IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

PETER and CHRISTIAN GARDNER, individually and on behalf of minor child 1218 02:20 p.m. GARDNER,

Elizabeth A. Brown Clerk of Supreme Court

Appellants,

v.

R & O CONSTRUCTION, INC.

Respondent.

Appeal from the Eighth Judicial District Court of the State of Nevada, in and for County of Clark

JOINT APPENDIX, VOL. II OF III

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     COWABUNGA BAY WATER PARK, a
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     WEST COAST WATER PARKS, LLC, a
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     Nevada limited liability company;
     DOUBLE OTT WATER HOLDINGS, LLC,
     a Utah limited liability company;
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     ORLUFF OPHEIKENS, an individual;
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     SLADE OPHEIKENS, an individual;
     CHET OPHEIKENS, an individual;
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6	Email TOSC01566	227		5	Thursday, May 24th, 2018. The time is approximately
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6	CB024138	283		8	MR. SMITH: Kevin Smith, Hall Jaffe &
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9				11	Scott Huish, Craig Huish, and West Coast Water Parks.
10				12	MR. GORMLEY: John Gormley on behalf of
11				13	the Opheikens, Double Ott, and Tom Welch.
12				14	THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Thank you.
13				15	The witness may now be sworn in by Denise
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15				16	Kelly with Rocket Reporters.
16				17	MR. CAMPBELL: Let's recognize our client.
17				18	MR. MIRKOVICH: Peter Gardner is here, as
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18				19	well as defendants Scott Huish and Tom Welch.
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EXAMINATION

2 BY MR. CAMPBELL:

- 3 Would you please state your name for the 4 record, spelling your full name.
- 5 Jeffrey Slade Opheikens. First name 6 Jeffrey, J-e-f-f-r-e-y. Slade, S-l-a-d-e. Opheikens, 7 O-p-h-e-i-k-e-n-s.
- 8 O. What is your date of birth?
- 9 A. 10/9/69.
- 10 Q. Have you given deposition testimony
- 11 before?

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- 12 A. Yes, I have.
- On how many occasions? 13 Q.
- 14 A. One time.
- 15 And when was that, sir? Q.
- 16 A. Probably 10, 12 years ago.
- 17 O. And what did it relate to?
- 18 A. Project we did in California.
- 19 Q. And was it a commercial dispute or a
- 20 personal injury matter?
- 21 A commercial dispute regarding schedule on 22 a project and payment.
- 23 All right. You were in attendance at your
- 24 father's deposition in this matter?
- 25 Correct.

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- 1 O. And you will recall that I gave him
- basically a rundown of the protocols that are
- 3 applicable to deposition testimony that is being given
- 4 in this action. Do you recall that?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. I'm going to basically give you the same
- rundown. You may remember some of it from having 7
- attended a deposition in the past, in which you were
- the deponent, but I want to make sure there is a
- refreshing of your recollection in that regard as to
- what the protocols and requirements are with respect 11
- 12 to giving testimony in a deposition.
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 - The most important feature, of course, is
- 14 that your deposition is being taken under oath. That
- 15 oath is precisely the same oath that you would take in
- 16 any state or federal court. And, accordingly, it
- 17 carries with it the same solemnity. That is, that you
- 18 have to be responsive and truthful to all questions
- 19 that are asked of you. The failure to do so is a
- 20 state crime. Now, that's not to suggest that you
- 21 would ever commit a serious crime such as perjury, but
- 22 only to warn you and impress upon you again the
- 23 importance of understanding that this is a matter that
- 24 is serious and your testimony is being taken under
- 25 oath as sworn by the court reporter who is a court

1 officer. And you, of course, understand that?

Yes, I do.

Okay. The second thing that is very Q.

important is that we are on the same wavelength. If

you don't understand a question that I ask of you,

don't hesitate to tell me that. I'm more than happy

7 to redraft or reframe the question in such a manner

that you do understand it, because I want to make sure

that we are both on the same wavelength; that, in

10 fact, you're answering the question that I am asking

of you. And I don't take it as any criticism of me by

you asking me to phrase it in a manner that you can 12

13 better understand it.

14 The importance of that is not only that 15 you understand that we are on the same timeframe; but that if you change your testimony at a later point in time, saying, well, you really didn't understand the

17 18 question, that's probably going to fall on deaf ears

19 with the jury and the judge because you had an

opportunity to correct your misunderstanding here. So

21 we invite you to do that and no one is going to take 22 any offense to that.

23 Similarly, this is not an opportunity

24 where you are going to be abused in any fashion. We

consider ourselves professionals in this regard and we

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are going to give you all the time that you feel is

necessary to think of the question that is being asked

3 of you, reflect upon that question, and then give a 4

response to it. 5

Will you do that?

Α. Yes, I will.

7 Okay. In everyday conversation you

8 anticipate what someone is going to ask of you about

halfway through the question that they are asking of you, and interrupting and answering the question is

not in any way indicative of being rude or

12 discourteous in any manner. But, we ask you not to do

13 that in these proceedings.

14 The court reporter has to have a complete 15 record. While everything is on videotape, it's

recorded actually digitally, both audio and video. In

17 that regard, it's important that the court reporter, 18 Miss Kelly, have a full question and the full answer,

rather than half a question, answer, and the rest of

the question. So we would like to try to make her job

as easy as we possibly can on her because it's tough

22 enough as it is already. Okay? 23

A. Okay.

24 All right. Similarly, Miss Kelly can't

pick up nodding of the head and shaking of the head to



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indicate affirmative and negative responses. So go ahead and respond "yes" or "no" audibly. Very, very

frequently I have to remind somebody in the course of

the deposition, "Is that a 'yes?" when they nod their

head or they otherwise go "uh-huh." And so I'm

probably going to have to do that to you at one point, 7 as I did with your father, and we do it with all

8 deponents. 9

Α. Yes.

10 Q. And, again, it's not to demonstrate any disrespect for your answer, only to make sure that we're doing our job. We are the ones that have to make sure that we are creating a correct, proper record in this matter. So bear with me if I do that. 15 Again, it's not meant as any disrespect to you. Okay?

16 A. Okav.

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17 Q. All right. I'm never going to ask you 18 about speculating about anything in this deposition. I may ask you what your best reasoned judgment of a particular matter was, what is your best recollection, 21 or what you derived from the course of a conversation 22 based upon the fact that you're a reasonably 23 intelligent and experienced businessman. 24 The difference between speculating and

giving your reasoned judgment as to what the events

were that you either observed, participated in, or were told about can be illustrated as follows.

3 You can look at this, particularly given 4 the fact that you're in the construction business, and you can look at this table and you could say, "Okay, this table is about 20 feet long or so." But if I 6 asked you how long the dining room table is in my 7 living room, you would have to speculate. First of all, you've never been in my living room. You don't 10 even know if I have a dining room table, let alone how 11 long it is. Okay? But you can basically tell me, 12 ballpark how this fits into your view of what the 13 length of something might be.

14 Do you understand the difference between 15 the two?

16 Α. Yes.

17 Q. Okay. Another thing that I'm never going 18 to ask you to do is to answer with specificity the exact language that may have been used in a particular 20 conversation, unless of course you actually recall it because of something that was so remarkable about the 22 conversation and was such that you would never forget 23 it.

24 Now, what do I mean by that? Well, the law doesn't demand that you answer a question with

page 16 respect to what was said by whom and what party with

that sort of specificity. The law only demands that

you recall the conversation to the best of your

ability using words that were used or words to the effect that were used.

Do you understand the difference?

Α. Yes.

8 Okay. So while you may not recall the exact words that were used with a great deal of precision, what we need is, if you can't recall that, are words to the effect. Okay, would you do that?

Α. Okay. Yes, I will.

13 Okay. And another thing is that we want Q. 14 your testimony in this matter. We don't want your attorney's testimony. So you can't look to him for 16 the answers in this proceeding.

17 There is going to be certain objections 18 and your attorney is entitled to make objections to 19 the form of the question, that there is something that he views as defective in the question. We are going to resolve that at a later point in time in front of a 22 judge. Okay?

23 A. Okav.

24 Q. That doesn't mean that you don't answer the questions. The only time you don't answer a

question is relating to a matter of privilege. Okay? And with respect to matters of privilege, you may be

directed not to answer a particular question, and we

are not going to seek to go around a claim of

5 privilege in this proceeding. We are not going to

6 argue with one another about it. We will present that

at a later point in time and the jury, or the judge,

rather, will decide whether or not that was

appropriately invoked as a privilege or it was

10 inappropriately invoked with the ruling coming from

11 the Court, not from us hashing it out here. At least

12 in most respects we don't do that. Okay?

A. Okav.

13 14 All right. Is there anything that we have 15 discussed thus far about the process that you don't understand or would like further clarification on?

No, I don't think so.

17 18 Q. Okay. At the end of these proceedings, by that, at the point in time which the deposition has been concluded, Ms. Kelly is going to prepare a 21 verbatim transcript of everything that occurred in this deposition. You will have an opportunity to

23 review that transcript and if you so desire to make

24 certain changes in the transcript. 25

Now, frequently such changes are



- 1 ministerial or scrivener in nature. That is to say,
- there might be a misspelling of a word or it may have
- been a Mr. as opposed to a Ms. or a Mrs. that was
- described. But if you change your testimony in any
- 5 material way, that is to say, for example, if this
- 6 were a car collision case and you said, "The light was
- green." And then after the deposition upon further
- reflection that your answer was not helpful to you and
- changed your testimony to say that, "The light was
- 10 red," that would be a material deviation which would
- 11 call into question your honesty and truthfulness in
- 12 responding to a question under oath. In other words,
- 13 that could be used to impeach your testimony saying
- 14 you prevaricated or lied at one time or another, and
- 15 that's something that is to be avoided.
- You of course understand that? 16
- 17 Α. Yes.
- 18 O. Okay.
- 19 Is there any other information you feel
- you need to go forward with your deposition here
- 21 today?

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- 22 A. No.
- 23 Q. Okay.
- 24 A. I don't think so.
- 25 You're not -- I presume that you are Q.

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not --

2 (Cell phone interruption.) 3 MR. GORMLEY: Sorry. Let me turn it off.

- 4 BY MR. CAMPBELL:
- 5 Q. I presume that you're not suffering from 6 any cognitive disability or any influence by any drug or narcotic, whether administered by a physician or 7
- 8 not; is that correct?
- 9 No. sir. Α.
- 10 I did just get back from picking my son
- from Colombia, so my stomach is a little. So after 11
- lunch if I need to finish a question and go to the 12
- 13 bathroom, I might need to share that. But it's --
- 14 You have a boy in Colombia? Q.
- 15 Just got back, yeah. A.
- 16 Q. Just got back?
- 17 A. From a mission down there, yes.
- 18 O. From the country as opposed to the
- 19 academic institution?
- **20** A. Yes, he was in Medellin, Colombia.
- 21 I'm very, very familiar with Medellin. Q.
- 22 It's beautiful. Α.
- 23 Q. Yeah. So is Phil or Sammy. Sam got
- 24 married in Colombia.

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I just tried to incarcerate half the

population at one time. Different circumstances.

- Seven hours of a different conversation.
- Exactly.

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- So we generally will run this for seven
- hours. We will take a break of 15 minutes during the
- morning, a 15-minute break in the afternoon, about
- half-an-hour break for lunch. If we do run over, we
- can deal with that; but we will get in seven hours of
- testimony today, unless we feel that we need
- additional time and we will apply to the Court at a 11 later point in time.
- 12 With all that, I'm going to start your
- 13 testimony at this point. Okay?
 - Α. Okay.
 - Q. Okay. What did you do to prepare for your
- 16 testimony?
- 17 I reviewed through some of the emails that
- 18 were produced by our attorney to you to get
- refamiliarized with. It's been four years. And I was
- trying to reacquainted with I guess what items I could
- 21 look at to try to refresh my memory.
- 22 I reviewed, there was a Haas & Wilkerson
- 23 report that had been generated back then. I scanned
- through that again to get familiar with it. I
- reviewed through part of the management committee

- operating agreement just to become familiar with it 2 again.
 - 3 Aside from that, just meeting with counsel
 - 4 a little bit. O.
 - 5 Okay. How many meetings did you have with counsel between the termination of your father's

 - 7 deposition and your appearance here today?
 - A. I think two.
 - 9 O. Where did they take place?
 - 10 A. We met at John's office one day, and I was 11 on the phone one day.
 - 12 Okay. And who else was in attendance?
 - 13 When we met, Tom Welch was in attendance A.
 - yesterday, my brother Chet came in for part of it. He
 - wasn't able to sit there that long to attend the whole
 - thing. And Cass Butler, who's a personal attorney. 16

 - 17 Q. Anyone else?
 - A. No.
 - 19 Q. How long did that preparation meeting last
 - 20 vesterday?
 - 21 I think we started around 10:00 and 22 finished around 5:00.
 - 23 Q. Okay.
 - 24 And you said that there was also a
 - preparation telephone conference call of sorts at some



- point? 1 2 A. Yeah. For about three hours. I forget 3 what day it is today. Thursday. So I think Tuesday, Monday or Tuesday afternoon.
- 5 Okay. And you were located where, in O. 6 Utah?
- 7 A. Yeah, I was in my office in Utah.
- 8 Q. And who were the participants in the
- 9 conference call that occurred on that day?
- 10 A. John, Tom.
- 11 Q. Welch? Mr. Welch?
- 12 Tom Welch, yeah, sorry. And Cass Butler. A.
- 13 Okay. That lasted how long? O.
- 14 A. I believe it was about three hours.
- 15 Q. Okay. Did you review any testimony?
- 16 A. When you say "testimony," what do you
- 17 mean?
- 18 Thank you for alerting me. It was a
- 19 poorly drafted question, and I agree with you.
- 20 Did you review any testimony of any
- 21 witness that has been taken in this matter?
- 22 I don't think I reviewed any. I was in
- 23 attendance at my father's deposition. So I was
- 24 familiar with what he said. But it was more talking
- about the way questions are phrased and to make sure I
- 1 listen, as you counseled me already, to the whole
- 2 question. And be aware if two questions are kind of combined into one, or if my answers are somehow
- 4 restated to me in a manner that may be a little
- 5 different than what I intended to say.
- 6 And I appreciate that. My question was more directed to did you review any testimony of any
- 8 witness in this case, for example, Mr. Huish?
- 9 A. No.

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- 10 Q. Okay. Was any such testimony ever
- 11 provided to you to be reviewed?
- 12 I received kind of an overview, I don't
- 13 want to say an overview, a copy of Shane's deposition.
- I don't know if it was quite a year ago. It was quite
- **15** a while ago.
- 16 Q. Okay.
- 17 A. And I had reviewed it.
- 18 You had reviewed it --O.
- 19 I reviewed --A.
- 20 -- a while ago? Q.
- 21 -- part of it. Α.
- 22 Q. Okay.
- 23 A. I'm guessing it was maybe six months or so
- 24 ago.
- 25 Q. Okay.

- I think I went through like 10 or 12 or so 1 2 pages on it.
- 3 Q. And did that help refresh your
- 4 recollection?

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- 5 Α. You know, I wasn't reading it as much to
- reflect my recollection, because I was kind of
- counseled not to read them, because it needs to be
- 8 what I recall, not what somebody else testified. 9 But, again, having gone through a
- 10 deposition before, I was looking to see what your
- style is. When I was deposed before, I felt pretty
- 12 manipulated by the attorney that was asking questions
- in the way they were presented. And I was trying to
- get a feel of was that your style or are you more
- 15 professional.
- 16 Q. Any other depositions that you reviewed
- besides Shane's? 17
- 18 A. No.

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- Q. Okay. Have you reviewed any video of
- 20 depositions that were conducted in this matter?
 - No, I have not.
- 22 O. Okay.
- 23 I would like to talk to you a little bit
- about your background. You were raised in Salt Lake
- 25 City or Ogden?

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- Ogden, Utah. 1 Α. 2 Okay. And you attended high school there? Q.
- 3 I attended Weber High School. A.
- 4 Q. Okay. And where did you go to college?
- 5 Once I graduated Weber High, I first A.
- started attending Weber State University. Went for
- 7 about two years, got my Associate's. Wasn't real sure
- what I wanted to do and be in life. So my father's
- wisdom, he sent me out into the field to teach me I
- 10 don't want to grow up working in the field.
- 11 So for two years, two-and-a-half years, I 12
- actually worked in Las Vegas for a year on a project.
- And then I was relocated up to Jackson Hole, Wyoming. 13
- 14 What project did you work on in Las Vegas?
- 15 Down here we built an Anderson Lumber that
- used to be way out in the middle of nowhere and now is
- 17 in the middle of everything.
- 18 Q. What year was that?
- 19 Probably '90. A.
- 20 Q. Okay.
- 21 A. '90, '91.
- 22 Q. And how old would you have been at that
- 23 time?
- 24 A. I would have been 20.
- 25 Q. Okay.



- 1 A. Give or take. I just remember being 20 in
- 2 Vegas wishing I was 21.
- I then was relocated up to Jackson Hole to 4 do a project that took about a year to build.
- 5 After that I decided I didn't want to be
- 6 in the field the rest of my life. I reenrolled, I
- applied to BYU, couldn't get in. Needed to go retake
- 8 some classes. So I attended a semester, and I think
- 9 they called it a term back then, at what was then Utah
- 10 Valley College. It's now Utah Valley University.
- 11 Then reapplied to BYU and finished my Bachelor's.
- 12 Went up, finished a Bachelor's degree there in
- 13 construction management and engineering.
- 14 Q. So you got a BS?
- 15 A. Yes. And graduated in '95.
- 16 Q. How old were you?
- 17 A. I don't know. What is '69 to '95. 23 or
- 18 something. I'm not good at math. 24.
- 19 Q. Did you get a Master's?
- 20 A. No.
- 21 Q. What did you do after your graduated from
- 22 college?
- 23 A. Lynn Wright from R&O Construction, who was
- 24 then the operations manager, called me and offered me
- 25 a position at R&O. My dad wouldn't hire me. He told

- 1 Q. There are some -- yes, the shareholders
- 2 are the Opheikens family members?
- 3 A. No. There is a couple of vice presidents
- 4 who have some share of stock.
 - Q. And who are they?
- 6 A. Frank McDonough, who's an executive
- 7 vice president.

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- 8 Q. And what percentage of the outstanding
- 9 stock does he own?
- 10 A. I'm guessing a little bit, because I don't
- 11 review it all the time. I think he is around 13 or so
- 12 percent.
- 13 Q. Okay. Who else?
- 14 A. Charlie Auger who is a CFO. I believe he
- 15 is around 1 percent.
- 16 Tim Gladwell. And he and a gentleman
- 17 named Rick Zampedri are both maybe a half a percent.
- 18 Q. And what are their positions?
 - A. They are both vice president of
- 20 operations.

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- Q. Who else owns stock?
- 22 A. Besides the Opheikens family?
- Q. No, inclusive.
 - A. Oh, okay.
- Q. Are those, are those the owners?

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- 1 me that going in. I just thought he was mean, but I
- 2 understand it now.
- 3 So he hired me with the understanding I
- 4 would come into the office and start working what was
- 5 then called a project assistant, which is almost a
- 6 secretarial type assistant project, to a project
- 7 manager with the agreement that I would take on the
- 8 role of computerizing our project management team
- 9 then. We didn't -- we weren't computerized at all on
- 10 our projects and that's what I had learned a lot about
- 11 in school. And he would teach me the nonbook approach
- 12 to becoming a project manager.
- Q. Now, is Mr. Wright still with the company?
- 14 A. No. He retired several years ago.
- Q. Okay. Was he the R in R&O?
- 16 A. No.
- 17 Q. Who was the R in R&O?
- 18 A. The R was a gentleman named Les Randall
- 19 who was a very, very good friend with my father.
- 20 Someone who I considered almost a grandfather to me.
- 21 Q. Okay.
- The R&O Construction Company is wholly
- 23 owned by the Opheikens family; is that correct?
- 24 A. Yeah. There are some shareholders within
- 25 R&O.

- A. Those are the non.
- 2 Q. Non-Opheikens?
 - A. Non-Opheikens.
- 4 Q. Okay.
- 5 A. And within Opheikens you have Orluff, my
- 6 brother Chet and myself, and I think our stepbrother
- 7 Rowdy Irick, R-i -- I-r-i-c-k.
 - Q. One more time. Give me his full name.
- 9 A. First name is Rowdy, R-o-w-d-y.
 - Q. As in Yates?
- 11 A. Not sure.
- 12 Q. You don't know who Rowdy Yates was?
 - A. No, I don't think so.
- 14 Q. You are young.
- 15 A. Sorry. Last name is Irick, I-r-i-c-k.
- 16 Q. Okay.
- 17 A. I don't know. I think his is less than
- 18 1 percent or somewhere around there. I'm not
- 19 positive.
- Q. Okay. Who is, who is Rowdy married to?
- 21 A. He is married to Angie.
- Q. Angie who?
- 23 A. Irick. Is his wife.
- Q. What was her maiden name?
 - A. I don't know.



And then he remarried?

Okay. And when he got remarried, Judy had

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30..33 page 32 1 two kids? 1 Okay. 2 Three sons. All right. Who else in the Orluff family? 2 Α. 3 3 Q. Three sons? Orluff, Chet, and myself. Α. 4 Okay. So the majority interest that 4 A. Cody, Rowdy, and Monte. 5 5 controls the corporation is controlled by the Orluff Okay. Got it. 6 What other positions did you occupy after 6 family? 7 7 you come out and began your work with R&O following A. Yeah, majority is in a trust. 8 your graduation from BYU? MR. GORMLEY: Let me object to relevancy 9 Sorry, was coughing a little bit. to this line of questioning, but go ahead. 10 10 BY MR. CAMPBELL: Q. Go ahead. 11 Q. What is the name of the trust? 11 I think you asked what other positions did 12 12 I hold at R&O? I don't, I don't remember. Α. 13 Yes, just kind of take me through it. 13 Q. Okay. You at one time -- how many O. 14 14 brothers and sisters do you have? So I worked as a project assistant after **15** I have one brother Chet and one older graduation. A little prior to that at R&O -- you just A. want R&O or do you want prior to R&O? sister Karlie. 16 16 17 17 Q. And what is Karlie's last name? O. No. 18 A. Rairigh. 18 Α. Just R&O. 19 19 Q. Who is she married to? Q. Just give me R&O. 20 Okay. Worked up into becoming a project 20 Trov. A. Α. 21 Q. And what does Troy do? 21 manager. I was an estimator for a short amount of time. And then they put me, after several years as a 22 A. He works for Union Pacific Railroad. project manager, into chief operating officer. And 23 Q. As what? 24 24 then transitioned into the role of president. Α. I think it's like he fixes the switches 25 when they have a problem. 25 How long were you COO? At one time you had another brother who 1 I believe I was COO for three or four 1 Α. passed away tragically in a --2 years. 3 3 A. Yes. Q. And when did you become president? 4 4 Q. -- in an ATV accident? Α. I think it was in the spring of 2013. 5 A. He's a stepbrother, yes. 5 And you remain in that position here Q. 6 Q. He was a stepbrother? 6 today? 7 Yeah. Rowdy is a stepbrother also. 7 A. President. Α. 8 How old was he when he passed away? 8 President? Q. Q. 9 9 Almost -- couple weeks from turning 16. A. Α. Yes. 10 Q. What was his name? 10 In that position today? Q. Monte. 11 A. 11 A. Yes. 12 Q. Last name? 12 Where do you reside? Q. 13 Α. Irick. 13 I live in North Ogden, Utah. Α. 14 Okay. Can you, can you give me the 14 And are you married? Q. 15 dynamic there of who the Iricks are? 15 A. Yes, I am. 16 So when my father remarried his wife, 16 Q. Do you have children? 17 current wife, Judy Irick, these were her boys. And 17 Four children. A. she has one other son also named Cody. 18 18 Q. Four? 19 Did your mother pass away? 19 **A.** Yes. 20 No, they just -- they got divorced. 20 Α. Q. And the bills to go along with them? 21 They got divorced, okay. 21 Q. Α. Yes. They are good kids. 22 22 Α. Yes. Q. Well, that's good. That's a blessing in



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What position does Chet occupy at R&O?

Chet is our vice president of business

For how many years has R&O done business

Since before my time. We -- I'm not

we've had an office down here for almost 20 years.

of the, historically some of the projects that were

built by R&O in Las Vegas going back years ago?

But I know they worked in Nevada before we had an

positive. We were about a 39, 40-year-old company and

Could you give us an example of some, some

MR. GORMLEY: Objection. Relevancy.

THE WITNESS: We have built hotels,

We have built another hotel. I think

they've since renamed it. I've actually built three

Can you tell me the names of them?

or four hotels down here. We have built --

development in our Las Vegas office.

office. I'm not sure how many years.

Element Hotel up off I215. We built --

What hotel was that?

Element Hotel.

Go ahead.

BY MR. CAMPBELL:

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page 36 Did you build IKEA in the Ogden/Salt Lake

O. 2 City area?

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3 A. No.

> Q. Who built that one?

5 I think the IKEA that is in the 6 Salt Lake/Draper area, I believe Layton Construction

7 but I'm not positive if it was Layton or Jacobsen.

8 Q. Okay.

9 Α. Outside from apartments, we have done

10 quite a few McDonald's. I don't know. Some

11 industrial projects.

12 What are your current projects?

13 We are currently working on what we call

14 phase 3 of EVO, which is an apartment project. We are

15 working on a student housing project that's private

student housing near UNLV. It's not UNLV but will be

for students there. We have several McDonald's 17

18 projects going.

19 We have a site project going called

St. Rose, retail. I don't think we have been awarded

21 the building yet, I think we are just doing site work

22 at this time.

23 Ken's Foods, I think we are doing another

24 renovation at their assisting facility.

25 I think there is some other kind of small

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I thought one was called Hearthside Inn Α.

years ago that I was a project manager on. I think

one of them is a Hampton Inn. There's another one and

I can't remember what it's called. I can visualize

5 what it looks like.

6 Q. Okay.

7 A. We have done several Walmart grocery

8 stores. We have done a few Smith's Food Centers.

9 O. How many Walmarts have you done?

10 A. In Las Vegas?

11 Q. Clark County?

I would guess three. But, you know, I 12 A.

don't know. 13

14 O. 15

A. Some stores are remodeled, others are new

16 stores.

17 Q. Right.

18 And our Tim Gladwell, who I previously

mentioned, is our vice president of operations over

retail, he handles the retail side. So he would

21 better know the exact number.

22 Smith's? Q.

Smith's, we have done several stores for 23 A.

Smith's, remodels and new stores. The IKEA we built.

25 Done a few apartment projects.

retail type ones that I don't remember the names of.

You told me the positions that are

occupied by some of the individuals, including

yourself and Chet and some of the executive

5 vice presidents.

6 Can you tell me the name of any other

7 officers or directors of the corporation?

MR. GORMLEY: Objection. Relevancy.

9 Go ahead.

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10 THE WITNESS: So I'm president. As far as

on the board of directors, is that what you're looking

12 for, or executive committee?

13 BY MR. CAMPBELL:

14 Yes. Board of directors and if there is

15 also an executive committee, tell me who that is.

So our board of directors is myself;

17 Orluff; Charlie Auger, who is our CFO; and Frank

McDonough. 18

19 Q. Okay.

20 Our executive committee adds to that Chet,

21 who I mentioned; Erik Skogstad, who's our Las Vegas

office manager also; Tim Gladwell; and Rick Zampedri;

23 Cass Butler; Mike Nichols, who oversees our smaller

projects operationally; Eric Stratford, who is our

vice president of business development in the Ogden



office. I don't know if I forgot anybody. I think I got them all. 2

3 Does the board of directors have any Q. 4 special committees?

5 What do you mean by a "special committee"?

6 For example, a compliance committee,

7 regulatory or compliance committee?

8 No. Α.

9 O. Okay. The board of directors fulfills the

roles of what other corporations might have a specific

committee made of members of the board of directors to

fulfill; is that correct? 12

13 I don't think I understand that question.

14 Thank you. It was a poorly drafted one, I

15 agree with you.

In, for example, a major corporation will 16

17 have a number of committees. You might have the

18 corporate governance committee. You might have the

compliance committee. You might have the fiscal and 19

20 audit committee. That sort of thing.

You don't have such committees on your

22 board of directors at R&O?

23 No. No, we do not.

24 All of those decisions are just made by Q.

the board of directors as board of directors rather

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A. I would say more so by our executive 2

than a discrete individual committee?

committee team than board of directors, but that's --3

Okay. So the executive committee team

would include not only members of the board of 5

directors but also officers of the corporation as

7 well?

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8 A. Vice presidents, yes.

9 Right. Okay, good enough.

How often does the board of directors of

11 R&O meet?

12 When we meet, it's generally as part of

13 our executive committee. Depending on the year, some,

you know, some years we meet every other month, some

15 years we will meet quarterly.

Okay. And as a matter of course, I 16

17 presume as president of the corporation you attend

18 these meetings regularly?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. And did so as chief operating officer and

21 other roles that you fulfilled; is that correct?

22 A. As chief operating officer, yes.

23 Okay. And for how many years have you

24 regularly attended board of director meetings for R&O?

A. I would again call them the executive

committee meetings for what we called them. With

president, COO, I'm guessing 10 years or so.

3 Q. Okay.

I am trying to remember if I had a title

of vice president of operations at one point in time,

6 but --

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7 Q. Somewhere along the line?

8 I think before I was a COO, between being

a -- I think I was a vice president of operations,

10 but...

(Philip Erwin arrives.)

BY MR. CAMPBELL: 12

13 How old are you today, by the way? Q.

A.

15 Q. 48, okay.

And where does the board meet physically?

MR. GORMLEY: Again, objection. I'll have

18 a continuing objection if that's okay. Relevancy.

MR. CAMPBELL: Yes. It's preserved

anyway. Yeah.

21 BY MR. CAMPBELL:

22 O. Go ahead.

23 The -- as the board, and again this is our

executive committee, just because that's typically how

we are all meeting, the majority of time our meetings

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are at our office in Ogden. 1

2 And what is the exact location?

A. 933 Wall Avenue.

4 Q. And is that an office building?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. And do you rent space or do you own that

7 building?

8 A. It's owned.

9 Okay. Is it styled in any way? This is

10 the Campbell & Williams building. Is yours styled the

R&O building? 11

12 A. I mean, it says R&O Construction on the

13 front.

14 Q. It says R&O Construction on it.

15 Then part of it is leased out to another

16 company that manufactures medicine of some type.

17 Q. Okay. How many square feet is the

building? 18

19 A. I don't know.

> Q. Ballpark it.

21 I'm going to guess 30,000. Α.

22 How many stories? Q.

23 A. Two. But that's total square footage I

24 would guess is around 30, but I don't...

All right. The board of directors takes



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action through votes of its members, correct? A. We don't really formally meet and raise 2 at these meetings?

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- 3 3 our hand and say, yeah, we are voting on this, we Laurie summarizes the general discussion.
 - agree on it. It's probably a more casual meeting, 4 Q. And does she keep those summaries? 5 again, as the board and the executive committee when I assume that she does.
- 6 we're reviewing items and discussing them.
- 7 Are votes actually recorded in any way?
- 8 When you say "votes," maybe help me
- 9 understand what you mean, because I don't --
- 10 Sure. So if there is a proposal that is proffered to, for example, undertake to build and/or
- approve the building of a particular project, are
- those votes of the members of the board of directors
- 14 voting aye or nay recorded?
- 15 No. Well, two things. We don't vote like an aye or nay. And I don't think we ever have in any 16
- board meeting I have sat in or executive committee. 17
- 18 Okay.

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- 19 Secondly, the level of project selection A.
- 20 that we are going to pursue is not the focus of the
- board of directors or the executive. There's a -- we
- have smaller weekly Monday morning meetings where 22
- department heads are discussing go/no-goes on
- 24 projects, which we kind of have improved that process
- 25 over the years.

- minutes or a compilation of the events that transpire 1

- 6 Q. Are they distributed?
- 7 A. No.
- 8 Q. Okay.

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- A. Not that I'm aware of.
- 10 And can you tell me why are there are no
- 11 formal minutes kept or votes taken of board of
- 12 directors decisions made?
- 13 From a -- while there are no votes taken.
- 14 we just never operated that way. So I don't -- to
- 15 answer that question. What was your other question?
 - Or minutes? Q.
 - **Distributed?** Α.
- 18 Actually taken and distributed. You said
- 19 summaries are, but formal minutes?
- 20 I think Laurie takes them. Years ago she
- 21 may have used to mail them out. I don't know. We're
- 22 pretty thorough in our discussions of what we are
- talking about and everybody leaves with whatever
- action item they need to --
- 25 But there are no formal minutes that are

- All right. So irrespective of any formal 1 2 memorialization of an actual vote taken, as I
- understand your dad's testimony, there is, however,
- the taking of minutes by a young lady or maybe an
- 5 older lady?
- Laurie Blanscett takes some notes of
- 7 the -- we call them executive meetings. I think
- 8 that's what --
- Executive meetings. And she maintains
- 10 those minutes?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. And, and those minutes would reflect the
- 13 actions taken and proposals made and things of that
- 14 nature?
- 15 Again, I don't -- when you use the term
- "actions taken" and "votes," we have discussions about
- 17 what jobs we are working on, about the financial of
- 18 the company. And annually when we have our strategic
- 19 planning meeting, you know, we are reviewing what the
- 20 goals are. But we don't all sit around the table and
- 21 say we all vote yea, let's go do an IKEA. I guess
- 22 we're not that formal.
- 23 Okay. And seemingly that's, that's what I
- 24 understood from your father's testimony as well.
- 25 But, nevertheless, there are some sort of

- page 43 compiled and then sent for approval at the next board
 - of directors meetings, for example? No, there are not.
 - Okay. Let's talk a little bit about
 - 5 Cowabunga Bay, how you got involved in it, and the
 - progression of that involvement. Okay?
 - 7 Okay.
 - Q. Sort of where I'm going, I want to give
 - 9 you, you know, a fair idea. I'm changing subjects
 - 10 now.
 - 11 Cowabunga Bay retained R&O to build the
 - 12 park in November of 2012; is that correct?
 - 13 Approximately somewhere in there.
 - 14 Okay. How is it that R&O became involved
 - 15 in that project? Who came to you and who pitched it?
 - 16 I wasn't involved, so I am going to Α.
 - **17** reflect a bit --
 - 18 O. Sure.
 - 19 -- however that is. Α.
 - Q.
 - 21 Our Las Vegas team, including a gentleman A.
 - 22 named, a project manager David Cardall.
 - 23 Q. How do you spell his last name?
 - 24 Α. C-a-r-d-a-l-l, I believe.
 - 25 O. Okay.



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1 A. He somehow knew a couple of the guys.

- Q. Can I stop you a moment. You said "our
- 3 Las Vegas team." Who would be in that team? I 4 apologize.
- 5 A. I'm sorry. Our Las Vegas office. So Erik 6 Skogstad.
- 7 Q. Erik?

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- 8 A. Yeah. And Skogstad is S-k-o-g-s-t-a-d.
- 9 Q. What does Erik do?
- 10 A. He's our vice president and regional
- 11 office manager --
- 12 Q. Okay.
- 13 A. -- for Vegas.
- 14 Q. All right. Who else?
- 15 A. Well, as far as the team involved on this
- 16 project?
- 17 Q. Yes.
- 18 A. It would have been those two.
- 19 Q. Okay.
- 20 A. I believe, primarily.
- 21 Q. All right. Thank you for that. Go ahead
- 22 and pick up where you left off.
- A. So my understanding was Dave had a
- 24 relationship with, I think his name was Ben or Marv.
- 25 He went to school with two of them I think up at BYU

- 1 So I understand our team had given a 2 budget or two that the work was going to be
- 2 budget or two that the work was going to be phased.
- 3 That we would go out and initially start doing site
- 4 work and whatever improvements, because the design was
- 5 not complete.
- 6 Q. Right.

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- A. Then as the design was getting complete,
- 8 they'd give another budget to say what is the next
- 9 phase of work going to be.
 - Q. Who did the design and architecture?
- 11 A. I don't know who the original Splash, I
- 2 believe -- so when I say Splash, because I don't know,
- 13 I'm including Huishes and Splash. I don't understand
 - 4 what their relationship was.
- 15 So my understanding is they had hired an
- 16 architect to do the initial design of the buildings
- 17 and site. I don't recall who that architect was.
- 18 Q. Okay.
- 19 A. Other than partway through, he ended up
- 20 being replaced, and they brought in a design architect
- 21 named David Almany, I think.
- 22 MR. GORMLEY: Spelling.
- 23 THE WITNESS: I think A-l-m-a-n-y. I
 - would need to check it, but I think that was his name.
- J **25** //.

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- 1 years before. They had contacted him to see if we may
- 2 be interested in helping them construct a water park.
- 3 I wasn't involved with it back at that time.
- 4 As we started off --
- 5 Q. Were those individuals that were
- 6 interested in building a water park connected to any
- 7 particular company or business?
- 8 A. They -- their company name, they called
- 9 themselves Splash, I believe.
- 10 Q. Okay. Right.
- 11 A. And they were partnering with Huish, his
- 12 family.
- 13 Q. Okay.
- 14 A. Back then I didn't know what their
- 15 arrangement was.
- 16 Q. All right.
- 17 A. They were partners in the water park.
- 18 They had approached us initially to do the site
- 19 improvements, running utilities in, get the pads
- 20 graded.
- 21 Q. Who?
- 22 A. Splash and the Huishes.
- Q. Splash and the Huishes?
- 24 A. Yeah. I don't remember what their entity
- 25 was called.

1 BY MR. CAMPBELL:

- Q. Where was he from?
- 3 A. I believe he is local to Las Vegas. And I
- 4 think his design was to help finish out the buildings
- 5 as far as where the food sold, the restrooms, the
- 6 locker areas, offices.
- 7 Q. Configuration work?
 - A. Yeah. Well, design through to get it
- 9 permitted.
- 10 Splash had also previously hired a company
- 11 named I want to call it ADG, I think Aquatic
- 12 Development Group. They were from I believe New York
- 13 or somewhere back East. And they were designing I
- 14 think the lazy river and the wave pool. And
- 15 contracting with them to do, to do that work.
- 16 As the project progressed, I'm trying to
- 17 think through. I don't know at what point we started
- 18 doing work. And -- let me think through.
- 19 We started doing the site work and
- 20 improvements to the site. I'm not sure who had the
- 21 contractual relationship with ADG, because I want to
- 22 say Ben, I think it's Ben Howell, and Marv, I don't
- 23 remember Marv's last name with Splash. One of them
- 24 had their own contractor's license or wanted to. I
- 25 don't know, they were contracting, my understanding,



directly, and they were going to do all the pools and the slides and handle all that. We were going to do 3 the site work and the main building.

At some point along the way, I think Ben 5 or Mary, or whoever, maybe didn't have the license they needed. Or either they had it and ADG didn't. There was some licensing thing. And all I remember is our team has learned the hard way, you don't do 9 anything in Vegas if you don't have the proper 10 license.

11 So there were transitions made along the 12 way, and we ended up contracting, I think it's 13 after -- let me back up.

14 The job got shut down because of financing 15 somewhere along the way. Payments not being made to 16 the tune of -- R&O Construction had put in place 17 several million dollars.

18 If I recall, the first two pay 19 applications had been paid timely. I think the third 20 pay application got shorted with the assurance the 21 financing was being put together.

22 There was another gentleman on Splash's 23 side. It's my understanding I think Splash was the party responsible to handle the financing. I do not remember the third member of Splash that was involved

So we shut the job down at that point. I 2 had flown down. I think Orluff had maybe even flown 3 down before. I don't remember how it all laid out. Just to find out: What is the money problem? How are 5 we going to get it?

6 I think the other guy's name with Splash 7 was a Shawn something. And I didn't care much for 8 Shawn. I just remember riding around in a car with him and he was kind of a fast talking, tell you what you want to hear partner of the Splash side. So I 11 didn't get a real calming feeling with him.

12 Whereas, I had the opportunity to meet 13 Scott and Shane at that time also, and I actually had a good feeling with them. And I had a good feeling 15 with Ben and Marv as far as people who were saying, okay, we are in a bad spot. We thought we would have 17 financing. How do we, how do we move this thing 18 forward?

19 Orluff then did a lot more meetings. It 20 was kind of his, more of his forte or specialty is 21 understanding real estate. It's not my background. 22 To find out what are we going to do? Some of the meetings that we had that we were concerned with is while Nevada -- one, we have a reputation as a contractor. We have been here a long time. We have

that was trying to get the financing done. So I think we had worked one more month before we shut it down.

3 And the hard part as a contractor, you put

4 work in place, you build, and then you get paid 30 days later. So as we sit and look at this and go,

"How do we get two plus million dollars in the hole?"

7 When you're working on a fast-paced project, you do 30

days worth of work, which you can put a million

dollars a month in place, you turn your billing in,

10 you have done another 30 days before payment comes

due. So now you're in 2 million in place before that

payment is due. And so that's kind of what happened 12

13 here. And then it went a little bit more.

14 So we got to the point we shut the job 15 down as R&O Construction. That's when I became more aware of -- my brother Chet had called me and said, 16 **17** "Hey, do you know what's going on with payment on the 18 water park?"

19 How much had been received at that point 20 at the time that the work was shut down by R&O?

21 A. Approximately 800,000 or a million, I

22 think. 23 Q. Okay.

24 A. I'm guessing. Just going off an old 25 memory.

great relationships and our reputation is important to 2

3 And one of the -- you know, we were having 4 discussions internally as part of our executive

committee about you could easily -- not easily. You

could sit and say, well, it's a pay when paid clause.

But we didn't feel good about how do you stiff your

subs and say, "Sorry, we haven't been paid

unfortunately, because our team thought they had done

10 their due diligence on financing and misinterpreted

11 some of the bank qualifications in the loan."

12 Who was the financial institution that was 13 supposed to fund the loan?

14 I. I don't remember.

Was it a Nevada financial institution?

I believe -- well, I believe so. But then 16

17 there was this Shawn guy somewhere along the way was

talking about some hard money loan, which that may

19 have been an after the fact. And I don't want to

pretend to understand what hard money even is or how

it works. That's when I was kind of getting the

feeling that he was just a smooth talking of: Hey,

23 what can we do to get you going?

24 So as we got involved, we are looking at 25 our options, because Nevada also, as we look at it



- 1 from a contractor's standpoint of we have subs who
- 2 this is going to hurt. And this is back in 2013, I
- 3 believe, early 2013. So the economy had tanked. I
- 4 mean, it had really, really. And Vegas was, as you
- 5 all know, hit really, really hard. So we have
- 6 subcontractors who are already financially struggling
- 7 and now we have put them in a position that could wipe
- 8 them out.
- 9 There's -- as we met, we were making the
- 10 decision of we need to get our subcontractors paid.
- 11 R&O had the capacity to pay. We had enough working
- 12 capital that if -- we had that discussion where we did
- 13 say, "Look, if you didn't pay them and wanted to try
- 14 to take the road over, we don't care about our
- 15 reputation and drag it out through the Contractors
- 16 Board." I believe there is a clause in Nevada that
- 17 also goes on to say pay when paid unless you have the
- 18 capacity to pay.
- 19 So, yeah, that's a consideration, but
- 20 more -- that's not what our father taught us. And my
- 21 dad did get back involved. Orluff was not involved in
- 22 the day-to-day decisions, but he did get involved in
- 23 this quite extensively in how do we make it go
- 24 forward.

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- Q. Who was the due diligence team?
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- 1 A. I believe that would be Erik Skogstad who 2 was our vice president.
 - Q. Okay. Was this a cost plus?
- 4 A. I believe as it started off it was a cost
- 5 plus of some time. It evolved into what we call a
- 6 cost plus guaranteed maximum price. So you give the
- 7 price and you say, okay, here is the price that we can
- 8 do it for.
- But once, once we got into the payment
- 10 issues and the shutdown of the project and we're
- 11 trying to figure what do we do, do we just shelf it.
- 12 Q. And that's, and that's helpful. Your
- 13 response is helpful in that regard because that's what
- 14 I'm interested in, that time period. And I am
- 15 interested, in that time period, what did the contract
- 16 call for, was it cost plus at that point in time?
- 17 A. I would have to read it again. I haven't
- 18 looked at it for whenever 2013 was. But I don't know.
- 19 I think that it was, but I'm not certain.
- Q. Okay. And do you recall what the
- 21 percentage was?
- 22 A. I don't.
- Q. Okay. Is there a usual or customary
- 24 percentage that's used by R&O or is there one
- 25 reflective of a range?

- A. Depending on the size of the project,
- 2 you'll usually see them 3-1/2, 4 percent.
- 3 Q. Okay. Somewhere in that range?
 - A. Yes.

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- Q. Okay.
- 6 A. If it's a really small project, the fee
- 7 may go higher, but.
- 8 Q. Understood. Okay.
 - So continue on.
 - A. Okav.
 - Q. The economic problems developed. The
- 12 information was not as everyone thought it was with
- 13 respect to the due diligence. What happened next?
 - A. As we are meeting, and like I say, Orluff
- 15 was having a lot of meetings with I believe Scott and
- 16 Shane, probably more so Scott than Shane, but I'm not
- 17 positive, to get a feel of what do they see in the
- 18 park. What's its potential? What are the
- 19 opportunities for financing?
- 20 I was still as much dealing with a lot of
- 21 the rest of R&O, of making sure we don't run into
- 22 problems in other projects.
- 23 The -- I'm trying to think through. It
- 24 evolved at some point to making a decision of, okay,
- 5 R&O is going to become not R&O but Orluff was setting

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- 1 up an entity that would become a part owner in the
- 2 water park. And we would take the amount of money
- 3 that was being put into the park as a, I don't know if
- 4 you call it a capital contribution to determine what
- 5 is the ownership percentage.
- 6 As they were working out the details of
- 7 how that would work, the Huishes were very good. I
- 8 felt, as I started getting more involved, it felt like
- 9 fair in that we were looking at it from, okay, how do
- 10 we make it go forward? The amount of money each party
- 11 puts in the ownership percentage. It's kind of simple
- 12 math.

- 13 The Splash Group seemed to have a
- 14 different opinion, and for some reason felt like since
- 15 they had worked so hard for however many years, they
- 16 should be rewarded with --
 - Q. Like sweat equity?
- 18 A. Yeah, like 30 percent. And they had maybe
- 19 200 grand or something of actual money. Well, I had
- 0 some disagreements with the Splash guys on that. Like
- 21 everybody worked hard. And had you done your job,
- 22 Splash, none of us would be here. So I don't care how
- 23 hard you sweated. And you didn't get the financing
- 24 that their side was supposed to do, so why would you
- 25 be rewarded for ownership?



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That, that wasn't really working out. So 2 we were trying to still figure out how do we help the 3 park go forward. There were several meetings with Splash. Somewhere along the way, Orluff contacted Tom 5 Welch, who was a good friend and very well-respected, 6 and just a lot of wisdom. 7 And those two had their, you know, what,

what's your recommendation? I wasn't in the meeting. 9 My father told me. You know, they kind of 10 brainstormed.

11 Tom got involved and helped kind of 12 analyze what are the possibilities of being able to 13 move forward and come up with a new agreement and 14 entity. I don't know the proper term to call all 15 that, that can be formed where the parties who are 16 going to be involved going forward are owners to the 17 extent you have made a capital contribution, and maybe 18 to some extent willing to recognize some sweat equity 19 but not a ridiculous amount.

20 And there were offers made back and forth 21 with Splash and the Huishes and the Opheikens, Orluff, 22 whatever, how can we make this work? It ended up --23 I'm not the most knowledgable about how that played 24 out, other than Splash ended up not being willing to

agree that it's money in that determines ownership.

1 Zions Bank?

2 Q. Yes. Did you receive something from a financial institution. My understanding of your previous testimony -- and correct me if I'm wrong --5

Okay. I don't think I'm following what.

6 That's okay. That's okay. I'm glad that 7 we are getting on the same wavelength.

8 I'm referring you back to your earlier testimony to the effect that the Las Vegas office

10 didn't see or appreciate --

> A. Okay.

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12 -- some clause in some sort of document Q. 13 that, that was obtained from a financial institution that was supposed to fund the project.

15 Okay. Thank you for that clarification. 16 The -- there was a, I believe they called

17 it a letter of intent --

18 Okav.

-- from a financial institution. And

20 that's the bank's name I don't recall.

Right. Letter of intent to fund?

22 I believe so. Α.

23 Q.

24 A. That is what Erik Skogstad had received

and reviewed that was given to him by the Splash/Huish

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Tom would be able to tell you more about --1

2 There was a lawsuit? O.

A. Yes, there was a lawsuit.

4 Okay. Let's stop at that point and kind 5 of backup a little bit.

6 Okav.

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7 Was there ever a letter of credit that 8 was, that was obtained by the R&O offices before they got involved in this particular project; that is to

10 say, a letter of credit from a financial institution

11 saying we are going to fund this project?

12 Help me when you say a letter of credit and at what point are you referring to? 13

14 Was there any financial -- let me rephrase 15 the question.

16 Α. Okay.

17 O. Thank you for alerting me to the fact that you didn't understand it.

19 Was there, was there financial reviews, 20 charts, forecasts, letters of credit, things of that nature from a financial institution that were actually 22 reviewed? I believe that you said yes at one point.

23 I guess what I'm not understanding, are you asking did we receive something from the park or

25 did we receive something from like Bank of Utah or

group, I don't know who gave it to him. 1

2 That's what he relied upon?

That's what he relied upon. And as I met

with Erik and reviewed it, it led to a change in --

there is only two people now at R&O who get to review

and approve financials, which is myself and our CFO.

7 Q. Okay.

> A. It all looks as if it's approved until you

get to like page 40 whatever, and then you see a

10 couple of conditions of approval that is what opens

11 the door for we may never fund it.

12 Right.

And Erik, I don't fault him for it, he

14 didn't know. We all learned a lot through this as a

15 company.

16 Okay. All right. So ultimately it was 17 determined that, that R&O would become far more

involved in the project at some point here?

19 A. Yes.

> O. Okay. When that was determined, was there

21 a new contract that was crafted?

I believe --22 Α.

> Q. That's a poorly crafted question.

24 A. I believe there's either the new --

> Was there a new contract that was Q.



- 2 A. Between the new --
- 3 Q. Hold on.

crafted --

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- 4 Okay. Sorry.
- 5 That's all right. That's okay. It O.
- happens all the time. 6
- 7 Was there a new contract that was crafted
- 8 that would memorialize the terms under which R&O would
- take over the construction and building of the project
- 10 known as Cowabunga Bay?
- 11 I'm going to say yes, there was a -- an 12 agreement was modified.
- 13 It was modified? O.
- 14 A. Yeah.
- 15 Q. There was an addendum to the agreement?
- Whether it's an addendum or a change order 16 A.
- 17 or --
- 18 Q. Change order? Modification?
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 The original contract was supplemented or Q.
- 21 otherwise amended to reflect certain changes. Fair
- 22 enough?
- 23 A. Correct.
- 24 Okay. Who did that? Q.
- 25 Erik Skogstad would have been leading that

- testimony of your father. But it seems consistent
- with respect to what you told me thus but there were
- 3 certain particulars that he advanced in answers to my 4 questions.
- 5 And one of them was that your father's
- 6 term was that it got all -- the project got all
- screwed up in terms of verifying payment.
- 8 Specifically he was informed or he was led to believe
- that there was a line of credit for about \$8 million.
- 10 And, but in fact, that \$8 million line of credit, half
- of that had already been used to purchase land. Do 12
- you recall that?

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- 13 A. I recall Orluff saying something like 14 that.
- 15 And was that your understanding as well? Q.
- That was part of the calculus that created what your 16
 - father said was a screw-up?
- 18 A. I don't recall because I, I wasn't -- it's 19 just been a while.
- 20 O. That's fine.
- 21 Α. But if Orluff says it, I would believe it
- 22 because that was the area that he was taking.
- 23 That he was handling? Q.
 - A. Yes.

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25 Q. Got it. All right.

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- up on our side. 1
- 2 O. Okay.
- 3 I'm not sure on the other side if it would
- have been Scott Huish or -- because at that point, I
- think some of that is happening during this trying to
- 6 work stuff out with Splash too.
- 7 Okay.
- 8 But once it -- when Splash is kind of out
- and we are moving forward, the other thing that
- 10 happens is part of this modification is the work, now
- 11 Splash is not there, so R&O ends up taking on as part
- 12 of our scope of work, the building out of the slides
- and the pools. They had already been started with 13
- 14 that company ADG.
- **15** So we were working hand in hand with Scott and Shane now. And I got pretty involved at that
- 17 point to try to negotiate with subcontractors to say,
- 18 hey, let's come back to work. We want to make this project work. We want to let you finish your
- 20 subcontracts. Get them paid for the work they had
- 21 already done. And please don't gouge us for
- 22 remobilization fees and cost escalation so we can see
- 23 if we can make it work.
- 24 Okay. Now, I think we could probably cut
- 25 through a lot of this since you sat through the

- 1 And did you understand that, that the
- representations that had been made with respect to that 8 million proved, as your father said, to be
- inaccurate because 4 million of that had already been
- 5 expended on the land or some significant portion?
 - I think spent on something. The thing I
- 7 wonder, though, is was it spent on the slides that
- were ordered from Polin, who's a company in Turkey. 8
- 9 Okay. They had been spent somewhere?
 - They had been spent somewhere, yes.
 - Okay. So as you understand, you were
- 12 dealing with far less than the 8 million?
 - I don't recall the dollar amount, I'm
- 13 14 sorry.
- 15 Q. Okay. But you were dealing with far less
- than whatever the dollar amount was supposed to be? 16
- 17 Well, not only far less than the dollar
- 18 amount. The dollar amount, the bank, my
- understanding, wasn't going to close. 19
 - Q. Got it.
- 21 Α. So it wasn't there almost at all.
- 22 O. Okay. How much did the project eventually
- 23 cost to build?
- 24 When we were -- for the work that we ran
- through R&O Construction, I believe came out around



19 million. 1

2 Q. As of what date was that expended to build 3 the project?

4 We opened in July of '14. We did some additional work to what we call tower 3, the surf 6 safari slide. And that finished out, I think, in May 7 of 2015.

8 O. Um-hum.

9 A. So I would say through that May, Juneish 10 time.

11 Q. Of 2015?

I believe so. What, what I don't 12 Α. remember, I don't recall if the surf safari was, was 13 completed under a different job cost or not. I just

15 don't recall.

16 O. Okay. Tell me about -- but in the 17 aggregate, as of 2015, it would have been, R&O would 18 have been about 19 million in?

19 A contract amount. It was costs that are 20 billed and ran through R&O Construction.

21 Okay. And what -- was there a change 22 between the time that you initially had the contract

with the Splash Group entities and then got everybody

24 retooled to go back to work with the subs and

everything, was there a change in the terms of the

But on this park, the design had not been

2 completed, so this was, there were -- when I say

continual, they may be the wrong word, there were

several modifications or changes --

Change orders?

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6 -- increasing the scope and the dollar

amount as, you know, the first one is let's get back

to work for the scope we have so that we can get the

park opened. That included R&O taking in the

completion of I believe the lazy river, the kids pool, the VIP pools, that prior to that the Splash Group was 11

going to handle.

14 time, all of the slide components are sitting in the 15 parking lot that we had previously completed. We were paved. And there was 6 acres, it seemed like. I may

There were also the slide towers. By this

be wrong in the amount. Just slide parts laid across

the parking lot that had been sitting there since we

19 had shut down. 20

Q. Um-hum.

21 A. They had already, that -- they had

contracted that with a company named Polin who's based

out of Turkey. So we now had to coordinate getting

those slides put in place as well. And during that

process we found out that Splash, who had negotiated

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contract? You said yes, and so my question follows on that. That's foundational. Okay? This is where I'm

3 going now.

4 I understand where you are going. There 5 is not a question in that, right?

Right. It's just foundation so we are on 6 7 the same wavelength.

8 Okay. A.

9 And you don't think I'm trying to confuse 10 with you. I'm trying to be fair with you.

11 Α. Okay.

12 All right. So at that point, okay, was it still a cost-plus contract to build Cowabunga Bay out? 13

14 Well, again as we use the term cost plus, 15 I believe they are cost plus, but there is always a

16 fixed amount. Owners like saying, yeah, it's cost

17 plus to make you feel like it is good, but then it's

capped. So any savings owners get, and any overages

19 the contractor eats, that's the industry we kind of

20 live in.

21 Q. There's a ceiling?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. It's cost plus but you can't go beyond X

24 amount?

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Guaranteed max. Α.

the contract with Polin and thought they had such a 1

great deal, left the stair towers out of their bid.

So we had another modification to find out, okay, now

great slides but no one can climb to the top.

5 Okay. My, my inquiry is a little bit more

focused and directed at what the terms of the contract

7 was. It was a cost-plus contract, right?

I believe so, but I would have to check.

9 And what was the percentage, irrespective

10 of what the ceiling may have been?

11 I don't recall. I would be guessing in the 3-1/2 percent or 4 maybe. 12

13 That's your best reasonable estimate based

14 upon your experience in all of this? 15

Yes.

MR. GORMLEY: Calls for speculation.

17 MR. CAMPBELL: Hold on.

THE WITNESS: Yes.

19 MR. CAMPBELL: I just wanted him to finish 20 his answer.

21 MR. GORMLEY: Okay, I'm sorry.

22 BY MR. CAMPBELL:

23 Q. Go ahead.

24 That's what I was just -- I'm guessing

25 because I haven't reviewed that in a number of years.



- BY MR. CAMPBELL: 1
- 2 Q. Fair enough.
- 3 A. And we have a lot of contracts.
- 4 Q. Did that ever change?
- 5 Did what change? Α.
- 6 Did it ever change from a cost-plus
- 7 contract to something other than a cost-plus contract?
- 8 A. I would have to review it again. I, I
- 9 don't know if it changed to become a stipulated sum or
- 10 not. I, I just don't know.
- 11 You said that by 2015 R&O had about
- 12 19 million into the project. Do you recall that?
- 13 Well, we ran job costs through. That's --
- 14 so we had been reimbursed for much of those costs.
- 15 There was a Bank of Utah loan since --
- That's not the question, so. 16 O.
- 17 Okay. I just want to make sure I'm not A.
- 18 saying --
- 19 Q. I'm just going back to what you said.
- 20 A.
- 21 Q. You said R&O had about 19 million in,
- okay. The project costs were about 19 million at that 22
- point? 23
- 24 Correct. But I just want to clarify. We A.
- 25 are not out of pocket 19 million.

- 1 with representatives of Bank of Utah what is going to
- 2 happen. But I kind of gather more of the details. My
- 3 father is an incredible guy, he's a, I'm going to call
- it a 30- or 50,000-foot person, and I try to make sure
- the small things get taken care of along with -- I
- can't remember if Royce Richard or Cass Butler, I
- don't remember, one of our attorneys were also I think 7
- 8 helping to --

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- Q. Understood.
- 10 A. -- to structure that.
- 11 O. Understood.
- 12 So I had --A.
- 13 Was there a previous relationship with O.
- 14 Bank of Utah and R&O?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Okay. And what was that previous Q.
- relationship that R&O had with Bank of Utah? 17
- 18 Orluff had a -- well, Orluff had a
- 19 personal relationship with one of their employees, a
- 20 gentleman named Scott Parkinson.
 - Q. Okay.
- 22 But Scott is a, Scott's a business A.
- 23 development, or was, he's since retired. He, he
- doesn't -- my impression is Scott doesn't have the
- authority to say we are going to loan you. He has the

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- I'm going to get there. I'm going to get 1 Q.
- 2 there.
- 3 A. Okay.
- 4 Q. Trust me, I'm going to get you there.
- Okay? 5
- 6 Α. All right.
- 7 Your father testified that, that at least
- 8 as of today, the entire project is about a \$30 million
- project. Does that sound about right to you as well? 9
- 10 A. I believe that's the number I've heard.
- 11 Q. Okay. All right. Now I'm going to go to
- 12 the financing aspect of it.
- Okav. 13 A.
- 14 Where I think you were headed. Q.
- 15 A.
- All right. So tell us how it was 16 Q.
- 17 financed.
- 18 Once, once we figured things out and
- started working forward, Orluff and the Huishes had,
- 20 had met with maybe a couple of banks. But ultimately
- 21 Bank of Utah had agreed to issue a loan. I believe it
- was 12, 12.2, 12-point-something million dollars. 22
- 23 Q. Were you involved in that process?
- 24 I was involved in getting the details done
- 25 for I think Orluff and maybe Scott, kind of working

- authority to walk you in the door and introduce you. 1
- 2 Got it.
 - A. We then were meeting with a gentleman
- named, I think it was Bart Tucker back then was a
- loan, I think agent, maybe. He was the guy on Bank of
- Utah's side who was kind of the detail guy working
- 7 with me a little bit to say --
- 8 The loan officer? Q.
- 9 A. Yeah, maybe.
- 10 Q. Okay. Who was appointed presumably by a
- 11 loan committee?
- 12 A. Yeah, sounds right.
- 13 To oversee it? O.
- 14 Α. That sounds correct.
- 15 Okay. And so the Bank of Utah funded how O.
- much initially? 16
- **17** A. I believe it's, I believe it's a
- 18 \$12.2 million loan.
- 19 And who is that loan made to?
- 20 I'm going to -- I think it goes to
- 21 Henderson Water Park is the entity that it goes to.
- 22 So Bank of Utah made a loan, not to Orluff
- 23 or not to R&O Construction, but rather to a separate
 - entity known as Henderson Water Park? I believe that's who the loan was made to.



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1 Q. And what is that based upon?

A. What do you -- I am not sure what you

3 mean.

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Q. What do you base that answer upon? Why do

5 you believe that this money didn't come directly to

6 Orluff as a loan or directly to R&O as a loan but

7 rather directly to Henderson Water Park?

8 A. Well, I know it didn't come to R&O. And

9 it seemed like that's why the entity was formed. The

10 Henderson Water Park was the culmination of Huishes, I

11 think it's West Coast, and the Double Ott formed

12 whatever entities for Henderson Water Park. And I

13 believe that's who the bank was making the loan to.

14 Q. Okay.

What involvement at that point did

16 Mr. Welch have in the financing of the 12-1/2 million

17 by Bank of Utah?

18 A. With Bank of Utah?

19 O. Yeah.

20 A. I, I'm not aware of Tom's involvement with

21 Bank of Utah. He might have -- I would be speculating

22 if I just guess on something.

Q. What other involvement did Mr. Welch have

24 at that stage?

25 A. Right at the time the loan is being done

11 Q. 12 A.

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Q. Chet?A. I'm not sure.

You?

Double Ott is.

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that or not.

13 Q. You don't know -- so you don't know who

Double Ott is the entity that holds its

All right. And it owns the ownership

I believe the individuals for Double Ott

I don't remember if my name is listed on

ownership percentage in Henderson Water Park.

interest on behalf of what individuals?

Water Holdings, whatever, are Orluff.

14 the members are besides Orluff?

15 A. I haven't, I haven't reviewed them. My

16 dad has a lot of entities, so I don't -- I'm not sure.

17 Q. Okay. I will represent to you that your

18 father testified during his testimony that you were

19 present at that he obtained a personal loan from R&O.

You do not recall that he testified to

21 that fact?

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A. Well, when he is saying a personal loan,

23 if he is referring to R&O loaned money to Double Ott,

4 whatever that LLC, I believe is how that's structured.

25 Double Ott then invest that as, is the correct term,

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1 or --

2 Q. At or about that time.

3 A. -- or prior?

4 Q. Yeah.

5 A. Tom helped draft the paperwork to make

6 things, you know, the entities work. And him and

7 Orluff may have counseled together on certain things

8 or given advice. As far as the specific to the loan

9 agreement or the construction of the park, I, I don't

10 recall what Tom would have been involved with.

11 Q. Are you familiar with something called

12 Double Ott?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. What is Double Ott?

15 A. Double Ott is -- well, there's -- I don't

16 know if it's Double Ott or if it's Double Ott Water

17 Holdings or something like that. Is an entity that

18 was formed as Orluff's side of the ownership of

19 Henderson Water Park.

Q. And who crafted Double Ott? Who did the

21 work on that?

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A. I'm not certain. It might have been Royce

23 Richards. It could have been Tom, I just -- I don't

24 know that's what he would have done.

Q. Well, tell us what the purpose of

1 the capital contribution or whatever into Henderson

2 Water Park.

Q. Okay. Let me stop you there.

4 A. Okay.

5 Q. Did R&O loan money to Orluff?

6 A. For this or for something else?

7 Q. For any part, for any, for any part of the

8 water park project known as Cowabunga Bay?

9 A. My understanding is that it was loaned to

10 the entity, the Double Ott.

11 Q. Okay. So R&O never made a personal loan

12 to Orluff; is that correct?

13 A. I don't believe so. I believe it was to

14 the entity.

Q. Do you recall him saying that there was a

16 personal loan that he received from R&O that he used

17 to fund Double Ott?

18 A. Well, I could see Orluff saying it that

19 way.

Q. Okay.

21 A. Because to him he, one, he is

22 R&O Construction. And, two, he is Double Ott. So as

23 you watched --

Q. So there is an identity and interest?

A. Yeah. And as you watched his energy level



completely drop during his deposition, I can easily

This is pretty early on his deposition

opinion, I can see him saying "I got a loan," but

loan to him, but rather it was a loan that he obtained

going to fund the water park. Fair enough?

I believe is what the loan document says.

Henderson Water Park?

No, to Double Ott.

Double Ott, okay.

Okav. But I guess I would just -- my

You're saying that it wasn't a personal

from R&O because he is R&O, which in fact was, was

R&O agreed to, to loan money to the entity

And then Double Ott invests that as their

Okay. And that loan was memorialized,

What are the terms of the loan agreement?

Okay. And was this a separate loan from

I, I don't recall. Our CFO Charlie Auger

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1 loan agreements in place for some developments that

2 he's done.

3 BY MR. CAMPBELL:

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Q. And do you know how many? Just ballpark

5 it.

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6 A. I'm, I'm guessing two.

And what are they? Q.

8 One is a development called Eagle Ridge.

The other one I just, I call it The Ranch. I don't

know what. 10

> Q. What is Eagle Ridge?

Eagle Ridge is a housing development A.

13 located in Eden.

> Q. Okay. And the other one?

15 Α. It's a barn on some land that was

16 purchased to look at developing.

> 0. Where?

18 Α. In the North Ogden area.

Q. Okay. Any other loans made to Orluff by

20 R&O for his other projects?

21 Α. Not that I'm aware of.

22 Q. Okay. Has the R&O loan to Double -- that

23 Orluff got for Double Ott been repaid?

24 Not in full. It makes -- let me just

clarify what you said because I get confused.

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the loan that was obtained from Bank of Utah?

There is a loan agreement.

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there were contracts --

before we had the recess.

Q. Okay. And who was it that was responsible

and possibly Royce Richards would have that.

for repaying the loan in the event once the loan was 4

5 made to Double Ott?

6 Α. **Double Ott has to make payments back to** 7 R&O.

8 Q. And who are the guarantors on the note? 9

On the Double Ott note? Α.

10 Q. Yes. To R&O?

11 A. I, I would assume that's Orluff who had

signed it. **12**

13 Q. Did you sign it as well?

14 I don't recall signing it. Α.

15 Do you know if Chet did? Q.

I don't recall Chet signing, but I don't 16 A.

17 know.

18 Okay. Q.

19 Do you know whether or not R&O has ever

loaned Orluff any money to use in any of the entities 20

21 that he has formed in the past other than Double Ott?

22 MR. GORMLEY: Let me object again.

23 Relevancy.

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24 But go ahead.

THE WITNESS: Yeah, I believe they've had

Double Ott makes payments to R&O each

2 year.

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Q. Right. Okay. What is the outstanding

4 balance?

> A. I'm not sure.

6 Q. The total amount of the loan was, did you

7 say, 5 million?

8 Well, I think it's up to 9. A.

9 Now?

10 Yeah, I think it was up to 9, 9.2, 9.4. A.

Q. There was an additional funding?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. When did that take place?

14 As we were discovering that scopes of

15 work, like I had mentioned, the slide towers and

things were not put in place, both Huishes and

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Double Ott were helping to come up with more money to

put into the park. 18

19 That was part of the nightmare scenario

that your father was telling us about? 20

21 A. Yes.

22 Okay. Q.

23 A. Correct.

24 So it was getting worse and worse as you

were going along?



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- 1 A. It was getting bigger.
 - Q. Bigger. The liability for the funding?
- 3 A. The cost.

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- 4 Q. Right. Okay.
- 5 So, so is there just one more, one more
- 6 loan or were there a succession of loans? As I
- 7 understand, the first loan was between 4- and
- 8 5 million as you recall?
- 9 A. I don't recall what the first one was.
- 10 Q. And I don't need mathematical precision.
- 11 A. Okay.
- O. But that's ballpark?
- 13 A. I don't recall.
- 14 Q. I will tell you that's what your dad said.
- 15 A. Okay, it may have been. So our CFO
- 16 handles that.
- 17 Q. All right. And given that your dad was
- 18 the one that has got the loan, I would assume you
- 19 would trust his recollection in that regard?
- 20 A. Yeah.
- Q. Now tell me your recollection with respect
- 22 to the funding of the rest of it that brought you up
- 23 to 9. Is that one additional loan or successive
- 24 loans?
- 25 A. I don't recall. I'd have to ask Charlie,

- 1 obtained by Orluff and then goes to Double Ott, as I
- 2 understand it, increases the capital contribution of
- 3 Double Ott in the Henderson Water Park as you
- 4 previously testified?
 - A. I believe that's correct.
- 6 Q. Okay. Were the, were the Huishes on that,
- 7 any loan to R&O, were they guarantors of any?
- 8 A. Not on a loan to R&O, no.
 - Q. Okay.
- Did Double Ott make any additional capital
- 11 contributions to Henderson Water Park?
- 12 A. I don't know. Do you mean in addition to
- 13 the 9.4 or whatever the number is?
 - O. Correct. Right.
- 15 A. I don't believe so.
- Q. Okay. Did R&O ever waive any fees on its
- 17 construction contract?
- 18 A. We have -- so I'm going to say yes. When
- 19 we say waive, we were -- we didn't receive the fee of,
- 20 I can't remember, some portion like 250,000 or some
- 21 dollar amount that had not been paid to R&O as a fee.
- 22 O. And what was that fee for?
- 23 A. For work put in place on the project.
 - Q. What else?
- 25 A. That's, that's what it was. That was our

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- 1 who is our CFO, if he did it in two steps or not.
- Q. Okay. And was Charlie responsible for the additional loans as well?
- 4 A. Well, Charlie handles the accounting. He 5 is our CFO.
- 6 Q. For R&O?
- 7 A. For R&O.
- 8 Q. Okay.
- 9 A. And for Orluff's entities.
- 10 Q. Got it.
- 11 A. Between him and a gentleman names Royce
- 12 Richards.
- Q. Do you know when the last funding of loans
- 14 to Double Ott took place that was obtained by Orluff
- 15 through R&O?
- 16 A. Are you asking when is the last time money
- 17 from R&O was loaned to Double Ott?
- 18 Q. That's the question. It was much better
- 19 crafted than mine.
- 20 A. Okay. I, I'm assuming it's during
- 21 construction, which is early 2014. But I...
- 22 Q. Okay.
- 23 A. Unless the Polin third tower comes into
- 24 play, that goes into early 2015.
- Q. So the money that's loaned by R&O that's

- 1 contractor's fee based on --
- Q. And how much is R&O owed today?
 - A. Well, you have the loan from Double Ott
- 4 back to R&O for, I don't know the current balance on
- 5 that.
- 6 Q. How much is R&O owed by Cowabunga Bay for
- 7 the construction?
- 8 A. Well, if the fee was taken into
- 9 consideration, there is -- I believe it's around 200-,
- 10 \$250,000. And it, it didn't get put into applied
- 11 owner equity, it didn't --
- 12 Q. And I understand that, and I'm asking a
- 13 different question now. Okay?
- 14 A. Okay.
- 15 Q. That was waived. The 250, the quarter of
- 16 a million is gone. R&O didn't get it.
- MR. GORMLEY: Let me object to the
- 18 extent --
- 19 BY MR. CAMPBELL:
- Q. Here's my question.
- 21 MR. GORMLEY: If I may.
- To the extent it calls for a legal
- 23 conclusion regarding what is a waiver.
- 24 BY MR. CAMPBELL:
 - Q. That's why I just said that --



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-- you know, in common nomenclature. It's

Okay. So how much is R&O owed on the

The fee that hasn't been paid is what R&O

Well, we are owed from Double Ott for the

We did some improvement work out there

So as of today, how much has R&O actually

this last year. We had to do some road improvement

work under a separate contract. I believe we have

been paid for that. It was couple hundred grand.

Well, I presume it's -- is it close to

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gone. Okay. R&O didn't get it.

they did to build the place?

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Yes.

Okay.

We would still like it.

amount that was loaned, the 250 --

I think it was 9.4.

And that's 9-1/2 million?

received for the construction of the park?

- 1 general conditions, staffing. I think part of that also went to fund the Huishes had, like the kid, the
- 3 kid pool has some slides. I don't believe that was
- 4 ran through R&O. There were --
 - What do you mean you don't believe that was ran through?
- 7 Α. Well, there were, there were costs that, 8 materials and equipment that they were providing.
 - The Huishes were providing?
- **10** A. Yes.
- 11 Q. Okay.
- 12 Α. So it wasn't part of R&O Construction's 13 contract.
 - O. And when they were installed, R&O
- 15 installed them?
- 16 A. No.
- 17 Q. They got somebody else to install them?
- 18 They had -- yeah. I know, I know the 19 kiddie pool had somebody else that installed that 20 slide assembly.
- 21 All right. Okay. So as I understand it,
- 22 are you saying that R -- that with respect to the 23 construction --
- 24 A. Okav.
- 25 -- of the park, that R&O has been paid all Q.

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\$30 million, the total, the price? 1

I don't know.

- 2 A. No. Because -- so when I say when we ran
- the costs of approximately 19 million or so through 3 4 our company --
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- 6 -- between Double Ott paying us -- let me
- tell you. So we ran 19 million in costs through
- R&O Construction of the 28 or 30. I think that 28 and
- 30 probably includes land value and slides purchased by whoever.
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- 11 So R&O has received -- what did we
- 12 receive? We haven't received the 9.4 that was loaned
- to Double Ott. 13
- 14 That's still outstanding?
- 15 Yeah. That's still outstanding as loan A.
- payments back to R&O. 16
- 17 Q. Okay.
- 18 A. The difference between that we have
- 19 received and that's what the Bank of Utah loan was
- 20 covering those subcontractor costs.
- 21 So R&O received the 12-1/2 million? Q.
- 22 The 12.2 million from Bank of Utah --A.
- 23 Q. Yeah.
- 24 -- some portion of that came to R&O to pay
- the monthly draws for subcontractor work and our

- page 89 amounts that they have billed save and except for the 250,000 that was waived?
- 3 I would, I would say yes, because the 4 amount still owing is a loan from Double Ott to R&O.
- 5 All right. And was the amount that was
- paid an amount that included the, not just the hard
- 7 costs that were experienced by R&O, but also profit? 8
 - I don't believe we got our fee. I think
- early on, as we were building percent complete, we
- 10 received part of our fee. I also don't believe we
- 11 increased our fee above that base.
- 12 And if I recall correctly, when the
- 13 contract grew from whatever it initially was up to 19,
- there is some part of that 250,000 that wasn't
- 15 received and it wasn't counted as equity. So it's
- confusing. 16
- 17 And as you sit here today, are you telling
- 18 me that R&O did not make a profit on this project?
- 19 Absolutely not. I mean --A.
 - That --Q.
- 21 -- no, we didn't, we didn't make a profit. A.
- 22 You didn't make a profit? Q.
- 23 A. No.
- 24 So R&O performed and did not make a profit
- from the building of this park; is that correct?



- 1 So when we, when I say didn't make a profit, we covered our costs. 2
- 3 Q. I understand that.
- 4 A. We didn't receive our full fee on top of
- 5 that.
- 6 Q. I understand that. Okay.
- 7 So we may have made some money. We didn't A.
- 8 make our full fee. And that's what that 250,000.
- 9 And you don't know how much you made or
- 10 how much you should have made; is that correct?
- 11 I could look it up. Yeah, as I sit here,
- 12 I don't know.
- 13 O. And the best person to ask that is Charlie 14 Auger?
- 15 A. Probably Charlie and Erik Skogstad.
- MR. GORMLEY: Want to take a short break? 16
- 17 MR. CAMPBELL: Sure, if you'd like.
- 18 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We are going off the
- record. The time is approximately 11:12 a.m. 19
- 20 (Recessed from 11:12 a.m. to 11:29 a.m.)
- 21 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We are going back on
- the record. The time is approximately 11:29 a.m. 22
- BY MR. CAMPBELL: 23
- 24 Q. With respect to the, any changes that were
- made in the construction contract, who would be the

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- best person to talk to about that from R&O?
- 2 A. Erik Skogstad.
- 3 Q. He is the local gentleman?
- 4 Yes. A.
- 5 O. Okay.
- 6 And who would be responsible for approving 7 any changes in the actual terms of the contract to
- build the water park that Erik may have negotiated? 8
- 9 On the R&O construction side?
- 10 O. Right. I presume somebody in Utah is
- looking at him on that? 11
- 12 Erik is very qualified. So whatever he is
- drafting or if he sent scope of work up to me to 13
- possibly review it or it might have been either one of
- 15 us or --
- 16 Q.
- 17 A. No, Charlie doesn't get into the
- 18 contracts. He's the financial side.
- 19 Q.
- 20 I would say most likely handled by Erik. Α.
- 21 Okay.
- 22 So let's talk a little bit about the
- 23 actual operation of Cowabunga Bay. Sort of moving
- into a different area now and giving you a preview of
- 25 the transition. Okay?

- page 90 1 And I would like to talk to you about your
 - involvement in it, who else is involved, what's the
 - 3 extent of the involvement, that sort of thing. Okay?
 - Okav.
 - So that's where I'm going. O.
 - 6 A. Okav.

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- Q. I'm not going to try to trick you or
- 8 surprise you or anything else.
 - All right. Α.
- 10 Q. There is an operating agreement for your
- 11 involvement in the Cowabunga Bay project, correct?
 - For Henderson Water Park, I believe?
- 13 Q. Yes.
- 14 Α. Yes.
- 15 Q. Okay. And, and that operating agreement
- is one that has a lot of, a lot of covenants and
- procedures in it that you've reviewed; is that
- 18 correct?
 - Α. Yes, I reviewed it in the past.
- 20 I think that's one of the things that you
- 21 said you reviewed in preparation for giving your
- 22 deposition here today?
- 23 Α. Yes.
 - O. Okay.
- 25 Two sections I mainly looked at.

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- Q. Okay. What two sections did you mainly 1
- look at? 2
 - I believe it was Article or Section 6, A.
- 4 6.1, something like that.
- 5 O. And what did it deal with, do you recall?
- Talked about the rights and authority of 6 Α. 7 the management committee.
- 8 All right. And why was it important for
- 9 you to review that?
- 10 Just to get reacquainted with what I had 11 reviewed years ago.
- 12 Okay. But, that's sort of the question.
- 13 Why did you want to get reacquainted with that
- 14 particular provision in a multi, multipage document?
- 15 Because it seemed to be one that had the most relevancy to what is being talked about --16
- 17 Q. How so?
 - -- in this case. Α.
- 19 Because it talks about the rights and 20 authority of a management committee.
- 21 Q. Right.
- 22 Α. Some of the other sections as you look at
- 23 them are kind of the here is how the organization is
- set up, here is how things are dealt with. But that
- one more particularly talks about as a management



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page 96 1 committee what we can do, or I don't know if you'd 1 Α. Okay, correct. say -- yeah, can and can't do. 2 That's when Leland drowned. Q. 3 Q. So why don't we just give you that and 3 A. That's correct. 4 mark that document. 4 Q. That's why I'm using that, that date. 5 MR. MIRKOVICH: This will be Exhibit 40. 5 Okay? 6 (Deposition Exhibit 40 marked.) 6 Α. 7 BY MR. CAMPBELL: 7 O. All right. I'm not trying to fly a fast 8 You have presently before you what has 8 ball by you. 9 been marked in this action as Exhibit 40. And we give 9 I understand. Α. 10 each document that we mark in these, in these 10 O. Now, as you will see, 6.1 has subsections. 11 depositions a particular number which tracks it 11 And subsection (a), okay, states that: 12 throughout the course of the litigation. So at time 12 "The management committee shall have 13 of trial you'll probably see that document again with 13 the full right..." 14 the same number on it. 14 A. Where are you at, in subsection (a) you 15 So when I refer to Exhibit No. 40, what 15 said? 16 I'm referring to is an Operating Agreement for 16 O. Yeah, subsection (a). Are you with me? 17 Henderson Water Park, LLC, a Nevada Limited Liability 17 Α. Yes. 18 Company, correct? 18 Okay. O. 19 A. Correct. 19 "The management committee shall have 20 Q. This is what we -- this is one integrated 20 the full right, power and authority to do all 21 document here that we're going to be referring to. So 21 things deemed necessary or desirable by it, if I refer to Exhibit No. 40, I'm referring to this --22 22 in its reasonable discretion, to conduct the 23 Okay. 23 business affairs and operations of the 24 24 Q. -- understood? company." 25 Okay. So turn, if you will, to page 7, 25 Correct? page 95 which I believe starts Article 6 which I think you 1 Α. Correct. 2 were referring to in your previous answer. 2 And that includes under subsection (b): 3 3 A. Okav. "The making of any expenditures..." 4 Q. On page 7 of Exhibit No. 40 is Article 6, 4 Correct? 5 The Management Committee, correct, that's the styling? 5 A. Correct. Correct. 6 6 Q. Okay. And under section (b), 7 All right. And 6.1 provides that: 7 paragraph (iii): 8 "All management rights, powers and 8 'The use of the assets of the company 9 9 authority over the business, affairs and (including, without limitation, cash on hand) 10 operations of the company shall be solely and 10 for any purpose and on any terms the 11 exclusively vested in the management 11 management committee deems appropriate, 12 committee." 12 including, without limitation, the financing 13 Correct? 13 of the conduct of the operations of the 14 That's correct. 14 company, the lending of funds to other A. 15 All right. And as of May of 2015, this in 15 persons and the repayment of obligations of fact was the operational document for Henderson Water 16 the company." 17 Park, correct? 17 Is that correct? 18 Α. You say May of 2015? **18** That's correct. Α. 19 Q. 19 Such powers also include under 20 Is it -- I think it's in place before Α. 20 subsection (b)(vi): 21 that. 21 "The selection and dismissal 22 It was. 22 Q. of employees..." 23 Α. Okav. 23 Correct? 24 Q. It was. But I'm saying it was in place in 24 Correct.



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Those employees to include, as stated

21 say, well, here is what I think. And I believe it's

24 and that was because Orluff had the most at risk and

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22 because he had the most money in.

25 at stake as he told us in his deposition?

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page 100 page 98 He was the majority shareholder or 1 therein: 1 2 "...such officers and subordinate 2 whatever you would call it, investor. 3 3 officers as deemed necessary." Right. And that's because he put the most 4 Correct? 4 in and had the most at risk through loans and --5 Correct. 5 MR. GORMLEY: Objection. Α. 6 "...and outside attorneys. 6 THE WITNESS: Well --7 accountants, consultants and 7 MR. CAMPBELL: You have to wait until I 8 8 contractors..." finish my question. 9 Correct? 9 MR. GORMLEY: I thought you finished, I'm 10 Correct. 10 sorry. Α. 11 As well as: 11 BY MR. CAMPBELL: 12 "The determination of their 12 He had the most at risk through loans and 13 compensation and other terms of employment." 13 capital investment, correct? 14 Correct? 14 A. Yes. 15 Α. Correct. 15 MR. GORMLEY: Objection. Lack of Okay. All right. How are the members of 16 Q. 16 foundation. the management committee selected? 17 17 Go ahead. 18 On Orluff's side under Double Ott, he 18 BY MR. CAMPBELL: selected myself, Chet, and Tom. As far as how they 19 19 Q. Go ahead. 20 20 are selected, that's who he picked. Okay. So if I understand it correctly, Α. 21 Q. Okay. 21 yes, Orluff had put via Double Ott loaned the most 22 Α. On Huishes side, I understand who they are 22 money into the park. 23 23 as being Scott, Shane, and Craig. Right. And he was, he was personally on 24 You asked how, I don't know what you mean 24 the hook as he told us, correct? by how are they selected other than... 25 He has signed personally. page 99 page 101 What I mean by that is, and I think you 1 Q. The answer is "yes"? 1 told me. Orluff selected them? 2 2 Yes, okay. Α. 3 Yes. 3 Okay. It wasn't a trick question. A. Q. 4 Q. Okay. 4 Sorry --A. 5 On our side. 5 A. Q. That's okay. Right. Okay. Fair enough. 6 6 A. -- but I'm who I am, so... 7 All right. Why did Double Ott and Orluff 7 Q. All right. And I'm not, and I'm not get to pick the majority of the members of the 8 8 criticizing you in any way. 9 committee? Okay. No offense taken, sir. 9 10 10 Α. Being that there were four on his side, I don't want you to. 11 you mean? 11 So he got to pick the majority, and the 12 Right. Four votes as opposed to three. 12 majority pick was his, his sons and his good friend 13 Mr. Welch, correct? My understanding or recollection at the 14 time this was being formed was Orluff would be a vote, 14 Α. Yes. 15 if you will, if there was a -- in the event of I think 15 Okay. And the Huishes were the Huishes. Q. 16 they called it a tie or if for some reason a decision 16 They had their side of the equation, correct? 17 came up that between, I guess it would be Chet, Tom, 17 Well, yes. Scott and Shane who were 18 and myself, and Shane, Scott, and Craig were trying to 18 always involved, and I worked a lot with them. And 19 decide on something and couldn't come to agreement, 19 then Craig, I don't know what Craig's, how he was 20 20 then Orluff would be able to be the final person to picked or...



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committee?

Okay. And when, when did you find out

I think when they were drafting the, going

that you were selected to sit on the, on the

through drafting the agreement --

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THE WITNESS: Tom is a very trusted

When I say draft, I don't know who all was involved,

but I believe Tom helped with that in a great extent.

21 individual and life friend of my father's. And Tom

22 helped to I believe draft the operating agreement.

page 102 page 104 BY MR. CAMPBELL: 1 Q. Okav. 1 2 -- or this operating agreement. 2 Q. Okay. A. 3 3 Q. And who was it that told you that? What did Scott Huish bring to the 4 I don't recall. Probably Orluff. 4 management committee, what skill sets did he have? 5 Okay. And did you, did you at any time MR. GORMLEY: Standing objection. 5 decline to serve or was it always your intention to 6 THE WITNESS: Okay. 6 7 7 MR. CAMPBELL: Yes. serve? 8 8 THE WITNESS: Scott, Scott had the A. Well, once I was told or asked, I agreed, 9 you know. 9 experience of the Huish family in owning and operating 10 Q. Yes. You assented? 10 different water parks, and I can't remember, the 11 Yes. Dad asked me to do something, I 11 Family Fun Centers that the Huish family themselves generally do it. 12 brought. I see Scott as the -- as I met him and had 12 13 13 the opportunity to work with him is a detailed person Right. What do you believe you brought to the 14 14 as well as it relates to providing budgets and table in terms of your selection by Orluff to be on insurances. That's primarily who I was interacting the management committee? with. 16 16 17 17 BY MR. CAMPBELL: Me personally? 18 Q. Right. 18 Okay. 19 I, I tend to be more detailed in looking 19 Would you turn to the page that follows 26 A. at things. If I compare it to, you know, my father, I of Exhibit No. 40, it's styled Addendum to Operating have more energy. And I do not mean that as a slant 21 Agreement for Henderson Water Park, LLC. to him at all. It's, you know, he is --22 Do you see that? 22 23 23 Yes, I do. I got it, I'm 65. 24 24 Well, so and hopefully just that he has Okay. And this is dated September 17th, 25 confidence in me to help. 25 2013, correct? page 103 page 105 1 1 And what does Chet bring to the table? Α. Correct. 2 2 MR. GORMLEY: Let me object. Lack of O. All right. And does your signature appear 3 3 foundation. on that document? 4 4 Yes, it does. You can answer the question. A. 5 5 THE WITNESS: Okay. I --Okay. And do you recognize all of the 6 BY MR. CAMPBELL: other signatures as those of the management committee? 7 What skill set does he bring in 7 Yes, I do. 8 8 contributing? Q. And, and is Exhibit No. 40 a faithful, 9 9 Chet is recognized and appreciated locally true, and correct copy of the original LLC agreement? 10 and especially in the City of Henderson. He lives 10 I believe so. 11 locally. He worked on I don't know if you'd call it 11 Q. Okay. 12 I haven't reviewed every page, but it 12 the Henderson Chamber, whatever, he served very A. 13 actively down there. He is also one of my father's 13 appears to be. 14 sons. So my dad has trust in him as well. 14 Right. You have, you have no reason to 15 Okay. What did Mr. Welch bring to the 15 doubt that this is a true and correct copy of the operating agreement for Henderson Water Park, LLC that table in terms of skill set to warrant him being on 17 the management committee? controlled operation of the water park as of 2015, 18 MR. GORMLEY: Same objection. May 2015, correct? 19 A. I believe it is the operating agreement, a 19 Go ahead.



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even before that?

Yes.

Yes.

Okay.

And to be fair, you said and it controlled

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- 1 Q. Okay. Your father testified that the
- 2 management committee members all had the common goals
- 3 to successfully operate the business. I assume that
- 4 you agree with him in that regard, correct?
 - A. Yes, I would agree with that.
- 6 Q. Okay. And moreover, he testified that the
- 7 management committee had a duty and obligation to
- 8 comply with the law and ensure that those working on
- 9 behalf of the management committee did so as well, and
- 10 you likewise agree with that, I assume?
- 11 A. I agree that the management committee has 12 a responsibility to comply with the law.
- 13 Q. Okay. And to ensure others comply with
- 14 it, correct? Working on their behalf?
- 15 A. Yes. Yes, that we -- yeah.
- 16 Q. Does the management committee of Henderson
- 17 Water Park maintain voting records as to actions that
- 18 they take?

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- 19 A. Not that I'm aware of.
- Q. Are there meeting minutes?
- 21 A. Not that I'm aware of.
- Q. Are there agendas for the meetings?
- 23 A. There were. When we would have our
- 24 meetings, I would oftentimes email a list out to the
- 25 group saying, "When are we going to meet?"

- 1 A. Yeah. So when I say from my side, I would 2 usually email.
- 3 Q. And I got that.
- 4 A. And then if -- I remember one or two
- 5 meetings possibly where the Huishes brought a more 6 detailed agenda.
- 7 Q. Fair enough. That's all I was looking
- 8 for.

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- A. Okay.
- 10 Q. Okay. Were notes taken at, at meetings of 11 the management committee?
- MR. GORMLEY: Let me object. Lack of
- 13 foundation. By him or? Never mind, go ahead.
- 14 BY MR. CAMPBELL:
- 15 Q. By anyone.
- 16 A. I don't, I don't think notes from the form
- 17 of meeting minutes that I'm aware of were taken.
- 18 Q. Okay.
 - A. Sometimes on the agenda --
- Q. And that's why I'm asking about notes.
- 21 A. Okay
- 22 Q. You told me that no minutes were kept. I
- 23 get it.
- 24 A. Okay.
- Q. Now we are moving on to just notes. Did

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- 1 Scott and I and/or Shane would usually
- kind of schedule that. And I would, I would forward a
- 3 list within, usually in the context of an email and
- 4 say, "Here are some items that I would like to
- 5 review." The Huishes would also --
- 6 Q. Put in their 2 cents?
- 7 A. -- generally add in of here's what they
- 8 would like to review also.
- 9 Q. Got it.
- 10 A. And then information was brought to the
- 11 meeting and it was discussed. But I don't recall any
- 12 meeting minutes being taken and distributed.
- Q. Okay. But I think my question was focused at that part. There were no meeting minutes and I
- 15 accept that.
- 16 A. Okay.
- 17 Q. My question was agenda, that was the one
- 18 that I thought you were answering that.
- 19 A. Okay.
- 20 Q. So I think you interposed minutes for
- 21 agenda. We had moved on to agenda.
- So there may have been some sort of
- 23 agenda, even if it was just in the form of emails that
- 24 were exchanged, as to what people wanted to talk about
- 25 at the, at the management committee meetings?

- 1 any -- did you make notes? Did anybody on the
- 2 management committee make notes? Was there a
- 3 procedure for just taking notes? Anything like that?
- 4 And if there was, there was. If there wasn't, there
- 5 wasn't.
- 6 A. I don't believe there is a procedure for
- 7 it.
- 8 Q. Okay.
- 9 A. I had taken notes on some of the agendas
- 10 with their items that I needed to follow up on or
- 1 general comment.
- 12 Q. Did you maintain your notes from any --
- 13 withdraw.
- 14 Did you maintain your notes that you made
- 15 on a particular matter at a management committee
- 16 meeting?

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- 17 A. When you say "retain," you mean --
 - Q. Put them in a file?
- 19 A. -- save them, put them in a file?
 - Q. Type them into.
- 21 A. I don't think I ever typed anything up. I
- 22 think there were one or two that -- everything that I
- 23 had I turned over to our counsel. I had, I think, a
- 24 paper to our attorney to turn over. And I think I
 - 5 might have had one or two agenda items that I had made



notes on, but.. 1

2 Not as a usual course that you would keep Q. 3 these notes?

4 Yeah. I wouldn't usually keep them. If

5 I, if I made a note that was "Call Polin to find out

what we are going to do with the slide schedule," once 7 I kind of got it, I was done with it.

8 Q. Okay. That's all I'm looking for.

9 A. Okav.

10 Okay. There were sales update reports

11 that were given to the management committee meeting;

is that correct? 12

We would, we would get -- and they kind of 13 14 evolved from being fairly generic --

15 Q. More detailed?

-- at the first. Budgetary forecasts or 16

costs, actual costs to date and then --17

18 And you were working on budgets?

MR. GORMLEY: Please let him finish his

20 answer.

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21 Go ahead, you were --

22 THE WITNESS: I'm sorry. As we evolved,

they, they being the park, would generate a more

detailed sales or persons at the park.

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BY MR. CAMPBELL: 1

Right. I have seen that. I get what 2

3 you're talking about.

4 A. Beverages.

5 Right. And one other thing, you mentioned

budgets, and I've seen some documents where you were

7 presenting budgetary information as well.

8 Correct. Huishes would usually provide a 9

kind of a look ahead for the year. 10

O. Got it.

11 A. It was as much a look ahead for the year

12 as -- I think we would get that, and it was like,

13 okay, it's June. Here is the -- but in June the cost

14 to date may be from April, because of its -- it takes

15 30 days or so to get the cost information in.

16 Okay. All right.

17 Was there any other document that governed

18 the operations of Henderson Water Park, LLC other than

the operating agreement that appears in this action as

20 Exhibit No. 40?

21 I'm just trying to make sure I understand.

22 If there's any other document --

23 Let me repeat the question.

24 A. No, I'm just trying to think --

25 Sure. Q.

1 -- through if there is any other document

2 that governs it.

3 Because by that time our contract as a

4 contractor is done and you're looking for stuff that's

just management committee stuff.

Operation. Right. Let me rephrase the

7 question --

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8 A. Okay.

-- so we're both on that same...

10 I'm just interested is there anything

else, okay, that governs the operation of the park

known as Henderson Water Park, LLC other than

Exhibit 40, the operating agreement? Is there

anything else?

15 MR. GORMLEY: Let me object. Vague and

ambiguous just because you might have NASCO. I mean,

they contracted --17

18 MR. CAMPBELL: No, I'm not talking about.

MR. GORMLEY: Well, I don't know what

20 you're talking about.

MR. CAMPBELL: Henderson Water Park, LLC.

22 BY MR. CAMPBELL:

23 Let me rephrase it again.

24 A. Okay.

25 Focus on Henderson Water Park, LLC.

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Is there anything else that governs the 1 operating of Henderson Water Park, LLC, that LLC

itself, other than Exhibit 40?

4 So for -- because the reason the word "the

5 operations" part of that, the team that was assigned

to operate the park did have their manuals and things

7 that they are doing. Shane and --

Not the question.

9 And I don't know if that's --

10 O. That's not the question.

11 Α. -- what you're looking for.

12 I'm just looking to see. Is there any

other operating agreement for the LLC known as

14 Henderson Water Park besides Exhibit 40 as of 2015?

A.

16 Simple question. Q.

17 A. I'm not aware of another operating

18 agreement, sorry.

19 That's all I want to know.

I didn't know if -- just when you use the

21 word "operating," I'm not an operations guy.

22 Right. So as of 2015, this is the only

23 one you're aware of that was effective and applicable

24 in 2015?

25 A. That is correct.



This was the only legal vehicle by which 2 you operated the park during that year of 2015, 3 correct?

4 MR. GORMLEY: Let me object. Calls for a 5 legal conclusion regarding --

6 MR. CAMPBELL: I'll withdraw the question. 7

MR. GORMLEY: Okay.

8 BY MR. CAMPBELL:

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This is the only, this is the only

10 operating agreement that applied to the, to the park 11 at that time?

12 MR. GORMLEY: Let me object. Let me

13 object. There are other documents he talked about.

14 You didn't let him finish his answer. I know you want

15 something that was responsive --

16 MR. CAMPBELL: That's not the question.

17 MR. GORMLEY: -- but I'm just making a

18 record, that's all.

19 MR. CAMPBELL: And it's a speaking

objection. So I ask that you not do that, please.

21 BY MR. CAMPBELL:

22 Q. So here's the question.

23 MR. GORMLEY: It's not a speaking

24 objection.

25 MR. CAMPBELL: It is.

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1 MR. GORMLEY: Let's not argue.

2 MR. CAMPBELL: Here's the question.

3 I agree.

4 BY MR. CAMPBELL:

5 Q. During 2015, the year that Leland drowned

and suffered catastrophic injuries, this is the only

7 operating agreement that you're aware of, right, for 8 the park?

9 This is, that I'm aware of, this is the 10 only operating agreement.

11 Q. Okay.

12 It's not the agreement that operations

persons are using to do their day-to-day. 13

14 Q. But this is the operating agreement?

15 **Correct.** This is the operating agreement.

16 And the management committee used this

17 operating agreement, Exhibit No. 40, okay, to fulfill

18 their functions, correct?

19 We used this operating agreement. And 20 part of this operating agreement allows us to delegate

21 the operations of the park to a team.

22 O. Okay.

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23 A. Which we did.

24 So is the answer yes?

MR. GORMLEY: Well, he can answer it full

answer. You don't have to answer yes.

BY MR. CAMPBELL:

3 Well, I think you're volunteering. But go 4 ahead. Is the answer yes? And if you want to 5

explain, I'm going to let you do that. Fair?

6 Okay. Α. 7

Q. So the answer is yes?

8 Yes, this is the operating agreement. Α.

O. Okay. Now do you want to explain?

10 Yes. Α.

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That the management team used? 11 O.

That the management used and --Α.

13 Q. In 2015?

> A. In '14 and '15 and '16.

15 Q. Okay. All right. Now do you want to

16 amplify on that?

MR. GORMLEY: Can --

18 MR. CAMPBELL: I'm conducting the

19 examination.

20 BY MR. CAMPBELL:

21 Q. Do you want to amplify on that? Do you

22 want to add something to that?

23 Α. Yes.

> Q. Okay. Go ahead and do it.

25 With this operating agreement --Α.

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1 Q. Okay.

> -- we have -- and I'm doing this because 2

you've used the word operations a couple of times,

that's just why I wanted to clarify to make sure I'm

not confusing something.

6 This is an operating agreement. But with

7 that we also had the right and authority within this

to assign people to operate the day-to-day work at the park. That's, that's what I was trying to clarify.

10 In other words, there is something in

11 Exhibit 40 that allowed the management committee to do

what? 12

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13 Α. To delegate the responsibility for the

14 day-to-day operations of the park.

> O. Okay.

So I'm sorry, I just --16 A.

17 Q. And I ---

18 -- trying to clarify between.

19 No, I get it. Okay. Now I get it, I get O.

20 what you're saying.

21 Α. Okay. Thank you.

22 And in that regard, there is a particular

section within Exhibit 40 that allowed the management

24 committee to do that; is that correct?

I believe so, yes.



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Okay. Now, what was it that was incumbent 1 2 upon the management committee to do insofar as the

appointment of any such individual or individuals to carry out that function? What were the prerequisites

and coterminous obligations of the management

committee in that regard under Exhibit 40? 6

7 MR. GORMLEY: Let me object to the question. It's vague and ambiguous regarding the 9 prerequisites and obligations.

10 He can answer the question.

11 BY MR. CAMPBELL:

12 Go ahead. Q.

I'm just -- it's kind of a long question 13 14 so can I restate what I think you asked?

15 Q. No. Let me reask the question.

16 A. Okay.

17 Because I probably asked a poorly drafted 18 one since you didn't answer it, and it's my obligation

to draft a good one. 19

20 So what was required under the particular 21 provision that you said existed that allowed for the

22 designation of a particular person or persons to carry

23 out certain functions pursuant to Exhibit 40?

24 What was required? So as the management committee, as it says, we have the right and authority

vou're looking for, but --1

> Q. You aren't, but that's okay.

3 A. Okav.

> Q. I'll let you answer.

5 So as part of that, I have personally the Α. opportunity to work alongside with Scott and Shane

6 through the construction of the water park to get a

8 feel of their experience.

9 I also was aware of their past experience operating and owning a water park in Draper, which I

had personally gone to with kids prior to even knowing

12 who the Huishes were.

13 So as the operating or as the management 14 committee or representative on that, Shane was the

15 person who was selected to operate the day-to-day

activities at the park, of it running.

Okay. Are you done?

18 I think so.

MR. CAMPBELL: Move to strike as

20 nonresponsive.

THE WITNESS: Okay.

22 MR. GORMLEY: I thought it was responsive.

23 THE WITNESS: That means it's good, right?

I'm just kidding, sorry.

25 MR. CAMPBELL: No, that's all right. No,

1 to select people to operate the park is what I was 2 getting to.

3 O. And how was that done?

4 So that was done with -- when we

originally started and met with the Huishes, what

Scott and Shane's portion of the work was always going

7 to be or the Huishes' side was they were going to be

8 the park operators, that was always an understanding.

As the R&O Construction side, we were 10 general contractors, and --

11 Well, and taking that --

12 MR. GORMLEY: Let him finish. You

interrupted him. 13

14 MR. CAMPBELL: It's a narrative. You are

15 kind of giving me a narrative.

16 MR. GORMLEY: Well, you have to let him

17 finish.

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18 MR. CAMPBELL: And I'll get you there.

19 Just give me a chance.

MR. GORMLEY: I would like for him to

21 finish his answer.

22 BY MR. CAMPBELL:

23 Q. Finish whatever answer you want and I'll

24 move to strike.

I'm hoping I'm getting to the answer

that's okay. 1

> 2 BY MR. CAMPBELL:

> > Do you remember what the question was?

You asked about the rights and

responsibilities. No, you didn't. You asked what was

incumbent upon -- I can't remember -- us to select 7 somebody.

8 Q.

Correct. What did Exhibit No. 40, okay,

9 provide in that regard? All right.

10 So it gave us --

> Q. It gave --

12 Gives us the right and the authority to --

13 Let me see if I can encapsulate it and get

14 you through this. Okay?

> A. Okay. Sorry.

Did you understand that Exhibit No. 40

17 said you had that right, but you had to do certain

things. And one of the things is you had to vote on

it and say, okay, this is the person or persons who is

20 going to do it. Right?

21 Well, as far as having to vote on it, we

22 had to have an agreement on it which we had.

And, and how was that agreement

memorialized? How was the decision memorialized that

Huish would be responsible for all phases of the



operations of the park? How was it memorialized? 1

- When you say "memorialized"?
- 3 Well, you said agreement. I want to Q.
- know --4

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- 5 This agreement allows us to --
- 6 MR. GORMLEY: Don't respond until he is
- 7 finished. You are going back and forth here.
- 8 THE WITNESS: Okav.
- 9 BY MR. CAMPBELL:
- 10 You are interrupting me and that happens
- 11 all the time. Okay?
- 12 Α. I'll wait.
- It's not a big deal. 13
- 14 Okay. So what I'm saying is you are
- 15 saying, "We had the power to do that. We had the
- power to appoint and we did appoint Huish to operate
- the park." Correct? 17
- 18 Α. That is correct.
- 19 Q. Okay.
- 20 That's who is operating the park. A.
- 21 O. Now, when you made that decision, did that
- decision have to be memorialized in some fashion? Did 22
- it have to be recorded? Preserved? Reflected in some
- 24 particular document?
- 25 I don't think so.

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- Q. Okay. Had it been required, you would 1
- have done it?
- A. Well, had it been required would we have 3
- 4 done it? I'd probably answer yes to. But Shane's
- title and the paid employee of -- he's the general
- manager. He's the compensated employee as a member of
- 7 the management committee at the park, I guess in my
- mind memorializes that that is his role. 8
- 9 Q. But I'm not asking about what is in your 10 mind.
- 11 A. It's not in my mind, that's on all the 12 payroll records too.
- 13 I understand that, but you're saying that
- 14 that's what is in your mind.
- 15 Okav.
- 16 Q. I'm asking something different.
- **17** A. Okav.
- 18 What I'm saying, okay, irrespective of a
- 19 title, is there some memorialization of what you
- previously said? That all of the operational duties
- and responsibilities, okay, were assumed by Shane upon
- the selection of him by the management committee, the
- 23 selection of which was later approved?
- MR. GORMLEY: Objection. Asked and 24
- 25 answered.

MR. CAMPBELL: He hasn't answered the

2 question, that's --

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- 3 MR. GORMLEY: I understand. I thought he
- 4 did. You didn't like it.
- 5 BY MR. CAMPBELL:
 - Q. Go ahead.
 - I think the actions of the parties on the
- 8 management committee reflect what the intent was.
 - Okay. My question is different.
 - Α. I understand that.
- 11 All right. You're saying what the actions
- 12 are. My question is different.
- 13 Other than what you are saying, is there a
- 14 document that says that? Is there a document that
- 15 says we selected him for all of these reasons and this
- is what we are doing here today pursuant to Exhibit
- No. 40? Is there some document that says that? 17
- I don't, I don't know if there is a formal 18 19 document that says it in that manner.
- 20 Q. Okay.
 - A. Like I say, by title that he was given, by
- him being a paid general manager to operate the water
- park, that was the vehicle that we used to designate
- Shane as in charge of the day-to-day operations of the
- 25 park.

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- Right. But there is not a document that 1 Q. says all that? 2
 - Α. To me that's the document.
- 4 Okay. To you that is. But that's not Q.
- 5 what Exhibit 40 says is required, is it?
 - What does Exhibit 40 say? If you can take me to where it says I need to have a document
- 8 designating a general manager of the park. 9
 - Sure, I'm happy to show you. Q.
- 10 Α. Okay.
- 11 Q. Go to the third addendum to the operating 12 agreement.
- 13 A. Do you know what page?
- 14 Sure, let me get it. Let me get you to Q.
- 15 it.

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- MR. CAMPBELL: Find it for him, will you.
- 17 MR. MIRKOVICH: 2508.
- 18 MR. CAMPBELL: I can't read that little.
- 19 MR. GORMLEY: The third addendum.
- 20 MR. MIRKOVICH: CB2508, it's the third
- 21 addendum to the operating agreement.
- 22 MR. GORMLEY: Okay. Thank you. Jeez, I
- 23 can't read that.
- 24 BY MR. CAMPBELL:
 - Okay. Go to the page that follows 2508.



Go to the next page. 1 had about Shane being the designated general manager 1 2 Okay. for the park --Α. 3 3 Q. Is that your signature? Q. Yes. 4 Α. Yes, it is. 4 A. -- we were all in agreement on that. So 5 I --5 Q. Okay. And this -- okay. And this document which is styled Third Addendum to Operating 6 Q. Different question. 6 7 Agreement for Henderson Water Park, LLC, was In my mind, that's -- we vote, yeah, 7 A. apparently created on or about the 5th day of May, 8 that's who we want to have. 9 2013. Do you see that? 9 Was there a formal vote? 10 Α. Yes, I do. 10 A. Describe to me what a formal vote is. 11 And under, it states that under 11 Q. Somebody says I agree, and I vote that we 12 section 6.1, and that's the section that you 12 do that? previously said you reviewed. 13 Α. Okay. Well, that's not how we ran the 13 Correct. 14 Α. 14 LLC --15 Q. And we talked about earlier in your 15 Q. And that's fine. 16 -- portion of --16 deposition, correct? Α. 17 17 Α. Correct. So the answer is --18 Q. That you said controlled the operations, 18 A. -- we approached it differently. 19 19 You didn't vote? correct? Q. 20 20 No, we came to an agreement. Α. Part of it, yes. Α. 21 21 Okay. That's fine. I'm not arguing with Okay. It says: Q. 22 "6.1 is amended by adding the 22 you. 23 following now subparagraph," looks like (xii) 23 I just think how vote is interpreted in 24 24 one organization versus another is... as follows, that all members of the 25 management committee "shall be decided by 25 Go to the next, go to the next part: page 127 page 129 1 majority vote of the managing members. In "Section 6.1 is also amended by adding 1 2 the case of a tie vote, the chairman shall 2 the following new subparagraph (xiv) as 3 3 cast the deciding vote." follows: By majority vote..." 4 4 Do you see that where it says the "vote"? Correct? 5 5 A. It probably says. I'm sorry, I just lost Yeah. Α. 6 where you started. 6 O. Okay. 7 Right here. 7 "...which vote shall be documented in 8 8 Oh, okay. I was at the one below. the minutes of the management committee 9 MR. GORMLEY: The section on top, just for 9 meeting..." 10 the record. 10 Α. Okav. MR. CAMPBELL: It's the second, it's the 11 11 All right. Q. "...by written authorization executed 12 second full paragraph that I just read it. 12 13 13 MR. GORMLEY: Thank you. by a majority of the managing members of the BY MR. CAMPBELL: 14 management committee." 14 Okay. Now go below that. 15 A. Okav. 15 Q. 16 Q. That was not done, correct? 16 Α. 17 Q. You said that's what you guys did, right? **17** A. I don't know that there is a meeting 18 We agreed that --18 minute that says that. Α. 19 You agreed. Did you vote? 19 Right. Even though here it was mandatory Q. **20** Well, the way we do our votes, we had an 20 that it shall be documented, correct? 21 agreement of what we were doing. MR. GORMLEY: I'm going to object to the 21 22 I'm asking, was there a vote? Q. extent it calls for a legal conclusion regarding 23 Α. That's our way of voting. 23 "mandatory." 24 Q. Are you saying yes, there was a vote? BY MR. CAMPBELL: 25 25 I'm saying that the conversations that we Go ahead. That was not done?

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- 1 Let me read through. Well, we feel like
- 2 we did it in a different way when we assigned Shane
- 3 the title. So in our minds, we had an agreement of
- who it was. He was receiving the title. He was
- receiving the compensation. And he is the employed
- employee from the management committee. 6
- 7 MR. CAMPBELL: Move to strike as
- 8 nonresponsive.
- 9 BY MR. CAMPBELL:
- 10 Q. This is a question --
- 11 MR. GORMLEY: It was responsive.
- 12 MR. CAMPBELL: And I ask that you not
- 13 argue --
- 14 MR. GORMLEY: I'm not arguing.
- 15 MR. CAMPBELL: -- and make speaking
- objections. Yes, you are. 16
- 17 BY MR. CAMPBELL:
- 18 And I'm going to ask you the same question
- 19 in front of a jury.
- 20 That's okay. I will answer it to best of Α. 21 my ability.
- 22 And it's a simple yes or no.
- 23 Was there, as required, okay, a vote that
- 24 was documented in the minutes of the management
- committee meeting by written authorization executed by

1 committee as a whole because it was his time to do so,

2 right?

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- 3 A. Just recently, yes.
 - Q. He said he was getting older and he felt
- 5 he should do that?
- 6 Α. Yes.
 - Okay. But in reality, the entire
- 8 management committee was restructured, wasn't it?
- 9 Yes. Yes, it has been recently.
- 10 O. So it was restructured in such a
- fashion -- well, tell me how it was restructured. 11
- 12 So it has put in place the team who is
- currently actively managing the water park with
- Marc Glissman as the general manager; Scott Huish, who
- is the chairman; and I believe is it, I think Shane on
- there. The people who are doing the day-to-day
- operations at the park. 17
- 18 MR. MIRKOVICH: 41, please.
- 19 (Deposition Exhibit 41 marked.)
- 20 BY MR. CAMPBELL:
- 21 Q. You now have before you Exhibit No. 41,
- 22 that's the Fourth Addendum to the Operating Agreement
- 23 for Henderson Water Park, LLC, correct?
- 24 Correct. A.
- 25 All right. And this is the document that

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- a majority of the managing members of the management 2 committee?
- 3 The answer is yes or it's no.
- 4 We had an agreement, I don't know that it 5 is documented in a meeting minute.
- 6 O. I'll take that as a no.
- 7 A. Okay.
- 8 Next question.
- 9 Your father testified that recently he
- 10 resigned his position as chairman of the management
- committee. Do you recall his testimony? 11
- 12 Can I bounce back to one other thing? Α.
- 13 Q. No. I'm moving on.
- 14 Okay. Well, I just --Α.
- 15 If you want. Q.
- -- would like to read 6.2. It wasn't 16 Α.
- **17** modified.
- 18 Q. I'm, I'm moving on, okay.
- 19 Α.
- 20 If you want to bring out something through
- 21 your counsel, he's entitled to do that. Okay?
- 22 Okay. Just make a note for 6.2 of the
- 23 operating agreement.
- 24 Your father testified that he resigned
- 25 from his position as chairman of the management

- you say memorializes the change, correct?
- 2 The recent change, yes. Α.
 - Q. And the appointment of operators, correct?
- 4 I believe so, yes. Α.
- 5 Q. Okay.
- 6 Α. Let me read through it again.
- 7 So here there was a meeting of the
- 8 management committee held on February 27th, 2018,
- 9 correct?
- 10 Α. That is correct.
 - Q. It was "attended by a quorum," correct?
- 12 That is correct. Α.
- 13 O. "The management committee approved
- 14 changes to the current composition of the
- 15 management committee and the method of
- appointing future managing partners who 16
- 17 will be members of the management committee."
- 18 Correct?
- 19 A. That is correct.
 - Q. Now, this meeting took place in Utah, did
- 21 it not?

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- 22 Α. Yes, it did.
- 23 Q. At the offices of R&O, correct?
- 24 A. That's incorrect.
 - Q. Where, where did it take place?



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Correct?

That is correct.

All right. It goes on to say:

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"Double Ott Water Holdings, LLC shall

as they are sent to the management committee,

notices of any management committee meeting

and a copy of any board package or similar

written materials circulated to the members

134..137 page 136 It took place at the Maverick corporate Α. 1 of the management committee for discussion at office. 2 the meeting. Double Ott Water Holdings, LLC Q. Mr. Welch's office? 3 shall have the right to have a nonvoting A. Well, at Maverick's corporate office where 4 member (sic) attend all meetings of the 5 Tom does work, yes. management committee, whether in person or by Is that where his office is located? 6 telephone. Double Ott Water Holdings, LLC Simple question. 7 shall be promptly given a copy of any action Sorry, sometimes simple questions are -- I 8 taken by the management committee by written want to be clear. Yeah, we met in a conference room 9 consent." at Maverick. It was downtown Salt Lake. 10 Correct? Different question. 11 A. Correct. Does Mr. Welch have his offices there? 12 And that was all done by a proper vote, Q. I believe so. properly recorded in this addendum, correct? Α. 13 Q. Thank you. 14 At the meeting it was discussed, reviewed, Okay. This fourth addendum also goes on 15 and this was generated and signed. And you actually signed it? to state that: 16 Q. "Section 1.5 of the operating 17 Signed this? No. Scott, Orluff, and Tom Α. agreement is hereby amended by deleting in 18 have signed this. its entirety and replacing it with the 19 Q. Okay. But this was done in accordance? following." 20 A. It was discussed at the meeting that we 21 And then it has: had. "1.5 Management Committee. The 22 Q. And this is the memorialization of it, management committee of the company consists 23 this is the document that reflects that -of three managing members, sometimes referred 24 A. Yes. to as the managing partners, who shall manage 25 -- correct? Q. page 137 1 Α. Yes, sir. the affairs of the company. West Coast Water Now, there was some restriction with Park, LLC shall have the right to designate 2 respect to incurring obligations in the aggregate all three managing members, one of whom shall be designated as the chairman of the amount greater than half a million dollars, correct? 5 Yeah, as outlined in this section 6.35(a). management committee." 6 Q. And what was your understanding of that Who is West Coast Water Parks? West Coast Water Parks is the Huishes --7 restriction? Α. My understanding was it allowed the 8 Q. management committee to do what they needed to do to -- which I understand to be Scott, Shane, Α. 10 operate the park. But if there were to be a and Craig. 11 substantial cost consideration, that a member of the So this is now stating that: Q. "As of February 27th, 2018, West Coast majority, whatever you call it, I'm going to say Double Ott is referred to, would be able to have an Park, LLC has designated Scott Huish, Shane Huish, and Marc Glissman as the members of 14 opinion, or be able to be informed of what they are the management committee and Scott Huish as 15 considering. chairman." 16 Why was Exhibit No. 41 and the actions



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which it memorialized undertaken?

of relevancy. It's three years later.

MR. GORMLEY: Well --

again, I'm going to object.

MR. GORMLEY: Let me object on the grounds

THE WITNESS: Okay. As my father --

MR. CAMPBELL: Excuse me. Relevance is

MR. CAMPBELL: I got have to have --

Go ahead and answer the question.

1 all preserved. You made another speaking objection.

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2 I'm just asking you as politely and collegially as I 2

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- 3 can, please don't do that.
- BY MR. CAMPBELL:
- 5 Please answer the question.
- 6 MR. GORMLEY: I'm asking you politely and
- 7 collegially as you can let him finish. You cut him
- off in many instances in answering the question. You
- 9 have been very professional. I'm not arguing that,
- 10 but sometimes you have to let him answer, finish
- answering a question. 11
- 12 BY MR. CAMPBELL:
- 13 Go ahead, sir.

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- MR. GORMLEY: Thank you.
- 15 THE WITNESS: So as my father had talked
- with me, even prior to that meeting, of him being a
- chairman on, on the Henderson Water Park, or whatever 17
- 18 you call it, the other operating agreement was he
- didn't feel -- I don't know, like I said, his energy
- 20 level has substantially changed. And I think it's
- 21 caused a lot of stress. So he didn't feel like he was
- from a health standpoint able to continue doing
- 23 whatever that role was.

have done a good job.

instead of having us.

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BY MR. CAMPBELL:

- 24 We had also had discussions of the
- 25 confidence that we have seen with Huishes in managing

So the discussion as we talked about it

directing the operations on a day-to-day basis at the

water park in charge of the management committee

And that's what is reflected in Exhibit

13 expense, if they wanted to go out and purchase a new

15 however you would say it, would have the opportunity

And I believe there was also a provision

Do you recall what the original question

16 to be able to hear about how that is going to work as

14 \$4 million attraction, that we, Double Ott, Orluff,

that distributions would, you know, in 6.35(b),

Okay. Exhibit No. 41 actually

Probably not.

something related to the distributions would be

Yes. And reserving some right like as

was put the people who are actively managing,

12 previously discussed, that if there was a large

- memorializes the placing of the Huishes in control of
- the operations of the park except for expenditures in
- 3 excess of about half a million dollars, correct?
 - Huishes and Marc Glissman.
 - Q. Correct?
- 6 A. Yes.
 - Thank you. Q.
 - Now, there was, there was also as a, as a
- 9 necessarily -- as a -- there was also as a necessary
- 10 result of this decision-making process, which produced
- Exhibit No. 41, a result to the effect that neither
- you, your father, Mr. Welch, nor your brother were any
- longer in charge of any, in charge of any form or
- fashion of the operations of the park; is that
- 15 correct?
- 16 MR. GORMLEY: Let me object to the extent
- 17 it calls for a legal conclusion regarding the
- 18 document.
- 19 BY MR. CAMPBELL:
- 20 Q. Go ahead.
- 21 A. So we weren't in charge of operating the
- 22 park before. We had --
- 23 0. Ever?
 - -- the right and authority -- well, no, we Α.
 - delegated from the beginning the operations of the

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1 the financial side of the park. And, and that they 1

- park to Shane. Did you have any involvement in 2
- 3 operations? You?
- 4 No, not in --A.
- 5 Q. None?
- 6 Α. **Not in operations --**
- 7 Q. Okay. All right.
 - -- of the park. A.
- 9 Q. You've answered my question.
- 10 A. Okav.
- 11 Q. Okay. That just saved a lot of additional
- 12 questions.

- 13 When Exhibit 41 was adopted, was there any
- discretion between or among any of the Opheikens side
- 15 and Double Ott that this should be done because it was
- believed that this would in some fashion lessen your
- 17 liability of going forward in the future?
- 18 There is an element of that in --
- 19 What was the discussion in that regard to
- 20 the effect that this was being done in part to limit
- 21 the liability of the Opheikens family in the water
- 22 park going forward?
- 23 So from the discussion that was had about
- do we limit our liability, was how do we control
 - still -- not so much control, but still have some

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1 influence on what the park is doing and how it's

- 2 performing; but that if something does happen, we are
- 3 not always sued for every little thing that happens.
- 4 And it's -- it wasn't the primary role but it was
- 5 discussed.
- 6 Q. Okay. Where did that discussion take 7 place?
- 8 A. I think my father and I were sitting in my 9 office talking about it.
- 10 Q. All right. And were those discussions
- 11 engaged in with others, including your brother or
- 12 Mr. Welch?
- 13 A. I don't recall --
- 14 Q. Okay.
- 15 A. -- as far as having a conference call or
- 16 anything with everybody.
- 17 Q. But it was certainly a discussion that was
- 18 had between you and your father, correct?
- 19 A. It was component of when we were talking 20 about and he was -- his health has changed a lot.
- 21 MR. CAMPBELL: Would you please reask the
- 22 question. And listen to the question.
- 23 (Record played as follows:)
- 24 "Q. But it was certainly a discussion
- 25 that was had between you and your father,

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correct?"

THE WITNESS: It was a component of the

4 BY MR. CAMPBELL:

discussion that we had.

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5 O. Would it be true that -- withdraw.

6 Before Exhibit No. 41, the fourth

7 addendum, was created and signed and put in place on

- 8 or about February 27th, 2018, at a meeting of the
- 9 management committee that approved these changes to
- 10 the composition of the management committee, the
- 11 method of appointing future managing partners,
- 12 et cetera, the Cowabunga Bay Water Park had a general
- 13 manager who carried that title, correct?
- 14 A. Correct.
- 15 Q. That person who carried a title of general
- 16 manager was who?

17 A. Well, Marc Glissman has been the general

18 manager. Shane Huish originally --

MR. CAMPBELL: I'm going to object, move

- 20 to strike.
- 21 Reask the question.
- You really have to listen to the question.
- 23 THE WITNESS: Okay.
- 24 MR. CAMPBELL: Okay. Go ahead.

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- 1 (Record played as follows:)
 - "Q. That person who carried a title
- 3 of general manager was who?"
- 4 BY MR. CAMPBELL:
- 5 Q. Again, it's before 41, I asked before 41.
- 6 A. And I --

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- Q. Who was the person who was the GM?
- 8 A. I don't remember the exact date Marc
 - Glissman was put in as general manager. I thought it
- 10 was before this date.
 - Q. Okay. Who was it before Glissman?
- 12 A. Before Glissman, at the very first it was
- 13 Shane Huish. It transitioned from Shane. And
- 14 actually I'm not sure who that was in between. If
- 15 Richard Woodhouse became the general manager or if it
- 16 stayed with Shane as general manager title.
- 17 Q. Who was general manager in May of 2015
- 18 when Leland Gardner became --
 - A. Shane Huish.
- 20 Q. -- catastrophically injured?
 - A. Shane Huish was general manager.
- Q. Okay. Who is Glissman?
- 23 A. Marc Glissman was introduced to us from
- 24 the IAM company, which was the company that came in I
- 25 think late 2015 and took over the responsibility for

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- 1 lifeguards. Marc was then introduced to us by them in
- 2 2017 and came in, I believe, as a general manager
- 3 position to be overseeing the park. But it's -- that
- 4 was I'd say late 2017.
- 5 Q. During the period of time, and more
- 6 specifically, in May of 2015, when Shane Huish was the
- 7 general manager of the park, did he have duties and
- 8 responsibilities for the day-to-day operations?
- 9 A. Shane was responsible for the day-to-day
- 10 operations of the park in May of 2015.11 O. Okay. Do you believe that his post
- 11 Q. Okay. Do you believe that his position as 12 general manager of the park in 2015 was an important 13 position?
- 14 A. Yes, I do.
- 15 Q. What characteristics did you look for in a
- 16 GM of Cowabunga Bay before he was appointed as general
- 17 manager?
- 18 A. The characteristics are someone who has
- 19 experience owning and operating a water park.
- Q. And what experience did Shane have in that 21 regard?
- 22 A. Shane had his experience that I was
 - B personally familiar with of the Draper Cowabunga Bay
- 24 Water Park. Prior to that, he had worked at other
- 5 water parks. I don't recall the names of them and the



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exact roles. 1

2 I had also worked side by side with Shane

- for many months as we were constructing the park. But
- getting to the attributes, it's somebody who has an
- attention to detail, someone who is concerned with how 5
- the park is operating and looking. Someone who is
- 7 concerned about the public.
- 8 Q. Are you done?
- 9 A. Someone who also can follow somewhat as
- far as the financial side and the safety side.
- Done? 11
- 12 A. I think so.
- 13 Okay. Taking all the time you feel is
- 14 necessary to do so, please detail for me all of the
- experience that you relied upon and which you were 15
- aware of at the time he was appointed GM that Shane
- 17 Huish had at the Draper water park?
- 18 From what I recall, Shane had been at the
- 19 Draper water park for six or seven or eight years.
- 20 That the Huish family owned that park. Prior to that,
- 21 there were two or three other water parks he had been
- 22 affiliated with and worked at, and...
- 23 I didn't ask you that question. I'm going
- 24 to get to it in a second if you'll give me an
- 25 opportunity to get to it.

page 148 Do you know why that was never turned over

- pursuant to the discovery procedures in place in this
- 3 case?

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- 4 MR. GORMLEY: I object. Lack of
- foundation. 5
- BY MR. CAMPBELL: 6
 - Go ahead. O.
- 8 I don't know. And I don't know if it was
- 9 summarized in a formal document or I just read
- 10 somewhere Shane's past experience.
- 11 But you can't point me to what that
- 12 document was that you read?
- 13 No, I cannot. Α.
 - Q. You can't tell me what it was styled, what
- 15 it was titled?
- 16 A. I don't recall.
- You don't know how many pages it was? 17 O.
- 18 A. One or two. It wasn't an extensive.
- 19 You don't know where it is today? Q.
- 20 Α. I do not.
 - Q. Okay. You don't have a copy of it?
- 22 A. I do not.
- 23 Compare, if you will, the Draper water
- 24 park to Cowabunga Bay. How do they differ in terms of
- attractions, complexity, and number of rides and type

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Okay. Maybe I thought --A.

- 2 This is going to go a lot faster, and I'm
- not going to have to go back to court and ask to come 3
- back and take your deposition with more time because
- you are not answering the questions and limiting
- yourself to the questions. Okay?
- 7 Okay. Well, maybe I misunderstood the
- question. I'm sorry, I thought --8
- The question was specifically, okay,
- 10 taking all the time you feel is necessary, what
- exactly was his experience at the Draper water park? 11
- What did he do there, okay, that you relied upon? 12
- My understanding was he was an owner and 13
- 14 an operator at that park --
- 15 Q. Okay.
- -- overseeing day-to-day things that go 16 A.
- 17 on.

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- 18 And when you say your understanding was
- 19 that, what document was that based upon?
- 20 I believe he had a resume that was given
- 21 at one point. 22
- To whom? Q.
- 23 A. I don't know if it was given to the whole
- management committee or if it's just something we saw
- or as far as he outlined what his experience was.

of rides or features. 1

- 2 The Draper water park has, I would say, a similar number of slides as far as a slide tower goes. 3
- It has a lazy river as well. It does not have a wave
- pool. I think it has a -- well, I know it has a kid,
- a kid area also. Sizewise Cowabunga Bay located in
- 7 Las Vegas is much more spread out. The lazy river is
- 8 longer.
- 9 Q. Cowabunga Bay dwarfs Draper, correct?
- 10 A. From a size standpoint, as far as acres or
- 11 square footage it --
- 12 Q. It does not have a wave pool?
- 13 No, it does not have a wave pool. A.
- 14 Now, you also -- do you know what, do you
- 15 know what title Scott Huish had at the Draper
- facility? 16
- 17 A. I don't recall.
- 18 Q. Okav.
- 19 You said Scott, correct? A.
 - Excuse me, I'm sorry, I meant Shane. Q.
- 21 I don't recall. A.
- 22 All right. You also said that in his Q.
- appointment as general manager, you relied upon the
- 24 fact that he had aquatic experience at other parks.
 - Now, taking all the time you feel is



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- 1 necessary to do so, detail for us all of that
- 2 knowledge that you had and upon which you relied to
- 3 the effect that Mr. Shane Huish had experience at
- 4 other aquatic parks.
- 5 A. I saw a summary of Shane's past experience
- 6 along the, the way as we became acquainted with
- 7 Huishes. I don't recall if that was during
- 8 construction preliminarily or at what point. And it
- 9 referenced some of his past experience in working.
- 10 Q. What were those experiences? That's what 11 I'm trying to get at.
- 12 A. Well, I don't remember the name of the
- 13 water parks exactly that he did work at.
- Q. Did he say what he did at them?
- 15 A. I believe it did outline what his
- 16 responsibilities were.
- 17 Q. And were his responsibilities at the water
- 18 park related to the actual operation of the aquatic
- 19 features or were they instead related to marketing and
- 20 more administrative commercial activities?
- 21 A. If I recall correctly, I think one of them
- 22 was the marketing. I think one of them -- and then in
- addition to that, the Draper was more the operating.
 Q. I'm not asking about Draper. Again, sir,
- 25 you are changing the question. I'm asking about these

- 2 A. I, I'm not aware of them posting it. When
- 3 we came in as ownership with Henderson Water Park and
- 4 partnering with the Huish group, they were already,
- 5 that was their role. That's what they were going to
- 6 be before we ever arrived. And I gained -- besides
- 7 Shane's resume of experience, I gained confidence in
- 8 the Huishes, both Scott and Shane, by working through
- 9 some very difficult decisions in trying to get a park
- 10 open to having a confidence of their decision-making
- 11 and honesty.

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- MR. CAMPBELL: Move to strike as
- 13 nonresponsive.
- 14 BY MR. CAMPBELL:
- 15 Q. Do you recall what the question was?
- 16 A. Maybe you should repeat it.
 - Q. I'll be happy to.
- Was the general manager position ever
- 19 posted online before it was assumed by Shane Huish at
- 20 the, at the approval of the management committee?
 - A. I'm not sure.
- Q. Is there anything that you can tell me
- 23 that would help refresh your recollection as to
 - 4 whether or not it was posted online as an opening?
- A. I don't know if they posted it before I

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- 1 other places.
- 2 A. Okay. I think one was the more the
- 3 managing marketing side and I believe one was involved
- 4 the aquatic side.
- 5 Q. And you can't tell me which was which or
- 6 the names of any of these parks?
- 7 A. I'm sorry, I can't.
- 8 Q. And you have no document that you can
- 9 point me to that I can go and see what you saw; is
- 10 that correct?
- 11 A. I do not have it, no.
- 12 Q. Thank you.
- Once he was appointed general manager,
- 14 Shane Huish was responsible to report to the
- 15 management committee, correct?
- 16 A. He would provide reports to us, yes.
- 17 Q. Okay. And you were a member of that
- 18 management committee in 2015, correct?
- 19 A. That is correct.
- Q. And so one of the individuals he would
- 21 report to would be you, correct?
- 22 A. He would provide reports to us, yes.
- Q. Okay. Before you selected Shane Huish as
- 24 the general manager, was his -- was the job opening
- 25 for general manager at Cowabunga Bay ever posted

1 became involved.

- 2 Q. Okay. But certainly before you
- 3 participated in the decision to appoint him general
- 4 manager, you were not aware of any such posting,
- 5 correct?

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- A. No, I'm not aware of a posting.
- 7 Q. You didn't endeavor to post it online,
- 8 correct, before you appointed him as manager?
- 9 A. I did not feel we had a need to post it
- 10 online.
- 11 Q. Is the answer no, you did not post it
- 12 online?
- 13 A. No, I did not post it --
- 14 Q. Thank you.
- 15 A. -- personally online.
- 16 Q. Okay. Did anyone that you know of post it
- 17 online before the decision was made?
- 18 A. Not that I'm aware of.
- 19 Q. Okay. Were any headhunters in the
- 20 industry, in the aquatics industry ever interviewed
- 21 for the position of general manager by the management
- 22 committee?
- 23 A. To my knowledge, not that I'm aware of.
- Q. Okay.
- 25 A. You're talking --



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Q. Did you consult with any contractors about MR. CAMPBELL: Please reask the question. 1 2 finding a potential applicant for an aquatic 2 I didn't ask where you saw it: 3 professional to operate Cowabunga Bay? (Record played as follows:) 4 So just to clarify, when we originally 4 "But mine was directed specifically at started, it was Shane's role. When we brought in IAM 5 the management committee meeting, considering 6 in late 2015, we were consulting with people who were 6 his resume in a meeting and discussing it 7 7 taking over. with him. You cannot recall that having 8 You just used the word aquatics, and 8 taken place?" 9 BY MR. CAMPBELL: that's why I'm referring to that, because we brought 10 in IAM and they took over seeing and managing the 10 What is the answer to that question? 11 I don't recall if I was sitting in a 11 aquatics side. 12 12 Q. The question was directed with respect to 13

foundationally in time that period of time before he was actually appointed, Shane was actually appointed 15 as a GM by the management committee that you sat on. 16 Okay.

17 Q. Okay? So, again, the question is, did you 18 consult with any contractors about finding a potential applicant for that position as an aquatics expert in 19 20 the operation of Cowabunga Bay?

21 A. I, I don't recall --

22 Q. Thank you.

23 -- trying to find somebody. Α.

24 Thank you.

25 Was there any sort of an interview of management meeting when I saw a copy of it or if I was somewhere else. You are asking was I, do I recall if I was in a management meeting when we reviewed it, and I --Q. I'm going to ask you this one more time. Okav. Α. Okay. MR. GORMLEY: I'm going to object. I think you are harassing the witness. It's getting to the --MR. CAMPBELL: No, I'm not. MR. GORMLEY: He says he doesn't recall. MR. CAMPBELL: No, you're saying that.

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1 Shane before the management committee determined that they would name him as the general manager of the water park? 3

4 As I said, as far as a sitdown formal 5 interview specific to the position, I did not sit on that. I formed my opinion of Shane's capabilities by 7 working with him prior to the park opening.

8 Nor did the management committee actually meet to request and review his CV or what is otherwise 10 known as a resume; is that correct?

11 Well, as I previously said, at some point 12 I saw a summary of his experience, so I don't recall 13 if it was in a management committee meeting or if it 14 was -- where I saw it at, I did see a summary.

15 But mine was directed specifically at the management committee meeting, considering his resume 17 in a meeting and discussing it with him. You cannot recall that having taken place? 18 MR. GORMLEY: Asked and answered. 19

20 BY MR. CAMPBELL:

21 Q. You don't recall that having taken place? 22 It's not a trick question.

23 Well, I don't recall if it was in a 24 meeting where I saw it or if it was somewhere else. 25

Not the question.

page 157 MR. GORMLEY: No, that's what he said.

2 MR. CAMPBELL: No.

You're saying that.

MR. GORMLEY: Should we read it back?

4 MR. CAMPBELL: I'm not going to argue or 5 debate it with you anymore.

6 MR. GORMLEY: Well, I'm not going to argue 7 and debate it with you.

MR. CAMPBELL: Okay. So kindly just allow me to ask my questions.

10 MR. GORMLEY: He is answering your 11 questions, that's my problem.

12 MR. CAMPBELL: And please lower your 13 voice.

14 BY MR. CAMPBELL:

15 Here's the question. Do you recall sitting in a management committee meeting when the 17 management committee, including you and others, possibly Mr. Welch sitting over there, or your father or your brother had a resume in front of you, more 20 than one person, when you looked at it, were considering it and were interviewing Shane about it 22 before he was appointed? Do you recall that?

23 I recall seeing something with Shane's experience and reviewing it. I don't recall where I was at, who all was there. I don't know how else to



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Or recreational parks?

I, I did not reach out and contact any.

Do you know of any member of the

page 158 page 160 say that. management committee that did? 1 2 You do not recall as you sit here today 2 A. I do not know if Scott or others may have, Q. 3 I don't know. that there was such a meeting, correct? 4 MR. GORMLEY: You're badgering the 4 Q. Did you ever commission a background report on Shane? 5 5 witness. 6 THE WITNESS: Asked and answered. 6 Not that I'm aware of. 7 Why not? 7 MR. CAMPBELL: Okay. I would like a copy 8 8 I didn't know that it was necessary to run of this and his response in that regard and we're 9 a background report. He was an owner involved in the 9 going to reserve all rights. 10 MR. GORMLEY: Sure. water park before we got involved. His role was MR. CAMPBELL: So I want a separate DVD already to be one that was going to operate the park 11 and he seemed very qualified and competent in doing for the judge on this, please. 12 13 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Will do. that based on my experience with him and the decisions he made --14 MR. CAMPBELL: Thanks. 14 15 BY MR. CAMPBELL: 15 Q. Okay. 16 A. -- during construction and improving the 16 Please detail for me all references that 17 park. 17 were contacted and provided information with respect to Shane Huish's abilities as a potential prospect for 18 So you were satisfied that Shane had the 19 required expertise with respect to aquatics general manager of an aquatics park such as 20 management? 20 Cowabunga Bay. 21 21 My opinion in working with him was that he A. I did not call any references on Shane. 22 22 had that experience. Q. Do you know of anyone on the management 23 Okay. Did you ever -- did anyone ever committee that did so, that called upon references and 24 come -- withdraw. sought references with respect to Shane Huish's qualifications to operate as general manager of 25 Did you or anyone to your knowledge ever page 159 1 Cowabunga Bay? learn that Shane had actually acknowledged that he did I think from in talking with Orluff when 2 not have all of the expertise necessary for the he came down to get to know the Huishes with Scott and 3 3 management of Cowabunga Bay Water Park? Shane, he was asking some of those questions. That's 4 MR. SMITH: Foundation. Facts not in when he came down to get a comfort feeling with them 5 5 evidence. and their roles. 6 6 MR. CAMPBELL: I'm asking him the question 7 I'm going to reask the question. 7 to see if they are going to be in evidence. BY MR. CAMPBELL: 8 Do you know of any member of the 8 9 management committee that reached out and contacted O. Go ahead. references that supported the decision-making that 10 Α. I don't know that I understood the Shane Huish was qualified to run as general manager of question. Could you repeat it, please. 11 11 12 Cowabunga Bay aquatic park? 12 MR. CAMPBELL: Sure. Please repeat the 13 Outside of speaking with the Huish family 13 question. about his experience, I'm not aware of other 14 I hate the new system by the way. 15 references that were contacted. 15 COURT REPORTER: I can stop it if you 16 Thank you. 16 want. 17 Was there any attempt to contact any of 17 MR. CAMPBELL: I prefer you to that. the other amusement parks or recreational facilities 18 (Record read as follows:) that Shane Huish had worked at in the past to gain an 19 "Q. Did you or anyone to your 20 understanding as to what the terms of his departure 20 knowledge ever learn that Shane had actually 21 from employment at those water parks was? 21 acknowledged that he did not have all of the 22 A. I did not reach out and contact any. 22 expertise necessary for the management of



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Cowabunga Bay Water Park?"

MR. SMITH: Same objection.

THE WITNESS: No. I, I have not heard

24 materials that memorialized what Shane Huish's

25 responsibilities and scope of duties were with respect

page 162 page 164 Shane state that. to the function he was fulfilling according to your 2 BY MR. CAMPBELL: testimony at Cowabunga Bay? 3 3 Q. Do you know if he ever stated that in any I, I don't recall a written summary. form or fashion to anybody? 4 Okay. Were, were Shane's duties as GM MR. SMITH: Same objection. ever reduced or in any way changed? 5 5 6 THE WITNESS: Not that I recall. 6 Α. Yes. 7 7 MR. CAMPBELL: Okay. 0. When? 8 And by the way, she is the best court 8 A. Following July, August of 2015. reporter in the state, and that's why I prefer her 9 Okay. Was that the only time? 10 over that. 10 Well, that, that's when by a decision of 11 MR. GORMLEY: You have to listen to your 11 management committee, we had reduced them. Was that, was that the first time they 12 12 own voice. 13 MR. CAMPBELL: She's just, she's just 13 were reduced? 14 superb. 14 Α. I believe so. 15 MR. GORMLEY: She's good, yeah. 15 Q. Were they reduced thereafter? MR. CAMPBELL: She's superb. You could 16 He asked, I think last year before we 16 sit through depositions from now until Timbuktu and brought Marc Glissman in, Shane had requested that. 17 18 never ever interrupt you. She's just superb. Shane or, I think Shane and Scott had spoke, but 19 MR. GORMLEY: It's 12:53. anyways brought to our attention by Scott that Shane 20 MR. CAMPBELL: All right. You want to would like to have his responsibilities further 21 take a break? Because I'm going to move on to 21 reduced. He would be able to focus on the marketing 22 something else now anyway. 22 and the events and things like that. 23 MR. GORMLEY: Is it okay with you? 23 And when was that? 24 MR. CAMPBELL: Yeah. How much time do you Mid June, late July -- or, sorry, mid 24 A. 25 want? June, early July, I believe, of 2017. page 163 page 165 MR. GORMLEY: We have to go get something Okay. And was that after the death of the 1 1 Q. to eat someplace, someplace down the road. 45 2 second drowning victim? 3 Yes, it was. 3 minutes. A. 4 MR. CAMPBELL: Okay. 4 Q. And did he say why he wanted his duties 5 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We are going off the 5 reduced? 6 record. 6 When I spoke with Scott about it, my, my 7 MR. CAMPBELL: We will do an hour. We'll impression was I don't know if Shane just felt overwhelmed, because he, he didn't have the 8 do an hour, that's fine. THE VIDEOGRAPHER: The time is responsibility of the lifeguards at that point, but approximately 12:54 p.m. 10 for whatever reason, he was feeling a lot of personal, 10 11 (Recessed from 12:54 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.) 11 I'm putting words in his mouth because he didn't talk 12 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We are going back on to me, I don't know, regrets or something, and was the record. The time is approximately 2:00 p.m. having a hard time coping with the loss of Dagone. I 13 13 14 BY MR. CAMPBELL: 14 can't remember his first name, Bankston. 15 Irrespective of the fact that the 15 Q. Daquan? 16 management committee minutes or documentation does not Daquan, thank you. 16 A. 17 memorialize the, all the duties that were assumed by 17 Q. Why did he want his duties reduced in 18 Shane Huish, according to your testimony, was Shane 2015? 18 19 Huish ever provided with any such materials that 19 In 2015 --20 memorialized all of his responsibilities in the scope 20 MR. GORMLEY: Let me object. Calls for 21 of his duties? 21 speculation. 22 A. I'm not sure. 22 You can state your mind. 23 23 Okay. Have you ever seen any such THE WITNESS: Okay.



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MR. CAMPBELL: Speaking objection.

THE WITNESS: 2015, Shane didn't request

1 his duties get reduced.

- 2 BY MR. CAMPBELL:
- 3 Q. Okay. Why were they reduced?
- 4 A. In late July of 2015 is when we learned
- 5 about the lifeguard count having been reduced. And
- 6 Scott and I met and decided we were -- we then called
- 7 other members of the management committee, that we
- 8 were removing Shane to have -- from having any
- 9 responsibility over lifeguards.
- 10 Q. Okay. So when you say the lifeguard count
- 11 was reduced, do you mean the lifeguard count was not
- 12 the count that was required by the, by the Southern
- 13 Nevada Health District?
- 14 A. Yeah, there was a, there was a number that
- 15 was required, and, and Shane did not have that number
- 16 in, in place.
- 17 Q. And the number that was required at that
- 18 time for lifeguards at the wave pool was how many?
- 19 A. From, from what I learned in the, first in
- 20 the newspaper articles that had been sent or sent out,
- 21 they were saying there were 17 lifeguards that were
- 22 required.
- Q. And at the time of, of the drowning in
- 24 2015 of my client and his catastrophic injuries, how
- 25 many lifeguards were on duty at the wave pool when he

- 1 Q. Taking all time you feel is necessary to
 - 2 do so --

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- 3 A. Okay.
 - Q. -- tell me what you and/or your other
- 5 committee members did to find out the exact number of
- 6 lifeguards that were present when my client was
- 7 drowning.
- 8 A. Okay. Well, first of all, when the, when
- $9 \ \ the incident \ happened, I \ was \ contacted \ by \ Scott \ and$
- 10 given notice of it. And I called, tried to get in
- 11 touch with Shane, and Shane got back in touch with me.
- 12 And then maybe -- I'm trying to make sure I answer
- 13 your question without expanding into stuff you don't
- 4 care about, so let me think for a sec that I answer
- 15 your question and not --
 - Q. Do you want me to repeat the question?
- 17 A. If you're asking what did I do to find out
- 18 the number of lifeguards, and it does, I guess, maybe
- 19 kind of start that day, because I was asking Shane --
 - Q. Let me reask the question.
 - A. Okay.
 - Q. You said you didn't know whether there
- 23 were three or five. And in fact Shane didn't know
- 24 whether there were three or five because there were
- 25 three plus there were two roamers.

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1 drowned?

- 2 A. I've heard two different numbers, one was
- 3 three and one was five.
- 4 Q. And where did you hear the number five
- 5 from?
- 6 A. I heard the number five from Shane.
- 7 Q. Where did you hear the number three from?
- 8 A. I heard the number three from the
- 9 newspapers or news channel.
- 10 Q. So which is it, do you know?
- 11 A. I, I don't know.
- 12 Q. Did you bother to try to find out?
- 13 A. I, I asked. I asked Shane where -- "how
- 14 many lifeguards were there?" His reply was that he
- 15 didn't know. "There were two," I think he referred to
- 16 them as "roamers," which I didn't understand that term
- 17 for lifeguards. He didn't know at the time of the
- 18 accident where they were located.
- 19 Q. So he didn't know whether there were three
- 20 there or there were an additional two who were roamers
- 21 that were there?
- 22 A. That's my understanding.
- Q. And so what did you do to further gain an
- 24 understanding of the precise number that were there?
- 25 A. Well --

1 A. Correct.

- 2 Q. So here's my question.
 - A. Okay.
- 4 Q. Tell me all that you did or anyone on the
- 5 management committee did to find out exactly how many
- 6 lifeguards were present when my client was drowning
- 7 that day.
- 8 A. Okay. Well, I've asked Shane how many
- 9 lifeguards were there. I've asked Richard Woodhouse
- 10 if he knew how many lifeguards were there. I, I was
- 11 told that NASCO was doing an investigation, that the
- 12 police department was doing an investigation, that the
- 13 health department was doing an investigation.
- 14 I'm trying to think, because it seems like
- 15 there was one other party that was researching that.
- 16 Well, I think the insurance, but I don't know that
- 17 really is relevant. To get that information back and
- 18 I didn't find out the day of the incident how many
- 19 lifeguards were there.
- 20 I had heard I think three days later or
- 21 six days later the health department had gone out and
- 22 there was eight, I believe, stationed at the wave
- 23 pool, I think was the report.
- Q. On the day that the health department went
- 25 out?



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1 I think so. And I don't remember what 2 date that was.

Okay. Here's the question again. Okay.

4 The question is what you or any member of the management committee did to determine the exact 5

number there, you, or any member of the management

committee. Not anyone else. What did you do or any 7

8 member of the management committee that you're aware 9 of they have done?

10 Okay. When, when I did talk to Shane and 11 asked for copies of witness statements from, from the accident, I reviewed the witness statements. 12

13 Did you ever review, for example, any 14 documents that, from Cowabunga Bay that said how many 15 were there in the scheduling?

I have not seen that, no. 16

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17 Why? Why did you not go to the schedule O.

18 and see who was there that day?

19 There were two to three other entities 20 that were already doing their investigations to see

21 what was happening when I became aware that the

22 required number was not there. I felt my

23 responsibility was as much how do we go forward and

24 make sure the park is run safely, and let those who

were doing the investigation of the incident put the

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2 A. Yes. And he understood if we needed to

3 terminate Shane at that point, which is August, like I

say, very early August. And we walked through what

5 options. What are our options to fulfill that

position and make sure the park continues to operate

7 safely for the rest of the season.

8 Scott then mentioned, and I don't recall 9 if he mentioned IAM at that particular point other 10 than they were aware of a company who specialized in 11 this that they could get in touch with which

12 ultimately became IAM that they selected.

13 Did you interview IAM or anyone from IAM? O.

A. I did not personally interview IAM, no.

15 Did you review any of their, their

16 materials, work materials or proposals, anything of

17 that nature?

18 I did see, I did see a proposal from them.

Did you see their experience presentation? Q.

20 When you say "presentation," I'm not sure. A.

Withdraw the question.

22 Did you see any, any presentation created

23 by that firm with respect to their experience in the

24 field of aquatics?

25 So from a presentation, I saw a, a resume,

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details together for, for what had actually happened. 1

Your father testified that when Shane's 2

3 duties were reduced following the drowning of my

client, that IAM I was hired to hire, to handle some

of the aquatics management. And that you did not 5 along with Scott. Do you recall that testimony?

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A. I recall Orluff talking about it.

8 Q. Okay.

I can clarify what actually, how that

10 actually came about. I did not hire IAM. Scott and I

11 met at the park on early August, I believe, it was

12 August 4th or 6th. And prior to having a management

13 meeting, because we had just found out -- when I say

just found out, that, you know, Shane had told us he

15 did not have the required number.

Prior to that, we were reading the news 17 article or hearing it on the news. Scott and I talked and Scott approached me and said he wanted to talk 19 before we met with everybody. And said he understood

20 that we were all upset about, not just what had

happened, but that Shane had made a decision for

22 whatever reason to have the lifeguards there. And

23 we --

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24 Q. Or rather not have the lifeguards there?

> To not have them there. A.

kind of a summary of what IAM does. And I saw a

resume for Chris. And I'm drawing a blank on Chris'

last name right now, he's the aquatics manager that

4 they brought on board.

Q. And unlike the resume that you said that 5

you may have seen with respect to Shane Huish, the

7 actual resume and experience history for IAM was in

fact obtained by the management committee of

Cowabunga Bay and in fact turned over in this

litigation, correct? 10

A. I don't know --

12 MR. SMITH: Objection. Assumes.

13 THE WITNESS: I don't know what was turned

14 over or not turned over. I feel like there is two

15 questions in that one.

16 I did see a resume, kind of a summary of

17 Shane's experience. I think, I don't know if the

whole management committee all reviewed that to get

19 together.

20 But, yeah. And then at Chris's, I don't

think the whole management committee was sitting in a

22 room reviewing Chris's at the time either. But we did

23 receive a copy. I don't know if that...

24 Q. Are you done?

> I think so. A.



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1 Okay.

2 What was the, what was the proposal with

3 respect to the economic impact of hiring IAM after my

client drowned and suffered his catastrophic injuries?

5 A. I don't know. When you say what's the 6 economic impact.

7 How much did it cost to hire IAM?

8 I don't recall what, what the dollar

9 amount was.

10 Q. Do you recall if it was generally 75,000?

A. I remember a 60 number for something. 11

12 Yeah, I don't remember, I would have to see it again.

13 Q. Was there a vote to in fact hire IAM 14 eventually?

15 There was a discussion. Again, I don't

16 think it was any management committee meeting where we

all raised our hand and say this is what we want to 17

18 do. There was a discussion amongst the group that

19 would be a good direction to go.

20 What was the ultimate decision with

21 respect to what the responsibilities of IAM would be

22 following the drowning of my client?

23 A. My understanding is IAM would come in.

24 They would put their employee on site. And, again,

25 his name was Chris. And I apologize, I forgot his

page 174 recall. It was a discussion we had. 1

What is Shane Huish's role today at

2 3 Henderson Water Park?

4 Shane oversees the, the marketing of the

park, the events, scheduling of group events, kind of

the theming, if you will, more that side of the fill 7 and experience.

8 He is no longer the general manager, Q.

9 correct?

10 He is no longer the general manager, no, 11 sir.

12 And when did he -- when was he relieved of

13 the duties and styling, executive styling of general

manager?

15 A. I don't recall when that title change,

16 when the title itself changed. The, the scope or

responsibility of work, which included the whole park

and all lifeguards, was changed by that August 4th or 6th date, I can't recall what the date of the meeting

20 was.

21 Are you aware that Shane has publicly

22 represented himself to be the general manager of

23 Cowabunga Bay this year?

MR. SMITH: Facts not in evidence.

25 THE WITNESS: No, I'm not aware of that.

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1 last name. On site. They would take over the

2 lifeguards, including the training, the certification

and the, I believe the payroll, rotations. Everything

4 to do with lifeguards became IAM's responsibility.

Q. Did -- was there a consequential change in 5

the pay of Shane Huish following the time that he 7 relinquished your appointment of him to supervise

8 aquatic management?

MR. SMITH: Objection to relevance.

10 Subsequent remedial measure.

11 THE WITNESS: I don't, I don't recall if

Shane's salary was reduced. My focus was how do we, 12

13 how do we make sure the park is being operated safely.

14 I wasn't worried about what is the cost impact.

15 BY MR. CAMPBELL:

16 Q. Did, did he continue to retain the title

17 of general manager of Cowabunga Bay Las Vegas?

18 I don't recall.

19 Are there any memorandums, meeting notes,

20 minutes of any decision you made with respect to the

replacement of Shane's duties with those to be assumed

22 by IAM following my client's drowning?

23 A. I'm not aware of any meeting minutes or I

24 believe you used the word memorandum. I don't know if

25 there was even an email sent out about it. I don't

BY MR. CAMPBELL: 1

Q. If you learned that, would that result in any sort of discipline to him or any cautionary

instruction or any directive?

MR. SMITH: Calls for speculation.

6 MR. GORMLEY: Objection. Calls for

7 speculation.

8 Go ahead.

9 BY MR. CAMPBELL:

10 Q. I don't want you to speculate. I want it

11 based on your --

12 A. I --

> You have to wait until I'm done with the O.

14 question.

> A. Okay, sir.

I don't want speculation. I want that

17 based on what you reasonably believe may have or could

18 have occurred.

19 MR. SMITH: Calls for speculation. Facts

20 not in evidence.

21 THE WITNESS: Is the question if, if I

hear today Shane is promoting himself as the general 22

manager when he is not, what action would I take? Is

24 that --

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BY MR. CAMPBELL:

2 Q. Correct.

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3 A. -- correct?

MR. SMITH: Incomplete hypothetical.

5 THE WITNESS: Am I supposed to answer?

6 BY MR. CAMPBELL:

7 O. Yes.

8 A. Okay. I would likely make a phone call to

ask, "Why are you using the title of general manager?"

10 Whether that was directly with Shane or with my role

11 as it is today, I would likely contact Scott to do

12 that, where he is the chairman of the management

13 committee now.

14 Q. Okay. With respect to Mr. Huish, do you

15 believe him to be an honest person?

16 A. Can you clarify?

MR. SMITH: Assumes facts not in evidence.

18 THE WITNESS: Shane Huish?

19 MR. GORMLEY: You just said Huish.

20 THE WITNESS: Shane or Scott?

21 BY MR. CAMPBELL:

22 Q. Shane. I'm sorry, I apologize. Let me

23 reask the question.

24 A. Okay.

Q. Do you believe Shane Huish to be an honest

page 178 1 recommended for denial of a liquor license by the

2 Henderson Police Department because he failed to

3 disclose three separate arrests that he had suffered

4 irrespective of the fact that he was specifically

5 asked to list all arrests?

6 A. I have become aware of that through these 7 proceedings. I was not aware of that before.

8 Q. Okay. And with respect to that liquor 9 license, is it your testimony that it was your

10 understanding that he was in fact licensed at the time

11 and that's how the liquor license had been granted?

12 A. I, I didn't know who got the liquor

13 license. I wasn't involved. At that phase --

Q. Okay.

15 A. -- my focus was getting Polin to get, to

16 get done.

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17 Q. Okay. During the period of time before

18 Shane was relieved as general manager, did the

19 management committee at any time conduct any type of

20 performance review or evaluation with respect to

21 Shane's performance?

A. So from the standpoint of performance

23 review of sit down and ask a lot of questions one on

24 one, I did not personally do that.

Q. Did anybody on the management committee?

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1 person?

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MR. SMITH: Improper opinion evidence.

THE WITNESS: My, my impression with Shane

4 was that he was and is honest. I was more than

5 disappointed with whatever decision he made to have

6 fewer lifeguards. And I don't understand. That's

7 where I lost some, not some, the confidence of the

8 honesty from why was he telling us -- why didn't he

9 tell us that there were fewer, other than what I

10 learned is in his mind, for whatever reason, he seems

11 to think he had approval down to seven or eight. But

12 that still is not the three or five that were there.

13 BY MR. CAMPBELL:

14 Q. And was this the first occasion when you

15 came to doubt his honesty or had there been occasions

16 in the past where events came to your attention that

17 caused you to question his honesty?

18 A. I don't recall any prior event that would

19 have me question Shane's honesty.

Q. With respect to opening of the park, one

21 of the, one of the issues was the acquisition of a

22 liquor license. Do you recall that?

23 A. I recall they were applying for a liquor

24 license.

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Q. Do you recall that Shane Huish was

A. I don't know if, I don't know if Scott

2 did. As we had our management committee meetings and

3 we would ask questions about how are things being done

4 and giving feedback to Shane on what we thought could

5 be done differently, what could be done better, what

6 we could improve, there was that type of feedback when

7 we had our, our management meetings.

8 Q. Did you contribute to the management of

9 the park?

10 A. Can you clarify when you say "the

11 management."

12 MR. GORMLEY: Objection. Vague.

13 BY MR. CAMPBELL:

14 Q. Did you contribute to the management of

15 the park in any way?

A. So --

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17 Q. That's a yes or no, and then I'll explore

18 it from that point.

19 A. Okay. As a member of the management

20 committee there were things that I did as it related

21 to insurance, for instance, to make sure the limits

22 were in place and the proper entities were listed as

23 additional insured.

Q. Um-hum.

A. I early on was making sure that the slide



l certifications are done and in place.

The -- I requested our insurance carrier provide a third-party audit on the park to -- and that was in kind of mid to late 2014. And I asked him to come in and audit the park from a risk management standpoint.

- 7 Q. And I think your dad testified to all 8 those things if you recall --
- 9 A. Well --

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- 10 Q. -- that's what you did. And I'm not 11 suggesting you didn't do them.
- 12 A. No. And I did, but I think it's important 13 to understand I'm not a water park expert by any 14 means.
- 15 Q. And I think --
- 16 A. So from my -- sorry, I'm touching the 17 microphone.

From my perspective of how can I help when I'm not an expert in it, it is by gathering experts to come out and, and do the due diligence to make sure that those we have delegated the responsibility to that we are doing it correctly.

And based on the report we got back, which was very, very detailed, and it was not all

25 complimentary, I, I felt good about the operations of

1 A. Yes, I did.

2 Q. Before the park initially opened, there

3 had to be a lifeguard permitting plan that had been

4 approved by the Southern Nevada Health District,

5 correct?

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- 6 A. Yes, there was. My understanding was 7 there was a, I refer to it as a submittal package.
- 8 Part of that, from what I understand, had a lifeguard
- 9 plan of some type. I believe there was a signage
- 10 component. And then from the general contractor's
- 11 side, we had certain tests and inspections and
- 12 sign-offs that had to be turned in with that.
- 13 Q. The answer is "yes"?
 - A. Yes, there -- yes.
- 15 Q. When was it that you first learned that
- 16 the initial lifeguard plan had been rejected?
 - A. I don't know if it was prior to the park
- 18 opening. I heard they had had to resubmit the package
- 19 to the health department. It seemed like it had a
- 20 couple of components to it, something with lifeguards,
- 21 I think there was additional signage, those that were
- 22 required also. I wasn't in the detail of it.
- Q. Did you learn this at a meeting on
- 24 April 10th, 2014?
- 25 A. I don't believe so.

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1 the park.

2 I also had our own insurance carrier go 3 down and do an inspection. As far as other

4 management, as I would coordinate with Scott just for

- 5 feedback on budgets or bank items, but that was pretty
- 6 well my management role.
 7 MR CAMPRELL: Okay
- 7 MR. CAMPBELL: Okay. Move to strike as 8 nonresponsive.
- 9 BY MR. CAMPBELL:
- 10 Q. Your father testified that you had no
- 11 involvement in the operations of the park. Do you
- 12 agree with that?
- A. I agree that the day-to-day operations of
 the park was not my role. That was what we delegated
 to Shane and to Rich Woodhouse who was his assistant.
- Q. And there were no occasions in which you were involved in the day-to-day operations of the park; is that correct?
- 19 A. Yeah. I was not involved in the 20 day-to-day operations.
- 21 Q. Okay. Would that be the case both before 22 and after by client drowned?
- A. I, I believe so.
- Q. Okay. Did you expect safety to be the top

25 priority at Cowabunga Bay?

- 1 Q. When did you first learn that the park 2 couldn't open because the initial lifeguard plan was 3 rejected?
- 4 A. I don't, I don't think I ever heard that 5 it couldn't open because of that. I thought I'd heard 6 they had to resubmit additional information, which 7 from what I do is not uncommon in construction, we 8 have to resubmit things.
 - O. Okay.

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- MR. MIRKOVICH: 42, please.
- 11 (Deposition Exhibit 42 marked.)
- 12 BY MR. CAMPBELL:
- 13 Q. I hand you what has been marked as Exhibit
- 14 No. 42 in this action. You'll see that this is an
- 15 aggregate exhibit, we call it an aggregate exhibit
- 16 because it consists of more than just one particular
- 17 document. This one is an email that has email
- 18 attachments of photos to it.
- Do you see that, sir?
- 20 A. Yes, sir.
- Q. Okay. You will see that this is from you,
- 22 correct, your email address?
- 23 A. That's correct.
- Q. At R&O Construction, correct?
 - A. Yes, that's my email address.



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- The date of it is July 5, 2014 at 1
- 2 8:00 p.m., correct?
- 3 Correct. Α.
- 4 O. It is sent to Shane Huish, correct?
- 5 Α. Correct.
- 6 And Craig? Q.
- 7 Correct. A.
- 8 All right. And then there is also a O.
- 9 huish@aol.com. And who is that?
- 10 That is Scott Huish's email address.
- 11 Q. Okay. And the subject of this is
- lifeguards, correct? 12
- "Lifeguard tips for slides." 13 A.
- 14 Q. Have you reviewed this document recently
- before coming to this deposition? 15
- 16 A. No, I have not.
- 17 Q. Okay. When you sent this to the Huishes,
- 18 this was on the subject of lifeguards, correct?
- Can I have a second to review through it? 19
- 20 O. Sure.
- 21 Α. Okav.
- 22 (Brief pause in the proceedings.)
- 23 THE WITNESS: Okay.
- 24 BY MR. CAMPBELL:
- 25 This is on the subject of lifeguards,

- That's okay.
 - And like I say, each slide has different
- 3 requirements, so they can't --
 - O. There is no pending question.
 - MR. GORMLEY: There's no question.
- 6 BY MR. CAMPBELL:
 - There's no pending question.
- 8 Α. Oh, okay, I thought you were expanding.
 - Nope.
- 10 Tell me what Evernote is.
- 11 A. Evernote is an app I used to use that you
- could take, keep some notes in. I haven't used it in 12
- 13 a long time.
 - Q. Who created this entire document, you?
- 15 A. Which document, sir?
- 16 Q. It's, excuse me, 42, aggregate Exhibit 42.
 - Yes, I, I believe this was created by me.
- 18 And again, it's a summary of what we learned during
- the testing and certification of the slides. 19
- 20 No. I'm -- Exhibit No. 42 has attached to
- 21 it pictures taken where?
- 22 Which picture are you at, sir? I see
- 23 them, but I don't --
- 24 Okay. Where was this picture taken, the
- first one in order?

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- Well, lifeguards, types of tubes that
- should be used on each slide, size of tubes that
- 4 should be used on each ride, how many riders are
- 5 allowed to go down each ride. And a lot of that is
- based off the slide certification testing we had just
- 7 completed as a contractor with Polin to make sure they
- understand what is and is not allowed. 8
- 9 Okay. Let's see if we can be more O. directed.
- 10 11 A.

1 right?

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- 12 You specifically told him to:
- 13 "Make sure lifeguard knows (sic) the
- 14 rules of the slide they are in charge of."
- 15 Correct?
- Yes, that is true. 16 A.

Okay.

- Q. All right. And you directed that to them 17
- in terms of a safety consideration, correct? 18
- 19 A. Well, a safety and a training. So, yes, I
- sent it to the, to Shane and Craig and Scott. 20
- 21 Q. I'm not going to take you through the
- 22 entire thing. I just want to identify this --
- 23 A. No, that's --
- 24 -- for the record as to what they
- 25 generally are. Okay?

- So this, the first picture 4955 is at the Α.
- 2 top of what we call tower 1. 3
 - Q. Okay. And 4956?
- 4 A. 4956 is also at the top of tower 1.
- 5 O. Okay. 4957?
- 4957 is also at the top of Gardner vs. 6
- 7 Henderson Water Park, et al. - notice of expedite
- request tower 1.
- Okay. You will see underneath that
- 10 picture, that particular picture there is a second
- 11 paragraph that begins:
- 12 "My experience at this slide tower is
- 13 you need a very competent person in charge
- 14 moving up and down the tower often. We have
- 15 too many rotations and this is causing some
- issues." 16
- 17 A. Yes.
 - "I suggest you get specialists on Q.
- 19 this."

- 20 Is that correct?
- 21 Correct. That's what I wrote out, and I
- 22 later found out I'm not an experienced aquatic manager
 - type person, because I was corrected by the aquatics
- people that if you leave lifeguards in a particular
- spot too long and don't rotate them, they get bored



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1 and don't pay as much attention. So that's what the2 operations guys on site and NASCO decided to do.

Q. But here you were in fact basing it upon 4 your experience, correct?

5 A. Yes, my experience which was a week and a 6 half of riding slides and observing people.

7 Q. And this was an operational matter,

8 correct?

9 A. I don't know that it's operational from 10 the -- part of this is what, what may work well, what

11 would be efficient and the --

12 Q. You --

13 A. -- same thing from a contractor.

14 Q. You suggested to get specialists on the

15 matter; is that correct?

16 A. No. It says, "My experience" -- let's

17 see.

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18 "We have too many rotations, it's 19 (sic) causing some issues. I suggest you get 20 specialists."

It's a recommendation, which I have the right and authority to do as a member of the

23 management committee. They, as the operations team,

24 are the ones responsible to be able to decide what is

25 being done. And they tweaked it, and I'm not aware

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A. But that is the subject, that's the

3 subject line of the email.

Q. Okay. And this is your email, right?

5 A. This is my email that I'm forwarding to

6 Shane and Craig and Scott, yes.

Q. On 7/6/2014, correct?

8 A. Correct.

Q. Okay. You said you were sending this

10 because you wanted them to, quote:

"...learn from what others have paid

12 for already."

13 Correct?

14 A. Correct, it says that.

15 Q. All right. In term of, in terms of jury

16 verdicts for not having done what they should have

17 done, correct?

18 A. Well, in terms of there was an accident

19 that led to -- an incident that led to an accident.

20 So my -- anytime we have the opportunity to learn from

21 our own mistakes or someone else's mistakes, I think

22 it's prudent to consider it.

Q. Is the answer, is the answer that, yes,

you wanted, okay, to make sure that they knew that

this was based upon judgments that had been entered as

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that they've had any incidents with this.

2 MR. CAMPBELL: Let's go to five, please.

MR. MIRKOVICH: 43.

4 (Deposition Exhibit 43 marked.)

5 BY MR. CAMPBELL:

6 Q. Exhibit No. 43. Once again, this is from

7 you, correct?

8 A. Yes, it is.

9 O. And this to Shane Huish, correct?

10 A. Yes, it is.

11 Q. And the subject matter of this was

12 detailed by you as, quote, "Negligent maintenance and

13 operation of water park tub - Jury Verdicts"?

14 A. I believe that's a title from the article 15 that had been forwarded to me that I had read.

16 Q. And you put that in as the subject matter,

17 correct?

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(Cell phone interruption.)

MR. CAMPBELL: Let's wait until he turns

20 off his phone again, please.

MR. GORMLEY: I'm sorry.

22 THE WITNESS: Whether I put that in or

23 this was forwarded to me, I don't recall.

24 BY MR. CAMPBELL:

Q. Does it see -- does it show up

l a result of others' negligence in their operation of

2 the water park?

3 A. I think the -- will you restate your

4 question.

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5 Q. You want to know something, I'm going to

6 withdraw that question.

7 A. Okay.

Q. Do you see the part where you said:

9 "I really think we need to have

10 specialists at the mat racer"?

A. I do.

12 Q. Do you see that?

A. I do, yes.

Q. So this is the second time you talk about

15 the specialists; is that correct?

16 A. Yes. And it's the second time that I was

17 taught at water parks that's not how they operate.

Q. But, nevertheless, this is what you were

19 saying that you thought was needed operationally at

20 the mat racer, correct?

A. It's, it's my thoughts is what it says.

22 My thoughts from standing and observing. And, again,

3 as a management committee member, I have the right and

24 authority to make suggestions for them to consider.

Q. And you also say:



So I'm relaying the information that we

make sure that the operations team at the water park

23 received back from the testing and certification to

25 has the correct signage in place.

page 194 page 196 1 "These are all real comments that need 1 O. Okay. Could you go to the second page of 2 to be shared with frequent rotations and too 2 that document. 3 3 many new faces the message may not get Yes. Α. 4 relayed as well as it should be." 4 When you direct Mr. Huish, quote: 5 In other words, with the personnel at the 5 "Please make temporary signs ASAP and 6 park, correct? 6 note to all lifeguards, let them know to tell 7 7 Yeah, wanting to make sure that they are our guests that heavier persons are going too 8 taking into consideration how are they training, 8 fast and we are going -- and we are more 9 9 training to do the position. Based on my experience concerned with their safety than anything in construction, you were more efficient when somebody 10 else to protect them." specializes at a task. And I learned in lifeguarding 11 This directive that you were asking him to that is not the best approach. 12 give was one that you determined should be given? 12 13 Let's go to the next in order, please. 13 I think it's my recommendation of being 14 MR. MIRKOVICH: 44, please. 14 courteous to guests and letting them know that when 15 (Deposition Exhibit 44 marked.) 15 you have a, you have a 20- or 21-year-old lifeguard BY MR. CAMPBELL: standing there and a larger person walks up to want to 16 Have you ever seen this document before? go down a tube, some of them may take offense. And I 17 17 18 A. I haven't seen it yet, sorry. 18 thought it was more important that we make sure that 19 rider's safety comes before if somebody gets offended Q. Okay. 20 Have you ever seen this document before? 20 and wants to leave the park. Can I scan it for a sec? 21 21 Pretty simple question. Isn't it a fact Α. Q. 22 22 that you said: O. Absolutely. 23 Yes, this is a document that I drafted. 23 A. "Please make temp signs ASAP." 24 24 You told him to do that, correct? Again, this is from you, Mr. Opheikens, 25 and it's to Shane Huish, correct? 25 The temp parts are for the weights that, page 195 page 197 1 A. Yes, it is. as I described earlier, that are in line with the side 2 And the subject matter is "Critical items certification. 3 for Cowabunga," correct? 3 O. Is the answer, yes, you put it down there? 4 A. That is correct. 4 Yes, I asked him to make temp signs noting 5 5 Okay. And in this regard, it also the weights that were approved. incorporates an earlier email, does it not, of 6 And you also said that he should: 7 July 9th, 2014? 7 "Note to all lifeguards to let them 8 A. It does. 8 know to tell our guests that heavier persons All right. And that also was from you to 9 are going too fast." 10 10 Shane Huish, correct? You said that as well, correct? 11 It's to Shane, to Scott, to Rich 11 Yes, I'm asking them to note that as Woodhouse, to Dean Langston and to Craig Nielsen and 12 12 passing that on, customer service. 13 then I also cc Mark Lee and Jeff Contenta. 13 MR. CAMPBELL: Next document, please. 14 And this email relates to safety matters; 14 THE WITNESS: I do think safety is more 15 is that correct? 15 important. 16 This, it is related to safety from the 16 MR. CAMPBELL: Move to strike. 17 perspective of as a contractor we had the 17 Volunteering information. responsibility to get the slides certified by Polin. 18 THE WITNESS: Sir, I read the rest of the 19 And during that certification process it's determined 19 question, the rest of the thing. 20 what is the, the max rider rate, whether it's a single 20 MR. CAMPBELL: Move to strike as 21 rider or a double rider on each slide. 21 argumentative. 22



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(Deposition Exhibit 45 marked.)

long. I ask him what time it is and he's telling me

MR. CAMPBELL: I'm going to tell you, I'm

going to go back in, because he is taking way, way too

- how to make a Rolex, so I'm going to ask for more
- time. So I'm just putting that on the record now.
- Giving you fair warning.
- 4 BY MR. CAMPBELL:
- 5 Have you ever used the phrase that "we all 6 have liability"?
- 7 A. Probably.
- 8 Q. In connection with operations at
- 9 Cowabunga Bay?
- 10 Probably. A.
- 11 Calling your attention to Exhibit No. 45. Q.
- 12 Have you ever seen this before?
- 13 Yes, I have. Α.
- 14 Q. Did you send this out?
- 15 A. It appears to be a text message that I 16 sent out.
- Okay. You indicate that: 17 Q.
- 18 "Having an alcohol license may sell 19 more tickets but it," quote, "honestly scares 20 the shit of me."

21 Are those the words you used?

- 22 Yes, it is. Α.
- Okay. And you also use words. 23
- 24 "Who is going to manage it because the 25
- 18-year-old lifeguards can't hardly deal with

- page 200 people's behavior changes and they can get more rowdy.
 - They can get more cocky. They can get just offensive.
- And I raised the concern of how if we sell liquor, how
- is that going to be controlled so that the lifeguards essentially can focus on their main task at hand?
- MR. CAMPBELL: Move to strike as
- 7 nonresponsive and volunteered.
- 8 BY MR. CAMPBELL:
- 9 Q. My question specifically dealt with your statement that your lifeguards could, quote, hardly deal with sober persons.

12 Please detail for me all that you meant in that and the circumstances under which you meant it besides the weight issue.

15 Okay. Well, the weight issue was my, my primary concern. I, I can try to think if there is 17 another one, but I was describing the behavior of

people who drink. Many of us grown adults can't deal with people who drink. I don't think 18-year-old,

20 20-year-old lifeguards can deal with them any better.

21 And that's my point that I was raising. I didn't have 22

a specific other, item other than a concern. 23 Q. But those were the words that you used,

24 correct?

25 A. Yes, those are words that I used. And

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- 1 the sober persons."
- 2 Is that correct?
- 3 That's correct.
- 4 Please detail for me all ways in which
- your 18-year-old lifeguards could, quote, to use your 5
- words, "hardly deal with sober persons"?
- 7 Well, my concern is if you have somebody
- 8 who has a stubborn attitude, and, as I referenced
- earlier, larger in size coming up to them. We had
- 10 already had discussions of how do they tell somebody
- 11 like that, no, they can't get on a particular ride.
- 12 To the extent -- and sir, I'm not, I'm not 13 trying to expand other than to let you know where I'm 14 coming from.
- 15 But I had even sent one of our
- superintendents, who was a big man, over to Wet 'N 16
- 17 Wild to see how they were dealing with it from a 18 customer service.
- 19 He was from R&O, right?
- 20 He was from R&O Construction, yes. A.
- 21 Okay. Q.
- And so with that, you know, I had heard 22
- 23 that part of the lifeguards' challenges was how do
- you, how do you address that with persons. So my
- concern whenever you mix liquor with, with any event,

above that, I said: 1

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- 2 "It scares the shit out of me for
 - liability, slips, trips, stumbles, falls,
- 4 wave pool exhaustion, increased argumentative
- 5 attitude with drunken persons."
 - In the operations of the park, correct?
- 7 Well, the people who are drinking, yes,
- 8 they are in the park and we have to manage them, we
- 9 have more liability.
- 10 Yeah, that's what operations is all about, Q.
- 11 right?
- 12 Well, operations is operating the park. A.
- 13 Right. And that's what you're talking O.
- 14 about there, correct?
- 15 I'm not -- if you're asking if I'm operating the park, no, I'm as a management. 16
- 17 Q. You are talking about operations there,
- 18 right?
- 19 As a management committee I'm asking our 20 operations personnel how are they going to handle it.
- 21 No, you aren't. You directed somebody
- 22 from R&O to actually go to Wet 'N Wild, didn't you?
- 23 You did more than that.
- 24 A.
 - You're not asking, you actually directed. Q.



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Well, somebody from R&O is R&O 1 2 Construction. 3 Q. Please, sir, stop interrupting. 4 Okay. 5 MR. GORMLEY: He is not interrupting you. 6 THE WITNESS: I'm sorry. 7 MR. CAMPBELL: I would like, I would like 8 a clip of that right there --

9 MR. GORMLEY: Yeah. 10

MR. CAMPBELL: -- so we can all have an 11 understanding of what is taking place here.

12 MR. GORMLEY: Oh, yeah.

13 THE WITNESS: I'm sorry for cutting you 14 off.

BY MR. CAMPBELL: 15

16 That's okay. That's okay. I just want a 17 clear record.

18 A.

19 So you actually sent someone from R&O to Q.

Wet 'N Wild, correct? 20

Yes. 21 Α.

You did that? 22 Q.

23 Yes, I did. A.

24 O. All right. And that was related to their

25 operations, correct? 1 you on your directive that he go to Wet 'N Wild, 2 correct?

3 A. Yes, that I asked him to go there.

4 O. Okay. And one of the things he reports

back on is the wave pool, correct?

6 Yes. He, he reports somewhere about the 7 wave pool.

8 Q. And he reports on safety signs for each 9 ride, correct?

10 A. I believe so.

11 He also reports on something known as the 12

color-coded wristband system, correct?

A. Yes, he does.

Q. And what is the color-coded wristband

15 system?

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16 A. My -- can I read it again?

> Q. Sure.

18 Just so I'm accurate in what it is. Α.

If you know where it describes it in here,

20 I can --

21 Q. "Most rides and attractions..."

22 A. Get --

23 "Most rides and attractions have a

24 color coded wristband system. Certain

25 colors are only allowed on certain rides. And

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1 To see how their lifeguards interacted

2 with customers.

3 And that you could thereafter use that information at Cowabunga Bay, correct? 4

5 Ryan Thompson was our superintendent

brought that information back to exchange with our 7 operations people to see what, if anything, can we

8 learn from it.

9 O. Thank you. 10 MR. CAMPBELL: Next in the order, please.

11 MR. MIRKOVICH: 46, please.

12 (Deposition Exhibit 46 marked.)

BY MR. CAMPBELL: 13

14 When is the last time you saw that

15 document?

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A. Can you give me just one sec.

17 Q. Sure.

This is Exhibit 46 and it too is an

aggregate exhibit. 19

20 Okay. This is the Wet 'N Wild visit.

21 Maybe a couple years.

Okay. And this is the Wet 'N Wild recon 22 Q.

visit of 7/10/14? 23

24 Α. Yes. it is.

> And this is Ryan Thompson reporting back Q.

some colors are only allowed if they are 1 2

wearing a life jacket (wave pool and

lazy river)."

Do you see that?

A. I do see that.

Okay. And this again, as you stated

7 earlier, is with respect to the operations that are

8 being conducted at Wet 'N Wild, correct?

Α. That was their approach, yes.

10 Q. Right.

And the purpose of that is to see if that

12 could be employed as an operational approach at

Cowabunga Bay, correct? 13

14 When I asked Ryan to go over and his -- he 15 was going over to get the feel of --

Can I stop you there. The answer is 16 17 either it is correct or it is not correct. And I'll

allow you to explain it afterwards. Is that correct? 18

19 Will you restate the question.

MR. CAMPBELL: Sure. Kindly do so for the gentleman.

(Record read as follows:)

"Q. And the purpose of that is to see

24 if that could be employed as an operational 25

approach at Cowabunga Bay, correct?"



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THE WITNESS: When you say the purpose of

2 his visit was to see how lifeguards interacted with

- 3 our, with their customers, the additional information
- that he brought back was a very detailed summary that
- 5 we did share with our operations team.
- 6 BY MR. CAMPBELL:
- 7 And that detailed summary included a
- 8 scheme of color-coding wristbands, correct?
- 9 That's an option that Wet 'N Wild
- 10 employed. I was actually discussed and told by one of
- 11 our lifeguard supervisors in a meeting that they
- 12 didn't feel that having to look at a colored wristband
- while somebody is in a wave pool would be good for
- 14 them, they thought it would cause additional stress.
- 15 Q. Who told you that?
- 16 A. One of the lifeguard supervisors.
- 17 When? O.
- 18 I don't remember the date. It's back when
- we distributed this out and was talking with --19
- 20 So it would have been on or about July of Q.
- 21 2014?

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- 22 I think, I think it was later than that. Α.
- 23 When? Q.

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- 24 A. I don't remember when I had my, one of my
- visits down and we were doing the slide. It was

2 I'm working on the blue Surf Safari slide which is

Okay. Before my client drowned in your

fall, fall of 2014 into spring of 2015.

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- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. Okay. I'm talk -- I want to just stick to
- what we have in front of us, okay, at this point?
 - Okay. I was just going to share why they said it's not a good idea.
 - MR. MIRKOVICH: 47.
- 8 (Deposition Exhibit 47 marked.)
- 9 BY MR. CAMPBELL:
- 10 You have before you yet another one of
- 11 your emails to Shane Huish, correct?
 - A. Yes.
- 13 Dated 7/15 of '14. So July 15th, correct? Q.
- 14 A. That is correct.
- 15 Q. You styled it "Critical items for
- 16 Cowabunga," correct?
- 17 That is correct.
- 18 Okay. You had walked the park that day
- 19 and you wanted to comment on what you saw with respect
- 20 to the operations that occurred, correct?
 - Can you give me a second to review it,
- 22 please.

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- 23 Q. Sure.
 - (Brief pause in the proceedings.)
- 25 THE WITNESS: Okay. What was your

1 probably -- if we're in '14, I think it's back to when question again? 1

> 2 MR. CAMPBELL: Repeat the question to him,

3 please. 4

(Record read as follows:)

5 "Q. You had walked the park that day 6 and you wanted to comment on what you saw

7 with respect to the operations that occurred,

correct?"

8 9 THE WITNESS: Yes. My observation of 10 walking the park, that is correct, any things that I

11 think the operations team can improve and --

12 BY MR. CAMPBELL:

- 13 And one of them you actually styled in
- 14 upper case letters bold, "Urgent!"
- 15 Α. Correct.
- 16 No. 4, correct? Q.
- 17 A. Correct.
- 18 Q. Saying:
- 19 "Please, please get all," again upper
- 20 case bold, "signs for maximum weights posted
- 21 ASAP."
- 22 Correct?
- 23 A. Correct.
- 24 Okay. Going to 3, you also talk about the
- fact that you didn't want certain lifeguards

pool, right? 5 Yes. 6 Α. 7 Okay. Now, you said that this meeting 8 that took place where lifeguards were distributed this document, who distributed it to them? 10 A. I don't, I don't -- apologize. I didn't 11 say the document was distributed to lifeguards. There 12 was a discussion about having colored wristbands worn 13 by persons and a discussion came up about in a wave 14 pool and this lifeguard supervisor, who was a girl --15 Who you don't know the name of? A. It was a girl. I don't, I don't remember 16 17 her name. 18 There is no memorialization of this in any 19 of our records. 20 No. A. 21 You didn't memorialize this? Q. 22 A. 23 Q. So what you are telling me is based upon your recollection, as opposed to any materials that 25 you can present to me that confirm this in any way,



page 210 page 212 distracted and you certainly didn't want to have to MR. GORMLEY: Objection. It's taken out 1 pay for another lifeguard, do you see that? 2 of context. 3 3 You already explained that. And he's You're on item 3? Α. 4 Q. 4 asked the question now three times. 5 BY MR. CAMPBELL: A. Let me find where you're at. 5 6 6 I'm asking you again. Are those your Okay. Q. Correct? 7 7 words or are they somebody else's words? 8 A. I'm reading it, sorry. 8 Are you -- I'm sorry, I didn't want to cut you off. 9 Yes, so what I'm talking about is having a 9 **10** lifeguard stationed at the bottom. 10 Q. That's the question. 11 Correct? Is the answer to my question 11 Α. All of the words in here are my words --12 12 Thank you. correct? Q. 13 -- and they should be taken in full 13 A. What is your question again? 14 MR. CAMPBELL: Repeat it for him, please. 14 context of everything written. 15 15 Thank you. (Record read as follows:) "Q. Going to 3, you also talk about 16 16 Did you ever become aware of the fact that 17 the lack of proper lifeguard coverage at Cowabunga Bay the fact that you didn't want certain 17 18 lifeguards distracted and you certainly 18 resulted in restaurant employees, restaurant service 19 didn't want to have to pay for another employees being assigned the duties of lifeguards on 20 20 particular days when there were shortages? lifeguard, do you see that?" 21 21 MR. SMITH: Facts not in evidence. "A. You're on item 3? 22 THE WITNESS: No, I've never heard that. 22 "Q. Yep. 23 23 "A. Let me find where you're at. BY MR. CAMPBELL: 24 24 Q. No one has ever brought that to your "Okay.

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THE WITNESS: Okay. I see that, and I see you're taking about 10 words out of a full paragraph 3 of what is being talked about.

4 So to answer the question, I'm observing 5 an area that I think we need to do something to improve safety at, and I'm saying we need to do 7 something. I don't want to spend money if we don't 8 need to. But we need to do something because I also say I don't want to have an injury either.

10 BY MR. CAMPBELL:

"Q. Correct?"

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11 The words that I expressed to you are in 12 fact your words that are documented at No. 3, are they 13 not?

14 They are, but I don't think it's fair to 15 take the context of taking part of one sentence, and --16

17 I'm simply asking if you used those words, 18 if they are your words? That's all I'm asking.

19 MR. GORMLEY: The witness has the right to 20 explain.

21 And do explain.

22 BY MR. CAMPBELL:

23 That's all I'm asking, whether those are 24 your words or were those words that were created by

25 somebody else?

Α. Not that I recall.

attention at any time --

2 -- under any circumstances? Q. 3

Α. Not that I recall.

4 Q. Okay.

5 MR. CAMPBELL: Next in order.

MR. MIRKOVICH: 48, please.

7 (Deposition Exhibit 48 marked.)

8 BY MR. CAMPBELL:

9 Exhibit No. 48. This again is a

10 compilation. Exhibit No. 48 you will see is from you

on 8/15, on August the 15th, 2014, it's has an

12 attachment of a progress report; is that correct?

A. Yes, it does.

14 And who created this progress report? Q.

15 I believe Scott Huish. A.

16 And who was it presented to? Q.

17 A. Well, it's emailed out to myself, Orluff,

18 Craig, Shane, Tom, Craig, and Charlie.

19 Q. And --

> A. Actually -- yeah, that's it. I'm sorry.

21 Okay. And could you turn to the second

22 page of it. One of the subject matters is the wave

23 pool; is that correct?

24 Yes, it is.

MR. CAMPBELL: Next in order, please.



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Correct.

25 owner meeting agenda."

correct?

There is a specific cc to Mr. Welch,

All right. And the subject is "Cowabunga

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page 214 1 MR. MIRKOVICH: 49, please. Correct. 1 Α. 2 (Deposition Exhibit 49 marked.) 2 10/30/14, right? Q. 3 BY MR. CAMPBELL: 3 A. Correct. 4 Q. Exhibit No. 49 is now in front of you. 4 Q. Again, these are your words, right? This is an email of 9/17 of 2014 from you, correct? 5 5 Α. 6 Yes, it is. 6 Okay. Along with an attachment, Cowabunga Q. 7 To who? 7 owner meeting agenda, right? Q. 8 Well, this, this shows that it's going to 8 Α. Α. 9 9 Orluff. Q. And that's an agenda that you recreated? 10 Q. Okay. And the subject is? 10 A. Yes. "Cowabunga owner meeting request." 11 Α. 11 Okay. It states: 12 12 "All, After speaking with Scott and It states: 13 "All, I would like to set up a date in 13 Craig, we have changed the date for the 14 mid October that we can get together and go 14 Cowabunga owner meeting to Thursday, 15 over the park. Discuss financials, 15 October 30th. This meeting will start at 16 successes, things of change, how to pay for 8:00 a.m. and go until about 5:00 p.m. I am 16 17 it, cost overruns, tower 3 and other 17 attaching an agenda of items to discuss. challenges yet to address." 18 18 Please review and comment, and Scott and 19 Is that correct? 19 Shane, please review which of these items 20 20 A. That's correct. relate to you. If we all bring the 21 21 O. What was the purpose of having, of sending applicable reports and even email them out 22 this out? 22 this week to all parties, this meeting will 23 To set up a management committee meeting. 23 be more efficient. I (sic) want to add 24 Okay. To discuss all of those items, 24 anything, please let me know. I have also Q. 25 correct? 25 attached a copy of the risk analysis audit to page 215 discuss and a list of items by Mark Lee to Well, as I said, as I'd said earlier, I 1 1 would send out oftentimes of: Here is some things I 2 discuss." want to address. And then when we got closer to 3 Who is Mark Lee? having a meeting other items would get added. 4 Just one clarification on when you read 4 So, yes, this was the start of setting up it. It's "If you want to add anything," small 5 clarification. a meeting with items like that. 6 6 7 Q. Correct, yes? 7 And then Mark Lee was our superintendent 8 8 who oversaw the construction of the site. A. Yes. 9 Thank you. Q. Thank you. 9 10 A. And the risk analysis is that Haas & 10 MR. CAMPBELL: Next in the order, please. 11 MR. MIRKOVICH: Exhibit 50. 11 Wilkerson audit had been done that I attached. 12 Q. Okay. Could you go to the next page. 12 (Deposition Exhibit 50 marked.) 13 This apparently was the rescheduled meeting, right, 13 BY MR. CAMPBELL: 14 Q. Okay. And, in fact, this is a subsequent 14 rescheduled to October 30th and 31st? 15 email on that matter, correct? It is from you, Slade 15 Yes, it occurred on October 30th. Opheikens, correct? 16 All right. "Items to Discuss: Park 16 17 financial performance," correct? 17 Α. Yes. 18 Α. Correct. 18 All right. And, again, this is going out O. 19 Okay. "Park financial forecast." Were 19 to Scott, and Shane, and others, correct? you responsible for any of those? 20 Correct. 20 A.



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A. No, that's -- usually those are the

provide to present to us.

documents that Scott would prepare the budgets and the

Okay. But you prepared this document; is

costs and that would be the information they would

page 220 page 218 In my opinion, that, that would be a large 1 that correct? 1 2 Yes, I -- the agenda. 2 component of it --A. 3 3 Q. Right. Yes. Q. 4 4 A. Yes, I did. A. -- because there are a lot of lifeguards compared to other positions at the park. But I don't 5 Same document we have been talking about know as a percentage are lifeguards 70 percent or 6 here for the last few minutes. You prepared this, 55 percent, I don't know. 7 correct? 8 Q. But they are the majority of the labor 8 Α. Yes, I did. 9 component? 9 Q. Okay. Go down to where it says, "Discuss how costs to be paid will/can be funded." 10 I would guess --11 11 Do you see that? MR. GORMLEY: Object. Lack of foundation. 12 12 Go ahead. Α. Yes. 13 THE WITNESS: I would guess that they are. 13 Q. Why is that information blacked out? Why BY MR. CAMPBELL: 14 14 is it redacted? **15** 15 Q. And when you say, "I would guess," that's I, I didn't black it out. I don't know Α. because you dealt with that issue, that variable cost 16 why it's blacked out on this. You have to ask 17 issue, correct, lifeguards? probably the, or counsel that provided the 18 information. 18 Well, no. It's because as I look at the 19 number of bodies at the park, I didn't go into the 19 Q. Okay. Go back up to where it says "Park 20 kitchen and count how many people are serving and how 20 financial performance." 21 many staff are in the offices, but my impression --21 Α. Okay. 22 22 No, you've got schedules for that, right? Q. It says: 23 23 A. Well, no, I don't review the schedules. "Identify fixed costs and variable 24 You've got numbers that you can look at, 24 Q. costs to determine breakdown (sic) analysis." 25 25 What is a fixed cost? correct? page 219 page 221 A fixed cost is a cost that you have Well, again, the numbers that I would see 1 1 regardless of whether the park is, is open or not when we would get reports, labor I believe was one open. For instance, a bank loan that you are going to 3 lump sum item. 4

4 have. Variable costs is when you're open, you'll more 5 likely be using more power, you'll be hopefully consuming more food. You will have labor. You will 7 have variable costs. 8 Q. So lifeguards are a variable cost, correct? 9

10 A. That would be correct.

11 Is, is the -- in terms of the labor as a

12 variable cost as a whole and lifeguards being a

13 component of that variable expense, are -- do

14 lifeguards comprise the largest budgetary component of

15 the fixed -- of the labor component?

MR. GORMLEY: Object on lack of 16

17 foundation.

18 Go ahead.

19 THE WITNESS: I didn't ever see it broke 20 out lifeguards separate than all labor. If -- so I

21 haven't seen it broken out that way.

22 BY MR. CAMPBELL:

23 Q. Do you know?

24 A. Do I know if it cost more?

25 Yes. Q.

Q. Okay.

5 A. I don't recall seeing it broke out.

6 And you know that the vast majority of the 7 labor is lifeguards as opposed to fry cooks, correct? 8

MR. GORMLEY: Objection. Misstates his

9 testimony. He's already testified he doesn't know the 10 percentage.

11 MR. CAMPBELL: Okay. And I'd like this 12 clip as well, please.

BY MR. CAMPBELL: 13

14 Go ahead.

15 MR. GORMLEY: One for me too.

16 THE WITNESS: I --

17 MR. CAMPBELL: And make sure you charge

18 him for it, not me.

19 THE WITNESS: I don't know the ratio, sir, 20 of how many, that's --

21 BY MR. CAMPBELL:

22 I didn't ask you the ratio. Q.

23 A. I know, but I'm saying I don't know -- my

gut --24

> Q. Are their more lifeguards than fry cooks?



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24 it?

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You do.

I'm sorry.

in year three. I may have that, that number off.

I think the first year was 200,000, wasn't

I'm sorry, I don't remember. Maybe it was

Gardner vs Henderson Water Park, LLC, et al. page 222 page 224 1 I believe so. year two and three went up. Α. 1 2 Q. Are there more lifeguards than busboys, 2 And the next year was 700,000? 3 3 A. Okay. busgirls? 4 Α. I would assume. 4 O. Correct? 5 5 Okay. More lifeguards than ticket takers? Okav. Α. And there was a shortfall the next year, 6 I would assume so. But when you add 6 Q. 7 7 busboys and people that are running food back and was there not? forth and the ticket takers and the managers in the 8 Α. I don't recall a -- a shortfall. 8 9 9 offices, I don't know what the total difference is. O. Was there ever a shortfall on the payments 10 Okay. Are there video cameras installed 10 of any of the balloon payments? 11 at Cowabunga Bay? 11 I don't believe so. 12 Okay. Could you turn to the last page. 12 I'm not aware of video cameras there. Q. 13 13 Which attachment? Q. Are there video cameras over any of the, Α. 14 the cash registers? 14 Q. Of the exhibit you presently have in front 15 A. I don't know. 15 of you. 16 MR. GORMLEY: 50. 16 O. Are video cameras present anywhere in the 17 THE WITNESS: 50? 17 park? 18 Α. I don't know. 18 BY MR. CAMPBELL: 19 19 Can you please explain to me then based Q. Okay. 20 20 upon your last answers your statement as follows: With respect to the satisfaction of debt 21 "Scott projected approximately a 21 that the park had, was there a balloon payment due and owing by any entity --22 600,000 shortfall on bank loan.' 22 23 I don't. I don't recall what it's in 23 Α. So --24 24 relation to. If Scott is doing a budget. I don't Q. You got to wait until I'm --25 I'm sorry. You paused and -know that that's in regards to a balloon payment or if page 223 1 Q. -- at the end of the initial season's that's a year end as he is doing budget forecast, if operations? he is saying this is what could be. So we have to 2 3 A. The -- I believe there was a balloon meet to go through and say, okay, where are we at or 4 payment. I don't recall if it's the first two years does it require an additional capital contribution. 5 or the first three years. But I think it's in 5 Well, the reason I'm asking you that 6 Septemberish timeframe, whether that's when it was question, these are your words. 7 required to be paid or if that's when we were paying 7 A. Correct. 8 it. I just don't know if it's September or December. 8 Q. Okay. 9 But, yes, there was a balloon payment. Okav. 10 10 O. Was that balloon payment made? You also put the words: 11 A. Yes, it was. 11 "Is this the correct amount. Slade 12 12 Q. And was that balloon payment approximately will provide shortfall on bank loan to cover 13 a couple hundred thousand dollars? construction cost overruns." 13 14 No. so -- not on the exact --14 Correct? Α. 15 Is the answer no? 15 Yes. O. A. Well, it's more than a couple hundred. 16 Α. 16 Okay. Thank you. Q. **17** And --17 Q. Okay. How much was it? 18 I believe the first two years it was 18 MR. CAMPBELL: No pending question. 19 approximately 700,000. And then I believe it reduced 19 MR. MIRKOVICH: 51, please.



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THE WITNESS: Okay.

22 BY MR. CAMPBELL:

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(Deposition Exhibit 51 marked.)

Tell me what 51 is, please.

It says it's a Cowabunga conference call.

25 Looks like a meeting or an email from Scott Huish to

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I was able to persuade the Southern Nevada

That's what NSHD is, correct?

Health District..."

page 228 page 226 several of us. Correct, ves. 1 Α. 2 Okay. And you were a participant? 2 Q. "... to revise the codes, to revise Q. 3 What is the date? March 10th, 2015. 3 the codes which allows us to determine the Discussed budget and ownership percentages. I was 4 best number of lifeguards to operate the park. probably a participant. 5 We are no longer required to staff lifeguards 5 6 Q. Okay. And this was to discuss budget that 6 based on square footage of pools or the 7 7 number of slides. We will be able to submit was given to Bank of Utah, correct? 8 That's one of the items. 8 a revised plan allowing us to operate 9 And the budget would be based upon 9 attractions based on our needs and not some projections with respect to both fixed and variable 10 stupid code." costs, correct? 11 11 Do you see that? 12 I would assume so. **12** Yes, I do. Α. 13 And there had been a budget that had 13 All right. Do you believe that that previously been submitted on or about December 2014 to actually occurred? 14 15 the bank, correct? 15 A. I believe --A. I don't know. Okay. "Draft given to Bank 16 MR. SMITH: Objection. Speculation. 16 of Utah in December." So, yes, it's referencing **17** THE WITNESS: Okav. You asked me what 17 18 something given to Bank of Utah. 18 occurred. The meeting occurred or that which --19 Q. Thank you. 19 MR. CAMPBELL: I'll withdraw. 20 20 That was the budget, correct, that's what BY MR. CAMPBELL: 21 it's referencing? 21 Q. Do you believe, did you believe at the 22 A. I believe so. 22 time that the representations that were made by Shane 23 Thank you. Huish to you with respect to the lifeguard issue were 24 Next in order, please. 24 true and correct? 25 MR. MIRKOVICH: 52. 25 I believe that he had received, as you page 229 page 227 (Deposition Exhibit 52 marked.) 1 read through this, that subject to him resubmitting a 1 BY MR. CAMPBELL: revised plan, he would be able to get approval to 3 You'll see that this is a compilation. reduce the number of lifeguards. Because that is what The document indicates that you were responding to an 4 he says in this. He's saying I will have it, I need email that you actually get from Shane Huish, do you 5 to submit. 5 see? 6 "we will be able to submit a revised 6 7 A. Yes. 7 plan allowing us to operate attractions..." 8 But it's more particularized than that. 8 Okay. And the date of this is a It says not only to reduce the number of lifeguards, March 31st, 2015 email from Shane Huish to you, but it says a revised plan, quote: 10 correct? 10 11 A. Yes. I don't know if it's just to me 11 "Allowing us to operate attractions 12 based on our needs." 12 or --13 13 And then you thereafter respond the Correct? Q. 14 following day, April 1, correct? 14 A. He does say that. 15 Α. That is correct. 15 Okay. Did you ever question that at any time in 16 Q. Okay. Shane's email to you at 9:06 p.m. 16 17 says: 17 any form, in any capacity? I did not question it because he needed to 18 "Hello. It keeps getting better. 18 19 Another record day (and it still is not over, 19 submit a revised plan to get approval. 20 There was never any statement by the 20 online sales keep coming in). Total 21 attendance today was 1,942, and sales so far Nevada -- or by the Southern Nevada, I should say, Health District to the effect that you could operate a 22 are at \$75,287. The best news of the day is,



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lifeguard plan based upon your needs, correct?

MR. SMITH: Facts not in evidence.

THE WITNESS: I, I haven't seen anything

that, that talks about operating on our needs.

- BY MR. CAMPBELL: 2
- 3 Q. Correct.
- 4 A. I know what Shane is referring to.
- 5 O. I'm not asking you --
- 6 A. It's word play.
- 7 I'm not asking you about word play or Q.
- 8 anything else.
- 9 Α. Okay.
- 10 I'm asking a very simple question, and I
- 11 think you've answered it.
- 12 You've never seen anything from the
- Southern Nevada Health District that says you're 13
- allowed to operate attractions based on your needs?
- 15 Α. No, I have not seen --
- 16 Q. Thank you.
- 17 -- a document that states that.
- 18 Okay. What did you mean when you said how
- 19 that he deserved:
- 20 "Bigger congratulations on getting the
- 21 lifeguard count down"?
- 22 A. I was aware that Shane had been working
- 23 with a committee. My understanding was a group of
- people, including Southern Nevada Health Department,
- for some time. And that the Southern Nevada Health

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- 2 MR. CAMPBELL: Kindly again capture that
- 3 one for me.
- 4 MR. GORMLEY: Me too.
- 5 BY MR. CAMPBELL:
 - But I'm happy to allow you to supplement
- 7 that if you think it needs to be.
- 8 Okay.
 - Q. And what's -- so what is it that needs to
- 10 be supplemented?
- 11 The -- you had asked me what did I mean by
- 12 "Even bigger congratulations on getting the lifeguard
- 13 count down."
- 14 So I was explaining, I understand that
- 15 Shane had been working on a committee with others,
- including the Southern Nevada Health Department, to
- get I believe it's a regulation, I don't know if code
- is the correct word, to get the regulation more in
- line with the national standard. Because I had heard
- **20** Shane and others felt like that was a safer approach
- 21 to do a, I believe it was a response time versus a how
- many square feet of surface area of water. And he had
- 23 been working on that.
- 24 And there were opinions out there that
 - that was a safer and more widely accepted approach.

- 1 Department or whatever had a regulation that required
- more than normal as far as the national average is how
- 3 I had it explained to me.
- 4 Q. Was Wet 'N Wild operating under those same
- 5 conditions?
- 6 Α. I don't know.
- 7 Q. Did you ever ask anyone that?
- 8 I don't, I don't recall asking.
- 9 Did you ever receive any information to
- 10 the effect that Wet 'N Wild operated under the exact
- same terms and conditions? And when asked by your 11
- representatives, that is Cowabunga's representatives,
- as to why they didn't plan to seek a reduction, that 13
- 14 they thought the optics of that would be bad in the
- 15 event that there was a drowning?
- I, I was not aware of that, no sir. It --16 A.
- 17 Q. All right.
- 18 A. Can I finish your first question you had
- 19 asked.
- 20 Q. I think you already finished answering
- 21 that.
- 22 MR. GORMLEY: Finish answering, go ahead.
- 23 MR. CAMPBELL: Wait a second. I am
- 24 happy --
- 25 MR. GORMLEY: Let him finish answering the

- And, as a matter of fact, today the health department
 - actually issued a variance and that's the very plan
- that we are operating under is what he had been
- 4 working to get approved.
- 5 Was that, was that a plan that it was
- operating on when my little client drowned in your
- pool? 7
- 8 Unfortunately, I think Shane was operating
- thinking -- whether he was thinking he had approval or
- not, he did not have approval to operate by the health
- department or us as a management committee at the time
- 12 of Leland's drowning.
- 13 The answer the question is no? You were
- 14 not operating under any sort of --
- 15 Not at the time.
- 16 Q. -- revised plan?
- 17 The answer is no, correct.
- 18 And, in fact, even, even though you did
- 19 get a variance at one point, that variance did not
- permit you to operate that wave pool at any time under
- 21 any circumstances with only three lifeguards?
- 22 A. No, it did not.
 - Okay. Why was his persistence something
- 24 that you felt you should congratulate him on?
 - Because if, if that truly is a safer way



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1 to operate a, a park, and it's what the national -- I mean, if 50 of 52 states are operating under a 3 regulation that has been proven safer and Nevada is requiring something more, I think it's a good thing to

5 move into a safer direction.

6 Was it an economic pressure point for 7 Cowabunga Bay as to what their lifeguard expenses 8 were?

9 Α. No, sir, it was -- we never talked about 10 decreasing number of lifeguards due to a budgetary 11 cost.

12 MR. CAMPBELL: Okay.

13 MR. MIRKOVICH: 53, please.

14 (Deposition Exhibit 53 marked.)

15 BY MR. CAMPBELL:

Q. Now, this, Mr. Opheikens, is from you to 16

Orluff and Charlie Auger, correct? 17

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. And, again, Charlie Auger is this chief

financial officer, not of Cowabunga Bay, not of

Double Ott, but of R&O Construction? 21

22 Yes, but to clarify one thing. The way

23 these are generated on our company server, there is

24 likely a matching email that copies the other people

on the management committee; because as they are

1 I, I believe that's a true statement, he Α.

2 has not.

3 Q. Okay.

4 Okay. And, basically, these are, as you say, "notes from yesterday." And it has from Slade,

6 you, at R&O Construction to Slade Opheikens, is that 7 it?

8 Where are you? Oh, down here. A.

9 Q. Yeah.

10 Α. Yes.

11 Q. You are sending it to yourself as well?

12 A.

13 Okay. And the second bullet point that Q.

14 you're talking about was shade for the lifeguards. 15

"Shane got two quotes, one at 15K and 16 one at 45."

17 Those are for the potential shades that 18 could be installed on the towers of the, for the

lifeguards to guard them against the sun? 19

20 A.

21 Q. Okay. What were the operational issues

with respect to the lifeguards and their not having

23 shade on the towers?

24 The -- it gets hot up there. So this,

this is April of 2015. So Shane had, he had presented

1 produced, it only grabs people within R&O and on a separate it is typically outside. So just to clarify,

there is likely more copied on that.

I would like you to answer the question. MR. CAMPBELL: Could you repeat the

6 question.

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(Record read as follows:)

"Q. And again, Charlie Auger is this chief financial officer not of Cowabunga Bay, not of Double Ott but of R&O Construction?"

THE WITNESS: Charlie Auger is the CFO of

12 **R&O** Construction, yes.

BY MR. CAMPBELL: 13

14 Okay. Has -- does Charlie Auger get any 15 compensation of any kind or type by Cowabunga Bay or

Henderson Water Park or Double Ott for work he does in

17 connection with Cowabunga Bay?

18 I don't believe so, but he does do work 19 for Double Ott. I don't know if he is compensated 20 separately for that or not.

21 Okay. So as you sit here today, you can

22 point me to no evidence that Charlie Auger, who is the

23 CFO of R&O Construction, has ever received a dime of

702.876.2538

compensation from Cowabunga Bay or any of its

25 associated entities, correct?

two quotes, as it says. And when it says one at 15

and one at 45 to do all three towers, he was

presenting that for a request to the management

committee to say: Can we add that as an item? And

the issue was lifeguards are, that it gets hot. And

at those higher, if I recall correctly, they are about

7 60 feet in the air, the wind is little bit more

8 havocal on.

The fourth bullet point deals with you 10 getting pictures of umbrellas to possibly sell at the parks; is that correct? 11

12 Yeah. And that was related to guests who 13 may come in if they were -- because guests were also previously asking about getting additional shade for the park. So one of the options was there are 16 umbrellas that we could supply for them.

17 The eighth bullet point or the fifth one 18 from the bottom, you state:

19 "Bank of Utah - when is the transition 20 happening with the loan?"

21 What transition are you speaking of there?

22 Oh, fifth from this bottom, okay. Α.

23 Q. Bank of Utah.

24 "When is the transition happening with 25 the loan? Ask Spencer if he cares how the



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1 loan payment is made."

2 So we were -- this is 2015. There was, I don't know if covenant is the correct word. But when the loan would transition from being a construction

5 loan to a I'm going to call it a long-term loan.

6 Right.

> A. And that was -- it was deemed going to

8 happen at the end of construction. With that third

9 tower, the Surf Safari still under construction until

10 this like April or May of 2015, it was a follow-up

11 item for me to get with Bank of Utah, because we were

12 still paying against that or billing against that to

13 say when did they make, when did they consider the

14 transition to start.

15 Q. The next bullet point that you have there

16 is:

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17 "Insurance limits 2 million per 18 occurrence and 3 million umbrella."

Is that correct?

20 That's correct.

21 Okay. You say:

22 "Insurance increased about 19,000 this

23 year and the rate is based on admissions but

24 it is also an unauditable rate."

25 Correct.

the insurance certificates seemingly with respect to 2

liability and that those are going to be sent:

3 "...copies of insurance certificates

to R&O office for our records."

Correct?

6 That is how it reads here.

> Q. Right.

8 But again, we were still under Α.

9 construction on the slide, so...

But you understand that what we are 10 O. 11 talking about there is, forget about construction of

the slide, liability, correct? 12

13 Α. Well --

> During operations, correct? Q.

15 A. But it's also during construction.

16 O. But during operations, correct?

Well, I might not be understanding your 17

18 question of --

19 Q. Then I'll repeat it. Just let me know and

20 I'm happy to repeat it. 21

Okav. A.

Okay. What you're talking about in Q.

millions, in terms of limits of 2 million and

3 million umbrella, those particular, those particular

insurance premiums that are due are due in connection

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Meaning you didn't have the opportunity to 1 go back and audit admissions and then seek a

reimbursement? 3

4 Just a little bit different. That they

gave us a fixed price for 19,000; and if our 5 attendance went up, they don't get to audit us.

7 Okay.

8 A. It's not us auditing them, but them

9 auditing us for more.

Okay. Now, you also say that:

"Scott will send out copies of insurance certificates to R&O for our

12 records." 13

14 Meaning, our records meaning R&O's

15 records, correct?

Yes, it should be. I'm trying to think 16 17 why I would have R&O or if that's why that slide is

18 still under construction if we're still being listed

19 as an additional insured, because we are still working

20 on that tower 3, if it's covered under builder's risk

21 or not. I don't remember that far back.

22 Well, we are talking about -- if you look,

23 you are looking at limits of liability on operations?

24 A. Correct.

> Okay. And you follow that up again with Q.

with operations of the park? 1

2 That is correct. Α.

> Q. Thank you.

4 A. Now, the -- okay, there is not another

5 question.

6 O. And those insurance certificates were ones

7 that contained the, that contained the unauditable

8 rate; is that correct?

9 Α. The increase, yes.

10 Q. Okay.

11 Α. So the quote we had that year included the

12 unauditable rate.

13 Okay. And those certificates, those were

14 the certificates that you were speaking of in sending:

"...copies of the insurance

certificates to R&O for our records."

17 Correct?

They may be. But it's a different bullet

18 19 point and I may be questioning builder's risk, I don't

20 recall, I'm sorry.

21 Do you see anywhere in there where there

22 is any discussion at all about builder's risk?

23 A. No, but it's a separate bullet point

24 and --

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The answer is no, you don't see anything Q.



1 about construction or builder's risk or anything of

2 that nature at all?

3 A. No, but if it's R&O Construction, we are 4 there as a contractor actively working on site.

5 Q. Is the answer to my question no, there is 6 no mention of construction or builder's risk?

MR. GORMLEY: You can explain your answer.

THE WITNESS: There is not a mention of builder's risk in this individual bullet point.

10 BY MR. CAMPBELL:

Q. Thank you.

Will you go down to the third from the

13 bottom:

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"Shane will send out weekly update onsales on Mondays."

Sales of what? Of those advance tickets?

17 A. No. He had, Shane had talked about I
18 think they were using a new tracking system that they
19 would be able to give feedback on number of persons
20 coming into the park on a weekly basis versus

21 receiving it monthly.

Q. Okay. You then have:

"Scott and Shane will forward what anoperating cost per day is for a slow day

versus a busy day."

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1 A. Correct.

Q. Okay. What would, what would be the components for operating on a slow day versus a busy day?

5 A. When you, when you say the components,

6 like people so --

7 Q. What would go into the calculus of what a 8 slow day is as opposed to a busy day?

9 A. To me, the fixed costs are going to stay 10 the same. The variable costs of labor and food and

11 beverages and power and that may change.

12 Q. Okay.

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13 A. And we're trying to get a feel of how does 14 the two work.

Q. The next bullet point states:

"R&O has not included their original fee in the ownership equity calculations and also has not included potential moneys to collect from Polin which Slade is trying to negotiate receiving."

20 negotiate receiving."21 Detail for me what is meant, what you

22 meant by that.

A. So the first half, the original fee is what we talked about earlier this morning as far as

5 the construction management fee that we did not

1 include in our owner equity calculation. I think

2 we're saying it was 250,000 or so.

3 The second is Polin is the slide

4 manufacturer that we were working with on tower 3 that

5 I've said we're still under construction on that

6 trying to get it open in 2015.

Q. Um-hum.

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8 A. And had been incurring costs due to some

9 rework that Polin had caused. So we are tracking that

10 cost and we are negotiating with Polin to find out how

11 much are they going to reimburse us for.

Q. Who is Spencer at the Bank of Utah?

13 A. Spencer after -- he's I guess you call the

14 bank loan officer.

15 Q. Okay. And who is Taft?

16 A. Taft Myer is more up on loan committee

17 possibly. I think Spencer reports to Taft.

18 Q. Okay. Did Cowabunga Bay have its accounts

19 at Wells Fargo?

20 A. I'm not sure.

Q. With respect to the calculus of what a

22 slow day versus a busy day was, what form did those,

23 those reports take? How are they reported to you?

A. I don't remember if they came in an Excel

25 spreadsheet. It was -- I think what I was looking

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1 more for was to get an idea during your off-season2 months of is it worth opening on a Thursday or Friday.

Q. So my point is simply the form that they

4 came in, and you believe it was an Excel spreadsheet?

5 A. I would assume --

Q. Okay.

7 A. -- but I'm not positive.

Q. Okay. Do you know what day my client

9 drowned in your pool?

A. May 27th of 2015.

Q. I'm showing you --

MR. CAMPBELL: Do we have -- what number

13 do we have in front of him now?

MR. MIRKOVICH: I believe 54.

15 54, please.

16 (Deposition Exhibit 54 marked.)

17 BY MR. CAMPBELL:

Q. When is the last time you saw Exhibit 54

19 in any form?

20 A. Just a few minutes ago when you put it in

21 front of me.

Q. And before that?

A. A couple years. This is the Wet 'N Wild

24 recon visit.

Q. But this is a forwarding of the



1 Wet 'N Wild recon visit, correct?

A. Yes. This is forwarded, yes.

3 Q. And what this is from you,

4 Mr. Opheikens, Slade Opheikens, which you sent out at

5 6:46 p.m. after Leland drowned in your pool, correct?

6 A. Yes.

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Q. Okay. And you were forwarding Wet 'N Wild

8 recon visit that had previously taken place on

9 7/10/14, correct?

10 A. That's correct.

11 Q. You say:

12 "FYI," for your information, "these

are the notes from Ryan's recon of

Wet 'N Wild. Note one idea they have is

15 certain persons have to have a colored

wristband that relates to what they can or

cannot do. Says their wave pool and lazy

river have wristbands that require life

jackets with a certain color. I assume that

is so lifeguards can help see if anyone -- if

someone is not in a jacket that should be."

22 Correct?

23 A. That is correct.

Q. All right. Is this the only document that

25 you were aware discussing that particular topic of the

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1 A. I'm not aware of another one, but...

2 Q. Okay. So the only one that you are aware

of where you're actually discussing this and provably

4 so by a document is where you send this out on 5/27 at

5 6:46, correct?

6 A. Well, the first time I forwarded it out to 7 them was the document, the other exhibit we already

8 discussed.

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9 MR. CAMPBELL: Move to strike is

10 nonresponsive.

11 Please ask him the question again.

(Record read as follows:)

"Q. So the only one that you are

aware of where you're actually discussing

this and provably so by a document is where

you send this out on 5/27 at 6:46, correct?"

17 BY MR. CAMPBELL:

18 Q. You, you. Not anybody else, you?

A. Okay, sir, and maybe I'm not

20 understanding, but Exhibit No. 40 --

Q. Right.

22 A. -- is from me to Shane and Scott --

Q. Yes, I know that.

24 A. -- and Craig on July 11th --

Q. Right.

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1 colored bands that's in a document?

2 A. Okay. I just want to make sure you were 3 done, first of all.

4 Q. Yes.

5 A. The previous email, so when I originally

6 sent it I thought, I thought we sent one that may have

7 been a different date and then this would be the

8 second time.

9 Q. I'm talking about you, where you discussed 10 this. Okay?

11 A. Okav.

12 Q. This is the only email that you, you

13 actually discuss that wristband system, correct?

14 A. Well, as I mentioned earlier, I had at

15 some point talked with one of the lifeguard gals about

16 the challenge --

17 Q. Withdraw the question.

18 A. -- that --

19 Q. Withdraw the question.

20 A. Okay. I'm sorry.

Q. This is the only memorialization in

22 writing that exists with respect to you commenting in

23 writing on the wristband issue, correct?

24 A. There might be another one.

25 Q. Are you aware of any other one?

A. -- almost a year earlier.

2 Q. I understand that. But it has no comment

3 from you at all on the wristband system; is that

4 correct?

5 A. Well, no, I say excellent information.

6 But it's me forwarding it.

7 Q. Here's the question once again.

A. Okay.

9 Q. You did not have in that forwarding any

10 comments by you specific to the wristband system,

11 correct?

12 A. That is correct in that one.

Q. Thank you.

You did include such comments on 5/27 of

15 2015, correct?

16 A. Correct.

17 Q. And that's, and that's the only document

18 that you are aware of containing your comments on the

19 wristband system, correct?

A. As we sit here right now, yes.

Q. And that's after my client drowned in your

22 pool, correct?

23 A. That is correct.

Q. Thank you.

Did you send out any emails on -- did you



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1 send out any emails following the drowning of my

- 2 client in your pool on May 27th, 2015 that preceded in
- 3 time this 6:46 p.m. email?
- 4 A. I don't recall. If you have one, I can 5 look at it. I don't recall.
- 6 Q. I don't have one.
- 7 A. Okay.
- 8 Q. This looks to be the very first thing you
- 9 send out right after you find out that Leland has
- 10 drowned in your pool.
- 11 MR. GORMLEY: You're assuming facts in
- 12 evidence that he knew that he had drowned by the time
- 13 of this email. You never asked that question or
- 14 established it.
- 15 BY MR. CAMPBELL:
- 16 O. Go ahead.
- 17 I'm not aware of any other email you sent
- 18 out following Leland's drowning other than this one.
- 19 A. Okay.
- Q. Before the hour of 6:46, okay?
- 21 A. Okay.
- Q. And you are not aware of one as you sit
- 23 here today either?
- 24 A. I don't recall.
- Q. Okay. So as far as --
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- 1 A. Phone conversations --
- 2 Q. Okay.
- 3 A. -- but I don't know if I had an email.
- 4 Q. So as far as you know, this is the first
- 5 email that went out following the drowning of Leland
- 6 by you?
- 7 A. If we don't have anything else, then that 8 may be it.
- 9 Q. Thank you.
- 10 MR. CAMPBELL: Next, please.
- 11 MR. MIRKOVICH: 55.
- 12 (Deposition Exhibit 55 marked.)
- 13 BY MR. CAMPBELL:
- 14 Q. What is 55?
- 15 A. Email from Shane to me regarding signage.
- 16 It says:
- 17 "Attached are signs at the wave pool
- and also at the front of the park."
- 19 Q. And what park are you speaking of?
- 20 A. Cowabunga.
- Q. And did you ask him to get copies of these
- 22 signs?
- 23 A. I, I may have.
- Q. For what purpose?
- 25 A. To review what our rules were and what we

- 1 had posted.
- Q. Okay. Why did you direct him to do this?
- 3 A. Well, I, I asked for copies of that. I
- 4 had also asked for copies of the incident or witness
- 5 statements, that I believe were also sent to me the
- 6 same day from Shane, to get a feel of what happened,
- 7 look at our signage.
- 8 And to me when something happens, I, I
- $9\,\,$ want to understand what are we doing right and what do
- 10 we need to improve.
- 11 Q. How did you first learn about my client's
- 12 drowning in your pool?
- 13 A. Scott Huish called me.
 - Q. What did he tell you?
- 15 A. Scott said, to the best of my
- 16 recollection, that there had been, I think they called
- 17 it a rescue and they may have called it a near
- 18 drowning, that a boy had been pulled from the pool. I
- 19 think at the time I don't know that he had a lot of
- 20 detail yet other than to let me know something had
- 21 happened and the boy had been pulled out and was, had
- 22 been taken to the hospital.
- 23 An hour or two later is when I was able to
- 24 talk to Shane to get additional information on what
- 25 had happened.

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- Q. Okay. And what did Shane tell you?
- 2 A. Shane had said that a young boy, I think
- 3 at the time they thought he may have been 8 years old,
- 4 had, had gone under. That he had been pulled from the
- 5 pool. That he had received the rescue, I don't know
- 6 what you call, revived and chest compressions and
- 7 things, and turned over to the medical staff. Not the
- 8 EMTs, but whoever actually shows up and takes him to
- 9 the hospital.
- 10 He did not know the condition of the boy.
- 11 I asked, after I asked how the boy was doing, I asked
- 12 how the lifeguards were doing, because I assumed that
- 13 has to be a very traumatic experience.
- 14 Q. Did you ask how many lifeguards were on
- 15 duty at the time my client drowned in the pool?
- 16 A. I don't recall asking how many.
- 17 Q. Okay.

- A. I had asked how they were doing. I asked
- 19 Shane how he was doing. He was -- you know, in his
- 20 voice you could tell he was upset. I did ask if he
- 21 had witness statements being collected and done which
- 22 he said Richard Woodhouse was gathering.
- Q. Anything else?
- A. Well, he said, he said that the team that
- 25 showed up said the lifeguards did a good job.



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Gardner vs Henderson Water Park, LLC, et al. 254..257 page 254 page 256 What team said the lifeguards did a good 1 that our lifeguards had been certified and that we did Q. job? 2 have the correct number. And July 30th, I believe, is 3 3 the day that Shane actually let's us know that he did He referred to them as the medical 4 responders. I don't know if you call them first 4 not have after this comes out. responders or whoever had gotten there. 5 So you were wrong about that? 6 Q. Paramedics? 6 I was wrong, yes. 7 A. I think so. 7 Thank you. Q. 8 Okay. Did you communicate the information 8 MR. CAMPBELL: Go to next in order, that was forwarded to you by Shane to any other person 9 please. 10 10 after you got off the phone from talking to Shane? MR. MIRKOVICH: 57. 11 About this incident, correct? 11 (Deposition Exhibit 57 marked.) 12 BY MR. CAMPBELL: Q. 12 Right. 13 Yes. I called Orluff. 13 Two hours, two hours later you sent out Α. 14 Q. Okay. another email, Exhibit No. 57 -- or it's saying Shane 15 Α. I believe I called Tom Welch, and I think 15 Huish sent out another email, Exhibit No. 57; is that I called Chet. 16 16 correct? 17 Can you repeat? 17 Okay. And you conveyed all that A. 18 information that had been conveyed by Shane to 18 Q. Sure. Mr. Welch, to your father, and to your brother? 19 19 Shane sent it or I sent it? 20 I believe so. 20 Α. MR. MIRKOVICH: It's the second page of 21 21 Q. Okay. the last exhibit. 22 22 MR. MIRKOVICH: 56. MR. CAMPBELL: Oh, I'm looking at the 23 23 (Deposition Exhibit 56 marked.) wrong one, I'm sorry. 24 24 MR. CAMPBELL: 56, did you say? MR. MIRKOVICH: Exhibit 19, Mr. Opheikens. 25 MR. MIRKOVICH: Yep. 25 Sorry, the exhibit -page 255 page 257 BY MR. CAMPBELL: THE WITNESS: This is 56? 1 Showing you Exhibit No. 56, this appears 2 MR. MIRKOVICH: 56, correct. 3 to be yet one more email from you, Mr. Opheikens, to THE WITNESS: Okay. your brother Chet, correct? 4 MR. CAMPBELL: Now I'm lost. That is correct. 5 MR. MIRKOVICH: You turned the page. A. 6 And it is: 6 MR. WELCH: Most recent is 57. "Re: Breaking: Family of young boy 7 MR. MIRKOVICH: This is still 56. sues Cowabunga Bay - story from Las Vegas 8 MR. CAMPBELL: Oh, this is still 56. Now." 9 Okay.

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10 Is that correct?

11 That is correct. A.

12 Your comment on that story was as follows: 13 "They definitely know how to make a

14 story even though it is not at all accurate."

Correct?

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16 A. That's correct.

17 All right. Detail for me, taking as much 18 time as you feel is necessary to do so, all of the

19 inaccuracies in that story.

20 Well, the inaccuracies that the way they

21 looked at it. They were saying, I believe, that our 22 lifeguards were not certified. They were stating that

23 we did not have the right number of lifeguards. I, I

24 don't recall if this report said anything else. But

25 as they went on to talk about it, my understanding is

BY MR. CAMPBELL: 10

11 Second page of 56. Are you there? This

12 is from Shane. Second page.

> Α. Yes.

14 Q. Are you with me?

15 A. Yes.

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16 Q. From Shane two hours later to you, Slade

17 Opheikens, correct?

> Correct. A.

19 Q. He says:

20 "Hi Slade, I think this is great and

21 we should push for correct information to be

22 put out and try to have the RJ print a 23 retraction for all the misinformation."

24 What was great? What did you understand

25 he was, he was indicating was great?



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testimony was.

BY MR. CAMPBELL:

page 260 MR. GORMLEY: Calls for speculation on his application to the Henderson Police Department and 2 part in Shane's mind. But he can answer the question said that he had never been arrested when in fact he 3 if he can. 3 had been arrested three times in his life, correct? 4 THE WITNESS: I believe the --4 I, I haven't seen it to know it. And 5 MR. CAMPBELL: Speaking objection again. 5 again through these proceedings I'm being told that --6 BY MR. CAMPBELL: 6 You've learned it? 7 7 Q. But go ahead. A. I've learned of it, yes, very recently. 8 8 A. I believe the emails or discussions that Okay. Were you aware that there was also 9 are happening at this time relate to RJ printed in, in a false certification of one of the lifeguards on duty our mind, what was very inaccurate information. And when my client drowned in the wave pool? we had asked about how do we, how do we get someone to MR. SMITH: Facts not in evidence. 11 12 get the correct story out? And I think that's what 12 THE WITNESS: No, I'm not aware of that. this response of Shane is, is we should push to get 13 BY MR. CAMPBELL: the correct information out and make RJ print a 14 Q. Is this the first you are hearing of that? 15 retraction. 15 I, I heard in reading the, this that they 16 At this point in time, my understanding is had said lifeguard certifications were not in place still that RJ, the information they printed is 17 due to a NASCO change. But I've learned more -- but I 18 inaccurate. 18 don't know the, the -- what did you say? The 19 So I don't know what he thinks is great lifeguards are not certified? 20 20 other than does he think it's great that we want to Were you aware that the lifeguard, one of 21 push to get the correct information gathered and 21 the principal lifeguards that was present when my 22 somehow published. 22 client was drowning had in fact not received his 23 And, again, so again at this point, he certification that year, but rather that the documents 24 hasn't told you that in fact the information published that purportedly said he did, had been forged? about the lack of proper lifeguard numbers at the pool 25 MR. SMITH: Facts not in evidence. page 259 page 261 at the time my client drowned was in fact accurately MR. GORMLEY: Misstates the evidence. 1 2 reported by the press? 2 BY MR. CAMPBELL: 3 3 He had not. He had told us he had the O. Go ahead. 4 correct number. 4 I had not heard that. A. 5 5 Q. So he had lied to you about that? Q. This is the first time you are hearing 6 Α. 6 that? 7 And, again, that's not the first time that 7 I'm trying to remember if you covered that 8 he had ever lied in his operational duties at 8 with Orluff, because there was something --Cowabunga Bay, correct? 9 9 0. I didn't. 10 10 MR. SMITH: Calls for speculation. A. -- discussed about a certification, but I Improper opinion testimony. 11 don't --11 12 THE WITNESS: I, I don't recall the prior 12 Q. I didn't. I'm asking you. -- I don't know if I'm mixing NASCO 13 time. This, this was the event that where I lost some 13 Α. 14 confidence in Shane about lifeguards. I don't 14 certification. 15 remember --15 That's what I'm asking you. Q. BY MR. CAMPBELL: 16 I don't recall hearing it. Somebody --16 A. 17 We also covered the fact that he had lied 17 Q. This is the first time you've ever heard in his application for his liquor license, correct? that from anybody? 18 18 19 Well --19 I believe so. Α. 20 MR. GORMLEY: Objection. Misstates his 20 Okay. 21 21 MR. GORMLEY: Want to take a short break? testimony.



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MR. CAMPBELL: Yeah.

record. The time is approximately 4:05 p.m.

(Recessed from 4:05 p.m. to 4:24 p.m.)

THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We are going off the

MR. CAMPBELL: I didn't say what his

Correct? You now know that he lied in his

Gardner vs Henderson Water Park, LLC, et al. page 264 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We are going back on "I have not seen any information 1 1 2 the record. The time is approximately 4:24 p.m. 2 relating to any incidents at the park." 3 BY MR. CAMPBELL: 3 Would you like to see an update -- "would 4 Did you have the opportunity to speak to 4 like to see an update outlining any we have your counsel during the break? 5 5 had and type." 6 No. 6 **Correct.** I usually requested that about 7 MR. CAMPBELL: All right. This is -- got 7 once a year to, to get an understanding where we have 8 them. Because on the construction side if you it. 9 BY MR. CAMPBELL: understand it, you review it and you see what could Q. Handing you what has been marked as 10 you do to prevent it from happening again. Exhibit No. 57. This is an email from Chet to you, 11 Okay. 12 MR. CAMPBELL: Let's go to the next one, 12 correct? 13 Correct. 13 Α. please. 14 Q. Dated July 22, 2015. With respect to a 14 MR. MIRKOVICH: 58. 15 Cowabunga Bay owner meeting, right? 15 (Deposition Exhibit 58 marked.) Correct. 16 BY MR. CAMPBELL: 16 17 All right. And it is forwarding around an 17 58 is a compilation of two emails. The O. 18 email from you; is that correct? 18 first is appears -- actually, I think it's three. But 19 the first is from Mr. Huish to you regarding the Α. Correct. 20 20 September snapshot. Do you see that? Q. Saying that that's going to take place on 21 Are you down at the bottom? 21 August 4th: Α. 22 22 At the bottom. "...to discuss financials, future O. 23 budgets, Polin, anything else on the list 23 Okay. Yes. Okay. A. 24 below." 24 Comes in at September 16, 2015 at 3:54. Q. 25 Correct? 25 Do you see that? page 263 page 265 1 Okay. Yes. A. Yes. 1 A. 2 Okay. Subject is "September snapshot." 2 The next page details some of those items 3 3 "Here is a running update for including financials, incomes and expenses, right? 4 Yes. 4 September. I would like to propose Α. 5 And you say that we: 5 October 2, 6 or 16 for our end of summer O. "Would really like to dial down and management meeting." 6 6 7

see and understand each of the items on the reports represent and what our mix of attendees are."

What did you mean by that?

11 The -- to understand in a given day if 500 people show up, how many of them are a season pass holder, how many of them are a daily pass holder. 13

Okay. You also talk about:

"Budget forecast. Look ahead based on what we have learned thus far to see how our budget looks for the remainder of the year."

Is that correct?

19 A. Yes.

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20 All right. And why did you want to do it

21 at that time?

22 A. It's just what we would usually do at an

23 owner meeting is review budgets.

24 Q. Okay. You also have down "Incidents."

25 Yes. Α.

7 Who would attend the end of summer

8 management meeting?

9 That is usually --Α.

Q. Everyone there?

11 It's usually the management committee Α.

12 members that are invited to that.

13 Okay. All of the individuals that this

goes to? You send it to -- you are first in line

15 always, then Tom Welch, et cetera?

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A. Yeah. Charlie sometimes would, sometimes

17 would not.

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18 Okay. Charlie wasn't a member of the

management committee but would on occasion actually

attend and participate by phone --

Α. Correct.

22 O. -- correct?

23 Okay. He goes on to state, this again is

24 Mr. Huish, and this Shane Huish, right?

No, this is Scott Huish.



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Q. Scott Huish, excuse me.

"I think we need to break this into two parts, one being operations, the

4 day-to-day issues the managers deal with, and

second, the big picture problems and where dowe go in the second full year."

Right?

8 A. Correct.

9 Q. Okay.

MR. CAMPBELL: Let's go to the next,

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MR. MIRKOVICH: 59.

13 (Deposition Exhibit 59 marked.)

14 BY MR. CAMPBELL:

15 Q. Okay. 59 again is a compilation of emails

16 and you will see at the bottom, it's from Slade

17 Opheikens.

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Do you see that?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. To Scott Huish?

22 A. Yes.

Q. Was sent on Saturday, September 26th, 2015

24 at 8:29 p.m. "Subject: August financials & next

25 owner meeting date." Right?

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Yes, that's correct.

O. You ask him:

"Scott, how soon will we have August

4 financials? I need to meet with the Bank of

5 Utah."

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Why were you meeting with the Bank of

7 Utah?

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8 A. I met with the Bank of Utah not just on

9 this project but on other projects. And I'm trying to

10 remember if we are in September of 2015 if there's

11 something specific.

12 I did have a relationship with Spencer

13 Richins and Taft Myer. So I don't know if they had

14 asked or if I'm preparing in the meeting that I'm

15 going to be having with them for whatever the topic

16 may be. If the topic of Cowabunga comes up and how

17 are we doing, I want to be prepared.

18 Q. Have you talked to either Spence or Taft

19 about this litigation?

20 A. A year or so ago, I talked to them about

21 it.

Q. And is it over the phone or in person?

A. I think we called them on the phone to let

24 them know what was going on. I have since seen Scott,

25 I don't -- I'm sorry, I said -- Spencer. Since seen

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1 Spencer. I don't know that I've seen Taft again, that

2 in generality we talked.

Q. Have they been provided updates on this

4 litigation?

5 A. To the extent of letting them know we are

6 having depositions taken.

Q. Okay. What have you told them about this

8 litigation besides the fact that you're now undergoing

9 discovery, specifically depositions?

10 A. I believe they received a copy of the

11 lawsuit that was filed.

12 Q. Okay. And who provided them with the

13 lawsuit?

14 A. I don't recall if I would have forwarded

15 them a copy or if Scott may have forwarded, I don't

16 recall.

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Q. And when were they provided with a copy of

18 the lawsuit?

19 A. I don't -- I would guess that it would

20 have been sometime after it was filed. I, I think in

21 our loan documents or even just from a relationship we

22 would have a requirement to notify them.

Q. There is a covenant that requires you to

report material matters to the bank in connection with

25 your loan, right?

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1 A. Okay.

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2 Q. Standard covenant --

A. Yes.

4 Q. -- right?

5 And in compliance with that standard

6 covenant of the loan documents, you provided them with

7 this lawsuit because it was material to the operations

8 of the park, correct?

9 A. That's correct. I just don't know if I

10 did it or who did it.

11 Q. But it was provided because it's material

12 to the operations of the park?

A. I would say yes.

14 Q. Okay. And in the event of a default in

15 compliance with a loan document covenant, there can be

16 a declaration of default, breach, and demand for

17 immediate payment if you failed to honor your

18 obligations under the loan documents, correct?

19 A. Sounds like a correct statement.

Q. Okay. Continuing on with Exhibit No. 59,

21 you say that you want to:

"...circulate an agenda of the items

that they (sic) will be discussing" at the

24 meeting.

And you have, quote, "financial," or you



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are at. Blue slide: Polin - are we going to

Lifeguard certifications and numbers required

for next year. Any new rulings on numbers

allowed and what certifications are we doing

require them to do any additional work.

for the next year."

page 272 page 270 have asterisk. 1 Correct? 1 2 "Financials, shade at the top of the 2 A. Correct. 3 3 All right. Why was the issue of towers is an item to discuss, and I think Q. 4 Shane had a quote for about 15,000 each 4 certifications at -- why was the issue of certifications something that was, that you thought 5 tower, total of 45. Need to discuss lights 5 6 for nights, for this we will need to know the 6 was important to discuss at this meeting? 7 7 cost to install which I can have Erik get a If this is 2015, I believe one of the things that had come out in 2015 was that NASCO's --8 bid on, and really need to identify the 8 9 additional profit we made by running nights, at some point they had said NASCO's certification of 10 by this I mean we identify persons who came lifeguards was not being recognized or there was versus season pass holders. Then compare 11 something with it that had to be changed. 11 12 additional costs for lifeguards." 12 So that was, that was one component. The 13 Correct? 13 other side is this. I believe is also where we are 14 A. That's correct. transitioning to IAM is coming in late in 2015, and 15 Q. Why did you need the additional costs of 15 one of the things that IAM, I believe, is taking on --16 the lifeguards? do you I have that right? I mean, let me just think 17 The -- so this is in the context of 17 through the year. 2014, 2015, I believe it is late 18 talking about adding, adding lights for night events. 18 2015 when IAM, and that's one of the things they are You are going to have a couple of components that I'm 19 going to be taking on is lifeguards and certifications 19 20 asking them to analyze is, one, if we are going to add 20 if that, if that goes forward. 21 lights so that the park can stay open later, first of 21 I'm not sure the timing of which one 22 all, are the customers, are we getting more customers 22 happened when. I don't think IAM is until October or 23 who are coming to pay for the additional time that the 23 November. 24 park is open? Or are essentially season pass holders 24 MR. WELCH: November. just going to have the luxury of staying longer? For 25 MR. CAMPBELL: You know better, you're a page 271 page 273 1 lawyer. a kind of a cost benefit analysis. 1 2 THE WITNESS: Sorry. Did I do something? 2 But, also, if you are going to stay open 3 MR. CAMPBELL: No, you didn't do anything 3 longer, a lifeguard who shows up in the morning at whatever time the park opens is not going to be able 4 wrong. 4 5 THE WITNESS: Oh, okay. to stay later. So they are going to have to, to 6 In regard to prior to that, again I'm 6 increase in some way -- there is an additional 7 variable cost. If you have more people for staying 7 asking about the incident and accidents where they happen because that -- from the construction side, 8 open later, that needs to be a consideration and a it's -- you know, I -- part of me wishes I had done 9 cost benefit analysis. 10 something maybe sooner as I'm knowing that NASCO is 10 And the lifeguards are a variable cost? Q. 11 A. I would say yes. doing their investigation and everybody else is doing theirs. But it's how do I get the information so we 12 12 Q. 13 13 can sit down at our management committee meeting and, Under the asterisk of insurance, you go on 14 and review what happened and how do you, how do you to say: 15 "Insurance: Need to discuss limits avoid it whether it's a tub (sic) stoning -- excuse me, tub stubbing or dehydration or bumped head. 16 for next year. Want to review all 17 But, so that's, that's the agenda, and 17 incidents/accidents and status of each, which 18 I -- so... 18 slide they occurred on, what could have BY MR. CAMPBELL: 19 prevented them, current update on where they 19



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Q. Are you done?

the other items on there or not.

I didn't know if you wanted to go through

Did NASCO ever provide any documentation

Do you recall what the question was?

No, actually, I don't know that I do.

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1 on what they were doing or not doing?

2 A. I, I understood they were doing

3 inspections. I did not see a report from the

4 inspections or the investigations.

- 5 Q. As you sit here today, you are not aware
- 6 of any documentation NASCO provided, correct?
- 7 A. No. No, sir.
- 8 Q. No, sir, you're not aware?
- 9 A. No, sir, I'm not aware of --
- 10 Q. Any documentation?
- 11 A. -- any documentation.
- 12 Q. Okay. This email is signed off as Slade,
- 13 president R&O Construction --
- 14 A. Correct.
- 15 Q. -- correct?
- 16 A. Correct.
- 17 Q. And you were president of R&O Construction
- 18 at the time that you sent this out, correct?
- 19 A. That is correct. I'm also a managing
- 20 committee member of Henderson Water Park. All my
- 21 emails come from the same email address.
- MR. MIRKOVICH: I think we covered all
- 23 that.
- 24 MR. CAMPBELL: Thank you. Yeah, that was
- 25 my thought.

- 10 wanted a copy for our file, so yes.
 - A. Yes. I don't know what the date of the

He may have told me he had it earlier. I

What he is talking about there is the

by the Southern Nevada Health District, correct?

Okay. And you received this as

essentially your first notification of the actual

variance that had been granted, correct?

But it was on or about?

variance on the lifeguards that was ultimately granted

- 13 variance was.
 - Q. But it was on or about May of 2016, right?
- 15 A. I think that's fair to say.

approved staffing plan."

That is correct.

- 16 Q. This would have been in excess of a year
- 17 that he first told you incorrectly and falsely that
- 18 you could staff pursuant to the Southern Nevada Health
- 19 District's approval of it as-needed basis?
- 20 A. Well --
 - Q. Right?
 - A. -- I don't believe that Shane had told me
- 23 in May or whatever the prior year that he had the
- 24 approval. I, I think in his mind, I believe --
- Q. Withdraw the question.

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- 1 Let's go to this one, please.
- 2 You are right and I'm wrong.
- 3 MR. GORMLEY: Say that again, please.
- 4 MR. CAMPBELL: He is right, as he usually
- 5 is, and I'm wrong.
- 6 MR. GORMLEY: We want to get that down.
- 7 MR. LOGAN: Separate disk.
- 8 MR. MIRKOVICH: 60, please.
- 9 (Deposition Exhibit 60 marked.)
- 10 BY MR. CAMPBELL:
- 11 Q. Do you have Exhibit 60 in front of you?
- 12 A. Yes, I do.
- Q. This is an email from Shane Huish to you,
- 14 correct?
- 15 A. Correct.
- 16 Q. And this involves the variance approvals,
- 17 correct?
- 18 A. Yes, that's correct.
- 19 Q. The date of this email is Friday,
- 20 May 13th, 2016, at 10:06 a.m. Greenwich Time, right?
- 21 Meridian Time?
- 22 A. I don't know. I call it Mountain Time.
- 23 Q. Yeah. Slade Opheikens, okay.
- 24 "Hi, Slade, I resent the email that
- 25 had the variance approval as well as the

- 1 A. Okay.
 - 2 Q. This comes to you a full year and one
 - 3 month after you congratulated Shane on being so
 - 4 persistent, right?
 - 5 A. When he gets the variance, that, that is 6 correct.
 - 7 Q. That's the question.
 - If you look at 52 where you're
 - 9 congratulating him for being so persistent?
 - 10 A. Yes
 - Do you want me to grab that, is that what
 - 12 you're asking?
 - 13 Q. Yes. I don't want you to think I'm trying
 - 14 to pull a quick one on you here.
 - 15 A. No, I -- okay.
 - 16 Q. That email was in fact on April Fool's
 - 17 Day --

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- A. Okay.
- 19 Q. -- coincidentally and probably apropos.
- 20 A. I was on vacation, so...
- MR. GORMLEY: It's my birthday.
- 22 BY MR. CAMPBELL:
- 23 Q. On 2015, right?
- 24 A. That is correct.
 - O. And the variance -- and it's a variance,



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- it's not any sort of as-needed plan approval, comes in
- a full year and one month later approximately,
- 3 correct?
- 4 A. I believe so.
- 5 Okay. Did -- withdraw.
- 6 MR. MIRKOVICH: 61.
- 7 (Deposition Exhibit 61 marked.)
- 8 BY MR. CAMPBELL:
- 9 61 is a Henderson Water Park meeting
- 10 reminder, correct?
- 11 Α. Yes.
- 12 Sent to you on or about Tuesday, the 24th
- of January 2017, correct? 13
- 14 Α. Correct.
- 15 Reminding that the meeting is Thursday
- from 10:00 till 3:00 at R&O's Salt Lake City office, 16
- correct? 17
- 18 Α. Correct.
- 19 Q. Who was in attendance at that meeting?
- 20 Ultimately I don't, I don't recall who all
- 21 attended. I, I would assume that the persons listed
- in the invite were all in attendance; but I'm, I'm not
- 23 positive if Craig and Tom made it or not or...
- 24 Well, the import of this is in fact that
- 25 there is going to be some special guest visitors,

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- 2 We will have a couple of guest visitors,
- 3 yes, from IAM.
- 4 Q. James Harhi from IAM; is that correct?
- 5 A. Yes.

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- 6 The lifeguard group. And Spencer Richins
- from the Bank of Utah, right? 7
- 8 Yes.
- Why did you want Spencer -- why was
- 10 Spencer Richins going to attend this meeting at which
- 11 James Harhi was going to be present?
- 12 I don't recall, but I think they came in
- 13 at two different times. Scott had scheduled that and
- 14 arranged it. So I could look down through the agenda
- 15 to try to refresh.
- 16 Q. Well, there was a new lifeguard management
- 17 contract, right?
- 18 Yes. There was by -- this is what date?
- 19 This is 2017.
- 20 And that management contract, that new
- lifeguard management contract had been provided to the
- bank, correct? 22
- 23 A. I don't know.
- 24 Q. The loan committee or the loan officer, I
- 25 should say?

- 1 I don't know if that was given to the, to
- 2 the bank or not.
- 3 Q. There was a management report as well,
- 4 correct, what was up, what was down?
 - Yes, it says that.
- 6 There was an insurance update from Lance
- 7 Barnwell; is that correct?
- 8 It says that, ves.
 - Okay. There was an update from the Bank Q.
- 10 of Utah regarding the line of credit; is that correct?
- 11 Well, it says there is a working lunch
- with Spencer from 12:00 to 12:45, and then it says 12
- there is a line of credit. So I don't know if Spencer
- stays for the line of credit refinance of the loan or 15 not.
- 16 Q. Well, what was the talk about with respect
- to refinancing of the loan, do you recall? 17
- 18 I don't. I mean, I could guess. There
- 19 had been discussions about a possible refinance and I
- don't, I don't recall if they're meeting with Spencer
- 21 to see how it would work.
- 22 Why was there discussions about O.
- 23 refinancing the loan?
 - I don't, I don't recall why there was.
- 25 Was, was there a failure to meet timely Q.

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- payments on the loan obligation? 1
 - 2 I don't believe so. A.
 - Q. Okay. So you just can't offer any
 - 4 explanation for that?
 - Well, I don't recall at the --
 - Q. If you don't recall, you don't recall,
 - 7 okay. We can get it another way. Don't worry about 8 it.
 - 9 Α. No, that's okay.
 - 10 That's all right. O.
 - MR. MIRKOVICH: 62.
 - 12 (Deposition Exhibit 62 marked.)

 - 13 BY MR. CAMPBELL:
 - 14 This is an email from you, Slade Opheikens
 - 15 to Chet Opheikens regarding IAM Corporate
 - Cowabunga Bay Management 2017 PDF.
 - 17 A. Correct.
 - And Marc Glissman? Q.
 - 19 Correct. Α.
 - Q. RES 2016 document.
 - 21 A. Correct.
 - All right. What's this all about? 22 O.
 - 23 A. This was -- well, let me look at it again
 - 24 before I guess.
 - 25 But this -- the timing and summary is, as



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I stated earlier, after the drowning of, and I apologize, I say his name wrong, Daquan Bankston.

3 Scott had approached us and said Shane had approached him about getting a new person, getting

someone else involved as the general manager because 6 he couldn't handle it. And Marc Glissman with IAM

7 was, I believe, the one who had been recommended.

8 So this information had been sent to me 9 and to Chet and to Craig. I don't think Chet was able 10 to open it the first time, so I re-forwarded it to him 11 and it was the packet of information on I believe Marc 12 Glissman's resume and background.

13 Okay. And that was considered by the 14 management committee?

15 A. Yes.

16 Okay. Do you recall I asked you a O.

question earlier today with respect to Shane Huish saying that he didn't have enough experience in

running a water park or aquatic features?

20 I recall you asking that, yes.

21 Okay. And do you recall telling me that

you never had any information to that effect? 22

23 A. I don't recall Shane telling me he didn't 24 have enough experience to run a park.

25 I asked you whether or not you had ever 1 MR. MIRKOVICH: 63.

MR. CAMPBELL: -- 63.

3 BY MR. CAMPBELL:

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4 Q. You will see in this email that Shane

sends to his brother Scott, who is also a member of

the management committee for Cowabunga Bay, a

discussion regarding major concerns with aquatics and

8 risk management. Do you see that?

9 Can I take a sec to read it, I don't

10 recall seeing this before.

11 Sure. It starts right here. "That I

12 have..." That's the part I'm going to ask you about.

13 Α. Okay. I'm just going to browse it real 14 quick.

15 Q. That's fine. You take all the time you

16 feel is necessary.

(Brief pause in the proceedings.)

18 THE WITNESS: Okay.

19 BY MR. CAMPBELL:

20 So what he is telling you, and you can go

21 to an earlier part of the email, what he's saying,

what Shane is saying is he is sending this out and he

is saying this. Okay, subject matter that he is

24 covering with Scott, okay, is dealing with an

additional proposal by IAM Aquatics Management Group.

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1 received that information from any source at all, do

you recall my asking you that question?

3 I don't recall how you phrased it, but to 4 answer it, I don't recall ever receiving anything like 5 that.

6 O. Okay. Or being informed of anything like 7 that?

8 Of, of Shane's ability to manage the park? A.

9 Right. Q.

10 I don't recall receiving that.

11 MR. CAMPBELL: Could we go to the next in 12 order.

13 MR. MIRKOVICH: 63, please.

14 (Deposition Exhibit 63 marked.)

15 BY MR. CAMPBELL:

16 I'm going to go back in time now from 17 this, from the email 62, which was on June 30th, 2017,

okay, and I'm now going back in time to December 1 of

2015. This is about six months, seven months or so

20 after my client drowns in your pool. Are you with me?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q.

23 Can I get a copy of the exhibit, sorry.

24 MR. MIRKOVICH: There you go.

25 MR. CAMPBELL: This is Exhibit --

And he says that, quote: 1

"I really feel we need the expertise

3 to help us manage for a season or two and

4 help set up the aquatics department." 5

Do you see that?

Yes. A.

7 Okay. And you will further see, as I

represented correctly, this is about seven months or

so after my client drowns in your pool, December 1,

10 2015 correct?

> Α. That is correct.

12 Okay. He says that:

"I feel absolutely confident with

14 other areas of the park."

What other areas of the park would be

16 entailed besides aquatics?

17 MR. GORMLEY: Let me object. Calls for

speculation.

19 THE WITNESS: Well, aside from aquatics, I

20 don't know if he -- I am guessing he is referring

21 to --

22 BY MR. CAMPBELL:

23 Q. Marketing?

24 Marketing and food and beverage or

25 maintenance is my assumption.



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Gardner vs Henderson Water Park, LLC, et al. page 288 So he is feeling, he is feeling he is THE WITNESS: Yeah, he is saying -- I 1 1 2 qualified in that area, but he is not confident in his 2 mean, he's saying: " 3 I really need help in this area, I qualifications for the aquatics department, correct? 4 MR. SMITH: Misstates the exhibit. 4 don't feel confident that Rich or myself have 5 5 the experience to bring it to where I would THE WITNESS: He says he has: 6 "...major concerns with the aquatics 6 like it to be." 7 7 I don't know if I interpret that to mean I and risk management and I strongly feel we 8 8 want it to be -- I actually interpret it to mean I need to bring in experts to set up programs, 9 want it to be better than what it has been and I don't training and policies to make our aquatics 10 department top notch. I really need help in think I can get it there, if I am interpreting --11 this area. Don't feel confident Rich or 11 BY MR. CAMPBELL: 12 12 myself have the experience to bring the He wants an expert brought in, right? 13 Yeah, he wants to raise the bar, I believe 13 department to where I would like it to be." 14 BY MR. CAMPBELL: 14 is what he is saying. 15 15 From his very, very low bar, right? Right. He doesn't feel he's up to the Q. 16 MR. GORMLEY: Let me object. He didn't task, right? 16 17 MR. GORMLEY: I'm going to object to 17 say that. 18 speculation of this witness. 18 BY MR. CAMPBELL: 19 MR. CAMPBELL: I want that on there, Q. I'm going to ask you all these questions 19 20 in front of a jury. please. 21 21 BY MR. CAMPBELL: Α. That's okay. 22 22 Go ahead. Q. Okay. Q. 23 MR. GORMLEY: And they'll be objected to. 23 So I'm --A. 24 24 BY MR. CAMPBELL: Q. He is saying he is not confident? 25 He is doubting himself at this point. 25 Do you believe his bar was a lower bar page 289 than IAM? 1 Q. Right. He doesn't have enough experience, 1 I don't believe Shane set a low bar. I 2 right? 3 think Shane made a bad judgment call in the lifeguard MR. SMITH: Misstates the exhibit. count. But from everything that I had seen previously 4 MR. CAMPBELL: I'd like that one as well, to that and other areas of the park, he had done a 5 please. good job. 6 THE WITNESS: "I don't feel confident 6 7 that Rich and myself have the experience to 7 That's how you characterize it? A bad 8 judgment in violating the directive of the Southern bring the department to where I would like it Nevada Health District? 9 to be." 10 10 BY MR. CAMPBELL: MR. GORMLEY: Objection. Argumentative. He actually used the words, "I don't feel 11 BY MR. CAMPBELL: 11 12 confident," right? 12 That's how you're characterizing it? 13 That is bad judgment. It's definitely not Correct. 13 A. 14 14 good judgment. He also says that: Q. Is there anything else that you can 15 "We need expertise to help us manage 15 characterize it as? for a season or two to help set up the 16 16 17 aquatics department." **17** Horrific. I don't know. I wished, I wished he never would have made that decision. I 18 Correct? 18 19 19 Correct. also, you know. Α.



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So we know that within months of my client

drowning, he is actually memorializing the fact that

he is not up to the task, that you need an expert in

MR. SMITH: Misstates the exhibit.

MR. GORMLEY: Calls for speculation.

there to run that aquatics department, correct?

But despite those unqualified reservations

in the exhibit that Shane himself was sharing with a member of the management committee, the responsibility

surrendered by him through any sort of a directive by

the management committee until Daquan Bankston died,

for the aquatics operation at the park were never

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25 complete his answer.

MR. GORMLEY: I'm objecting to continued

questioning without him having an opportunity to

page 290 page 292 correct? MR. CAMPBELL: Withdraw the question. 1 1 2 A. That's not correct. 2 BY MR. CAMPBELL: 3 3 Q. Q. When did Daquan Bankston die? Okay. So he surrendered those duties at 4 the direction of the management committee before June approximately 16th or 17th of 2017. 5 Daquan Bankston died? And so the aquatics department and in fact 5 6 The oversight of the aquatics on or about 6 the park itself was thereafter run by IAM, correct? 7 when Scott and I met in August 4th, I believe was the 7 IAM and Chris and all lifeguards were date we identified of 2015, Shane was relieved of 8 brought in at the end of the 2015 season and put under 9 overseeing the aquatics at that point in time. And IAM. So that's approximately a year and a half prior 10 that's when he we met with Richard Woodhouse and let to Daquan's drowning, I think, if I'm looking at that 11 Richard know that was his responsibility to take on 11 correctly. 12 and that he had --12 Q. Is that your answer? 13 What happened after Daquan died? Tell us 13 If we are basing it off when Daquan 14 what happened after Daquan died with respect --14 drowned, IAM was brought in in late -- I'm trying to 15 A. Can I finish --15 think and I make sure I have the date right, late 16 Q. No. 2015. 16 17 -- my last answer? 17 Do you recall the question? Q. 18 Q. I'm withdrawing the question. 18 A. Well, I don't know because you asked me 19 19 A. two or three. 20 Tell us what happened with respect to the 20 Q. MR. CAMPBELL: Could you repeat the 21 duties of Shane after Daquan died, how did they 21 question that I asked the gentleman. 22 22 change? (Record read as follows:) 23 MR. GORMLEY: Objection. Relevancy. 23 "Q. When did Daquan Bankston die? 24 THE WITNESS: Shane asked if he could have 24 "A. June approximately 16th or 17th lesser -- not be the general manager. And we had 25 of 2017. page 293 1 brought in -- Scott had interviewed the IAM or however 1 "Q. And so the aquatics department 2 they got brought in with Marc Glissman who was brought and in fact the park itself was thereafter 2 3 in for the rest of that year, to see how the park was 3 run by IAM, correct?" 4 working and operating as a general manager. 4 BY MR. CAMPBELL: 5 And they took over all operational duties, 5 Q. Q. Is that correct or is it incorrect? correct? Okay. After Daguan, that is correct that 6 6 7 A. That is, that is in June, July, whatever IAM comes in and -- but they are, but the aquatics was the date is of 2017, I believe. being run by IAM prior to that also. 8 9 9 Right. Q. Thank you. 10 10 Α. **But Shane --**So have you received any reservation of 11 Q. When did Daquan -rights notice by any insurance company with respect to -- had been relieved of aquatics --12 12 liability coverage in this case? 13 Q. -- Bankston die? 13 A. I've heard that term, but I don't, I don't 14 Α. Shane had been relieved of aquatics in 14 understand what it is. 15 2015 --15 Where the insurance company says we are 16 When did Daquan Bankston die? not saying we are paying for any liability that is 17 MR. GORMLEY: You have to let him finish 17 caused by your negligence and is found to have been so 18 his answer. caused, we are reserving our right to reject any such 19 MR. CAMPBELL: No, he is now volunteering. 19 request for coverage. 20 MR. GORMLEY: No, he is not. 20 I've heard the term, so I may have 21 BY MR. CAMPBELL: 21 received something. I just don't recall if I did or 22 When did Daquan Bankston die, before or --22 not.



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Who do you believe you may have received

Well, I would guess if I received it, that

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- 1 it would likely go to, from the insurance company to,
- 2 to Scott and then Scott would forward it on to us. I
- 3 don't know if the insurance company would send it to
- 4 our counsel and to us if we in fact received it, I'm
- 5 just not sure.
- 6 Q. Have you met with any insurance
- 7 investigators at any time?
- 8 A. I met with the insurance attorney. And
- 9 I'm sorry, I draw a blank on. But I don't believe I
- 10 met with an investigator.
- 11 Q. Well, you said that there was an
- 12 investigation right after my client drowned in your
- 13 pool by the insurance company, do you recall that?
 - A. I believe, I believe I was told that. I
- 15 had heard NASCO was doing an investigation, that the
- 16 police, that the health department. How soon, when I
- 17 say the insurance company, once they are notified that
- 18 they are doing whatever they do. I, I don't know how
- 19 in depth their investigation is.
- Q. Do you recall what the question was?
- 21 A. You asked if I had the insurance company,
- 22 knew the insurance company did an investigation, I
- 23 think.

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- Q. No, you already told me that much earlier
- 25 in your testimony.

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- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. Okay. And that took place within how many
- 4 weeks or months of the drowning of my client?
 - A. I, I don't recall.
- 6 Q. Okay. Relative -- within six months?
 - A. I would guess within six months. But they
- 8 were going through their discovery period of gathering
- 9 information, so I really don't know.
- 10 Q. Is it your testimony that you never met
- 11 with anyone from the insurance company regarding --
 - A. No, I --
- O. -- this event?
 - A. I, I think we had met with the insurance
- 15 attorney. I don't recall --
- 16 Q. I'm not talking about defense attorneys
- 17 provided to you by the insurance company.
- 18 A. Okay.
 - Q. You're talking about actual attorneys that
- 20 represent the insurance company --
 - A. Correct.
- Q. -- and not you, right?
- 23 A. Correct, I'm referring --
- 24 Q. Okay. Right.
- 25 A. -- to counsel who represents the insurance

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- 1 A. Okay.
- Q. Okay. That investigation that was
- 3 conducted by an insurance company, was that ever
- 4 shared with you?
- 5 A. When I say investigation, they are
- 6 gathering all the documents. So maybe I, when I say
- 7 investigation --
- 8 Q. I'm using the terms you used under oath.
- 9 It wasn't a term I selected. It was one that you
- 10 selected. So here is the question.
- 11 A. Okay.
- 12 Q. It's based upon your use of that term
- 13 repeatedly.
- Did you receive any report of the
- 15 investigation conducted by the insurance company?
- 16 A. I don't know if I received -- I received
- 17 verbal summaries from the insurance counsel of what
- 18 they had.
- 19 Q. Of the insurance company?
- 20 A. Yes.
- Q. Okay. Who was that?
- 22 A. I, I don't remember his name. If you said
- 23 it, I'm sure I would recognize it.
- Q. But it was the insurance company's lawyer
- 25 that was telling you what their investigation had

- 1 company.
- 2 Q. Right
 - A. I know I spoke with him several times. I
- 4 don't recall if I met him. I don't recall meeting
- 5 with an investigator.
- 6 Q. Where was he located when you spoke to
- 7 him?
- 8 A. The gentleman for the insurance company?
- 9 O. That's the question.
- 10 A. I believe he is based in Las Vegas.
 - Q. Okay. And this was over the phone?
- 12 A. Most our conversations were over the
- 13 phone.
- Q. Were you the only participant in the phone
- 15 call with the insurance company's representative
- 16 lawyer or were other members of the management
- 17 committee participants?
- 18 A. I believe when we would have phone calls 19 with them, there were other people on the call.
- 20 Q. Did Mr. Welch participate in those
- 21 discussions?
- A. I, I don't recall.
 - Q. Did Orluff participate?
- 24 A. I think Orluff would have been on a call.
 - Q. And why do you think that?



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Because he's, I guess, just there with me. 2 You know, I don't know who else may or may not have 3 been on the call. I don't know if our own counsel

would have been on or not.

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5 You tried to acquire more insurance 6 coverage for the incident involving my client's drowning shortly after the incident occurred, correct? 7

8 A. I, I contacted, I believe, Lance Barnwell 9 is the insurance agent for the park. And I believe my question as we found out the severity of this, of this accident, was to inquire again with Lance of "Do we have, do we" -- I don't know how I worded it. "Do we 12 13 have sufficient coverage?"

I believe Lance's response was that, "You 14 15 do, but should the" -- I don't know if he said a perfect storm or something like that -- "hit and you 16 17 had another incident in that same," I don't know if 18 they used the term calendar year or policy year "were 19 to occur, you may not have sufficient limits."

20 And so I had asked him or we had asked him 21 to get us quotes for additional limits to finish the 22 vear out.

23 Did you ever seek, either you or your 24 father ever seek additional coverage for this particular incident involving Leland Gardner?

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2 MR. GORMLEY: Let me object. Lack of foundation regarding his knowledge of that.

BY MR. CAMPBELL:

Go ahead. O. Do you know how much the policy is for? The policy I believe is total of

8 5 million.

9 Q. Right. How much are your policy limits 10 now?

11 I think we are at 9 or 10.

12 You don't know? Q.

13 I think we are, I can't remember. Α.

14 Q. Okay. But in any event, the policy limits

15 for Leland Gardner under the policies as existing at

that time of the incident were just 5 million, 17

correct?

18 Well, they were 5 million and that was at 19 the advice of the insurance carriers that I asked prior to having them, what is their recommendation? 21 And they recommended that 5 million would be

22 sufficient for this type and location of water park.

23 So I relied on them. And I even got a second opinion

24 from, at some point, from Moreton & Company to say

25 where should our limits be?

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1 I don't, I don't know how we would get 2 post insurance for something that already --3

O. Right.

4 A. -- had occurred.

5 O. But do you know that that was the subject 6 of discussion?

7 To get additional insurance for the --

Post. Yeah, post incident? Q.

9 Well, I had discussions with Lance about 10 getting additional insurance to finish the year out,

but I don't recall it being about how do we get it for

12 this item. I wish there was, but I don't think you

13 can do that.

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14 You understand that my client Leland 15 Gardner is catastrophically injured for life?

Α. Yes, I do.

17 Q. And you understand that there was a

certain amount of coverage, correct? 18

19 Α.

20 Q. Liability coverage through an insurance

21 policy?

22 Α. That's correct.

23 And you understand that the liability

coverage is -- that amount of coverage would be

completely inadequate to cover his life care expenses,

1 And has there been any, any decision made 2 of any kind or type -- withdraw.

3 Has there been any discussion concerning a demand upon those insurance carrier representatives to indemnify you in any way for the advice to the effect 5 that 5 million was sufficient coverage?

7 A. I don't know if a demand has been made.

I, I do think a question was asked of is there -- are

they at fault for their recommendation? You know.

10 And I don't even know if I had that conversation with 11 Orluff in brainstorming or who, who it may have been

with, because I, I don't understand how that works. I

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do not know if a demand has been made to that

14 insurance company.

15 Has there been any formal communication in writing with the insurance company to that effect; that is why, "Why do we only have \$5 million of

coverage for an event involving the operation of a

19 water park at which children are attending and can 20

die?"

21 Well, on a couple of occasions, I believe 22 I had emailed Lance Barnwell. Not just the initial,

23 but I believe a couple of times inquiring about what

should the limits be or do we have sufficient

coverage? And I believe each time he had said, "Yes,



- 1 you do," with the exception of when we had the
- 2 accident with Leland. He said, "You probably ought to
- 3 consider more in case there is another accident." I
- don't think that, I don't think that he had ever come
- back and said you should have substantially more than 5
- 6 that.

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- 7 Q. Do you recall the question?
- 8 I believe so. I think you asked if there
- was anything in writing and my writing is my emails
- 10 back and forth with me and Lance asking about limits.
- 11 Okay. But do those emails go to the issue
- 12 of why did we only have this limited amount of
- coverage when we are operating a water park that
- caters to children and children can drown?
- 15 I don't recall if I worded anything in 16 that manner.
- 17 Do you know if anyone from Cowabunga
- 18 management team or operations has done that?
- 19 A. I don't know if they did. It would most
- 20 likely be either Scott or myself. We were the ones
- 21 that usually interacted with Lance.
- 22 Has Scott Huish communicated with the
- 23 insurance carrier's representatives on that issue;
- that is, being underinsured for a catastrophic event

I don't know if he has or not. I don't

markets to families; that is, couples and single folks

and adults that have children, the safety of children,

providing an adequate system to protections for their

many kids there, I would like to ask you a question

you would agree, is, is an essential component to

I would agree with that, yes.

with respect to your background --

-- investigations.

Okay. Given the fact that Cowabunga Bay

Okay. In that regard, because you have so

Do you do any background investigations on

We have done -- are you referring to at

Okay. Henderson Water Park, I don't know.

any of your employees with respect to their history of

R&O Construction or, or Henderson Water Park?

connected as you told me before. Go ahead and tell me

No, all of it. I know they are all

sexual predation or assaults or harassment, anything

involving the drowning of a child?

recall if he has.

tender years, correct?

Okav.

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of that nature?

for all of them.

25 I'm not involved in the hiring --

Okav. Q.

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- -- of employees there.
- At R&O Construction, we have done some
- background checks. I don't conduct those. And I
- don't know to what extent that they, that they do
- those. I believe if we have to have somebody working
- on a federal base, we have to do additional --
- 8 Q. Oh, of course.
 - -- additional research to, to make sure A.
- 10 they can get through the gate.
- 11 Um-hum. But my question is more directed
- 12 to the kids. Okay?
- Okay. 13 A.
 - Q. Would you, would you agree with me that
- 15 background checks should be done on employees who are
- in close proximity on a daily basis with children?
- 17 MR. GORMLEY: Let me object. It's
- 18 improper hypothetical, calls for expert opinion.
- 19 BY MR. CAMPBELL:
- 20 Q. Go ahead, sir.
 - MR. GORMLEY: Lack of foundation.
- 22 BY MR. CAMPBELL:
- 23 Go ahead, sir.
 - I, I don't know. I mean --A.
- 25 You don't know?

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page 305 Well, I think every indus- -- many, many 1

- industries are dealing with children. These children
- aren't alone in a classroom like a school teacher may
- be, or. So I haven't thought of that in a pool where
- 5 everything is open and visible. I hadn't thought of
- that. 6
- 7 Do any of the children who attend your
- 8 park go the bathroom in bathrooms?
- 9 I would assume that they do.
- 10 Do they have lockers where they can Q.
- 11 change?
- 12 MR. GORMLEY: Objection. Irrelevancy.
- 13 Go ahead.
- 14 THE WITNESS: There are -- there is a
- 15 locker area. I don't know if it's -- I don't recall
- if it's in a secured room or not.
- 17 BY MR. CAMPBELL:
- 18 But you would agree that employees of
- Cowabunga Bay are in close proximity with children on
- a daily basis, right? 20
- 21 A. With children and families.
- 22 Is it your contention that background
- checks should not be done on your employees that are
- 24 working with children? That can be simply answered yes or no.



2 believe that the background check needs to be done

3 solely for that, for that purpose. 4 Oh, I agree. But do you believe that that

A. I, I don't -- as I sit here, I don't

is one of the purposes a background check should be

6 done for your employees that are in close proximity 7 with children on a daily basis?

8 MR. GORMLEY: Again, calls for expert opinion. Lacks foundation. Incomplete hypothetical. 10 Irrelevancy.

11 THE WITNESS: I haven't -- I have never thought of it or considered that it would be done. I 12

haven't considered the water park --

BY MR. CAMPBELL:

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15 Q. I'm asking you now.

16 A. So I don't, I don't believe a background

check, if you're referring to everybody who ever works 17

18 there. I think I would be as more concerned with the

visitors who come in and how do we --19

20 Q. No, you are changing my question.

21 A. Okav.

22 I'm not -- I don't want you to ask

yourself your own question and answer it. My question 23

is simply this.

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Do you believe that the employees of Cowabunga Bay that are in daily proximity with

3 children should undergo background checks?

4 I mean, sitting here talking about it, it 5 could be a good idea.

6 Q. Thank you.

7 I don't -- I don't know that it's being A. 8 done.

9 Okay. Nor has it ever been done, correct? Q.

10 Α. I'm not sure if it's ever been done, I don't know. 11

12 And that's -- but that is a safety issue Q. 13 as well, you would agree, correct?

14 It's -- it's a -- whether you categorize **15** under -- it's definitely an issue and a concern.

Q. Right.

17 A. As it is in everything we ever do.

Sure. Yeah. 18 Q.

19 Including coming here. A.

20 Yeah. But I mean, when you're dealing

with kids that can't protect themselves on many 21

occasions, the issue of being assaulted or harassed or

touched inappropriately could have life-altering

24 consequences on them, do you agree?

MR. GORMLEY: Continued objection.

THE WITNESS: I think I could say that

2 about everywhere in the United States.

3 BY MR. CAMPBELL:

But certainly your park, your park falls

5 in that range too, right?

6 I think it could happen anywhere in the 7 **United States.**

8 Including your park where kids are 9 gathered in large amounts every day, correct?

And seen by many people.

11 Q. Um-hum. So you would agree with me in 12 that regard?

13 I would agree that there is a potential

14 that it could happen and it could happen anywhere,

15 including my own church room.

16 Q. Right. Exactly. Exactly.

Are background checks done in the offices

18 of R&O Construction?

> Not on all of our employees, no. Α.

20 On what employees are they done on? Q.

As I mentioned, when we have employees who

have to work on a federal base, we've had to do 22

background checks. 23

24 Q. Any others?

25 I'd probably have to check with our HR

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person to see if they do background checks on other 2 employees or not, I'm not sure.

3 O. Who was the head of HR at Cowabunga Bay in 4 2015?

5 Α. I don't know. I don't recall who that is.

Q. Has there ever been a bad faith letter

directed to your insurance company by any of your

counsel claiming a failure on their part to declare 9

this a catastrophic event?

10 MR. GORMLEY: I'm going to object to the 11 extent, I have to instruct him not to answer. It 12 seems like you are invading the privilege. Has he ever seen a letter? 13

> MR. CAMPBELL: No, of course not. Read it back so he can hear it again.

16 (Record read as follows:)

17 "Q. Has there ever been a bad faith

letter directed to your insurance company by any of your counsel claiming a failure on

their part to declare this a catastrophic

21 event?"

MR. GORMLEY: My objection is to the

extent that it invades the privilege, you can't talk

about it. If you discussed it or anything along those

lines, the question is have you seen such a letter,



you can answer that question.

2 BY MR. CAMPBELL:

- 3 Q. I'm not interested in whether or not you 4 discussed with your counsel --
- 5 A. Okay.
- 6 -- the particulars of sending a bad faith
- 7 letter to your insurance company for the failure to
- declare this a catastrophic event. 8
- 9 I'm asking you whether or not such a
- 10 letter was sent by your counsel to your insurance
- 11 company declaring their failure to declare this a
- catastrophic event to be bad faith? 12
- 13 I don't know. I don't know that I
- 14 understand what the term "catastrophic event" in the
- 15 insurance policy, what that triggers.
- In the same way that we both agreed that 16
- this has been a catastrophic event insofar as Leland 17
- 18 Gardner is concerned.
- 19 Α. Okav.
- 20 That he is brain impaired, bodily function
- 21 impaired in a catastrophic way for the rest of this
- life. That's how I mean that term. 22
- 23 I, I understand that. What I, what I
- 24 don't understand is in the insurance terminology if we
- give them notice of bad faith, I don't, I don't recall

- seeing something, but I don't think I understand what
- that, what that means. 2
- 3 What catastrophic means?
- 4 I understand what catastrophic, but the
- term, and maybe where I'm confused, the term
- "catastrophic" I remember seeing in the policy had to
- 7 do with PR. That they had a catastrophic event
- 8 clause --
- 9 That's right. O.
- 10 -- that could trigger them coming out and Α. 11 doing PR.
- 12 Q. Right.
- 13 I --Α.
- 14 Q. And advance \$250,000 towards that end,
- 15 correct?

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- 16 A. I don't recall the dollar amount.
- 17 O. All right. And they said this was not a
- 18 catastrophic event, correct?
- 19 As it related -- okay. So as it related
- 20 to that issue and PR, I had a conversation with them
- 21 about that. I don't recall the gentleman's name.
- And what I was explained is that, yeah, 22
- that coverage -- this is catastrophic from the extent
- 24 of what happened to Leland.
 - Their explanation of definition of

- page 310 catastrophic event was, I believe his analogy was an
 - airliner crashes and 100 people are dead or severely
 - 3 injured and there are massive, massive responses, not
 - a, not an individual has been injured.
 - 5 And did you ask him where that limitation
 - 6 was posted in the policy?
 - 7 I don't recall if I asked him where the
 - 8 limitation was. He had sent me that explanation, or
 - 9 told me that explanation, I should say.
 - 10 But am I to understand that no bad faith
 - 11 letter has been sent to the insurance company on the
 - basis of their failure to declare this incident
 - catastrophic under the terms of the policy? 13
 - Α. That I don't know.
 - 15 Q. Okay.
 - 16 I don't. A.
 - When did you receive a copy of the lawsuit
 - 18 that was filed in this action for the first time?
 - 19 I think it's late July or early August of
 - 20 2015.

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- 21 Q. And who gave it to you? How were you
- 22 provided it?
- 23 I'm going to assume I had a copy emailed
- 24 to me. I, I don't recall who it came from.
- 25 Okay. Did you read it?

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- 1 Α. Yeah, I believe I read it.
- 2 O. What were your thoughts upon reading it?
 - If I recall, when it was alleging
- 4 insufficient lifeguards. And I don't remember if
- certifications was one of it. And water clarity not
- being accurate or something.
- 7 I, I believe I received it and read it a
- day or two or so after the news reports that we had
- talked about had come out, and Shane had actually told
- us that he did not have the right number of
- 11 lifeguards, or correct number, whatever, at that time.
- 12 So I guess at that point, when I'm reading
- 13 the lawsuit, I know it more to be accurate with, with
- 14 some of the statements.
- 15 So you knew that, shortly after receiving
- the lawsuit, you found out that it was in fact true
- 17 that Shane did not have the correct amount of
- 18 lifeguards present, correct?
- 19 Yeah, sometime, I'm guessing days before
- is when we had learned that, that he didn't have the
- 21 correct number.
- 22 So what you mean to say is that sometime
- relatively soon after the event, the catastrophic
- event to my client took place in your pool, you did
- determine that he did not have the required number of



lifeguards present, correct? 1

- I believe it's July 30th is --
- 3 Q. Okay. The answer is --
- 4 A. -- when we found out.
- 5 -- yes, a couple of days?
- 6 Well, it's -- I'm sorry, sir, but you said
- 7 relatively soon.

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- 8 O. Yeah. I mean, exactly.
- 9 I, I thought that could be May 28th and so A.
- 10 it -- I don't know.
- 11 Let's reask the question.
- 12 A. Okay.
- 13 O. Okay.

14 Sometime after May 27th, within reasonably

- close proximity, you found out that Shane didn't have 15
- the required number of lifeguards on duty at the wave pool on the day that my client drowned, correct? 17
- 18 Just a little over -- well, July 30th, so
- 19 it's almost two months.
- Q. 21 time?

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- 22 Α. We, we heard in, in I think reports
- 23 started coming out in June in different newspapers --

That's when you found out for the first

- 24 Okay. Q.
- 25 A. -- that were stating it.

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- 1 Q. All right.
- 2 And it's July --Α.
- 3 Q. So you found out within, what? Weeks?
- 4 Well, the -- what is coming out in the
- 5 papers is claiming that, alleging it, yes.
- 6 And you find out that in fact it's true 7 that Shane did not have the required number of
- 8 lifeguards, right?
- 9 When -- prior to the July 30th date, we 10 were being told he had the correct number.
- Okay. And you thereafter received, after 11
- 12 you were informed that in fact the correct number of
- 13 lifeguards were not present, you were sued?
- Cowabunga Bay was sued? 14
- 15 We were. And there was an email, I'm A. trying to think, there's email in --16
- 17 Is the answer yes? Q.
- 18 Α. -- June.
- 19 You were sued after you found that out? Q.
- 20 Α.
- 21 Okay. And after you were sued, you read
- 22 the Complaint, correct, you read the lawsuit?
- 23 A. Correct.
- 24 And the lawsuit in fact alleged just that,
- that there was not the required coverage of lifeguards

on the day this little boy drowned in your pool,

2 right?

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- 3 Α. That is correct.
- 4 O. Okay. And when you read that, you knew
- that to be true, correct, that the allegation of
- Mr. and Mrs. Leland -- of Mr. and Mrs. Gardner
- 7 regarding that allegation was true, that the required
- number of lifeguards weren't present that day when
- their boy drowned, right?
- 10 A. That is correct.
 - Okay. Did, did you ever deny that in any
- 12 way, shape, or form on --
- 13 So -- okay. I'm sorry, go ahead. Α.
 - Q. Did you ever deny that in any way, shape,
- 15 or form in any capacity or did Cowabunga Bay deny it
- in any way, shape, or form or any capacity, that is,
- 17 the truthfulness of that allegation?
- 18 MR. GORMLEY: Let me object. I mean, it's
- 19 vague and ambiguous regarding Cowabunga Bay. He
- 20 doesn't have all the knowledge.
 - MR. CAMPBELL: Speaking objection. Again,
- 22 again --
- 23 MR. GORMLEY: Mark it down, will you,
- 24 please.
- 25 MR. CAMPBELL: But that doesn't mean that

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- you continue to violate the rules with impunity.
 - MR. GORMLEY: Doesn't mean you continue
 - it. We have gone over this area about five times
 - already today. And so, therefore, I'm letting you go.
 - But no, that's not good enough. You want to argue
 - every time we make some slight objection, which I
 - think is proper for the record.
 - 8 You've been doing it a long time, so have
 - I. Never had this type of problem before.
 - But it's been asked and answered. And he
 - I think has a lack of foundation regarding everything,
 - everything regarding Cowabunga Bay. 12
 - MR. CAMPBELL: Again, speaking objection.
 - 14 MR. GORMLEY: Sure.
 - 15 BY MR. CAMPBELL:
 - 16 Q. What is the answer to my question?
 - **17** Can you repeat it, please.
 - 18 Sure. Do you know whether anyone from the
 - management of Cowabunga Bay or Cowabunga Bay or any of
 - its associated entities ever denied the truthfulness
 - of the allegation contained in the Gardner's Complaint
 - to the effect that Cowabunga Bay did not have the
 - required number of lifeguards on the day their little
 - 24 boy suffered catastrophic injuries?
 - MR. SMITH: Calls for speculation. Calls



for a legal conclusion.

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MR. GORMLEY: Same objection.

3 MR. CAMPBELL: They really don't want you 4 to answer that question, do they?

5 THE WITNESS: Well, and it's --

6 MR. SMITH: Objection to the form of that 7 question.

8 THE WITNESS: Can I speak for what I know? 9 BY MR. CAMPBELL:

10 Q. Just answer the question, how about that?

11 A. Okay. For myself and we've already

12 reviewed one of my emails in June sometime, where I

was still under the impression that we had the correct

14 number. And, you know, I make the statement in an

15 email to whoever is copied on it that we need -- why

16 are they stating all this incorrect information?

17 If that's when I'm aware of that, I don't

18 think I'm doing it to deny it. My understanding or

impression at that time is: Why are they doing this?

20 Where is this information coming from?

So I don't recall if, I don't recall if

22 Shane made a statement or email at some point publicly

or to others that --23

24 Respectfully, sir, you have reframed the

question. You're asking yourself your own question.

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2 You've established a different foundation.

3 That's not what I'm asking. I'm asking --

4 MR. GORMLEY: Objection. Argumentative.

5 BY MR. CAMPBELL:

6 I'm asking after the suit was filed.

7 After the suit was filed. I'm sorry, I

8 thought you said ever. Okay.

9 The timeframe is after the suit was filed.

10 Remember I took you through it all. I'm going to take

you through it all again. The suit was filed, right? 11

12 Α. Okay. Okay.

13 O. You saw in there an allegation by Mr. and

Mrs. Gardner that in fact Cowabunga Bay did not have

15 the required number of lifeguards, correct?

16 A. That allegation.

17 Q. You told me you saw that.

18 That's in the --Α.

19 Right? Q.

20 That's in the claim, yeah. Α.

21 And you know that to be correct. That

22 that allegation that they made in their lawsuit is

true. You didn't have the required number of

24 lifeguards, right?

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I have been told that they don't have the

1 right number of lifeguards and it was being

investigated.

3 And you knew that at the time that you saw 4 the Complaint, the lawsuit, right?

I knew there weren't 17.

6 Right. They didn't have the required 7

number, right?

At that time, yes.

9 And you knew that the allegation to that O.

10 effect that they didn't have the required number that

11 was made by Mr. and Mrs. Gardner was truthful, that

was accurate, right? 12

> A. At that time, yes.

Yes. It absolutely was at that time and O.

15 thereafter has remained true, correct? That

allegation in the original Complaint was true. At the

event the event took place, they didn't have the

18 number of lifeguards that they needed, right?

> A. I believe that's correct.

20 Q. Okay, thank you.

Now, next question.

A. You can ask --

23 Did you ever deny that in any way, shape,

or form, the truthfulness of that allegation? You?

25 I'm trying to recall if I --

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MR. GORMLEY: We can't have conversations 1 with attorneys, so I don't think he is meaning to

3 debate that.

THE WITNESS: Okay.

5 BY MR. CAMPBELL:

6 Did you ever deny that allegation?

7 I'm trying to think if I denied that

8 allegation, sir.

9 O. Okay. Go ahead.

10 And is it the specific allegation of we

11 didn't have the right number of lifeguards as --

12 Q. The required number of lifeguards.

13 Α. Required number of lifeguards.

14 That's the issue that I have been

15 discussing with you for about 15 minutes now. Yes,

that's it. As alleged by the Gardners in their

17 Complaint that they filed that you read.

18 Α. Okav.

19 And that you admitted those allegations

20 were true. Did you ever deny them despite the fact

21 that you knew that they were in fact true?

22 When you use the word --

MR. GORMLEY: After. Go ahead.

24 THE WITNESS: After, if denying it because

25 it's under investigation, I don't know if I have



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- 1 something out there that says this isn't true, it
- 2 probably goes to -- I don't know. I don't recall
- 3 denying it. But I, I don't know.
- 4 BY MR. CAMPBELL:
- 5 Do you know whether or not Double Ott ever denied it? 6
- 7 After the --A.
- 8 O. After the lawsuit was initially filed?
- 9 I don't know if they did.
- 10 Q. Okay. Do you know whether or not
- Henderson Water Park ever denied the truthfulness of
- that affidavit -- of that allegation after the Lelands
- (sic) made it in their initial lawsuit? 13
- 14 Α. I don't recall.
- 15 MR. GORMLEY: Shane, how much time do we
- 16 have?
- 17 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: About 33 minutes.
- 18 MR. CAMPBELL: Let's take a quick break.
- 19 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We are going off the
- 20 record at approximately 5:42 p.m.
- 21 (Recessed from 5:42 p.m. to 5:49 p.m.)
- 22 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We are back on the
- record. The time is approximately 5:49 p.m. 23
- 24 BY MR. CAMPBELL:
- 25 How is your calendar kept? Is it on your

- because when I'm in Vegas, I'm not always just at the
- water park. Sometimes I'm hitting job sites or maybe
- stopping by the water park. And usually when I'm
- doing those kind of visits, they are not calendared
- 5 in.
- 6 You do stop by the water park? Q.
- 7 A. I have.
- 8 Q. Okay. And do you have a calendar that's
- 9 kept in another form besides Outlook?
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- 11 O. So that's the only form you keep your
- 12 calendar in?
- 13 Well, on my, on my iPhone I think it's
- 14 called something different, but that's what it syncs
- 15 with.

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- 16 Q. Okay. And what is it called in your
- 17 iPhone?
- 18 A. Whatever the app is on --
 - Whatever the iPhone app is? Q.
- 20 Called iCal or something like that or A.
- 21 whatever it is.
- 22 Okay. And was that your custom and
- 23 practice from 2014 through and inclusive of today, to
- keep your calendar in that fashion?
- 25 I believe I have used it that way for that

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- computer? Is it handwritten?
- 2 I do both. Α.
- 3 Q. Okay. Let's talk about on your computer.
- 4 Okay. Α.
- 5 Q. How is it maintained?
- 6 Α. I have meetings in Outlook calendar.
- 7 Okay. And your meetings are located in
- 8 Outlook, and those meetings would include meetings
- 9 that you have for R&O Construction?
- 10 Α. Yes.
- Q. For Cowabunga Bay? 11
- 12 Yeah, they could be in there also. Α.
- 13 O. Would it indicate travel?
- 14 I don't, I don't know if it would indicate Α.
- **15** travel or not.
- It might? 16 Q.
- **17** A. It might.
- 18 Q. Would it indicate when you're at the park?
- 19 If it was like a committee meeting that
- 20 specifically said we are meeting this location, this
- day, then it likely would. 21
- 22 Would it indicate those days in which you
- 23 were touring the park and finding issues with respect
- 24 to the floats, the signage, things of that nature? 25 I, I don't know that it would have that,

- page 325 long. I don't know that I always enter every meeting that I, that I have, but...
 - Who maintains your calendar for you?
 - 4 A. I do myself.
 - 5 Q. Do you have an executive assistant?
 - 6 Α. No.
 - 7 Q. Have you ever had an executive assistant?
 - Laurie, Laurie Blanscett at our office
 - does some things as far as when we are scheduling
 - company events that I will ask her to coordinate. But
 - 11 as far as travels or meetings or anything like that, I
 - 12 do it myself.
 - 13 Okay. When you travel to Las Vegas,
 - Nevada, do you travel on a common carrier?
 - 15 I primarily use Southwest or Delta.
 - 16 Okay. And do you maintain a Delta Q.
 - 17 SkyMiles account?
 - Yes, I do.
 - 19 Do you maintain a Southwest SkyMiles O.
 - 20 account?
 - 21 Α. Yes, I do.
 - 22 Do you have a Delta credit card or O.
 - 23 Delta-sponsored credit card?
 - 24 Α. I have, I have an American Express.
 - Okay. Is all your travel billed to your Q.



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- American Express? 1
 - A. No.

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- 3 Q. Okay. What is it billed to?
- 4 It depends if I'm coming for -- actually,
- most the time it's to my, if it's work-related,
- **R&O Construction Visa.** 6
- 7 Okay. Is that R&O Visa, is that an R&O Q.
- 8 Visa account?
- 9 Α. Yes, sir.
- 10 Q. Okay. Does, does Double Ott have any
- 11 credit accounts?
- 12 Not, not that I'm aware of. I don't know.
- 13 When you travel for Double Ott or
- 14 Cowabunga Bay, what account is charged for that, for
- your travel? 15
- 16 I believe I'm coding it to --Α.
- 17 O. R&O?
- 18 **R&O.** But when I say normally, when I'm
- coming down I may be doing multiple things. 19
- 20 Q. I understand.
- 21 Α. So early on when I was just coming to
- 22 Cowabunga, some of those costs may have been cost
- 23 coded as we were the contractor on the job.
- 24 Right. But after the park was open, okay?
- 25 Α. Yes.

- page 326 I just want to make sure I understand your 1 Α. 2 question.
 - 3 Q. Sure.
 - Α. If I have an expense that I incurred that
 - I want to charge to the --
 - 6 Let me, let me ask you a different
 - 7 question.

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- 8 A.
 - Okay. If I want to see the records of R&O Q.
- 10 for your travel related --
- 11 A. Okav.
 - -- to Cowabunga Bay, where would I go in O.
- 13 R&O's offices?
- 14 I would assume we would have to ask our
- 15 CFO if, if there is a history of Visa that far back.
- 16 And, and that would be Mr. Auger?
 - Α. That's -- yes, that's who I would ask to
- **18** print first.
 - Q. Okay. Do you have a cell phone?
- 20 Yes, I do. Α.
 - Do you have more than one cell phone? Q.
- 22 A. No, I do not.
- 23 Q. Do you have an iPad?
- **24** Α. Yes.
- 25 Q. Do you have more than one iPad?

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- And you traveled to the park for park 1
- business, that would be charged to R&O?
- A. Yeah, I don't believe I charged it to the 3 4 park, so I believe you are correct.
- 5 Okay. And the R&O charge card is what
- 6 kind of charge card, AMEX?
- 7 No, it's a Visa.
- 8 It's a Visa? Q.
- 9 Α. Yes.
- 10 Does it have an AMEX -- do you an AMEX Q.
- card for R&O? 11
- 12 You mean American Express when you say Α.
- 13 that?
- 14 Q. Yes.
- 15 No, I have a personal AMEX card, but I --A.
- 16 Q.
- 17 Α. -- usually only use it for personal
- travel. 18
- 19 Right. Not for business related to
- 20 Cowabunga Bay?
- 21 A. No.
- 22 Okay. Who is responsible for keeping
- 23 those records on your business expenses related to
- 24 Cowabunga Bay at R&O? Would that be the CFO,
- 25 Mr. Auger?

- Α. No, I do not.
- 2 Do you have any other digital Q.
- 3 communication device?
- 4 I have my computer that I use at work. A.
- 5 Q. Okay. And that's, and that's a desktop?
- 6 Α. It's a laptop.
- 7 Q. Oh, you have a laptop?
 - Yeah, I don't use a desktop. A.
- 9 Okay. Now, on all those communication
- 10 devices, do you have Overlook?
 - Α. I'm not familiar with that.
- 12 Overnote? Evernote, that's right. I'm
- 13 sorry. The app Evernote is on all those?
- 14 No, I had Evernote for maybe a year or two
- 15 that was on my iPad.
 - Q. Right.
- **17** A. There was an app I was trying to see how
- 18 does this work versus Microsoft Word or something.
- 19 O. Um-hum.
- 20 A. But I don't -- I haven't used it for I
- 21 don't know how long.
- 22 All your -- you sound like you are like
- 23 me, you use Apple for everything?
- 24 No. Because I get frustrated with Apple.
 - Most everything we have, it's backed up to our, our



page 330 page 332 1 BY MR. CAMPBELL: 1 server --2 At R&O? 2 And when you say personal use, you mean Q. 3 -- at R&O, on ShareFile. your father's personal use? A. 4 Q. 4 Yeah, he has a couple of riding horses. 5 Okay. And is that the ranch that you 5 So our IT guy is pretty strict that he has Q. 6 all the data control. 6 referred earlier to that was loaned money by R&O? 7 7 That's the ranch I was referring to. Q. Got it. 8 And that we don't use -- he doesn't like 8 How much, how much was loaned by R&O to Α. 9 your father for his ranch? 9 some of those Apple products. You said you only have one cellular phone? 10 Q. 10 I'm, I'm going to guess, but I thought the number I had heard back then was about 800,000. I may 11 11 Α. And what's that the phone number today? be wrong on that. 12 O. 13 It's (801)430-1303. 13 O. Okay. Α. 14 I believe that had been paid back since 14 O. How long that has been your cell phone? A. 15 As long as I can remember. 15, 20. 2002 15 then. A. 16 Q. Okay. 16 I had that number. So however long that is, a long 17 I'm not sure, it's a while back. 17 time. 18 Okay. Does your father own a ranch? 18 Was any money loaned to your father for Q. 19 19 the purchase or operation of an aircraft? He calls it a ranch. A. 20 No. We haven't had an aircraft for a long 20 O. Okay. And does he have buildings on that 21 time. 21 ranch? 22 There is a riding arena and some stables. 22 MR. CAMPBELL: Okay. Pass the witness. Α. 23 Reserving whatever time I may need to go back into 23 Q. For equestrian use? 24 testimony with respect to documents that were Yes. Α. 25 And are there horses on the ranch? improperly redacted or otherwise not turned over. O. page 331 page 333 1 Α. I think there is a few horses. 1 Otherwise, today, I thank you for coming, 2 O. Okay. Is there any other stock on the 2 giving your testimony, and I appreciate it. 3 3 And I have no further questions of the ranch? 4 4 A. I don't, I don't believe so. witness at this time. 5 5 Q. Is there any sort of buildings for human MR. GORMLEY: I have no questions. 6 occupancy on the ranch? 6 Any other questions? 7 I think in the top of the barn there is a 7 MS. MASTRANGELO: I don't have any 8 room built out, that if somebody wanted to stay in it, 8 questions. 9 9 they could. MR. SMITH: No questions. 10 10 Q. Okay. MR. GORMLEY: Shane, how much time? 11 A. There's not a --11 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: 22 minutes. 12 Q. Is this ranch operated for commercial 12 This concludes the video deposition of Slade Opheikens taken on May 24, 2018. 13 purposes? 13 14 MR. GORMLEY: Objection to relevancy. 14 We are going off the record at 15 BY MR. CAMPBELL: 15 approximately 6:01 p.m. COURT REPORTER: Ms. Mastrangelo, would 16 Q. Go ahead, sir. 16 17 MR. GORMLEY: Go ahead. 17 you like a copy of the transcript? 18 18 THE WITNESS: So, for a little while he MS. MASTRANGELO: Yes. 19 had a guy who rented it from him, leased it from him, 19 COURT REPORTER: Mr. Smith, would you like 20 whatever, to the guy was a reining, reining coach or 20 a copy of the transcript? 21 whatever, horseman that would train other people's 21 MR. SMITH: I think we will need one. 22 horses and kids. 22 COURT REPORTER: Mr. Duesman, would you 23 That gentleman is no longer there and I 23 like a copy of the transcript? 24 just think it's personal use. I don't know if MR. DUESMAN: Yes, please. 25 25 somebody is renting the stable or not. COURT REPORTER: Mr. Gormley, would you



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PLAINTIFFS' REPLY IN SUPPORT OF MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE THIRD AMENDED COMPLAINT

Hearing Date: July 25, 2018 Hearing Time: 9:00 a.m.

Plaintiffs, by and through their undersigned counsel, hereby submit the following Reply in Support of Motion for Leave to File Third Amended Complaint. This Reply is made and based upon the papers and pleadings on file herein, the exhibits attached hereto, and the Points and Authorities that follow.

POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

I. INTRODUCTION

There is an old adage in the law that "if the facts are against you, argue the law. If the law is against you, argue the facts. If the law and the facts are against you, pound the table." Suffice it to say, the Opheikens Defendants' Opposition is a masterclass in table-pounding. Indeed, the Opheikens Defendants refer to Plaintiffs' proposed reverse veil-piercing claim and supporting allegations as "reckless," "regrettable," "illogical," "inconsistent," "contradictory," "bogus," "misguided," "factually discredited," "legally unsustainable," and a "misadventure." The Opheikens Defendants likewise claim that Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint ("TAC") is premised on "misstatements of fact" and "utterly false" representations made with the "bad faith, ulterior motive to try to force a settlement" and "shak[e] down more money." In one particularly distasteful passage, the Opheikens Defendants even go so far as to warn the Court to "be very careful in choosing to dance to Plaintiffs' tune" because they are perpetating a fraud and "appear hopeful that if they spread enough mistruths around the Court might just let it slide at this stage because Leland Gardner almost drowned."

For their part, Plaintiffs will not drag this proceeding into the gutter by returning fire with similar over-the-top rhetoric and tone-deaf attacks. Nor will Plaintiffs engage the Opheikens

¹ The Opheikens Defendants' vitriol is not limited to Plaintiffs as they also levelled vicious accusations against Third-Party Defendant William Ray. Specifically, the Opheikens Defendants assert that Mr. Ray engaged in "egregious misconduct" by leaving "Leland alone, unattended and without a life jacket in a wave pool rather than make any effort to keep him safe." *See* Opp. at 4. Like their attempt to vilify Plaintiffs and portray themselves as victims, the Opheikens Defendants' cruel and wholly gratuitous attack on Mr. Ray is entirely disconnected from the facts, the evidence, and the subject matter at issue in Plaintiffs' Motion.

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Defendants in a premature debate over the (abundant) evidence of their individual negligence except to state that Plaintiffs dispute nearly every factual representation in the Opposition.² The parties will address the evidence at trial. The Opheikens Defendants' attempt to inject extraneous arguments and evidence is nothing more than a ploy to distract the Court from the straightforward issues presented by Plaintiffs' Motion.

In order to cut through the noise created by the Opheikens Defendants' Opposition, Plaintiffs will refocus the analysis on Plaintiffs' request for leave to amend under NRCP 15. First, because the Opheikens Defendants have asserted that Plaintiffs' proposed TAC is futile, the Court must determine whether reverse veil-piercing against Orluff and R&O Construction ("R&O") is a recognized claim for relief that would survive a motion to dismiss under NRCP 12(b)(5). If the Court resolves that question in the affirmative—and it should—it must then assess whether Plaintiffs sufficiently pleaded their claim for reverse veil-piercing under NRCP 8. Here, Plaintiffs can easily overcome any challenge under NRCP 12(b)(5) and their claim for reverse veil-piercing is more than adequately pled under the lenient standard imposed by NRCP 8. As such, the Court should grant Plaintiffs' motion for leave to file the TAC.

II. ARGUMENT

A. Reverse Veil-Piercing Is A Viable Claim For Relief Against R&O Based On The Predicate Cause Of Action For Negligence Against Orluff.

In support of their argument that Plaintiffs' proposed amendment is futile, the Opheikens Defendants contend that reverse veil-piercing under the alter ego doctrine is not an independent cause of action and, therefore, must be dismissed under NRCP 12(b)(5). To begin, Plaintiffs agree that

² By way of example, it is highly ironic that the Opheikens Defendants' accusation that Plaintiffs intentionally concealed information from the Court directly follows their representation that Orluff did not obtain a loan from the Bank of Utah. *See* Opp. at 6 n. 4. In reality, Orluff admitted in his deposition that he personally signed for the loan and put "everything [he] owned [] on the line." *Id.*, Ex. A at ___. This is just one of the many misstatements of fact in the Opheikens Defendants' Opposition.

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reverse veil-piercing against R&O is not a standalone cause of action that can be brought in the absence of a predicate claim against Orluff. The Opheikens Defendants, however, ignore that Plaintiffs have pleaded a tort claim for negligence against Orluff in his individual capacity. See Mot., Ex. 1 at 15-16. For that reason, Plaintiffs specifically alleged that R&O is the alter ego of Orluff and identified both R&O and Orluff as the targets of their reverse veil-piercing claim. *Id.* at 16. Accordingly, contrary to the Opheikens Defendants' position, Plaintiffs have not brought their claim for reverse veil-piercing against R&O as an independent cause of action as it is clearly predicated on their preexisting negligence claim against Orluff.³

The Opheikens Defendants seemingly take issue with the fact that Plaintiffs pleaded their claim for reverse veil-piercing against R&O and Orluff under the alter ego doctrine as a separate cause of action. While reverse veil-piercing under the alter ego doctrine may not be an independent cause of action, there is no dispute that Plaintiffs are required to plead it as a claim for relief under NRCP 8. See, e.g., EED Holdings v. Palmer Johnson Acquisition Corp., 387 F.Supp.2d 265, 274 (S.D.N.Y. 2004) ("[V]eil piercing claims are subject to the pleading requirements imposed by Fed.R.Civ.P. 8(a)[.]"); Flentye v. Kethrein, 485 F.Supp.2d 903, 913 (N.D. Ill. 2007) ("To state a veil-piercing claim, Plaintiffs typically are only required to satisfy the notice pleading standards of Rule 8(a)."); *In re Am.*

To that end, Plaintiffs acknowledge that R&O will only be liable if they prevail on their negligence claim against Orluff and demonstrate that R&O is Orluff's alter ego such that reverse veil-piercing is appropriate under the circumstances. Moreover, unlike the fatal drowning of another child in Cowabunga Bay's wave pool that is the subject of separate litigation, Plaintiffs do not contend that R&O is directly liable for Leland's injuries. As such, it is unclear why the Opheikens Defendants repeatedly criticize Plaintiffs for not bringing other causes of action against R&O.

⁴ To be clear, Plaintiffs refer to their proposed theory of reverse veil-piercing as a "claim" because the Nevada Supreme Court and Court of Appeals frequently use that same terminology in reference to the alter ego doctrine. See, e.g., Webb v. Shull, 128 Nev. 85, 92, 270P.3d 1266, 1272 (2012) ("In this case, the district court made several findings that relate to Webb's alter ego claim[.]"); Sharpe v. Grundy, 2017 WL 1806801, at *3 (May 1, 2017) (stating the requirement elements to prevail on a "claim for alter ego").

Int'l Refinery, 402 B.R. 728, 751 (Bankr. W.D. La. 2008) ("As far as the applicable pleading standard, Plaintiffs' alter ego allegations are governed by the notice pleading standard of Rule 8(a)[.]") (applying alter ego doctrine under Nevada law).⁵

For that reason, courts have rejected the argument that alter ego claims must be dismissed if pleaded as a separate cause of action. For example, in *Airbus DS Optronics GmbH v. Nivisys LLC*, the defendants argued that the plaintiffs improperly pleaded "piercing the corporate veil' as a substantive cause of action, which the state of Arizona does not recognize, and therefore the claim must be dismissed." 183 F.Supp.3d 986, 990 (D. Ariz. 2016). The *Airbus* court, however, was "not persuaded [by that argument], as Defendants advocate for an overly formulistic federal pleading requirement, in tension with Rule 8." *Id.* The *Airbus* court then found that the plaintiffs adequately pleaded veil-piercing under the alter ego doctrine as "a form of derivative liability." *Id.*; *see also Accurso v. Infra-Red Servs., Inc.*, 23 F.Supp.3d 494, 510 (E.D. Pa. 2014) ("Although veil-piercing is not a separate cause of action, but rather a basis for a cause of action against particular individuals, on a motion to dismiss (or motion for judgment on the pleadings), a court must examine whether the facts pleaded state a cause of action on a theory of piercing the corporate veil.").

This Court should reach the same result. Plaintiffs pleaded reverse veil-piercing under the alter ego doctrine as required by NRCP 8, and predicated this derivative theory of liability on their pre-existing negligence claim against Orluff. That Plaintiffs identified reverse veil-piercing as a separate cause of action in their proposed TAC is inconsequential; the Opheikens Defendants' argument to the contrary improperly elevates form over substance.

⁵ "Federal cases interpreting the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure are strong persuasive authority, because the Nevada Rules of Civil Procedure are based in large part upon their federal counterparts." *See Executive Mgmt. v. Ticor Title Ins. Co.*, 188 Nev. 46, 53, 38 P.3d 872, 876 (2002).

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B. Plaintiffs Are Clearly Entitled To Pursue A Claim For Reverse Veil-Piercing Under The Alter Ego Doctrine Against R&O Prior To The Entry Of Judgment **Against Orluff.**

Although they repeatedly cite LFC Mktg. Group, Inc. v. Loomis, 116 Nev. 896, 9 P.3d 841 (2000), the Opheikens Defendants bizarrely claim that Plaintiffs are advancing "a factually discredited and legally unsupported theory of recovery which has never been permitted by the Nevada Supreme Court or any other court in this State." See Opp. at 10. As detailed in Plaintiffs' Motion, the Nevada Supreme Court in *Loomis* plainly adopted reverse veil-piercing as a viable claim for relief and stated that this theory is "not inconsistent with traditional piercing in its goal of preventing abuse of the corporate form." Id. at 903, 9 P.3d at 846. Because reverse veil-piercing is simply an offshoot of traditional veil-piercing under the alter ego doctrine, the Opheikens Defendants' argument that Plaintiffs' proposed claim is "legally unsupported" is incorrect.⁶

The Opheikens Defendants also attempt to manufacture a new element for reverse veil-piercing claims that does not exist under Nevada law. Specifically, the Opheikens Defendants argue that Plaintiffs must have an unsatisfied judgment before pursuing a reverse veil-piercing theory because the Loomis decision and certain other cases cited therein addressed post-judgment proceedings. See Opp. at 13-17. But *Loomis* never suggested, let alone held, that a party seeking to reverse pierce is required to have an unsatisfied judgment before pursuing such relief. The Nevada Supreme Court, moreover, did not limit its holding to the specific facts of that case. Rather, the *Loomis* court merely stated that a plaintiff must prove the basic elements of a traditional alter ego claim by a preponderance of the evidence. Id. at 904, 8 P.3d at 846-47 (a party pursuing a reverse veil-piercing theory must

⁶ The Opheikens Defendants devoted an entire section of their Opposition to the argument that the Nevada Supreme Court's decision in *Gardner on Behalf of L.G. v. Eighth Judicial Dist. Court*, 133 Nev. Adv. Op. 89, 405 P.3d 651 (2017) did not create a new cause of action against R&O and Orluff. See Opp. at 9-10. Plaintiffs, however, do not contend that Gardner addressed reverse veilpiercing. Nor is it necessary for Plaintiffs to rely on Gardner to support the viability of this proposed claim for relief. Indeed, Plaintiffs' ability to plead the theory of reverse veil-piercing is confirmed by other binding precedent in Nevada, namely the *Loomis* decision.

demonstrate (i) influence and control, (ii) unity of ownership and interest, and (iii) that adherence to the corporate fiction would sanction a fraud or promote injustice).

Parties are regularly permitted to pursue veil-piercing claims prior to the entry of judgment as evidenced by the Nevada Supreme Court's issuance of a writ of mandamus in this case compelling the Court to allow Plaintiffs to bring alter ego claims against Henderson Water Park LLC, its member-LLCs and the Individual Defendants. *Gardner*, 405 P.3d at 655-57 and n. 1. If Plaintiffs are permitted to pursue traditional veil-piercing claims against the LLCs and Individual Defendants in this action prior to the entry of judgment, then it necessarily follows that Plaintiffs are entitled to bring a reverse veil-piercing claim against R&O and Orluff at the same time.

The weight of authority is in accord. "A movant may seek to pierce the veil as part of the initial complaint or after a judgment has been obtained and the movant discovers that the corporate shield may be vulnerable. This difference only affects the procedure of obtaining the relief and not the nature of the remedy." In re Howland, 516 B.R. 163, 169 n. 3 (Bankr. E.D. Ky. 2014), aff'd, 579 B.R. 411 (E.D. Ky. 2016), aff'd, 674 Fed. Appx. 482 (6th Cir. 2017). For that reason, courts routinely allow plaintiffs to pursue reverse veil-piercing claims in the original complaint rather than after the entry of judgment. See, e.g., Allstate Ins. Co. v. TMR Medicabill Inc., 2000 WL 34011895, at *16 (E.D.N.Y. July 13, 2000) (entering pre-judgment writ of attachment against non-party corporations based on reverse veil-piercing theory premised on RICO and fraud claims asserted in original complaint); McCleskey v. David Boat Works, Inc., 225 F.3d 654, at **3-4 (4th Cir. 2000) (reversing entry of summary judgment on reverse veil-piercing claim premised on tort and contract claims asserted in the original complaint); Smith v. Carolina Med. Ctr., 274 F.Supp.3d 300, 327-28 (E.D. Pa. 2017) (denying motion to dismiss reverse veil-piercing claim premised on tort claims asserted in the original complaint); Wilson v. Davis, 305 S.W.3d 57, 68-72 (Tex. Ct. App. 2009) (denying motion for summary judgment on reverse veil-piercing claim premised on negligence claims asserted in the original complaint).

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The Opheikens Defendants cite a plethora of cases in their Opposition, but none actually support their contention that Plaintiffs' proposed reverse veil-piercing claim is premature in the absence of an unsatisfied judgment. For example, the Opheikens Defendants identify approximately 22 cases for the unremarkeable proposition that an alter ego claim is not an independent, standalone cause of action. See Opp. at 11-14. Again, Plaintiffs do not dispute this general principle, but it certainly does not negate the operative pleading standard under NRCP 8 or require dismissal of Plaintiffs' proposed claim for relief. See supra at Section II.A. The Opheikens Defendants likewise rely on multiple cases where courts considered reverse veil-piercing claims in the context of post-judgment collection actions, see Opp. at 14-17, but none of those cases stand for the proposition that reverse piercing claims are limited to the post-judgment setting. To the contrary, Plaintiffs have conclusively demonstrated that courts routinely permit such claims in connection with original proceedings.

The only case cited by the Opheikens Defendants that could conceivably support their position is Higgins v. Journal Register Co., 2007 WL 3124731, at *3 (D. Conn. Oct. 23, 2007). See Opp. at 12. The *Higgins* court did not address the viability of a reverse veil-piercing claim, but merely denied a motion to compel discovery related to an alter ego claim based on its finding that the issue should be bifurcated from the plaintiff's age discrimination claims "for sake of convenience, minimization of juror confusion, and economy." *Id.* As such, the Court should look past the voluminous nature of the Opheikens Defendants' inapposite legal authority and focus on the utter lack of substance. Quantity, in other words, is not synonymous with quality.

Finally, Plaintiffs ask the Court to consider the practical import of the Opheikens Defendants' misguided approach. The Opheikens Defendants effectively argue that Plaintiffs should be required to proceed to trial against Orluff, obtain a judgment against him, and unsuccessfully attempt to collect on that judgment for some indeterminate amount of time. Then, Plaintiffs would be required to file a new action for reverse veil piercing against R&O and Orluff, conduct discovery anew, and proceed to

a second trial to determine whether R&O is Orluff's alter ego. It should go without saying that the Opheikens Defendants' proposed course of action would be exceedingly costly, inefficient and contrary to the mandate of NRCP 1 that the Rules of Civil Procedure (including NRCP 15) be "administered to secure the just, speedy, and inexpensive determination of every action."

C. Plaintiffs Have Adequately Pleaded The Required Elements Of Their Reverse Veil-Piercing Claim Under NRCP 8.

In addition to the Opheikens Defendants' strained attempt to manufacture new elements for a reverse veil-piercing claim, they devote the first five pages of their Opposition to a rambling attack on the merits of Plaintiffs' proposed reverse veil-piercing claim. While Plaintiffs strongly dispute the Opheikens Defendants' confused and inaccurate portrayal of their reverse veil-piercing claim, this is neither the time nor the place to address the substantive merits of Plaintiffs' allegations. R&O and Orluff will certainly be entitled to present their defense at trial. The Opheikens Defendants concede this point when they acknowledge the Court's analysis is limited to the four corners of Plaintiffs' proposed TAC. See Opp. at 16 n. 10 (conceding that the Court may not consider facts or evidence outside of the proposed TAC when ruling on the instant Motion). Accordingly, the Court should ignore the Opheikens Defendants' transparent effort to convince His Honor to pre-judge the merits of Plaintiffs' reverse veil-piercing claim based on a misleading depiction of the evidentiary record.

Plaintiffs are merely required to allege that "(1) the corporation was influenced and governed by the person asserted to be the alter ego; (2) there was such unity of interest and ownership that one is inseparable from the other; and (3) the facts are such that adherence to the corporate fiction of a separate entity would, under the circumstances, sanction a fraud or promote injustice." *Loomis*, 116

The Opheikens Defendants also dispute whether the jury is entitled to render factual determinations in connection with Plaintiffs reverse veil-piercing claim, but it is likewise premature to debate that issue now. That said, Plaintiffs' broader point remains the same. Given that reverse veil-piercing is highly fact-specific and there is no "litmus test" for determining whether the corporate fiction should be disregarded, the resolution of a reverse veil-piercing claim is generally improper on a motion for summary judgment let alone a routine motion for leave to amend.

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Nev. at 904, 8 P.3d at 846-47. The following factors, though not conclusive, may also indicate the existence of an alter ego relationship: (1) commingling of funds; (2) undercapitalization; (3) unauthorized diversion of funds (4) treatment of the corporate assets as the individual's own; and (5) failure to observe corporate formalities. *Id.* at 904, 8 P.3d at 847.

Plaintiffs' proposed TAC easily alleges sufficient facts to plead a reverse veil-piercing claim under Nevada law. *Id.* at ¶¶ 22-36, 72-81. To that end, the Opheikens Defendants do not contend in their Opposition that Plaintiffs failed to plead the general elements of a reverse veil-piercing claim as set forth by the Nevada Supreme Court in Loomis.⁸ Other than arguing about the absence of an unsatisfied judgment—which, again, is not required—the Opheikens Defendants' only substantive critique of the proposed TAC is that "Plaintiffs [] pay no heed to the equitable concerns involved with reverse pierce theory," i.e., the alleged harm to innocent shareholders. See Opp. at 15. But Plaintiffs plainly addressed this element in the proposed TAC and alleged that the minority shareholders who serve as executives and board members of R&O will suffer no harm if the Court pierces R&O's corporate veil. See Mot., Ex. 1 at ¶ 81.9

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⁸ The Opheikens Defendants' assertion that there was no commingling between R&O and Orluff demonstrates their fundamental misunderstanding of the law. See Opp. at 5-6. The fact that Orluff took a multi-million dollar personal loan from R&O—as he has on multiple other occasions—and used it to fund his investment in Cowabunga Bay is the very definition of commingling. And the Opheikens Defendants' point that the money was ultimately funneled back to R&O as payment for construction costs only reinforces Plaintiffs' allegation that Orluff acted as a straw man for R&O in connection with Cowabunga Bay.

⁹ The Opheikens Defendants argue that permitting Plaintiffs to pursue a reverse veil-piercing claim would amount to the imposition of a prejudgment writ of attachment and prevent R&O from obtaining bonding on new construction projects. This is utter nonsense. First, the Opheikens Defendants' argument concerning the equities is better suited to trial rather than a motion for leave to amend. Second, the notion that allowing Plaintiffs to plead a claim for reserve veil-piercing equates to entering a prejudgment writ of attachment ignores the strict standards and specific procedures governing such relief under NRS Chapter 31. That the Opheikens Defendants would

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Because "[t]he court should freely give leave when justice so requires," and "[t]he liberality embodied in NRCP 15(a) requires courts to err on the side of caution and permit amendments that appear arguable or even borderline[,]" *see Gardner*, 405 P.3d at 654, the Court should grant Plaintiffs leave to file the proposed TAC. Plaintiffs pleaded the required elements of their reverse veil-piercing theory in great detail with each allegation supported by ample evidence developed during discovery to date. R&O and Orluff will be permitted to present their defense to the merits of Plaintiffs' claim at the appropriate time, but there is no reason for the Court to deny Plaintiffs leave to amend to pursue this viable legal theory under Nevada law.¹⁰

III. CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing, Plaintiffs respectfully request that the Court grant their Motion for Leave to File Third Amended Complaint in its entirety.

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In an argument that clearly goes to the merits of Plaintiffs' proposed claim, the Opheikens Defendants argue that Orluff owns R&O through his family trust and raise questions about identity of the trustee and whether the trust is irrevocable. *See* Opp. at 5. Even if Orluff's undisputed ownership stake in R&O through a family trust had some significance to the reverse veil-piercing inquiry in this case—and it does not—the *Loomis* court clearly held that "the absence of corporate ownership is not automatically a controlling event." *Id.* at 904-05, 8 P.3d at 847 (applying reverse piercing where individual did not own a single share of stock but acted as the "ultimate authority" for corporate dealings and held himself out as the "president and CEO" and "primary owner" of the company); *State v. Easton*, 647 N.Y.S.2d 904, 909 (App. Div. 1995) (allowing corporation's assets to be reached through reverse piercing where the debtor did not own a single share of the corporation's stock) (cited with approval in *Loomis*).

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THE COURT: Can I shortcut your argument?

MR. WILLIAMS: Hundred percent.

THE COURT: I'm generally inclined to grant motions for leave to amend because the standard is different. I usually allow people to amend their complaints to bring in people and then I tell the other side to file a motion to dismiss if they think it's improper. Because the standard is obviously different on a motion to amend. Leave is supposed to be freely granted under the rule. As opposed to a motion to dismiss; you have to look at whether or not there's really a basis to have that person in there. I understand there's a futility argument as it relates to motion to amend, but I generally err on the side of allowing the amendment and look at it as a motion to dismiss later.

MR. WILLIAMS: Your Honor, that saves my argument. Given that we've been here before and we were on the opposite end of a ruling, I didn't want to belabor the point, but if Your Honor is so inclined,

then I don't want to waste any more time.

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THE COURT: Especially based on what the Supreme Court has done with this case so far, that would be my inclination.

MR. WILLIAMS: Thank you, Your Honor.

MR. CORRICK: I got all dressed up for

nothing. Max Corrick on behalf of the Opheikens, Mr. Welch, and Double Ott.

And I appreciate Your Honor's initial take, that generally leave is freely granted and let's see the motion to dismiss, which you know is coming, which as Loomis v. LFC is going to dictate and it's going to have to be granted. Because the plaintiffs in what they have proposed to Your Honor as being the amended pleading -- which they can't go back now and change it; that's what they're going to be stuck with -- they've alleged a cause of action, which they specifically call it. And words have meaning. And I appreciate counsel's reply saying, well, that's not what we really meant; we were intending to tie it to certain conduct. The pleading itself as it exists names reverse corporate piercing as the third cause of action.

There was no dispute from the reply, and I don't think they will dispute today, that reverse pierce is not a cause of action, has never been

recognized in Nevada as a cause of action, in fact, has 1 2. never been recognized, to our knowledge, through the 3 cases that we were able to survey in any jurisdiction 4 as being --5 THE COURT: It's a theory of recovery. It's a theory of recovery. 6 MR. CORRICK: 7 Absolutely right. And it's an extraordinary theory of 8 recovery, which requires a tremendous standard to meet. But because we agree it's not a cause of 10 action, what you are doing, Your Honor, if you are 11 going to follow your normal practice of under 5(a), it's freely granted, and let's see the motion to 12 13 dismiss, you're saying as it's pled, because it's called a cause of action -- we're not reading in the 14 15 tea leaves -- that you're allowing -- you're 16 sanctioning an amended complaint which defies what 17 you've just said, something that you know is not true. 18 It can't be a cause of action, one. 19 Two, and I agree with Mr. Williams as well. 20 Setting aside the emotionality on both sides with 21 respect to this case. And it's not just on the defense 22 side; it's certainly on the plaintiffs side as well. 2.3 What is going to be before you and what 24 really has been put before you now in the context of 25 why you shouldn't even grant motion for leave at this

point in time, is this question of law. Namely, can you even try to get the relief you're seeking using this theory of reverse piercing where there is no judgment, there is no judgment creditor, there is no judgment debtor, and this is not a tax case.

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As set forth in the opposition, and, surprisingly, never pinned down in the reply brief, there is not a single jurisdiction in this United States that we were able to find that has allowed the use of reverse pierce as a theory of recovery, of relief, not a cause of action, has allowed it in the absence of judgment debtor, judgment creditor, tax case, or a confessed judgment; okay. For example — and, again, I don't want to take too much time, more than I have to. But the cases cited by the plaintiffs in their reply, not a single one of them helps them. And, in fact, gives Your Honor a clearer roadmap as to why the motion to dismiss will need to be granted.

They did not cite for you a single case where a reverse pierce theory of recovery has ever been permitted in the absence of a judgment debtor, judgment creditor, tax case, or confessed judgment, not one.

Smith v. Carolina Medical Center, that's pursuant to a plea agreement. McCleskey v. David Boat Works, judgment creditor/debtor. Allstate v. TMR

Medicabill, post-plea allocution. So it's pursuant to we agree that we owe money. In re: Howland, tax debtor; In re: American International Refinery, bankruptcy debtor case; Flentye v. Kethrein, post-arbitration judgment creditor debit.

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Those are the cases that the plaintiffs in their reply have suggested to you support reverse piercing. Look, it's not a novel proposition to say reverse piercing is something that is recognized under the law in the most select of circumstances.

None of those cases, nor any of the cases that were considered by Loomis, or which have come since Loomis, for example, *Postal v. Coswell.* That's the most recent California Court of Appeals decision regarding the inapplicability of reverse pierce to corporations, saying, California doesn't even recognize it anymore as to corporations.

State v. Favre, that's their most recent case from the Connecticut Supreme Court, In re:

Phillips, the most recent statement from the Colorado Supreme Court, and CF v. Flight, the most recent statement from the Supreme Court of Virginia, all of them demonstrate and make it abundantly clear, just as Loomis did, that in order to be able to even get your foot in the door with respect to a reverse pierce

theory of relief, you've got to have the condition precedent. You've got to have judgment debtor, judgment creditor, a tax case, because the federal tax laws are a little bit different, they're treated differently by the bankruptcy courts, or some course of confessed judgment, which we don't have here. It's not even pled in the proposed amended pleading.

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It would be a more interesting issue if, for example, the plaintiffs in their proposed pleading had alleged, we are a judgment creditor. That would be interesting because that would be a false fact; okay.

Additionally, if they had said that Orluff Opheikens is a judgment debtor, that would be interesting because it would be a false fact. None of those things apply.

I appreciate, again, where I think you're going to go with this, but I think you need to be very, very careful in looking at this and just going back to the old way -- not the old way -- your usual way of viewing motions for leave to amend.

Even under -- not even stepping over a threshold barely is what these cases are usually looked at in terms of leave to amend, freely granted, freely granted. Even under that minuscule standard, the plaintiffs, by virtue of what they have pled, the four

corners of their proposed pleading, which is what they are going to be stuck with -- they can't change it -- they don't meet -- they will never be able to establish any reverse pierce theory because they haven't pled the requisite facts, and the requisite facts have not occurred and may very well never occur.

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So we would ask that you, in this instance, again, given the minuscule standard that may be applied here, you should deny the motion. Let this case proceed as intended, as -- the plaintiffs know that R&O has no actual responsibility in this case. Let this case proceed with these current parties until we get to the next dispositive motion. Thank you, Your Honor.

THE COURT: Well, the problem is this, especially because of the fact that the Supreme Court reversed me on the amending of other parties, if I'm going to deny the motion or if I'm going to dismiss this party because of the fact that there's not a judgment debtor or creditor relationship, doesn't it make more sense to do that on a motion to dismiss standard as opposed to a motion for leave to amend standard?

MR. CORRICK: I hear you loud and clear.

And I do appreciate -- I think that was part of the calculus of this from the plaintiff's perspective.

1 Your Honor's decision was overturned once in this case, and, therefore, we're going to see who else can we drag 2. 3 into this case, as you were joking about as we walked 4 up to the podium. 5 MR. WILLIAMS: Your Honor, needless to say, 6 I object to all of that characterization. 7 THE COURT: I know you do. It's okay. 8 I'm going to grant it today, guys. I'm 9 going to let you amend. I'm sure that I'm going to see 10 a motion to dismiss on it. And I'll address the facts 11 at that time and the law. And Mr. Corrick is going to 12 make the same argument, I'm sure, and that's fine. MR. CORRICK: I'll make a different 13 14 argument, but it will be -- still be the right one. THE COURT: It will be similar. 15 16 MR. CORRICK: It will still be the right 17 one. 18 THE COURT: But I would prefer to rule on 19 it based on a different standard. 2.0 MR. CORRICK: Very good. 21 Just makes more sense to me. THE COURT: 22 Your Honor, and I don't want MR. WILLIAMS: 2.3 to waste the Court's time, but needless to say, we 24 addressed every one of these arguments and demonstrated 25 why they're all entirely base less.

And let's talk -- I just want to make one thing clear, about this "no jurisdiction has ever recognized this." Reverse piercing is an offshoot of the alter ego doctrine. Alter ego, there is a traditional forum where you seek to obtain relief against an individual when you've sued a corporation, that it's the alter ego. Here it's in the reverse. We're going to ultimately seek, if the Courts grant us leave, we're going to ultimately seek recovery against a corporation based on the liability of an individual. But, Your Honor, they're both alter ego.

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This nonsense about having to have a judgment before you can assert the claim is ridiculous. And you don't have to look to any of these other jurisdictions. You can look to this very case. We went up to the Supreme Court, Your Honor. One of our bases was is we should be permitted to pursue an alter ego claim, albeit a traditional alter ego claim, against certain defendants in this case. His Honor originally denied our attempt to do that because there wasn't an expressed statute addressing that alter ego liability in the context of LLCs. I get that. But, Your Honor, the Supreme Court expressly said we were right; we got to amend to assert alter ego claims.

And what did we do? The Supreme Court

1	didn't say, you can only assert your alter ego claims
2	once you've gotten a judgment against these defendants.
3	They said we get to do it now. And we did it in
4	December. And what did they do? They answered the
5	complaint.
6	We have alter ego claims without a judgment
7	in this case for seven months. This is a concocted
8	argument. We'll be happy to address it when they file
9	their bogus motion to dismiss.
10	MR. CORRICK: I'm looking forward to
11	educating Mr. Williams on the differences between
12	reverse piercing and traditional alter ego.
13	THE COURT: All right. Go home. Play nice
14	on the way out. I'll see you when you file a motion to
15	dismiss.
16	MR. WILLIAMS: Thank you, Your Honor.
17	MR. CORRICK: Thank you, Your Honor.
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FINDINGS

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The Court heard Plaintiffs' Motion for Leave to File Third Amended Complaint. 1.

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND ADJUDGED THAT:

Plaintiffs' Motion for Leave to File Third Amended Complaint is GRANTED. 1.

DATED this day of A

HON, JUDGE JEKRY A. WIESE II

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10) Plaintiffs,)	Dept. No.: XXX
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15)	NOTICE OF ENTRY OF ORDER
	HENDERSON WATER PARK, LLC dba) COWABUNGA BAY WATER PARK, a Nevada)	
16	limited liability company; WEST COAST WATER)	
17	PARKS, LLC, a Nevada limited liability company;)	
18	DOUBLE OTT WATER HOLDINGS, LLC, a Utah)	
	limited liability company; ORLUFF OPEIKENS, an) individual; SLADE OPHEIKENS, an individual;)	
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, l	individual; CRAIG HUISH, an individual; TOM) WELCH, an individual; DOES I through X,)	
21	inclusive; ROE Corporations I through X, inclusive;	
22	and ROE Limited Liability Company I through X,	
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Please take notice that on the 27th day of July, 2018, an Order Granting Plaintiffs' Motion for Leave to File Third Amended Complaint, was duly entered in the above entitled matter, a copy of which is attached as "Exhibit 1" and by this referenced made part hereof.

DATED this 30th day of July, 2018.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Pursuant to NRCP 5(b), I certify that I am an employee of Campbell & Williams, and that on this 27th day of July, 2018, I caused the foregoing document entitled **NOTICE OF ENTRY ORDER** to be served upon those persons designated by the parties in the E-Service Master List for the above-referenced matter in the Eighth Judicial District Court eFiling System in accordance with the mandatory electronic service requirements of Administrative Order 14-2 and the Nevada Electronic Filing and Conversion Rules.

By: /s/ Lucinda Martinez
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Plaintiffs Peter Gardner and Christian Gardner, individually and on behalf of their minor son, Leland Gardner, and through their undersigned counsel, hereby complain and allege against Defendants as follows:

IDENTIFICATION OF THE PARTIES

- 1. Plaintiff Peter Gardner ("Mr. Gardner") is an individual and a Nevada resident. Mr. Gardner is married to Christian Gardner and is the father of Leland Gardner ("Leland"), a minor child.
- 2. Plaintiff Christian Gardner ("Mrs. Gardner") is an individual and a Nevada resident. Mrs. Gardner is married to Mr. Gardner and is Leland's mother.
- 3. Leland Gardner is a Nevada resident, who was six (6) years old at the time of the incident that is the subject of this litigation.
- 4. Defendant Henderson Water Park, LLC dba Cowabunga Bay Water Park ("HWP") is a Nevada limited liability company with its principal place of business in Clark County, Nevada.
- 5. Defendant West Coast Water Parks, LLC ("West Coast") is a Nevada limited liability company that owns Defendant Henderson Water Park, LLC dba Cowabunga Bay Water Park and regularly conducts business in Clark County, Nevada.
- 6. Defendant Double Ott Water Holdings, LLC ("Double Ott") is a Utah limited liability company that owns Defendant Henderson Water Park, LLC dba Cowabunga Bay Water Park and regularly conducts business in Clark County, Nevada.
- 7. Defendant Orluff Opheikens ("Orluff") is a Utah resident who, at all relevant times, conducted business in Clark County, Nevada and served as the Chairman of HWP's Management Committee.
- 8. Defendant Slade Opheikens ("Slade") is a Utah resident who, at all relevant times, conducted business in Clark County, Nevada and served as a member of HWP's Management Committee.

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- 9. Defendant Chet Opheikens ("Chet") is a Utah resident who, at all relevant times, conducted business in Clark County, Nevada and served as a member of HWP's Management Committee. At times, Orluff, Slade and Chet will be referred to collectively as the "Opheikens Family."
- 10. Defendant Shane Huish ("Shane") is a Nevada resident who, at all relevant times, served as a member of HWP's Management Committee.
- 11. Defendant Scott Huish ("Scott") is a Washington resident who, at all relevant times, conducted business in Clark County, Nevada and served as a member of HWP's Management Committee.
- 12. Defendant Craig Huish ("Craig") is a Washington resident who, at all relevant times, conducted business in Clark County, Nevada and served as a member of HWP's Management Committee. At times, Shane, Scott and Craig will be referred to collectively as the "Huish Family."
- 13. Defendant Tom Welch ("Welch") is a Utah resident who, at all relevant times, conducted business in Clark County, Nevada and served as a member of HWP's Management Committee. At times, Orluff, Slade, Chet, Shane, Scott, Craig, and Welch will be referred to collectively as the "Individual Defendants."
- 14. Defendant R&O Construction Company ("R&O") is a Utah corporation that regularly conducts business in Clark County, Nevada. Orluff, through his family trust, owns approximately eighty-five percent (85%) of the outstanding shares in R&O and the remaining shares are owned by other executives and board members of R&O.
- 15. At all times material to this Complaint, HWP's Management Committee, through the Individual Defendants as its members, was a common or joint enterprise and the Individual Defendants acted in concert with each other and subject to the common nondelegable duties detailed herein. All actions taken by a member of HWP's Management Committee, as its agent in furtherance of HWP's

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business, were done so with the actual or constructive knowledge and authorization of the other members of HWP's Management Committee.

- 16. Upon information and belief and at all times material to this Complaint, the Individual Defendants influenced and governed Defendants HWP, West Coast, and Double Ott and were united in interest and ownership with said entities so as to be deemed inseparable from them. In this regard, the Individual Defendants (1) undercapitalized these limited liability companies; (2) diverted limited liability company funds; (3) treated limited liability company assets as their own; and (4) caused the entities to ignore certain required formalities. The Individual Defendants and Defendants HWP, West Coast, and Double Ott, therefore, are one and the same and Plaintiffs should be permitted to pierce the corporate structure veil of Defendants HWP, West Coast, and Double Ott to reach assets belonging to the Individual Defendants in order to prevent the sanction and/or promotion of an injustice.
- 17. Cowabunga Bay Water Park ("Cowabunga Bay") is a water park located at 900 Galleria Drive, Henderson, Nevada 89011 and is operated by HWP's Management Committee, which is composed of the Individual Defendants.
- 18. The true names and capacities, whether individual, corporate, associate, or otherwise, of Doe Defendants I through X, are unknown to Plaintiffs, who therefore sue said defendants by such fictitious names. Plaintiffs are informed and believe and thereupon allege that each of the defendants designated as a Doe Defendant is responsible in some manner for the events and happenings described herein, including but not limited to the individuals and entities that provide or should have provided lifeguard and safety protection for Leland including but not limited to lifeguards, managers, supervisors, contractors, other water park personnel, and the individual owners and operators of Cowabunga Bay, as well as any swimming pool management companies and employment staffing agencies. As such, Plaintiffs will seek leave of the Court to amend this Complaint to insert the true names and capacities of said defendants as they become identified and known to Plaintiffs.

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- 19. The true names and capacities, whether individual, corporate, associate, or otherwise, of Defendants Roe Corporations I through X and Roe Limited Liability Companies I through X, are unknown to Plaintiffs, who therefore sue said defendants by such fictitious names. Plaintiffs are informed and believe and thereupon allege that each of the defendants designated as a Roe Corporation or Roe Limited Liability Company is responsible in some manner for the events and happenings described herein, including but not limited to the individuals and entities that provide or should have provided lifeguard and safety protection for Leland including but not limited to lifeguards, managers, supervisors, contractors, other water park personnel, and the individual owners and operators of Cowabunga Bay, as well as any swimming pool management companies and employment staffing agencies. As such, Plaintiffs will seek leave of the Court to amend this Complaint to insert the true names and capacities of said defendants as they become identified and known to Plaintiffs.
- 20. Whenever it is alleged in this Complaint that a Defendant did any act or thing, it is meant that such Defendant's officers, agents, servants, employees, or representatives did such act or thing and at the time such act or thing was done, it was done with full authorization or ratification of such Defendant or was done in the normal and routine course and scope of business, or with the actual, apparent and/or implied authority of such Defendant's officers, agents, servants, employees, or representatives. Specifically, Defendants are liable for the actions of their respective officers, agents, servants, employees, and representatives.

GENERAL ALLEGATIONS

21. At all times material to this Complaint, the acts and omissions giving rise to this action occurred in Clark County, Nevada.

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The Original Ownership Structure Behind the Cowabunga Bay Project and the "Nightmare" Scenario That Ensued During R&O's Construction of the Park

- 22. In or around September 2012, Splash Management, LLC ("Splash")—a business entity operated by three individuals named Shawn Hassett, Ben Howell and Marvin Howell—partnered with the Huish Family, through West Coast, to develop Cowabunga Bay.
- 23. Together, Splash and West Coast formed Cowabunga Las Vegas Land, LLC to hold the land on which Cowabunga Bay would be built. Splash and West Coast likewise formed Cowabunga Las Vegas Operations, LLC to conduct the water park's operations after the completion of construction.
- 24. Because Splash and West Coast did not have the ability to independently finance the construction of Cowabunga Bay, Splash and West Coast sought loans from financial institutions and hard money lenders with little to no success. In early November 2012, however, Splash and West Coast obtained a commitment for financing that would close within 90 days and be used to pay for the construction of Cowabunga Bay, which was originally anticipated to cost approximately \$12 to \$15 million.
- 25. Cowabunga Las Vegas Operations, LLC hired R&O as the general contractor to oversee the construction of Cowabunga Bay. Although the financing for the project was not yet secure, R&O hired subcontractors and immediately began construction of Cowabunga Bay in December 2012 with the goal of opening the park in Spring 2013.
- 26. The prospective financing arranged by Splash and West Coast fell through just months after R&O started construction. As a result, Cowabunga Las Vegas Operations, LLC failed to pay R&O several millions of dollars in construction costs that had already been incurred by R&O and its various subcontractors. With its subcontractors on the verge of bankruptcy, R&O was forced to halt construction in April 2013.
- 27. The consequences of R&O overextending itself on the Cowabunga Bay project threatened to cause irreparable harm to the company. First, R&O would lose millions of dollars if its

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construction costs were not paid. Second, R&O would be forced to default its subcontractors, which would cause them to declare bankruptcy and ruin R&O's reputation in the Las Vegas construction market.

- 28. Due to this self-described "nightmare" scenario, Orluff became personally involved in order to salvage the Cowabunga Bay project and rescue R&O from severe harm. Orluff arranged meetings with Splash and West Coast where it was discussed that Orluff, acting on behalf of R&O, would make a capital contribution to the Cowabunga Bay project in exchange for an ownership stake in the business. By doing so, Orluff would provide the funds necessary to pay R&O's costs and those of its subcontractors such that the construction of Cowabunga Bay could be completed with minimal damage to R&O's finances and reputation.
- 29. In order to obtain the funds for his capital contribution to the Cowabunga Bay project, Orluff (as he had on other occasions in the past) requested a personal loan of approximately \$4 million from R&O. Those same funds would then be funneled through the Cowabunga Bay project and paid to R&O so the company could compensate the subcontractors and cover its own construction costs. In exchange for this injection of capital, Orluff would receive an ownership stake in the Cowabunga Bay project that would eventually generate sufficient funds to make R&O whole and extricate the company from the "nightmare." R&O's Board of Directors—including Orluff and each of the minority shareholders in the company—unanimously voted to approve the multi-million dollar loan to Orluff.
- 30. Splash, West Coast and Orluff (acting on behalf of R&O) initially contemplated that each group would maintain an equity interest in Cowabunga Bay based on their respective capital contributions. Splash, however, refused to accept a decreased equity interest and instead informed Orluff and the Huish Family that it would take the project into bankruptcy, which would irreparably harm R&O's financial health and reputation in the Las Vegas market.
- 31. In the face of a looming fight over ownership between Splash, on one hand, and Orluff and the Huish Family, on the other, Orluff turned to his close friend and advisor, Tom Welch, for advice on how to remove Splash from the equation. In anticipation of litigation with Splash, Welch activated

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his dormant law license and devised a scheme whereby West Coast—which had voting control of Cowabunga Las Vegas Land, LLC and Cowabunga Las Vegas Operations, LLC—would sell the land and all of the park's assets to a new business entity formed by Orluff and the Huish Family. Through the new business entity, Orluff and the Huish Family would own and operate Cowabunga Bay to the exclusion of Splash. During this undertaking, Welch represented the interests of R&O, the Opheikens Family and the Huish Family and each group consented to the plan to remove Splash and form a new entity to own and operate Cowabunga Bay.

- 32. Welch formed HWP in August 2013 with the express consent of R&O, Orluff and the Huish Family. Welch drafted HWP's Operating Agreement, which was likewise reviewed and approved by R&O's corporate counsel, Cass Butler, who also served as Orluff's personal attorney.
- 33. R&O, Orluff and the Huish Family successfully executed the scheme in which HWP bought the land and assets from Cowabunga Las Vegas Land, LLC and Cowabunga Las Vegas Operations, LLC and, in turn, removed Splash from the Cowabunga Bay project.
- 34. Upon the formation of HWP, Orluff and the Huish Family sought additional financing to complete the construction of Cowabunga Bay and fund the park's operating costs. To that end, Orluff personally approached Bank of Utah and negotiated a \$12.2 million loan to HWP, R&O, Double Ott, West Coast, Orluff, Shane Huish, Scott Huish, and other relatives of the Huish Family. In addition to the other borrowers, Orluff and R&O guaranteed payment on the note to Bank of Utah.
- 35. With the financing from Bank of Utah, Defendants successfully completed the construction of Cowabunga Bay and opened the park to the public on July 4, 2014.
- 36. As a result of the scheme to insert Orluff as a straw man owner of Cowabunga Bay in its place, R&O paid its subcontractors and recovered the costs of construction. Nevertheless, R&O did not make a profit from the construction of Cowabunga Bay and even waived its lucrative general contractor fee.

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The Management Committee of HWP Exercises Complete Control Over the Operations of Cowabunga Bay

- 37. Pursuant to HWP's Operating Agreement, HWP was operated and controlled by its Management Committee. At Orluff's direction, Welch designed the Management Committee to grant Orluff control over the Huish Family in the operations of Cowabunga Bay because Orluff and R&O had a greater amount of money invested in the business and, therefore, more risk. At all relevant times, the Management Committee was comprised of seven (7) members made up of the Opheikens Family, the Huish Family and Welch. Orluff served as Chairman of the Management Committee.
- 38. HWP's Operating Agreement contains the following provisions pertaining to the Management Committee's absolute control over every aspect of Cowabunga Bay's operations:
 - 6.1 Rights and Powers of Management: Except as otherwise expressly provided in this Operating Agreement, all management rights, powers and authority over the business, affairs and operations of the Company shall be solely and exclusively vested in the Management Committee.

[T]he Management Committee shall have the full right, power and authority to do all things deemed necessary or desirable by it, in its reasonable discretion, to conduct the business, affairs and operations of [Cowabunga Bay].

- 39. Among numerous other specific powers identified in the Operating Agreement, HWP's Management Committee has direct and absolute control over "the selection and dismissal of employees" and is responsible for "tak[ing] all actions which may be necessary or appropriate to accomplish the purpose of the [Cowabunga Bay]."
- 40. All actions taken by Cowabunga Bay set forth herein were authorized, directed or participated in by the Individual Defendants in their individual capacity as members of the Management Committee. Additionally, as set forth below, the Individual Defendants knew or should have known that these actions could injure Cowabunga Bay patrons like Leland, but negligently failed to take or order

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appropriate action to avoid that harm despite the fact that an ordinarily prudent person, knowing what the Individual Defendants knew at the time, would not have acted similarly under the circumstances.

Defendants Intentionally Violate Nevada Law by Understaffing Lifeguards at the Wave Pool

- 41. Cowabunga Bay consists of a twenty-five (25) acre for-profit water park featuring dozens of water slides and attractions. One of its marquee attractions is the Surf-A-Rama Wave Pool ("the Wave Pool"), which is 35,000 square feet, holds up to 2,619 bathers and produces waves up to four (4) feet high.
- 42. Before opening its doors to the public, Nevada law required Cowabunga Bay to first obtain a permit to operate from the Southern Nevada Health District ("SNHD"). Nevada Revised Statute Chapter 444 governs the operation of public swimming pools and dictates the procedures a water recreation business such as Cowabunga Bay must follow to obtain such a permit.
- 43. In that regard, NRS 444.080 states that it is "unlawful for any person, firm, corporation, institution or municipality to construct or to operate or continue to operate any public swimming pool [] within the State of Nevada without a permit to do so from the health authority." In order to obtain the requisite permit, the operator must submit an application or "lifeguard plan" to the health authority clarifying *inter alia* "[t]he lifesaving apparatus and measures to insure safety of bathers." *Id.* The health authority will only approve a permit when it determines that the public swimming pool in question will not constitute a menace to public health. *Id*.
- 44. On February 19, 2014, Cowabunga Bay applied for its permit and submitted a lifeguard plan to SNHD. In its lifeguard plan, Cowabunga Bay proposed posting only six (6) lifeguards to monitor the Wave Pool. Due to the woefully deficient lifeguard coverage proposed for this banner attraction, SNHD denied Cowabunga Bay's application. In doing so, SNHD specified that seventeen (17) lifeguards were required to safely operate the Wave Pool.
- 45. Thus, in order to obtain its permit, Cowabunga Bay submitted a revised lifeguard plan in line with SNHD's safety requirements for the Wave Pool, i.e., that seventeen (17) lifeguards would be

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posted to monitor the Wave Pool at all times. Based on Cowabunga Bay's revised lifeguard plan, SNHD granted its request for a permit.

- 46. Cowabunga Bay, however, had no intention of ever providing the lifeguard coverage required by state law and instead knowingly, intentionally and willfully deviated from the prescribed lifeguard plan for its Wave Pool and other attractions. Indeed, despite its public proclamations that safety was its "number one priority," Cowabunga Bay habitually operated the Wave Pool with only 5-7 lifeguards. In sum, Cowabunga Bay made the necessary representations regarding lifeguard staffing to obtain the required permit and then summarily abandoned those representations in order to operate the Wave Pool with the staffing levels that were previously rejected by SNHD.
- 47. Cowabunga Bay and, more specifically, the Management Committee made the decision to violate the SNHD-approved lifeguard plan by operating the Wave Pool with only a fraction of the required amount of lifeguards in order to meet the burdens imposed by the financing obtained by Defendants from Bank of Utah. Defendants knowingly slashed variable costs including lifeguards at the Wave Pool in order to meet a strict annual budget that would allow Cowabunga Bay to continue operating without violating Defendants' loan covenants with the Bank of Utah. Indeed, had Defendants chosen to comply with the law, HWP, R&O, Double Ott, West Coast, Orluff, Shane Huish, Scott Huish, and other relatives of the Huish Family would have jeopardized compliance with their loan obligations and been exposed to severe financial consequences tallying in the tens of millions of dollars. R&O was doubly at risk because it was not only a borrower on the Bank of Utah loan, but it had also invested millions of dollars in Cowabunga Bay as a result of the loan to Orluff that now amounts to approximately nine million dollars (\$9,000,000). Accordingly, rather than subject themselves to these devastating financial ramifications. Defendants simply chose to violate the law and expose the public to severe bodily harm.
- 48. In addition to not providing an adequate number of lifeguards, Cowabunga Bay also failed to properly certify and train those lifeguards that it did staff. Moreover, Cowabunga Bay did not

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provide life poles for use in the rescue of a drowning swimmer, failed to post the appropriate safety signage, and did not maintain water quality in clear violation of SNHD requirements.

Leland Gardner Drowns in the Wave Pool at Cowabunga Bay When Only Three Lifeguards Were on Duty

- 49. During the 2014-2015 school year, Leland was a kindergarten student. After school on May 27, 2015, Leland had a playdate with a classmate that would be hosted by the classmate's father, William Ray ("Mr. Ray"), at a water park.
- 50. While visiting Cowabunga Bay, Mr. Ray took his son and Leland to the Wave Pool. There, Leland fell off of his inner tube and was submerged at the bottom of the Wave Pool for a lengthy period of time. Leland suffered a non-fatal drowning and debilitating injuries that required weeks of hospitalization in the pediatric intensive care unit at St. Rose Hospital—Siena Campus. Since the incident, Leland has required twenty-four (24) hour care for his severe neurological impairments, and his devastating injuries will necessitate extensive and ongoing medical treatment and rehabilitative therapy for the rest of his life.
- 51. On May 27, 2015, Cowabunga Bay illegally operated its Wave Pool with just three (3) lifeguards on duty, one of whom was not properly trained or certified pursuant to NRS 444.115. Indeed, Cowabunga Bay knew it was breaking the law when it understaffed its Wave Pool, but did so anyway.
- 52. Further, on May 27, 2015, Cowabunga Bay failed to provide safety signage, life poles, clean water with the appropriate levels of visibility, and otherwise chose not to abide by the parameters of its permit.
- 53. The Individual Defendants, as the members of HWP's Management Committee, knew or should have known of these hazardous conditions that threatened physical injury to their patrons like Leland, yet failed to take any action to avoid this harm and, in fact, took action which exacerbated the risk to patrons like Leland. Indeed, the Individual Defendants knowingly operated Cowabunga Bay and

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the Wave Pool with far less than the required amount of lifeguards in order to meet their strict budgetary constraints.

- 54. On or around 12:10 p.m. on May 29, 2015, SNHD reported to Cowabunga Bay to investigate Leland's non-fatal drowning. SNHD observed that proper safety signage and lifepoles were not present. In addition, although Cowabunga Bay was not scheduled to open for another hour, SNHD still noted there were only fourteen (14) lifeguards on duty inside Cowabunga Bay at the time when thirtyfive (35) were required by the lifeguard plan.
- 55. SNHD returned to Cowabunga Bay on June 9, 2015 to conduct an additional investigation while the park was open for business and found only eight (8) lifeguards on duty at the Wave Pool instead of the seventeen (17) required by the lifeguard plan. SNHD likewise found lifeguard staffing violations at other attractions in Cowabunga Bay as well as additional problems with the water quality. SNHD ultimately cited and fined Cowabunga Bay for its inadequate staffing of lifeguards and other violations of the permitting requirements.
- 56. The tragic incident underlying this litigation is a direct result of Defendants' willful disregard of their obligations under the law. As a result of his non-fatal drowning arising out of Defendants' despicable conduct, Leland suffered catastrophic brain injuries that require 24-hour care. Leland has essentially no motor skills and cannot talk, eat, walk, use his arms, or even sit up.

FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

(Negligence – Defendant HWP) (Alter Ego Liability Only - Defendants West Coast Water Parks, LLC, Double Ott Water Holding, LLC, and the Individual Defendants)

- 57. Paragraphs 1 through 56 are hereby specifically incorporated herein as though fully set forth.
- 58. HWP, through its acts and omissions, owed multiple duties to Plaintiffs including but not limited to:
 - The duty to keep Leland safe; a.

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b.	The duty to use reasonable care to protect Leland from known dangers such as

- The duty to adequately staff lifeguards throughout Cowabunga Bay; c.
- d. The duty to properly train and certify employees, lifeguards managers/supervisors to protect customers from dangers such as drowning;
- The duty to provide ongoing training to employees, lifeguards and e. managers/supervisors to protect customers from dangers such as drowning;
 - f. The duty to maintain clean and clear water within Cowabunga Bay;
- g. The duty to use reasonable care in the hiring, supervision, training and retention of its employees; and
- h. The duty to act in a matter that does not violate State of Nevada, City of Henderson and Clark County statutes, laws and ordinances.
- 59. HWP breached its duties to Plaintiffs when they failed to provide adequate lifeguard coverage and otherwise failed to take reasonable steps to protect Leland from drowning.
- 60. In addition, HWP's violations of the law were criminal in nature and constituted negligence per se as Leland's injuries are of the type which the statutes, laws, ordinances, and regulations of the United States, State of Nevada—including but limited to NRS 444.080 and 444.115—Clark County, and/or the Cities of Henderson and Las Vegas were intended to prevent.
- 61. As a direct and proximate result of HWP's negligence and brazen violation of the law, Plaintiffs have been damaged in an amount greater than \$15,000.00.
- 62. The conduct of the HWP was grossly negligent, reckless, willful, intentional, oppressive, fraudulent, malicious, and done in reckless disregard of the safety and rights of Plaintiffs thereby warranting the imposition of punitive damages.
- 63. Plaintiffs have been forced to retain the services of attorneys to prosecute this action and are entitled to an award of reasonable attorneys' fees and costs.

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SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION

(Negligence – Individual Defendants)

- 64. Paragraphs 1 through 63 are hereby specifically incorporated herein as though fully set forth.
- 65. The Individual Defendants, and each of them, were members of HWP's Management Committee.
- 66. At all relevant times, HWP's Management Committee had all management rights, powers and authority over HWP's business, affairs and operations and, as a result, the Individual Defendants personally owed multiple common duties to Plaintiffs, including but not limited to:
 - a. The duty to keep Leland safe;
- b. The duty to use reasonable care to protect Leland from known dangers such as drowning;
 - c. The duty to adequately staff lifeguards throughout Cowabunga Bay;
- d. The duty to properly train and certify employees, lifeguards and managers/supervisors to protect customers from dangers such as drowning;
- e. The duty to provide ongoing training to employees, lifeguards and managers/supervisors to protect customers from dangers such as drowning;
 - f. The duty to maintain clean and clear water within Cowabunga Bay;
- g. The duty to use reasonable care in the hiring, supervision, training and retention of its employees; and
- h. The duty to act in a matter that does not violate State of Nevada, City of Henderson and Clark County statutes, laws and ordinances.
- 67. The Individual Defendants breached their duties to Plaintiffs when they authorized, directed or participated in HWP's unlawful scheme to understaff lifeguards at its Wave Pool and otherwise failed to take reasonable steps to protect Leland from drowning.

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- In addition, the Individual Defendants' violations of the law were criminal in nature and 68. constituted negligence per se as Leland's injuries are of the type which the statutes, laws, ordinances, and regulations of the United States, State of Nevada—including but limited to NRS 444.080 and 444.115— Clark County, and/or the Cities of Henderson and Las Vegas were intended to prevent.
- 69. As a direct and proximate result of the Individual Defendants' negligence and brazen violation of the law, Plaintiffs have been damaged in an amount greater than \$15,000.00.
- 70. The conduct of the Individual Defendants, and each of them, individually and in concert with one another as herein alleged, was grossly negligent, reckless, willful, intentional, oppressive, fraudulent, malicious, and done in reckless disregard of the safety and rights of Plaintiffs thereby warranting the imposition of punitive damages.
- 71. Plaintiffs have been forced to retain the services of attorneys to prosecute this action and are entitled to an award of reasonable attorneys' fees and costs.

THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION

(Reverse Veil Piercing Under The Alter Ego Doctrine – **Orluff Opheikens and R&O Construction Company)**

- 72. Paragraphs 1 through 71 are hereby specifically incorporated herein as though fully set forth.
- 73. Orluff founded R&O in 1982 and, through his family trust, owns eighty-five percent (85%) of the outstanding shares in R&O. At all relevant times, Orluff served as the Chairman of the Board of Directors of R&O. During the same time period, Orluff's son, Slade, served as the Chief Executive Officer of R&O—a position previously held by Orluff for decades—and acted at the direction of Orluff. According to Slade, Orluff is R&O.
- 74. When R&O was faced with the prospect of heavy monetary losses and severe damage to its reputation resulting from the failed construction of Cowabunga Bay, Orluff immediately stepped in to personally represent R&O's interests and save the project from failure. To that end, Orluff

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determined that he would personally assume an ownership stake in Cowabunga Bay to ensure that R&O recouped its costs and paid its debts. In doing so, Orluff directed R&O's course of conduct and acted for the benefit of the company and in furtherance of its interests.

- 75. In that regard, R&O and Orluff were represented by Welch in the plan to exclude Splash from Cowabunga Bay by selling the land and all of the park's assets to HWP. In furtherance of the scheme, Welch acted at Orluff's direction and represented the interests of R&O, Orluff, and the Huish Family. Cass Butler, R&O's corporate counsel and Orluff's personal attorney, was equally involved in the formation of HWP and Orluff's plan to assume an ownership interest in Cowabunga Bay for the benefit of R&O.
- 76. In keeping with Orluff's practice of obtaining loans from R&O for non-corporate purposes, Orluff obtained a personal loan from R&O in the approximate amount of \$4 million to fund his capital contribution to the Cowabunga Bay project. At Orluff's direction, R&O's Board of Directors, including Orluff himself and the other minority shareholders of the company, unanimously approved the loan with knowledge that the funds would be invested in the Cowabunga Bay project and used to recoup R&O's unpaid costs and pay the company's debts to subcontractors. With R&O's consent, Orluff treated corporate assets as his own and otherwise commingled funds for the purpose of ensuring R&O did not suffer severe monetary and reputational harm as a result of the Cowabunga Bay project.
- 77. At Orluff's direction, R&O also signed as a borrower on the \$12.2 million loan from Bank of Utah that was used to complete the construction of Cowabunga Bay and fund its operations. R&O, therefore, exposed itself to extreme financial risk to salvage the prospects of the Cowabunga Bay project and allow Orluff to eventually make R&O whole. R&O likewise declined to collect a profit from the construction of Cowabunga Bay and waived its lucrative general contractor fee.
- 78. Based on the foregoing, Orluff governed and influenced R&O on a day-to-day basis and, in particular, with respect to the Cowabunga Bay project. Moreover, there was such unity and

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identity of interest and ownership between R&O and Orluff that one was inseparable from the other especially as it related to the Cowabunga Bay project.

- 79. The facts of this case are such that adherence to the corporate fiction of R&O as a separate entity from Orluff would, under the circumstances, promote injustice. In addition to the undercapitalization of HWP and lack of adequate insurance coverage, adherence to the corporate fiction would permit R&O to reap the benefits of Orluff's ownership and management of Cowabunga Bay while avoiding any of the liability caused by the negligent conduct of HWP and the Individual Defendants, including the Opheikens Family. In point of fact, by virtue of Orluff serving as a straw man for R&O, the company recovered its unpaid costs from the construction of Cowabunga Bay, saved its reputation in the Las Vegas market by not defaulting its subcontractors, and attempted to shield itself from any liability related to the hazardous operations of the water park.
- 80. Because Orluff is the alter ego of R&O and the protections of the corporate form have been abused in connection with the Cowabunga Bay project, Plaintiffs should be permitted to pierce the corporate veil in reverse and recover from R&O—the true beneficiary of Orluff's ownership and participation in the management of Cowabunga Bay.
- 81. Reverse piercing of the veil will not harm the rights of innocent shareholders or creditors. While R&O has minority shareholders that own approximately fifteen percent (15%) of the corporation's outstanding stock, each minority shareholder is an executive with R&O and a member of the Board of Directors. As such, the minority shareholders voted for and benefitted from Orluff's decision to assume an ownership interest in the Cowabunga Bay project so R&O could recover its construction costs and pay its subcontractors. In that same vein, R&O's minority shareholders would have suffered if Orluff had not taken action to save the Cowabunga Bay project by serving as R&O's straw man. Reverse piercing is neither inequitable nor unjust under these circumstances.

JURY DEMAND

82. Plaintiffs hereby demand a trial by jury for all issues so triable.

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PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs pray for judgment against Defendants, and each of them, as follows:

- For compensatory damages in excess of \$15,000.00; 1.
- 2. For punitive damages to be determined by the jury;
- 3. For attorney's fees and costs of suit incurred herein;
- For pre-judgment and post-judgment interest, as allowed by law; and 4.
- 5. For such other and further relief as is appropriate under the circumstances.

DATED this 30th day of July, 2018.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Pursuant to NRCP 5(b), I certify that I am an employee of Campbell & Williams, and that on this 30th day of July, 2018 I caused the foregoing document entitled **Third Amended Complaint** to be served upon those persons designated by the parties in the E-Service Master List for the above-referenced matter in the Eighth Judicial District Court eFiling System in accordance with the mandatory electronic service requirements of Administrative Order 14-2 and the Nevada Electronic Filing and Conversion Rules.

/s/ *Lucinda Martinez*An Employee of Campbell & Williams

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Third-Party Defendants.

DEFENDANT SHANE HUISH'S ANSWER TO THIRD AMENDED COMPLAINT

COMES NOW Defendant SHANE HUISH, by and through his attorneys, STEVEN T. JAFFE, ESQ. And KEVIN S. SMITH, ESQ., of the law firm of HALL JAFFE & CLAYTON, LLP, and answers Plaintiff's Second Amended Complaint as follows:

- 1. Answering Paragraphs 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 18 and 19 of the Third Amended Complaint, this Answering Defendant is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained therein, and accordingly, those allegations are hereby denied.
- 2. Answering Paragraph 10 of the Third Amended Complaint, this Answering Defendant admits he is a Nevada resident. As to the remaining allegations this Answering Defendant is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained therein, and accordingly, those allegations are hereby denied.
- 3. Answering Paragraphs 15, 16 and 20 of the Third Amended Complaint, if any allegation contained in said paragraphs may be construed to be against this Answering Defendant, this Answering Defendant denies each and every allegation against him contained in said paragraphs. To the extent said paragraphs contains allegations relating to parties other than this Answering Defendant, this Answering Defendant is without knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of said allegations and therefore denies each and every allegation contained therein.
- 4. Answering Paragraph 17 of the Third Amended Complaint, this Answering Defendant admits that Cowabunga Bay Water Park ("Cowabunga Bay") is a water park located at 900 Galleria Drive, Henderson, Nevada 89011. As to the remaining allegations, this Answering Defendant is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained therein, and accordingly, those allegations are hereby denied.

GENERAL ALLEGATIONS

- 5. Answering Paragraphs 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 49 and 50 of the Third Amended Complaint, this Answering Defendant is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained therein, and accordingly, those allegations are hereby denied.
- 6. Answering Paragraphs 38, 39, 42 and 43 of the Third Amended Complaint, this Answering Defendant asserts that this Plaintiff asserts legal conclusions which this Defendant cannot answer, and accordingly, hereby denies these allegations.
- 7. Answering Paragraphs 40, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 51, 52, 53 and 56 of the Third Amended Complaint, this Answering Defendant denies all allegations.
- 8. Answering Paragraph 41 of the Third Amended Complaint, this Answering Defendant admits that Cowabunga Bay is a facility with a water slide and attractions, including a wave pool. As to all remaining allegations, this Answering Defendant is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained therein, and accordingly, those allegations are hereby denied.
- 9. Paragraphs 54 and 55 of the Third Amended Complaint does not state a claim for relief or make any allegation against this Answering Defendant. If any allegation contained in said paragraphs may be construed to be against this Answering Defendant, this Answering Defendant denies each and every allegation against him contained in said paragraphs. To the extent said paragraphs contain allegations relating to parties other than this Answering Defendant, this Answering Defendant is without knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of said allegations and therefore denies each and every allegation contained therein.

FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

(Negligence-Defendant HWP)
(Alter Ego Liability Only - Defendants West Coast Water Parks, LLC,
Double Ott Water Holding, LLC, and the Individual Defendants)

10. Answering Paragraph 57 of the Third Amended Complaint, this Answering Defendant repeats and realleges his answers and responses to paragraphs 1 through 56 as if more fully set forth herein, and thereby incorporate them.

11. Answering Paragraph 58, 59, 60, 61, 62 and 63 of the Third Amended Complaint, and all sub-parts thereto, solely to the extent that the allegations contained therein refer to this Answering Defendant, this Answering Defendant denies all allegations contained therein. As to all other Defendants, this Answering Defendant is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations regarding injuries and damages contained therein, and accordingly, those allegations are hereby denied.

SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION

(Negligence - Individual Defendants)

- 12. Answering Paragraph 64 of the Third Amended Complaint, this Answering Defendant repeat and realleges his answers and responses to paragraphs 1 through 63 as if more fully set forth herein, and thereby incorporate them.
- 13. Answering Paragraph 65 of the Third Amended Complaint, this Answering Defendant is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained therein, and accordingly, those allegations are hereby denied.
- 14. Answering Paragraphs 66, 67, 68, 69, 70 and 71 of the Third Amended Complaint, and all sub-parts thereto, solely to the extent that the allegations contained therein refer to this Answering Defendant, this Answering Defendant denies all allegations contained therein. As to all other Defendants, this Answering Defendant is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations regarding injuries and damages contained therein, and accordingly, those allegations are hereby denied.

THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION

(Reverse Veil Piercing Under The Alter Ego Doctrine – Orluff Opheikens and R&O Construction Company)

- 15. Answering Paragraph 72 of the Third Amended Complaint, this Answering Defendant repeat and realleges his answers and responses to paragraphs 1 through 63 as if more fully set forth herein, and thereby incorporate them.
- 16. Answering Paragraphs.73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80 and 81 of the Third Amended Complaint, this Answering Defendant is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as

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1	to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained therein, and accordingly, those allegations are hereby
2	denied.
3	<u>AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES</u>
4	As and for his affirmative defenses in this case, this Answering Defendant asserts the
5	following:
6	FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE
7	Defendant alleges that the Plaintiffs expressly assumed whatever risk or hazard existed at the
8	time of the claimed incident(s) and were therefore responsible for the alleged injuries suffered and
9	further, that the Plaintiffs were guilty of negligence on their own parts which caused or contributed to
10	any injuries suffered by the Plaintiffs.
11	SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE
12	The Third Amended Complaint fails to state a claim against the Defendant upon which relief car
13	be granted.
14	THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE
15	The cause of action set forth in the Third Amended Complaint is subject to dismissal for failure
16	to join a necessary and indispensable party pursuant to NRCP 19.
17	FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE
18	Defendant alleges that the negligence of the Plaintiffs exceeds that of the Defendant, if any, and
19	that the Plaintiffs are thereby barred from any recovery.
20	FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE
21	Plaintiffs have failed to mitigate their damages and, thus, monetary recovery, if any, should be
22	reduced accordingly.
23	SIXTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE
24	The Third Amended Complaint and each and every purported cause of action in the Third
25	Amended Complaint fails to state facts sufficient to constitute a cause of action or to state a claim on
26	which relief can be granted against this Defendant.
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SEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

All risks and dangers involved in the factual situation set forth in the Third Amended Complaint were open and obvious to the Plaintiffs.

EIGHTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Defendant, without negligence on his part, was suddenly and unexpectedly confronted with peril arising from the actual presence of or appearance of imminent danger to himself or others and utilized reasonable care in responding to such emergency and therefore, Defendant's conduct is excused.

NINTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Plaintiffs were involved in a prior accident or other form of traumatic event which caused the injuries of which they complains, and Plaintiffs must either prove causation or apportion damages, or Plaintiffs will fail to establish causation as a matter of law.

TENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Defendant is entitled to a finding of several liability only between the parties to this action.

ELEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

The incident which is the subject matter of this action was unavoidable, wherefore, Plaintiffs are barred from any recovery against this Defendant.

TWELFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Defendant alleges that Plaintiffs are barred from bringing this claim as all consequences of this claim were avoidable.

THIRTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Defendant alleges that the injuries, if any, suffered by the Plaintiffs as set forth in the Plaintiff's Third Amended Complaint were caused in whole or in part by the negligence of a third party over whom Defendant had no control.

FOURTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Plaintiffs are barred from recovering any special damages herein for failure to specifically allege the items of special damages claims, pursuant to NRCP 9(g).

FIFTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Any award of punitive damages would be unconstitutional under applicable constitutional protection.

SIXTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Plaintiffs are not entitled to receive punitive damages based on any calculations premised upon the wealth of this Defendant, as such calculation is unconstitutional.

SEVENTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Plaintiffs' injuries and problems, as alleged herein, pre-existed the accident at issue in this matter, thereby barring or limiting recovery.

EIGHTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

This Answering Defendant is owed indemnity by another entity for the injuries and damages alleged herein.

NINETEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Plaintiffs do not belong to the class of persons a statute was designed to protect, and the Plaintiff's claimed injury is not the type any statute was intended to protect.

TWENTIETH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

This Defendant had no actual notice of the alleged condition which the Plaintiffs allege caused injuries.

TWENTY-FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

This Defendant had no constructive notice of the alleged condition which the Plaintiff alleges caused condition.

TWENTY-SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Plaintiffs, another party, or some other person or entity has intentionally or negligently destroyed critical evidence, thereby constituting spoliation of evidence, to this Defendant's prejudice.

TWENTY-THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

The Plaintiffs' medical costs derive from unreasonable or unnecessary treatment, such costs are not usual and customary, and such costs and treatment are presented solely to improperly attempt to increase the value of this case.

TWENTY-FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

The Plaintiffs, or their agents, are barred from asserting any claims against this answering Defendant because the alleged damages were the result of a superceding intervening cause.

Defendant reserves his right to assert additional affirmative defenses in the event discovery indicates that additional affirmative defenses would be appropriate.

WHEREFORE, Defendant requests that:

- Plaintiffs take nothing by this action; a.
- A judgment of dismissal be entered in favor of Defendant; b.
- Defendant be awarded the costs of suit incurred; and c.
- Defendant be awarded such other and further relief as the court deems just and d.

DATED this 6 day of August, 2018.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE 1 I hereby certify under penalty of perjury that I am an employee of HALL JAFFE & CLAYTON, 2 LLP and that on the Aday of August, 2018, the foregoing **DEFENDANT SHANE HUISH'S** 3 ANSWER TO THIRD AMENDED COMPLAINT was served upon those persons designated by the 4 parties in the E-Service Master List for the above-referenced matter in the Eighth Judicial District Court 5 e-Filing System in accordance with the mandatory electronic service requirements of Administrative 6 Order 14-2 and the Nevada Electronic Filing and Conversion Rules, and if not on the e-serve list, was 7 mailed via U.S. Mail, postage prepaid as noted below, as follows: 8 **CAMPBELL & WILLIAMS** 9 Donald J. Campbell, Esq. Samuel R. Mirkovich, Esq. 10 700 South Seventh Street Las Vegas, NV 89101 11 Attorneys for Plaintiffs 12 ROGERS, MASTRANGELO, CARVALHO & MITCHELL Rebecca L. Mastrangelo, Esq. 13 700 S. Third Street Las Vegas, Nevada 89101 14 Attorneys for Defendants Scott Huish; Craig Huish; and Huish Brothers' LLC (West Coast Water Parks, LLC) 15 OLSON, CANNON, GORMLEY ANGULO & STOBERSKI 16 John E. Gormley, Esq. 9950 W. Cheyenne Avenue 17 Las Vegas, Nevada 89129 Attorneys for Defendants Orluff Opeikens; Slade Opheikens; Chet Opheikens; 18 Tom Welch; and Double Ott Water Holdings, LLC 19 THORNDAL ARMSTRONG DELK BALKENBUSH & EISINGER Paul F. Eisinger, Esq. 20 Douglas J. Duesman, Esq. 1100 East Bridger Avenue 21 Las Vegas, NV 89101 Attorneys for Third-Party Defendant/Third-Party Plaintiff Henderson Water Park, LLC 22 dba Cowabunga Bay Water Park 23

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1	v.
2	WILLIAM PATRICK RAY, JR.; and DOES I through X, inclusive,
3	Third-Party Defendant.
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5	DOUBLE OTT WATER HOLDINGS, LLC, a Utah limited liability company;
6	ORLUFF OPHEIKENS, an individual; SLADE OPHEIKENS, an individual;
7	CHET OPHEIKENS, an individual; and TOM WELCH, an individual,
8	Cross-Claimants,
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10	WILLIAM PATRICK RAY, JR.
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DEFENDANTS' ANSWER TO PLAINTIFFS' THIRD AMENDED COMPLAINT

COME NOW Defendants DOUBLE OTT WATER HOLDINGS, LLC; TOM WELCH; ORLUFF OPEIKENS; SLADE OPHEIKENS; and CHET OPEIKENS (hereinafter these "Answering Defendants") by and through their attorney of record, JOHN E. GORMLEY, ESQ. of the law firm OLSON, CANNON, GORMLEY, ANGULO & STOBERSKI, and hereby Answers the Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint as follows:

IDENTIFICATION OF THE PARTIES

- 1. Answering Paragraphs 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 10, 11, 12, and 13 of the Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint on file herein, these Answering Defendants admit the allegations contained therein.
- 2. Answering Paragraphs 5, 7, 8, 18, and 19 of the Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint on file herein, these Answering Defendants are without sufficient information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained therein, and upon said grounds, denies the same.
- 3. Answering Paragraphs 9, 14, 15, 16, 17, and 20 of the Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint on file herein, these Answering Defendants deny each and every allegation contained

therein.

GENERAL ALLEGATIONS

- 4. Answering Paragraphs 21 and 35 of the Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint, these Answering Defendants admit the allegations contained therein.
- 5. Answering Paragraphs 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, and 56 of the Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint, these Answering Defendants deny each and every allegation contained therein.

FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

(Negligence - Defendant HWP)

(Alter Ego Liability Only – Defendants West Coast Water Parks, LLC; Double OTT Water Holding, LLC, and the Individual Defendants)

- 6. These Answering Defendants repeat and re-allege its responses to each and every allegation contained in Paragraphs 1 through 56 of the Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint as though fully set forth herein.
- 7. Answering Paragraphs 58, 59, 60, 61, 62 and 63 of the Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint, these Answering Defendants deny each and every allegation contained therein.

<u>SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION</u> (Negligence – Individual Defendants)

- 8. These Answering Defendants repeat and re-allege its responses to each and every allegation contained in Paragraphs 1 through 63 of the Plaintiff's Second Amended Complaint as though fully set forth herein.
- 9. Answering Paragraphs 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, and 71 of the Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint, these Answering Defendants deny each and every allegation contained therein.

THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION (Reverse Veil Piercing Under The Alter Ego Doctrine-Orluff Opheikens and R&O Construction Company)

10. These Answering Defendants repeat and re-allege its responses to each and every allegation contained in Paragraphs 1 through 71 of the Plaintiff's Second Amended Complaint as though fully set forth herein.

9. Answering Paragraphs 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, and 81 of the Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint, these Answering Defendants deny each and every allegation contained therein.

AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES

FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

These Answering Defendants are informed and believe, and thereon allege, that Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint, and each and every cause of action contained therein, fails to state facts sufficient to constitute a cause of action against these Answering Defendants.

SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

At the times and places alleged in Plaintiff's Third Amended Complaint, and for a period of time prior thereto, the Plaintiffs did not exercise ordinary care, caution or prudence for the protection of their, and each others's, own safety and the injuries and damages complained of by the Plaintiffs in their Third Amended Complaint, if any, were directly and proximately caused or contributed to by the fault, failure to act, carelessness and negligence of the Plaintiffs.

THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

At all times and places alleged in Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint on file herein, the negligence, misconduct, and fault of the Plaintiffs exceeds that of these Answering Defendants, if any, and Plaintiffs are thereby barred from any recovery against these Answering Defendants.

FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

These Answering Defendants are informed and believe, and thereon allege, that Plaintiffs, by their conduct, and/or by the conduct of other entities and/or individuals, whether or not parties herein, is estopped from asserting any claim(s) for damages or seeking any other relief against these Answering Defendants.

FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

These Answering Defendants are informed and believe, and thereon allege, that damages suffered by Plaintiffs, if any, were the direct and proximate result of the negligence of parties, persons, corporations and/or entities other than these Answering Defendants, and that the liability of these Answering Defendants, if any, is limited in direct proportion to the percentage of fault

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actually attributable to these Answering Defendants.

SIXTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

These Answering Defendants are informed and believe, and thereon allege, that at all times mentioned herein, Plaintiffs were negligent, careless, reckless, and unlawfully conducted themselves so as to directly and proximately contribute to the happening of the incident and the occurrence of Plaintiffs claimed damages, all of which said negligence either bars completely or partially the damages sought herein.

SEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

These Answering Defendants are informed and believe, and thereon allege, that the injuries and damages of which Plaintiffs complain in their Third Amended Complaint were proximately caused by or contributed to be the acts of other defendants, persons and/or entities and that said acts were intervening and superseding causes of the injuries and damages, if any, of which Plaintiffs complain, thus barring Plaintiffs from any recovery against these Answering Defendants.

EIGHTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

These Answering Defendants are informed and believe, and thereon allege, that Plaintiffs expressly, voluntarily and knowingly assumed all risks about which they complain in their Third Amended Complaint, and therefore Plaintiffs are barred either totally or to the extent of said assumption from any damages against these Answering Defendants.

NINTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

At all times herein the Plaintiffs alleged damages were caused by third parties over which these Answering Defendants had no control and had no duty to control.

TENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

At all times these Answering Defendants acted diligently, within the standard of care, and with due care in the performance of any duty owed to Plaintiffs, if any.

ELEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

The accident alleged in Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint, and resulting damages, if any, were caused or contributed to by Plaintiffs' own negligence which was greater than any

negligence attributed to these Answering Defendant, which is expressly denied by these Answering Defendants.

TWELFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Assuming *arguendo* that liability is found, these Answering Defendants would not be jointly liable and would be only severally liable (these Answering Defendants denies any negligence) for that portion of Plaintiffs' claims that represent the percentage of negligence attributable to them.

THIRTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

This is no evidence of oppression, fraud or malice to support an award of punitive damages against these Answering Defendants.

FOURTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

These Answering Defendants did not act with a wanton, willful or otherwise conscious disregard of Plaintiffs or their rights and, therefore, there can be no factual or legal basis for punitive damages.

FIFTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

That an award of punitive damages would be unconstitutional in that it would deny these Answering Defendants their rights as guaranteed in the Due Process and Equal Protection Clauses of both United States and Nevada Constitutions.

SIXTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

That if punitive damages are recoverable in this case, which these Answering Defendants specifically deny, such an award cannot be disproportionate to their alleged misconduct.

SEVENTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

That these Answering Defendants are not subject to suit for punitive damages upon the facts and conclusions as stated in Plaintiffs Complaint by reason of provisions of NRS 42.001 et seq.

EIGHTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

That if punitive damages are recoverable in this case, which these Answering Defendants specifically deny, such are criminal punishment in nature, and must be proven by at least a clear

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1	and convincing evidence.
2	NINETEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE
3	That Plaintiffs have failed to mitigate their damages.
4	TWENTIETH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE
5	That these Plaintiffs lack the legal capacity to sue.
6	TWENTY-FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE
7	Plaintiffs' claims regarding alter ego fail to state a claim upon which relief can be granted
8	against these Answering Defendants.
9	TWENTY-SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE
10	Plaintiffs' claims regarding alter ego fail to satisfy the elements of NRS 78.747 and must
11	therefore be dismissed against these Answering Defendants.
12	TWENTY-THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE
13	These Answering Defendants cannot be held liable for the acts of any other shareholder or
14	member of the Management Committee and any liability as to these Answering Defendants is
15	several only.
16	TWENTY-FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE
17	Plaintiffs' claims regarding Reverse Corporate Piercing fail to state a claim upon which
18	relief can be granted against these Answering Defendants because, inter alia, it is not a legally
19	cognizable cause of action in Nevada.
20	TWENTY-FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE
21	Plaintiffs' claims regarding Reverse Corporate Piercing are not ripe for adjudication and
22	this court lacks subject matter jurisdiction over them.
23	TWENTY-SIXTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE
24	Plaintiffs' claims regarding Reverse Corporate Piercing are an improper means of
25	imposing a pre-judgment writ of attachment which violate these Answering Defendants
26	constitutional rights to due process.
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TWENTY-SEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

These Answering Defendants had neither actual nor constructive knowledge of the alleged predicate acts which Plaintiffs claim occurred, nor did these Answering Defendants have any legal duty to hold or seek out such knowledge.

TWENTY-EIGHTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

That as pursuant to Nevada Rule of Civil Procedure 11, as amended, all possible affirmative defenses may not have been alleged herein insofar as insufficient facts were not available after reasonable inquiry upon the filing of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint, and therefore, these Answering Defendants reserve the right to amend their Answer to the Third Amended Complaint to allege additional affirmative defenses if subsequent investigation warrants.

WHEREFORE, as to the Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint in this case, these Answering Defendants pray as follows:

- 1. That Plaintiffs take nothing by reason of their Third Amended Complaint on file herein;
- 2. That these Answering Defendants are granted judgment against Plaintiffs, thereby dismissing the Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint on its merits;
- 3. That these Answering Defendants are granted judgment against Plaintiffs for their reasonable attorneys' fees and costs of suit; and
 - 4. For such other and further relief as this Court deems just and proper.

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<u>DEFENDANTS/CROSSCLAIMANTS' CROSSCLAIM AGAINST</u> WILLIAM PATRICK RAY, JR.

COME NOW Defendants/Crossclaimants DOUBLE OTT WATER HOLDINGS, LLC; TOM WELCH; ORLUFF OPHEIKENS; SLADE OPHEIKENS; and CHET OPHEIKENS (hereinafter these "Defendants/Crossclaimants") by and through their attorney of record, JOHN E. GORMLEY, ESQ. of the law firm OLSON, CANNON, GORMLEY, ANGULO & STOBERSKI and for their Crossclaim against WILLIAM PATRICK RAY, JR., hereby complain, allege and state as follows:

- 1. Defendants/Crossclaimants are a collection of legal entities and individuals who are organized under the laws, and are residents, of a foreign jurisdiction, with the exception of Chet Opheikens who is a resident of Clark County, Nevada, and they have been named as Defendants herein.
- 2. Crossdefendant WILLIAM PATRICK RAY, JR., upon information and belief, is and was at all times relevant herein a resident of Clark County, Nevada.
- 3. On or about July 30, 2018, Plaintiffs filed their Third Amended Complaint, naming Defendants/Crossclaimants as direct defendants in this matter. That Third Amended Complaint alleges, inter alia, a variety of claims, including tort-based causes of action against Defendants/Crossclaimaints.
- 4. Defendants/Crossclaimants have denied such allegations and alleged in their Answer pertinent Affirmative Defenses.

FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

Contribution (against Crossdefendant WILLIAM PATRICK RAY, JR.)

- 5. Defendants/Crossclaimants repeat and reallege each and every allegation contained in Paragraphs 1 through 4, inclusive, as though fully set forth herein.
- 6. Defendants/Crossclaimants allege that in the event they are found to be liable to Plaintiffs or to any party for damages, or payment is made to Plaintiffs or to any other party as a result of the incidents or occurrences described in the Third Amended Complaint, then Defendants'/Crossclaimants' liability or payment is based on the acts and/or omissions, including, without limitation, the conduct, negligence and/or fault of Crossdefendant WILLIAM PATRICK

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1	RAY, JR., and therefore Defendants/Crossclaimants are entitled to Contribution from			
2	Crossdefendant WILLIAM PATRICK RAY, JR. for his proportionate share of all such loss or			
3	damage pursuant to NRS 17.225.			
4	7. Defendants/Crossclaimants have been forced to retain an attorney to bring this			
5	Crossclaim, and therefore Defendants/Crossclaimants are entitled to recover reasonable attorney's			
6	fees and costs for the necessity of instituting this action.			
7	WHEREFORE, Defendants/Crossclaimants pray for relief as follows:			
8	1. For Contribution from Crossdefendant WILLIAM PATRICK RAY, JR.;			
9	2. For an award of reasonable attorney's fees and costs; and			
10	3. For all other such relief as the Court deems just and proper.			
11	DATED this 16 th day of August, 2018			
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on the 16 th day of August, 2018, I served a true and correct						
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PLAINTIFFS'	THIRD	AMENDED	COMPLAINT	AND	CROSSCLAIM	A GAINST
WILLIAM PATRICK RAY, JR., in the following manner:						

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Electronically Filed 8/22/2018 3:27 PM Steven D. Grierson CLERK OF THE COURT 1 **ANS** REBECCA L. MASTRANGELO, ESQ. Nevada Bar No. 5417 ROGERS, MASTRANGELO, CARVALHO & MITCHELL 3 700 S. Third Street Las Vegas, Nevada 89101 Phone (702) 383-3400 Fax (702) 384-1460 5 rmastrangelo@rmcmlaw.com Attorneys for Defendants SCOTT HUISH and CRAIG HUISH 6 and WEST COAST WATER 7 PARKS, LLC 8 DISTRICT COURT 9 CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA 10 11 PETER GARDNER and CHRISTIAN GARDNER.) individually and on behalf of minor child, 12 LELAND GARDNER, 13 Plaintiffs. CASE NO. A-15-722259-C DEPT. NO XXX 14 VS. 15 HENDERSON WATER PARK, LLC, dba COWABUNGA BAY WATER PARK, a Nevada 16 limited liability company; WEST COAST WATER PARKS, LLC, a Nevada limited liability company; DOUBLE OTT WATER HOLDINGS, LLC, a 17 Utah limited liability company; ORLUFF 18 OPEIKENS, an individual; SLADE OPHEIKENS **DEFENDANT CRAIG HUISH'S** an individual; CHET OPHEIKENS, an individual ANSWER TO THIRD AMENDED 19 SHANE HUISH, an individual; SCOTT HUISH, **COMPLAINT** an individual; CRAIG HUISH, an individual; TOM WELCH, an individual; R & O 20 CONSTRUCTÍON COMPANY, a Utah 21 corporation; DOES I through X. inclusive; ROE Corporations I through X 22 and ROE Limited Liability Company I through X. inclusive. 23 Defendants. 24 AND ALL RELATED CLAIMS. 25 Defendant, CRAIG HUISH, by and through his attorneys, ROGERS, MASTRANGELO, 26 CARVALHO & MITCHELL, in response to Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint on file herein, 27 28 admits, denies and alleges as follows:

1	<u>IDENTIFICATION OF THE PARTIES</u>		
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3	Answering Paragraphs 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint on file		
4	herein, Defendant admits the allegations contained therein.		
5	II		
6	Answering Paragraphs 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 and 19 of Plaintiffs' Third		
7	Amended Complaint on file herein, Defendant states that he is without knowledge or information		
8	sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained therein and on that basis		
9	denies each and every allegation.		
10	III		
11	Answering Paragraphs 12 and 20 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint on file herein,		
12	Defendant denies the allegations contained therein.		
13	GENERAL ALLEGATIONS		
14	I		
15	Answering Paragraphs 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 38,		
16	39, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 54 and 55 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint		
17	on file herein, Defendant states that he is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a		
18	belief as to the truth of the allegations contained therein and on that basis denies each and every		
19	allegation.		
20	II		
21	Answering Paragraphs 37, 40, 47, 53 and 56 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint on		
22	file herein, Defendant denies the allegations contained therein.		
23	FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION		
24	I		
25	Answering Paragraph 57 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint on file herein,		
26	Defendant repeats and realleges his answers to the allegations contained in Paragraphs 1 through		
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56 of the Third Amended Complaint and incorporates the same herein by this reference. 2 II Answering Paragraph 58 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint on file herein, 3 Defendant states that the allegations contained therein constitute conclusions of law and thus 4 require no answer; however, to the extent that they contain allegations of fact, states that he is 5 without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the 6 allegations contained therein and on that basis denies each and every allegation. 7 8 III Answering Paragraphs 59, 60, 61, 62 and 63 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint on 9 file herein, Defendant denies the allegations contained therein. 10 11 **SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION** 12 I Answering Paragraph 64 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint on file herein, 13 Defendant repeats and realleges his answers to the allegations contained in Paragraphs 1 through 14 63 of the Third Amended Complaint and incorporates the same herein by this reference. 15 16 II Answering Paragraphs 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70 and 71 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended 17 Complaint on file herein, Defendant denies the allegations contained therein. 18 THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION 20 Answering Paragraph 72 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint on file herein, Defendant repeats and realleges his answers to the allegations contained in Paragraphs 1 through 71 of the Third Amended Complaint and incorporates the same herein by this reference. II Answering Paragraphs 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80 and 81of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint on file herein, Defendant states that he is without knowledge or information sufficient

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to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained therein and on that basis denies each and every allegation.

JURY DEMAND

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Answering Paragraph 82 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint on file herein,

Defendant states that he is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the
truth of the allegations contained therein and on that basis denies each and every allegation.

AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES

FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

The Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint on file herein fails to state a claim against this answering Defendant upon which relief can be granted.

SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

The incident alleged in the Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and the resulting damage, if any, to Plaintiffs was proximately caused or contributed to by the Plaintiffs' own negligence, and such negligence was greater than the negligence, if any, of this answering Defendant.

THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

This answering Defendant alleges that the incident or incidents referred to in Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint, and all injuries and damages, if any, resulting therefrom, were caused by the acts or omissions of a third party over whom this answering Defendant had no control.

FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

This answering Defendant alleges that Plaintiffs failed to mitigate their damages.

FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Recovery of punitive or exemplary damages is barred as NRS 42.005, under which punitive and exemplary damages are recoverable under Nevada law, is unconstitutionally vague

under the due process clause of the Fifth Amendment to the United States Constitution and Section 8 of Article I of the Nevada Constitution, and as applied, authorizes an award of punitive or exemplary damages in violation of Defendant's right of equal protection of the law under the United States Constitution, and authorizes an award of punitive damages which would constitute an excessive fine in violation of Section 6 of Article I of the Nevada Constitution.

SIXTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

This answering Defendant alleges that the Plaintiffs fail to name a party necessary for full and adequate relief essential in this action.

SEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

This answering Defendant alleges that the injuries or damage sustained by the Plaintiffs are a direct and proximate result of the superceding and/or intervening or other acts of a person or persons over whom this Defendant exercised no control and with whom this Defendant has no legal relationship.

EIGHTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

This answering Defendant alleges that he had neither a management nor an ownership interest in any limited liability company or other entity named herein.

NINTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Pursuant to NRCP Rule 11, as amended, all possible affirmative defenses may not have been alleged herein insofar as sufficient facts were not available after reasonable inquiry upon the filing of Defendant's Answer, and therefore, Defendant reserves the right to amend this Answer to allege additional affirmative defenses if subsequent investigation warrants.

WHEREFORE, Defendant CRAIG HUISH prays as follows:

- 1. That Plaintiffs take nothing by reason of their Third Amended Complaint on file herein;
- 2. That Defendant be dismissed with costs and attorney's fees incurred herein; and

3. For such other and further relief as the Court may deem just in the premises. DATED this 2 stay of August, 2018.

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WEST COAST WATER PARKS, LLC

1 CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE Pursuant to N.R.C.P. 5(a), E.D.C.R. 7.26(a), and Rule 9 of the N.E.F.C.R. I hereby certify 2 that I am an employee of Rogers, Mastrangelo, Carvalho & Mitchell, and on the Aday of 3 August, 2018, a true and correct copy of the foregoing DEFENDANT CRAIG HUISH'S 4 5 ANSWER TO THIRD AMENDED COMPLAINT was served via electronic means with the Eighth Judicial District Court, addressed as follows, upon the following counsel of record: 7 Donald Campbell, Esq. Paul Eisinger, Esq. Samuel Mirkovich, Esq. Douglas Duesman, Esq. 9 Philip Erwin, Esq. THORNDAL ARMSTRONG DELK CAMPBELL & WILLIAMS BALKENBUSH & EISINGER 700 S. Seventh Street 10 1100 E. Bridger Avenue Las Vegas, Nevada 89101 Las Vegas, Nevada 89101 11 Attorneys for Plaintiffs Attorneys for Defendant Henderson Water Park 12 Marsha Stephenson, Esq. Steven Jaffe, Esq. 13 STEPHENSON & DICKINSON Kevin Smith, Esq. 2820 W. Charleston Boulevard, Suite 17 HALL JAFFE & CLAYTON, LLP Las Vegas, Nevada 89102 7425 Peak Drive Attorney for Third-Party Defendant Las Vegas, Nevada 89128 15 William Patrick Ray, Jr. Attorneys for Defendant Shane Huish 16 John Gormley, Esq. OLSON, CANNON, GORMLEY. 17 ANGULO & STOBERSKI 9950 W. Cheyenne Avenue 18 Las Vegas, Nevada 89129 Attorneys for Defendants Double Ott Water 19 Holdings, Tom Welch, Orluff Opheikens. Slade Opheikens and Chet Opheikens 20 21 22 An employee of ROGERS, MASTRANGELO, CARVALHO & MITCHELL 23 24 25

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IDENTIFICATION OF THE PARTIES

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Answering Paragraphs 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint on file herein, Defendants admit the allegations contained therein.

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Answering Paragraphs 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18 and 19 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint on file herein, Defendants state that they are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained therein and on that basis deny each and every allegation.

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Answering Paragraphs 12 and 20 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint on file herein, Defendants deny the allegations contained therein.

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Answering Paragraph 17 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint on file herein,
Defendants deny the allegations contained therein save and except Defendants admit that
Cowabunga Bay Water Park is a water park located at 900 Galleria Drive, Henderson, Nevada
89011.

GENERAL ALLEGATIONS

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Answering Paragraphs 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 38, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 49, 50, 51, 54 and 55 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint on file herein, Defendants state that they are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained therein and on that basis deny each and every allegation.

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FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

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Answering Paragraph 57 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint on file herein,
Defendants repeat and reallege their answers to the allegations contained in Paragraphs 1 through
56 of the Third Amended Complaint and incorporate the same herein by this reference.

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Answering Paragraph 58 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint on file herein,
Defendants state that the allegations contained therein constitute conclusions of law and thus
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Answering Paragraphs 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70 and 71 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint on file herein, Defendants deny the allegations contained therein.

THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION

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Answering Paragraph 72 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint on file herein,

Defendants repeat and reallege their answers to the allegations contained in Paragraphs 1 through

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Answering Paragraphs 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80 and 81 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint on file herein, Defendants state that they are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained therein and on that basis deny each and every allegation.

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WHEREFORE, Defendants, WEST COAST WATER PARKS, LLC, and SCOTT HUISH pray as follows:

- 1. That Plaintiffs take nothing by reason of their Third Amended Complaint on file herein;
- 2. That Defendants be dismissed with costs and attorney's fees incurred herein; and
- 3. For such other and further relief as the Court may deem just in the premises.

DATED this 2 day of August, 2018.

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DEFENDANT HENDERSON WATER PARK, LLC'S ANSWER TO PLAINTIFFS' THIRD AMENDED COMPLAINT

Defendant, HENDERSON WATER PARK, LLC dba COWABUNGA BAY WATER PARK (hereinafter "Cowabunga Bay"), by and through its counsel of record, Paul F. Eisinger, Esq. and Douglas J. Duesman, Esq., of the law firm of THORNDAL ARMSTRONG DELK BALKENBUSH & EISINGER, does herein Answer the Third Amended Complaint filed against it by Plaintiffs, as follows:

<u>IDENTIFICATION OF THE PARTIES</u>

- Cowabunga Bay admits the allegations contained in Paragraph 1 of Plaintiffs'
 Third Amended Complaint.
- Cowabunga Bay admits the allegations contained in Paragraph 2 of Plaintiffs'
 Third Amended Complaint.
- Cowabunga Bay admits the allegations contained in Paragraph 3 of Plaintiffs'
 Third Amended Complaint.
- 4. Cowabunga Bay admits the allegations contained in Paragraph 4 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint.
- 5. Cowabunga Bay is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in Paragraph 5 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and therefore denies the same.
- 6. Cowabunga Bay is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in Paragraph 6 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and therefore denies the same.
- 7. Cowabunga Bay is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in Paragraph 7 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and therefore denies the same.
- 8. Cowabunga Bay is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in Paragraph 8 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended

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Complaint and therefore denies the same.

- 9. Cowabunga Bay is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in Paragraph 9 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and therefore denies the same.
- 10. Cowabunga Bay is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in Paragraph 10 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and therefore denies the same.
- 11. Cowabunga Bay is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in Paragraph 11 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and therefore denies the same.
- 12. Cowabunga Bay is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in Paragraph 12 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and therefore denies the same.
- 13. Cowabunga Bay is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in Paragraph 13 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and therefore denies the same.
- 14. Cowabunga Bay is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in Paragraph 14 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and therefore denies the same.
- 15. Cowabunga Bay is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in Paragraph 15 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and therefore denies the same.
- 16. Cowabunga Bay is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in Paragraph 16 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and therefore denies the same.
- 17. Cowabunga Bay admits it is a water park located at 900 Galleria Drive, Henderson, Nevada 89011, but denies the remainder of the allegations contained in Paragraph

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17 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint.

- Cowabunga Bay is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief 18. as to the truth of the allegations contained in Paragraph 18 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and therefore denies the same.
- 19. Cowabunga Bay is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in Paragraph 19 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and therefore denies the same.
- 20. Cowabunga Bay denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 20 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint.

GENERAL ALLEGATIONS

- Cowabunga Bay is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief 21. as to the truth of the allegations contained in Paragraph 21 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and therefore denies the same.
- 22. Cowabunga Bay is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in Paragraph 22 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and therefore denies the same.
- 23. Cowabunga Bay is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in Paragraph 23 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and therefore denies the same.
- 24. Cowabunga Bay is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in Paragraph 24 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and therefore denies the same.
- 25. Cowabunga Bay is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in Paragraph 25 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and therefore denies the same.
- 26. Cowabunga Bay is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in Paragraph 26 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended

Complaint and therefore denies the same.

- 27. Cowabunga Bay is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in Paragraph 27 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and therefore denies the same.
- 28. Cowabunga Bay is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in Paragraph 28 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and therefore denies the same.
- 29. Cowabunga Bay is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in Paragraph 29 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and therefore denies the same.
- 30. Cowabunga Bay is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in Paragraph 30 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and therefore denies the same.
- 31. Cowabunga Bay is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in Paragraph 31 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and therefore denies the same.
- 32. Cowabunga Bay is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in Paragraph 32 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and therefore denies the same.
- 33. Cowabunga Bay is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in Paragraph 33 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and therefore denies the same.
- 34. Cowabunga Bay is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in Paragraph 34 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and therefore denies the same.
- 35. Cowabunga Bay is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in Paragraph 35 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended

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Complaint and therefore denies the same.

- 36. Cowabunga Bay is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in Paragraph 36 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and therefore denies the same.
- 37. Cowabunga Bay denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 37 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint.
- 38. Cowabunga Bay is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in Paragraph 38 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and therefore denies the same.
- 39. Cowabunga Bay is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in Paragraph 39 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and therefore denies the same.
- 40. Cowabunga Bay is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in Paragraph 40 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and therefore denies the same.
- 41. Cowabunga Bay is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in Paragraph 41 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and therefore denies the same.
- 42. Paragraph 42 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint contains a statement of law Cowabunga Bay does not believe requires a response. To the extent a response is required, Cowabunga Bay is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in Paragraph 42 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and therefore denies the same.
- 43. Paragraph 43 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint contains a statement of law Cowabunga Bay does not believe requires a response. To the extent a response is required, Cowabunga Bay is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in Paragraph 43 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and

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- Cowabunga Bay is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in Paragraph 44 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and therefore denies the same.
- Cowabunga Bay is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in Paragraph 45 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and therefore denies the same.
- Cowabunga Bay denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 46 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint.
- 47. Cowabunga Bay denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 47 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint.
- 48. Cowabunga Bay denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 48 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint.
- 49. Cowabunga Bay is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in Paragraph 49 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and therefore denies the same.
- 50. Cowabunga Bay is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in Paragraph 50 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and therefore denies the same.
- Cowabunga Bay denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 51 of Plaintiffs' 51. Third Amended Complaint.
- 52. Cowabunga Bay denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 52 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint.
- 53. Cowabunga Bay denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 53 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint.
- 54. Cowabunga Bay is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in Paragraph 54 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended

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SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION

- 64. Answering Paragraph 64 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint, Cowabunga Bay repeats and realleges each and every response to paragraphs 1 through 63 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint as if set forth therein.
- 65. Cowabunga Bay denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 65 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint.
- 66. Cowabunga Bay denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 66 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint.
- 67. Cowabunga Bay denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 67 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint.
- 68. Cowabunga Bay denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 68 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint.
- 69. Cowabunga Bay denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 69 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint.
- 70. Cowabunga Bay denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 70 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint.
- 71. Cowabunga Bay denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 71 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint.

THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION

- 72. Answering Paragraph 72 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint, Cowabunga Bay repeats and realleges each and every response to paragraphs 1 through 71 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint as if set forth therein.
- 73. Cowabunga Bay is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in Paragraph 73 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and therefore denies the same.
- 74. Cowabunga Bay is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in Paragraph 74 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended

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Complaint and therefore denies the same.

- Cowabunga Bay is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in Paragraph 75 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and therefore denies the same.
- Cowabunga Bay is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in Paragraph 76 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and therefore denies the same.
- Cowabunga Bay is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in Paragraph 77 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and therefore denies the same.
- Cowabunga Bay is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in Paragraph 78 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and therefore denies the same.
- Cowabunga Bay is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in Paragraph 79 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and therefore denies the same.
- 80. Cowabunga Bay is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in Paragraph 80 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and therefore denies the same.
- 81. Cowabunga Bay is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in Paragraph 81 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and therefore denies the same.

JURY DEMAND

82. No allegations are pled against Cowabunga Bay, or any other party, in Paragraph 82 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and no response is required.

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AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES 1 FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE 2 3 Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint fails to state a claim upon which relief can be 4 granted against Cowabunga Bay. SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE 5 The liability of the Defendants herein, if any, is several. 6 7 THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE 8 That any harm or injury attributable to Plaintiffs as alleged in Third Amended 9 Complaint was directly and proximately caused by forces of nature over which Cowabunga Bay had no control. 10 11 FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE 12 The occurrence referred to in the Third Amended Complaint, and all damages, if any, 13 arising therefrom, were caused by the acts or omissions of a third person or persons over whom 14 Cowabunga Bay had no control. 15 FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE Cowabunga Bay alleges that any and all injuries and damages sustained by Plaintiffs 16 were proximately caused solely by the acts or omissions, negligent or otherwise, of William 17 18 Ray 19 SIXTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE 20 Plaintiffs have failed to mitigate their damages. SEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE 21 22 Plaintiffs' Amended Complaint is barred by the applicable Doctrine of Laches. 23 EIGHTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE 24 Plaintiffs' Amended Complaint is barred by the applicable statute of limitations. 25 NINTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE 26 Under the laws of this jurisdiction and/or any applicable laws of any other jurisdiction,

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punitive damages are not recoverable.

1	TENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE
2	Punitive damages are not recoverable against Cowabunga bay as no facts exist to
3	support the allegation that it was guilty of malice, oppression or fraud.
4	ELEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE
5	Cowabunga Bay alleges that Plaintiffs have failed to name a party necessary for full and
6	adequate relief essential in this action.
7	TWELFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE
8	Cowabunga Bay alleges that any alleged conduct on its part was not the cause, nor
9	proximate cause of any damages allegedly sustained by Plaintiffs.
10	THIRTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE
11	Cowabunga Bay alleges that the damages, if any, to Plaintiffs were, as alleged in the
12	Amended Complaint, proximately caused by an independent and intervening cause and not by
13	any alleged negligence on the part of Cowabunga Bay.
14	FOURTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE
15	Plaintiffs are estopped from asserting any cause of action whatsoever against
16	Cowabunga Bay.
17	FIFTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE
18	Plaintiffs, by their acts and conduct have waived and abandoned any and all claims as
19	alleged herein against Cowabunga Bay.
20	SIXTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE
21	Defendant states that the Plaintiffs' alleged injuries and damages, if any, were caused in
22	whole or in part by the negligence of the Plaintiffs.
23	SEVENTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE
24	The damages or injuries, if any, alleged by Plaintiffs in the Third Amended Complaint,
25	came as a result of a superseding cause and/or intervening acts of others which bars this suit.
26	EIGHTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

disregard of Plaintiffs and, therefore, there can be no factual or legal basis for punitive damages.

This answering Defendant did not act with a wanton, willful or otherwise conscious

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NINETEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Pursuant to NRCP § 11, all possible affirmative defenses may not have been alleged herein insofar as sufficient facts were not available after reasonable inquiry upon the filing of Cowabunga Bay's Answer to Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint, and therefore, Cowabunga Bay reserves the right to amend its Answer to the Third Amended Complaint to allege additional affirmative defenses if subsequent investigation so warrants.

WHEREFORE, HENDERSON WATER PARK, LLC dba COWABUNGA BAY WATER PARK prays for dismissal of the Third Amended Complaint against it, for judgment on its behalf, for costs, interest or any other relief the Court deems just under the circumstances.

THIRD-PARTY COMPLAINT AGAINST WILLIAM PATRICK RAY, JR.

Defendant/Third-Party Plaintiff, HENDERSON WATER PARK, LLC dba COWABUNGA BAY WATER PARK (hereinafter "Cowabunga Bay"), by and through its counsel of record, Paul F. Eisinger, Esq. and Douglas J. Duesman, Esq., of the law firm of THORNDAL, ARMSTRONG, DELK, BALKENBUSH & EISINGER, does herein allege as follows:

I.

Third-Party Plaintiff, HENDERSON WATER PARK, LLC dba COWABUNGA BAY WATER PARK is, and at all times mentioned herein, was a Nevada limited liability company.

II.

Third-Party Defendant, WILLIAM PATRICK RAY, JR. is, and was at all times mentioned herein, a resident of the State of Nevada.

III.

At all times mentioned herein, the events giving rise to this action occurred in Clark County, Nevada.

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The names and capacities of Third-Party Defendants named herein as DOES I through X, inclusive, whether individual, corporate, associate or otherwise, are presently unknown to

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Third-Party Plaintiff who, therefore, sues said Third-Party Defendants by such fictitious names. Third-Party Plaintiff is informed and believes and therein alleges that each of the Third-Party Defendants so designated is responsible in some manner for the events and happenings referred to herein and Third-Party Plaintiff will ask leave of the Court to amend this Third-Party Complaint to insert the names and capacities of DOES I through X, inclusive, when the same have been ascertained and to join such Third-Party Defendants in this action.

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On or about July 28, 2015, Plaintiffs, PETER and CHRISTIAN GARDNER, on behalf of minor child, LELAND GARDNER, filed a Complaint bearing Case No. A-15-722259-C, against Defendant/Third-Party Plaintiff, Cowabunga Bay. Thereafter on November 8, 2016 and December 18, 2017, said Plaintiffs filed a First Amended Complaint and Second Amended Complaint against Defendant/Third-Party Plaintiff, Cowabunga Bay. In a Third Amended Complaint filed on July 30, 2018, the Plaintiffs allege that Cowabunga Bay negligently operated the wave pool causing the subject incident and Plaintiffs' claimed injuries and damages. Defendant/Third-Party Plaintiff, Cowabunga Bay denies that it was negligent and also denies any liability for said incident.

VI.

Said incident, which is the subject matter of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint, was proximately caused by the negligence or fault of Third-Party Defendants, WILLIAM PATRICK RAY, JR., and/or DOES I through X.

FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

(Contribution)

VII.

Third-Party Plaintiff, Cowabunga Bay incorporates by reference paragraphs I through VI above as if fully set forth herein.

VIII.

In the event the trier of fact determines that Third-Party Plaintiff, Cowabunga Bay, is liable to Plaintiffs or, in the event of any Judgment rendered to Plaintiffs and against Third-

Party Plaintiff, Cowabunga Bay, said Third-Party Plaintiff is entitled to contribution from Third-Party Defendants, WILLIAM PATRICK RAY, JR., and/or DOES I through X.

SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION

(Equitable and/or Implied Indemnity)

IX.

Third-Party Plaintiff, Cowabunga Bay incorporates by reference paragraphs I through VIII above as if fully set forth herein.

X.

At the time of the incident referred to in Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint, Third-Party Defendant, WILLIAM PATRICK RAY, JR., was negligent in the supervision of Leland Gardner which negligence was the cause of the incident. As such, the sole and proximate cause of the incident referred to in Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint was the negligence, misconduct, or other fault of Third-Party Defendant, WILLIAM PATRICK RAY, JR.

XI.

Due to said acts and/or omissions the Third-Party Defendants, WILLIAM PATRICK RAY, JR., and/or DOES I through X should bear the entire responsibility for this incident and fully and totally indemnify Third-Party Plaintiff, Cowabunga Bay for any and all damages, or monies otherwise paid to Plaintiffs, arising from the incident described in Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint.

XII.

Third-Party Plaintiff alleges that if it is found to be liable to Plaintiffs in the above-captioned action for damages, or if payment is made by Third-Party Plaintiff to Plaintiffs, as a result of the allegations set forth in Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint, then the Third-Party Plaintiff's liability or payment is based upon an obligation imposed by law, and not based upon the alleged acts and/or omissions of the Third-Party Plaintiff, but is based instead upon the acts and/or omissions of Third-Party Defendants, WILLIAM PATRICK RAY, JR., and/or DOES I through X. Third-Party Plaintiff asserts that it is entitled to be fully indemnified by Third-Party Defendants, for any liability Third-Party Plaintiff may incur toward, have paid, or may be required to pay to Plaintiffs.

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ATTORNEYS FEES AND COSTS

As it has been necessary for Third-Party Plaintiff, Cowabunga Bay, to obtain the professional services of THORNDAL, ARMSTRONG, DELK, BALKENBUSH & EISINGER in order to prosecute this Third-Party Action, Third-Party Plaintiff, Cowabunga Bay is entitled to reasonable attorney's fees and costs incurred herein.

WHEREFORE, Third-Party Plaintiff, Cowabunga Bay, prays for judgment against the Third-Party Defendants as follows:

- i) For contribution from Third-Party Defendants, WILLIAM PATRICK RAY, JR., and/or DOES I through X, for the sum which exceeds Third-Party Plaintiff, Cowabunga Bay's equitable share of any common liability which may be found owing to Plaintiffs;
- ii) For indemnification from Third-Party Defendants, WILLIAM PATRICK RAY, JR., and/or DOES I through X, for any monies paid to Plaintiffs as and for damages, settlement, and/or compromise based upon the incident described in the Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint;
- iii) For attorney's fees and costs incurred by Third-Party Plaintiff, Cowabunga Bay in the prosecution of this Third-Party Action; and
 - iv) For such other and further relief as this Honorable Court may deem proper.

 DATED this Way of August, 2018.

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1	CERTIFICAT	<u>re of service</u>
2	Pursuant to N.R.C.P. 5(b)(D), I hereb	by certify that on the 24 th day of August, 2018,
3	service of the foregoing DEFENDANT HEN	NDERSON WATER PARK, LLC'S ANSWER
4	TO PLAINTIFFS' THIRD AMENDED CO	MPLAINT to the following parties via electronic
5	service through the Eighth Judicial District Co	urt's Odyssey E-File and Service System:
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