mr. Nicolatus to discuss good will issues from his
- 5 perception.
- 6 A. I would say that those discussions, and
- 7 Mr. Nicolatus and I have been involved in other cases
- 8 where we've been able to successfully settle valuation
- 9 issues just because a lot of it comes down to the
- 10 availability of information, and what's changed since
- 11 that information was last updated. So determining the
- 12 value of the good will is perhaps more an exercise in
- 13 art than it is in science at this point.
- 14 Q. I believe that.
- 15 As far as missing information, what
- 16 information would you -- may you still need in order
- 17 to come -- to arrive at that good will valuation.
- 18 A. Just because in Nevada we have to update
- 19 through the date of trial, just whatever information
- 20 exists from the last date of information we have to
- 21 right now.
- Q. As I understand your testimony, you're not
- 23 sure what the last date of information was?
- 24 A. That's correct.
- Q. Have you issued any written reports in this

Page 25 1 case? 2 No. Α. Do you anticipate issuing a written report 3 Q. in this case? 4 I don't know. A. What would make that decision for you? Q. 6 Mr. Dickerson asking for it or something like that, or 7 is there some understanding on your part already? 8 Discussions with Lynita and her counsel. 9 A. Looking at your work to put together the Q. 10 valuation that you've done and the forensic 11 accounting, within Anthem Forensics, who's assisted 12 you in putting this together? 13 I've had various staff assist me, but the 14 A. most assistance has been provided by Kyle Vaden. 15 Would you spell his last name, please? 16 Q. Yes, V as in Victor, a-d as in David, e-n as 17 A. in Nancy. 18 And does Kyle have a title within Anthem 19 Q. Forensics? 20 21 Associate. Associate. And does he have a degree? 22 Q. 23 Yes, he does. Α. What's his degree? 24 Q. 25 Master's in accounting. Α.

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1	A No.		
2	Q Is there any bank account that is owned by Eric and		
3	Lynita Nelson?		
4	A Not that I'm aware of, no.		
5	Q So they have separate bank accounts and they		
6	maintain their investments separately.		
7	A Everything I have reviewed shows that.		
8	Q And that's been in place now for several years		
9	predating this divorce.		
10	A That is correct.		
11	Q Now so I I like now to return to the loss		
12	carryforwards. What is the effect of because of the		
13	discord that exists between the majority shareholders of		
14	Dynasty I'm sorry, the majority shareholders of Silver		
15	Slipper and the minority interest to the Nelsons, there may be		
16	differences on how to operate that asset, you know, continuing		
17	to operate it, selling it.		
18	I mean, there's different things. Filing bankruptcy		
19	to cram down debt that that is suffocating the company. I		
20	mean, there's a lot of different choices, agree?		
21	A There's always even when people are in a work		
22	together well there's disagreements.		
23	Q Okay. All right. And so for purposes of of the		
24	tax return, Mr. Nelson's tax return, how do you report		

entity under state law. 2 MR. JIMMERSON: It's what a revocable trust is. 3 THE WITNESS: Right. Well, it but -- the quest --MR. DICKERSON: Do you want to testify? 4 5 MR. JIMMERSON: Okay. But what is -- I don't know what you're confusing --THE WITNESS: I think what you --7 MR. JIMMERSON: An revocable trust is created by 8 every grantor and there the trustee. THE WITNESS: What I think you're --10 11 MR. DICKERSON: That's an irrevocable trust, Jim. MR. JIMMERSON: No, it's a revocable trust. Go 12 ahead. 13 THE WITNESS: Whether --14 BY MR. DICKERSON: Whoa. Whoa. We're talking about an 16 irrevocable trust, aren't we? 18 Α Yes. Okay. And the pur -- purpose of making irrevocable 19 Q 20 is to protect the assets from creditors, correct? 21 Α That's one purpose, yes. 22 And what are the other --Q. There could be other purposes. 23 A 24 Q Now if you take a look at the provisions of this

just lists her -- here is the spouse. Q Okay. And then it goes the names of five -- now living Α children. List there. And -- and they shall appear under be referred. So it's your understand that Lynita --6 That's the children of the trustee and also be 7 Α permissible beneficiaries. So that's all one sentence with the children, but it never says anything about Lynita being a 10 beneficiary. So you understand the stress not to include Lynita 11 Q as a beneficiary. 12 That's how I read this section 2.1, yes. Actually, 13 A 14 | it's -- I think it's pretty clear. Okay. Now with respect to the -- let's go in 15 Q reverse order. Well, first of all, let's start with the --16 the cast -- the lost carryforwards that Eric Nelson has available to him. What -- are -- does he have any loss 18 carryforwards that the sources from something other than 19 20 | Silver Slipper? 21 Yes. If you go to the form 6198. Α What page is that? 22 It starts on Page 30 is the Silver Slipper. 23 Α well, I take that back. It looks like it's just the Silver 24

A It's -- yes.

Q Thank you, s

MR. JIMMERSO

Thank you, sir. I have nothing further.

MR. JIMMERSON: At this time I don't either. I'd like to have the -- reserve the right to recall him. Maybe we can have a preliminary discussion with Mr. Berr on the stand and Mr. Geraty, because I -- I want to be right on this.

Judge, you can order it be divide it in half if you -- if -- if you -- if you decide Eric can buy this, that will solve it.

Eric does not buy this, you know, then you divide it in half. You can issue an order that transfers that. The problem is it -- you don't have the ability to bind the IRS in the assessment. That's the heartache here. And we're trying to find a way that Lynita can enjoy the same benefits if you go down the road of -- of Mississippi.

The other -- the other part of that of course is as we're going through this case is that it may not be wise to divide the asset in half if you have a \$3,000,000 one person obligation which is why we brought this up, because I want Lynita to know the can of worms she's going be taking if she gets involved in half of Mississippi, that's all.

MR. DICKERSON: And you know something, we --

THE COURT: I -- I think the issue is for the --

MR. DICKERSON: -- we --

MR. JIMMERSON: And that's okay.

2 THE COURT: Of course after you get my decision maybe we'll go through -- we wanted to go to a different judge, but that's all. 5 Thanks everyone for your time and your -- I do 6 appreciate --7 MR. DICKERSON: You too as well. 8 THE COURT: It's getting better, but the -- the order of the court might do appreciate that, the first couple 10 of tents and we still get some tent sections, but I do 11 appreciate that. I think we're getting there with everybody 12 being respectful to each other and I do appreciate it on behalf of the Court and for the parties. 13 MR. JIMMERSON: Thank you, Judge. 14 15 MR. DICKERSON: Thank you. 16 MS. NELSON: Thank you, Your Honor. 17 18 I do hereby certify that I have truly and ATTEST: correctly transcribe the digital proceedings in the above-19 entitled case to the best of my ability. 20 21 22

MR. DICKERSON: Great.

Thank you.

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