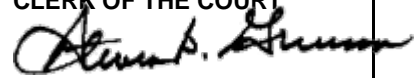


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DISTRICT COURT

CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

WYNN RESORTS, LIMITED, a Nevada
Corporation,

Case No.: A-12-656710-B

Dept. No.: XI

Plaintiff,

vs.

**NOTICE OF EXPEDITED
CONSIDERATION BY SUPREME
COURT**

KAZUO OKADA, an individual, ARUZE
USA, INC., a Nevada corporation, and
UNIVERSAL ENTERTAINMENT CORP., a
Japanese corporation,

Defendants.

AND ALL RELATED CLAIMS

Wynn Resorts hereby gives notice to this Court that the Nevada Supreme Court has established an expedited briefing schedule on Wynn Resorts' petition concerning application of the Business Judgment Rule. A copy of the Supreme Court's order for expedited briefing is attached hereto as Exhibit A. Wynn Resorts submits that the Supreme Court's decision to expedite consideration of the writ petition further supports its pending motion for stay.

DATED this 14th day of December, 2017.

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*ORDER GRANTING MOTIONS
AND DIRECTING EXPEDITED ANSWER*

This petition for a writ of mandamus or prohibition challenges a district court order granting in part and denying in part summary judgment. Petitioner's December 5, 2017, motion for leave to file volumes II and III of its appendix under seal is granted. SRCR 3(4)(b), (7). The clerk of this court shall file under seal volumes II and III of the appendix, provisionally received on December 8, 2017.

Further, Steve A. Wynn has moved for leave to intervene as a petitioner in this proceeding, asserting that petitioner Wynn Resorts, Limited, does not oppose his intervention and that he will join in the previously filed petition. The December 8, 2017, motion for leave to intervene is granted; the clerk of this court shall modify the caption to add Steve A. Wynn as a petitioner in this proceeding.

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Finally, having reviewed the petition, it appears that an answer may assist this court in resolving this matter. Therefore, real parties in interest, on behalf of respondents, shall have until December 22, 2017, to file and serve an answer, including authorities, against issuance of the requested writ. NRAP 21(b)(1). Thereafter, petitioners shall have until December 29, 2017, to file and serve any reply to the answer.

It is so ORDERED.

Cherry, C.J.

cc: Hon. Elizabeth Goff Gonzalez, Chief Judge
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**ORDER DENYING PETITION
FOR WRIT OF MANDAMUS OR PROHIBITION**

This original petition for a writ of mandamus or prohibition challenges an October 31, 2017, district court order imposing sanctions on petitioner for violating a November 2016 discovery order compelling the production of certain documents located in Macau.

Mandamus and prohibition are extraordinary remedies, available only when the petitioner has no "plain, speedy and adequate remedy in the ordinary course of law." NRS 34.170; NRS 34.330; *see also D.R. Horton, Inc. v. Eighth Judicial Dist. Court*, 123 Nev. 468, 474, 168 P.3d 731, 736 (2007). The right to appeal in the future, after a final judgment is ultimately entered, generally constitutes an adequate and speedy legal

remedy precluding writ relief. *Id.* “Whether a future appeal is sufficiently adequate and speedy necessarily turns on the underlying proceedings’ status, the types of issues raised in the writ petition, and whether a future appeal will permit this court to meaningfully review the issues presented.” *Id.* at 474-75, 168 P.3d at 736.

Having considered the petition and supporting documents, we are not satisfied that our intervention is warranted at this time. This case has been pending in the district court since 2012, several interlocutory issues of substantial magnitude already have been addressed by this court, *see, e.g., Wynn Resorts, Ltd. v. Eighth Judicial Dist. Court*, 133 Nev., Adv. Op. 52, 399 P.3d 334 (2017); *Okada v. Eighth Judicial Dist. Court*, 131 Nev., Adv. Op. 83, 359 P.3d 1106 (2015), and the underlying proceedings are approaching a set trial date. Moreover, although we do not decide the merits of the petition here, the district court applied the relevant authority in deciding the sanctions request and allowed petitioner to purge the sanctions upon compliance with the discovery order, rendering the sanctions less than final. Although petitioner claims that the district court’s order will impact or influence future pretrial litigation decisions, such does not defeat meaningful review on appeal, and the issues will likely be even further developed at trial. Given this and the upcoming trial date, we decline to exercise our discretion to consider this writ petition. *D.R. Horton*, 123 Nev. at 475, 168 P.3d at 737 (recognizing this

court's broad discretion in determining whether to consider a writ petition).
Accordingly, we

ORDER the petition DENIED.¹

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¹In light of this order, the following pending motions are denied as moot: (1) the November 20, 2017, motion for a stay; (2) the November 21, 2017, motion to file appendices under seal and redact portions of the petition; and (3) the November 28, 2017, motion to intervene. The clerk of this court shall return, unfiled, the proposed appendix to petition, provisionally received on November 21, 2017.

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*ORDER DENYING PETITION
FOR WRIT OF MANDAMUS OR PROHIBITION*

This original petition for a writ of mandamus or prohibition challenges a June 14, 2017, district court order granting a motion to compel production of certain communications with petitioner's accountants.

Mandamus and prohibition are extraordinary remedies, available only when the petitioner has no "plain, speedy and adequate remedy in the ordinary course of law." NRS 34.170; NRS 34.330; *see also D.R. Horton, Inc. v. Eighth Judicial Dist. Court*, 123 Nev. 468, 474, 168 P.3d 731, 736 (2007). The right to appeal in the future, after a final judgment is ultimately entered, generally constitutes an adequate and speedy legal

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Having considered the petition, answer, reply, and supporting documents, we are not satisfied that our intervention is warranted at this time. This case has been pending in the district court since 2012, several interlocutory issues of substantial magnitude already have been addressed by this court, *see, e.g., Wynn Resorts, Ltd. v. Eighth Judicial Dist. Court*, 133 Nev., Adv. Op. 52, 399 P.3d 334 (2017); *Okada v. Eighth Judicial Dist. Court*, 131 Nev., Adv. Op. 83, 359 P.3d 1106 (2015), and the underlying proceedings are approaching a set trial date. Moreover, petitioner seeks relief from a discovery order compelling the disclosure of certain accounting documents, but this court rarely entertains writ petitions addressed to discovery issues, generally intervening only when “the resulting prejudice would not only be irreparable, but of a magnitude that could require the imposition of such drastic remedies as dismissal with prejudice or other similar sanctions.” *Wardleigh v. Second Judicial Dist. Court*, 111 Nev. 345, 351, 891 P.2d 1180, 1184 (1995). Although petitioner claims that the district court’s order allows the disclosure of privileged information and as a result meaningful review on appeal could be compromised, we conclude that the issues presented herein are not of such a magnitude so as to require our extraordinary and rare intervention, given the upcoming trial date. Accordingly, we decline to exercise our discretion to consider this writ petition, *D.R. Horton*, 123 Nev. at 475, 168 P.3d at 737 (recognizing this

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¹In light of this order, we vacate the stay of the district court's June 14, 2017, order compelling production, which was granted by the court of appeals on August 8, 2017, and continued by this court on November 30, 2017.

EXHIBIT B

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*ORDER DENYING PETITION
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This original petition for a writ of mandamus or prohibition challenges an August 25, 2017, district court oral ruling concluding that the work-product privilege does not apply to certain Freeh report documents.

Mandamus and prohibition are extraordinary remedies, available only when the petitioner has no “plain, speedy and adequate remedy in the ordinary course of law.” NRS 34.170; NRS 34.330; *see also D.R. Horton, Inc. v. Eighth Judicial Dist. Court*, 123 Nev. 468, 474, 168 P.3d 731, 736 (2007). The right to appeal in the future, after a final judgment is ultimately entered, generally constitutes an adequate and speedy legal remedy precluding writ relief. *Id.* “Whether a future appeal is sufficiently adequate and speedy necessarily turns on the underlying proceedings’

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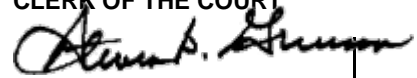
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Defendants	.	Transcript of
	.	Proceedings
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BEFORE THE HONORABLE ELIZABETH GONZALEZ, DISTRICT COURT JUDGE

HEARING ON MOTION TO STAY AND VARIOUS OTHER MOTIONS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2017

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1 LAS VEGAS, NEVADA, MONDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2017, 8:08 A.M.

2 (Court was called to order)

3 THE COURT: Good morning. I'd like to start with
4 the motion to stay.

5 Mr. Bice, why do you think this is a notice of
6 expedited hearing -- expedited consideration?

7 MR. BICE: What's that, Your Honor?

8 THE COURT: I know the Supreme Court for a long
9 time.

10 MR. BICE: Yes, Your Honor.

11 THE COURT: And this order that you attached as
12 Exhibit A doesn't say anything about expedited consideration.

13 MR. BICE: Well, I disagree, Your Honor. I mean,
14 the fact that --

15 THE COURT: Just says they ordered an answer.

16 MR. BICE: No. They ordered an answer and they
17 ordered it on an expedited basis and they ordered us to
18 expedite our reply. Their answer is due by December the 22nd.

19 THE COURT: Yes.

20 MR. BICE: Our reply is due by December the 29th.

21 THE COURT: So you think that's an expedited
22 proceeding?

23 MR. BICE: Absolutely.

24 THE COURT: Okay.

25 MR. BICE: The normal rule is 30 days for a

1 opposition and 30 days for reply.

2 THE COURT: Not always on writs. On writs they
3 frequently set their own schedule.

4 MR. BICE: Your Honor, my experience is this is a
5 very expedited schedule from the Supreme Court.

6 THE COURT: Given the holiday season, probably so.

7 MR. BICE: So, Your Honor, our point here, Your
8 Honor, is we've been here several times, the Court has raised
9 this question with us. This is our motion to stay this case
10 in light of our petition to the Supreme Court concerning the
11 scope of the business judgment rule. I don't believe anybody
12 can really argue seriously that the scope of the business
13 judgment rule fundamentally impacts the nature of this case.
14 When I say the nature I mean the scope of the case, the
15 duration of the trial in the case, and virtually every aspect
16 of this case, except perhaps save and -- with respect to
17 Elaine Wynn.

18 But our point here, Your Honor, is with -- I'm not
19 sure what was amusing, but --

20 THE COURT: That was Mr. Polsenberg.

21 MR. BICE: Ah. With respect to that, Your Honor,
22 our point is we believe that it would be prudent to stay this
23 case particularly in light of the Supreme Court's
24 consideration of that writ. And we do maintain it is on an
25 expedited basis. Because if the Court -- I mean, I can just

1 give the Court -- here's one prime example. I looked at the
2 jury questionnaire or the jury notice that the Court had sent
3 us, and I'm prepared to --

4 THE COURT: The ability to serve questionnaire.

5 MR. BICE: Yes. And I'm prepared to address that
6 today, as well.

7 THE COURT: I'm not on that issue yet, but I have
8 that.

9 MR. BICE: I understand. But let's think about
10 what's going to happen. The Court sends that out right now,
11 which essentially it I think has to do if -- unless the case
12 is stayed, as I understand it from Jury Services. This isn't
13 the right word, Your Honor, but I can't think of any other
14 sort of -- how to describe it. We're going to infect the jury
15 pool. We're going to be sending out a notice to I think the
16 Court had indicated perhaps 10,000 --

17 THE COURT: It doesn't say anything about your
18 client --

19 MR. BICE: I understand.

20 THE COURT: -- or any other client.

21 MR. BICE: I understand that it does not. But it
22 tells the jury when the trial is going to be, it's telling
23 these jurors that they're going to be potentially serving they
24 least six months, we're going to get back -- as the Court has
25 already acknowledged, we're going to get back thousands and

1 thousands of excuses with conflicts and various things checked
2 off as to why people cannot serve. And if, as we maintain,
3 the Supreme Court is going to find that the business judgment
4 rule does bar the Okada parties' claims with respect to their
5 claims about the breach of the articles of incorporation,
6 that's going to fundamentally completely transform this case
7 and then we're essentially going to have already sent out this
8 notice to these jurors, and it's going to be fundamentally
9 different and we're going to have a bunch of jurors writing
10 down excuses, and we're going to have to try and sort through
11 that with a potential jury pool, assuming that there's
12 something left to try with respect to the Okada parties, and
13 then we're going to have this entire process, I would submit,
14 sort of upended because we now have sent out this notice to
15 these jurors and we've essentially told them, you're going to
16 be serving for six months, when we just do not think that
17 that's accurate.

18 And so we believe, Your Honor, that it makes sense
19 to stay this case, give the Supreme Court -- like I said,
20 they've ordered this briefing schedule. We would inform the
21 Supreme Court that the Court has stayed it for a period of
22 time to give the Supreme Court an opportunity to give us an
23 answer on that, and once they give us a ruling on that,
24 whether they're going to grant the writ or going to deny the
25 writ, it's going to fundamentally transform this case. And

1 that's why we would ask the Court to stay the matter.

2 THE COURT: Thank you, Mr. Bice.

3 MR. BICE: Thank you.

4 MR. POLSENBERG: Good morning, Your Honor. Dan
5 Polsenberg.

6 THE COURT: Mr. Polsenberg.

7 MR. POLSENBERG: And I apologize to Mr. Bice for
8 laughing, but --

9 MR. FERRARIO: I think Mr. Krakoff --

10 MR. PEEK: That's all right. You can go ahead.

11 MR. POLSENBERG: I'll tell you why I was laughing.
12 Because I made a motion to intervene in this writ petition,
13 and --

14 THE COURT: They granted Steve Wynn's petition. It
15 says it right here in this order.

16 MR. PEEK: We never even saw it, Your Honor.

17 THE COURT: So what?

18 MR. PEEK: But we know they granted it.

19 THE COURT: Okay. Wait. I don't practice in the
20 Supreme Court anymore, I'm a District Court judge. But
21 usually when a motion's filed it's served on all interested
22 parties.

23 MR. PEEK: You're shaking your head, Mr. Peek?

24 MR. PEEK: I agree with the Court.

25 THE COURT: Did it happen?

1 MR. PEEK: Didn't see --

2 THE COURT: Mr. Williams is standing up now. I'm
3 sure he wants to tell you what happened.

4 Mr. Williams, how are you this morning?

5 MR. WILLIAMS: I'm good. And it was served on all
6 counsel.

7 THE COURT: Okay. So Mr. Polsenberg.

8 MR. POLSENBERG: Thank you, Your Honor. And, again,
9 we're in the middle of my apology to Mr. Bice. And it was
10 because they had -- I'd made a motion to intervene, they
11 expressed their intent to oppose that, and while Mr. Bice was
12 talking I'm thinking I need to get this transcript so I can
13 say to the Supreme Court, look, they're even saying the same
14 thing that I'm saying about this issue. But then Mr. Bice
15 added that, well, it doesn't affect Elaine Wynn. So I
16 apologize for finding that funny.

17 THE COURT: Doesn't it affect her as a director,
18 since I specifically excluded her from the summary judgment?

19 MR. POLSENBERG: Yes, it would. And that was Mr.
20 Bice's point to me. He suggested that I intervene on behalf
21 of his position, rather than opposing his position. But I
22 declined that invitation.

23 So I don't think this is a motion for stay. I think
24 this is really a motion to continue. The Supreme Court -- you
25 know, when we were here on November 30th -- and I'm confused

1 about the Wynn Resorts position, because when we were here on
2 the 30th Mr. Pisanelli and you were talking about the seven
3 pending petitions and that's why we need to consider a stay.
4 And that argument's been relegated to page 10 out of 10 on
5 their motion, because you can see how the Supreme Court has
6 been working through the seven petitions with dispatch and now
7 yet another petition. I don't think the Supreme Court in the
8 four orders it recently issued denying writ petitions is
9 actually inviting us to take any longer to go to trial. They
10 -- in all four orders they point out that they've intervened a
11 lot no this case, they've published two opinions in this case
12 already, and this case, they expressly note, is set for trial
13 in April. And I think the Court's not going to tolerate us
14 delaying any more. If the Court wants to delay this case, the
15 Supreme Court can do that. Thank you, Your Honor.

16 THE COURT: Mr. Krakoff.

17 MR. KRAKOFF: Good morning, Your Honor.

18 THE COURT: Good morning.

19 MR. KRAKOFF: Here's the problem with Mr. Bice's
20 argument. Granting the motion to stay would assure we can't
21 begin the trial on April 16th. We're in the midst of expert
22 discovery, we have 20 depositions to conduct by January the
23 19th. There's no room for a suspension of discovery. And it
24 would also delay dispositive motions, motions in limine. And
25 I think, Your Honor, that their anxiety that the Supreme Court

1 won't rule on their summary judgment petition before the trial
2 date has absolutely no basis, because every indication from
3 the Supreme Court is the opposite, like the briefing that
4 we're doing this week and they're doing next week, and last
5 week or week before last they summarily denied three petitions
6 of Wynn and they said they didn't want to interfere with the
7 trial.

8 So their position, Your Honor, really has no
9 credibility. We need to move forward with this schedule and
10 keep us on track to start this trial on April 16th. Thank
11 you, Your Honor.

12 THE COURT: Thank you.

13 Mr. Bice, did you have anything else you wanted to
14 say?

15 MR. BICE: Yes, Your Honor. You'll notice that
16 neither Ms. Wynn nor the Okada parties wanted to discuss their
17 own pending writ petitions and stays that they have, which
18 aren't apparently going to be -- there hasn't -- in fact, the
19 court gave them an extended stay because of the holidays with
20 respect to a couple of their writ petitions. Those are
21 certainly not going to be resolved, and they don't even
22 pretend that they're going to be.

23 So, again, Your Honor, we reiterate we think that
24 there's very good reason to stay this case, let the Supreme
25 Court address it. If it's granted, which we believe that it

1 will be granted, it's going to fundamentally transform this
2 case. We are going to send out -- what the Court's proposing,
3 to send out a notice to jurors. We're going to send out
4 10,000 of them, and we're going to be informing 10,000
5 potential jurors, virtually the entire jury pool, of a six-
6 month --

7 THE COURT: Since when is 10,000 people virtually
8 all of my jury pool in the county?

9 MR. BICE: Well, I'm not saying for the entire -- it
10 depends on when they go out. Does the County send out more
11 than 10,000 in any given month? I don't think that the Jury
12 Commissioner does that. But if this --

13 THE COURT: Mr. Bice, whenever we do large
14 questionnaire cases we send out a significant number of
15 questionnaires. I don't think you have any idea how many
16 jurors we summon every week to this court.

17 MR. BICE: Okay.

18 THE COURT: Anything else you want to tell me?

19 MR. BICE: No. Thank you, Your Honor.

20 THE COURT: All right. All the other stays that
21 I've granted have related primarily to discovery motions that
22 had compliance issues with orders that I have issued for
23 purposes of us getting ready for the case. And I have stayed
24 those on a pieces-by-pieces evaluation on the issues. This,
25 conversely, is a motion where Wynn, who has opposed every

1 other stay request, is asking for me to stay the entire case
2 because of a ruling on partial summary judgment related to the
3 business judgment rule.

4 I do not believe that ruling is erroneous. The
5 Supreme Court may disagree. Clearly they are paying some
6 attention to it given the fact they're making all of you work
7 over the holidays. So the request is denied. You may, of
8 course, ask the Supreme Court for relief, if you'd prefer.

9 Now if I could go to the motion to amend the
10 findings of fact and conclusions of law related to the
11 business judgment rule order.

12 Mr. Krakoff.

13 MR. PEEK: We have 10 minutes for --

14 THE COURT: We have 10 minutes for everybody. And
15 Cassandra's been timing you guys.

16 MR. FERRARIO: You mean on everything?

17 THE COURT: You don't have any time left, basically.

18 MR. KRAKOFF: Your Honor, I'll try to be brief on
19 this. In our motion to amend we make three requests. First
20 we ask the Court to clarify that our Count 6 breach of
21 fiduciary duty claim was not dismissed against Steve and
22 Elaine Wynn because the Court specifically denied summary
23 judgment for them. Wynn agrees. And the fix, Your Honor, is
24 to delete the second parenthetical in paragraph 5 of the
25 order.

1 Wynn also asks for modification of paragraph 3(f).
2 We don't oppose that.

3 Next we request that Wynn's second cause of action
4 -- third cause of action, excuse me, seeking declaratory
5 relief should be deleted -- that's paragraph 1 of the order --
6 because only the company sought declaratory relief that it
7 acted lawfully. And the Court granted summary judgment as to
8 only the director defendants, not the company.

9 Finally we request that paragraph 11 be corrected
10 because it plainly misstates the articles of incorporation.
11 The articles make clear that unsuitability and redemption are
12 two separate decisions. Once unsuitability is determined,
13 then the board can order redemption, quote, "to the extent
14 deemed necessary or advisable by the board." It's not
15 mandatory. But that's how paragraph 11 reads. It says, "Upon
16 a finding of unsuitability the unsuitable person's shares
17 shall be deemed immediately redeemed."

18 And, Your Honor, the distinction between
19 unsuitability and redemption is important, because one of our
20 claims is that even if Mr. Okada were unsuitable, the board's
21 separate decision to redeem Aruze's shares at a huge discount
22 was unwarranted. And Wynn tries to distort the clear import
23 of paragraph 11, claiming it doesn't misstate the articles
24 because it goes to what the board is required to do post
25 redemption. The problem is that's not what paragraph 11 says.

1 So we respectfully request that it be modified.

2 THE COURT: Thank you.

3 Mr. Pisanelli.

4 MR. KRAKOFF: Thank you.

5 MR. PISANELLI: Your Honor, this is obviously a
6 motion to reargue, which we saw from that third point. This
7 issue, as you've just noted in our first hearing, is in front
8 of the Supreme Court, and now the Okada parties want to change
9 the order that's already been briefed before them.

10 THE COURT: Well, and you agree.

11 MR. PISANELLI: I agree that one is more, I don't
12 know, I wouldn't call it typographical, but it's a non issue
13 and it won't have any impact on the briefing.

14 The third one in particular changes very
15 fundamentally the debate before us. The third one is an
16 attempt to leave open the issue of whether the board had other
17 options after its determination of unsuitability. The Okada
18 parties have put forth in this case an argument that is
19 supported by nothing in the articles of incorporation anywhere
20 to suggest that they had other options available to them.
21 They had but one option available to them, and that's what you
22 wrote. Paragraph 9 already says the language that they were
23 talking about. Paragraph 11 goes to the duty and the
24 obligations of the board once the determination of
25 unsuitability has occurred.

1 So it should be denied as an attempt to reargue the
2 issue and to change the debate.

3 On the second, the middle issue, our statement is a
4 correct one. And I should say your statement in the order is
5 a correct one. Simply because they are going to debate the
6 issue of declaratory relief on the good faith of the board and
7 how it acted and they're going to debate it as it relates to
8 the company, that doesn't change the fact that you entered
9 summary judgment on behalf the directors, with the exception
10 of Mr. Wynn and Ms. Wynn. So, again, it's a rehearing request
11 that is untimely and not supported by the record. You've
12 already resolved both of those issues.

13 THE COURT: Anything else, Mr. Krakoff?

14 MR. KRAKOFF: No.

15 THE COURT: The motion is granted in part. With
16 respect to the portions related to the sixth claim and the
17 third claim for relief the language will be modified to make
18 it entirely clear those relate only to the dismissed
19 directors, which do not include the company or Mr. and Mrs.
20 Wynn.

21 With respect to paragraph 11 it's denied.

22 Anything else?

23 Okay. That takes me to the motion to strike.

24 MR. PEEK: If I can do the motion to stay first,
25 because we're going to withdraw --

1 THE COURT: Your motion to extend the partial stay?

2 MR. PEEK: Yeah. We're going to withdraw that
3 request, Your Honor, and just ask for 10 days within which to
4 produce the documents.

5 THE COURT: That okay with you?

6 MR. BICE: Well, I can't certainly object to their
7 withdrawing of it.

8 THE COURT: Are you okay with 10 days given the
9 holidays?

10 MR. BICE: That's fine.

11 THE COURT: Okay. All right, Mr. Peek. Those need
12 to be produced within 10 judicial days, which by my
13 calculation is January 2.

14 MR. PEEK: Thank you, Your Honor.

15 THE COURT: All right. So now are we going to the
16 motion to strike?

17 MR. PEEK: Yes, Your Honor.

18 THE COURT: Okay.

19 MR. PEEK: And, Your Honor, this presents a
20 straightforward application of what I believe to be an
21 unambiguous provision under 16.1. We've been litigating for
22 the --

23 THE COURT: Did you know Michie thinks -- Michie
24 thinks 16.1's been withdrawn. They left it out of the book
25 they give all you guys. Those of us who sit here knew it

1 wasn't withdrawn, but apparently lots of lawyers thought it'd
2 been withdrawn and they just missed the ADKT order.

3 MR. PEEK: I'm sorry, Your Honor. You just --

4 THE COURT: No, it's -- okay. Never mind. Justice
5 Gibbons --

6 MR. PEEK: It's in the rule book.

7 THE COURT: Not anymore. They took it out.

8 MR. PEEK: Then I --

9 THE COURT: The publisher took it out --

10 MR. FERRARIO: It's a blue book, Steve.

11 THE COURT: -- not the Supreme Court. It's a blue
12 book.

13 MR. FERRARIO: It's about this big, and it says
14 "Rules" on it.

15 MR. URGAS: Your Honor, Mr. Rhodes in our office
16 called. They claim they're going to send out a new one.

17 MR. PEEK: I guess I missed --

18 THE COURT: Justice Gibbons has been very upset.

19 MR. PEEK: I hope I'm not on the clock here with all
20 this colloquy.

21 THE COURT: Sure.

22 MR. PEEK: Yeah. Thank you. The rule still is
23 there, Your Honor.

24 THE COURT: The rule is still in force.

25 MR. PEEK: Yeah. Thank you. That's where it kind

1 of went over my head. I apologize, Your Honor, I might have
2 been having a senior moment here.

3 THE COURT: Sorry.

4 MR. PEEK: That's all right. I wasn't on track with
5 the question.

6 THE COURT: Even Ferrario knew what I was talking
7 about.

8 MR. PEEK: That was unusual, Your Honor.

9 MR. FERRARIO: You said that to me last week, so I
10 had to go figure it out. Because I was in the same boat.

11 MR. PEEK: All right. So I guess I'm now on the
12 clock, Your Honor.

13 Anyway, we have been litigating this matter for the
14 past five and a half years on the central theories of our
15 clients' affirmative defenses and counterclaims, which seem to
16 be lost on Wynn. These are not new theories, however, and
17 they should not be new theories to Wynn Resorts. We've
18 repeatedly raised the issues on discovery in motion after
19 motion before this Court related to certainly valuation,
20 governance, the propriety and the efficacy of the Freeh
21 report.

22 So Rule 16.1(a)(2)(c)(ii) permits rebuttal expert
23 reports within 30 days that are, quote, "intended solely to
24 contradict or rebut evidence on the same subject matter
25 identified by another party."

1 But then it goes on to say specifically that this
2 rebuttal deadline or really rebuttal reports "do not apply to
3 any party's witness whose purpose is to contradict a portion
4 of another party's case in chief that should have been
5 expected and anticipated by the disclosing party or to present
6 any opinions outside of the scope of another party's
7 disclosure."

8 Each of Wynn's reports concerns central elements of
9 defendants' affirmative defenses and counterclaims and clearly
10 were and should have been expected and anticipated by Wynn
11 Resorts. Wynn presents no credible argument that it did not
12 anticipate or expect. In fact, all it says is that, well, we
13 met the terms of the first portion of the rule that says they
14 were intended to solely contradict or rebut evidence on the
15 same subject matter so therefore our reports are correct.
16 They do not ever address at any time a credible argument that
17 it did not anticipate or that it did not expect the subject
18 matter on the portion of the rule that states that it must be
19 intended solely to contradict and to expect -- excuse me, that
20 are expected or anticipated.

21 By submitted reports by these witnesses for the
22 first time in the rebuttal stage Wynn seeks to gain a
23 significant tactical advantage by enabling its witnesses to
24 first review defendants' expert reports before submitting
25 their own reports and thus denying defendants our opportunity

1 and our ability to rebut these opinions.

2 Perhaps the most egregious violation of Rule 16.1 is
3 that we see Kenneth Lehn, I think I'm pronouncing that
4 correct, who's identified in their September disclosure as a
5 witness who will testify on financial matters, but then Lehn
6 did not become an initial expert as they had anticipated.
7 Clearly we anticipated that there would be an expected report
8 regarding financial reports or damages, if you will. But they
9 wait until after we report on Mr. Karen, and then Mr. Lehn now
10 makes his report in rebuttal to Mr. Karen's report.

11 The other supposed rebuttal reports fare no better.
12 They challenge the valuation of Aruze USA shares in the
13 promissory note which has been part of this entire litigation.
14 So clearly Wynn would have anticipated and expected these
15 central elements of our case in chief, both in the affirmative
16 defenses, as well as the counterclaim; but they waited until
17 December 8th to submit the Lehn report and the McDonald
18 reports, both of which exclusively address the issues of
19 valuation.

20 We challenge the validity of the Freeh
21 investigation. So then what do they do? They have Mr. Freeh
22 say, oh, I did it all right. Clearly they should have
23 disclosed Freeh as somebody who was going to defend. And
24 interestingly, as well, Your Honor, Freeh himself should have
25 been identified.

1 THE COURT: Mr. Peek, will you wrap up, please.

2 MR. PEEK: Your Honor, the other reports I think
3 we've identified well in our briefing, which are the reports
4 regarding gambling, which are the reports regarding
5 governance, all of which should have been part of the original
6 initial reports, the Solomon report, the Tyrell report, and
7 each of these should be stricken.

8 THE COURT: Thank you.

9 Mr. Bice.

10 MR. BICE: Good morning, Your Honor.

11 THE COURT: And you don't have much time left, Mr.
12 Bice.

13 MR. BICE: Your Honor, I think the point I would
14 make is Mr. Peek says Mr. Lehn is an egregious instance. I
15 find that amusing in light of the fact that as the Court -- as
16 we have pointed out to the Court, is they said Mr. Lehn should
17 have anticipated or we should have anticipated. Actually, if
18 they looked at what Mr. -- what we identified Mr. Lehn to
19 testify about originally, it was about the work of
20 professionals that provided financial advice.

21 We believe that the central issue in the case is a
22 business judgment rule. That's why we ultimately [sic] didn't
23 have Mr. Lehn. What Mr. Lehn -- ultimately, then, what we had
24 him do was do a rebuttal when we received their report. And,
25 of course, their argument is, well, now everything --

1 everything that is ever raised in the case becomes, quote,
2 "central." And that's why we actually cited, Your Honor, the
3 actual cases that were the basis for that rule amendment, and
4 particularly the LaFlame case, Your Honor, where Judge Cook --
5 and they raise this exact same argument, and as she
6 characterized it, they reached too far in making this argument
7 that everything now becomes anticipated and central such that
8 you could never have rebuttal experts.

9 We did three opening experts on this matter on what
10 we believe are the actual issues in the case, i.e., being
11 suitability. They have now come back and they designated I
12 believe it was six opening experts, and we have designated
13 responses to each one of those six opening experts. The
14 financial ones are particularly ironic, Your Honor, in the
15 sense that they never once did a calculation or disclosure of
16 damages under 16.1. And we point that out in our
17 counter-motion. They say, well, you should have anticipated
18 this is what we were going to say, even though they'd never
19 offered that 10 percent calculation, even though they'd never
20 offered their 6 percent interest calculation. These all came
21 up for the first time with their experts and have never --
22 they have never to this day amended their 16.1 disclosure.
23 Their 16.1 disclosure is the same as it was the first time
24 they filed it in this case. They never amended it once other
25 than to change the name of the defendants to the Aruze

1 parties. That was the extent of their amendment of that.

2 So when Mr. Peek says, well, this is just egregious
3 with Ken Lehn, they're the ones who -- their experts are the
4 ones who should be stricken. They never did a disclosure.
5 And each of ours, Your Honor, to quote the LaFlame case, Your
6 Honor, is they made this exact same argument. Because they
7 had raised past and future income losses in the case, that
8 somehow meant that everything becomes a central issue and so
9 therefore you have to have an opening expert in order to have
10 a rebuttal expert. And, as the judge said, you're reaching
11 too far with that characterization. It has to be some central
12 issue in the case such that you can't be disguising a rebuttal
13 -- or an opening expert as a rebuttal designation. And we
14 have certainly not done that, Your Honor. We have designated
15 our three opening -- I was waiting for the buzzer.

16 THE COURT: You've got 15 seconds left.

17 MR. BICE: We designated our three, and we responded
18 to theirs, Your Honor.

19 THE COURT: Thank you.

20 MR. BICE: I thank the Court for its time.

21 THE COURT: Mr. Peek, anything else? I'll give you
22 a minute.

23 MR. PEEK: Thank you, Your Honor.

24 Your Honor, I think the critical issues are the
25 Macau land concession, the corruption in Macau, all of which

1 was identified in our counterclaim, all of which has been
2 litigated even in the motion for sanctions that we had, Your
3 Honor. This is just a sandbag on their part.

4 THE COURT: But in the counterclaim you are the
5 party who bears the burden of proof.

6 MR. PEEK: That's right. And they bear the burden
7 of defending that claim, Your Honor, so they have to have an
8 initial report, because it's an expected and anticipated
9 report.

10 THE COURT: That's now how my scheduling order is
11 written. Remember, Mr. Peek, the initial disclosure reports
12 are those on which you bear the burden of proof, and rebuttal
13 reports are ones you don't bear the burden of proof. I try
14 and define it because of the confusion that everyone has.

15 Anything else?

16 MR. PEEK: Then, Your Honor, their damage experts
17 and the valuation experts and the redemption is they bear that
18 burden, and they bear that burden of the three, and they bear
19 that burden of the damages, and they bear that burden of the
20 governance and the redemption, all of which are their claims.
21 Perhaps you're right on the Macau issue and the UMDF donation
22 and the corruption, but all of the other reports go to their
23 affirmative claims for relief, which are the first three --
24 the three claims for reflect.

25 THE COURT: Thank you.

1 The motion to strike and the countermotion are both
2 denied.

3 All right. So, Mr. Ferrario, you joined. I've
4 considered what you were going to say, and since I was going
5 to deny it anyway, you're included. I understand you have
6 another person you want to strike. When do you plan to do
7 that, since we don't have another Monday hearing at 8:00
8 o'clock until January 8th?

9 MR. FERRARIO: I was on the road last week, and we
10 were trying to get it filed. I don't know what happened. We
11 tried to get it set for today. So I guess we'll have to heard
12 it heard on the 8th.

13 THE COURT: I can't sign an OST on Friday for a
14 Monday hearing.

15 MR. FERRARIO: No, I understand, Your Honor. We
16 were trying to put things together. There's a lot of stuff
17 going on, and we just couldn't get it done. So it'll have to
18 be the 8th, I guess.

19 THE COURT: Okay. Are you going to send over a
20 separate --

21 MR. FERRARIO: We will send over pleadings today,
22 Your Honor.

23 THE COURT: All right. So they -- that was your
24 countermotion on Weil --

25 MR. FERRARIO: Yes.

1 THE COURT: -- W-E-I-L?
2 MR. FERRARIO: Yes.
3 THE COURT: That portion of the briefing will be
4 continued until January 8th, Dulce.
5 MR. FERRARIO: Thank you.
6 MR. PEEK: Your Honor, just so I can make sure I
7 understand when the order is prepared and submitted, is the
8 Court saying that its scheduling order modifies the rule?
9 THE COURT: My scheduling order indeed does modify
10 the rule.
11 MR. PEEK: So the "expected" and "anticipated"
12 portion of the rule goes away as a result of your scheduling
13 order?
14 THE COURT: My scheduling order and my trial setting
15 order specifically identify the -- what I intend to be
16 disclosed at each time for the expert reports because of the
17 historical problem that we have had in this area.
18 MR. PEEK: That's why the Court amended the rule,
19 and now you're amending the rule even more.
20 THE COURT: Mr. Peek, I'm allowed to amend the rule
21 anytime I want --
22 MR. PEEK: I'm just asking, Your Honor.
23 THE COURT: -- as long as I have a hearing and do an
24 order. Anything else?
25 MR. PEEK: Just so I understand so when the order

1 comes around I can see what -- make sure it conforms to --

2 THE COURT: None of these appear to me to be
3 sandbagging. How's that? Which is what I'm trying to get
4 away from.

5 MR. PEEK: The problem we have now, Your Honor, is
6 that we don't now have an opportunity to do any kind of
7 rebuttal to their reports.

8 THE COURT: That's fine. In a minute we're going to
9 talk about that with your depo schedule issue.

10 So now we're going to the Elaine Wynn's motion to
11 compel. Mr. Ferrario, you've saved all of your 10 minutes.

12 MR. FERRARIO: Well, this is kind of a --

13 THE COURT: Yeah. We're going to do them both.
14 They're related. One deals with Gaming, and one deals with
15 sword and shield, as Mr. Peek likes to call it.

16 MR. FERRARIO: You're on it. I know you've read it.

17 THE COURT: Really?

18 MR. FERRARIO: You've heard similar motions in the
19 past. I really do think this is pretty easy to digest in the
20 sense that as the case has progressed Wynn Resorts has more
21 robustly touted all of the investigations that they've done,
22 all the work that they've done, and they're putting it out
23 there saying, you know, we did everything right, but then they
24 don't want to give us any of the information to show that they
25 did anything right or what they did at all, quite frankly,

1 Your Honor. And you can't have it both ways.

2 And so from our perspective it's a pretty
3 straightforward motion. We are entitled to these materials.
4 The broad application of the so-called Gaming privilege on a
5 statute that was just passed has no applicability here. We've
6 argued that in the past. It doesn't subsume everything that a
7 company does and then shield it from discovery in litigation,
8 which is what they would have you believe. If you look at the
9 compliance committee charter, the compliance committee does a
10 number of things, one of which is to respond to Gaming where
11 appropriate. But if they're submitting things to Gaming, we
12 can argue about those discrete things. But in terms of what
13 they did, what investigatory steps they took, those types of
14 things, we're entitled to know all of that. They can't hide
15 behind this and say they did this investigation and then not
16 let us show the jury that it was half baked or that it was no
17 investigation at all and in fact the conclusions that they
18 reached probably weren't based on a thorough understanding of
19 the facts. That's really what's at issue here.

20 So you can't have it both ways. And that's what
21 they're trying to do. And it's become even more relevant as
22 the expert reports come out. One of their experts is now
23 relying on the so-called investigations to justify what the
24 company did when that expert presumably doesn't know or, if he
25 does know, we should be able to delve into that. So that's

1 really -- really pretty simple issue from our perspective,
2 Your Honor, and we'd request that you grant our motion and
3 that we be entitled to these materials that were again
4 produced on the last day of discovery.

5 THE COURT: Okay.

6 MR. PISANELLI: Your Honor, it appeared to us that
7 Mr. Ferrario just argued two motions. Do you want to hear
8 one --

9 THE COURT: Yes. No. I want to them together
10 because they -- I know that they're different issues, but
11 they're combined on the attorney-client and the use of the
12 materials and whether they claim your waiver because you have
13 repeatedly said, we did an investigation, trust us,
14 everything's okay, you said that in many different ways.
15 Since you have said that, is that an at issue waiver? I mean,
16 that's really where we're discussing. And then you go into,
17 well, the Supreme Court says it's not for business judgment
18 but these aren't really business judgment issues.

19 MR. PISANELLI: Well, there's a few things here,
20 Your Honor. First put this in context of what we constantly
21 do with Ms. Wynn, of looking to get behind privileges. We saw
22 the videotape of what she thinks of her own claims, and so now
23 I understand it. There's no evidence for her claims, so now
24 she wants to get behind the privileges to try and create some
25 smoke where there really is nothing there.

1 Second point I will make is let's not forget fact
2 discovery's closed, Your Honor. This is the party that
3 intentionally waited till the eleventh hour to do any
4 discovery, and now they've come in saying, well, we want more
5 discovery because, because waiver, because this, because that.
6 They should have been doing their discovery earlier. That
7 fact in and of itself, that fact discovery is closed, should
8 be dispositive on this point.

9 But let me get to the heart.

10 THE COURT: No, Mr. Pisanelli, it's not. It's not.
11 Motions to compel do not -- are not denied simply because the
12 discovery cutoff is [inaudible].

13 MR. PISANELLI: Well, in the greater context of what
14 we've been doing here I don't understand why Ms. Wynn would
15 come in with an expectation of entitlement to additional
16 rights that other parties have not even asked for, let alone
17 tried to enforce.

18 So with that said, the standard here, Your Honor, is
19 not whether we said that we got legal advice, not whether we
20 said that there was an investigation. And the suggestion that
21 an expert is relying upon what the substantive advice was or
22 the substantive rulings and findings of a special committee is
23 just not true. It is the fact that it occurred. And the fact
24 that something occurred is not an at issue waiver. We cited
25 to you, Your Honor, a case that I think goes directly to this

1 point, and that's the In re Kellogg, Brown, and Root case,
2 where the court said --

3 THE COURT: Mr. Pisanelli, you're not relying on the
4 fact the investigation occurred.

5 MR. PISANELLI: Indeed we are, Your Honor.

6 THE COURT: Wait. In these proceedings you have
7 been relying upon the results of the investigation, which is
8 different than just fact that an investigation occurred. And
9 that's why I'm troubled by the position we're currently at.

10 MR. PISANELLI: We're not relying upon the results
11 of anything. Keep in mind we did not put any of these
12 investigations or Mark Rubenstein's advice from Skadden Arps
13 at issue in this case to say, here is our claim, here's our
14 defense. We have responded to questions in an interrogatory.
15 We have responded to questions in depositions to Mr.
16 Rubenstein in particular and to Kevin Tourek as a 30(b)(6)
17 designee. We're not inserting anything into this case. When
18 they make the allegation over and over to you, this concept of
19 half baked, whatever that means, and a rigged system, whatever
20 that means in the context of this case, they then go to the
21 discovery and say, look at this, Your Honor, they didn't even
22 have legal advice of whether these issues should go to the
23 board. They asked a question of Mark Rubenstein, he says,
24 yes, I did. And now they say, aha, you said you got legal
25 advice and now we want to know what the legal advice was.

1 Mark Rubenstein did exactly what he was obligated to do in a
2 deposition. He said, I got legal advice. He did not say what
3 the legal advice was. And then they asked him what his
4 actions were. Well, it's not hard to figure out what the
5 legal advice was if he was following it. But that's not
6 because we put it at issue. A party cannot, as Ms. Wynn is
7 trying to do, put something at issue with allegations and with
8 questions in a deposition and have non-privileged answers come
9 in. Yes, I got legal advice; yes, this is the party -- or the
10 law firm I got legal advice from, and then say that that's an
11 at issue waiver. There is no privilege if it is so easily
12 stripped away as by merely asking questions.

13 I ask Your Honor and I challenge Ms. Wynn to stand
14 up and say anything in our case that we are reliant upon or
15 depending upon as it relates to any of these things. This
16 isn't our case. It's not even a defense to her case. The
17 defense to her case is her testimony that there's no evidence
18 behind her case. Summary judgment will come based on nothing
19 but Elaine Wynn's own testimony that her -- that there's no
20 facts behind her claims and that they were lawyer half-baked
21 claims apparently without even interviewing their client
22 before they filed their claims.

23 So they cannot turn around and say to you that
24 there's a sword and a shield. There's no sword anywhere here,
25 because these issues have nothing to do with our case. As the

1 Kellogg case said, Your Honor, if all it took to defeat the
2 privilege and protection attaching to an internal
3 investigation was to notice a deposition regarding the
4 investigation and the privilege attaching to them, we would
5 expect to see such attempts to end-run these barriers to
6 discovery in every lawsuit in which a prior internal
7 investigation was conducted related to the claims. Unless you
8 see us talking about the results as part of our claim that we
9 injected, like the Freeh report, the Supreme Court said we
10 injected it because it was attached to our complaint. Got it.
11 Message is loud and clear. Did we inject the special
12 investigation into this report? Did we inject Mark Rubenstein
13 at all, let alone the fact that he sought legal counsel? Did
14 we inject any of this into this case? The answer is no to all
15 of it. What we did was answer discovery questions as a
16 privilege log would have required us to disclose. There's no
17 substance anywhere in this case, and we're not going to give
18 the substance. Therefore, this is again an end-run around
19 privileges by merely giving discovery requests. That's not
20 how the law works, Your Honor. Let Elaine Wynn stand up in
21 this courtroom and prosecute her claims based upon evidence.
22 We know where that will get her. Getting behind our
23 privileges is not fair to the company. It has not crossed any
24 lines, and it's not creating an uneven playing field with this
25 sword and shield. It's a good buzz word, but it's not what's

1 going on here.

2 THE COURT: Mr. Peek used it in another case.

3 MR. PISANELLI: I know that.

4 THE COURT: So wait, Mr. Pisanelli, don't sit down.
5 Do you want to address anything about the compliance issues
6 related to the Gaming privilege?

7 MR. PISANELLI: I would ask Your Honor to allow Mr.
8 Langberg to address that issue.

9 THE COURT: Mr. Langberg. Briefly.

10 MR. LANGBERG: Well, Your Honor, what they don't
11 tell you but you can see from their exhibit is that the
12 compliance officers' report was produced in a package along
13 with all the other materials that we're given to the
14 compliance committee. Those were redacted to take out
15 information that wasn't relevant to the discovery request.
16 There's no discovery request even identified in their motion
17 to compel. What they've done is they've looked for documents,
18 they've looked for places where they suspect there might be
19 discoverable information. Without tying it to any discovery
20 request they just say, hey, this is hiding something that we
21 think might be discoverable, rather than looking to what were
22 these documents responsive to in the first place.

23 Then we go to the -- why were these compliance
24 officers' reports redacted. Well, one, they're privileged
25 under the Gaming Law privilege. Two, they contain within them

1 attorney-client privilege.

2 THE COURT: But simply the investigation that's
3 internal for compliance committee is not privileged.

4 MR. LANGBERG: But this is -- that's an --

5 THE COURT: A communication to the Gaming
6 authorities is.

7 MR. LANGBERG: But that makes an assumption about
8 what is contained in the compliance officers' report.

9 THE COURT: Absolutely.

10 MR. LANGBERG: So the compliance officers' report,
11 which is prepared pursuant to an order of Gaming under the
12 orders of registration, so they have -- they're ordered by
13 Gaming to make this report, right. So just because this
14 report they're ordered to make is presented to the compliance
15 committee doesn't mean -- and it's required to be given to
16 Gaming, doesn't mean it falls outside of the new privilege,
17 and it certainly doesn't fall outside of the old privilege,
18 the original privilege, which is specifically about reports
19 that are made as required by Gaming.

20 So there's a big difference between materials that
21 the board got. So they got -- where relevant and responsive,
22 they got the materials the board got, the facts redacted for
23 privacy where appropriate, redacted for privilege where
24 appropriate. But the compliance officers' report itself, the
25 place where in this case Kevin Tourek, exercising his work

1 product judgment to decide what's supposed to be reported to
2 the compliance committee, what they need to know about giving
3 advice about what they should do, all assessing the law that
4 applies, those reports themselves, his communications to the
5 compliance committee are not only privileged, not only work
6 product, but because of why they're made and what has to be
7 done with them, they're subject Gaming Law privilege.

8 THE COURT: Thank you.

9 MR. LANGBERG: Thank you, Your Honor.

10 THE COURT: Mr. Ferrario.

11 MR. FERRARIO: Just very briefly. I guess after
12 touting the thoroughness of their investigation I would expect
13 they would want to produce this stuff. We've been fighting
14 this forever. They don't want to produce this because they
15 know what's there. Your Honor's asked very good questions.
16 If there's a privilege at all that attaches here, it's only
17 what they're talking to Gaming about. It's not what they're
18 talking -- it's not the investigative steps, it's not what
19 they're reporting to the board. Your Honor's spot on there.

20 Not everything goes to Gaming. That's another
21 thing, okay. And we know that. The privilege logs we've
22 addressed in our -- the adequacy of the privilege logs we
23 addressed in our brief.

24 But let me get back to Mr. Pisanelli's comments to
25 you where he says they haven't said certain things. Page 13

1 of our brief we quote the testimony of Mr. Tourek. He's the
2 30(b)(6) designee. He testified under oath -- now, this is
3 them talking now, so perhaps Mr. Pisanelli didn't remember
4 what Mr. Tourek said. "Upon consultation with outside counsel
5 Skadden it was determined that the issue did not need to be
6 disclosed to the board and there was no concern or
7 vulnerability of the company." He then went further and said,
8 "The company's general counsel reviewed the settlement
9 agreement --" this is on the assault allegation "-- reviewed
10 the settlement agreement release language in a consultation
11 with outside counsel Skadden was content that the company was
12 protected. With no exposure there's no issue to bring to the
13 board's attention."

14 So they have put these things at issue. They are
15 relying on them. Their recently disclosed expert is featuring
16 these in his report as justification for what the company did.
17 So they can't hide behind the privilege to the extent it
18 applies at all. And we've argued that before. The new
19 statute doesn't apply. Clearly this all happened way before
20 that. The earlier set of statutes didn't insulate this in any
21 way, shape, or form. And so they want -- it is the classic
22 sword and shield, and they can't have it both ways. We're
23 entitled to this material, we're entitled to know what they
24 did, when they did, the adequacy of the investigation. And in
25 fact Mr. Pisanelli put this in issue in his letter to Ms. Wynn

1 when he was addressing the proposed amended complaint where he
2 said there was a thorough investigation and he said the
3 allegations were false.

4 The problem with this case, Your Honor, isn't that
5 we don't have evidence. We do. The problem with this case,
6 and we addressed it in a four-day hearing with you, is Wynn
7 Resorts' wilful failure to comply with the discovery rules.
8 And that's what the problem here is. That's the only reason
9 we're here arguing these things. Had they played by the
10 rules, we wouldn't be here now, we would already have this
11 material. So I would request Your Honor grant the motion.
12 Thank you.

13 THE COURT: Thank you.

14 The motion related to the Wardleigh decision is
15 granted in part, but only to the extent that the investigation
16 related to Marc Schorr will be reviewed in camera for
17 determination as to whether there is any relevant information
18 within the redactions that had been previously made.

19 With respect to the compliance officer reports on
20 order shortening time those will also be provided to the Court
21 for in-camera review with the redacted and unredacted versions
22 for determination as to whether any relevant material that was
23 not provided to Gaming needs to be produced. Okay.

24 MR. LANGBERG: Your Honor, for clarification, you
25 just want the -- you don't want the 150-page report of --

1 THE COURT: Yes, I do.

2 MR. LANGBERG: You want just the compliance
3 officers' report that was redacted?

4 THE COURT: If the compliance officers' report
5 includes reference to the board book and it's attached as an
6 attachment, I need all of it.

7 I am specifically denying the motion related to the
8 unredacted compliance officers' report to the extent there are
9 any Gaming communications that are within there.

10 Mr. Peek, the Ergin case, the DISH Network case,
11 what's that case name, real case name, Supreme Court's?

12 MR. PEEK: In re Jacksonville Police and Fire, Your
13 Honor.

14 THE COURT: Pursuant to that decision the Court is
15 not granting the request for any production of the special
16 committee materials, because here the parties have not
17 proffered the special committee's investigation as a basis for
18 the resolution of these claims.

19 Anything else?

20 Mr. Peek didn't even claim the privilege with the
21 special litigation committee. He just produced it all because
22 he moved for summary judgment. So -- in that case.

23 MR. FERRARIO: Your Honor --

24 MR. PISANELLI: Denied for Mark Rubenstein and
25 Skadden Arps?

1 THE COURT: Denied for Mark Rubenstein and Skadden
2 Arps.

3 MR. FERRARIO: Under the DISH case you just talked
4 about?

5 THE COURT: No. That was about the special
6 investigation committee part.

7 MR. FERRARIO: Then they can't rely on the fact they
8 contacted Skadden. That should -- otherwise they're put it in
9 issue.

10 THE COURT: I don't know that they are relying upon
11 the fact they contacted Skadden.

12 MR. FERRARIO: I just read to you what Mr. Tourek
13 said as a 30(b)(6) witness.

14 THE COURT: That was in response to discovery
15 requests. That's not necessarily reliance. Remember, there's
16 broader. The discovery is broader than admissibility. I
17 don't know that Wynn Resorts is relying upon that.

18 MR. FERRARIO: Well, then it's denied -- I guess
19 we'd take it up at trial with --

20 THE COURT: Motions are always denied without
21 prejudice.

22 MR. FERRARIO: I understand, Your Honor.

23 The other thing we would ask, and I'm going to have
24 to read your decision now and go back to the --

25 THE COURT: It wasn't my decision. Chris Pickering

1 wrote a really good -- was it a dissent?

2 MR. PEEK: She wrote a dissent, Your Honor.

3 THE COURT: Yeah. Really good dissent.

4 MR. FERRARIO: But we also addressed some other
5 privilege issues in our motion, and we would request that Your
6 Honor review the documents that we highlighted in our motion
7 in camera, as well, to test the adequacy of the privilege
8 assertions made by Wynn Resorts.

9 THE COURT: No.

10 MR. FERRARIO: Okay.

11 MR. PISANELLI: Thank you, Your Honor.

12 THE COURT: All right. So I've got a couple of
13 issues before you leave. I've got a status report from the
14 Wynn Resorts parties that says, gosh, Judge, we're having
15 problems scheduling expert depositions, is basically what it
16 says.

17 MR. BICE: That is basically what it --

18 THE COURT: Anybody else read it?

19 MR. BICE: That is basically --

20 MR. PEEK: I did read it, Your Honor, and I wasn't
21 sure whether it was a report or a motion of some type to
22 compel something.

23 THE COURT: No. It was, gosh, Judge, we're having
24 trouble scheduling experts, we'd really like you to help us
25 work it out.

1 MR. PEEK: That's certainly their view of the case,
2 but that's certainly not ours, Your Honor. So, I mean --

3 THE COURT: So do you want to have a conference call
4 with me? You want to go out in the hallway to see if you
5 could work it out before I work it out for you?

6 MR. PEEK: Ms. Spinelli is the one who'd been
7 working those with Mr. Miller, so I don't know if Mr. Bice has
8 Ms. Spinelli's authority to be able to work out that schedule.
9 But certainly Mr. Miller can do that with Mr. Bice and then
10 come back to you and see if we have resolved to so-called
11 dispute.

12 THE COURT: It's a scheduling issue.

13 MR. PEEK: Well, there are two issues framed. One
14 is a scheduling issue, and one is the location issue.

15 THE COURT: I understand.

16 MR. PEEK: So there are two issues. You want us to
17 address each of those with the Wynn folks and then come back
18 to you?

19 THE COURT: Well, if you're going to finish the
20 expert depositions before we start trial, it would be good for
21 us to get this worked out.

22 MR. PEEK: Okay. So let me preview another issue.
23 One of the other issues that they say is, we are entitled to
24 take initial expert reports before you get to do rebuttal.

25 THE COURT: And typically I require the initial

1 experts to be deposed before the rebuttal experts. Typically.
2 MR. PEEK: I understand typically.
3 THE COURT: I make a decision on a case-by-case
4 basis --
5 MR. PEEK: Thank you.
6 THE COURT: -- after hearing the information.
7 MR. PEEK: That's what I --
8 THE COURT: But it's typical that the initial round
9 of experts get deposed and then we go to the next round.
10 MR. PEEK: While I understand the Court's ruling
11 this morning on my motion to strike, their rebuttal experts
12 are initial experts.
13 THE COURT: I don't agree with you on that. I've
14 already ruled.
15 MR. PEEK: I understand you don't agree with me, but
16 I --
17 THE COURT: Okay.
18 MR. PEEK: Because you've modified the rule and your
19 scheduling order. And I understand that and I appreciate it.
20 MR. BICE: We disagree with --
21 THE COURT: All I'm trying to do is figure out are
22 you guys going to decide or am I going to tell these experts
23 on days when they're going to appear with any regard at all to
24 their schedules?
25 MR. PEEK: We're happy to go out in the hall and do

1 that, Your Honor, and come back to you.

2 THE COURT: Because otherwise I'm going to set up a
3 calendar and I'm going to tell the experts where they're going
4 to appear and when people are going to be there. And since
5 they all decided to work for you, they'll either decide to
6 appear or they'll decide they've got other important stuff to
7 do.

8 MR. PEEK: Well, Your Honor, we didn't --

9 THE COURT: Not just you. All of you.

10 MR. PEEK: I was going to say we're not having the
11 issue about the location. That's an Elaine Wynn issue more so
12 than it is our issue. So we understand that and we appreciate
13 it. But to have them dictate to us what that schedule should
14 be --

15 THE COURT: No. I'll dictate.

16 MR. BICE: We're not dictating anything.

17 THE COURT: But I want you guys to have the
18 opportunity to control your own lives.

19 MR. BICE: We're not dictating anything.

20 THE COURT: Guys. We're not fighting. I'm trying
21 to get a scheduling issue resolved. If you are unable to
22 resolve it, I will dictate the schedule. How's that?

23 MR. PISANELLI: Your Honor, my request is we need --
24 before we step out in the hallway we need to know if they're
25 finally going to change their position. They're telling us in

1 Chicago and only one day.

2 THE COURT: He said his location is not an issue,
3 it's only an Elaine Wynn issue. I don't know that to be,
4 but --

5 MR. PISANELLI: Well, that's their problem. My
6 point is only this. We don't need to step out in the hallway
7 unless they tell Your Honor they're going to come off this
8 position. Otherwise we'll ask you to do it --

9 MR. BICE: They're giving us one day.

10 THE COURT: Well, but I don't have enough
11 information to do it. I'm not going to make everybody else on
12 my 8:30 calendar wait a half hour for you guys to figure that
13 out. So if you want to step in the hallway --

14 MR. PEEK: Do you want us to come back at 9:30,
15 then, Your Honor?

16 THE COURT: Well, just stand around out in the
17 hallway and work it out. Don't go too far, because you never
18 know, I may get done with them faster, except for Cotter.

19 MR. PEEK: I know you have Cotter.

20 MR. POLSENBERG: Thank you, Your Honor.

21 THE COURT: 'Bye.

22 (Court recessed at 9:00 a.m., until 9:34 a.m.)

23 THE COURT: So if I can have Wynn-Okada come back
24 and tell me how your negotiations on scheduling of expert
25 depositions have gone.

1 MR. PISANELLI: So here's the good news, Your Honor.
2 We are bringing all of our experts to Nevada. The Okada
3 parties are bringing all their experts --

4 THE COURT: Nevada being Las Vegas, or Reno?

5 MR. PISANELLI: Las Vegas.

6 THE COURT: Okay.

7 MR. PISANELLI: The Okada parties are doing the
8 same. We're doing as a general rule and goal the sequencing
9 that we traditionally do, opening experts, then rebuttals.
10 There might be an exception for the Okada parties that would
11 make one of their witnesses impossible on that schedule, and
12 we'll work with them. We're not going to say that person's
13 excluded. So we think with the Okada parties everything's
14 worked out.

15 Elaine Wynn has told us we have to go to Chicago
16 even though they're not even Chicago experts, and gave us one
17 day when to do that. So we would ask Your Honor to allow us
18 to notice Elaine Wynn's experts in on five days' notice in Las
19 Vegas.

20 THE COURT: Mr. Stein.

21 MR. FERRARIO: Your Honor --

22 THE COURT: Wait. I asked the guy from Chicago.
23 Because Randall's going to Chicago. It threw off my closing
24 arguments.

25 MR. FERRARIO: Well, no.

1 MR. PISANELLI: That's who we'd like to hear from.

2 MR. FERRARIO: You know what, he's going to deal
3 with this. But I went outside. I hate these things, but two
4 of the experts live in Chicago, okay, so it's not just a
5 Sidley Austin thing. The other expert's in New York. We
6 brought him out. We accommodated the sequencing. We're bring
7 our expert to Nevada. So we've addressed the sequencing issue
8 and everything else, and with two experts in --

9 THE COURT: Why do you guys want to go to Chicago in
10 January?

11 MR. FERRARIO: Nobody does.

12 MR. PISANELLI: Because Sidley Austin's located
13 there, that's why.

14 MR. FERRARIO: That's not true. I'll tell you what.
15 I'll tell you what, Judge.

16 MR. PISANELLI: And one-day notice.

17 MR. FERRARIO: I'll fly somebody from my office to
18 Chicago just to show that's not the reason. It's absurd.

19 MR. PISANELLI: That doesn't help us.

20 MR. FERRARIO: It's a scheduling -- the two experts
21 live there. We're bringing one from New York there. We can
22 have a brief Chicago swing and knock these three out. And
23 then Mr. Stein can speak to this. It's not as they're
24 portraying it at all. And we accommodated their sequencing,
25 which, quite frankly, with the scheduling --

1 THE COURT: My sequencing.

2 MR. FERRARIO: Well, I understand. But with the
3 days we have left and the number of experts, you know, that
4 should also -- should go away, quite frankly.

5 THE COURT: Okay. Mr. Stein.

6 MR. STEIN: Thank you, Your Honor.

7 THE COURT: Your office is in Chicago; right?

8 MR. STEIN: It is.

9 THE COURT: Because Mr. Jones is going there so he
10 can't come do closing argument next week -- or this week.

11 MR. STEIN: By the way, it's not much -- it's much
12 warmer here, at least last night, than it was in Chicago.

13 THE COURT: Well, but the wind off of Lake Michigan
14 is not pleasant.

15 MR. STEIN: Fair enough.

16 So I had some discussions last week with Mr.
17 Williams. And while I understand that some of the Wynn
18 Resorts side still have this issue with the location, there
19 are essentially two groups of experts. We each have a gaming
20 expert, and then there are experts on corporate governance and
21 damages. Our gaming expert is currently in Florida. We've
22 offered to bring him to Las Vegas and to be deposed before
23 their rebuttal expert. So there's no issue there. But those
24 will be in Las Vegas.

25 Then we have two other experts, one is in Chicago,

1 and one in New York. They have one rebuttal expert to that
2 expert in Chicago. So they have a Chicago expert responding
3 to our Chicago expert, and there's one additional expert in
4 New York. We were able to find dates where our New York
5 expert would come to Chicago so all those depositions could
6 take place, nobody needs to make multiple trips, and we would
7 put our two experts first, and then their rebuttal Chicago
8 expert third. All could take place during the week of the
9 15th. These people are -- like, of course, many people, have
10 day jobs. But we've got everything that works. This seems to
11 come down to a spitting match about whether or not everybody
12 has to get on a plane to come to Las Vegas because they want
13 that when we've got dates, dates that we know work for their
14 side, that work for our experts, and that work for us and that
15 don't result in any inefficiency. We'll have them all back to
16 back to back in Chicago, where two of them live and where one
17 of them is in New York.

18 MR. BICE: And here's the problem with that,
19 Your Honor. I understand that works out with their schedules
20 and --

21 THE COURT: You have to travel, don't you?

22 MR. BICE: Yes. And we have other depositions that week,
23 that same week. And we're trying -- we've got 21 witnesses --

24 THE COURT: Nice try.

25 Next? Your fallback position?

1 MR. STEIN: My fallback position.

2 THE COURT: Ask Mr. Polsenberg what I mean by that.
3 That means go to Number 6 of the jury instruction versions in
4 your pocket now.

5 MR. STEIN: Your Honor, if that's the case, then
6 we'll need to -- you know, the way we had it worked out I
7 could -- we had it worked out where the initial experts went
8 before the rebuttal. I'm not sure what requiring them to
9 travel to Las Vegas is going to do given their other
10 obligations and given that we weren't contacted about
11 scheduling until relatively late. We'll attempt to work
12 within that construct if you're going to require them to come
13 to Las Vegas, but I just --

14 THE COURT: I asked for your fallback position,
15 Counsel, so I'm just -- I'm waiting to hear it.

16 MR. STEIN: My fallback position would be that if
17 they are required to come to Las Vegas, then they'll need to
18 be scheduled whenever they can be here. Again, for somebody
19 from New York that's essentially a four-day trip between two
20 days of travel, day of preparation, and day of deposition. So
21 it could only be that there's one day that that person's
22 available.

23 MR. PISANELLI: Your Honor, it doesn't seem to me
24 that they should benefit from their belligerence in the first
25 part of this process.

1 MR. FERRARIO: Oh, my God.

2 MR. PISANELLI: They gave us one --

3 THE COURT: Mr. Ferrario.

4 MR. PISANELLI: -- day and said, take it or leave

5 it. That's why we have asked you now to give us five days'

6 notice to be in Las Vegas. They should have had a fallback

7 position before they presented that position in the first

8 place.

9 THE COURT: Okay. File your motion -- or file your

10 notice.

11 MR. PISANELLI: Thank you.

12 THE COURT: Anything else?

13 MR. FERRARIO: What's the notice on, five days?

14 THE COURT: Uh-huh.

15 MR. PISANELLI: Yeah.

16 MR. FERRARIO: That's just patently unfair, Your

17 Honor. We -- that was --

18 THE COURT: You want to pick a day?

19 MR. FERRARIO: There was nothing unreasonable -- Mr.

20 Stein said we have to go back and look at this. We're talking

21 to these folks, he's talking to Mr. Williams. The whole

22 thing's coming -- we show up today, they take this absurd

23 position, quite frankly, and now you're saying, okay, you got

24 to come to Vegas. Give us a chance to work out a schedule.

25 THE COURT: He's going to send you a notice on five

1 days' notice. If there is a problem that somebody has a
2 procedure scheduled for a medical procedure, if there's a real
3 problem with someone having their deposition taken at that
4 time, I would be happy to address that on a motion for
5 protective order, and I'm sure they'd be willing to
6 accommodate somebody's schedule.

7 MR. FERRARIO: Yeah. It's been so reasonable so
8 far.

9 MR. PISANELLI: As always.

10 MR. FERRARIO: Right.

11 MR. STEIN: Can I make one other suggestion? We had
12 -- we -- I had an agreement with Mr. Williams on dates at the
13 time they were going to take place in Chicago. I would at
14 least like to be able, since I know that they are available on
15 those dates, to have the option to go forward on those dates.

16 MR. PISANELLI: Everything's changed.

17 THE COURT: Are you okay on those days?

18 MR. PISANELLI: No.

19 THE COURT: Why not?

20 MR. PISANELLI: Because we're overlapped with making
21 agreements with the Okada parties. They're the only party
22 that wouldn't negotiate, so everyone else tried to do their
23 job and get everything done. So we give them five days'
24 notice.

25 MR. BICE: And we have -- I think we have worked out

1 most of the dates with the Okada parties. If --

2 THE COURT: See what happens when you don't
3 cooperate when everybody else is cooperating?

4 MR. FERRARIO: Your Honor, I'm just going to hold my
5 tongue in terms of cooperation. We had a five-day -- four-day
6 hearing about cooperation last week --

7 MR. PISANELLI: Your Honor, may we leave?

8 MR. FERRARIO: -- with a finding of wilful
9 violation. Okada had --

10 THE COURT: On both sides.

11 MR. FERRARIO: Okada had it, as well. No. Ours had
12 to do with the protective order --

13 MR. PISANELLI: Your Honor, may we leave?

14 MR. FERRARIO: -- thing with Mr. Zeller --

15 THE COURT: Can they leave now?

16 MR. FERRARIO: -- okay?

17 THE COURT: Mr. Ferrario, don't do it today. Don't
18 lose your --

19 MR. FERRARIO: I'm not, Your Honor. But -- but --

20 THE COURT: -- temper today with me, because I don't
21 have my sign that says "Patience is a virtue, don't put him in
22 jail."

23 MR. FERRARIO: Your Honor, Mr. Stein made a very
24 reasonable -- we've worked out dates, we tried to fold them
25 in. Give us a chance to see if those folks can come out.

1 THE COURT: Well, of course. Why don't you talk to
2 them about it, tell them what the dates are when they can come
3 to Vegas. I did not order them in Vegas, but I am not going
4 to require the schedule which you have come up with.

5 MR. FERRARIO: I understand -- we understand the
6 Court's ruling. We're asking to maintain these dates and give
7 us a chance to see if they can come out.

8 MR. STEIN: Your Honor, so you're not ordering them
9 to come to Las Vegas?

10 THE COURT: I didn't issue an order. Did you hear
11 me issue an order?

12 MR. FERRARIO: No, she didn't.

13 THE COURT: Was there a motion? I didn't adopt the
14 procedure that you told me, because I don't think the
15 procedure that you gave is appropriate.

16 MR. FERRARIO: We get your message, Your Honor. We
17 will get some dates, we will proffer them, and hopefully we
18 don't have to come back in front of Your Honor.

19 THE COURT: It would be easier for everybody and
20 you're more likely to get an agreement if they come to Las
21 Vegas.

22 MR. FERRARIO: We understood you loud and clear.

23 THE COURT: Is there any objection to any of the
24 motions to redact or seal?

25 MR. PEEK: None, Your Honor.

1 MR. FERRARIO: No.

2 THE COURT: They're all granted because they include
3 commercially sensitive information and are narrowly tailored
4 to protect that commercially sensitive information.

5 MR. BICE: Your Honor, I apologize. I was talking
6 to Mr. Jones, and I did not hear what the preface of your
7 question was.

8 MR. PEEK: The redactions.

9 MR. FERRARIO: Do you object to any of these motions
10 to redact?

11 MR. BICE: No.

12 THE COURT: Was that the part you missed?

13 MR. BICE: That was the --

14 THE COURT: You heard the part about I didn't issue
15 an order that somebody had to come to Nevada today --

16 MR. BICE: I heard that.

17 THE COURT: -- because I didn't have a motion in
18 front of me.

19 MR. PISANELLI: Exactly.

20 MR. BICE: We'll deal with that being the notice if
21 we can't work out a schedule. And then we'll [inaudible].

22 THE COURT: I understand that.

23 MR. BICE: Thank you.

24 THE COURT: And then I'll do an analysis under this
25 case called Wynn versus Okada.

1 MR. BICE: Exactly. Thank you, Your Honor.

2 THE COURT: Anything else, Mr. Peek? Thank you for
3 remember the DISH Network case, because I was thinking about
4 that and I couldn't remember the name.

5 (Wynn Resorts parties left courtroom at 9:43 a.m.)

6 MR. PEEK: Well, Your Honor, I don't know if you saw
7 that the motion for reconsideration was just denied.

8 THE COURT: No. I've been in trial with Randall
9 Jones.

10 MR. PEEK: On the 8th -- yeah, on the 8th their
11 motion for reconsideration was denied.

12 THE COURT: Does that mean you won?

13 MR. PEEK: Well, I won twice, yes.

14 THE COURT: Good job.

15 MR. PEEK: Nice I can -- so do I get to put two?

16 THE COURT: I think so. But Chris Pickering wrote
17 probably the most well-reasoned discussion in the dissent even
18 though she couldn't get to the numbers she needed. But it was
19 a very well-reasoned thing.

20 MR. PEEK: I told her spouse that, Your Honor, but I
21 didn't like it, but I told her spouse that.

22 THE COURT: It was very well reasoned.

23 (Court recessed at 9:43 a.m., until 9:45 a.m.)

24 THE COURT: Okay. I've got all three. So I have
25 all three sides here. Did anybody get a chance to review the

1 ability to serve questionnaire that I sent to you guys last
2 week before we start the process of sending it to the 10,000
3 people? And we're going to try and do them in 2,000 batches
4 to see if four electronic-response questionnaire will work.
5 Did you have objections?

6 MR. FERRARIO: No.

7 THE COURT: Other than the objections you gave me on
8 my potential contamination of the jury pool --

9 MR. BICE: Well, I told you I didn't -- that wasn't
10 the right word, but I couldn't think of a different word.

11 THE COURT: Okay.

12 MR. BICE: But I know what you're saying,
13 contaminated, yeah.

14 THE COURT: So was there any -- the language that
15 are on the postcard, because we're going to use a postcard
16 because my Jury Commissioner says Maricopa County gets a
17 higher response rate to postcards than they do to letters, so
18 we're going to try a postcard this time, and we're going to
19 try to have them electronically fill out the service and
20 qualification questionnaire online and then get the responses
21 to you that way.

22 MR. BICE: Your Honor, I didn't have any objection
23 to any of the language, and I did look at all of them. I did
24 have an objection, though. Are all three -- the postcard goes
25 out, and then --

1 THE COURT: Postcard goes out.

2 MR. BICE: And then the other two documents are
3 online?

4 THE COURT: This is part of the electronic
5 information they will be filling out.

6 MR. BICE: Okay. So do they have to fill out both
7 of them, or are those alternatives? Because they seem to
8 contain a lot of the same information on them.

9 THE COURT: She sends out the postcard. If the
10 person is clever enough to be able to figure out the online
11 system, they will be prompted with the next two pages on the
12 online system to answer it.

13 MR. BICE: Okay.

14 THE COURT: If for some reason the person says they
15 can't do that or if we get a terrible response rate to our
16 requests, to the postcards --

17 MR. BICE: Yes.

18 THE COURT: -- then we are going to send out the
19 last four pages.

20 MR. BICE: So the last four go out as essentially a
21 paper version?

22 THE COURT: It's an alternate to the postcard
23 version.

24 MR. BICE: Okay. So I did not have any objection to
25 the language that was being proposed. I actually -- I

1 actually like the fact that the six months wasn't in bold and
2 highlighted. I actually had to search the document to say,
3 now, where is it. And it's actually right in the first
4 sentence.

5 THE COURT: Well, but I'm giving them holidays
6 through October.

7 MR. BICE: I know. That's [inaudible], you know,
8 and I'm like, oh boy, they're going to see -- they're going to
9 see that date and because -- yeah, Mr. Jones is here -- on our
10 last trial together when they started figuring out those dates
11 and they started doing the -- we could see the jurors doing
12 the math in their head, and it was a -- we almost -- well, we
13 kind of did have a mutiny.

14 THE COURT: Well, luckily, in CityCenter when we did
15 this and it was a one-year, we had a year's worth of holidays
16 that were in there.

17 MR. BICE: Yeah.

18 THE COURT: It was very clear that there were some
19 people who were willing to serve and others who weren't. And,
20 as I've told you guys, I am not going to put somebody out of
21 their house for your trial. So if somebody has a true
22 financial hardship, then I'm probably going to excuse them
23 from your case and let them be on a jury that's a three-day
24 jury trial.

25 MR. BICE: And, Your Honor, on that issue how is

1 that --

2 MR. PEEK: We'll get -- when you're done here we'll
3 just say we're okay with the format that the Court has --

4 MR. BICE: I agree with the format, as well. But on
5 that issue that you highlighted, how is that going to be
6 resolved? So, in other words, will --

7 THE COURT: We're going to get these answers on this
8 blank, where they're either going to type it in or they're
9 handwrite it in.

10 MR. BICE: Right.

11 THE COURT: I am then going to have the returned
12 jury questionnaire responses, whether they were submitted
13 electronically or they weren't, we send them typically to the
14 County printshop, we get the copy made. You've agreed on a
15 printer that you're sharing the cost. I send your one copy to
16 the printer, it goes to you guys, and you pick it up and you
17 review it and you say, hey, Judge, we don't have any problem
18 excusing, and you give me a list of the people you're okay
19 with excusing. They give me a list, and Elaine Wynn's people
20 give me a list.

21 MR. FERRARIO: It actually works out fine.

22 THE COURT: And then if all agree, that person, no
23 matter what I think, gets excused if you all agree. If you
24 don't agree, I review it and make a determination as the Judge
25 whether I'm going to excuse that person.

1 MR. BICE: Those are -- the financial ones are
2 always sort of the tough ones, in my view.

3 MR. FERRARIO: And, actually, Todd, I mean --

4 THE COURT: It's not tough on this length. If you
5 tell me you've got a financial hardship, you're a hair stylist
6 or manicurist, I'm getting you out of here.

7 MR. BICE: Yeah.

8 MR. FERRARIO: What we did in CityCenter once your
9 list -- we get the list, you'll be surprised how they line up.
10 That was the least contentious part of the whole thing.

11 THE COURT: It probably was the least contentious
12 part. The agreed-upon excusals was very smooth in CityCenter.

13 MR. BICE: Okay.

14 MR. JONES: We had the same issue with --

15 MR. FERRARIO: It was.

16 MR. JONES: -- Judge Johnson, Your Honor. That
17 actually went five and a half months, and --

18 THE COURT: Well, but she's getting ready to do two
19 more six-month cases, which is why I don't think this issue
20 that you're concerned about is going to be a concern, because
21 we're going to be sending --

22 MR. BICE: Because you're going to be sending out a
23 lot more than --

24 THE COURT: For several different trials that are
25 all going.

1 MR. PEEK: Your Honor, when are you expecting us to
2 have true juror questionnaires to you?

3 THE COURT: I told Mr. Ferrario I wanted them the
4 beginning of January.

5 MR. FERRARIO: We're already working on it.

6 MR. PEEK: Okay. So the beginning of January, so --

7 THE COURT: You were in Curacao when that question
8 came up the last time, and he asked me before you told me how
9 much time you needed for trial, and I said January.

10 MR. PEEK: So January 8th?

11 THE COURT: I don't know.

12 MR. FERRARIO: We're pushing for mid January.

13 MR. PEEK: January 5th? Well, I was trying to get a
14 date.

15 THE COURT: I'm not -- I'm worried about me having
16 them by mid January so I can resolve disputes among you and
17 have it done before the end of January.

18 MR. BICE: Right.

19 THE COURT: Because I've got to resolve your
20 disputes somewhere in that two-week time of mid January before
21 end of January.

22 MR. BICE: When it's going to get sent out in --

23 MR. PEEK: When are the ability to serves going to
24 go out?

25 THE COURT: I'm going to give approval from them to

1 go out this morning.

2 MR. PEEK: Okay.

3 THE COURT: I do not know as a practical matter what
4 that means with printshop, the mailing, and all that crap.
5 Generating the list is the easy part.

6 MR. FERRARIO: Is this the first time you've used
7 the postcard thing?

8 THE COURT: Yes. This will be the first time we've
9 used the postcard thing.

10 Where's -- did you guys talk to Dennis Prince?

11 MR. BICE: Yes.

12 THE COURT: Are you guys going to consider doing
13 that for the whole questionnaire thing?

14 MR. PISANELLI: The initial conversation is that
15 neither side was comfortable with it, oddly enough.

16 THE COURT: Okay. Then we will use paper jury
17 questionnaires and we will bring them down in batches. We are
18 hoping not to have a repeat of Queensridge where we had to
19 take them to Cashman Field.

20 MR. JONES: Had to take the questionnaires to
21 Cashman?

22 THE COURT: We had to take the people because the
23 phone system failed and they didn't know who was supposed to
24 report what day and they all showed up on the first day. So
25 we sent them all down to -- we had to rent Cashman Field. We

1 didn't get a cheap rate, either. County -- you'd think County
2 agency they'd give us a break. No, not so much

3 MR. JONES: Your Honor, I would -- I have done
4 several months- -- many months-long trials. I would
5 personally advocate against having more than a very -- a
6 manageable number coming down as a batch.

7 THE COURT: You mean after they've filled out the
8 questionnaires?

9 MR. JONES: Yes. Yes, yes.

10 THE COURT: Yes. Mariah says we can't call more
11 than 60-ish, a recommended number per day. We did get through
12 more than that in CityCenter except on the days we had to do
13 individual voir dire.

14 MR. PEEK: Even with Ferrario?

15 THE COURT: He was very effective. Very effective.

16 MR. FERRARIO: Remember at the beginning --

17 THE COURT: You know when he was the most effective
18 was when I was ruling on the deposition designations he said,
19 Judge, I've never seen anybody read faster than you. It's
20 like, yep.

21 MR. FERRARIO: Remember, though, at the beginning we
22 did --

23 MR. PISANELLI: Judge Mahon just recently allowed
24 zero questions from counsel on voir dire, so we could always
25 have that.

1 MR. FERRARIO: Although we had too many at the
2 beginning and they were sitting over there seething. And I
3 can't remember which one of your clerks was in there singing
4 songs with them to keep them -- who?

5 THE COURT: Laura.

6 MR. FERRARIO: They were stewing.

7 THE COURT: We had a bad group. And then when we
8 had them sequestered while we were doing individual voir dire
9 a lawyer's wife decided to tell all the jurors in her group
10 about her husband's litigation with MGM on the CityCenter work
11 comp case.

12 MR. PEEK: Oh, my gosh. You're kidding.

13 MR. FERRARIO: Nope.

14 THE COURT: She was so mad I hadn't excused her
15 already. She was so mad she figured out a way to get out of
16 jury duty.

17 MR. FERRARIO: I'd forgotten about that.

18 MR. JONES: She almost sounded like she figured out
19 a way to get into County Jail, too.

20 MR. FERRARIO: It was close.

21 THE COURT: It was close. I brought her in and had
22 a discussion with her about that.

23 THE PROCEEDINGS CONCLUDED AT 9:55 A.M.

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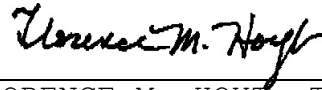
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Real Parties in Interest Universal Entertainment Corp., Aruze USA, Inc. ("Aruze USA"), and Kazuo Okada (collectively referred to as "Defendants") submit this Opposition to Wynn Resorts, Limited's ("WRL's") Motion for a Stay of District Court Proceedings Pending Disposition of its Petition for Writ of Mandamus or Alternatively, Prohibition (the "Petition").

I. INTRODUCTION

WRL commenced this strike lawsuit nearly six years ago. Since then the Defendants have been struggling to obtain their day in court to present their case for recovery of the tremendous losses WRL needlessly inflicted on Defendants. Although WRL was the first to rush to court, filing its initial complaint at 2:14 am on February 19, 2012, WRL's strategy over the last six years has been to create delay after delay to deny Defendants a fair and timely resolution of this lawsuit on its merits. Now, after some dispositive motion practice and with the depositions of 21 expert witnesses at hand to conclude preparation for trial, WRL asks the Court to stay the entire case pending review of its writ petition regarding the district court's recent summary judgment ruling.¹ However, under Nevada law, WRL is not entitled to a stay. None of the factors the Court considers when deciding whether to issue a stay favors stopping this case from going to trial on April 16, 2018.

At issue in this hard-fought lawsuit are billions of dollars in damages. Dozens of depositions already have been completed. Millions of documents have been reviewed. The issues are complicated and have

¹ On December 18, 2017, the district court denied WRL's effort to stay the case. Ex. A, Dec. 18, 2017 Hrg. Tr. at 12.

resulted in numerous petitions to the Court, mostly on discovery issues. The Defendants have been waiting for their day in court for nearly six years since the WRL Board decided to improperly redeem their founder's shares of stock at a substantial discount. Granting a stay now will assure another delay of the trial for no good reason. A stay is neither required nor necessary because WRL has an adequate remedy at law to review the district court's decision declining to dismiss WRL from this lawsuit under the business judgment rule. And a stay will cause extreme prejudice to the Defendants.

The purported irreparable and serious injury WRL insists will occur if a stay is denied—that it will endure an extraordinarily costly six-month trial involving issues that might not need to be litigated pending the Court's writ review—is exaggerated advocacy that is completely at odds with the realities of this case. WRL's suggestion of harm by the district court's decision to prepare for trial by sending out a preliminary questionnaire on availability for a lengthy trial does not support a stay because it does not uniquely impact WRL, which is not even identified on the proposed notice as a party. First, the Court has ordered an expedited briefing schedule with respect to the writ petition, with an Answer due from Defendants on December 22 and a Reply due from WRL on December 29. Second, in recently summarily denying three of WRL's other writ petitions, the Court expressed extreme reluctance to interfere with the district court's firm trial date. It is thus reasonable to infer that the Court will consider this petition promptly, well before trial. For this reason alone, a stay is not necessary. A stay will disrupt completion of expert discovery and render trial on April 16 impossible to achieve. The parties should be allowed to continue with expert depositions—all 21 experts must be

deposed between now and January 19—that have been difficult to schedule and get ready for trial consistent with the district court's scheduling order.

The day of reckoning is now at hand. Fact discovery has closed. Expert discovery is in its final stage; that is the principal task to be completed by the parties between now and trial on April 16, 2018. This "emergency motion" to stay seeks to vacate the trial date that the district court set after years of intensely contested pretrial proceedings and is another unwarranted effort by WRL to perpetuate delay and deny the Defendants their day in court. This writ petition is WRL's 8th and the instant motion is its 20th motion to stay. The Court should not indulge WRL's efforts to prevent justice from being done, starting in April 2018.

II. ARGUMENT

In deciding whether there is good cause to issue a stay, the Court weighs the following factors: (1) whether the object of the appeal or writ petition will be defeated if the stay is denied; (2) whether appellant/petitioner will suffer irreparable or serious injury if the stay is denied; (3) whether respondent/real party in interest will suffer irreparable or serious injury if the stay is granted; and (4) whether appellant/petitioner is likely to prevail on the merits in the appeal or writ petition. NRAP 8(c); *Hansen v. Eighth Jud. Dist. Ct.*, 116 Nev. 650, 657, 6 P.3d 982, 986 (2000). Each of the *Hansen* factors weighs in favor of denying a stay.

A. The Object of the Petition Will Not Be Defeated

The Court should deny WRL's Motion because the object of WRL's Petition—having the Court reverse the district court's well-considered summary judgment ruling and dismiss Defendants' claims related to the redemption of their stock—will not be defeated without a stay. WRL faces

no irreparable injury whatsoever from going to trial according to the existing schedule in a case it initiated and rushed to file at 2:14 a.m. on a Sunday morning nearly six years ago.

WRL claims it needs a stay because absent a stay of the entire case and immediate writ review, it has no "plain, speedy and adequate remedy at law," Mot. at 4, which is nonsense. As the Court pointed out in three rulings in this case just two weeks ago, "*The right to appeal in the future, after a final judgment is ultimately entered, generally constitutes an adequate and speedy legal remedy precluding writ relief.*" Ex. B, Order at 1, *Wynn Resorts, Ltd. v. Eighth Jud. Dist. Ct.*, No. 73949 (Dec. 4, 2017) (emphasis added); Ex. C, Order at 1–2, *Wynn Resorts, Ltd. v. Eighth Jud. Dist. Ct.*, No. 73641, (Dec. 4, 2017) (emphasis added); Ex. D, Order at 1–2, *Wynn Resorts, Ltd. v. Eighth Jud. Dist. Ct.*, No. 74500 (Dec. 4, 2017) (emphasis added).

WRL does not provide a reason why the Court should not follow this precedent and change course to rule today that an appeal after final judgment is an *inadequate* legal remedy. WRL seeks only to prolong resolution of litigation it initiated against Defendants, and lengthen the life of this case with yet another writ petition. But as with all of the other writ petitions the Court recently denied, WRL has a perfectly adequate and speedy legal remedy in an appeal after final judgment. At that time, the Court can appropriately assess the role of the business judgment rule on *all* of the issues in this case together, *and* on a full trial record. *Walters v. Eighth Judicial Dist. Ct. of State*, 127 Nev. 723, 727, 263 P.3d 231, 234 (2011) ("court will only consider writ petitions challenging a district court denial of a motion for summary judgment when no factual dispute exists *and* summary judgment is clearly required by a statute or rule, or an important issue of law requires clarification.") (emphasis added); *see also D.R. Horton*

v. Green, 125 Nev. 449, 215 P.3d 697 (2009) (writ review is not available when the issue on which writ relief is sought can be appealed post judgment)).

B. WRL Will Not Suffer Irreparable and Serious Injury if a Stay is Denied

WRL contends it needs a stay to save itself from the costs of a six-month trial on issues that might not need to be litigated if the Court reverses the district court's summary judgment ruling that the business judgment rule does not immunize the company from liability for its wrongful acts. Mot. at 5. This argument is premature and ignores both the law and recent rulings of the Court. In the near term, a stay will disrupt 21 expert depositions that are scheduled to occur over the next month and which must be completed on time to assure the trial can start on April 16, as scheduled.

In any event, as a matter of law (law that WRL itself quotes, albeit selectively), *litigation costs do not amount to injury sufficient to justify a stay*. *Mikohn Gaming Corp. v. McCrea*, 120 Nev. 248, 253, 89 P.3d 36, 39 (2004) ("[w]e have previously explained that litigation costs, *even if potentially substantial*, are not irreparable harm.") (emphasis added); *see also Hansen*, 116 Nev. at 658, 6 P.3d at 986-87 (litigation expenses such as "length and time-consuming discovery, trial preparation, and trial . . . while potentially substantial, are neither irreparable nor serious"). WRL claims that this case is different because it is "not talking about ordinary litigation costs" but the costs of a trial that could last a few months, Mot. at 5, which the Court rejected in both *Mikohn* and *Hansen* – even if litigation costs are "potentially substantial," they do not amount to irreparable harm justifying imposition of a stay. *Id.*

Next, WRL claims a stay is necessary because if the Court accepts WRL's writ and if the Court rules in its favor (two big "ifs"), such a ruling will "materially alter[] the contours of this case." Mot. at 4. This speculation is not supported by the law—and for good reason. If a party was entitled to a stay every time it sought writ review of a dispositive ruling, few cases would go to trial without substantial and unjustified delays. And no matter how the Court resolves WRL's writ petition, this case will still proceed to trial because the Defendants have a number of counterclaims that are not subject to the writ WRL is pursuing.

WRL's hypothetical argument also ignores the Court's recent action in response to this writ petition, which counsels against a stay: the Court imposed an expedited briefing schedule for the subject writ, ordering Defendants to answer the writ petition by December 22.² Moreover, in summarily denying three of WRL's writ petitions two weeks ago, the Court declined to interfere with this case going to trial on April 16, and ruled:

Having considered the petition and supporting documents, we are not satisfied that our intervention is warranted at this time. *This case has been pending in the district court since 2012*, several interlocutory issues of substantial magnitude already have been addressed by this court . . . *and the underlying proceedings are approaching a set trial date*. Moreover, the challenged ruling resulted from the district court's consideration of this issue pursuant to *Wynn Resorts*, 133 Nev. Adv. Op. 52, 399 P.3d 334, in which we addressed the same issue just a few months ago. . . . [W]e conclude that the issue presented herein is not of such a magnitude so as to

² See Ex. E, Not. of Expedited Consideration by Nev. S. Ct., *Wynn Resorts Ltd. v. Okada*, No. A-12-656710-B (Dec. 14, 2017) (noting that any Reply to the Answer must be filed and served by December 29).

require our extraordinary and rare intervention, given the upcoming trial date.

Ex. B, Order at 2, *Wynn Resorts, Ltd. v. Eighth Jud. Dist. Ct.*, No. 73949 (Dec. 4, 2017) (emphasis added); *see also* Ex. C, Order at 2, *Wynn Resorts, Ltd. v. Eighth Jud. Dist. Ct.*, No. 73641 (Dec. 4, 2017) (emphasis added); Ex. D, Order at 2, *Wynn Resorts, Ltd. v. Eighth Jud. Dist. Ct.*, No. 74500 (Dec. 4, 2017) (emphasis added).

This express recognition of the trial date, combined with its order for an expedited Answer to the writ petition and Reply before year end makes it highly likely that the Court will resolve the matter promptly, without a need for a stay of the proceedings and disruption of the 21 expert depositions scheduled for completion next month. Under these circumstances, WRL will not be harmed by denial of a stay. Although the parties will continue to expend resources on expert discovery, which is scheduled to close on January 19, the costs of those depositions would be miniscule compared to the costs already incurred during the preceding six years of intense litigation. And, again, as the Court has made clear, even litigation costs that are "potentially substantial" do not add up to "irreparable harm." *Mikohn*, 120 Nev. at 253, 89 P.3d at 39.

Finally, WRL's suggestion of harm by district court's inquiry of 10,000 prospective jurors whether they would be able to serve for a six-month trial is speculative and exaggerated. Mot. at 5. Not only are the parties not identified on the proposed notice, but the "harm" that WRL sees from this inquiry—that many prospective jurors will claim financial hardship to serve for six month—would be equally imposed on all parties. That would not be harm WRL would uniquely suffer. Moreover, the district court's questionnaire makes clear that "the Court may conclude you would be able

to serve on a trial of less duration." Ex. A to Mot. Denial of the stay does not harm WRL in any way.

C. Defendants Will Suffer Irreparable and Serious Injury if the Stay is Granted

On the other hand, Defendants will suffer serious injury if the Court further delays these proceedings. *See Hansen*, 116 Nev. at 657, 6 P.3d at 986 (no stay when "respondent/real party in interest will suffer irreparable or serious injury if the stay is granted"). We are approaching the sixth anniversary of the improper redemption of Defendants' stock and they have yet to see their day in court. Fact discovery has closed, and we are in the final stage of necessary expert discovery. If a stay is issued, the expert depositions will be halted, which will derail compliance with the district court's scheduling order, including trial on April 16.

On balance, the potential harm to Defendants far outweighs any possible "harm" to WRL. *See, e.g., Hansen*, 116 Nev. at 659, 6 P.3d at 987 (stay should be denied unless "the balance of equities weighs heavily in favor of granting a stay"). In fact, granting a stay would *reward* WRL for its primary litigation tactic, that of creating further delays.³ Accordingly, there is no reason to immediately stop expert discovery and final trial preparation and overturn the district court's scheduling order.

D. WRL Will Not Prevail on the Merits

Finally, the Court should not grant the requested stay because, we submit, the Court is not likely to reverse the Court's ruling on the summary judgment motion. *Hansen v. Eighth Jud. Dist. Ct.*, 116 Nev. 650, 657, 6 P.3d

³ WRL's overall delay strategy, in terms of Defendants' access to documents, to witnesses, to information, and now the firm trial date, has been unprecedented.

982, 986 (2000) (no stay when movant cannot "demonstrate that extraordinary relief is warranted").⁴

It is settled law that a denial of summary judgment cannot be appealed even after a final judgment, let alone through extraordinary writ review four months before trial. As the Court said years ago (and remains valid today):

[M]andamus petitions have continued to inundate this court, challenging denials of motions for summary judgment and motions to dismiss. We must now decide whether it is in the best interests of the court, and of the Nevada judicial system as a whole, for us to continue to entertain such petitions. We conclude that it is not.

State ex rel. Dept. of Transp. v. Thompson, 99 Nev. 358, 361, 662 P.2d 1338, 1340 (1983); *see also, e.g., GES, Inc. v. Corbitt*, 117 Nev. 265, 268, 21 P.3d 11, 13 (2001) ("An order denying summary judgment is not independently appealable.") (citing NRAP 3A(b)); *State v. Eighth Jud. Dist. Ct.*, 118 Nev. 140, 147, 42 P.3d 233, 238 (2002) ("Very few writ petitions warrant extraordinary relief and . . . the interests of judicial economy which inspired the *Thompson* rule will remain the primary standard by which this court exercises its discretion."). Instead, writ review is only warranted to address "discovery order[s] that require[] disclosure of privileged information" and "blanket discovery orders without regard to relevance."

⁴ The fact that the Supreme Court has directed Defendants to answer WRL's writ petition does not make it any more likely that the Supreme Court will grant WRL's writ petition and overrule the Court's summary judgment ruling. Indeed, the Court has directed answers to writ petitions in connection with other issues in this case and thereafter denied the respective writ petitions. *See e.g., Op., Okada v. Eighth Jud. Dist. Ct.*, 131 Nev. Adv. Op. No. 83 (2015), No. 68310 (Oct. 15, 2015).

Clark Cnty. Liquor & Gambling Licensing Bd. v. Clark, 102 Nev. 654, 659-60, 730 P.2d 443, 447 (1986). Neither circumstance is presented here.⁵

Further, as will be set forth in great detail in Defendants' Answer to WRL's Petition (due December 22), the district court was unquestionably correct in holding that the business judgment rule does not apply to the company itself or to claims asserted against the company and interested directors; *Wynn Resorts*, 399 P.3d 334, does not hold otherwise, as Defendants answer will confirm. Therefore, WRL cannot show it will prevail on the merits.

III. CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, Defendants ask that the Court deny WRL's Motion for a Stay.

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⁵ Moreover, and as discussed above, the Supreme Court made clear two weeks ago when it in summarily denied three of WRL's writ petitions that it is not inclined to interfere with this case going to trial. Ex. B, Order at 2, *Wynn Resorts, Ltd. v. Eighth Jud. Dist. Ct.*, No. 73949 (Dec. 4, 2017); Ex. C, Order at 2, *Wynn Resorts, Ltd. v. Eighth Jud. Dist. Ct.*, No. 73641 (Dec. 4, 2017); Ex. D, Order at 2, *Wynn Resorts, Ltd. v. Eighth Jud. Dist. Ct.*, No. 74500 (Dec. 4, 2017). The Court should not impose a stay when there is every reason to believe that the Court will deny WRL's writ petition, just as it denied three of WRL's writ petitions two weeks ago because of "the upcoming trial date."

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