### IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

Case Nos. 79425 and 79526

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Appellants,

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v.

WEISER ASSET MANAGEMENT, LTD., A BAHAMAS COMPANY AND WEISER (BAHAMAS) LTD., A BAHAMAS COMPANY,

## Respondents.

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v.

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Respondent.

Appeal from the Judgment of the Second Judicial District Court, Washoe County
District Court Case No.: CV15-02259
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In and For the County of Washoe

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attorneys of record, WOODBURN AND WEDGE, object to Weiser's pretrial disclosures as follows:

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#### **GENERAL OBJECTIONS**

# 1. Weiser's Pretrial Disclosures Are Untimely

NRCP 16.1(a)(3) provides that pretrial disclosures must be provided to the other parties at least 30 days before trial. The trial of this matter is set to commence on January 28, 2019. Therefore, pretrial disclosures were required to be provided no later than December 28, 2018. The notice of electronic filing for Weiser's pretrial disclosures reflect that they were not served until December 31, 2018.

### 2. Weiser's Document Disclosure Is Inadequate

NRCP 16.1(a)(3)(C) requires an appropriate identification of "each" document or other exhibits, separately identifying those which the party expects to offer and those which the party may offer if the need arises. Weiser's disclosure does not identify "each" document under either category. While the broad reference to all of the exhibits marked at depositions in this matter (Exhibits 1-59) permits Skarpelos to refer to specific documents, the reference to WEISER 1-473 is not an appropriate identification of each document Weiser may offer if the need arises. This designation is contrary to both the letter and spirit of NRCP 16.1(a)(3)(C), and Weiser should not be permitted to offer any exhibits other than those marked as depositions Exhibits 1-59.

#### **OBJECTIONS TO SPECIFIC DOCUMENTS**

Skarpelos objects to the following documents Weiser intends to offer, identified as deposition exhibits 1-59, by reference to the deposition exhibit number:

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#### DEFENDANTS/CROSS-CLAIMANTS WEISER'S TRIAL STATEMENT

Defendants/Cross-claimants (collectively, "Weiser"), pursuant to WDCR 5, submit the following trial statement.

#### STATEMENT OF CLAIMED FACTS

1. Introduction.

There are four critical documents in this case, the existence of which are undisputed:

(1) Anavex Life Sciences Corp. stock certificate 753, attached hereto as **Exhibit** 

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This is the stock certificate, specifically the 3,316,666 shares of stock in Anavex Life Sciences Corp. (NASDAQ: AVXL) represented by this stock certificate, that is the subject of the dispute in this case (the "Stock"). Defendant/Cross-claimant Athanasios Skarpelos ("Skarpelos") delivered this stock certificate to Weiser as part of opening an account in 2011,

and this original stock certificate has been in the possession and control of Weiser from that

#### (2) Affidavit for Lost Stock Certificate, attached hereto as Exhibit "B"

time until a dispute arose in or about 2015 regarding its ownership.

This affidavit (the "Affidavit") was signed by Skarpelos in March, 2013, declaring under oath that he had "lost" the stock certificate that he had delivered to Weiser two years before, and that he had "not assigned hypothecated, pledged, or in any other way disposed of either the stock certificate or its rights as a stockholder, in whole or in part." Weiser did not learn of this Affidavit until years later.

#### Stock Sale and Purchase Agreement, attached hereto as Exhibit "C" (3)

This agreement (the "Agreement") was drafted by Skarpelos, signed and notarized by him, and then sent to Weiser. Skarpelos had filled out all the portions of the Agreement that pertained to him but left the following parts blank: (a) the date of the contract, (b) the identity of the buyer, and (c) the closing date.

#### Power of Attorney to Transfer Bonds or Shares, attached hereto as Exhibit "D" (4)

As with the Agreement, this power-of-attorney (the "POA"), which on its face "irrevocably constitutes and appoints" the holder with the authority to "transfer the said shares on the books of the Company with full power of substitution", was prepared by Skarpelos, signed and notarized by him, and then sent to Weiser. Skarpelos had filled out all the portions of the POA except the name of the transferee and the description of the security.

In other words, Skarpelos sent the Stock to Weiser, prepared, signed and notarized the necessary documentation to effect the sale of the Stock, and yet secretly also signed an Affidavit

<sup>1</sup> Subsequent to the commencement of this lawsuit, AVXL stock underwent a 4:1 stock consolidation, such that the current number of shares in dispute is in fact 829,166.5. For ease of reference, however, 3,316,666 will continue to be referred to as the number of shares of AVXL stock in dispute.

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Other than the unsupported testimony of Skarpelos and his nephew, Lambros Pedafronimos ("Lambros"), there is no evidence to suggest that anyone but Weiser should be entitled to the Stock. Indeed, Skarpelos has produced only 32 pages of documents in this case (as compared to the almost 500 pages produced by Weiser), most of which are duplicates of documents previously produced by Weiser. According to Skarpelos's discovery responses, he has not used a bank in over 10 years, does not have access to any of his old e-mails, does not write letters, and has no access to any of his phone records.

#### Background. 2.

Weiser Asset Management ("WAM") is a Class-1 broker dealer maintaining custody of client assets over \$250 million. WAM is registered and regulated by the Financial Services Authority and Securities Commission of the Bahamas, and is a registered foreign broker-dealer in Canada regulated by the Ontario Securities Commission.

Weiser (Bahamas) Ltd. ("Weiser Capital") is an affiliate entity to WAM and provides investment banking advisory services and deal arrangement as an investor in principal on behalf of WAM and its clients.

Christos Livadas ("Livadas") is the owner and director of Weiser Holdings Ltd., the parent company of WAM, which he acquired in 2014. He is also the owner and director of Weiser Capital, which he founded in 2011.

Before 2014, Livadas also assisted Skarpelos in managing his financial affairs, funding his business initiatives, and sourcing buyers for sales of his assets.

Skarpelos is an experienced investor from Greece and one of the founders, officers, and directors of AVXL, a pharmaceutical company.

Working with Livadas, Skarpelos applied to open an account with WAM in 2011. In his application, Skarpelos indicated that he would be "funding" his account with "certificates for AVXL," the NASDAQ designation for Anavex, specifically certificate numbers 660 and 753.

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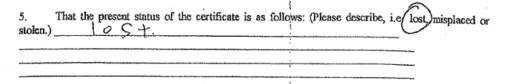
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After opening his account in 2011, Skarpelos, through Livadas, withdrew substantial sums from his Weiser account, such that as of February 1, 2013, Skarpelos had a negative balance of \$140,288 in his WAM account.

On or about March 23, 2013, and unbeknownst to Weiser, Skarpelos submitted the Affidavit with Nevada Agency and Transfer Company ("NATCO") seeking replacement certificates for certificate numbers 660 and 753. In the Affidavit, Skarpelos "declare[d] and affirm[ed]" that he had "lost" the two certificates:



Skarpelos further swore in the Affidavit that he had "not assigned hypothecated, pledged, or in any other way disposed of either the stock certificate or its rights as a stockholder, in whole or in part."

In the same month that he claimed in the Affidavit that he had lost his AVXL stock certificates, Skarpelos continued to withdraw finds from his WAM account. He also contacted Livadas about selling his AVXL stock.

Skarpelos agreed to sell 3,316,666 shares in WAM's possession to Weiser Capital for \$250,000 (minus a \$420 processing fee). The transaction occurred on April 2, 2013, and is reflected in the WAM account statement for 2013, which shows that Skarpelos received \$249,580 in his WAM account as part of the "STOCK SALE / ANAVEX LIFE SCIENCE CORP. 3,316,666." The 2013 account statement further shows that his prior negative balance of \$153,679.54 became a positive balance of \$95,775.46 after the sale.

Approximately in April, 2013, Skarpelos indicated to Livadas that he had suffered a heart attack and was hospitalized into May. Thereafter, Skarpelos withdrew additional funds from his WAM account,

In June 2013, Skarpelos, through Lambros, sent Livadas a sample contract for the sale of stock involving unrelated parties as well as a blank power-of-attorney form. Then, in early July 2013, Skarpelos, again through Lambros, and using largely the same verbiage as the sample

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form contract he had sent earlier, created and emailed to Livadas notarized copies of a purchaseand-sale agreement and power-of-attorney specifically concerning the sale of 3,316,666 shares of AVXL stock. Skarpelos had filled out all the portions of these agreements that pertained to him but left the following parts blank: (a) the date of the contract, (b) the identity of the buyer, and (c) the closing date. Shortly afterward, Weiser Capital filled in the blanks and executed the Agreement and POA that Skarpelos had executed earlier.

The Agreement provides that Weiser Capital agreed to purchase 3,316,666 shares of AVXL stock for the "purchase price" of \$250,000 to "be paid to the Seller at the Closing, in cash." Agreement at §§1.1, 1.2. It further provides, among other things, that the "closing shall occur on September 30, 2013 or such other date as the parties hereto may agree to," and that California law would govern. *Agreement* at §§1.3, 4.2.

With respect to the \$250,000 purchase price, Weiser attributed \$249,580 to Skarpelos's account balance in April 2013 when the actual exchange took place. This payment is evidenced by the WAM account statement, which demonstrates that the \$153,679.54 negative balance on Skarpelos's account changed to a positive balance of a little less than \$100,000 in his account. Skarpelos, often with the assistance of Lambros, then continued to draw on those funds for the next several months:

- He withdrew 30,000€ in May 2013 in two separate transfers.
- He withdrew 15,000€ in early July 2013.
- He withdrew 15,000€ in early August 2013.
- He withdrew 7500€ in mid-September 2013.

After these withdrawals, Skarpelos was left with \$4,115.36 in his WAM account at the end of 2013.

From 2011 until late 2015, Weiser was in possession of the original AVXL stock certificate 753. In late 2015, Weiser delivered the original AVXL stock certificate 753 to NATCO as part of the effort to resolve the ownership of the Stock when it was discovered that Skarpelos, through the Affidavit, had obtained replacement certificates for the "lost" stock certificates that he had previously delivered to Weiser.

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NATCO commenced this interpleader action on November 18, 2015, seeking to resolve the competing claims to the ownership of the Stock. Weiser claimed ownership to the Stock by virtue of a transaction memorialized in the Agreement and POA, and Skarpelos claimed ownership on the basis that the Agreement had not been performed.

On May 23, 2016, Skarpelos answered the Amended Complaint filed by NATCO and filed a Cross-Claim against Weiser, seeking declaratory relief as to the ownership of the Stock.

On May 24, 2016, Weiser answered the Amended Complaint filed by NATCO and filed a Cross-Claim against Skarpelos, asserting claims for declaratory judgment, breach of contract, and breach of the covenant of good faith and fair dealing.

By stipulation of the parties on January 17, 2019, NATCO was discharged from the lawsuit, leaving only the cross-claims between Weiser and Skarpelos. However, NATCO remains bound by any ruling from this Court as to the disposition of the Stock.

#### LIST OF ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS

#### 1. **Declaratory Judgment.**

The elements for declaratory judgment are: "(1) there must exist a justiciable controversy in which a claim of right is asserted against one who has an interest in contesting it; (2) the controversy must be between persons whose interests are adverse; (3) the party seeking declaratory relief must have a legal interest in the controversy, that is to say, a legally protectable interest; and (4) the issue involved in the controversy must be ripe for judicial determination." Kress v. Corey, 65 Nev. 1, 25-26, 189 P.2d 352, 364 (1948).

#### 2. Breach of Contract.

"Nevada law requires the plaintiff in a breach of contract action to show (1) the existence of a valid contract, (2) a breach by the defendant, and (3) damage as a result of the breach." Saini v. Int'l Game Tech., 434 F.Supp.2d 913, 919-20 (D.Nev. 2006).

#### Breach of the Covenant of Good Faith and Fair Dealing. 3.

"To succeed on a cause of action for breach of the covenant of good faith and fair dealing, a plaintiff must therefore show: (1) the plaintiff and defendant were parties to an

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agreement; (2) the defendant owed a duty of good faith to the plaintiff; (3) the defendant breached that duty by performing in a manner that was unfaithful to the purpose of the contract; and (4) the plaintiff's justified expectations were denied." Branch Banking and Trust Company v. Westar Properties, 2017 WL 1179942, \*4 (D.Nev. 2017) (citing, Hilton Hotels v. Butch Lewis Prods., Inc., 808 P.2d 919, 923 (Nev. 1991)).

#### STATEMENT OF UNDISPUTED FACTS

- 1. Skarpelos resides in Greece.
- 2. On October 30, 2015, Weiser, through its counsel, delivered an e-mailed letter to NATCO regarding the ownership of the Stock and the replacement certificate issued to Skarpelos.
- 3. There is a dispute between Skarpelos and Weiser regarding the ownership of the Stock.

#### **ISSUES OF LAW**

"Interpleader is an equitable proceeding to determine the rights of rival claimants to property held by a third person having no interest therein." Balish v. Farnham, 92 Nev. 133, 137, 546 P.2d 1297, 1299 (1976). In an interpleader action, "each claimant is treated as a plaintiff and must recover on the strength of his own right or title and not upon the weakness of his adversary's." Id. at 137, 1300. Further, "each claimant must succeed in establishing his right to the property by a preponderance of the evidence." Midland Ins. Co. v. Friedgood, 577 F.Supp, 1407, 1411 (S.D.N.Y. 1984).

In this case, there are disputed issues of fact as to whether or not Skarpelos sold the Stock to Weiser. For Weiser, its entitlement to the Stock is supported not only by the testimony of Livadas, but also by the Agreement, the POA, the WAM account statement, and the e-mails exchanged between Livadas and Skarpelos/Lambros confirming Skarpelos's desire to sell the Stock. For Skarpelos, his theory is apparently that he prepared, signed, and notarized the Agreement and POA, but never actually intended to sell the Stock.

With respect to the Agreement, it is governed by California law (Agreement at §4.2.); and as a result, any ambiguity therein is to be construed against Skarpelos. Vedachalam v. Tata 5441 KIETZKE LANE, SECOND FLOOR

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#### COMMENTS, SUGGESTIONS, OF INFORMATION FOR THE COURT

On January 11, 2019, Skarpelos filed Skarpelos' Objections to Weiser's Pretrial Disclosure, listing certain objections to the various documents that Weiser intends to present at trial. While these objections will be addressed in greater detail during the trial, some background is helpful to address the numerous hearsay objections made by Skarpelos.

NRS 51.135, commonly referred to as the "business records exception" to the hearsay rule, "allows admission of records of regularly conducted activity. The district court has considerable discretion in determining whether an adequate foundation has been laid for the admission of evidence under the business records exception to the hearsay rule. . . [T]he elements of the business records exception can be established by 'prima facie' evidence sufficient to support a finding that the matter in question is what its proponent claims. The elements need not be established by the author of the record, but rather can be shown through the testimony of any qualified person, which is broadly interpreted as anyone who understands the record-keeping system involved." Greco v. State, 2016 WL 937117, \*2-4 (Nev. 2016) (citing Thomas v. State, 114 Nev. 1127, 1148, 967 P.2d 1111, 1124-25 (1998) (emphasis added).

In *Thomas*, the Court allowed the admission of the evidence because the witnesses, despite not being the authors of the records, "knew that the documents were kept in the ordinary course of business and the procedures for completing those writings." Thomas at 1148, 1125. Similarly, in *Greco*, the Court applied the business records exception when the witness "testified that he was familiar with the document in question, that it was created and maintained in the ordinary course of business; that it was a true and correct copy of the original. . .; and described the process by which the record was created. . ." Greco at \*3.

Here, Livadas is the owner and director of Weiser Holdings Ltd., the parent company of WAM, which he acquired in 2014, and he is also the owner and director of Weiser Capital,

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which he founded in 2011. He has testified during his deposition and will do so at trial as to his familiarity with the record-keeping for both WAM and Weiser Capital. Skarpelos's objections notwithstanding, Livadas is plainly a "qualified person" under the broad definition set forth by the Thomas Court, and the documents proffered by Weiser should be admitted under the business records exception to the hearsay rule.

#### **CERTIFICATION OF DISCOVERY**

It is hereby certified that discovery has been completed in this case by the time of trial.

#### CERTIFICATION OF SETTLEMENT

It is hereby certified that Weiser has personally met and conferred in good faith to resolve the case by settlement. Specifically, Weiser extended a written settlement offer to Skarpelos on December 17, 2018. This offer was rejected and no counter offer was made.

The undersigned affirms that this document does not contain the social security of any person.

DATED this 23rd day of January, 2019.

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

#### I, Martha Hauser, certify:

I am employed in the City of Reno, County of Washoe, State of Nevada by the law offices of Holland & Hart LLP. My business address is 5441 Kietzke Lane, Second Floor, Reno, Nevada 89511. I am over the age of 18 years and not a party to this action.

On January 23, 2019, I electronically filed the foregoing **DEFENDANTS/CROSS-CLAIMANTS WEISER'S TRIAL STATEMENT**, with the Clerk of the Second Judicial District Court via the Court's e-Flex system. Service will be accomplished by e-Flex on all registered participants.

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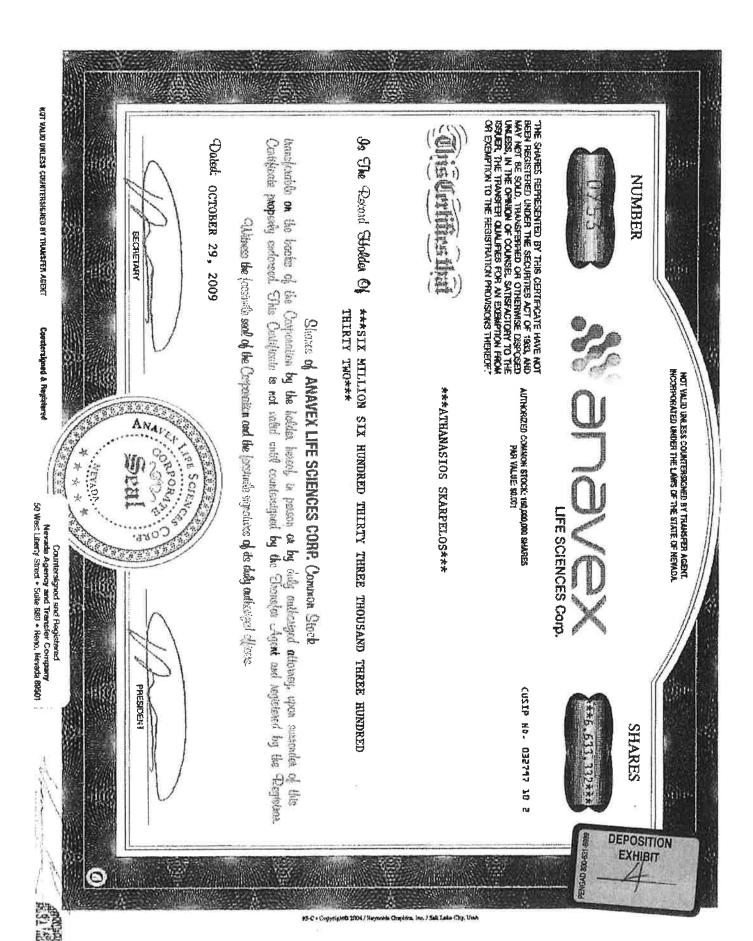
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WITNESS my hand and official scal.

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#### **EXHIBIT C**

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#### STOCK SALE AND PURCHASE AGREEMENT

THIS	STOCK SALE AND PURCHASE AGREEMENT (this <b>Agreement</b> ) is dated as of,, and is made and entered into by and among
	( Buyer ) and Athanasios Skarpelos ( Seller ) with respect to the following
facts:	
A.	
Seller owns 3,	316,666 shares of common stock of Anavex Life Sciences Corp., a Nevada corporation  / ).
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Seller desires Company's co	to sell to Buyer, and Buyer desires to purchase from Seller, 3,316,666 shares of the mmon stock upon the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement.
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Purchase Pri Thousand dol	ce. The purchase price for the Shares (the Purchase Price ) is Two Hundred and Fifty lars (\$250,000.00). The Purchase Price shall be paid to the Seller at the Closing, in cash.
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date as the pa	; Deliveries. The closing shall occur on, or such other arties hereto may agree to (the Closing Date ). On the Closing Date, Buyer shall deliver amount of the Purchase Price to Seller, and Seller shall deliver to Buyer a share certificate the Shares issued in the name of the Seller.
ARTICLE II	
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To induce Buyer to enter into and perform its obligations under this Agreement, Seller hereby represents and warrants to Buyer, and covenants with Buyer, as follows:

#### Section 2.1

Authority and Capacity. Seller has all requisite power, authority and capacity to enter into this Agreement. The execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement by Seller does not, and the consummation of the transaction contemplated hereby will not, result

in a breach of or default under any agreement to which Seller is a party or by which Seller is bound.

#### Section 2.2

<u>Binding Agreement</u>. This Agreement has been duly and validly executed and delivered by Seller and constitutes Seller's valid and binding agreement, enforceable against Seller in accordance with and subject to its terms.

#### Section 2.3

<u>Title to Shares.</u> Selier is the lawful, record and beneficial owner of all of the Shares, free and clear of any liens, claims, agreements, charges, security interests and encumbrances whatsoever. The sale, conveyance, assignment, and transfer of the Shares in accordance with the terms of this Agreement transfers to Buyer legal and valid title to the Shares, free and clear of all liens, security interests, hypothecations or pledges.

#### **ARTICLE III**

#### REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES OF BUYER

To induce Seller to enter into and perform their obligations under this Agreement, Buyer represents and warrants to Seller as follows:

#### Section 3.1

Authority and Capacity. Buyer has all requisite power, authority and capacity to enter into this Agreement. The execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement by Buyer does not, and the consummation of the transaction contemplated hereby will not, result in a breach of or default under any agreement to which Buyer is a party or by which Buyer is bound.

#### Section 3.2

<u>Disclosure</u>. Buyer has reviewed the SEC Reports and is aware of the Company's business and financial condition.

#### Section 3.3

Investment Representations. Buyer is acquiring the Shares for Buyer's own account and is not acquiring the Shares with a view to or for sale in connection with any distribution thereof within the meaning of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

#### **ARTICLE IV**

#### MISCELLANEOUS

#### Section 4.1

<u>Entire Agreement</u>. This Agreement constitutes the entire understanding and agreement of the parties relating to the subject matter hereof and supersedes any and all prior understandings, agreements, negotiations and discussions, both written and oral, between the parties hereto with respect to the subject matter hereof.

#### Section 4.2

<u>Governing Law.</u> This Agreement shall be construed, interpreted and enforced in accordance with, and shall be governed by, the laws of the State of California without reference to, and regardless of, any applicable choice or conflicts of laws principles.

#### Section 4.3

<u>Counterparts</u>. This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts and by the several parties hereto in separate counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to be an original, and all of which together shall constitute one and the same Agreement.

#### Section 4.4

Further Assurances. Each of the parties hereto shall from time to time at the request of any other party hereto, and without further consideration, execute and deliver to such other party such further instruments of assignment, transfer, conveyance and confirmation and take such other action as such other party may reasonably request in order to more effectively fulfill the purposes of this Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Agreement has been signed by the parties hereto as of the date first above written.

Buyer:

Seller

Athanasios Skarpeles

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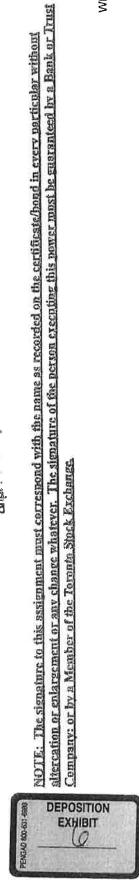
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	a Bahamas company; ATHANASIOS	
19	SKARPELOS, an individual; and	
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Cross-Claimants.

VS.

ATHANASIOS SKARPELOS, an individual, Cross-defendant.

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### <u>DEFENDANT/CROSS-CLAIMANT ATHANASIOS SKARPELOS'</u> <u>TRIAL STATEMENT</u>

Cross-Claimant, Athanasios Skarpelos ("Skarpelos") submits the following trial statement pursuant to WDCR 5.

#### I. INTRODUCTION

This interpleader action involves competing claims to ownership of 3,316,666 shares of common stock ("the Disputed Stock") in Anavex Life Sciences Corp ("Anavex"). The Disputed Stock is one-half of the shares represented by Anavex share certificate number 0753 ("Certificate 753").

There is no dispute that, prior to April 2013, those shares were owned by Skarpelos. However, this case was commenced by NATCO because it received a demand from Weiser Asset Management, Ltd. ("WAM") claiming that WAM—not Skarpelos—was the owner of the Disputed Stock. In response to NATCO's complaint, WAM and Weiser (Bahamas) Ltd. ("Weiser Capital") jointly filed an answer and cross-claim, referring to themselves collectively as "Weiser" and claiming that "Weiser" was the owner of the Disputed Stock by virtue of an alleged July 2013 purchase and sale agreement in which Skarpelos supposedly agreed to sell the Disputed Stock to "Weiser" for \$250,000 ("July 2013 PSA").

During his deposition, Christos Livadas ("Livadas"), the current owner of both WAM and Weiser Capital and the person designated to testify for both entities pursuant to NRCP 30(b)(6), admitted that WAM was not a party to the July 2013 PSA and does not

claim to be the owner of the Disputed Stock. Livadas also testified that Weiser Capital is not the current owner of the Disputed Stock—it was only an "intermediary owner" in a pass through transaction to third parties he refused to identify—and that he does know who currently claims ownership of the Disputed Stock. Skarpelos assumes Livadas will confirm this testimony at trial.

Nevertheless, it appears Weiser Capital will somehow attempt to claim at trial that it is the current owner of the Disputed Stock, as alleged in the cross-claim filed by "Weiser." There will be no documentary evidence of any transactions between Weiser Capital and the alleged third party buyers of the Disputed Stock—no evidence of Weiser's purported sale, no power of attorney to transfer the shares and, significantly, no evidence of payment by the mysterious third party to Weiser Capital, WAM or Skarpelos. There will also be no documentary evidence that this unknown third party assigned its claim of ownership of the Disputed Stock to "Weiser" for the purpose of pursuing this lawsuit.

What "Weiser" will offer in support of its claim is a patchwork of irrelevant and otherwise inadmissible documents, along with the self-serving testimony of Livadas, in an attempt to demonstrate that: (1) in 2012 and early 2013, Skarpelos somehow took his "cash account" into a negative cash position of nearly \$160,000<sup>1</sup>; (2) on April 2, 2013, WAM "credited" Skarpelos' account in the amount of \$250,000, supposedly for the sale of the Disputed Stock to the unknown third party; (3) this April 2, 2013, transaction was, months later, put to paper in the July 2013 PSA that does not mention WAM or the April "payment"; and (4) Skarpelos subsequently transferred money out of his WAM account in an amount that, when combined with the April 2, 2013 "credit," roughly equals the \$250,000 Weiser Capital claims was paid for the Disputed Stock.

Most of the documents upon which "Weiser" will rely to prove their theory are inadmissible. Further, the credibility of these documents is highly questionable,

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Skarpelos submitted a brokerage account application with WAM in May 2011. Skarpelos was told he needed to deposit Certificate 753 to open the account. In completing the application, Skarpelos notified WAM in writing that he wanted a "cash account" only, meaning he did not want the ability to borrow against the account. Therefore, the account should never have had a negative balance.

particularly in light of the documents "Weiser" did not produce—documents which would show the flow of money in any legitimate transaction.

Skarpelos is the rightful owner of the Disputed Stock. He was issued the shares in 2009 by way of Certificate 753, and the evidence will show he was never divested of his ownership. The evidence will show that "Weiser" does not have a legitimate claim to ownership of the Disputed Stock, and that its remaining claims fail as a matter of law. Judgment should be entered in Skarpelos' favor on all remaining claims in this case.

# II. CONCISE STATEMENT OF FACTS SUPPORTING SKARPELOS' POSITION

#### 1. Skarpelos' claim for declaratory relief.

Skarpelos' cross-claim asserts only one claim for relief, for declaratory judgment that (a) Skarpelos is the sole, true and rightful owner of the Disputed Stock and (b) that neither WAM nor Weiser Capital, nor any person or entity claiming through them, have any ownership interest in the Disputed Stock.

The starting point for this claim is the fact that Anavex issued these shares to Skarpelos in 2009 by way of Certificate 753, and that Skarpelos remained the undisputed owner of these shares until at least April 2013. Skarpelos' position is that nothing occurred thereafter to divest him of ownership of the Disputed Stock. While he was willing to sell the Disputed Stock in 2013, he did not intend to sell the shares to Weiser Capital, the alleged buyer under the July 2013 PSA. Prior to this litigation, Skarpelos was unaware that Weiser Capital existed, unaware of the July 2013 PSA, and had never seen the WAM account statement upon which Weiser so heavily relies.

On July 9, 2013, Skarpelos signed an incomplete "Stock Sale And Purchase Agreement" ("Incomplete PSA") and a blank "Power of Attorney To Transfer Bonds Or Shares" ("Blank POA") and caused them to be delivered to Livadas, but he did not intend that these documents be final contract documents and, rather, believed that Livadas wanted them as samples to show a prospective Chinese investor.

Further, even assuming the July 2013 PSA is deemed to be a valid contract, there are no documents showing that either Weiser Capital or the unknown third party that became the alleged owner of the Disputed Stock made any payments to WAM resulting in the alleged April 2, 2013 credit. Other than the alleged WAM 2013 account statement, there is no evidence Skarpelos received the \$250,000 under the July 2013 PSA. There is no evidence showing where the alleged withdrawals from his WAM account went. WAM's records are woefully inadequate to allow one to "follow the money."

In sum, Skarpelos is, and always has been, the owner of the Disputed Stock. Anavex issued the shares to him in 2009 by way of Certificate 753, and Skarpelos has never been divested of ownership.

#### 2. Skarpelos' defenses to WAM's and Weiser Capital's claims.

#### (a) Failure to state a claim upon which relief can be granted:

The cross-claim filed by "Weiser" fails to state a claim upon which relief can be granted. Livadas will testify that neither WAM nor Weiser Capital is the current owner of the Disputed Stock. Therefore, their declaratory relief claim fails as a matter of law.

Livadas also admits WAM was not a party to the July 2013 PSA, and therefore it cannot state a claim for breach of contract or breach of the implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing. WAM does not allege the breach of any other contract.

There is no evidence that Weiser Capital paid the consideration called for in the July 2013 PSA, and therefore it cannot state that it performed that contract.

#### (b) <u>Estoppel</u>:

The elements of equitable estoppel are: (1) the party to be estopped must be apprised of true facts; (2) The party to be estopped must have intended that his conduct shall be acted upon or must so act that the party asserting estoppel has the right to believe it was so intended; (3) the party asserting estoppel must be ignorant of the true facts; and (4) the party asserting estoppel relied on the conduct of the other party, to his detriment. Southern Nev. Mem. Hosp. v. State, 101 Nev. 387, 391, 705 P.2d 139, 142 (1985) (quoting Cheger, Inc. v. Painter & Decorators, 98 Nev. 609, 655 P.2d 996 (1982).

Here, (1) Weiser Capital was aware that it intended to be the buyer of the Disputed Stock, as it wrote its own name in the July 2013 PSA without Skarpelos' knowledge; (2) Weiser Capital, through Livadas, intended that its conduct be acted upon by inducing Skarpelos to deliver the Incomplete PSA and the Blank POA so Weiser Capital could write in its own name and take advantage of the situation. There is no evidence that, if awarded ownership of the Disputed Shares, Weiser Capital has any obligation to deliver those shares to anybody; (3) Skarpelos did not know that Weiser Capital would be the buyer of the Disputed Stock; and (4) Skarpelos relied on Livadas' representation that the buyer of the disputed stock was a third party Chinese investor, not Weiser Capital. This was to Skarpelos' detriment because Weiser Capital now claims ownership based on an alleged credit to Skarpelos' WAM brokerage account, and both WAM and Weiser Capital are owned and controlled by Livadas.

#### (c) <u>Laches</u>:

The defense of laches is available where delay by one party results in a disadvantage to the other such that the party seeking the defense had a change in circumstances which would make granting relief to the delaying party inequitable.

Here, "Weiser" did not assert its claim of ownership over the Disputed Stock until October 30, 2015, nearly two and a half years after the alleged credit to Skarpelos' WAM account and, likely not coincidentally, just four days after Anavex announced that its stock would be listed on NASDAQ. There is no documentary evidence between April 2, 2013 and October 30, 2015 that "Weiser" demanded the transfer of the shares or otherwise inquired of Skarpelos why he had not transferred the shares to Weiser Capital or the anonymous third party purchaser. Had "Weiser" promptly asserted its claim, Skarpelos may have been able to demand records from WAM or its servicing banks before Livadas acquired ownership of WAM. Now, there apparently is a stunning lack of records available at WAM to establish the trail of money.

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#### (d) <u>Lack/failure of consideration</u>:

Skarpelos was never paid the alleged purchase price in the July 2013 PSA (which is not an enforceable contract). The WAM 2013 account statement is inadmissible and, in any event, it is a sham. Even if the July 2013 PSA was enforceable, Skarpelos' performance was excused by Weiser Capital's failure to pay the required consideration.

#### (e) Illegality:

Pursuant to the Securities Industry Regulations for the Bahamas, where WAM operates, "...registered firms shall not engage in any transaction or induce the purchase, sale or exchange of any security by means of any manipulative, deceptive or fraudulent practice or activity." Statute Law of the Bahamas, Ch. 363, Sec. 63(1). Livadas is the owner of Weiser Capital. Weiser Capital is an agent for WAM in soliciting clients for WAM. Assuming his WAM account was validly opened, Skarpelos was a client of WAM and therefore owed fiduciary duties by WAM and its agents. Livadas led Skarpelos to believe that the buyer of the Disputed Stock would be a third party Chinese investor that might infuse capital into Anavex. Subsequently—and without Skarpelos' knowledge—Livadas inserted Weiser Capital as the buyer under the July 2013 PSA. Weiser Capital, as an agent of WAM, engaged in the kind of deceptive and fraudulent self-dealing prohibited under Bahamian regulations. The July 2013 PSA is an illegal contract.

#### III. STATEMENT OF ADMITTED OR UNDISPUTED FACTS

- 1. On October 29, 2009, Anavex issued Certificate 753 to Skarpelos. Pursuant to Certificate 753, Skarpelos became the owner of the 6,633,332 shares of Anavex stock as stated therein.
- 2. Skarpelos was the rightful owner of the Disputed Stock until at least April 1, 2013.
- 3. Livadas formed Weiser Capital in May 2011. Livadas has been the owner of Weiser Capital since its inception.

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- 4. Weiser Capital is an agent for WAM, soliciting clients for WAM and receiving fifty percent of WAM's commissions generated by clients referred through Weiser Capital.
- 5. On May 31, 2011, Skarpelos submitted an application to open a brokerage account with WAM. Livadas solicited Skarpelos to open an account with WAM. Skarpelos applied for a "cash account," specifically rejecting the ability to borrow funds in his account.
- 6. At the time he submitted his account application to WAM, Skarpelos delivered Certificate 753 to WAM for the purpose of opening the account.
- 7. In late June/early July 2013, Skarpelos was willing to sell the Disputed Stock for \$250,000.
- 8. On July 9, 2013, Skarpelos signed an incomplete "Stock Sale And Purchase Agreement" and a blank "Power Of Attorney To Transfer Bonds Or Shares" and caused these documents to be delivered to Livadas. Neither of these documents identified which person or entity would be the purported buyer/transferee of the Disputed Stock, and the blank power of attorney document did not identify the number of shares to be transferred.
- 9. Livadas acquired ownership of WAM in 2014. Prior to 2014, Livadas was never an employee, officer or director of WAM.
- 10. On October 26, 2015, Anavex publicly announced that it had received approval to begin trading its common stock on NASDAQ.
- 11. On October 30, 2015, WAM's attorney sent NATCO a demand letter in which he claimed that WAM—not Weiser Capital—was the owner of the Disputed Stock.
- 12. On May 24, 2016, WAM and Weiser Capital jointly filed an answer and cross-claim in this lawsuit, referring to themselves collectively as "Weiser" and claiming that "Weiser" was the owner of the Disputed Stock by virtue of the July 2013 PSA.
- 13. WAM no longer claims to be the owner of the Disputed Stock—WAM's owner, Livadas, admitted in discovery that WAM does not own the Disputed Stock.

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14. Weiser Capital admitted in discovery that it is not the owner of the Disputed Stock.

#### IV. ISSUES OF LAW AND SUPPORTING POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

#### 1. Burden of Proof.

Generally, each party in an interpleader action claiming ownership to the asset in question carries its own burden and must successfully prove its right to the disputed property. 48 C.J.S. Interpleader § 41 (December 2018 update, "Evidence and Burden of Proof") (discussing that "[e]ach claimant in an interpleader action has the burden of establishing his own claim or right to any part of the impleaded money and relative priority as to all other claimants. Each claimant must show his entitlement to the disputed funds by a preponderance of the evidence.") (footnote omitted).

Skarpelos asserts a cross-claim against Weiser for declaratory relief, asking the Court to declare him the sole, rightful owner of the Disputed Stock. There is no dispute that, prior to April 2013, Skarpelos was the rightful owner of that stock. His position is that he was never divested of that ownership and that he has no burden to prove a negative.

"Weiser" also asserts a cross-claim for declaratory relief against Skarpelos, asking the Court to declare both of them the rightful owner of the Disputed Stock. However, their claim is based on Skarpelos' breach of the alleged July 2013 PSA calling for the sale of the Disputed Stock to Weiser Capital. Thus, "Weiser" has the burden of establishing its breach of contract claim by a preponderance of the evidence. This includes establishing the formation of a valid contract. Assuming a valid contract exists, "Weiser" must prove it paid the required consideration for the purchase of the Disputed Stock. "Weiser" must also establish that it is the current, rightful owner of the Disputed Stock.

#### Weiser cannot prove its breach of contract claim and therefore cannot 2. establish ownership of the Disputed Stock.

In Nevada, a breach of contract is "said to be a material failure of performance of a duty arising under or imposed by agreement." Bernard v. Rockhill Development Co., 103

Nev. 132, 734 P.2d 1238 (1987) (quoting *Malone v. University of Kansas Med. Center*, 220 Kan. 371, 552 P.2d 885, 888 (1976)). To succeed on a breach of contract claim, a party needs to meet the following elements: (1) formation of a valid contract; (2) performance or excuse of performance by the party asserting a claim for breach of contract; (3) material breach; and (4) damages. *See id.* 

Basic contract principles require, for an enforceable contract, an offer and acceptance, meeting of the minds, and consideration. *Certified Fire Prot. Inc. v. Precision Constr.*, 128 Nev. 371, 378, 283 P.3d 250, 255 (2012). A meeting of the minds exists when the parties have agreed upon the contract's essential terms. <u>Id</u>. Which terms are essential depends on the agreement and its context and also on the subsequent conduct of the parties, including the dispute which arises and the remedy sought. <u>Id</u>. Whether a contract exists is a question of fact. <u>Id</u>.

The July 2013 PSA is not an enforceable contract between Skarpelos and Weiser Capital. While Skarpelos was willing to sell the Disputed Stock for \$250,000, Skarpelos did not offer to sell the Disputed Stock to Weiser Capital and was never notified of Weiser Capital's purported acceptance of any such offer until he received the July 2013 PSA during discovery in this lawsuit. Skarpelos did not intend that the Incomplete PSA he signed be a final agreement, nor did he intend that the Blank POA would transfer ownership of the Disputed Stock to Weiser Capital. There was no meeting of the minds because Skarpelos did not know that Weiser Capital would be the buyer in any such sale of his stock. There was also no meeting of the minds on the closing date, which under the circumstances of this case is an essential term.

Even if the July 2013 PSA was deemed an enforceable contract, Weiser Capital failed to perform under that agreement. There is no evidence that Weiser Capital, or anyone on its behalf, paid \$250,000 to Skarpelos as required by the July 2013 PSA.

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# 3. Weiser intends to offer documents produced well after the discovery cutoff of February 9, 2018.

On March 21, 2018, Skarpelos filed a motion in limine seeking to exclude any evidence regarding Weiser's alleged payment for the disputed shares except to the extent of documentary evidence produced in discovery prior to February 9, 2018. In its June 29, 2018 Order denying Skarpelos' motion, the Court accepted Weiser's offer that "Weiser will not rely on any new, responsive documents proving the purchase price for the Anavex stock that were in its possession, custody or control and could have reasonably been produced before the discovery cutoff on February 9, 2018." Order at 6:5-10.

On April 12, 2018, Weiser served its Fourth Supplemental Disclosure of Witnesses and Documents pursuant to NRCP 16.1, disclosing WEISER000444-000464. See Exhibit 1, attached. Skarpelos objects to Weiser's use of any of these documents at trial

On October 18, 2018, Weiser served its Sixth Supplemental Disclosure of Witnesses and Documents pursuant to NRCP 16.1, disclosing WEISER000465-000472. See Exhibit 2, attached. Skarpelos believes Weiser will offer these documents for the purpose of establishing that Skarpelos received payment pursuant to the July 2013 PSA. In addition to the substantive objections to these documents set forth in Skarpelos' objection to Weiser's pretrial disclosures, these documents were served more than eight (8) months after the discovery deadline. This action was filed on November 11, 2015 and Weiser's counsel, Mr. Nork, accepted service on its behalf on January 28, 2016. There is no valid reason these documents could not have been produced prior to February 9, 2018. They should be excluded from evidence.

#### V. WITNESSES EXPECTED TO TESTIFY

- 1. Athanasios "Tom" Skarpelos
- 2. Lambros Pedafronimos
- 3. Alexander Walker III (NATCO)
- 4. Christos Livadas

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17	Weiser Asset Management, Ltd. and Weiser (Bahamas), Ltd.
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# IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WASHOE

NEVADA AGENCY AND TRANSFER COMPANY, a Nevada Corporation,

Case No. CV15 02259

Plaintiff,

Dept. No. 10

**DEFENDANTS/CROSS-CLAIMANTS** 

WEISER'S FOURTH SUPPLEMENTAL

DISCLOSURE OF WITNESSES AND

DOCUMENTS PURSUANT TO

**NRCP 16.1** 

WEISER ASSET MANAGEMENT, LTD., a

Bahamas company, WEISER (BAHAMAS) LTD., a Bahamas company, ATHANASIOS SKARPELOS, an individual, and DOES 1 through 10,

Defendants.

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Defendants/Cross-claimants Weiser ("Weiser"), by and through their undersigned counsel of record, hereby submits its Third Supplemental Disclosure of witnesses and Documents Pursuant to NRCP 16.1. These disclosures are based upon the information reasonably available to Weiser at this time and are made without waiving any objections as to relevance, materiality, or admissibility of evidence in this action. Please note that all new data

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# NRCP 16.1(a)(1)(A) – WITNESSES

The following are persons of whom Weiser is aware and believes may have knowledge of material facts upon which it bases its defenses, claims, requested relief, allegations and/or damages:

 Person Most Knowledgeable for Weiser Asset Management, LTD c/o Holland & Hart LLC 5441 Kietzke Lane, 2nd Floor Reno, NV 89511

Weiser Asset Management, LTD's PMK has knowledge regarding dealings with Athanasios Skarpelos, Nevada Agency and Transfer Co., and other parties related to this suit. Weiser's PMK also has knowledge about Weiser Asset Management, LTD's general business practices.

Person Most Knowledgeable, Weiser (Bahamas) LTD c/o Holland & Hart LLC
 5441 Kietzke Lane, 2nd Floor Reno, NV 89511

Weiser (Bahamas) LTD's PMK has knowledge regarding dealings with Skarpelos, Nevada Agency and Transfer Co., and other parties related to this suit. Weiser (Bahamas) LTD's PMK also has knowledge about Weiser (Bahamas) LTD's general business practices.

Christos Livadas
 c/o Holland & Hart LLC
 5441 Kietzke Lane, 2nd Floor
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Livadas has knowledge regarding the Weiser entities' dealings with Skarpelos, Nevada Agency and Transfer Co., and other parties related to this suit. Livadas also has knowledge about the Weiser entities' general business practices.

Elias Soursos
 c/o Holland & Hart LLC
 5441 Kietzke Lane, 2nd Floor
 Reno, NV 89511

Soursos has knowledge regarding the Weiser entities' dealings with Skarpelos, Nevada Agency and Transfer Co., and other parties related to this suit. Soursos also has knowledge about Weiser entities' general business practices.

5. Nick Boutsalis
Primoris Group
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Toronto, Ontario M4P 3B5

Boutsalis has knowledge regarding the Weiser entities' dealings with Skarpelos, Nevada Agency and Transfer Co., and other parties related to this suit. Boutsalis also has knowledge of Anavex Life Sciences that may be pertinent to this action.

6. Lambros Pedafronimos
Contact information currently unknown

Pedafronimos has knowledge regarding the Weiser entities' dealings with Skarpelos concerning the disputed stock.

7. Person Most Knowledgeable for Nevada Agency and Transfer Co. c/o Alexander H. Walker III 57 West 200 South, Suite 400 Salt Lake City, UT 84101

Nevada Agency and Transfer Co.'s PMK has knowledge regarding the Weiser entities and Skarpelos's claims to title of the stock in dispute in this action.

Alexander H. Walker III
 West 200 South, Suite 400
 Salt Lake City, UT 84101

Walker has knowledge regarding the Weiser entities and Skarpelos's claims to title of the stock in dispute in this action.

 Person Most Knowledgeable for Anavex Life Sciences Corp.
 West 52nd Street, 7th floor New York, NY 10019

Anavex Life Sciences Corp.'s PMK has knowledge concerning the disputed stock that may be pertinent to this action.

10. All witnesses identified by any of the other parties to this litigation.

### NRCP 16.1(a)(1)(B) - DOCUMENTS

Pursuant to NRCP 16.1(a)(1)(B), Weiser produces documents reasonably available to it upon which it bases its claims, prayers for damages, or other relief, denials and/or defenses.

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Such documents are identified by Bates Nos. WEISER000001 through WEISER000380 and are produced concurrently herewith on CD. Also produced is Weiser's Privilege/Redaction Log.

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# **NRCP 16.1(a)(1)(C) - DAMAGES**

Pursuant to NRCP 16.1(A)(1)(c), Weiser claims as its damages the value of the 3,316,666 shares of Anavex Life Sciences Corp. common stock at issue in this case, as well as its fees and costs of suit in this action.

# NRCP 16.1(A)(1)(D) - INSURANCE

At this time, Weiser is unaware of any insurance coverage that would be applicable to this matter. Should any insurance coverage be subsequently discovered, Weiser reserves the right to supplement its disclosure.

Weiser reserves the right to supplement its disclosure as additional witnesses and/or documents are identified through discovery or Weiser's ongoing investigation. Weiser further reserves the right to call any witnesses identified by any other party and to introduce as evidence any documents produced by any other party. This reservation of rights, however, should not be deemed a waiver of Weiser's right to object to the admissibility of any documents or testimony introduced by any other party.

DATED this 12th day of April, 2018

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On April 12, 2018, I served the foregoing **DEFENDANTS/CROSS-CLAIMANTS WEISER'S FOURTH SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURE OF WITNESSES AND DOCUMENTS PURSUANT TO NRCP 16.1**, by placing a true copy thereof in Holland & Hart LLP's outgoing mail in a sealed envelope addressed as follows:

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# Weiser Asset Management Ltd

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## About this Application

This is the Weiser Asset Management Ltd. Account Application. Please read it carefully, as you will select products and services, tell us how you want to communicate with us, and agree to certain provisions that will govern our relationship. When we accept it, this Application and all accompanying or supplemental documents form the entire Agreement between us for this account.

Unless otherwise indicated in this Application, the words "you," "your," "yourself," and "yours" mean the applicant(s). The words "we," "us," and "our" mean (Weiser Asset Management Ltd, de la Plaine House, 28 Parliament Street, P.O. Box N-10697, Nassau, Bahamas) and our branches, subsidiaries, and affiliates.

Please complete this application in full, sign and return the original to WEISER ASSET MANAGEMENT LTD. along with any

## **Getting Started**

additional documents required as noted below.	
Individual Account ☐ Account-Application Form ☑ Completed Identity Verification Form	☐ Copy of Passport ☐ Bank Reference
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The above information helps us comply with various securities regulations and rules. Please note: if we cannot verify the information you provide, we may be required to restrict or deny your account.

Please remember to notify us if you experience a significant life change, such as the birth of a child, marriage, divorce, death of a spouse, loss of a job, change in financial situation, etc.



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# Review and Submit This Application

# Confirmations and Signatures - Please Read Carefully

By signing this Application, you affirm that you have received and read this Application and any supplemental documents governing this relationship. You affirm that the information you have provided is accurate and you agree to notify us of any changes in the information provided.

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# Identity Verification Form (Form IVF)

This form must be completed for each beneficial owner and signatory of a Weiser Asset
Management Ltd account, including individuals named on Powers of Attorney and Trading
Authorizations. The information requested is required under Anti-Money Laundering regulations of The
Bahamas. Please copy this form as necessary to complete for each relevant individual.

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Are young director or officer of a public company? (If yes, provide details)
YES (NO)
Name and address of the financial institution supplying your reference (if not attached)

### Please attach:

- Notarized copy of your valid passport/photo ID
- Bank Reference for an account in your name, that has been open for one year or more
- Utility bill or other acceptable verification of residential address (Not required if address is included in bank reference)

A bank, licensed trust company, or brokerage firm in an approved jurisdiction should provide references. References and utility bills should be recently dated.

I CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION PROVIDED BY ME IN THIS DOCUMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT, AND I AGREE TO ADVISE WESTER ASSET MANAGEMENT LTD. IMMEDIATELY OF ANY-GHANGE TO THIS INFORMATION.

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Attorneys for Defendants/Cross-claimants Weiser

# IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WASHOE

NEVADA AGENCY AND TRANSFER COMPANY, a Nevada Corporation,

Case No.

CV15 02259

Dept. No.

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Plaintiff,

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WEISER ASSET MANAGEMENT, LTD., a Bahamas company, WEISER (BAHAMAS) LTD., a Bahamas company, ATHANASIOS SKARPELOS, an individual, and DOES 1 through 10,

Defendants.

DEFENDANTS/CROSS-CLAIMANTS WEISER'S SIXTH SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURE OF WITNESSES AND **DOCUMENTS PURSUANT TO NRCP 16.1** 

Defendants/Cross-claimants Weiser ("Weiser"), by and through their undersigned counsel of record, hereby submits its Sixth Supplemental Disclosure of witnesses and Documents Pursuant to NRCP 16.1. These disclosures are based upon the information reasonably available to Weiser at this time and are made without waiving any objections as to relevance, materiality, or admissibility of evidence in this action. Please note that all new data is indicated in bold text.

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### NRCP 16.1(a)(1)(A) – WITNESSES

The following are persons of whom Weiser is aware and believes may have knowledge of material facts upon which it bases its defenses, claims, requested relief, allegations and/or damages:

Person Most Knowledgeable for Weiser Asset Management, LTD 1. c/o Holland & Hart LLC 5441 Kietzke Lane, 2nd Floor Reno, NV 89511

Weiser Asset Management, LTD's PMK has knowledge regarding dealings with Athanasios Skarpelos, Nevada Agency and Transfer Co., and other parties related to this suit. Weiser's PMK also has knowledge about Weiser Asset Management, LTD's general business practices.

2. Person Most Knowledgeable, Weiser (Bahamas) LTD c/o Holland & Hart LLC 5441 Kietzke Lane, 2nd Floor Reno, NV 89511

Weiser (Bahamas) LTD's PMK has knowledge regarding dealings with Skarpelos, Nevada Agency and Transfer Co., and other parties related to this suit. Weiser (Bahamas) LTD's PMK also has knowledge about Weiser (Bahamas) LTD's general business practices.

3. Christos Livadas c/o Holland & Hart LLC 5441 Kietzke Lane, 2nd Floor Reno, NV 89511

Livadas has knowledge regarding the Weiser entities' dealings with Skarpelos, Nevada Agency and Transfer Co., and other parties related to this suit. Livadas also has knowledge about the Weiser entities' general business practices.

4. Elias Soursos c/o Holland & Hart LLC 5441 Kietzke Lane, 2nd Floor Reno, NV 89511

Soursos has knowledge regarding the Weiser entities' dealings with Skarpelos, Nevada Agency and Transfer Co., and other parties related to this suit. Soursos also has knowledge about Weiser entities' general business practices.

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5. Nick Boutsalis
Primoris Group
160 Eglinton Avenue East, #602
Toronto, Ontario M4P 3B5

Boutsalis has knowledge regarding the Weiser entities' dealings with Skarpelos, Nevada Agency and Transfer Co., and other parties related to this suit. Boutsalis also has knowledge of Anavex Life Sciences that may be pertinent to this action.

6. Lambros Pedafronimos
Contact information currently unknown

Pedafronimos has knowledge regarding the Weiser entities' dealings with Skarpelos concerning the disputed stock.

 Person Most Knowledgeable for Nevada Agency and Transfer Co. c/o Alexander H. Walker III 57 West 200 South, Suite 400 Salt Lake City, UT 84101

Nevada Agency and Transfer Co.'s PMK has knowledge regarding the Weiser entities and Skarpelos's claims to title of the stock in dispute in this action.

Alexander H. Walker III
 West 200 South, Suite 400
 Salt Lake City, UT 84101

Walker has knowledge regarding the Weiser entities and Skarpelos's claims to title of the stock in dispute in this action.

Person Most Knowledgeable for Anavex Life Sciences Corp.
 West 52nd Street, 7th floor
 New York, NY 10019

Anavex Life Sciences Corp.'s PMK has knowledge concerning the disputed stock that may be pertinent to this action.

- 10. All witnesses identified by any of the other parties to this litigation.
- 11. Nikolas Pentafronimos
  Contact information currently unknown

Pentafronimos has knowledge regarding the Weiser entities' dealings with Skarpelos concerning the disputed stock.

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# NRCP 16.1(a)(1)(B) - DOCUMENTS

Pursuant to NRCP 16.1(a)(1)(B), Weiser produces documents reasonably available to it upon which it bases its claims, prayers for damages, or other relief, denials and/or defenses. Such documents are identified by Bates Nos. WEISER000001 through WEISER000380 and are produced concurrently herewith on CD. Also produced is Weiser's Privilege/Redaction Log.

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# NRCP 16.1(a)(1)(C) - DAMAGES

Pursuant to NRCP 16.1(A)(1)(c), Weiser claims as its damages the value of the 3,316,666 shares of Anavex Life Sciences Corp. common stock at issue in this case, as well as its fees and costs of suit in this action.

# NRCP 16.1(A)(1)(D) - INSURANCE

At this time, Weiser is unaware of any insurance coverage that would be applicable to this matter. Should any insurance coverage be subsequently discovered, Weiser reserves the right to supplement its disclosure.

Weiser reserves the right to supplement its disclosure as additional witnesses and/or documents are identified through discovery or Weiser's ongoing investigation. Weiser further reserves the right to call any witnesses identified by any other party and to introduce as evidence any documents produced by any other party. This reservation of rights, however, should not be deemed a waiver of Weiser's right to object to the admissibility of any documents or testimony introduced by any other party.

DATED this 18th day of October, 2018.

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Jeremy J. Nork (SBN 4017) Prank Z. LaForge (SBN 12246)

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Reno, NV 89511

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## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Martha Hauser, certify:

I am employed in the City of Reno, County of Washoe, State of Nevada by the law offices of Holland & Hart LLP. My business address is 5441 Kietzke Lane, Second Floor, Reno, Nevada 89511. I am over the age of 18 years and not a party to this action.

On October 18, 2018, I served the foregoing DEFENDANTS/CROSS-CLAIMANTS WEISER'S SIXTH SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURE OF WITNESSES AND DOCUMENTS PURSUANT TO NRCP 16.1, by hand delivery, as indicated below, and by placing a true copy thereof in Holland & Hart LLP's outgoing mail in a sealed envelope addressed as follows:

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Arcadia, Greece

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IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WASHOE

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NEVADA AGENCY AND TRANSFER COMPANY, a Nevada corporation,

Plaintiff,

Case No. CV15-02259

Dept. No. 10

WEISER ASSET MANAGEMENT, LTD., a Bahamas company, WEISER (BAHAMAS) LTD, a Bahamas company, ATHANASIOS SKARPELOS, an individual, and DOES 1 through 10,

Defendants.

## ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR DISCHARGE

Presently before the Court is the MOTION FOR DISCHARGE ("the Motion") filed by Plaintiff NEVADA AGENCY AND TRANSFER COMPANY ("the Plaintiff") on December 5, 2018. Defendant ATHANASIOS SKARPELOS ("the Defendant") filed the NOTICE OF NON-OPPOSITION TO PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR DISCHARGE ("the Non-Opposition") on December 11, 2018. The matter was submitted for the Court's consideration on January 11, 2019.

This case generally concerns a dispute over ownership of stock certificate 753 entitling the holder to shares of Anavex Life Sciences Corp. The Plaintiff initiated the interpleader action in order to interplead stock certificate 753 and allow the Court to resolve the competing claims to the

stock certificate 753. The Plaintiff requests permission to deposit stock certificate 753 with the Court and be discharged from further liability. The Motion 4:4-11; 5:11-15. The Defendant does not oppose the Motion. Additional named defendants WEISER ASSET MANAGEMENT, LTD. and WEISER (BAHAMAS), LTD. (collectively "Weiser") did not respond to the Motion. *See* D.C.R. 13(3) ("Failure of the opposing party to serve and file his written opposition may be construed as an admission that the motion is meritorious and a consent to granting the same.").

Interpleader is allowed when the plaintiff in the interpleader action "is or may be exposed to double or multiple liability." *Michel v. Eighth Jud. Dist. Ct.*, 117 Nev. 145, 151, 17 P.3d 1003, 1007 (2001) (citing NRCP 22). The Court will grant the Motion because the Plaintiff is exposed to double liability, and the Court is better suited to adjudicate the rights of the parties to stock certificate 753. Additionally, the Motion was unopposed by the Defendant, and Weiser failed to respond.

IT IS ORDERED the MOTION FOR DISCHARGE is hereby GRANTED. The Plaintiff shall deposit stock certificate 753 with the Court and be discharged from further liability.

**DATED** this 23 day of January, 2019.

ELLIOTT A. SATTLER District Judge

## **CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**

Pursuant to NRCP 5(b), I certify that I am an employee of the Second Judicial District Court of the State of Nevada, County of Washoe; that on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of January, 2019, I deposited in the County mailing system for postage and mailing with the United States Postal Service in Reno, Nevada, a true copy of the attached document addressed to:

I hereby certify that I am an employee of the Second Judicial District Court of the State of Nevada, in and for the County of Washoe; that on the **23**day of January, 2019, I electronically filed the foregoing with the Clerk of the Court by using the ECF system which will send a notice of electronic filing to the following:

**CERTIFICATE OF ELECTRONIC SERVICE** 

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1	BE	Page 7 IT REMEMBERED that on Tuesday, October 23,
2	2018, co	mmencing at 10:00 a.m. at The Hilton Hotel,
3	46 Vasil	issis Sofias Avenue, 115 28 Athens, Greece,
4	of said	day, before me, CHRISTINA M. AMUNDSON, a
5	Certifie	d Shorthand Reporter, personally appeared
6	CHRISTOS	LIVADAS.
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8		CHRISTOS LIVADAS,
9	ca	lled as a witness in the matter herein,
10	who, h	aving been first duly sworn, was examined
11		and testified as follows:
12		EXAMINATION
13		(Exhibits 1 through 49 marked.)
14	BY MR. A	NDERSON:
15	Q	Would you please state your full name.
16	A	Christos Livadas.
17	Q	Okay. And have you ever had your
18	depositi	on taken before?
19	А	Once.
20	Q	Okay. And when was that?
21	А	About two years ago.
22	Q	Where did that deposition occur?
23	A	Texas.
24	Q	And what did it involve?
25	A	It was a contract on a ship building
1		

Page 8 1 contract. Okay. Were you a witness or were you a 3 party? Α I was a party. O Okay. Were you the plaintiff or the 6 defendant? Both. Who was the other side? 0 Α I can't remember the name of the company. 10 Where was the action pending? 0 11 Α What does that mean? Where was the lawsuit filed? 12 13 Somewhere in Texas. I can't remember the 14 name of the town. 15 Q In general what were the nature of the 16 claims? There was a contract dispute as far as 17 Α 18 terms of contract on specifications for a boat. 19 Okay. Did that involve Weiser at all? 20 Α No, no. I'll go over a couple of the ground rules 21 22 of the deposition so you and I are on the same page 23 as to what will happen. You understand you're under oath? 24 (Witness nods.) 25 Α

Page 9 Is that correct? 1 0 2 Α Correct. 0 Okay. That's the same oath that you'd take 4 as if you were testifying in court in Reno, even 5 though we're sitting in a modified conference room 6 in the Hilton in Athens, correct? Yes. The court reporter sitting next to us is 9 taking down everything we say verbatim so it's 10 important for you to let me finish my question 11 before you start to answer. 12 Α Okay. Likewise, I will try to let you finish your 13 14 answer before I ask my next question, okay? 15 Α Okay. You're doing a good job so far answering Shakes of the head and nods of the head 17 audibly. 18 are difficult --19 Α Okay. 20 -- for her to take down. So if you can 21 continue to do that, that would be the best for 22 everyone. 23 Α The audible or the shakes and nods? 24 Q Audibly. What I said you were doing a good 25 job of.

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            If I ask you a question you don't
 2 understand, please let me know and I'll rephrase the
 3 question. If you do answer the question, I'll
 4 assume you understood it and move on.
            Yes.
            Is there any reason you can't give your
 7 best testimony today? Any medications or anything
 8 like that?
        Δ
            No.
            And you understand that when we're finished
11 here your testimony will be put into a little
12 booklet and you'll have a chance to review that and
13 make changes if you desire?
14
            Okay.
            But if you make changes, that I may comment
16 on those changes at the time of trial to challenge
17 your credibility.
18
        Α
            Okay.
19
            You understand that?
20
            Yes.
            Okay. Did you review any documents in
21
22 preparation for your deposition today?
            I reviewed everything we've received on an
23
        Α
24 ongoing basis.
            Okay. Did you review the binder of
25
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1	documents	Page 11 s that I provided to your counsel?
2	А	I believe so.
3	Q	Other than Mr. Nork, did you speak with
4	anybody :	in preparation for your deposition?
5	A	No.
6	Q	Where do you reside?
7	A	Bahamas.
8	Q	How long have you lived in the Bahamas?
9	A	Since approximately 2006.
10	Q	Do you reside in Greece at all?
11	A	No.
12	Q	Okay. Do you have a Greek ancestry?
13	A	Yes.
14	Q	Are you Greek?
15	A	Yes.
16	Q	Okay. Where did you live prior to the
17	Bahamas?	
18	A	Prior to the Bahamas I lived for a little
19	while in	Florida.
20	Q	Okay. What years did you live in Florida?
21	A	1999 until about 2002.
22	Q	And where did you live between 2002 and
23	when you	moved into the Bahamas in 2006?
24	A	Mostly traveling a lot. I had business in
25	China and	d Hong Kong and Bahamas.

Page 12 So you were moving around during 1 Q Okay. 2 that time? Α Yes. Okay. And prior to moving to Florida, 5 where did you live? In Canada. Α Okay. Where in Canada? Α Calgary. Q And does that take us back pretty much to 10 your childhood as far as where you lived? Yeah. Calgary and other towns in 11 Α Correct. 12 Canada. 13 Okay. You understand that you're being 14 deposed today in sort of several different 15 capacities? (Witness nods.) 16 Α 17 I've noticed your deposition individually 18 and you're also testifying on behalf of Weiser Asset 19 Management Limited and Weiser Bahamas Limited, 20 correct? 21 Α Yes. 22 Q Okay. MR. NORK: You've also noticed him for 23 24 Weiser Holdings. MR. ANDERSON: Correct. 25

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- 1 BY MR. ANDERSON:
- Q And so as we go through, I'll ask you
- 3 questions and some may apply to you individually and
- 4 some may apply to the entity. If it's unclear what
- 5 I'm asking, please let me know and I'll try to
- 6 clarify.
- But my understanding is that as you're
- 8 testifying in all those capacities you'll have the
- 9 knowledge necessary to answer those questions.
- 10 A Yes.
- 11 O Is that fair?
- 12 A Correct.
- 13 Q Okay. For purposes of referring simply to
- 14 the entities today, I might refer to Weiser Asset
- 15 Management by its full name or use an acronym "WAM."
- 16 Is that something you're familiar with?
- 17 A Yes.
- 18 Q And Weiser Bahamas Limited I might call
- 19 "Bahamas" or "Weiser Capital," I've sometimes seen
- 20 it called. Is either of those --
- 21 A I think if you refer to it "Weiser Capital"
- 22 it will keep it most clear for me.
- 23 Q Okay. My outline is littered with
- 24 "Bahamas," but as I go through I'll try to use
- 25 "Weiser Capital" for Weiser Bahamas.

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- 1 A Yes.
- 2 O Okay. And Mr. Nork mentioned Weiser
- 3 Holdings Limited. You're an owner and director of
- 4 that company, correct?
- 5 A Correct.
- 6 Q Are there any other Weiser affiliate
- 7 companies other than the three we just talked about?
- 8 A No.
- 9 O Okay. You mentioned the deposition and
- 10 lawsuit that we talked about earlier.
- 11 Have you ever been involved in any other
- 12 sort of civil lawsuit, whether individually or on
- 13 behalf of, we'll say, just the Weiser entities?
- 14 A No.
- 15 O Okay. Have you ever been involved in any
- 16 sort of regulatory proceedings individually or with
- 17 the Weiser entities?
- 18 A No.
- 19 Q Okay. How about criminal?
- 20 A Regulatory proceedings we're involved
- 21 regularly in regulatory proceedings since it's a
- 22 regulated company.
- Q Okay. I'll clarify that and say any sort of
- 24 adversarial situation involving a regulatory
- 25 agency--

Page 15 1 Α Oh. no. -- meaning a government agency of some type 3 is bringing an action against you or Weiser. No, no actions. Okay. Thank you. And that goes for WAM, 0 6 Weiser Capital and Holdings? Correct. Okay. Can you give me a brief idea of your 9 education background. University, business commerce in university 10 11 and then standard high school. 12 Okay. Where did you go to university? Q 13 In Calgary. What was the name of the school? 14 0 University of Calgary. 15 Α 16 Q And what was your degree? Didn't finish my degree at university. 17 Α 18 Q Okay. How many years did you attend? 19 Α Three. 20 Do you have any professional licenses or 21 certifications? 22 No. Let me clarify. Are you asking 23 MR. NORK: 24 him individually or in any of his capacities? MR. ANDERSON: Good point. 25

Page 16 1 BY MR. ANDERSON: Individually do you have any professional certifications or licenses? No. Okay. Does WAM have any professional 6 certifications or licenses? Yes. Licensed broker-dealer. And is there a requirement -- I guess this 9 would be under Bahamian law -- that a company that's 10 licensed as a broker-dealer have a qualified person 11 with which the license is associated? Correct. 12 Α 13 Okay. Who is the person for WAM who holds 14 that license? 15 Α Presently it's Serge LaCroix. Can you spell that for us, please. 16 17 Α Get the right French spelling. L-a-C-r-o-i-x. 18 19 And Serge, S-e-r-g-e? Q Α Correct. 20 Okay. How long has Mr. LaCroix been the 21 22 license-holder for WAM? He's been licensed now one year. 23 Who was the -- I'll just call it "the 24

25 sponsoring individual" holding WAM's license prior

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 1 to that?
 2
            Prior to that was Sean Lowry.
 3
            Is L-o-w-e-r-y?
            Yes.
        Α
 5
        Q
            Okay.
            L-o-w-r-y.
        Α
            Okay. And how do you spell his first name?
 8
        Α
            S-e-a-n.
            And how long did Mr. Lowry hold that
10 license for WAM?
            He was about two years. And they don't
11
        Α
12 hold the license for WAM. They're the qualified
13 directors.
               These are the managing directors of the
14 company.
15
            And I apologize. I'm not familiar with the
        Q
16 language, but as I continue this line of questioning
17 I'll refer to it as "the qualified person," if
18 that's fair.
19
            Sure.
20
            Prior to Mr. Lowry who was the qualified
21 person for WAM?
22
            It was Terah Rhamming.
23
            How do you spell the name?
24
        Α
            Terah, T-e-r-a-h, and last name
25 R-h-a-m-m-i-n-g.
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1	Q	Page 18 And is that Ms. Rhamming?
2	А	Correct.
3	Q	Okay. How long was she the qualified
4	person?	
5	A	She started approximately I believe it
6	was arou	and early 2014, 2013 2014 2013.
7	Q	Okay. And before Ms. Rhamming was there
8	anybody	that was the sponsoring person?
9	A	That would be Howard Daniels.
10	Q	And how long did Mr. Daniels serve as the
11	sponsori	ng person?
12	A	He would have been around 2011 until about
13	somet	ime prior to 2011. I'm not sure how long.
14	Q	And that's fine. I'm just asking for
15	approxim	mately.
16		Was there anybody prior to Mr. Daniels?
17	А	I wasn't sure who that would be because
18	that was	already into previous ownership
19	Q	Okay.
20	A	of the firm
21	Q	Same type of questions for Weiser Capital.
22		Is Weiser Capital a registered
23	broker-d	lealer?
24	A	No.
25	Q	Okay.

Page 19 Α It's a registered company but not a 2 licensed broker-dealer. Okay. What type of registration does 0 4 Weiser Capital have? Just a standard business registration. Okay. It doesn't have to register with the 7 Bahamian securities regulators? No. 8 Okay. And how about Weiser Holdings? That's just a holdings company, so just a 10 11 standard company registration. 12 Q So it likewise doesn't register or have any 13 oversight --14 -- from securities regulators? 15 16 Have any of the individuals we talked about 17 who served as the qualified person for WAM been 18 subject to any regulatory discipline that you're 19 aware of? 20 Not that I'm aware of, no. Can you give me an idea of your work 21 22 experience prior to becoming involved with the 23 Weiser entities? 24 Α How far back? Let's start after you left university in

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- 1 Calgary.
- 2 A I would say related experience was in the
- 3 late '90s I was involved with what I refer to as a
- 4 financial media or a finance data company, which was
- 5 involved in analysis, distribution of data related
- 6 to the finance industry, similar to like a
- 7 Bloomberg.
- 8 Q And what was the name of that company?
- 9 A Stock House.
- 10 Q Approximately how long did you work at
- 11 Stock House?
- 12 A Four years.
- 13 Q If you can kind of give me the time range.
- 14 You said the late '90s?
- 15 A It would be 1997 to 2001.
- 16 Q And after Stock House what did you do?
- 17 A After Stock House I got involved in venture
- 18 capital, which wasn't with a specific company. I
- 19 was an agent for various companies in venture
- 20 capital brokering deals, as we say.
- 21 Q Was that just sort of an independent
- 22 contractor or were you --
- 23 A Correct.
- 24 Q -- employed by any particular --
- 25 A Independent.

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- 1 Q I kinda just want to work up to the point
- 2 where you got involved with Tom Skarpelos.
- 3 So the time frame prior to getting involved
- 4 with Tom Skarpelos in any financial dealings, does
- 5 what we talked about pretty much cover that time
- 6 frame?
- 7 MR. NORK: Can I just interject? What do
- 8 you mean by "getting involved with Tom Skarpelos"?
- 9 I think he's known Mr. Skarpelos for a long time.
- 10 BY MR. ANDERSON:
- 11 Q Okay. In terms of doing any financial
- 12 deals that involve Mr. Skarpelos.
- 13 A That started -- started financial dealings
- 14 with Skarpelos since about 1994.
- 15 O Okay. We'll come back to that in a minute.
- 16 So while you were with Stock House were you
- 17 doing -- also working with Mr. Skarpelos during that
- 18 time?
- 19 A During that time, no.
- Q Okay. Let's take the period from 1994 up
- 21 to 1997 when you started working for Stock House.
- 22 What kind of financial deals were you doing
- 23 with Mr. Skarpelos?
- 24 A So, I was assisting Skarpelos in raising
- 25 capital for companies that he was sponsoring, call

Page 22 1 it sponsoring or investing in.

- Q And what did you do to help him do that?
- 3 A Introduced him to investors.
- 4 Q Anything else?
- 5 A No. Pretty much investor introductions.
- 6 Q And those companies didn't have anything to
- 7 do with Anavex, correct?
- 8 A No. No.
- 9 Q Okay. So you started working with
- 10 Mr. Skarpelos in 1994. Up until 1997 you were
- 11 helping him attract investors for various companies,
- 12 correct?
- 13 A Correct.
- 14 Q 1997 to 2001 you worked for Stock House.
- 15 A Uh-huh.
- 16 Q And I think you said it was related to this
- 17 because it had dealt with financial issues, correct?
- 18 A Correct. It was in the finance sector.
- 19 Q And then from 2001 onward, what were you
- 20 doing?
- 21 A Raising capital for companies.
- 22 Q Okay. And I'm sorry. You mentioned you
- 23 were a venture capital agent, so to speak.
- 24 A Correct.
- 25 Q Okay. When did you next become involved

Page 23 1 with Mr. Skarpelos after you left Stock House? In 2007. Okay. And I apologize, but I just want to 4 get the time frame down. So between 2001 and 2007 you were doing 6 sort of the freelance financing work that we talked 7 about, correct? Correct. Α Okay. And we'll get back to Mr. Skarpelos 10 here in a little bit. When was Weiser Asset Management formed? 11 12 Α When was it formed? Around 2010, 2011. 13 And what was the purpose of Weiser Asset 14 Management at that time? To be a broker-dealer. 15 16 Okay. When was your first involvement with 17 Weiser Asset Management? 18 Around 2011. Okay. And is that a formal involvement? 19 20 Did you join the company or were you just 21 interacting with --22 It was formal through Weiser Capital, so I 23 established Weiser Capital, which was, essentially, 24 an agent for Weiser Asset Management. Okay. And we'll get to that in a minute. 25

Page 24 Were you part of the corporate structure of 2 Weiser Asset Management at the time it was formed? No. Okay. I think the declaration you signed 0 5 in this matter said that you acquired Weiser Asset 6 Management in 2014. Correct. Prior to that time when you acquired Okay. 9 Weiser Asset Management, did you have any formal 10 involvement other than through Weiser Capital with 11 Weiser Asset Management? NORK: What do you mean by "normal 12 MR. 13 involvement"? 14 BY MR. ANDERSON: Were you formally affiliated with the Q 16 company? Were you an employee, officer, or 17 director? 18 No, I was not an employee yet. And I apologize if these questions 19 Okav. 20 seem repetitive. I'm just trying to really 21 understand the difference between the entities. 22 So until 2014 you were not an officer, 23 director, employee, shareholder, anything with 24 Weiser Asset Management other than as an agent 25 through Weiser Capital.

Page 25 ٦ А Correct. 2 Okay. Who formed Weiser Asset Management? It was formed by Equity Bank and Trust. 4 That's who owned the license. Now, who specifically 5 formed it, I don't know, but it was formed by 6 another bank. Okay. What is Equity Bank and Trust? It's a trust company. Α 0 Okay. And at that time they were a trust company, 11 not a bank. They later became a bank but they were 12 a trust company. You said they had the license? 13 14 Correct. 15 And that's the license that WAM currently 16 possesses? 17 Correct. Α Okay. What's the process of transferring 19 that license from, I guess, the Equity Bank and 20 Trust to Weiser Asset Management? 21 It gets filed with the regulatory 22 commission and the regulatory commission has to 23 approve the transfer of ownership or control. Okay. Did individuals from Equity Bank and 24 25 Trust then become principals of Weiser Asset

Page 26 1 Management? Through a transitionary period they did. 2 Okay. Who were the people that primarily 4 were involved early on when this process happened? Α That would have been the compliance officer 6 from the trust company. Mr. Dean. Okay. Do you have his first name? Dillon. 8 Α Dillon Dean? 9 And he was the compliance officer for 10 11 Weiser Asset Management? 12 Α Previously. Okay. Anybody else involved at that early 13 14 stage with Weiser Asset Management other than Mr. 15 Dean? That would have been Howard Daniels. 16 Α Just the two of them? 17 Okay. They had various staff so ... 18 Α Okay. When you acquired Weiser Asset 19 20 Management in 2014, do you mean you personally? My holdings company. 21 Α 22 Okay. And what did Weiser Holdings 23 acquire? 24 Α It acquired WAM. The company and all of its assets? 25 Okay. Q

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1	A	Correct.
2	Q	Okay. And liabilities?
3	A	Yes.
4	Q	Okay. Are there any formal is there any
5	formal d	documentation of that acquisition?
6	А	There would be, yes, with the regulators.
7	Q	Do you have copies of that?
8	A	No.
9	Q	And when I say "you," does Weiser Holdings
10	have cop	pies of that?
11	А	The copies will be with Weiser Holdings or
12	its dire	ectors somewhere.
13	Q	Who are the directors of Weiser Holdings?
14	A	Now it's just myself.
15	Q	So in your capacity perhaps not
16	individually, but in your capacity as the director	
17	of Weiser Holdings you have the documentation	
18	demonstr	rating the acquisition of WAM by Weiser
19	Holdings	s?
20	A	Correct.
21	Q	Okay. Who did you negotiate that
22	acquisit	ion with on the Weiser Asset Management
23	side?	
24	A	With Equity Trust, which was the previous
25	owners.	

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1	Q And who were the individuals from Equity
2	Trust that you worked with?
3	A That would be Dillon Dean and other
4	parties. There's various parties at Equity Trust.
5	Q And who are those parties?
6	A The other one would be Gilbert Cassar.
7	Q How do you spell that last name?
8	A C-a-s-s-a-r. Those are the ones that I
9	remember off the top of my mind.
10	Q Okay. And you said that you negotiated
11	with Equity Trust. What was Equity Trust's
12	relationship with Weiser Asset Management in 2014?
13	A At that point they were at that point
14	they would have been simply the previous owners.
15	Q Okay. So they must have had some
16	relationship with Weiser Asset Management at the
17	time that they agreed to sell Weiser Asset
18	Management to Weiser Holdings.
19	A They were the owners.
20	Q Okay. Did they actually sign the Purchase
21	and Sale Agreement or whatever agreement affected
22	the transfer?
23	A I assume so.
24	Q Okay.
25	A They also had very subsidiaries. I can't
I	

- 1 remember exactly if they had a subsidiary that had
- 2 the license between their -- the parent company,
- 3 which is called Equity Trust.
- 4 Q Okay. You mean Equity Trust had
- 5 subsidiaries, not necessarily Weiser Asset
- 6 Management?
- 7 A It was one of their subsidiaries.
- 8 Q Okay.
- 9 A So I don't know if there was another
- 10 subsidiary between Weiser Asset Management and
- 11 Equity Trust but they were the ultimate owners of
- 12 it.
- 13 Q That would likely be reflected in the
- 14 documentation?
- 15 A Yes.
- 16 Q Does Weiser Asset Management have any
- 17 subsidiaries?
- 18 A No.
- 19 Q Okay. And what was the consideration for
- 20 your acquisition of Weiser Asset Management?
- 21 A I would have to check if that can be
- 22 disclosed. I can't remember if I can disclose that.
- 23 Q Okay. Can you tell me whether it was
- 24 monetary or was there some other --
- 25 A It would have been monetary.

Page 30 Q Okay. 1 MR. ANDERSON: And subject to, I guess, 3 counsel, what I'd suggest is I would agree that, if 4 he knows the answer as to how much was paid, I would 5 agree to keep that portion of the deposition subject 6 to a reasonable protective order. MR. NORK: Can we put a blank in the 8 deposition transcript and I want to see the 9 acquisition paperwork, because it may not be ours to 10 waive. 11 MR. ANDERSON: Understood. Yes, we can 12 leave a blank space in the deposition. So I'll ask 13 you the question and the court reporter will leave 14 it blank. 15 BY MR. ANDERSON: If you can tell me the price you paid Q 17 for -- the price that Weiser Holdings paid for the 18 acquisition of Weiser Asset Management. We'll leave that blank. 19 MR. NORK: ANDERSON: Yes, sir. 20 MR. MR. NORK: All right. 21 22 Price paid for WAM. 23 24 BY MR, ANDERSON:

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And you acquired all the assets of Weiser

Page 31 1 Asset Management. Is that right? 2 Α Correct. And you kept the name of Weiser Asset 4 Management? Α Correct. And you acquired all the books and records 7 of Weiser Asset Management? Α Correct. Did that include the computer system? Q 10 Α No. There was no computer system There was no computer system? 11 Q 12 Α At that time, no. If you know, how did Weiser Asset 13 14 Management keep track of its records if it didn't 15 have a computer system? I believe they had a computer system. I'm 16 Α 17 not sure but we received hard copies --18 Q Okay. -- of things. 19 Α 20 Okay. You didn't have any involvement 21 prior to your acquisition in 2014 with the computer 22 system of Weiser Asset Management? 23 No. Α 24 Okay. So the records you acquired from WAM 25 is -- are all hard copies?

Page 32 1 Α Correct. 2 Okay. Where are those hard copies kept? Those would be kept in WAM's files, 4 physically somewhere on location. Some are kept in 5 a storage facility. In the Bahamas? Yes. Okay. Did you have any access to Weiser 9 Asset Management's records prior to your acquisition 10 in 2014? They allowed me to review financials. 11 12 Q Okay. And were those hard copies that you 13 reviewed? Α Correct. 14 Okay. And what was the purpose of your O 16 reviewing financials prior to your acquisition? 17 that for the acquisition or was that for client 18 service? For the acquisition. Okay. So that would have been sort of in 20 21 the time frame near 2014?

25 review Weiser Asset Management's books and records? 800-330-1112 Litigation Services

24 acquisition, did you have occasion prior to 2014 to

Okay. Other than for purposes of the

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Q

Correct.

- 1 A Ask the question again.
- 2 Q Sure. Can you read the question back,
- 3 please.
- 4 THE REPORTER: "Q. okay. Other than for
- 5 purposes of the acquisition, did you have occasion
- 6 prior to 2014 to review Weiser Asset Management's
- 7 books and records?"
- 8 BY MR. ANDERSON:
- 9 A I was permitted to view accounting records
- 10 of the firm prior, plus I was also permitted to
- 11 review certain client accounts, client accounts,
- 12 which would be accounts that I had introduced --
- 13 Q Okay.
- 14 A -- to the firm
- 15 Q So if you were helping a client, I guess,
- 16 become involved with Weiser Asset Management, you
- 17 were allowed to review their particular books and
- 18 records?
- 19 A Correct.
- 20 Q Okay. And what was the process by which
- 21 you would do that?
- 22 A The accountant would give me the financial
- 23 statements of financials related to the firm
- 24 There's a segregation of financials which are
- 25 financials for the firm versus account statements,

- 1 which are account statements for clients.
- 2 Q Understood. And I'm focusing on the part
- 3 involving the client.
- 4 A Okay.
- 5 Q So if you have a particular client that you
- 6 wanted to look at their account --
- 7 A Yeah.
- 8 Q -- how would you go about doing that?
- 9 A I would request the statement.
- 10 Q And who would you request that from?
- 11 A That would be the account -- that would be
- 12 accountant or the registered representative of the
- 13 firm, the broker of the firm.
- 14 O So the broker would be one of those
- 15 individuals we talked about earlier, either Serge
- 16 LaCroix on down to Howard Daniels?
- 17 A Correct.
- 18 O Okay. And who was the accountant?
- 19 A I can't remember his name.
- 20 Q You'd request the statement and then what
- 21 would happen?
- 22 A Then they would send me the statement.
- Q Okay. How would they send a statement?
- 24 A By email. They also -- it also was on an
- 25 online log-in system platform that they had, which

Page 35 1 came, I believe, around 2012 or so --2 Q Okay. -- or 2012, 2013, somewhere in there. Okay. So when WAM first started, the 5 online log-in part did not exist yet. Α Correct. Okay. In your capacity as a client 8 representative or acting on behalf of a client, you 9 would make the request of either the accountant or 10 the broker and then they would sometimes email you 11 the response? Α Correct. 12 13 Okay. Did you have the ability to log in 14 to the online system when it was created and view 15 your client's accounting information? I was able to view some information, like 16 17 general holdings information. How about account statements? 18 Detailed account statements no, I could 20 only view holdings summaries. 21 Okay. And is that all that was available 22 on the online system or was that just you were 23 restricted to that particular information? 24 Α I was restricted. 25 Okay. What period of time involved you Q

- 1 receiving, I guess, client information via email
- 2 from Weiser Asset Management?
- 3 A Involved -- if I wanted to receive it by
- 4 email, it would go back from whenever I began
- 5 introducing clients, which was around 2011.
- 6 Q Okay. And would that continue up to the
- 7 time you acquired Weiser Asset Management in 2014?
- 8 A Yes.
- 9 Q Okay. Once you acquired Weiser Asset
- 10 Management, did you continue to have clients that
- 11 you introduced to the firm?
- 12 A Yes.
- 13 Q Okay. But as the owner you didn't have to
- 14 email anybody and ask for the information?
- 15 A Correct.
- 16 Q Did you ever request account statements on
- 17 behalf of a client?
- 18 A When clients asked, yes. If a client asked
- 19 for a statement, many times they would ask me,
- 20 sometimes they would call the broker in-house.
- 21 Q Okay.
- 22 A But since I was the relationship manager,
- 23 they would often ask myself.
- 24 Q Okay. And so sometimes WAM would email
- 25 those account statements to you?

1	А	Page 37 Correct.
2	Q	Okay. We talked a little bit about Dillon
3	Dean and	I think you said he was one of the
4	principa	ls when the company was founded.
5		Who is Ivylyn Caesar?
6	A	She's another I don't know if she was a
7	principa	l of Weiser but she was a principal at
8	Equity T	rust.
9	Q	And how do you spell Ivylyn?
10	А	I'm not sure exactly. I-v-y.
11	Q	My record shows it's I-v-y-l-y-n.
12		Does that sound correct?
13	А	Yes.
14	Q	Okay. And who is Charles Oddie?
15	А	Charles Oddie worked at WAM.
16	Q	What was his role at WAM?
17	А	He was a compliance officer at WAM as well.
18	Q	And how about James Dych? I'm probably
19	butcheri	ng the pronunciation.
20	А	Rings a bell. I'm not sure who it is.
21	Q	And we talked about Howard Daniels.
22		Who is Elias Soursos?
23	А	He was a registered broker at the firm
24	Q	Okay. And E-l-i-a-s?
25	А	Correct.
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Page 38 1 0 And Soursos, S-o-u-r-s-o-s? 2 Correct. You said he was a registered broker? Q Yes. Α Okay. Was that in addition to the people 0 6 we talked about earlier? Yeah. Д Okay. So he was one more of the qualified 9 persons? 10 Α Correct. Okay. And we talked about Terah Rhamming, 11 12 and is it William Lowry? 13 Uh-huh. 14 Okay. Who is MaryAnn Tremblay? MaryAnn was a broker who was there more 15 Α 16 recently. And who is David Sidders? 17 18 Sidders worked there. He was a trader. Okay. Are any of these people that we just 19 20 talked about still with the company? MaryAnn was there until recently, so no. 21 Α 22 Sidders had a personal regulatory issue so he was 23 released, going back some time. So the only one 24 there now is Serge. Okay. What was the regulatory issue 25

- 1 involving Mr. Sidders?
- 2 A Mr. Sidders had some insider trading
- 3 activity that he was accused of.
- 4 Q And was that while he was with Weiser Asset
- 5 Management?
- 6 A It's not clear yet. It hasn't come through
- 7 that it's been -- that he did anything while at
- 8 Weiser. His case is still pending.
- 9 Q Okay. Do you know where it's pending?
- 10 A In Canada.
- 11 O Is that in Ontario?
- 12 A Yes.
- 13 Q Okay. So is it the Ontario Securities
- 14 Commission that's looking into that?
- 15 A Correct.
- 16 Q Okay. I understand that Weiser Asset
- 17 Management is registered both in the Bahamas and in
- 18 Ontario, correct?
- 19 A Correct.
- 20 Q Okay. And so WAM is subject to both, I
- 21 guess, regulatory restrictions and rules?
- 22 A Correct.
- 23 Q Okay. What is your current role with
- 24 Weiser Asset Management?
- 25 A I'm a director of the ownership of Weiser

Page 40 1 Holdings. 2 Q Okay. And I'm also directly a risk adviser to WAM Α 4 itself. Do you receive any sort of compensation Q 6 directly from WAM aside from your ownership? Α Correct. Okay. A salary? Α Yes. Okay. And that's for your role as the risk 10 11 adviser? Α Correct. 12 13 Has Weiser Asset Management always been in 14 good standing with the -- in Nevada we call it the 15 "Secretary of State," but in the Bahamas I'll ask 16 what is the registering entity? The Bahamas Securities Commission is the 17 Α 18 licensing entity. Okay. Is there a separate business 20 registration entity with which you have to register? 21 Α Just the general corporate registry. Okay. So there's a general corporate and a 22 0 23 licensing in terms of the registrations that have to 24 be kept current? Correct. 25 Α

Page 41 0 Okav. Has Weiser Asset Management always 2 been in good standing with both of those since its 3 inception? Since inception I can't answer. 5 know. I'd have to refer to that. As far as the regulatory body, it hasn't 7 had any infractions with the regulatory body. Its license has never been suspended? 9 Α No. Revoked? 10 11 Α No. 12 Okay. And, really, we're talking about the 0 13 license of the individuals that are the qualified 14 persons, correct? We're talking about for the license of 15 Ά No. 16 the firm. Okay. Can you explain to me just how that 18 works? You have to have a sponsoring person, 19 correct? No, there's not a sponsoring person. Α 21 the firm has a license. As part of that license, it 22 has to have somebody who has specific 23 certifications. In the U.S. it would be like a 24 Series 7 equivalent, so there has to be that one --

25 at least that one single qualified Series 7 type --

- 1 it's called other things in the Bahamas -- that has
- 2 to be employed by the firm.
- 3 Q I apologize. So to your knowledge neither
- 4 of those individuals that we talked about earlier
- 5 who are the qualified persons have ever had any
- 6 disciplinary issues with either the Bahamian
- 7 regulators or Ontario regulators.
- 8 A I know with the Bahamian regulators they
- 9 haven't. I don't know if they've had any with the
- 10 Ontario regulators or not. It's their history.
- 11 Q And I think you said we don't know whether
- 12 Mr. Sidders' issues were involving Weiser or
- 13 otherwise.
- 14 A As far as I know so far, they weren't
- 15 involving Weiser.
- 16 Q Okay. And the individuals who are the
- 17 qualified persons that we talked about haven't had
- 18 any issues. As far as you know, the company has not
- 19 had any disciplinary issues involving either Ontario
- 20 or Bahamas?
- 21 A Correct. The company definitely hasn't.
- 22 Q Okay.
- 23 A And the persons that have been involved I
- 24 know haven't with the Bahamas Securities Commission.
- 25 Q Let's talk about Weiser Capital. You're

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 1 the owner and director of that entity?
        Α
            Right.
            You said you formed it in approximately
 4 2011?
        А
            Correct.
            Okay.
                  I think you said in your declaration
        Q
 7 it was May 2011.
                     Is that fair?
            That's fair.
            Okay. If public records show that it was
10 incorporated in February of 2013, what would you --
11 would you be surprised by that?
12
        Α
            Yes.
            Who else was involved in the formation of
13
14 Weiser Capital?
            Make the question more specific.
15
            When you decided to form Weiser Capital in
16
        Q
17 May 2011, was there anybody else working with you on
18 the formation?
            MR. NORK:
                        Like attorneys?
19
20
            MR.
                ANDERSON:
                            No.
                                 Just people who might
21 be either principals or employees of the company.
22
            THE WITNESS: Of Weiser Capital?
23 BY MR. ANDERSON:
24
        Q
            Yes.
            Outside of attorneys and such, I can't
25
        Α
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- 1 think of anybody.
- Q Okay. Were you the only principal when it
- 3 was formed?
- 4 A Yes.
- 5 Q Okay. Have there been any principals since
- 6 other than you?
- 7 A No.
- 8 Q Okay. Describe for me the purpose of
- 9 Weiser Capital.
- 10 A The purpose is to find clients for the
- 11 broker-dealer, so it acts as an agent to find
- 12 clients. Clients are typically either investors who
- 13 wish to invest capital or corporate clients who wish
- 14 to raise capital.
- 15 O So the purpose was to find clients, either
- 16 investors or corporate clients, for Weiser Asset
- 17 Management.
- 18 A Correct.
- 19 Q Okay. Did you have an agreement with
- 20 Weiser Asset Management to do that work?
- 21 A I would have to check if there was
- 22 something formalized --
- 23 Q Okay.
- 24 A -- or when it was formalized.
- 25 Q Do you recall a specific document?

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1	A	I recall something, yes.		
2	Q	Okay.		
3	А	It's typically an agent what they refer		
4	to as a	"referrer's agreement."		
5	Q	And where would that referrer agreement be?		
6	A	In a file somewhere.		
7	Q	Can you give me an idea of where?		
8	А	In the Bahamas.		
9	Q	Okay. Would it be in the same location as		
10	the acqu	isition documents for holdings acquisition		
11	of Weise	r Asset Management?		
12	А	No.		
13	Q	Okay. Are records let me ask you this:		
14		Are records of Weiser Asset Management and		
15	15 Weiser Capital kept in different places?			
16	А	Yes.		
17	Q	Okay. And where is each kept?		
18	А	Weiser Capital had a separate office. It		
19	doesn' t	now. But there's files in storages.		
20	Q	Okay. In the Bahamas?		
21	А	Correct.		
22	Q	For both?		
23	А	In the Bahamas for both, yes.		
24	Q	Okay. I'm sorry. Has Weiser Capital		
25	always b	een in good standing with the Bahamian		

- 1 corporate regulators?
- 2 A Yes.
- 3 Q When you negotiated the arrangement with
- 4 Weiser Asset Management on behalf of Weiser Capital,
- 5 who was the individual or individuals --
- 6 A Weiser Holdings.
- 7 MR. NORK: No. He's talking about the
- 8 referrer agreement.
- 9 THE WITNESS: Oh.
- 10 BY MR. ANDERSON:
- 11 O Correct. I'll start over.
- 12 When you were negotiating the referrer
- 13 agreement between Weiser Capital and Weiser Asset
- 14 Management, who were you working with from Weiser
- 15 Asset Management?
- 16 A Equity Trust would be the people who are at
- 17 Equity Trust.
- 18 Q And who are those people specifically?
- 19 A Either Dillon Dean or Mr. Cassar or other
- 20 people.
- 21 Q Other than the referrer agreement, were
- 22 there separate written documents created when you
- 23 would bring a client or a potential investor to
- 24 Weiser Asset Management?
- 25 A Between Weiser Capital and Weiser Asset

Page 47 1 Management? 2 Q Correct. Α No. Separate document. So would Weiser Asset Management enter 5 directly into contracts with the client, then? Yes. Α And would you receive some sort of 8 commission or fee for that referral? Α Correct. Okay. What was the fee structure? 10 Typically it's 50 percent of commissions, 11 12 just general standard. 13 50 percent of Weiser Asset Management's 14 commissions? . A 15 Correct. Okay. And so if someone would invest in Q 17 Weiser Asset Management, they would take a 18 commission and split it with Weiser Capital? If they invested in Weiser Asset 20 Management? 21 Yes. They wouldn't invest in Weiser Asset 23 Management. 24 Q If Weiser Asset Management would, I guess, 25 enter -- or arrange for the client to enter into a

- 1 deal with a third party, whatever fees were
- 2 generated would be shared between Weiser Capital and
- 3 Weiser Asset Management equally?
- 4 A If a client is trading with Weiser Asset
- 5 Management, there's commission fees on the trading--
- 6 Q Okay.
- 7 A -- which would be split between Weiser
- 8 Asset Management and its agents or referrers.
- 9 Q Okay. We talked about Weiser Holdings.
- 10 Is there anyone else besides yourself who
- 11 is involved in Weiser Holdings from a principal or
- 12 ownership standpoint?
- 13 A No.
- 14 Q Besides Weiser Capital and Weiser Asset
- 15 Management, does it hold anything else?
- 16 A No.
- 17 O I think you indicated in your declaration
- 18 that was filed in this matter that WAM is a Class 1
- 19 broker-dealer.
- 20 A Correct.
- 21 Q Okay. Can you describe for me what that
- 22 means?
- 23 A It means that WAM can act as principal on
- 24 transactions. That means -- how could I describe
- 25 that in a straightforward manner?

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Page 49 That means WAM can act as an intermediary 2 in transactions, so if there's a buyer and seller in 3 a transaction, WAM can act as principal, which means 4 when a transaction happens, it becomes -- for some 5 temporary basis it becomes the owner of the 6 transaction. That makes sense. So are there other 8 classes where that can't happen? Correct. Α Okay. Can you briefly describe what those 11 are. I'm not sure what the classes are called. 12 Α 13 I just know that there's other classes where they 14 can't -- other grades of license. 15 Okay. And they're, I guess, lesser grades? Q 16 Д Yes. Is Class 1 considered sort of the highest 18 grade that you can achieve as a broker-dealer? 19 Correct. Okay. And does that require some sort of 21 additional oversight by regulators or does that 22 involve extra oversight? Definitely has more compliance oversight. 23 24 It also requires more capital reserves by the firm. 25 Where is WAM's office?

Page 50 You want the exact address? 1 Α 2 Q Please. It just moved. Find you the exact address. While you're looking that up, when did it 5 move? Approximately two months ago -- two, three 7 months ago. Prior to moving, had it been at the same 9 location for a long period of time? Α That last location was two years. 10 11 current address is Western Business Center, Nassau, 12 Bahamas. 0 Okay. And where is Weiser Capital's 14 office? Weiser Capital's office now -- it doesn't 15 Α 16 have an office now. 17 Okay. Is it active? Q 18 Yes, yes. Α 19 Okay. Where does it conduct its business? Q All over the world. 20 Α Are you basically Weiser Capital? 21 22 Correct. Α Okay. Wherever you are, that's where the 23 24 office is? 25 Α Correct.

Page 51 1 0 Okav. Did Weiser Capital and Weiser Asset 2 Management ever share office space? Α Weiser Capital did have a separate No. 4 office. 0 Okay. In your declaration you indicated 6 that Weiser Asset Management maintains custody of 7 \$250 million in client assets. Approximately. Α Okay. What do you mean by "maintains 10 custody"? Also as a Class 1 broker-dealer, it's 11 12 permitted to customize assets, which means it acts 13 as a trust or fiduciary. My words may not be 14 exactly precise but it's meant to act in a trust or 15 fiduciary capacity like a bank, per se, where it 16 holds client assets. Other broker-dealers are -- with lesser 17 18 licenses aren't permitted to hold assets under their They're required to keep it with what we 19 control. 20 would refer to as a prime broker or with a prime 21 bank under the custody of somebody with a Class 1 22 license or a prime license --23 Okay. Q 24 -- as it's sometimes referred to in the 25 U.S.

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            So that kinda goes along with what we were
        0
 2 talking about earlier, that Weiser Asset Management
 3 being Class 1 has, I guess, a greater degree of
 4 responsibility and trust from the regulatory
 5 agencies --
            Correct.
        Α
            -- and from the clients as well.
            Correct.
            What kind of assets in general are held on
10 behalf of clients?
            Securities -- "securities" is broad but
11
12 shares of companies, bonds, cash.
            Those are the typical examples?
13
14
            Correct.
        Α
            Weiser Asset Management is governed by the
15
16 Bahamas Securities Act, correct?
17
        Α
            Correct.
            And you understand that those laws and
18
19 regulations impose certain duties and obligations on
20 Weiser Asset Management?
            Correct.
21
            Are you familiar with those regulations?
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23
            In detail myself, no.
        Α
            Okay. Did WAM have someone that is
24
25 responsible for that?
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Page 53 1 Д Correct. 2 Who is that person currently? Q That would be either Serge LaCroix or the Α 4 compliance officers are the typically ones most 5 aware. Who is the compliance officer? Shelby, last name Brice, B-r-i-c-e. Who was the compliance officer in 2013? Q It would have been either Dillon Dean or Α 10 Terah Rhamming. 11 How about from 2011 up to 2013? 0 12 Α Would have been, I believe, Dillon Dean. 13 Okay. Do you know where Mr. Dean is 14 currently? 15 I haven't spoken to him for some time. Α 16 Are you aware of where he is? 17 No. Α 18 Q Okay. What is your understanding of 19 fiduciary duty? 20 MR. NORK: Are you asking for his legal 21 understanding? 22 MR. ANDERSON: No. He mentioned earlier 23 that Class 1 is -- involves a fiduciary role. 24 think he said the word "fiduciary," so I'm just 25 asking from an understanding based on his

- 1 involvement with WAM.
- 2 THE WITNESS: I only have a conceptual
- 3 understanding, which I can't articulate what
- 4 "fiduciary duty" means exactly.
- 5 BY MR. ANDERSON:
- 6 Q Okay. In your capacity with Weiser
- 7 Bahamas, you deal with clients, correct?
- 8 A Correct.
- 9 Q Okay. And as an owner of WAM, you also
- 10 deal with clients, correct?
- 11 A Correct.
- 12 O Okay. You understand that clients place
- 13 their trust in Weiser Asset Management and/or Weiser
- 14 Capital when they deal with them, correct?
- 15 A Correct.
- 16 Q Okay. I think you said you have a
- 17 conceptual understanding of fiduciary duty.
- 18 Can you explain to me what you mean by
- 19 that?
- 20 A No, I can't articulate it because I just
- 21 have a conceptual.
- Q Okay. So as the owner of Weiser Asset
- 23 Management, you can't explain to me what your
- 24 understanding of a fiduciary duty is?
- 25 A No. As a shareholder, I can't. That's why

- 1 there's people who are hired who are responsible to
- 2 have those understandings and to take that
- 3 responsibility.
- 4 Q Okay. And as the owner of Weiser Capital,
- 5 is that the same answer?
- 6 A No. As Weiser Capital has no fiduciary
- 7 responsibilities because they don't custodize or
- 8 execute on assets. It doesn't have the power to.
- 9 Q Okay. So when you act as Weiser Capital
- 10 and you try to attract investment for Weiser Asset
- 11 Management, your understanding is you don't have a
- 12 fiduciary duty to the clients that you introduce?
- 13 A First, we don't attract investments to
- 14 Weiser Asset Management, just to be clear, because
- 15 you say "when you attract investment to."
- 16 Q I'll strike that question. That was a bad
- 17 question.
- 18 A Okay.
- 19 Q When you deal with clients on behalf of
- 20 Weiser Capital, do you believe that you owe them a
- 21 fiduciary duty in any way?
- 22 MR. NORK: Objection, calls for legal
- 23 conclusion but go ahead.
- 24 THE WITNESS: I can't answer that because I
- 25 don't know what you're describing as the definition

- 1 of "fiduciary duty."
- 2 BY MR. ANDERSON:
- 3 Q Do you feel that you owe them any level of
- 4 care to act in their best interest?
- 5 MR. NORK: Same objection, but go ahead.
- 6 THE WITNESS: Yes, to act in their best
- 7 interests.
- 8 BY MR. ANDERSON:
- 9 Q So to that degree, if I defined "fiduciary
- 10 duty" as exercising care to act in a client's best
- 11 interest, you would agree that Weiser Capital owes
- 12 that duty to its clients?
- 13 MR. NORK: Same objection. Go ahead.
- 14 THE WITNESS: Clients trust me, Weiser
- 15 Capital, if it's -- if they're putting a request in
- 16 to Weiser Capital and Weiser Capital is an agent,
- 17 per se, which in a way is saying like acting like a
- 18 broker -- because a broker has a legal definition
- 19 and another level of registration -- but when they
- 20 provide requests to me, whether it's information on
- 21 their account or to help them get transactions done
- 22 on their account, to pass through requests to WAM,
- 23 the licensed entity, they do expect that I will pass
- 24 those requests through accurately and have them
- 25 executed accurately.

- 1 BY MR. ANDERSON:
- Q And that same level of expectation that
- 3 clients have, does that exist with respect to Weiser
- 4 Asset Management as well?
- 5 A Ask that again.
- 6 Q I think you just talked about kind of the
- 7 level of trust that clients have in dealing with
- 8 Weiser Capital, and I'm just asking if you have the
- 9 same understanding with respect to WAM.
- 10 A They have higher expectations of WAM since
- 11 it is the licensed entity.
- 12 Q Okay. Do you have an understanding of what
- 13 a conflict of interest is?
- 14 A Yes.
- 15 Q Okay. Can you tell me what that is?
- 16 A That's when you may have -- do it by
- 17 example, I suppose -- is when you're in a deal and
- 18 may have benefit from both sides, both parties on
- 19 both sides of the deal.
- 20 Q Okay. Does Weiser Asset Management have
- 21 any policies or procedures that address conflicts of
- 22 interest?
- 23 A I would have to refer to their compliance
- 24 manual to see.
- Q Okay. Off the top of your head, then, you

- 1 don't know whether there are any policies or
- 2 procedures addressing conflicts of interest?
- 3 A No.
- 4 Q Okay. Where is the manual that you
- 5 described that might have that answer?
- 6 A That would be in the office at WAM.
- 7 Q Okay. Do you know how long -- strike that.
- 8 Do you know whether WAM in 2012 or 2013 had
- 9 any policies or procedures on conflicts of interest?
- 10 A I wouldn't be aware of that detail.
- 11 O Okay. Your declaration also mentioned that
- 12 WAM is audited annually by Grant, Thornton.
- 13 A Correct.
- 14 Q Describe that process for me, please.
- 15 A I haven't been in an audit process myself
- 16 so I'm not sure the details of the process.
- 17 O You haven't personally been involved with
- 18 any audits by Grant, Thornton of Weiser Asset
- 19 Management?
- 20 A No.
- 21 Q Okay. Does Weiser Capital have any
- 22 auditing --
- 23 A No.
- 24 Q -- compliance -- I mean, that's a bad
- 25 question.

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            Grant, Thornton doesn't do any audits of
 2 Weiser Capital?
        Α
            Correct.
            Do any accounting firms do audits of Weiser
 5 Capital?
        Α
            No.
            Okav.
                   Is there anybody currently at Weiser
8 Asset Management that would know what's involved in
9 the audit process?
10
        Α
            Yes.
11
            Who is that?
12
        Α
            That would be either Serge LaCroix or the
13 compliance officer.
            Do you have any understanding of what the
15 audit process involves?
            I know at the end point is that all
16
17 accounts, whether it's the firm's assets or client's
18 assets, the final numbers have to balance.
                                                That's
19 my general understanding of the end-point position.
            So Grant, Thornton will request certain
21 information and then Weiser Asset Management
22 provides certain information --
23
        Α
            Correct.
            -- and documents relating to the company's
25 financials?
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- 1 A Correct.
- Q -- and documents relating to client's
- 3 assets?
- 4 A Correct.
- 5 Q -- and account statements and things like
- 6 that?
- 7 A I don't know if they look at account
- 8 statements in detail, but I know they look at the
- 9 firm's -- the entire firm's holdings and those
- 10 holdings are required to match between various
- 11 custodial accounts and what client assets reporting
- 12 is.
- 13 Q Okay. They're just trying to make sure
- 14 everything that's reported is accurate within the
- 15 books and records of the company.
- 16 A Correct.
- 17 Q Okay. And you indicated in your
- 18 declaration that "Weiser Capital provides investment
- 19 banking advisory services and deal arrangement as an
- 20 investor in principal on behalf of WAM and its
- 21 clients" -- well, you said "Weiser Asset Management"
- 22 here in your declaration, but is that a fair
- 23 characterization of what Weiser Capital does?
- 24 A Yes.
- 25 Q Okay. What sort of investment banking

## 1 advisory services are provided?

- 2 A So when a company or an individual needs to
- 3 raise capital, we'll advise them on where they might
- 4 be able to raise it, how much they might be able to
- 5 raise.
- 6 And if they own securities or wish to issue
- 7 securities to raise the capital, we advise them on
- 8 how to do that, where to source capital, where to
- 9 source investors.
- 10 Q Is that on behalf of WAM's clients?
- 11 A It could be for anybody. It doesn't have
- 12 to be a WAM client.
- 13 Q Okay. So you can provide investment
- 14 banking advisory services to somebody else as Weiser
- 15 Capital?
- 16 A Correct.
- 17 Q Okay. With respect to Weiser Asset
- 18 Management and its clients, do you primarily provide
- 19 those investment banking advisory services to the
- 20 clients?
- 21 A It's to everybody. A client may ask for --
- 22 a WAM client may ask for services or maybe a non-WAM
- 23 client asks for the service.
- 24 Q Okay. But you don't provide that service
- 25 directly to WAM in terms of telling them how to

- 1 raise capital or helping them raise capital?
- 2 A WAM doesn't raise capital.
- 3 Q Okay. And in terms of deal arrangement, we
- 4 talked about that earlier, so we don't need to cover
- 5 that again.
- 6 What did you mean by "an investor in
- 7 principal," I think you said --
- 8 A With Weiser acting as principal?
- 9 Q You said Weiser Capital provides the
- 10 services we just talked about as an investor in
- 11 principal on behalf of Weiser Asset Management and
- 12 its clients.
- 13 A Right. So often when a transaction is done
- 14 and when transactions are arranged between a buyer
- 15 and a seller, WAM or Weiser Capital will act as the
- 16 intermediary, which means they're acting as
- 17 principal for that moment in time.
- 18 That's typically done, A, because it makes
- 19 the transaction a lot more efficient because, if I
- 20 have multiple buyers or multiple sellers or both in
- 21 a transaction, it allows the coordination of the
- 22 transaction to happen more efficiently.
- 23 Also, many times the buyers or the sellers
- 24 don't wish to interact with each other. They may
- 25 wish to stay anonymous or they don't know each other

- 1 and so on and so forth. So Weiser acts as the
- 2 principal on the transaction so it becomes Weiser
- 3 purchasing and Weiser selling at the same time --
- 4 Q Okay.
- 5 A -- as the intermediary.
- 6 Q You're referring to Weiser Capital.
- 7 A Correct.
- 8 Q Okay.
- 9 A Both may act as a principal in a
- 10 transaction.
- 11 Q So either WAM or Weiser Capital may act as
- 12 the principal in the scenario you just described.
- 13 A Correct.
- 14 Q In your declaration I think with respect to
- 15 that capacity in which Weiser Capital serves you
- 16 also indicated that "these functions are segregated
- 17 between Weiser Asset Management in the Bahamas" --
- 18 I'm sorry -- "and Weiser Capital."
- 19 A It depends on the transaction. It could be
- 20 one or the other but quite often, yes, segregated.
- 21 Q Okay. And I think you said that was for
- 22 risk management purposes?
- 23 A Right.
- 24 Q Tell me what you mean by that.
- 25 A In case a transaction, we'll say, goes bad,

- 1 for example, in this case where the seller doesn't
- 2 deliver the assets, it creates liability on the
- 3 backside because the buyers are supposed to have the
- 4 asset, so now there's a liability and that liability
- 5 then falls onto one of the entities.
- 6 When a transaction is happening -- well,
- 7 there's so many different example of transactions
- 8 but this is the example here -- it's to create
- 9 segregation of liabilities and risk, particularly
- 10 with the brokerage firm as well.
- 11 Q Okay. So in this particular case you talk
- 12 about risk and liability associated with it, which
- 13 would be the entity that had the liability in this
- 14 case under your example.
- 15 A Both have a liability in this example
- 16 because Weiser Asset Management executed the
- 17 transaction for its clients; in other words, it was
- 18 the broker who executed the transaction to sell the
- 19 shares to clients who are buyers of the transaction,
- 20 so it has exposure.
- 21 And Weiser Capital also has exposure
- 22 because it was also an intermediary so it has
- 23 exposure to WAM.
- Q Okay. And we'll get to all that in a
- 25 minute but I'm just curious about the liability

Page 65 1 side. Is there any sort of insurance policy that 3 either entity has in place to address these risk 4 issues? Α WAM has an insurance policy. Okay. And what type of policy would cover 7 an event like this? I'd have to look at the policy details, but Α 9 generally if a client sues the firm, there's a 10 policy, depending on judgments. I'm not sure how 11 the details of the policy go but there's a liability 12 policy that the firm has. Okay. Do you know whether WAM has 14 submitted a claim related to the transaction that's 15 the subject of this litigation to its insurance 16 company? No, it has not submitted to its insurance 17 18 company. 19 Okay. You indicated that Weiser Capital 20 doesn't have any insurance coverage --21 Α No. -- for the type of liability you just 23 described. 24 Α No. 25 You indicated that Weiser Capital would

- 1 have risk in this scenario we just talked about
- 2 because it was also an intermediary.
- 3 A Well, there's two transactions in this --
- 4 in the issue of this case so, I guess, I'll separate
- 5 them and we'll talk about what is the first one. I
- 6 don't know if you describe it as the main one.
- 7 So Weiser Asset Management, which had
- 8 Skarpelos as a client with securities on deposit,
- 9 and then has other clients who acquired these
- 10 securities and WAM executed on this transaction for
- 11 Skarpelos to sell his securities to buyers of the
- 12 security.
- 13 So since it executed on that transaction,
- 14 these securities are due to clients to other
- 15 investors so that puts WAM into a position of
- 16 liability.
- 17 O And who are the other investors?
- 18 A We can't disclose clients -- other clients'
- 19 names.
- 20 MR. ANDERSON: Let's go off the record.
- 21 (Discussion off the record.)
- 22 BY MR. ANDERSON:
- 23 Q So before we went off the record, I'd asked
- 24 you the names of the ultimate purchasers of the
- 25 stock that's at issue and you indicated that it's

1	confidential and you can't disclose it, correct?
2	A Two parts. One, you never know who the
3	ultimate purchasers are because ultimately it gets
4	sold in the public marketplace.
5	Q Who are the people or investors strike
6	that. Who was the party to whom Weiser Asset
7	Management may have liability?
8	A To its clients who purchased the shares.
9	Q Okay. And who were those clients?
10	A The client's information can't be
11	disclosed.
12	Q Without what?
13	A I imagine we would need a court order from
14	the Bahamas to disclose client information.
15	Q Okay. Off the record we discussed whether
16	that information would be provided and we'll leave a
17	blank in your deposition right here to fill that in,
18	depending on how it shakes out between counsel.
19	MR. NORK: That's fine.
20	·
21	Names of other investors.
22	BY MR. ANDERSON:
23	Q And would you have the same answer if I
24	asked you to whom Weiser Capital may have liability
25	in this situation?

Page 68 Α Weiser Capital may have liability to Weiser 2 Asset Management. Okay. But not to the clients that you 4 can't name at this time. Α No. I think in your declaration you Okav. 7 mentioned that it was based upon your, in part, 8 review of certain records and you mentioned Weiser 9 Asset Management and Weiser Capital records, 10 correct? Say that again. 11 Α You indicated --12 Can I open to the same page to see what 14 you're looking at? 15 This document is not an exhibit. 16 read it to you. "This declaration is based upon my 17 personal knowledge of the facts stated herein and 18 the facts as they appear in my own records as well 19 as those of WAM and Weiser Capital." 20 Α Yes. Okay. We talked about WAM's records and 21 22 Weiser Capital records earlier. Those are both 23 located in the Bahamas? 24 Α Yes. Are those the records you reviewed for this

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 1 declaration?
 2
            Yes.
            Okay. And you also indicated you reviewed
 3
 4 your own records.
 5
            MR. NORK: Can I show him his declaration?
                ANDERSON:
                            Yes.
            MR.
            THE WITNESS:
                           There were multiple
 8 declarations.
                  I'm not sure which.
 9
            MR. NORK:
                        No.
                             Just one.
10
            (Witness reviewing document.)
11
            MR. NORK:
                        Which paragraph?
12
            MR. ANDERSON:
                            Paragraph 3, first sentence.
13
            (Witness reviewing document.)
            THE WITNESS:
14
                           Yes, yes.
15 BY MR. ANDERSON:
16
            Okay. What personal records were those?
            Emails.
17
        Α
18
        Q
            Okay. Have all those emails been provided
19 in this case?
20
        Α
            Correct.
                     Yes --
21
            Okay.
        Q
22
            -- the ones that I had.
23
            And then you indicated, as you read on,
24 that the records were made at or near the time of
25 the occurrence of the events by or from information
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 1 transmitted by persons with knowledge of the facts.
            Which section are you reading?
 2
            The next sentence in the same paragraph.
        Α
            Oh, okay.
            (Witness reviewing document.)
            THE WITNESS:
                         Yes.
 7 BY MR. ANDERSON:
            Okay. Who are the persons with knowledge
 9 that you are referring to?
            (Witness reviewing document.)
10
11
            THE WITNESS: In this case it would have
12 been ...
            (Witness reviewing document.)
13
            MR. NORK: Are you asking the names of the
14
15 persons who prepared the records?
            MR. ANDERSON: I'm asking if he knows who
16
17 they are.
18
            MR. NORK:
                       Okay.
            THE WITNESS: The people who prepared the
19
20 records?
21 BY MR. ANDERSON:
22
        Q
            Yes.
            Okay. Are we talking about all the emails
        Α
23
24 that were submitted, statements, wire transfer
25 records?
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Page 71 1 0 I'm just asking what you meant by this 2 sentence. (Witness reviewing document.) I meant that I have THE WITNESS: 5 experience in using recordkeeping system and that I 6 dealt with people who had knowledge of the 7 transactions -- some of the transactions, various 8 transactions related to the case. 9 BY MR. ANDERSON: 10 Q All right. You weren't involved at Weiser 11 Capital internally until 2014, correct? 12 NORK: Weiser Capital? MR. MR. ANDERSON: I'm sorry. Weiser Asset 13 14 Management. THE WITNESS: Internally until about 2014. 15 16 And define "internal," because I dealt with people 17 who are internal. 18 BY MR. ANDERSON: You weren't employed by Weiser Asset 20 Management. No. 21 No. And so I think what you're saying in that 22 23 second sentence is basically that you reviewed the 24 records that were created before you became the 25 owner of the company and relied on that information

- 1 in preparing this declaration.
- 2 A Correct.
- 3 Q Okay. In the next sentence you indicate
- 4 that you have experience using WAM's and Weiser
- 5 Capital's recordkeeping system.
- 6 A Correct.
- 7 Q Okay. What's your experience in doing
- 8 that? I know we talked earlier about before you
- 9 became involved you would access the company's
- 10 system on behalf of clients, correct?
- 11 A Right.
- 12 Q Okay. What's your other experience in
- 13 terms of dealing with using WAM's and Weiser
- 14 Capital's recordkeeping system?
- 15 A Just accessing the system to look at
- 16 account statements --
- 17 Q Okay.
- 18 A -- which now --
- 19 Q I'm sorry.
- 20 A -- which includes accessing account
- 21 statements, order and trade execution now, and other
- 22 general reporting on the firm that I now have access
- 23 to.
- 24 Q Okay. What is Bizex?
- MR. NORK: Are we off the declaration?

1		MR. ANDERSON: I'm not looking at the
2	declarati	ion right now.
3		THE WITNESS: Okay. Bizex is nothing.
4	BY MR. A	NDERSON:
5	Q	I've seen it as an attachment to emails or
6	part of o	domains on emails.
7	А	It was mostly an email domain service.
8	Q	Okay. Is that something that you used
9	prior to	becoming involved with any of the Weiser
10	entities?	}
11	А	Yeah. Yes.
12	Q	Okay. And is it a server or is it just a
13	domain na	ame that's available via the Web?
14	А	Is it a server?
15	Q	I guess
16	А	It was a mail service.
17	Q	And where was the service located?
18	А	On the Internet.
19	Q	Okay.
20	А	Sorry.
21	Q	Do you have no, it's okay. I'm not tech
22	savvy so	you'll be hearing me fumble around a little
23	bit.	
24	А	Okay.
25	Q	There wasn't a server located in an office
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1	that hou	Page 74 sed the information available on Bizex.
2		MR. NORK: As far as he knows?
3		MR. ANDERSON: Whatever his knowledge is.
4		THE WITNESS: As far as I understand, there
5	was a se	rver or Cloud service that was in some
6	building	•
7	BY MR. A	NDERSON:
8	Q	And who had administrative access to Bizex?
9	А	That would have been Stelios.
10	Q	Can you spell that?
11	Α	S-t-e-l-i-o-s.
12	Q	And is that a first name?
13	A	Yes.
14	Q	Okay. What was the last name?
15	A	I'll try to spell it. X-e-r-o-u-d-a-k-i-s.
16	Q	Okay. I won't try to pronounce that.
17		Did Stelios have access from the time that
18	you firs	t started using Bizex until the present?
19	А	He would have access, yes.
20	Q	Who is Stelios?
21	А	Stelios was an IT person who was employed
22	by Tom a	nd later provided services to both of us.
23	Q	Okay. And when did you start working with
24	Stelios?	
25	Α	When Tom started when Tom introduced him

Page 75 1 to me. Okay. What year was that? Q Probably around 2007, 2008, when I first Α 4 met Tom --5 Q Did you ever have --Α -- first started dealing with Tom on his 7 project. Q Did you ever have administrative access to 9 Bizex? A Not that I'm aware of, not that I ever 11 used. 12 Q So your only ability to access the Bizex 13 from an administrative standpoint was through 14 Stelios? 15 Α Correct. Did Stelios ever do work for Weiser Asset 16 17 Management? 18 Α Yes. When did he work there? 20 A I'm not sure when he would have started 21 there. I don't know when he started there. 22 Q Okay. Is he currently there? 23 Α He was never at Weiser Asset Management. 24 He provided Cloud networking services. 25 He's a contract employee?

1	А	Page 76 Yes. His company is contracted.
2	Q	Okay. What's the name of his company?
3	A	Cloud Carib, C-a-r-i-b.
4	Q	Did Stelios ever provide the same type of
5	services	to Weiser Capital?
6	A	No. He would have organized a mail service
7	entity,	a mail service system
8	Q	Okay. Would it be fair to say that Stelios
9	is the p	erson that, I guess, controlled the Bizex
10	Cloud se	rvice from an administrative standpoint?
11	A	Yes.
12	Q	Okay. Did anyone else other than him have,
13	I guess,	access to the Bizex Cloud service from an
14	administ	rative standpoint at any time?
15	Α	He's corporate so I don't know what
16	authoriz	ations he gives to his employees.
17	Q	Okay. Other than his company
18	A	No.
19	Q	when did you first meet Tom Skarpelos?
20	A	Around 1993.
21	Q	Where did you meet?
22	A	In Calgary.
23		MR. NORK: Can we go off the record for a
24	second,	Dane?
25		MR. ANDERSON: Yes.

1		Page 77 (Recess taken.)
2	BY MR. ANI	DERSON:
3	Q	When did you first meet Tom Skarpelos?
4	A i	Around '94.
5	Q (	Okay. How old were you at that time?
6	A 2	22, 21 21.
7	Q Z	And when did you start having business
8	dealings v	with Mr. Skarpelos?
9	7 A	When I met him.
10	Q	Okay. And what were you doing at that
11	time?	
12	I	MR. NORK: What do you mean by that?
13	•	THE WITNESS: I would have been in school.
14	BY MR. AN	DERSON:
15	Q (	Okay. I'm looking for when you started
16	doing busi	iness deals with Mr. Skarpelos, kind of up
17	to the time	me frame of 2007. So if you can just kind
18	of take m	e from 1993 up to 2007 and describe
19	generally	the work you were doing with
20	Mr. Skarpe	elos.
21	A 5	So from when I met him in '93, '94, he had
22	asked me t	to invest in a company he was involved with
23	investing	in and that his Uncle Nik Pedafronimos was
24	a founder	or director of.
25	I	MR. NORK: Can you spell that for the
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- 1 reporter.
- 2 A Nik P-e-d-a-f-r-o-n-i-m-o-s.
- 3 BY MR. ANDERSON:
- 4 Q Okay.
- 5 A So I helped him raise capital, introduce
- 6 him to investors, and that was 1993 through to about
- 7 1997, '98 thereabouts. And then I don't recall any
- 8 business dealings again until approximately 2007.
- 9 Q Okay. And then what happened in 2007 with
- 10 Mr. Skarpelos?
- 11 A In 2007 he approached me to help him raise
- 12 funds for Anavex and to also help him find buyers
- 13 for shares that he owned.
- 14 Q Okay. And in that time frame of 2007 what
- 15 were you doing to, I guess, meet those requests?
- 16 A What was I doing to meet the requests?
- 17 Q He asked you to help him find buyers for
- 18 his stock and also to, I think, raise capital for
- 19 Anavex. Is that what you just described?
- 20 A Yes. So I spoke to investors, both private
- 21 investors, institutional investors, brokers, etc. to
- 22 see if they would be interested in investing in the
- 23 company.
- 24 Q Okay. And did that continue up until
- 25 roughly 2011 when Weiser came into view?

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- 1 A Let me check. I believe it went beyond
- 2 2011.
- 3 Q And I think for purposes of my question I'm
- 4 just looking to see what you did in the time frame
- 5 of 2007 up until 2011. So during that time frame,
- 6 as I understand it, you were helping him raise
- 7 capital for Anavex.
- 8 A Yeah.
- 9 Q And also helping to arrange for sales of
- 10 his personal stock in Anavex.
- 11 A Correct.
- 12 Q Okay. And how did you communicate
- 13 primarily Mr. with Skarpelos during that time?
- 14 A It was mostly between handheld phone,
- 15 messengers' phone, in-person meetings and
- 16 substantially through his cousin Lambros
- 17 Pedafronimos.
- 18 Q So Lambros was involved in communicating
- 19 about the work you were doing for Mr. Skarpelos from
- 20 2007 onward?
- 21 A Correct.
- 22 Q Okay. Did you consider yourself to be
- 23 Mr. Skarpelos' financial adviser?
- 24 A His financial adviser? No, I didn't
- 25 consider being his financial adviser.

- 1 Q Okay. When did Weiser Asset Management
- 2 first come up as a topic between you and
- 3 Mr. Skarpelos?
- 4 A I would imagine around 2011.
- 5 Q Okay.
- 6 A 2010, 2011.
- 7 Q Okay. Tell me about what happened at that
- 8 time.
- 9 A I suggested he open an account with Weiser.
- 10 Q Why did you suggest that?
- 11 A Because that's what I do as an agent, is
- 12 with people that I know who want brokerage services,
- 13 I suggest they open an account with Weiser.
- 14 Q What was it about Weiser that caused you to
- 15 suggest that Tom open an account there?
- 16 A I don't understand the question, "what was
- 17 it about Weiser."
- 18 Q Is there a particular reason you suggested
- 19 he open an account with Weiser as opposed to another
- 20 brokerage house?
- 21 A Because I was establishing a relationship
- 22 with the people who were operating Weiser.
- 23 Q Okay. And that was Mr. Dean?
- 24 A That would have been Equity Trust Group in
- 25 general.

Page 81 0 Okay. The Equity Trust people we talked 2 about earlier? Yeah. Α Did you know them previously? Д Prior to Tom opening the account or prior Well, prior to the formation of Weiser 0 8 Asset Management, did you know the Equity Trust 9 people before they opened Weiser Asset Management? 10 Α I knew one of the -- I knew one of the 11 principals there. 12 O Okay. And who was that? I think that was Mr. Cassar. 13 That would be 14 Gilbert Cassar. 15 O Okay. And because you knew Mr. Cassar, you 16 suggested to Tom that he open an account with 17 Weiser? It wasn't because I knew Mr. Cassar. 18 19 Okay. I'm just trying to get an idea what 20 was it about Weiser that you thought it would be a 21 good idea that Tom open an account there. Because I had a relationship with him. Τ 23 was acting as an agent so I wished to bring business 24 to the firm. 25 You were acting as an agent for the firm?

- 1 A Correct.
- Q Okay. And this was prior to the formation
- 3 of Weiser Capital, correct?
- 4 A No. No. That would have been around the
- 5 same time.
- 6 Q Okay. In any event, you were acting as an
- 7 agent for Weiser Asset Management and you suggested
- 8 to Tom Skarpelos -- I'll just call him "Tom," if
- 9 that's okay with you --
- 10 A Yeah.
- 11 Q -- that he open an account with WAM.
- 12 A Yeah.
- 13 Q Okay. So did Mr. Skarpelos, Tom, open an
- 14 account with WAM at that point?
- 15 A Yes.
- 16 Q Okay. When was that specifically? And
- 17 let's look at Exhibit 7 to help you out.
- 18 (Witness reviewing document.)
- 19 THE WITNESS: The Account Opening forms
- 20 show here May 31st, 2011.
- 21 BY MR. ANDERSON:
- 22 Q Were you present when Mr. Skarpelos opened
- 23 the account?
- 24 MR. NORK: Present where?
- 25 MR. ANDERSON: Good question.

Page 83 1 BY MR. ANDERSON: Where did Mr. Skarpelos open the account? I don't know where he physically was when 4 he opened it. Q Okay. So you weren't physically present 6 when he completed this paperwork? No. А Q Okay. How many accounts did he open with 9 WAM? As far as I know, one account. 10 Α Okay. If you look at Exhibit 7, the second 11 Q 12 page, is that Mr. Skarpelos' signature there? It looks like it to me. 14 Q And the third page has his passport -- a 15 copy of his passport? 16 Α Yes. Q Okay. And it indicates that it expires on 18 July 3rd, 2011. 19 Α Correct. Okay. Did WAM, to your knowledge, ever 21 obtain an updated passport from Mr. Skarpelos? 22 Α To my knowledge, I don't know. 23 Okay. Is there any requirement, to your 0

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24 knowledge, under any regulatory authority, whether

25 Bahamian or Ontario, that a broker-dealer like WAM

- 1 have an updated passport from its clients?
- 2 A During these years of regulations, not that
- 3 I'm aware of. The regulations have changed in the
- 4 past year.
- 5 Q Do they now require that?
- 6 A Correct. There needs to be -- now there
- 7 needs to be something that's kept up to date,
- 8 whether it's a passport or utility bill. Typically
- 9 people will provide an updated, what we call "proof
- 10 of residency" now so --
- 11 Q Okay.
- 12 A -- not necessarily a passport but typically
- 13 a proof of residency.
- 14 O So for the purpose of that new regulation
- 15 is to just establish where you live?
- 16 A Correct.
- 17 Q Okay. Do you know whose signature that is
- 18 at the bottom of that third page?
- 19 A This one here (indicating)?
- 20 O Yes.
- 21 A No.
- 22 Q Okay. But it indicates that it's with
- 23 Equity Trust Bahamas Limited.
- 24 A Correct.
- 25 Q Is that the Equity Trust company you've

- 1 been talking about?
- 2 A Yes.
- 3 Q Why is Equity Trust certifying this as a
- 4 true copy of the original document?
- 5 A Because for compliance purposes if it's a
- 6 photocopy of an ID, a trust company or lawyer or
- 7 bank has to certify that it's a true copy.
- 8 Q Okay. Let's look at Exhibit 8.
- 9 Do you know what this document is?
- 10 A This is the Account Opening application
- 11 document.
- 12 Q For Mr. Skarpelos' account?
- 13 A Yes.
- 14 Q And look at that first paragraph "About
- 15 this application" on the first page. The question I
- 16 have is in regards to the third sentence that says
- 17 "When we accept it, this application and all
- 18 accompanying or supplemental documents form the
- 19 entire agreement between us for this account."
- 20 A Correct.
- 21 O Okay. How did the client know when Weiser
- 22 accepts the account?
- 23 A How do they know now or how did they know
- 24 at this time?
- 25 O At this time.

1	Page 86 A At this time I'm not sure how they know.
2	Q You weren't involved in that process at
3 th	at time?
4	A No.
5	Q Okay. Did you as, I guess, a
6 r∈	presentative of Mr. Skarpelos, were you aware of
7 wh	ether this account was approved or not?
8	MR. NORK: At any time?
9	MR. ANDERSON: At the time that this
10 ar	plication was submitted.
11	THE WITNESS: I was told that the account
12 wa	s opened.
13 BY	MR. ANDERSON:
14	Q Okay. Who told you that?
15	A I believe it was Lambros who told me.
16	Q Okay. Does WAM now under your ownership
17 no	tify clients when applications are approved?
18	A Yes.
19	Q How does it notify clients?
20	A Often it's verbally with a phone call.
21	Q Okay. It's not standard practice to issue
22 a	written notice of account opening or anything like
23 tl	nat?
24	A No. It depends on the client, depends on
25 th	ne relationship with the client. Sometimes it's

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 1 verbal, if it's a close ongoing relationship with a
            If it's a corporate client, then it's by
  written notification, if it's corporate --
        0
            Okay.
            -- if it's going to a board of directors.
            Does WAM have currently a written policy
 7 that dictates whether a written notice is issued or
 8 not?
            Not by policy.
        Α
10
            It's just kind of up to the judgment of the
        Q
11 person dealing with the client?
12
        Α
            Yes.
            And then that same sentence I just read
13
14 indicates, "This application and all accompanying or
15 supplemental documents." I want to break it down.
            You don't know whether there were any
16
17 accompanying documents with this application,
18 correct?
            When I had seen these go out -- not
20 specifically to Tom -- but in general when I saw
21 them go out, it had the terms and conditions.
            So in your dealings with other clients,
22
23 you'd see the application with the terms and
24 conditions?
25
        Α
            Correct.
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- 1 Q Okay. But you don't know whether with
- 2 respect to Tom's account whether the terms and
- 3 conditions were delivered with the application.
- 4 A I can't say for fact.
- 5 Q Okay. And what does "supplemental
- 6 documents" refer to in this application, if you
- 7 know?
- 8 A Typically the terms and conditions.
- 9 Q Okay.
- 10 A Now it includes a number of other documents
- 11 as well related to tax filings, CRS reporting.
- 12 Q But in 2011 you don't know what
- 13 supplemental documents may or may not have been
- 14 included with this account?
- 15 A I know when they go out it includes the
- 16 terms and conditions. That's the standard package--
- 17 Q Okay.
- 18 A -- when it goes out.
- 19 O And we talked about the terms and
- 20 conditions, that you don't know whether Tom was
- 21 provided those when he opened the account.
- 22 A I wasn't there so I can't say for a fact.
- 23 Q I'm just asking if you know whether there
- 24 were any supplemental documents other than the
- 25 account terms and conditions that are contemplated

- 1 by this particular sentence.
- 2 A Not that I recall.
- 3 Q Okay. Let's look at page -- well, it's
- 4 Section 2 of the application. Bates No. is 356 at
- 5 the lower right-hand corner.
- 6 MR. NORK: 356 in the lower corner.
- 7 THE WITNESS: Yes.
- 8 BY MR. ANDERSON:
- 9 Q The question I have on this page is, If you
- 10 look at the top portion of the page, there's a
- 11 number of boxes that the client is supposed to
- 12 complete and one of them asks whether the client is
- 13 an officer, director, or 10 percent or more
- 14 shareholder in a public company.
- 15 A Yes.
- 16 Q Do you see that? It looks like Tom put
- 17 down "Anavex Life Science-ABX."
- 18 A Yes.
- 19 Q What is the purpose of asking that
- 20 question?
- 21 A The purpose of asking that guestion is so
- 22 that, if the client is going to be trading in
- 23 securities, that is an extra notation that if he's
- 24 trading in the securities of which they re a
- 25 director of, that Compliance pay it extra special

Page 90 1 attention or the system may attention or flag it to 2 the trade desk or that type of thing. Does that relate to issues with insider 4 trading? Α Right. So extra attention, as you said, is paid to 7 this account because of that ownership and that 8 interest. Α If he was to execute trades on Anavex on 10 the public market, then there would be a notation 11 for the trade desk to be aware is this person 12 over-trading it and are they an insider of the 13 company. Okay. And at this point in time was Anavex 15 stock being traded on any public registry? Yes, it was public at that time. 16 Which? 17 2011 -- OTC markets. 18 Okay. Let's look at Bates No. 359. 19 20 look at the top, "Tell us how you will fund this 21 account." It looks like Mr. Skarpelos checked funds 22 from another account and then he also checked, 23 "Other, Certificate for ABXL," which is Anavex, 24 correct?

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Correct.

Page 91 1 0 Okay. Do you have an understanding of what 2 funds from another account were going to fund this 3 particular account? What funds? That's a bad question. He checked the box "Funds from another 7 account." Do you know why he did that? Clients will typically do that if they're 9 going to send cash in from another account, bank 10 account or broker-dealer. 11 Okay. Do you know whether he did that in 0 12 this case? I can't say for a fact whether he did or I don't have the records. But you're aware that he did submit stock 15 0 16 certificates from Anavex. 17 Α Yes. If you go down further below -- actually, 19 one more question on that section. 20 Do you know why stocks certificates are not 21 listed among the other named categories at the top 22 of Section 4? I would say I assume typically the clients 24 will take the certificate and make it electronic 25 form. Now, if the certificate has a public sale

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1 restriction registration on it, then they put it as

- 2 certificate.
- 3 Q Okay. My question is, I thought you
- 4 testified earlier that the clients will typically
- 5 fund accounts with either cash or, perhaps, stock
- 6 certificates. I'm just wondering why stock
- 7 certificates weren't specifically named in that
- 8 section.
- 9 A I don't know. I never completed this?
- 10 O You weren't involved.
- 11 A No.
- 12 Q When Weiser Asset Management opens accounts
- 13 now, are stock certificates listed among the various
- 14 categories?
- 15 A I believe it's just listed as stocks or
- 16 shares. They don't differentiate if it's a
- 17 certificate form or DRS form. There's a lot of
- 18 different forms now that certificates come in --
- 19 that shares come in.
- 20 Q Okay. Looking down below in Section 5,
- 21 "Tell us how you want to work with us," and I'm
- 22 particularly interested in the type of account that
- 23 Mr. Skarpelos opened.
- 24 A Uh-huh.
- 25 O He checked the box "No, I do not want the

Page 93 1 ability to borrow funds in my account, which means I 2 want to have a cash account." He checked that box, correct? Α Correct. And what is your understanding of a cash 6 account? A cash account is one where you're not 8 allowed to borrow money to buy other securities. Ιt 9 doesn't mean you can't take the account into a 10 debit, which is still borrowing. But in the context 11 of this, it's to have a margin account, which is to 12 borrow money to buy more securities. Okay. Did Mr. Skarpelos ever borrow money 14 from Weiser Asset Management to buy securities? He did have debit. He did take his 15 16 accounts into debit positions. 17 MR. NORK: He asked if he had ever borrowed 18 to buy securities. 19 THE WITNESS: Oh, sorry. To buy 20 securities, not that I'm aware of. 21 BY MR. ANDERSON: Okay. I understand there's an account 23 statement that shows at one point in time he had a 24 negative balance, correct?

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Correct.

Page 94 And we'll get to how that happened, but I'm 2 just asking, as your counsel pointed out, for your 3 knowledge of whether he ever borrowed money from WAM 4 to buy securities. Not that I'm aware. Did he ever borrow from WAM for any 7 purpose? Α Yes. Okay. What was that purpose? Q I don't know what his purpose was. 10 11 Okay. What was the money -- was money Q 12 actually provided to him by WAM? He had given direction for funds to go out 14 of the account, which puts his account into a debit 15 position, which I believe in your definition of 16 "borrowing" is the same thing to us, debit and then 17 borrowing. I just want to distinguish between 18 Okav. 19 the situation you just described and, let's say, the 20 value of the stock plummeting. That could also 21 cause the account to go negative at some point, 22 correct? There's a cash position and a total equity 23 Α 24 position.

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Okay.

Page 95 А So if a stock plummets and they have a 2 debit position, the account can go negative in its 3 equity position because it has a negative cash 4 position. Did Mr. Skarpelos' account ever go into a 0 6 negative equity position? No. Okay. So the only reason there's a 9 negative balance on the account statement that we'll 10 look at was because he received actual money from 11 Weiser Asset Management? Α Correct. 12 13 Okay. Is that the email address for 14 Mr. Skarpelos listed below? It looks like the one that he used to use. 15 16 Q Okay. And is that the Cloud domain we 17 talked about earlier, Bizex? 18 Α Yes. Let's look at the last page of Exhibit 8. 20 This is -- it looks like the below portion says 21 "Internal." 22 Is that the approval of the account by WAM? 23 Yes. Α 24 Do you know whose signature that is? Q Okay. 25 Α No.

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                   And it's dated October 13th, 2011.
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            Okay.
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            Yes.
            Do you know why there was such a long delay
 4 between the submission of the application and the
 5 approval?
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            No.
            (Witness reviewing document.)
            THE WITNESS:
                          No.
9 BY MR. ANDERSON:
            Did you have any discussions with
11 Mr. Skarpelos between May 31st of 2011, and
12 October 13th, 2011, about the status of the
13 account approval?
            Not that I recall.
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            It looks like the account number that was
16 issued to Tom's account was 11120001.
            That looks like an internal account number.
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            What does that mean?
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            Many times firms have internal account
20 numbers that they use for referencing and then what
21 they call the "public account number."
            Okay. So this number, to your knowledge,
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23 that's referenced here is not necessarily
24 Mr. Skarpelos' account number that would appear on
25 his statement?
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1	Page 97 A Correct. It could be an internal reference
2	account number.
3	Q Okay.
4	A Because many times clients get a number but
5	clients might have multiple accounts and their
6	actual accounts have account numbers.
7	Q Okay.
8	A So this could be a client number, even
9	though it says "Account number."
10	Q Have you ever seen any statements for
11	Mr. Skarpelos that have this number on an account
12	statement, for example?
13	MR. NORK: "This number" being the 2001
14	number?
15	MR. ANDERSON: Yes.
16	THE WITNESS: The client number, not that I
17	remember.
18	BY MR. ANDERSON:
19	Q Okay. Let's look at Exhibit 9.
20	Are you familiar with this document?
21	A Yes, I am.
22	Q And I think you indicated earlier you don't
23	know whether Mr. Skarpelos was provided this at the
24	time he opened his account.
25	A I can't say for fact.

- 1 Q Okay. These are the account agreement
- 2 terms and conditions for WAM, at least prior to your
- 3 acquiring ownership, correct?
- 4 A Yes.
- 5 O Okay. Does WAM have similar terms and
- 6 conditions now?
- 7 A I would say it's substantially similar. I
- 8 can't say for the detail but substantially similar.
- 9 Q Are you aware of any material changes that
- 10 have occurred since you acquired WAM?
- 11 A Since I've acquired WAM? I would have to
- 12 have them side by side to see what would be
- 13 considered material.
- 14 Q Nothing jumps out in your mind as being a
- 15 significant change?
- 16 A No.
- 17 O Do you know who at WAM created these terms
- 18 and conditions as they existed in 2011?
- 19 A No.
- 20 Q Let's look at some of the provisions. If
- 21 you look at the second page, Bates No. 438, there's
- 22 a definition or a term in the second full paragraph,
- 23 "WAM will accept verbal trading instructions from
- 24 authorized signatories; however, requests to
- 25 transfer assets from an account must be made in

- 1 writing." Do you see that?
- 2 A Correct, yeah.
- 3 Q Is that referred to as "letters of
- 4 instruction"?
- 5 A Yeah. Emails. Typically clients will send
- 6 an email saying, Here's the account number, I want X
- 7 cash.
- 8 Q Okay. And, for instance, if a client was
- 9 going to direct that money can be distributed from
- 10 his or her account to someone other than the client,
- 11 you would want that request in writing, correct?
- 12 A Correct.
- 13 Q Okay. And I know there's allegations in
- 14 this case that Lambros and Nikolaos -- and I assume
- 15 you know who I'm talking about at this point.
- 16 A Yeah.
- 17 Q -- that they directed money be distributed
- 18 from Tom's account to them, correct?
- 19 A Correct.
- 20 Q Okay. Is there a letter or anything in
- 21 writing by Tom which indicates that WAM is
- 22 authorized to make distributions to Lambros or
- 23 Nikolaos?
- 24 A Tom would typically call me verbally to
- 25 tell me that he wants money sent, needs money, needs

- 1 money.
- 2 And the account template provided in many
- 3 cases was his uncle's, so if he provided me a
- 4 verbal -- and there's two parts. If a client
- 5 provides an account direction, it becomes a template
- 6 onto the account so the accounts have a template
- 7 tied to them.
- 8 So if they sent money there in the past,
- 9 following that verbal orders are taken for money
- 10 transfers because they see it as an authorized
- 11 account to send to. That make sense so far?
- 12 Q I'm not sure it answers my question.
- 13 My question to you is, Do you know whether
- 14 in WAM's records, which you have access to, there's
- 15 anything in writing from Tom Skarpelos to WAM
- 16 authorizing WAM to distribute money to Lambros or
- 17 Nikolaos?
- 18 A I don't know.
- 19 O Okay. Have you looked for any such
- 20 records?
- 21 A I've looked since roughly 2014. I've
- 22 checked but I haven't seen the -- I haven't seen or
- 23 found written record copies because they were taking
- 24 instruction from me as an agent to them with a
- 25 request from Lambros.

Page 101 Did you ever submit a writing on behalf of 0 Tom to WAM authorizing WAM to distribute money directly to Lambros or Nikolaos from Tom's account? I would have to check if I put it in Commonly it was verbal, or with what they 5 writing. 6 have on the website is like a messaging interface on 7 the website. Is that the template that you talked about? The template is when a client gives an Α No. 10 account instruction, says, I want money to go to 11 this instruction, that instruction then gets 12 associated to the account. So if a client does call 13 and say -- so clients call and say, I want money to 14 go to this account, which you have the template on 15 file.

- 16 And is that template available? I quess my
- 17 impression is that this particular provision, this
- 18 term was not complied with by WAM.
- 19 And so I'm just asking you if you've seen
- 20 any document, anything that exists in WAM's records
- 21 whereby there was authorization to distribute money
- 22 directly to Nikolaos or Lambros from Tom's account.
- 23 Not that I have seen. А
- Okav. If you look at Bates 439, there's a
- 25 Section 7 called "Custody of customer assets."

- 1 A Uh-huh.
- 2 Q And the only question I have there is it
- 3 references that "securities held or carried by WAM
- 4 on the client account may be kept at any of the
- 5 places where WAM has a custodian and may be
- 6 registered in the name of WAM or its nominee."
- 7 Do you see that?
- 8 A Yes.
- 9 Q Where were the places where WAM had a
- 10 custodian?
- 11 A WAM had custody at CIBC, Verdmont Capital,
- 12 RBC. Those are the three that I remember that were
- 13 its counter-parting custodians.
- 14 Q Okay. And are those all banking
- 15 institutions?
- 16 A Banker or other broker-dealers.
- 17 Q And those are the custodians you can recall
- 18 where -- that are referenced in this paragraph?
- 19 A Correct.
- 20 Q If you look below on that page on Section 8
- 21 it talks about liens.
- 22 A Yes.
- 23 O And I understand that Weiser Asset
- 24 Management has claimed it had a lien over the stock
- 25 that Tom Skarpelos, I guess, left with Weiser as

Page 103 1 part of the opening of the account. Is that correct? Correct. Q And you can take a minute to read that. (Witness reviewing document.) 6 BY MR. ANDERSON: It states that WAM has a general and a 8 particular lien over securities held in the 9 customer's account. What's your understanding of the difference 10 11 between "general" and "particular"? 12 MR. NORK: Objection to the extent it 13 requires him to form a legal conclusion, but go 14 ahead and answer. 15 THE WITNESS: Can you show me the sentence 16 exactly? 17 BY MR. ANDERSON: 18 It's in the first section of Section 8, 0 19 "Liens." Page 439 or 440? 20 Α 439. 21 0 22 Okay. General and particular. I'm not 23 sure what the difference is between "general" and 24 "particular." 25 Q Okay. And then we can move on to the next

- 1 page, 440, that same section, and it indicates that
- 2 WAM is allowed the right to sell or buy in
- 3 securities held in a client's account with or
- 4 without notice to satisfy debts owing to WAM.
- 5 A Correct.
- 6 Q Okay. In what circumstances in your
- 7 experience with WAM would they sell client
- 8 securities without notice?
- 9 A Without notice is if there's a debit
- 10 position and WAM feels that the equity is at risk,
- 11 then they will sell the equity to protect the risk,
- 12 to cover the client debit positions.
- 13 Q Okay. And how was it determined whether to
- 14 do that with notice or without notice?
- 15 A It depends on the market circumstances, how
- 16 fast the value may be dropping, whether it's
- 17 specifically on the equities or the market in
- 18 general.
- 19 O Does it depend on the relationship with the
- 20 client in any respect?
- 21 A Not really.
- Q Okay. If you're going to sell a client's
- 23 shares that are on deposit, how does WAM ensure that
- 24 the process is fair to the client?
- 25 A How does it ensure -- well, most of them

Page 105 1 are publicly traded securities so it's the value of 2 the public market situation that day. So depending on whatever the price of the 4 shares are that day, WAM sells them and the market 5 determines the fairness? Right. Α Okay. I didn't see a signature page on 8 this document by the client. On the terms and conditions? MR. NORK: Yes, sir. 10 MR. ANDERSON: 11 BY MR. ANDERSON: Do you see a signature page anywhere in 12 Q 13 here? No, no signature page. 15 Does WAM currently have anything that Q 16 clients sign to acknowledge receipt of terms and 17 conditions? 18 I would have to check. 19 Okay. You don't know off the top of your 20 head? 21 Α No. 22 Q Okay. Wouldn't it be preferable to have an 23 acknowledgment of these terms and conditions by the 24 client? My understanding was that they acknowledged

- 1 them through signing the Account Opening application
- 2 because it comes with the supplemental
- 3 documentation.
- 4 Now, regulators often ask for -- since
- 5 rules change somewhat frequently, they ask for the
- 6 affected terms and the conditions, depending what
- 7 regulators are asking for. So it becomes very
- 8 difficult to change terms and conditions and get
- 9 signatures multiple times because terms and
- 10 conditions can change yearly or even multiple times
- 11 per year.
- 12 Q But you weren't involved in 2011 when Tom
- 13 opened his account in terms of what documents were
- 14 provided to him or not?
- 15 A Correct. I was involved in general in
- 16 making the introduction. I don't believe I sent him
- 17 the documents. I believe the firm sent him the
- 18 documents directly. So I don't remember, again, for
- 19 fact if I was there and present.
- 20 Q Okay. Look down below, please, at Section
- 21 11 "Account statements and communications."
- 22 A Uh-huh.
- 23 Q That first paragraph indicates that "WAM
- 24 will maintain the records of all account
- 25 transactions for a minimum of seven years" --

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        А
            Uh-huh.
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            -- "and will make copies" --
            MR. NORK:
                       You have to answer audibly.
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            THE WITNESS:
                          Oh, yes.
            MR. ANDERSON: Thank you, counsel.
 6 BY MR. ANDERSON:
            -- "and will make copies available to
 8 customers upon proper request."
            Did WAM maintain all of its records for
10 seven years?
            All of its records, I can't answer that.
1 7
            I'll rephrase that. Did WAM maintain
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13 records of all account transactions for
14 Mr. Skarpelos' account for seven years?
            I can't answer that either.
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            Okay. Why not?
            Because when WAM received documentation --
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18 and, again, I haven't gone through all of whatever
19 is there, all from previous to the current
20 ownership. And when I requested the statements, I
21 received up and going until 2013.
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            Okay. And I probably asked that poorly.
23 was just focusing on Mr. Skarpelos' account --
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            Okay.
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            -- and whether WAM has records, I guess,
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- 1 dating seven years back for all of his account
- 2 statements.
- 3 A They don't keep account statements. They
- 4 don't make monthly statements to keep statements of.
- 5 The firm generally keeps records of
- 6 transactions, so transactions being funds transfers,
- 7 and, of course, if there was any trading activity,
- 8 public markets, they will keep some record of the
- 9 trading activity. They don't keep a statement
- 10 because they keep transactional records.
- 11 And partially involved in this is that
- 12 Weiser had its prime dealers that it dealt with at
- 13 the time, of which one of those has gone into
- 14 liquidation. A lot of transactions are kept at the
- 15 prime broker or prime bank custodian, call it that.
- 16 And that custodian a few years ago, where I believe
- 17 a lot of records would be, has gone into liquidation
- 18 and hasn't been that available.
- 19 Q Which company is that?
- 20 A Which is Verdmont Capital.
- 21 Q So if I understand you correctly, your
- 22 testimony is that Verdmont would have Mr. Skarpelos'
- 23 account information from Weiser?
- 24 A It would have transaction records. The
- 25 custodians don't get -- don't receive the specific

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- 1 client information but they have the transactional
- 2 records.
- 3 Q Okay. And were all of Mr. Skarpelos'
- 4 transactions through Verdmont?
- 5 A I don't know if it was all, but in our
- 6 search we found that the some that I could find was
- 7 at Verdmont. I didn't find all.
- 8 Q Okay. Did you ask the other banks that you
- 9 mentioned whether they had any records of
- 10 transactions?
- 11 A No. Because they were extremely large.
- 12 And when we have asked in the past, what we need is
- 13 specific searches. So Skarpelos has to tell us
- 14 where he received money to or where he requested
- 15 money to go to so they can search it by the actual
- 16 recipient side.
- 17 Q But if it's possible that these various
- 18 transactions took place through various banks, you
- 19 would agree with me that Weiser Asset Management
- 20 should have something that tracks the various
- 21 transactions because it's their account. It's
- 22 Mr. Skarpelos' account with Weiser.
- 23 A It's -- their transaction records mimic
- 24 what's held at the custodian, so I don't believe
- 25 there was anything at other custodians. I believe

- 1 it was all through Verdmont, though. I'm not
- 2 finding them, but the ones that I have found have
- 3 been at Verdmont, so that's what they have.
- 4 Q Okay. Your belief is that Verdmont had all
- 5 or, at least most, of the transactions involving
- 6 Mr. Skarpelos' Weiser account?
- 7 A Right.
- 8 Q It's possible that other transactions may
- 9 have been done through the other banks?
- 10 A Possible.
- 11 Q Okay. But either way, Weiser Asset
- 12 Management should have a record of those
- 13 transactions in its account statements or account
- 14 records, correct?
- 15 A Yes.
- 16 Q Okay.
- 17 A But they don't have statements. The firm
- 18 doesn't keep statements.
- 19 Q Okay. What does the firm keep?
- 20 A Transaction records.
- 21 Q Okay. So all the transaction records
- 22 should be with Weiser.
- 23 A So they often stay at the custodial level
- 24 and then Weiser references the transactions at the
- 25 custodial level. That's how they find transactions.

Page 111 1 Q Okay. I can tell you how it's done now. 3 guess, define for me between now and what was 4 happening in the past. I'm not clear how they kept 5 it in the past. Okay. Let's stay in the past for just a 7 second. Α Okay. So you don't know, basically, what the 10 recordkeeping process was for Weiser back in the 11 time frame from 2011 up till 2014. 12 Α Correct. 13 Okay. How does it work now? Now there's a very robust system that keeps 15 track of all transactions that are happening at 16 custodians and it creates reference transactions in 17 the system so they can be found at the prime 18 custodial level. Okay. But back in 2011, '12, '13, and '14, 19 20 you don't know what Weiser did to track whether 21 money was being withdrawn from an account, how it 22 was reported, all of the detail that goes into 23 showing what happened. 24 I don't know how they systemized this. 25 Okay. So when you went to look for

- 1 information on what happened with Mr. Skarpelos'
- 2 account, all you had were the documents that Weiser
- 3 had available.
- 4 A Correct.
- 5 Q And the ability to go to third parties and
- 6 ask them for their information.
- 7 A Right.
- 8 Q Okay. Did you ask Verdmont for information
- 9 on Mr. Skarpelos' account?
- 10 A I asked for transactions that related -- we
- 11 don't give the information of the clients to the
- 12 other custodian. We're not allowed to share that
- 13 information, the name of the client. But we ask for
- 14 specific transactions that relate to the reference
- 15 numbers of the transaction off of the statements
- 16 that I had.
- 17 Q Okay. And you only had one statement,
- 18 correct?
- 19 A Correct.
- 20 Q Okay. And that was for the year 2013,
- 21 February through December.
- 22 A Correct.
- 23 Q Okay. And we'll get to that in a minute.
- 24 So all you had the ability to do was look
- 25 at that one statement and then go ask third parties

Page 113 1 based on the reference number if they could provide 2 information on the transaction. Α Correct. Okay. Where did you find that one 5 statement? The statements -- when we acquired the firm Α 7 we were given hard copies of the statements, which 8 go to the one year prior --Q Okay. -- and that was the statement. 11 What do you mean "one year prior"? Q When I got the firm in 2014, I had the 12 Α 13 statements for 2013. Okay. What about the statements from 2011 15 and 2012? 16 Α No. 17 They didn't have those? 18 Α They didn't provide them 19 Okay. Well, you own the company now. 20 А Yeah. 21 So wouldn't they be in your records, if 22 they were available? 23 They provided us the statements, I believe, Α 24 so I can match audited so I can look at what is 25 generally used for the auditing process. To me it

- Page 114 1 was not relevant what was 2010, 2011, 2013, because 2 those were audited years prior. I cared coming into 3 the existing or upcoming audit year. So you were looking at records in terms of Q 5 the purpose of acquiring WAM, correct? Generally, yes. A Okay. What I'm getting at is Exhibit 9 8 suggests that WAM has a document retention policy of 9 seven years. Right. 10 Α Mr. Skarpelos opened his account in 2011, 11 0 12 correct? Uh-huh. 13 So according to this policy, since we're in 15 2018, there should be account records for every year 16 since 2011. Α Yeah. 17 And the only account statement I've seen is 18 Q 19 for the year 2013. 20 Α Right. And that's the only one you're aware of, 21 Q 22 correct?
- 25 all their assets, there were no account statements

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Correct.

So as the owner of WAM and having acquired

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2 A Not that I received.
3 Q Well, you're the owner of WAM, correct?
4 A Yeah.
5 Q And based on this document retention policy
6 that was part of Mr. Skarpelos' contract, those
7 records should still be there, correct?
8 A Should be.
9 Q Okay. But they're not?
10 A Correct.
11 Q Okay. So there's no records for 2011?
12 A Actually, that's not correct. Not that I
13 have seen.
14 Q Okay. Well you're in the middle of a
15 lawsuit, right?
16 A Yeah. And I've looked through so
17 Q Okay. And I'm not trying to be obtuse.
18 A No, I understand. That's why I'm saying I
19 haven't seen them. I don't know if they're there.
20 It's pretty substantial physical documentation. I
21 cannot say for fact they're not there. I couldn't
22 find them
23 Q Okay. You looked and you couldn't find
24 them?
25 A Yeah.

- 1 Q Okay. And you provided reference numbers
- 2 to Verdmont -- I've got another -- you've provided
- 3 reference numbers to Verdmont and they provided
- 4 information on those specific transactions.
- 5 A Correct.
- 6 Q Okay. But you didn't ask any of the other
- 7 banks or custodial locations that you talked about
- 8 earlier whether they had any information on Mr.
- 9 Skarpelos's account?
- 10 A No. Because that's very -- yeah --
- 11 challenging.
- 12 Q Okay. Is there any requirement under
- 13 Bahamian securities law that broker-dealers provide
- 14 regular accounting statements?
- 15 A Not that I'm aware of.
- 16 Q Okay. Under that Section 11 it says, "WAM
- 17 provides regular account statements to customers via
- 18 the Internet. This is back in 2011.
- 19 Do you know what they meant back then?
- 20 A So there was a log-on. There is a log-on
- 21 so clients can log on and then look at their
- 22 accounts, their statements.
- 23 Q Okay. And that computerized information,
- 24 how was that stored?
- 25 A Stored on servers.

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  Q Okay. And do you know that was the case
- 2 back in 2011?
- 3 A I'm not sure exactly what they were
- 4 providing in 2011.
- 5 Q Okay.
- 6 A In 2011, yeah, I'm not sure what the
- 7 platform was in 2011.
- 8 Q What is the current platform?
- 9 A Current platform is what I would call a
- 10 very familiar type of banking interface where you
- 11 can log in and look at your statements, look at your
- 12 transactions, your requests.
- 13 O Okay. And that information is also stored
- 14 on a server or is that Cloud-based?
- 15 A It's Cloud-based, which is -- Cloud server,
- 16 I guess we'll call it that.
- 17 Q Do you have any information that would
- 18 suggest to you that WAM retain that computerized
- 19 information in some form or another based on the
- 20 account access that you were talking about?
- 21 A When the acquisition happened and
- 22 transition happened, there was the static existing
- 23 balances of data. So there was the current balances
- 24 of client data and that is what sets Day One of the
- 25 new system

Page 118 1 0 Okay. So when you acquired it in 2014, you 2 took the old information and started it as Day One 3 of your -- I don't want to call it your new company 4 -- but the new ownership of the company. Α Day One of the system Yeah. So you transferred it to a new system? Correct. Okay. What happened to the old system? Just shut down. The system had Nothing. Α 10 static data. What I call "static" is it has what we 11 call "today balances." It doesn't have a database, 12 Because I believe a lot of their operation was in 13 paper or manual form -- not paper form but more 14 manual form. Let's call it Quickbooks, for example. So any information that would be provided 15 16 was static as of today. This is today's balances. 17 So that those balances on the cutoff dates were put 18 into the new system and that's where the system 19 starts with Day One --20 Okay. -- the record keeps forward. 21 Α 22 0 I think I understand. So your understanding is that the 23 24 information that existed on the last day of, we'll 25 call it the previous Weiser, was static?

Page 119 Α Right. 1 2 There was no ability to look at Okay. 3 historical data in that system --Correct. Α -- in the old system? Yeah. Α And how do you know that? Because when IT is asking for databases to 9 build their -- extract information from, the 10 previous ownership didn't have a database, an 11 automated databasing type of system. They delivered 12 things as static values. 13 So was it reported in print form? 14 Α Mostly print, pretty much print form. 15 How many clients did Weiser have in 2014? Q 16 2014, in the neighborhood of sixty to a 17 hundred --18 Q Okay. 19 -- in that range. 20 And your recollection is that that was 21 transferred, essentially, manually from hard 22 documents to computer form in the new system. 23 Right. Α 24 Okay. And I find it hard to believe that 25 there wasn't a computerized tracking of client

- 1 information under the old system.
- 2 A If you come to the Bahamas, you won't find
- 3 things hard to believe.
- 4 Q So what happened to the, I guess, old
- 5 system in terms of the physical electronic equipment
- 6 that tracked that information?
- 7 A I don't know if they had a system to track.
- 8 I know there was a system to go online. They had a
- 9 system to go online and look at statements. I don't
- 10 know if they had a system-to-database to track
- 11 things in realtime --
- 12 Q Okay.
- 13 A -- or if it was an accountant just doing
- 14 manual accounting.
- 15 Q Okay. So you weren't involved with Weiser
- 16 prior to 2014 to the extent that you knew how they
- 17 actually tracked client information?
- 18 A Not that deep, no.
- 19 Q Okay. Other than you could access an
- 20 online portal to access information.
- 21 A To look at a statement.
- 22 O Who would know that information?
- 23 A I would imagine Howard.
- 24 MR. NORK: Howard Daniels?
- 25 MR. ANDERSON: Yeah.

Page 121 Howard-somebody at Equity 1 THE WITNESS: 2 Trust. BY MR. ANDERSON: You said Verdmont is currently in -- I Q 5 think you said liquidation. Is it in bankruptcy, or what's the status? I'm not sure if it's bankrupt or liquidated 8 or in liquidation. Okay. Do you have a contact at Verdmont? Not -- I got a message through, which ended 11 up through a lawyer, getting to their liquidator. 12 Q Okay. When Mr. Skarpelos opened this 13 account with WAM back in 2011, did WAM, to your 14 knowledge, notify the transfer agent that he had, I 15 guess, left his securities, share certificates as, I 16 guess, security for opening the account? 17 I don't know. But I don't imagine a 18 transfer agent would be notified because transfer 19 agents are only notified when you're going to do a 20 transaction that requires dematerialization of the 21 certificate. How does WAM, I guess, secure the lien that 22 23 they're claiming over client's property other than 24 as indicated in the terms and conditions?

How does it secure? Well, if it's holding

Page 122 1 the physical certificates, that's one way of the 2 firm being comfortable that it has the security --Okay. -- on it. Q In your experience does WAM do anything 6 beyond just holding the share certificates to -- I 7 don't want to say perfect its lien, but notify 8 others that it has a lien on those certificates? No notifications are made because you don't Α 10 lien -- as far as you know, you don't lien 11 certificates. You're holding the certificates. 12 You're holding the asset in hand in the vault. And to your knowledge that's the extent of 14 the lien? Α Right. 15 Okay. Is there a particular process that 16 Q 17 has to be followed under regulatory oversight for 18 taking share certificates as security? Not that I'm aware of. 19 And I guess I'd ask you under both Bahamian 21 law and Ontario securities law, you don't have any 22 knowledge of that? No. 23 Α In your declaration at paragraphs 10 and 11 24 25 you indicated that Tom communicated with WAM

- 1 primarily through you.
- 2 A Correct.
- 3 Q And that you were sort of a liaison for him
- 4 with WAML
- 5 A Correct.
- 6 Q Okay. We talked a little bit about it
- 7 earlier, but if you could just explain in a little
- 8 more detail exactly what you mean by that, those two
- 9 paragraphs.
- 10 A In acting as a liaison, so that means I
- 11 would take requests from clients or their
- 12 representatives and pass those requests on to
- 13 Weiser. Sometimes -- most commonly it's for
- 14 trading-related activity.
- 15 But whatever requests they have, many times
- 16 they'll put it through me because I'm the
- 17 relationship manager.
- 18 Q So, for example, if Mr. Skarpelos wanted to
- 19 withdraw money from his account and he communicated
- 20 that through you, you would then communicate that to
- 21 WAML
- 22 A Correct.
- 23 Q Okay. Did you keep records of those
- 24 transactions in your role as the intermediary?
- 25 A No.