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APPELLANT'S APPENDIX TO OPENING BRIEF - VOLUME IX

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MS. LAMBERTSEN: -- what -- what is the relevance of
1
   where she's going to gamble?
2
             MR. MILLS: That's fine. I -- I'll move on.
 3
              THE COURT: All right.
 4
             MR. MILLS: That -- so --
 5
             MS. LAMBERTSEN: Or the gambling at all?
 6
             MR. MILLS: You -- you opened the door on her
   income, Counsel. I'm -- I'm asking her about income and how
   much money she has and -- and her ability to pay --
9
              THE COURT: I'll allow --
10
              MR. MILLS: -- her bills.
11
              THE COURT: -- some limited --
1.2
             MR. MILLS: Okay.
13
             THE COURT: -- cross examination on this.
14
   BY MR. MILLS:
15
             So how often were you gambling at the time of
16
   divorce?
17
             I don't remember.
        A
1.8
             I noticed you did not report your winnings in pa --
19
   in -- in tax returns. Why didn't you report your winnings?
20
             The only reported winnings if you win over 1200.
21
   Anything under 1200 is -- is free.
22
             Each time you gamble, you mean?
23
24
        A
             Yes.
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1.	Ö	Okay. So if you went to gamble one night and made
2	\$800, you	wouldn't have to report
3	A	Right.
4	Ω	that?
5	A	Correct.
6	Q	So you were winning, just not sufficient enough each
7	night to	report.
8	А	Each night? What do you mean each night? I didn't
9	go	
10	Ω	Or when you were gambling.
11	А	Right.
12	Q	So at the time of the divorce, you knew Grady was
13	disabled,	correct?
14	A	I knew that he was going to doctors, he would tell
15	me.	
16	Q	But you knew he wasn't actively working anymore,
17	correct?	
18	A	I knew he retired.
19	Q	Okay. And he was receiving disability pay?
20	А	He was getting Army pay and them V.A. disability and
21	then comba	at pay which is two different things. He had Army
22	pay which	was \$3,000. And then he had disability. I really
23	didn't kno	ow how much that was.
- 11	Q	Do you know when he became disabled from the

1	military or from the Army when they declared him disabled?
2	A No.
3	MR. MILLS: Your Honor, if I may approach.
4	THE COURT: You may.
5	MR. MILLS: Okay.
6	MS. LAMBERTSEN: Your Honor, if those are
7	Defendant's exhibits, we're objecting. He's not here and
8	we're not we're asking that his exhibits not be admitted.
9	THE COURT: Well, I'll just may have trouble
10	authenticating some of these documents, but
11	MR. MILLS: I haven't offered them yet, Your Honor.
12	And at the very least I assume I can
13	THE COURT: Yes.
14	MR. MILLS: refresh her recollection of when he
15	became disabled.
16	THE COURT: You may.
17	MS. LAMBERTSEN: Put
18	MR. MILLS: That was one of the specific questions
19	that Judge Fordberg Forsberg said that we needed to
20	address
21	THE COURT: Well
22	MR. MILLS: today.
23	THE COURT: 1 think a determination of him
24	knowing went what his retirement pay was going to be and

1 what is going to be changed over to his disability pay as to the truth and veracity and possibly misrepresentations in 2 violation of his fiduciary relationship with his wife and 3 telling her that she was going to be -- that his retirement 4 pay was at least \$3,015 per month and would go up from there. If he knew before that that was a lie, that's going to go a long way with the Court in determining whether or not portions of this marital settlement agreement are valid or enforceable 9 or not. So go ahead. I'd like you to turn to Exhibit A, please. If you 10 will just take a look a this document real quick. There's 11 three --12 Uh-huh (affirmative). 13 A -- pages. 14 0 Uh-huh (affirmative). 15 A Do you know what this is? 16 This show -- this says combat related special 17 compensation branch. 18 Have you seen this document before? 19 Q No, we were separated in 2011. I never received any 20 A 21 of this. Okay. Do you -- let's see. You recognize this from 22 the Army, is that correct, Department of Army at the top? 23 Well, that's the stamp says, yes.

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1	Q Okay. And if you'll look at this, would it refresh
2	your recollection as to whether he was disabled as of 2
3	2011?
4	A I never seen any of this because we were separated.
5	MR. MILLS: Your Honor, I would offer Exhibit A. It
6	is a document provided from the military regarding his
7	Grady's disability.
8	MS. LAMBERTSEN: I'm in a quandary Your Honor
9	honestly about admitting because she can't she can't she
10	doesn't recognize this. She hasn't seen it. But if it goes
11	to to her defense that, you know, he was disabled and yet
12	he's telling her the 3,017
13	THE COURT: Well, decide. Are you going to object
14	or not object?
15	MS. LAMBERTSEN: What what is the representation
16	that this is showing? I guess if if Mr. Mills
17	THE COURT: Well, I'll tell you what.
18	MS. LAMBERTSEN: can shed some clarity
19	THE COURT: It's 15 til 12:00. Why don't we break
20	for lunch. Why don't the two of you get together and see what
21	you can agree upon as to stipulating or not stipulating to
22	either foundation or admission of his documents. I think that
23	would save us a lot of time this afternoon. So we'll break

24 until 1:30.

MR. MILLS: Okay. 1 2 MS. WEBSTER: Thank you, Your Honor. (COURT RECESSED AT 11:42 AND RESUMED AT 1:34) 3 THE COURT: All right. We're back on the record. 4 Both parties are present. Counsel for both sides are present 5 -- or one party is present. Counsel for both sides are 6 present. And Mr. Grady is not present. All right. Counsel, 7 you -- you may -- where are we at? MR. MILLS: We're continuing the cross. 9 THE COURT: All right. If you'll retake the stand. 10 MS. WEBSTER: We were talk about those exhibits. 11 MR. MILLS: That's correct, Your Honor. And we have 12 chatted. And I believe they have agreed to the admittance of 13 A through L. 14 MS. WEBSTER: That's correct, Your Honor. 15 MS. LAMBERTSEN: 16 THE COURT: All right. 17 18 THE CLERK: Thank you. THE COURT: Thank you. 19 (DEFENDANT'S EXHIBITS A-L ADMITTED) 20 (COUNSEL CONFER BRIEFLY) 21 22 BY MR. MILLS: And ma'am, when you're negotiating this settlement 23 -- divorce, you were aware of his finances, correct?

1.	A I was aware of what he told me he was getting.
2	Q Okay.
3	A The
4	Q And you
5	A retirement pay.
6	Q were aware of certain benefits like the survivor
7	benefits because you addressed that.
8	A Oh, yeah. I knew that since '99.
9	Q Okay. And you knew about his different about his
10	retirement or disability payments that he was receiving,
11	correct?
12	A I knew he was getting his retirement pay he was
13	telling me from one department and then separate I think he
14	was getting the disability pay, but I didn't know what it was,
15	how much it was. It he just told me they're two different
16	things. You just worry about my retirement pay.
17	Q Okay. And you were let's see. And you sound
18	like you understand and speak English pretty well. It's your
19	second
20	A I do.
21	Q language.
22	A Yes.
23	Q Do you read and write it pretty well?
24	A No.

1	Q I have a whole lot of emails you were able
2	A Well, you can see
3	Q to write.
4	A there's some misspelling, but I mean, it's not
5	perfect, but I can write. He understands me.
6	Q Okay. And and you can understand him when he
7	when he
8	A Well
9	Q wrote or talk to you?
10	A Yeah.
11	Q And you you mentioned on direct examination that
12	you had concerns about the language of of the I mean,
13	the terms of the divorce, correct?
14	A Yeah, I was concerned, because I didn't know what he
15	meant by he had to word it that way. And it
16	Q In fact, you specifically testified that you wanted
17	him to say that he he was going to pay you 3,000 a month,
18	correct?
19	A And just like he promised.
20	Q And that you were worried that that based on the
21	language of the in the joint petition and the post decree
22	that he could end up paying you only 1500 I think you
23	specifically mentioned, is that correct?
24	A Well, no. I never agreed to that.

No, I'm not -- I'm not saying you agreed .. 1 2 Oh, okay. A I'm -- I'm saying that was one of your concerns if 3 that he can drop you to \$1500. 4 A What I -- what I got from him, he promised me I've 5 been giving you \$3,000 for six-and-a-half years. You will get 6 \$3,000 because my retirement pay is 3,000 and I believe it was 7 17 or something and -- and I would get 1508 out of that one. 8 Hold on one second. Let me make sure I have the --9 0 So they're like two -- two separate things, the 10 retirement --11. I know. Let me ask you a question. 12 13 A Okay. So let's see. In Number -- what number is this --14 Q 20 -- 21. 15 21? 16 A Yeah. If you'll go to your Exhibit 21. 17 18 A Okay. Nevermind. I think you've already testified about 19 that. I will move --20 21 A Okay. -- on. Now if you'll go to your Exhibit 1 please 22 23 though. 24 A Exhibit 1?

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Q Yeah. You recognize this as the joint petition,
 1
 2
   correct?
 3
        A Yes.
            And on Page -- and I'm going to call it the Bates
 9
 5
   stamp page.
        A
             Oh, okay.
 6
           So it's Plaintiff's 007002.
 7
             002.
 8
        A
            I think that's probably the third page in.
 9
             Three -- is it 006?
10
        A
             007002. Do you see that?
11
        Q
             I -- I got 006007.
12
        A
             Okay. So are -- are you on Exhibit 1? So it's the
13
   third page of --
14
        A
            It says --
15
             -- the joint petition.
        Q
16
             -- Exhibit A. Is that 1? Is that what --
17
             No, 1. So you're in -- in their exhibits, the big
18
   book.
19
             Oh, the big book.
20
        A
             Yeah.
21
        Q
22
        A
             Okay.
             Mine are letters, theirs are numbers.
23
        0
        A
             Numbers.
24
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1
              So if I say numbers, we're in their big book.
 2
              Okay. I got it --
              So --
 3
         0
 1
         A
              -- now.
              -- go to Exhibit 1, please.
 5
         Q
 6
              Okay.
         A
 7
              And on the third page of that, 007002, that -- your
         Q
 8
    -- is your signature, is that correct?
              What was it, 70 --
 9
10
         Q
              2.
              THE COURT: Just the third page from the --
11
12
              THE WITNESS: Okay.
              THE COURT: -- front of the document.
13
14
         A
              Yes.
              Okay. And -- and I want you to move two more
15
    pages --
16
17
         A
              Uh-huh (affirmative).
              -- to 004, 004.
18
              Yes.
19
         A
              And that again is your signature, correct?
20
         Q
21
         A
              Correct.
              And that you understand -- so that you understood
22
   what you were signing when you signed this, I assume?
23
              I was actually understanding what he was telling me,
24
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that -- that -- what this was. 1 Well --2 0 Do you know what I mean? 3 -- it says you've read the document. You have read 4 it, correct? 5 A Yes. 6 7 Okay. And -- and you know the contents it says. Was that a true statement that -- that you put there, that I 8 9 know the contents of the petition? Yes. 10 11 Q Okay. I think so. I -- I mean, I don't know. It -- I 12 just know that I was signing to -- he told me \$3,000 a month 13 and then all the benefits. 14 Ma'am, I don't have a question. 15 Okay. 16 A Now I want you to go to Page 007011. So it's still 17 Q in -- in Exhibit 1 --18 19 A Okay. -- but it's further back. So it's Page 007011. 20 011. Okay. I have that. 21 Now I want you to go down to Number 11 where it says 22 miscellaneous provisions. 23 Yes. 24 A D-18-577701-Z BYRD 10/21/19 TRANSCRIPT

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1 I mean, I --2 And you could have gotten a job at any time since 3 that time, correct? I wasn't sure if we had to move. He didn't tell me 4 to get a job. It was not like you have to go get a job. He 5 was giving me all the money I needed to live on. There was 6 never -- you know, if I needed something, I would email him 7 and I said, you know, I need this and he would put the money in the bank. 9 10 Q Okay. So --1.1 And since you guys got divorced --12 0 I think I was 45, right? 2008? I don't remember. 13 But anyway, go ahead. Since we got divorced? Since you were divorced in 2014, you could have got 15 Q a job at any time between then and now, correct? 16 17 I could have, but --I know you didn't want a job. 1.8 I didn't want a -- but he -- he made it where if my 19 financial -- if my financial money changes, then he can seize 20 my house payment and give me an extra \$1500. 21 Oh, so you were worried that if you went and got a 22 job, he wouldn't have to pay the \$1500 anymore. 23

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Well, he told me, you know, if your life changes in

1	A And I ma			
2	Q to pay your bills.			
3	A And I maxed my credit card.			
4	Q Maxed your credit card.			
5	A 25,000.			
6	Q I thought you maxed your credit card to pay			
7	attorney's fees.			
8	A Well, that's part of it. All of it, I mean, it's			
9	money that I had to put towards attorney fees and then the			
10	other money I had to live on. So my			
11	Q Okay.			
12	A mother and father helped me.			
13	Q All right. But the credit card, I think you said			
14	you paid 25,000 all to your attorney's fees, is that correct?			
15	A I pay some to that, to pay my gas, to get groceries			
16	I mean, I I didn't keep him you know, it's just I			
17	I didn't keep a receipt for every little thing, but			
18	Q How much have you paid in attorney's fees to date,			
19	do you know?			
20	A I think I haven't paid her.			
21	Q Do you know how much?			
22	A I think it was was it 40? I don't remember. I			
23	I stopped paying it because I couldn't afford it.			
24	Q But you think the you were mumbling a little			

bit. Did I hear you say you paid 40? 1. 2 I think I paid about 30 or 40, yes. Okay. And where did you get the money to pay 30 or 3 9 \$40,000 to your attorneys? My parents helped me --5 6 Okay. -- to get through this, 7 MS. LAMBERTSEN: Your Honor, this is repetitive and 8 we even asked this on direct and he's asking multiple -- the same questions about where the money come from even before we 10 broke for lunch. It's the same. It's been asked and answered 11 multiple, multiple times, Your Honor. 12 MR. MILLS: Not even close, Your Honor. I haven't 13 -- I had not ---14 THE COURT: All right. 15 MR. MILLS: -- asked a single --16 THE COURT: Well --17 MR. MILLS: -- question about --18 THE COURT: -- now you know approximately how much 19 20 in attorney's fees. Move on. MR. MILLS: Right. 21 BY MR. MILLS: 22 So how much are -- per month are -- are your parents 23 paying you? 24

1	A My parents are paying me \$4,000, whatever I need,		
2	because my bills are 39. And that that was hard to get.		
3	MR. MILLS: Your Honor, I have nothing further at		
4	this time.		
5	THE COURT: All right.		
6	MS. LAMBERTSEN: May I come redirect, Your Honor?		
7	THE COURT: You may.		
8	REDIRECT EXAMINATION		
9	BY MS. LAMBERTSEN:		
10	Q Caterina, what what happened to you on our way		
11	when you turned back here into the courtroom?		
12	A I vomit outside.		
1.3	Q And and why did that happened?		
14	A I just been upset about this whole thing with		
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16	Q And		
17	A The way he just left me like this, but I I would		
18	never, ever thought he would do this to me. And I'm just		
19	sick.		
20	Q Did and we we asked questions prior to our		
21	break for lunch and and Mr. Mills has asked about why you		
22	haven't gone to work. Do you what is your feeling about		
23	your mental health as far as being able to work?		
24	A I'm I'm just a mess. I'm I'm just so		

emotionally down. I just feel so down, that I feel -- I feel -- I have nothing to live for. He cut me off. 2 3 Is --0 4 I got no money. 5 Would you -- would you say not working is -- is more due to health reasons --6 7 A Yeah. -- rather than -- okay. Thank you. What was your 8 understanding when you went and signed the -- the decree of 9 10 divorce as to -- why did you signed it? What kind of money would you be getting when you signed it? 11 12 I signed it because he told me over and over I would get \$3,000 a month until he dies and after that when he dies I 13 14 would get the -- the insurance money and for me to take that money and pay down on the house. Then I have to live off the 15 16 survivor benefit plan --Q When we --17 -- which is \$1800. 18 Okay. When -- when this divorce process was going 19 0 20 on, roughly the -- the February 2014 through June, where do you think he was living? 21 22 In the Philippines. And was that a worry if any at all to you? 23

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I was worried that if I didn't do what he told me he

would just disappear and I would go through the same thing I'm 1 2 doing now. 3 Q Okay. Was -- was the issue about hiring an attorney 4 more about not having money to do it or was it more about 5 something --6 MR. MILLS: Objection, leading. 7 -- else. Q BY MS. LAMBERTSEN: 8 9 Mr. Mills made references to your finances at the Q time of divorce. 10 11 A Yeah. 12 What factor did finances play in you hiring an 13 attorney, if any? 14 Well, I was afraid that he would just -- I just bought a house. I got all my things. And I thought he would 15 16 disappear and I would not be able to find him for years. And 17 this has been going on for a year-and-a-half and --18 Q Okay. 19 I don't know what to do. So I thought since he had 20 been paying me all these years and he bought me a house, I --21 I trusted him. Why wouldn't I? Because if he -- he didn't want me, why didn't he let me go a long time ago and -- and 22

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not buy me a house? He could have just left me a long time

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Can we -- Mr. Mills made a -- a remark your TRICARE 1 insurance. And you talked about a 20/20/20 on your insurance. 3 I'd like to have you look at Exhibit 23 in the big book, 4 please. Okay. And the lower righthand of -- this Exhibit 23 is -- what is this page? 5 6 A And so this --7 Q These pages. 8 A -- Page -- so this is an email from Grady to me about the military retirees I.D. card. 9 10 Q And about what time -- what dates are these? A 11 August 1st, 2016. 12 MS. LAMBERTSEN: Move to admit Exhibit 23, please. 13 MR. MILLS: Objection, relevance. 14 MS. LAMBERTSEN: It goes to response to a question you had asked her. So it's directly relevant to something you 15 spoke to her about regarding insurance. And our understanding 16 of what she had at the time of divorce. In particular, 17 18 PLA0018. THE WITNESS: 018? Okay. 19 20 MS. LAMBERTSEN: Hang on. Hang on. THE WITNESS: Okay. 21 22 MS. LAMBERTSEN: She hasn't ruled. 23 THE COURT: All right. I'll admit it. 24 (PLAINTIFF'S EXHIBIT 23 ADMITTED)

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1	BY MS. LAMBERTSEN:		
2.	Q	Mr. Mills made a representation during his cross	
3	examination about the coverage that you had under TRI		
4	TRICARE.	He said	
5	A	Right.	
6	Q	20/20/20.	
7	A	Right.	
8	Q	Was that your understanding at the time of divorce?	
9	A	Yes.	
10	Q	Okay. So what is happening here in this email?	
11	What are	you actually geting or had you actually gotten?	
12	A	So so that so I asked him about it. Will you	
13	make me -	- so he wrote back. He says you are what is	
14	called		
15	Q	Excuse me. Who who's writing this email?	
16	A	Oh, Grady Byrd	
17	Q	To whom?	
18	А	on August 12th, 2016. To me.	
19	Q	Okay.	
20	А	And he said to me you are you are what is called	
21	20/20/15 former spouse. I was in the army more than 20 years		
22	We were married more than 20 years. And our marriage		
23	overlapped by my fi by my service by 15 years. I checked		
24	and you a	re not entitled to any benefits after one year of	

divorce. Nothing to be done. That is the law.			
·Q Was that your understanding at			
A No.			
Q the time when you signed the decree of divorce?			
A No, I thought I no, I thought I'd get medical			
forever.			
Q Okay. Thank you. Did he ever provide you at the			
time of divorce any documents showing how much medical and how			
long you would get them?			
A No.			
Q Any of this information? Did he ever show you at			
the time of divorce he wasn't going through bankruptcy			
documents			
A No.			
Q showing any documents?			
A No.			
Q Did he ever show you give you any income			
statements so you can see what he was earning (indiscernible)?			
A No.			
Q Did you ever see anything that he was getting a			
disability pay?			
A No.			
MS. LAMBERTSEN: I have no further questions, Your			
Honor.			

1 MR. MILLS: I don't have anything further. 2 THE COURT: All right. Thank you. You may step 3 down. (WITNESS EXCUSED) 4 5 THE COURT: Any further testimony? 6 MS. WEBSTER: No, Your Honor. 7 MS. LAMBERTSEN: May I give her a Kleenex box? THE COURT: You may. 8 MS. WEBSTER: And the water. 9 10 MS. BYRD: Thank you. 11 THE COURT: So are we ready for closing arguments? 12 MS. WEBSTER: Thank you, Your Honor. And Your 13 Honor, just to -- just to clarify real quickly, there was --14 there was some discussion based on Judge Forsberg's comments. 15 And she had made certain decisions regarding the alimony. You had indicated in January and in -- in your ruling that the -the alimony -- I mean, the \$1500 per month house mortgage 17 payment was alimony. Judge Forsberg had indicated in a 18 subsequent motion for rehearing in response to opposing 19 20 Counsel, but it wasn't. We had --21 THE COURT: But it was --22 MS. WEBSTER: -- some testimony today. 23 THE COURT: And it was --24 MS. WEBSTER: Yeah.

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1 THE COURT: -- before evidence was taken, so --2 MS. WEBSTER: All righty. So I just --3 THE COURT: -- I'll make --4 MS. WEBSTER: -- want to make sure that --THE COURT: -- a ruling based on the evidence. 5 6 MS. WEBSTER: Okay. All right. So I just want to 7 make sure that that's what we're doing today. All right. Very good. All righty. All righty, Your Honor. We've heard 8 testimony today about Caterina, her history with the Defendant in this case. She's indicated that -- and now through her 10 11 testimony she's shown that she was a loyal and supportive wife 1.2 and mother for 31 years. She advanced the Defendant's career 13 while having none of her own. He got two masters degrees, was 14 very successful in his career at the same time that she works 15 sporadically, if at best. And subsequently had no income --16 essentially no income from 9 -- bef -- 1999 on. She was completely dependent upon him and he told 17 18 her what his income was at the time of the divorce, told her what he was willing to pay her. And what happened in six 19 20 years prior to that was that he had left the home. They were not together from 2008 on, but he continued to support her a 21

And in 2014 when it came to the divorce, he made

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hundred percent for everything that she needed and bought a

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house in 2014.

certain representations to her. He told her that he was 2 getting his Army benefit pay. Her told her the exact amount of that pay and told her that she was entitled to half of it and that that's what he would be paying her. He also indicated to her that because she had the house and he wanted to continue to support her, that he would pay her \$1500 a 6 month towards the house plus the \$1500 a month that she was going to get from his military pay and that 3,000 total is what he would pay her and he said that repeatedly in his emails. It came in as evidence. Repeatedly told her that 10 11 that -- he would pay that to her for the rest of her life, that she would then get his benef -- his insurance which would pay -- would pay 200,000 and -- and we did by the way stipulate that with Mr. Mills, that that 200,000 stays intact because there had been some --THE COURT: And I --MS. WEBSTER: -- questions as to how much went to exwife -- or --THE COURT: I --MS. WEBSTER: -- to her wife. THE COURT: -- signed that order this morning. MS. WEBSTER: Yes. So that 200,000 would then go

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for her to pay off her house and then she would get his

survivor benefits and that she would basically be set for

life. And she would have a house, a car, and support from him.

And based upon that, that is what she — what she signed. If the documents that we've been provided with from Defendant's trial exhibits, it looks like he was actually getting disability pay at the time that he represented to her that he was getting U.S. Army pay. So when you look at the Defendant's exhibits, the V.A. disability letter, Exhibit D, effective date December 1, so when he was telling her in emails and elsewhere I am getting — military pay of \$3,017 per month and you're entitled to 3,008, he was actually getting disability pay. Now can he contract to give her disability pay? He absolutely can. And there's case law that we've quoted in our pretrial memorandum.

But what we're really looking at is we're looking at an ambiguous contract which then gives us the ability as Your Honor as ruled to be able to look at the emails and to look at the situation surrounding this. We have the -- the Parker decision and even in the decision where the Court -- the Shelton (ph) decision where the Court found a contract for the continued payment of military pay, the Court said it's an ambiguous contract and we have to look at the -- the situation surrounding everything, even though in there it has a specific dollar amount, but the dollar amount was not consistent with

what she should have gotten had he -- were he doing an actual 50/50 division of his way.

But anyway, what Shelton looked at and what was so important and what's relevant to this case Your Honor is they looked at the fact that in Shelton he paid it for two years before he tried to pull back on it. In this case, he paid it since 2004. So he paid it for four years, paid her the \$3,000. And the minute that he stopped paying, she took it back to court and said we need to look at this and we need to reexamine this.

Also, Your Honor, from looking at this, we've asked for 60(B)(6) relief and because what we are looking at is a situation where the contract really cannot -- or the agreement as it was written really cannot stay in place. We cited the Fitori (ph) decision. What that was was a waiver of alimony was invalidated by the unforeseeable loss of the pension benefits. In that case, the wife had waived alimony just as Caterina did in this case with the anticipation that she was going to get \$3,000 per month.

In the Casselini (ph) decision, the same thing. She had waived the alimony in anticipation -- well, she didn't waive the alimony, but she was -- she was -- she didn't get alimony in return for which she was getting the -- the pension. And they said we really have to look at these -- or

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the decisions in the -- in those cases said we really have to look at it and we have to come out with a decision that's fair and something that -- let's see. It says the unforeseen loss of the bargained for pension benefit was a substantial and permanent change in circumstances which invalidated the waiver of holding the alimony waiver and these circumstances would be wholly unfair. That was in the Fitori case.

And in the <u>Parker vs. Green</u> (ph) case, which is a Nevada case, there was an expressed waiver of alimony. And the Supreme Court found in that case that the waiver was ambiguous, looked at the terms and what really was going on, examine the circumstances surrounding the parties' agreement. In order to determine the true intentions of the parties.

In here, the true intentions of the parties couldn't be any clear. He promised \$3,000 a month, he paid \$3,000 per month and as far as she knew that was what she was going to get for the -- for the rest of her life.

And -- and in the -- in the Winters (ph) case, another one that we cited in our pretrial memorandum, that was a gentleman that was getting his disability pay and I said just on res judicata they were looking it from a standpoint of you can't -- you can't give something and then try to take it back again. He at the time had already converted his benefits just like in this situation, convert his benefits from U.S.

Army pay to CRCS -- CRSC pay. And -- and the Court said in those circumstances basically it was a res judicata.

The other Your Honor is the extraordinary remedy which we indicated under 60(B)(6) which is to reopen the -- or at least partially reopen it for the purposes of awarding her alimony. And the <u>Guerro vs. Guerro</u> (ph) which was an Alaskan case cited in our pretrial memorandum, the Appellate Court held that the lower court had abused its discretion by refusing to open -- reopen the parties' property settlement agreement and re-look at the situation in that case.

So what we're looking for Your Honor at this point is a partial reopening, looking at the situation that it was labeled two different things which was she was supposed to get a share of his military pay and she was supposed to get this ongoing payment for the house which looks like alimony. She took it as a deduction on her taxes. It's alimony. She understood that it was a support provision as alimony and that both — that both of these need to be categorized as alimony. Obviously, that under the circumstances it is the fair thing to do.

It is an extraordinary circumstance that he did not tell her the truth. He made misrepresentations to her as far as what this payment was and led her to believe it was U.S. Army pay, that she was entitled to half of it. She had an

obligation pursuant to <u>Waldman vs. Waldman</u> to tell her the truth and to be honest with her and to let her know what's going on.

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We also have the Carlyle case. That was a case where wife depended upon opposing counsel and husband to tell her what the pension and they had lied to her and they said well, under those circumstances either husband was misrepresenta -- misrepresenting, in which case they had to set aside the decree of divorce or husband had lied in which case it was a misrepresentation -- or I'm sorry, a mutual mistake. So it was -- in -- in this case, it was either he was mistaken as -- or they were both were mistaken as to what the entitlement was which would have -- which would allow the set aside or he was misrepresenting to her, more than likely misrepresenting because he knew that he had been getting this disability pay since 2011. But let's say on the off chance that he just was mistaken, you know, and that she could actually get half of this disability pay. That was her assumption as well and what he led her to believe.

He also gave her the impression that she was going to have all these other benefits. You're going to have your medical insurance is going to get paid which turned out not to be the truth. He let the insurance that he was supposed to continue to pay. He let that lapse. So there were a lot of

things that were going on.

And one of her fears, which has come true now, was he was already in the Philippines in 2014 when they went through the divorce and he basically said take it or leave it. I'm going to give you this. I've supported you in the past. You can believe me. I will continue to pay her. And her fear was well, he's in the Philippines and, you know, I'm going to have no luck trying to go after him if I don't go along with what he's proposing. And so she did with the understanding that this is what he was going to do for her. And, again, he did it for four years. I mean, if you look at the situation, he only stopped when she retained Counsel. He got sick in 2018, went to the hospital. And she retained Counsel at that point to find out what was going on with the -- with his survivor benefits and with his insurance.

And at that point he wouldn't communicate with Caterina anymore. He wouldn't communicate with Ms.

Lambertsen. And he did the very thing which he had told Caterina he would do if she ever got an attorney and that was he would cut off everything and not talk to her and have no communication with her attorney. So he did exactly what he had threatened he would do in 2014 and 2018.

So we're looking at a situation where under multiple theories this is something that needs to be adjusted and

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rectified. And the Court is always in favor of coming up with a solution that leads to a just and equitable result. And certainly in this situation leaving a woman after 31 years of marriage with absolutely no income. As he indicated, she had moved 17 times, had done everything to advance his career. He's where he's at now with a hundred and sixteen thousand dollars a year. And she's in a situation right now where after 31 years of marriage she's getting absolutely nothing. So obviously very unjust and just as Family Court is a court of equity where the Court can look at the surrounding circumstances and what the parties' understanding was of what was supposed to happen in this case based upon all of that and the case law that we have cited in your pretrial memorandum.

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There's no doubt that under these circumstances that the decree of divorce at least at to those two items needs to be set aside and that she needs to be awarded lifetime alimony of -- of her expenses per her financial disclosure form of \$3900 a month and that that should be the amount -- amount of alimony that would be payable from Defendant to Caterina.

He certainly has the income as we've shown on his financial disclosure form, again, a hundred and sixteen thousand dollars per -- per year, all of which is tax free. He doesn't pay a dime of taxes on any of it. And so certainly he has the financial resources. And looking at his financial

disclosure form, his expenses are very low in the Philippines and he certainly has the ability after the payment of his expenses to more than meet an alimony obligation to Caterina. And that would be justified in this case.

Your Honor, we had also talked about attorney's fees, sanctions, and the order to show cause. We certainly have proven through the documentation that the order to show cause should be effectuated. The schedule of arrearages should be reduced to judgment and she should be awarded the attorney's fees that were previously awarded by this Court and she should be awarded attorney's fees related to -- and sanctions, the \$500 sanctions, for each time that he failed to pay because he was supposed to have paid. The Court awarded \$7,000 in attorney's fees. That was ordered April 5th -- 5.

She testified that the attorney's fees ordered June 26th of \$5,000, none of that was paid, nor the 1500 in attorney's fees ordered on August 8th -- I'm sorry, August 9th of 2019, that none of that was paid. And Your Honor can sanction him \$500 for each month that he failed to pay 14 months in this case so far. \$500 for each incident of failing to pay attorney's fees which is three incidences, so another 1500, and that we're looking at a grand total of \$64,000 which should be reduced to judgment.

1 And attorney's fees for these proceedings. There is 2 no doubt that there is a huge disparity in income between the parties with his income versus hers which we've talked about. And we've also asked that he be found in contempt on an order 4 to show cause. He has indicated in pleadings that he has the 5 ability to pay and -- and in the pleadings that he filed, this 6 7 is Exhibit 50, it says in relation to the forgoing issues, the following facts are undisputed. This is in a pleading that 8 was filed by his Counsel. Grady has not paid any money 9 10 towards the \$3,000 obligation since just before Caterina filed 11 her motion and Grady has sufficient income to cover the 12 obligation.

So for purposes of our order to show cause, Exhibit 50, is a document that was prepared by his Counsel wherein it is admitted that he is capable of paying with this \$116,000 obli -- income, there's no doubt that he's capable of paying. And there's also no doubt has Caterina has testified to that he hasn't paid and that the order to show cause should be granted under those circumstances, Your Honor.

THE COURT: All right.

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MS. WEBSTER: Thank you, Your Honor.

THE COURT: Thank you. Counsel.

MR. MILLS: Thank you. I'm going to do this in two different parts, because we have of course the motion to recon

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    we have what was before the Court on the trial issues. I'm
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    going to start the -- with the opposition -- or in their
    motion for reconsideration, because the Court made a decision
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              THE COURT: I ---
              MR. MILLS: -- order and made it so that --
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              THE COURT: Again, without it --
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              MR. MILLS: -- it was not spousal support.
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              THE COURT: Both were without evidentiary hearings.
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              MR. MILLS: As was your initial --
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              THE COURT: You may --
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              MR. MILLS: -- decision.
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              THE COURT: Preliminary rulings. We're now at trial
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    and we're going to make it based upon the evidence that was
    presented today.
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              MR. MILLS: Unfortunately, today that wasn't before
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              THE COURT: Yes, it is.
              MR. MILLS: Well, not pursuant to the orders.
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             MR. MILLS: -- saying that during the --
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1 THE COURT: You can try that argument. 2 MR. MILLS: I know. I -- and I --3 THE COURT: Good luck on appeal on that argument. 9 MR. MILLS: I know. I know. And (indiscernible) -don't consider anything I make a threat or I'm not trying to 5 6 do that. 7 THE COURT: I -- I -- no. 8 MR. MILLS: I'm just trying to make a record, Your Honor. THE COURT: I understand. 10 11 MR. MILLS: So for the -- for her motion to reconsider the -- the prior decision of Judge Forsberg, she --12 their argument is one thing really, the law case doctrine. 13 That's the only grounds taht they are requesting that you able 14 -- are able to reconsider a judge's decision to -- that that 15 16 was not alimony. 17 THE COURT: She reconsidered mine, so the argument 18 is she couldn't reconsider mine. If you're going to try and 19 make the argument that she should recon -- I -- that I can't 20 reconsider hers. 21 MR. MILLS: No, that's --22 THE COURT: All right? 23 MR. MILLS: That's their argument, not mine. Their argument --

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THE COURT: And so --MR. MILLS: -- is law of the case, you should have been the one to come back. That's not the law. The law that the -- the law of the case does not require a visiting judge to come back and do trials --THE COURT: Okay. Well --MR. MILLS: -- or to do anything in that nature. THE COURT: -- you filed --MR. MILLS: It's just not the law. THE COURT: -- you filed your motion. We don't need argument on it on the record. MR. MILLS: Well, yeah, I do, actually. And yes, my opposition is there. So in my opinion, Your Honor, there is no basis to -- for you to reconsider the decision of Judge Forsberg at this point. We shouldn't even get into it unless they meet the burden of resetting -- setting aside. There was no new evidence. There is no error. They didn't even argue error of law. THE COURT: There was no evidence as far as I'm concerned. MR. MILLS: Not alleged in their brief.

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THE COURT: There's no indication at the time that Judge Forsberg looked at it that she realized that there was no equity in the house at the time because they kept listing

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the house at 364,000 or 374 or whatever it was. When that was just a little bit over what was owed on the house.

MR. MILLS: The --

THE COURT: That was the purchase price of the house. That wasn't the value of the house. That wasn't the equity of the house. And then he listed he had no assets. So there's no indication that she knew of what he had available to him at the time. She just looked at the face of the document. That's why we have the evidentiary hearing is to look at it and on its face a 31 year marriage where you leave a woman with a hundred and twenty-eight dollars retirement pay because you've converted the rest without telling her to disability and a house that has no equity in it who hasn't worked during the marriage except sporadically at -- according to her testimony, the one time she did try to work, he got upset about it. There's -- and then we've got all of the emails.

This meets the classic case --

MR. MILLS: The -- and --

THE COURT: -- that all these other cases address.

MR. MILLS: Not even close and I'll address everyone of those cases. They're misinterpreted, but I'll get through -- I'll get to that.

THE COURT: All right.

MR. MILLS: Again, in my --

THE COURT: But we're not going to leave a woman after 31 years of marriage with a guy who has a fiduciary relationship to her showing in those emails what he was promising, what he was leading her to believe she was going to get, and what it actually said in the property settlement agreement she was supposed to get. And then you have the one little statement in there saying oh, this isn't alimony. If it looks like a duck, it quacks like a duck, it's a duck.

MR. MILLS: Okay. And I agree with you. But this one quacks like -- doesn't like a duck. It flies like a goose. You got to look at the words. And when you look at the case, Your Honor, and we say -- and for example, they cited the case that says, hey, there's -- Parker versus -- I'll jump to that real quick.

THE COURT: Okay. You can --

MR. MILLS: Parker vs. Green.

THE COURT: -- make this argument on appeal.

MR. MILLS: Deal. Parker vs. Green.

THE COURT: But make your argument here brief this

21 afternoon.

MR. MILLS: Okay. Deal.

THE COURT: We've got all this in your brief.

MR. MILLS: Okay. Again, it -- Parker vs. Green,

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there was specific language that it real clear that it ends at
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   the end of a divor -- or at the time of remarriage. It ends
   upon a reconciliation. It ends upon death. The language of
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   alimony. It looked -- you're right. In Parker, it quacked
   like a duck. This one's completely opposite. It does not say
   that. There is no -- none of that language. There is nothing
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   that says it ends at the end time of a remarriage of
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   it says is if you sell the house it ends.
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             THE COURT: That's not the --
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             MR. MILLS: If you ref --
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             THE COURT: -- only thing it says.
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             MR. MILLS: If -- if you refinance the house, it
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             THE COURT: And need.
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             MR. MILLS: Or -- or sure, any -- but that's not
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             THE COURT: So you used --
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             MR. MILLS: That's not enough.
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             THE COURT: -- different terminology. That doesn't
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             MR. MILLS: So --
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             THE COURT: -- the definition.
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             MR. MILLS: -- one little category and you're going
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to say oh, that looks and -- and quacks like a duck? I can 2 quack like a duck. It doesn't make a duck. 3 THE COURT: This is alimony. 4 MR. MILLS: You have to look at all the circumstances, Your Honor. And this one there isn't 5 circumstances such as that. There's one little turn. And --6 7 and the Judge act -- she correctly determined, they -- you're right. This is a property settlement issue, not a -- an alimony issue. It's not alimony. And -- and frankly, again, 10 they didn't even meet the basis of law to get you to even re 11 -- reconsider what --THE COURT: Disagree, Counsel. 12 13 MR. MILLS: -- the Judge's decision. 14 THE COURT: You've made your record on that. Move 15 on. 16 MR. MILLS: Okay. Going on then, let me jump into their 60(B) motion. In their 60(B) motion, Your Honor, they 17 18 say hey, we can set this aside. I'm not sure based on what. 19 You have a --THE COURT: Breach of --20 21 MR. MILLS: -- misstate --22 THE COURT: -- fiduciary rel -- relationship --23 MR. MILLS: Six months. 24 THE COURT: -- duties that you have.

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1 MR. MILLS: Six months. 2 THE COURT: Breach of --3 MR. MILLS: There is a --THE COURT: -- duties. 4 5 MR. MILLS: -- limit, Your Honor. THE COURT: He paid. She did it within six months 6 7 of him stopping payment. 8 MR. MILLS: Oh, no, she didn't. No, she didn't, Your Honor. They didn't file their 60(B) motion until over a 9 10 year, over a year. They filed a motion to enforce. 11 THE COURT: That's fine. She came into court to try and get what was entitled to her. 12 13 MR. MILLS: Still untimely, Your Honor. She filed a 14 motion to enforce, not a motion to amend -- to set aside. 15 There is no motion, a 60(B) motion to set aside in her initial -- in her initial motion. It -- she supposedly or should have 16 17 known if you're going to take the position there may have been 18 fraud or breach of fiduciary duty, she recognized that I guess 19 in July of 2018 when she hired these folks. And then she --20 her time started clicking at least then, if not at the time of 21 the divorce. She didn't file the motion until September of 2019, over a year later. It's an untimely motion. The motion 22 23 should be granted because it's untimely -- or if -- not 24 granted becaues it's untimely. The 60(B) motion, Your Honor.

She cites several cases that I want to address.

One, she first addressed Fitori. Okay. It is an un -- and -- and she does this because it's -- it's a great case for her.

It's an unpublished New Jersey Appellate Court decision.

That's what they cite. That's their primary case for their argument. It doesn't apply. It's an unpublished. We can't even cite unpublished here until recently and that's only Nevada. We can't cite unpublished decisions from other courts in the country.

The -- and then they jump to Barelli (ph). Well, in Barelli, the Court didn't -- they -- they say this is what the Court -- what they wanted. But the Supreme Court did not grant their request. The Supreme Court dismissed the reci -- and ref -- reformation claim. And -- and un -- because it was a property settlement agreement and they were trying to enforce the property settlement agreement, there wasn't a situation where they set aside the decree and awarded alimony. It -- she didn't win. Barelli does not help them. They misstate it because they say what she requests, not what the Court ordered.

In Carlston (ph), it's not timely either, because in -- in Carlston they -- she timely within the time frame within a reasonable time, six months. I know six months isn't the time, within a reasonable time. That --

THE COURT: You've --1 MR. MILLS: They --2 THE COURT: -- got about seven minutes --3 MR. MILLS: They did it --4 THE COURT: -- to make your case. 5 MR. MILLS: -- within that time, Your Honor. They 6 did it within that time. Here, it is five years later. In Shelton, Your Honor, which is a big one, and we'll move to the 8 other issue which is do we look -- it -- on the -- so the main 9 issue here for trial was is the contract -- was there a 10 contract created to require him to pay an initial \$1500. 11 Well, to -- and you can look at that and you have to look at 12 the -- at whether this -- the terms of the decree are 13 ambiguous. and they look -- they quote Shelton. The Court 14 knows Shelton, of course. 15 Here's the difference in why Shelton got looked at 16 though. Shelton was ambiguous because it said half the 17 retirement and 5 -- and \$577. They called 5 -- half of the 18 retirement 577. The problem was the -- they're not the same 19 thing. Half the retirement wasn't 577. So he tried to pay 20 the half because it was less. They go up and they say okay, 21 this is ambiguous because it says both. You got to pay this 22

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for retirement and you have to pay this for retirement. And

they have to look at what -- what the agreement was. And

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that's why they looked back. That's why I made all my objections.

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They look back here because there is ambiguous language. In our case. It can't be clearer. She gets one-half of the retirement pay. There is no \$1500 mentioned. And she knew it. She knew it. She erased it in her emails. The -- and --

THE COURT: So what was the one-half of the retirement pay at the time of the (indiscernible)?

MR. MILLS: A hundred and twenty-eight dollars, so she -- she should have got 64. Any payment above that is generosity.

THE COURT: You know, you've heard of the fact that there are some contract provisions that are so unconscionable as to the unenforceable. That's the situation bottom line here that we have. You do not tell your spouse that you have a fiduciary duty to that the amount is much, much higher when you know it's much, much lower and then walk away patting yourself on the back that you got one over on her and expect the Court to look at it and say hm, our hands are tied. That's why we have those type of legal theorems that we look at, we deal with. This is so unconscionable under that argument, it is unenforceable.

MR, MILLS: And I understand the -- the Court's

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position. There is still timeliness. There is still
    timeliness. The law still has to be applied. And here, it --
    she could have had an attorney. She had the means. We found
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   out she has significant funds in her bank account.
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              THE COURT: And she was threatened to retire.
              MR. MILLS: Your Honor --
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              THE COURT: I've read the emails.
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              MR. MILLS: -- threats -- threats of I'm going to
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   hire an attorney isn't a threat.
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              THE COURT: When you're in --
              MR. MILLS: Threats of --
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              THE COURT: -- in the Philippines, when you know
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   you're dealing with a person who is dealing with depression,
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   all of that expressed in the emails. And as soon as she
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   mentions seeing an attorney, he comes right down on her.
             MR. MILLS: And if that's grounds for appeal, you
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   can probably appeal every single case in this court.
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             THE COURT: No, you look at each --
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             MR. MILLS: Because they all --
              THE COURT: -- case and you --
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             MR. MILLS: -- probably do that, Your Honor.
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             THE COURT: -- look at the ultimate agreement that's
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31 year marriage, lying to the other party about what they're
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   entitled to receive and what they will receive and how long
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             MR. MILLS: The promises made outside aren't upheld,
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   Your Honor. They're all merged into the agreement.
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              THE COURT: It's fraud. It's --
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              MR. MILLS: She has -- you have a fraud required --
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              THE COURT: -- fraud, any --
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              MR. MILLS: -- timeliness.
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              THE COURT: -- inducement --
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             MR. MILLS: It --
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             THE COURT: -- unconscionability. This meets all
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   those tests.
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             MR. MILLS: If she was timely, but she's not. The
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   problem is --
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             THE COURT: She's timely enough.
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              MR. MILLS: -- she has no legal basis to set aside
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   this decree, Your Honor. She -- she had the ability to --
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   mental health -- I understand she's upset. She cried a lot.
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   But that's not grounds to set it aside either. And she had
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             THE COURT: And --
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             MR. MILLS: -- hire an attorney?
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MR. MILLS: She wasn't left destitute at the time. She could have definitely hired her attorney. She had the ability. And --

THE COURT: So the credit card -- using a credit card to hire an attorney doesn't mean you're not destitute.

MR. MILLS: She had -- she testified 15 -- 25,000 as of 2018, Your Honor, in the bank account. She had been given just a year before \$90,000.

THE COURT: You try living on 25,000 when you've got a 1900 a month mortgage.

MR. MILLS: That's later. We're talking at the time of the divorce in 2014. In 2014, Your Honor, she had -- she wasn't sure. It was anywhere from 15 to \$40,000 in the bank account. And all this jewelry she ends up later selling. She had plenty of means to go get an attorney. She chose not to. She chose to trust him which that's her choice. She chose not to investigate. She chose not to get documents to find out what his income is or if it was different than what he claimed. Those are things she had the ability to do. She made the decision not to.

She -- and -- and Your Honor, it's not like she forced him to sign. There were four months of negotiations, hundreds of emails going back and forth talking about it. She was well aware of what she was getting, what she needed. She

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raised those concerns in her --
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             THE COURT: She --
             MR. MILLS: -- emails.
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             THE COURT: -- didn't get what she was promised.
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             MR. MILLS: She stated in 21, like I said, that --
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             THE COURT: She didn't get what --
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             MR. MILLS: -- you can quit paying me --
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             THE COURT: -- she was promised.
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             MR. MILLS: -- the 1500.
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             THE COURT: For the rest of my life.
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             MR. MILLS: And I'll be stuck with 1500.
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             THE COURT: She was promised for the rest of your
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   life. You will get this --
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             MR. MILLS: She -- so she knew --
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             THE COURT: -- and at my death --
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             MR. MILLS: -- it was a concern --
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             THE COURT: -- you will get this.
             MR. MILLS: -- and still -- and still decided to
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   sign the decree, Your Honor. And then finally just on the
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   contempt, I just want to make it real clear because she asked
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   for contempt for 14 months. Per law of course you have to do
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   it based on the order to show cause. That's the only time you
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   can do contempt sanctions. Attorney's fees I know is
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   different. But on the sanctions, this -- the -- the order to
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show cause specifically says from June 1st til this trial date are the only months that he can be held accountable for -- or, I mean, sanctioned for contempt, Your Honor. The rest of those months you cannot because there was no order to show cause with regards to prior months. And so that's my issue on the contempt.

Submitted, Your Honor.

THE COURT: Okay. All right. This was a 31 year marriage. This was a a marriage, a very -- one where we see it all the time where one spouse is the one who -- is the one who runs the marriage, who makes the decisions in the marriage, who controls the finances in the marriage, who makes the decisions in the marriage and encourages the other party not to be involved in those decisions. And then when she did try to work, he discouraged her from working. He didn't want her working. And for 31 years this went on.

And then when he -- in the Philippines, he decides he doesn't want to be married anymore. It's oh, I have so many bills, I'm going to have to file bankruptcy, I'm living in a tent, I can barely get by, we're only getting \$3,018 in retirement. Poor me, poor me, poor me. And oh, please don't call this alimony because if you call it alimony I'm not going to be able to get the loan that I need and it's just going to cause so much problems for me. This is not a person who

recognized that he had a fiduciary relationship with the person -- the other person in the marriage. He was the one who drafted up the agreement. The person proposing the agreement and having the -- the agreement drafted up, we look at it and any ambiguities goes against him.

There are ambiguities in here. Like I said, you have periodic payments being made on a monthly basis for support. By any other name, that is alimony. I don't care what term you use for it. That by definition is alimony.

The same thing with the house. The periodic payments on the house for her to live in that had no equity in it at the time of the divorce maybe had 20,000 which wouldn't even cover closing costs if she had to sell it. But the periodic payments on a monthly basis until the house was paid for or she had sold it are to need -- financial need by any other name is alimony.

He didn't want to use the term because he knew he would have to have a QDRO or he knew that he would have to disclose to her ahead of time that it wasn't 3,000 a month on the retirement because he had already converted to disability. So he's engaging in all kinds of deceit on his spouse to whom he owed a fiduciary relation.

And he pays for a number of years to keep her quiet, to keep her complacent. And then all of a sudden he decides

oh, I don't have to pay anymore. She found out she wasn't entitled to health benefits. She started asking questions. 2 Then she goes to use an attorney. I'm not going to pay 3 anything. Then he won't even show up for court. And then we started getting doctors notes from some Filipino doctor we're 5 not even sure is a Filipino doctor. We don't get it from the 6 V.A., that he can't come to court. He's done everything in 7 his position to keep her from recognizing what her rights were and to leave her in a position after 31 years where she would get maybe a hundred and twenty-eight dollars a month? 10 Seriously. 11

As I said, there are some contracts, provisions that you looked at that are so unconscionable as to be unenforceable and this is one of those. So the decision is is that the payments that he agreed to make to her in the amount of \$1500 was in fact alimony

MR. MILLS: Which one? Will you just specify?

THE COURT: The first 1500.

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MR. MILLS: Of the house payments?

THE COURT: Her -- her half of the military retirement. He had told her that it was 1500. So now that he's converted it to disability, that's not going to defeat her right because she can still at -- with alimony collect against it. So --

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MR. MILLS: So -- and I'm sorry, I'm just trying 1 clarify so I can make sure. 2 THE COURT: The 1500 -- the money that she was to 3 receive is her share of the military retirement. He 4 represented to her was going to be \$1508 per month plus she 5 would get increases as it went up. So alimony is set in the 6 \$1508 per month. It can be subject to modification upward. 7 The 1500 he agreed to pay on the house is also alimony. 8 (COURT RECESSED AT 2:34 AND RESUMED AT 2:34) 9 THE COURT: He also agreed to keep the health 10 insurance intact and to keep the survivor benefits for her. 11 She's going to have to go out and make a provision to find 12 some other way to replace the value of that. So it's going to 13 cost her some money. She's probably going to have to get an 14 15 annuity or something if she's not successful in her appeal. So that can go into her financial need when she seeks to 16 modify the alimony award. 17 The amount of the health insurance that she's paying 18 I believe was a hundred and -- 200 and --19 MS. LAMBERTSEN: Is it 102? 20 MS. BYRD: 102. 21 THE COURT: 1 -- 102 per month --22 MS. LAMBERTSEN: Yes, Yes, Your Honor. 23

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THE COURT: -- is added into the alimony. So now

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MR. MILLS: Your Honor, I don't think there's a motion to modify alimony.

THE COURT: Well, there was a provision --

MR. MILLS: Nor was --

THE COURT: -- that he was supposed to provide.

It's not being provided. So the Court is adding it in for purposes of alimony going forward. It's for purposes of back alimony from the time he quit paying through this month. That month -- that amount will be reduced to judgment. And it is to be clearly set forth as reduced to judgment for alimony and support payments. Plus the attorney's fees that were previously ordered. And he is in contempt for failure to pay the 1500 on the house payment. And the reasonable attorney's fees already set for that.

MS. LAMBERTSEN: Your Honor, the --

MR. MILLS: 7500? Is that what was awarded?

MS. LAMBERTSEN: The -- and the -- at the January hearing, Your Honor, that was 7,000 that was awarded at January. In May for the -- was another 5,000. And then in -- at the July 18th hearing for having to file the motion for an order to show cause we got 1500 at that hearing. So --

THE COURT: All right.

MS. LAMBERTSEN: -- those three hearings. And that

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does not include today and the multiple issues that were on with the opposition for the audio/visual and the -- the 2 3 other --THE COURT: And --9 MS. LAMBERTSEN: -- thing -- may I also ask that the 5 Discovery Commissioner, we were before the Discovery 6 Commissioner on October 11th. The Discovery Commissioner 7 ordered certain documents to be produced by the 17th. We got 8 very incomplete documents at all. And those attorney fees 9 were deferred to today as well before Your Honor. 10 THE COURT: All right. So all reasonable attorney's 11 fees that have not already been awarded, you may submit your 12 memorandum on it and I'll determine what amount to award for 13 that. But you had requested a total of 64,000 for the -- the 14 15 past payments that weren't made. MS. LAMBERTSEN: Correct. Yes. 16 THE COURT: That -- that we are -- that the Court 17 has designated are support and alimony payments. 18 MS. WEBSTER: Actually, the -- Your Honor, that 19 64,000 was a combination of --20 THE COURT: I -- and -- I just --21 MS. WEBSTER: Yeah. 22 THE COURT: And the -- the accommodation of the 23 attorney's fees which were previously awarded plus -- what

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else did they include?
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             THE WITNESS: It was a $500 sanction for each time
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   that he failed -- for each month that he had failed to pay
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   attorney's fees that were ordered.
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             THE COURT: Okay.
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             MS. WEBSTER: So with --
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              MR. MILLS: Which --
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             MS. WEBSTER: -- 1500 --
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              MR. MILLS: -- you can't do that though. Again, you
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   can only do June 1st --
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             THE COURT: I can --
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              MR. MILLS: -- but --
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              THE COURT: I can do two months of sanctions. So
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   reduce to 64,000 by backing out the other sanctions.
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              MS. WEBSTER: All right. Thank you, Your Honor.
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             MS. WEBSTER: So it would be --
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             THE COURT: -- give you your --
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9	MS. WEBSTER: Yeah. So it'll be five months of
5	sanctions then for nonpayment.
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7	sanctions.
8	MS. LAMBERTSEN: Oh, okay.
9	MS. WEBSTER: Oh, I see. I'm sorry.
10	MS. LAMBERTSEN: Oh.
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12	MS. LAMBERTSEN: Oh.
13	MS. WEBSTER: misunderstood.
14	THE COURT: Okay.
15	MS. WEBSTER: Okay. Thank you.
16	THE COURT: All right. And then submit the and I
17	do find that he was in contempt. And then submit your
18	memorandum of on the remaining attorney's fees on the
19	discovery as well as for the other reasonable fees incurred
20	that have already not been addressed by the Court.
21	MS. LAMBERTSEN: All right. Thank you.
22	MR. MILLS: And I I haven't seen the memorandum.
23	May I respond to the memorandum if
24	THE COURT: Yes.

MR. MILLS: -- if needed? Thank you. 1 THE COURT: Thank you. 2 MS. LAMBERTSEN: And Your Honor, may I -- I just 3 clarify a couple of the dollar amounts? I do understand 4 alimony of today is the \$3,110 to cover the 1508, the 1500, 5 and the 102 for health insurance. Is -- and you -- I believe you did say she can come back into court if she's having to 7 expend --8 THE COURT: Alimony --9 10 MS. LAMBERTSEN: -- funds. THE COURT: -- is modifiable. 11 MS. LAMBERTSEN: Okay. Okay. And then on this 12 schedule of arrears are -- that she filed that \$42,000 of 13 14 arrears money is alimony arrears for her. Is --THE COURT: Yes. 15 MS. LAMBERTSEN: -- that correct? Okay. Thank you. 16 MS. WEBSTER: And Your Honor, the -- the new alimony 17 amount going forward, when -- when does that start and what 18 time of the month? 19 THE COURT: That will start November 1st. So the 20 judgment should include October --22 MS. WEBSTER: Okay. THE COURT: -- for past alimony that wasn't paid. 23 MS. WEBSTER: And is it always payable on the 1st of 24

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the month, Your Honor? 1 2 THE COURT: Yes. MS. WEBSTER: From -- okay. 3 THE COURT: And if he's going to file a notice of 4 appeal, there will be no stay in this case until he's posted a 5 -- a supersedeas bond. And it's going to have to be at least 6 64,000, if not, more. 7 MR. MILLS: Okay. 8 THE COURT: Okay. Otherwise, there's no stay and 9 that he can go forward with trying to collect on their 10 judgment. And since it's a judgment for support, it's not 11 subject to discharge and bankruptcy. And I believe you can 12 collect against his disability payments. 13 MS. WEBSTER: Correct. We can, Your Honor. Thank 14 15 you. MS. LAMBERTSEN: And -- and Your Honor, as far as a 16 no bail warrant for his arrest, what -- does that come into 17 play if he fails to post this bond? I'm trying to find out --18 THE COURT: No. That's -- the supersedeas bond is 19 for purposes of appeal. 20 MS. LAMBERTSEN: Okay. 21 THE COURT: If you're going to -- if he's going to 22 appeal it, he's going to have to post a bond in order to get a 23 24 stay.

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MS. LAMBERTSEN: Okay. THE COURT: I'm not -- I addressed the issue of his contempt today. I imposed sanctions. I'm awarding attorney's 3 fees. If he fails to pay in the future, you'll need to file another order to show cause. And at that point, we can issue -- if he doesn't respond, doesn't show up, doesn't pay, then we can issue a bench warrant. Honor. 10

MS. LAMBERTSEN: Okay. So that would be a -another motion before -- okay. All right. Thank you, Your

THE COURT: It would have been a whole lot cheaper for him to have just continued to meet his obligations. Because I'm sure you aren't free either.

MR. MILLS: No, this was not a pro bono, Your Honor. MS. WEBSTER: All righty. Thank you, Your Honor. I appreciate.

MR. MILLS: Thank you.

MS. LAMBERTSEN: Thank you.

(COURT RECESSED AT 2:43 AND RESUMED AT 2:44)

THE COURT: All right.

(PROCEEDINGS CONCLUDED AT 2:44:08)

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