IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

DAVID J. MITCHELL; ET AL.;

Appellants,

VS.

RUSSELL L. NYPE; REVENUE PLUS, LLC; AND SHELLEY D. KROHN,

Respondents.

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Plaintiff(s),

DAVID MITCHELL,

Defendant(s).

AND RELATED PARTIES

CASE NO. A-16-740689-B
DEPT NO. XI

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BEFORE THE HONORABLE ELIZABETH GONZALEZ, DISTRICT COURT JUDGE
MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 2020

BENCH TRIAL - DAY 5

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FOR THE DEFENDANTS/

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LAS VEGAS, CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA, JANUARY 6, 2020, 10:31 A.M. 1 2 3 Good morning, Mr. Muije, how are you? THE COURT: 4 MR. MUIJE: Good morning, Your Honor. THE COURT: Who's our next witness? 5 6 MR. MUIJE: Pardon? I'm sorry I didn't hear that? 7 THE COURT: Who's the next witness? 8 MR. MUIJE: The next witness will be Mr. Nype. 9 THE COURT: Mr. Nype, come on up. 10 I have a short conference call at 11:45 today, but 11 other than that I'm yours. 12 RUSSELL NYPE 13 [having been called as a witness and being first duly sworn, 14 testified as follows:] 15 Thank you. Please be seated. Please THE CLERK: 16 state and spell your name for the record. 17 THE WITNESS: My name is Russell Nype. 18 R-u-s-s-e-l-l, N-y-p-e. 19 THE CLERK: Thank you. 20 THE COURT: Mr. Nype, thank you for accommodating our 21 schedule and coming out of order. I know you have been sitting 22 here all last week and this week. Please remember there is 23 water in the pitcher. There are M&Ms in the dispenser. And 24 this time we're using electronic exhibits so if you need 25 somebody to blow up the exhibits as they show them to us, let

us know. And then if you need a break at any time, let us know and we'll take one.

I'm still waiting for Mr. Muije to get all his stuff down. I'm stalling.

MR. MUIJE: Thank you, Your Honor.

DIRECT EXAMINATION

BY MR. MUIJE:

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- Q Good morning, Mr. Nype.
- A Good morning.
- Q Would you please spell your name for the record so that if we did end up having any question -- I don't know whether the clerk already got that or not.

THE CLERK: I did. Thank you.

BY MR. MUIJE:

- Q Okay. In that case tell us little bit about your professional background, Mr. Nype.
- A I have spent most of my professional life in the real estate and marketing business. I've done a bit of work in the financial service marketing, but I've been involved in the real estate business since 1988 or '89 when I went to work for Forest City Enterprises at that time and became the vice president of marketing overseeing projects all across the United States and worked directly for the Ratner family. The Ratner family owned 60 percent of Forest City Enterprises which last year sold for 14 a half billion dollars. So I worked for

Bruce in New York and Jimmy all over the country and Albert in
Chicago and all the different members of the family who run all
the projects around the country. I reported directly to them
regarding those projects.

Q Okay. And when did you leave Forest City?

- A I left Forest City in the mid-90s, but I continued with consulting contracts with Jim Ratner and with Bruce Ratner until relatively close to when I met Mr. Liberman and Mr. Mitchell.
- Q When you met Mr. Liberman and Mr. Mitchell, who were you working with or for?
- A At that time I was still working on a project for Bruce Ratner and I was working on my own, and I was working for -- working with -- I had met a man named Cabot Lodge, and we had worked together on a project for a group of hotels in New England.
- Q And was that under the auspices of any company, or were you independent or working for yourself or?
- A Well, I started -- I finished-- my prior company was a company -- well, EBB --EPB communications, and I worked with Bruce Ratner on the New York Times building in New York and two hotel projects for him as part of that, and then I evolved away from EPB to my own company. And that's when I met Mr. Lodge as well as continued with Bruce, and then I met Mr. Liberman and Mr. Mitchell.

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- Okay. What was the name of your own company? Q
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- Α Revenue Plus.
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- And is that still a valid corporation in good Q standing?
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- It is. It's an LLC in the state of Florida. Α
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- Q Very good. How did you come to meet Mr. Mitchell, is
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- that true -- is his first name Henry Cabot Lodge or?
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- Well, it's called -- he's called Cabot, he's got a lot of Roman numerals after his name.
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- Q Okay.
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- Cabot and I had done, as I said, a group of -- a deal
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- called me one day and he said would you do me a favor, he said

Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Liberman \$80 million to buy property out

these guys don't have the capital to move that forward nor do

they have the development expertise of working with the public

in Las Vegas. And he said would you meet with them because

and financings for a group of hotels in New England, and Cabot

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- I Star, which is the company he worked for, had loaned
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- sector and the private sector to develop the project, and you could perhaps help them find a partner.
- And did he personally introduce you, or did he just refer you over and then you called them or they called you?
 - No, Mr. Mitchell called me first. Α
- Okay. And that was through Cabot's suggestion that he contact you?

A Yes, he gave them my number.

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Q Okay. And how did First Wall Street come to be involved in this arrangement?

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they had talked for the last few years to a number of potential

Well, when I met with Mr. Mitchell, he told me that

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partners and unfortunately it had not worked out. So he was

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looking for someone or a group to come in and help him find a partner again, with capital and development expertise, ideally

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urban development expertise to help them. I knew a man named

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Glenn Myles who was at First Wall Street, and he told me $\operatorname{--}$ I

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told him that what I could bring really was Forest City who I $\,$

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had great contacts with and great depth of knowledge of how

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they approach projects. He said that he had one or two clients

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Exhibit 6001 (sic). I think Mr. Mitchell identified his

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signature on that. I'll call it the First Wall Street

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agreement, but perhaps we can pull up a copy just for you to

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make sure we're talking about the same document here.

MR. MUIJE: Is that screen turned on, Your Honor?

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THE WITNESS: Mine's not on.

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THE COURT RECORDER: Oh, I'm sorry.

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THE COURT: We're working on it.

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THE COURT RECORDER: It's searching. I tried the

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When this was signed we certainly were. Things occurred that made it less of a partnership.

Would you describe for the Court your basic understanding of what the terms and conditions set forth in this letter agreement are?

Well, again, they're looking for a development Α partner to help them develop I think it was five city blocks. I think it was 12 and a half acres of property in downtown Las Vegas. So they wanted capital, and they wanted development expertise, and they recognized that it was an urban setting so they wanted someone that was likely able to help them on the public sector and private sector side. And for those services we negotiated a fee of 4 percent of equity capital and 1 percent of debt capital actually continuing beyond the initial closing throughout the transaction for all closings.

Mr. Liberman then added the concept of if they were to enter into a letter, a LOI, and then they determined not to go forward, that he very graciously suggested that the second paragraph here under compensation or -- we would and then I would receive \$250,000 if Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Liberman backed away from that LOI.

- And that was his suggestion not yours or Mr. Myles?
- That was Mr. Liberman's suggestion. Α
- Q Okay.
- Α We felt strongly about the 4 percent and 1 percent.

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- And so is it safe to say that both Mr. Liberman and Mr. Mitchell were involved in negotiating this arrangement?
 - Α Certainly.
- And from the standpoint of First Wall Street and yourself, both you and First Wall Street were involved and together on the same page?
- We were both involved, Glenn and I were both involved.
- Okay. Now, this contract is dated at the top January 0 25th, 2006. If you go down to the very bottom of the letter, I believe there's a schedule -- not the bottom of the first page, the bottom of the document, it should have multiple pages.
 - Α That's the last page, yes.
- Correct. That's the schedule of identified entities, Q so to speak, that you and First Wall Street proposed or suggested you would introduce to LVLP; is that correct?
 - Α Yes, it is.
- And we know that Forest City Enterprises was contacted and that actually went somewhere. What about the other two, Thor Equities?
- Yes, I worked with Thor before, and they not only were -- I did not only introduce them, but we had a number of meetings, and they actually came out to Las Vegas to tour the property with David Mitchell and Mr. Liberman and me. They were quite interested, and then they decided that they were not

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going to move forward. But, yes, the Cayre family was Mr. Myles group; I don't know anyone at the Cayre Group, Cayre family. And unfortunately they were never introduced and nothing ever happened with them.

Okay. Do you think that Thor Equities would have had Q wherewithal of expertise to ultimately be in the same league or comparison with Forest City or were they leagues apart?

MR. BOSCHEE: Objection. Calls for speculation.

THE COURT: Overruled.

THE WITNESS: Well, Forest City was a \$10 billion company with \$4 billion of nonrecourse debt. They were a very, very solid company, and I worked with them all over the country, and they were specialists in urban redevelopment and working with public-private sector partnerships. Thor also was a very good company. They were smaller than Forest city. They were about a \$6 billion company, but they were certainly a very solid company and had done a lot of development in urban areas around the country.

BY MR. MUIJE:

Okay. Very good. So would it be safe to assume that Q the Thor Equities investigation or due diligence would have occurred relatively soon after this letter?

Within a few months. I can't tell -- it's just been Α so long, but within a few months.

Q And then Forest City was running on a parallel track

simultaneously with Thor at that time?

Well, Forest City I'd spoke -- I picked up the phone and called -- I used to work for Jim Ratner as I said. Jim Ratner was the president of Forest City Commercial Group. Forest City Commercial Group was 8 billion of the \$10 billion. And I called Jimmy. As soon as this contract was signed Jimmy was very nice to me and said it sounds great; I'd love to work with you again, and he introduced me to a man named Brian Jones who ran the Western Region of the United States based in Los Angeles. And Brian and I had met before when I worked with Jimmy and Bruce, and he said I want you to call Brian, and I want you to set up a meeting with Brian and a very nice guy named Jeff Eisenstaff -- Eisendorff, I can't remember, who was actually a family member of the Ratner family. And so we were sort of on a parallel track, I'd say that's fair.

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Well, unfortunately Mr. Myles was a great talker and didn't desire to do much. So not only did he not bring the Cayre family, but he really was unwilling to be involved at all in this project. And he and I clashed over the first few

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Q Okay. And nonetheless even though joint venturers, so to speak, may have conflict of personality or whatever, did they remain in the deal despite that, or what happened?

A No. First of all there was a document that I had a subset. I had a contract with Glenn Myles --

Q Okay.

A -- where I was being paid, I believe, 80 percent of anything that came from Forest City and Thor Equities, and he would be paid 80 percent of anything that came from Cayre because that was the arrangement of the relationships. I --

Q Okay.

A -- oh, I'm sorry.

Q Yeah. So that was a subcontract, so to speak --

A Right.

Q -- was that subcontract disclosed to LVLP?

A Sure.

Q Okay. Did there come a time when you notified Mr. Myles that you were terminating the contract?

A Well, frankly he notified me. He agreed at one point that he really didn't have anything to bring and he was doing other things, and he wrote me a letter saying, Rusty, I, you know, this -- I'm done, we're done here.

Q Okay. When that occurred -- so it was his unilateral decision to walk away from this First Wall Street agreement; is that correct?

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- He was the one that wrote me the initial e-mail, yes.
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 - Okay. How did LVLP wishes factor in there? Were they in harmony with him stepping back or discontinuing his
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- LVLP did not like Mr. Myles, and I don't believe that Α after this contract was signed in January they ever -- and as a
- matter of fact I know, they never met with Mr. Myles in any of
- the subsequent months. And David Mitchell said, you know,
- we're happy to continue on with you because you clearly have
- the relationships with Forest City and Thor. MR. H. JOHNSON: Objection. Hearsay, Your Honor.
 - THE WITNESS: I'm sorry.
 - THE COURT: Overruled.
- BY MR. MUIJE:
- So when Mr. Myles and First Wall Street stepped back, stepped away, can you remember approximately when that
- occurred?
 - Α I'm going to guess April. I would say March, April.
 - Okay. Did the efforts to create or to facilitate a joint venture with Forest City continue after that date?
 - Sure. I mean, they were -- you know, I knew them, and I'd known them since I worked for them for many years as an officer of the company, and we continued on, and Mr. Myles was not relevant to our conversations with First -- with Forest City.

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What were the discussions regarding compensation for your services after your First Wall Street backed out?

Well, my very strong understanding was that David Mitchell said to me we will continue on under the same terms.

Okay. And was it a one-time conversation? Was it Q repeated? Is there a reason that you didn't sign a new engagement letter or letter of intent?

Well, we -- we did talk about doing that, and I pushed very hard to do that, and we exchanged a lot of correspondence starting in May. Forest City came out in May to the shopping center convention that occurs out here every year, and that's when we toured with Albert Ratner, Jimmy Ratner, Chuck Ratner, everybody. We toured the site, and it went extremely well, and we worked very hard to bring all the facts that I knew they were looking for in a development. So they left in May saying we wish to go back to Cleveland and we wish to create a letter of intent and move forward with due diligence.

And when you say toured the site, what particular properties, what part of downtown Las Vegas were you guys looking at?

Well, the properties that Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Liberman owned are the properties where the current City Hall is, the current RTC center, the properties in between where I gather you're building a new judicial center, and they

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traded the property where the City Hall is for I believe 5 acres out in Symphony Park, I think you guys call it, with a gaming license.

Q Okay. And then there were a couple of blocks of a motel, a bookstore, a couple of other --

A Yeah, they were -- to me they were a part of that area, but, yes.

Q Okay. So when Forest City comes out to tour, you walked the blocks. You go back and forth. You maybe drive around the downtown area to give you a perspective; is that a fair statement?

A Yes. I mean, we had a meeting actually in the motel. We had a meeting with all the people to discuss the site.

Q Okay.

A And Forest City had been turned down being a part of the world financial center down here -- the world marketplace where the furniture, they were very close to doing that deal.

Q Okay. While they're going back and putting together -- crunching numbers, putting together a proposal or whatever, what's going on between you and LVP -- LVLP?

A Well, David officially terminated First Wall Street in May, I believe it was May, it could have been June 1st -- June 1st is all of a sudden in my head, but I think it was May. As soon as Forest City left, in a positive way he said well, I better take care of terminating First Wall Street.

- Q Okay.

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- A So he did that.
- Q Was there further discussion regarding your compensation should the --
 - A Absolutely.
 - Q Okay. And how did that go?
 - A It went very well, I mean --
- Q And looking at -- let's look at the plaintiff's admitted Exhibit 6002 (sic) if we could. And this is a one-page document of a two e-mail sequence. If we could look at the bottom one first. Did you create this e-mail, Mr. Nype?
 - A Yes, I did.
- Q And what was the context? Why were you feeling that you needed to set forth this position?
- A Well, I believe -- believed very strongly as we argued in the first trial that I was acting under the contract terms of First Wall Street, and David Mitchell kept negotiating with me and getting up to saying, yes, yes, yes, and then when we were to sign the agreement, he backed away.
- So we had had discussions in June, July, August, and I was frustrated and he wanted to -- he kept offering me additional -- additional fee structures. So I thought that -- and I think there were a lot of e-mails throughout that summer regarding him offering me different fee structures and my saying, well, I don't think that lives up to what my

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Okay. And did he ever specifically say no, we're not going to honor the original First Wall Street deal; we need to renegotiate or this is done?

Α No. No.

And he kept moving forward with Forest City; is that correct?

Α Absolutely. He kept accepting meetings. There were a number of -- two instances when the letter of intent Forest City said we don't think we're going to move forward. One time they canceled it in June, and David called me and asked me to call Jimmy directly and say there's been a misunderstanding here; I will go forward with the terms that Forest City is recommending, and I'm desperate to get that back on track. So I handled that and got the letter of intent -- a new letter of intent signed and we moved forward in June.

In August we had an unfortunate meeting with the RTC, and Jim Ratner called me and said Rusty, I'm really unhappy about this. There's a whole misunderstanding about what their expectations are, the RTC, versus what we were told. And, you know, I'm not feeling that I'm getting honest responses; my team's not getting honest responses. So I stepped in again and straightened that out in August.

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Α Yeah, I mean, in August, yeah.

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Honestly, I don't remember all the e-mails going forward, but I would say ever since -- ever since June we were having conversations regarding David trying to renegotiate the terms of the First Wall Street agreement that I believe I was

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- Okay. Moving forward because this is in the fall of '06. And is there any doubt in your mind that you communicated to LVLP your expectations regarding ultimate compensation?
 - Α No.
 - So they knew what you were expecting? Q
- Yes. And they kept -- and they kept with that knowledge asking me to do additional things for them.
- Over and above what you had agreed to do under the First Wall Street agreement?
 - No. I feel it was under -- I mean, I was --Α No.
 - Q They moved forward --
- -- bringing together the partners, and with my Α connections with Forest City I understood what they looked at when they were trying to find a development site, and so I was able to work with them within the language they -- that I understood they needed.
- Was there ultimately a falling out between yourself Q and LVLP prior to the closing -- the closing in late June of 2007?
- Well, I would say that from this period of all the way until the closing I was trying to, you know, make sure that at the closing I was going to be recognized and paid as the First Wall Street agreement requires the 4 percent and

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1 percent factor.

- Okay. But it sounds like you were not consciously aware that Forest City and LVLP had closed the deal until you and Mr. Mitchell subsequently met --
 - Α No.
- -- how did you happen to be out of the loop at that stage in May, June of '07?

Well, I was taken out -- during this entire process David made it very clear, which was fine with me, that I was not to be involved in the pricing or the structuring of the deal. So when they got past the letter of intent, I believe it was in October, and that was the letter of intent they moved forward with -- could have been November, David really took over with Forest City negotiating terms and negotiating price, and I wasn't terribly involved after November of that year.

- Okay. Now, you were in the courtroom, were you not, when you heard Mr. Mitchell testify about the money he had reserved in escrow and how he was generously offering you that sum?
 - I was here. Α
 - Why don't you tell us what really happened. Q
- 22 MR. H. JOHNSON: Objection.
- 23 THE COURT: Overruled.
 - THE WITNESS: Well, what happened very simply is that Jim Ratner who is today still a very close friend of mine

closed a transaction in June, and I was not invited to the closing nor have I received any compensation; when are we going to get together and, you know, accomplish that? And then he invited me to lunch.

- Q Where did you go to lunch?
- A We went to lunch at a restaurant called The Beacon, and The Beacon restaurant is on West 56th Street, I believe it's Number 21, it was at that point --
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- A -- I know that street very well.
- Q And why do you know that street very well?
- A My family has real estate on that street.
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- A -- so I happen to know Fifth and Sixth Avenue on 56th Street rather well.
- 16 Q Okay.
 - A I knew that restaurant very well too.
 - Q So you're at The Beacon Restaurant, and how does the conversation go down?
 - A Well, I walked into The Beacon restaurant and David was sitting in a middle table in the back facing the door. I sat across from him and really there were two things that occurred at that lunch. One was that David informed me that it was going to be very difficult for me to collect, that was the first thing that he said to me which I thought was a very

strange thing to say. And the second thing towards the end of the lunch was, I said, well, David, you know, can I have the closing documents so we can figure out what the compensation's going to be. And David said well, Barnet and I actually have left an amount of money with a person, and he gave me the person's name and telephone number.

- Q Would that have been the title company or?
- A I -- I'm not sure it this moment, but it was a piece of paper with a woman's name and a telephone number. And he said Barnet and I have left an amount of money for you and if you call that person and you sign a release, that money will be wired into your account.
 - Q Okay. And did he tell you how much money that was?
- A No. I said to David -- I said well, David, how much money did you and Barnet leave in this account? And he said I'm not going to tell you --
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- A -- and I said, what do you mean you're not going to tell me. How much money did you leave in the account? He said I'm not going to tell you. And I said, why? And he said, because you're not going to be happy.
 - Q Okay.
 - A That was the conversation.
- Q Then -- then you guys parted and you weren't expressing gratitude or happiness or joy or anything, were you?

A I was surprised by the whole conversation. It seemed very defensive, and all I wanted was and wanted for months was the closing documents to calculate 4 percent and 1 percent which was our agreed term.

Q And did Mr. Mitchell indicate how they'd come up with a number albeit he wouldn't give you the number, how they came up with the number that they thought was fair or claimed to be fair?

A I never heard that until I was in court this week how that number came up.

Q And to your knowledge did Forest City have a role in generating that number or you just -- don't you just know?

A I have honestly no idea. I doubt it.

Q Did Forest City have any obligation to pay any portion of the compensation with --

A No. It was very clear that my agreement was with Mr. Liberman and Mr. Mitchell, Forest City was not. And then I understood later that Forest City actually talked to Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Liberman and had them sign whatever the legal document is that they would have no liability regardless of litigation or anything that came from that.

- Q And that was Forest City would have no liability?
- A Forest City; correct.
- Q Okay. So that was the first time Mr. Mitchell suggested that enforcing your rights under the agreement could

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A Yes.

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Q Okay. Did he go into any particulars or explain why he felt that way?

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company, company being defined as Las Vegas Land Partners and its affiliates owns five city blocks. Do you see that, sir?

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Q As it turns out from our analysis after the fact that that time Las Vegas Land Partners actually only owned land on

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A I -- I really don't know all the different affiliates and how they were using them to own different pieces of land.

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Q But you wouldn't dispute the partial summary that Mr. Rich testified about and that has been introduced into

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evidence as his report 7047 (sic) sub Exhibit Rich 15; correct?

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A No, I think in 2016 Mark Rich got involved and analyzed all of the parcels and found all of the associations, all of the companies and laid that out in a spreadsheet. That was the first time anybody had done that.

Q Okay. And as it turns out in that spreadsheet LiveWork owns property, Wink ultimately owned property, in fact, I think Wink ended up owning the property on which the RTC building was based, but then we had Leah, we had Zoe, we had several others, and as per their representations for First Wall Street and you when this letter was signed, you'd understood you were dealing with a group of entities not just something limited to LVLP; is that correct?

MR. BLUT: Just object on leading, Your Honor. It's a narrative. The question's a narrative.

THE COURT: Can you rephrase your question, please, Mr. Muije.

MR. MUIJE: Yes, certainly.

BY MR. MUIJE:

Q Did you have an understanding as to who you were dealing with on the other side, what company, what individual, what -- who were the people?

A My understanding was the Las Vegas Land Partners was, this is purely -- we -- I never had a discussion with Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Liberman. My understanding was Las Vegas Land Partners was the controlling entity, and there were many

LLCs and affiliates that I didn't know the name of, but that was their structure. I didn't -- we didn't -- I didn't know anything specific about how they were conducting their business and what structure they had.

- Q Okay. But you understood they effectively controlled -- or what was your understanding about their control over the various parcels owned by all of these LLCs?
 - A My understanding is that they controlled all of them.
- Q Okay. Now going back to the fee mechanism that was contained in the First Wall Street agreement, did you subsequently learn how much equity capital was part of the deal with Forest City that was signed in late June 2007?
- A Yes, we finally -- we finally did get the closing documents, and I can't remember the exact number, but \$82 million plus was at the initial closing, and then they invested substantial additional capital at subsequent closings.
- Q Based on just the 82 million and change in the first closing or the initial closing which led to your meeting with Mr. Mitchell, what would your fee had been based on that equity?
- A Well, four times 82 million which was the amount of capital that Forest City used to buy their 60 percent share. So to buy their equity position I would be compensated 4 percent of that value 3.6 million, I don't have a calculator, but 82 times 4 percent.

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- Yeah, that's 82 million times 4 percent. Α
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- -- subsequently in the course of a litigation that Q calculation ended up being much higher; is that correct?
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- subsequent closing was also that \$30 million was a 4 percent

my understanding there was also a percentage that you would be

Yes, there was. We ended up in my first trial with

Okay. Now, as you are discovering these facts and

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compensation off of the First Wall Street contract was

my expert witness and the Judge agreeing that based upon the

capital and debt equity that Forest City had invested, the full

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Q Okay.

- A -- and it was a war.
- Q And when you say "war," did they comply with their discovery obligations in that case to the best of your knowledge?
 - A No, I think it was very parallel to our experience.
- Q Okay. And let's pull up if we can admitted Exhibit 5042 (sic). And let's go to page 5 if we could. Actually, let's go to bottom of page 5. We see Mr. Mitchell sending an e-mail to a gentleman named Zev Kaplan, but in that he forwards the e-mail that Mr. Richard Haskin at the Gibbs Law Firm had sent to him, and what does the first sentence on the top of page 6 tell you, Mr. Nype?
 - A (No audible response.)
 - Q If you could read it into the record.
- A In an effort to keep kicking the ball downfield to delay trial and aggravate Nype, a thought occurred to me at about 2:00 a.m. last night.
- Q Okay. And he describes throwing out some mediation. Let's look at the next to last two sentences in the second paragraph.

Hold on. Hold on for one second. Oh. Knowing what

Okay. And then that was the dialogue going that way,

Yeah, he said the mediation was my idea, well, not

Okay. What does that tell you in the context of

MR. BOSCHEE: Objection. The document speaks for

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BY MR. MUIJE:

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- I've heard about our Judge, Judge Israels, (sic) he is fairly

lazy and would rather punt this case himself if he can. I

think we would have a great shot of getting -- at getting a

settlement conference set for the week of July 14th. We can

then attend the settlement conference which likely would not

result in a settlement, but it would likely result in the delay

but if you go up above to where Mr. Mitchell is forwarding that

e-mail, Mr. Mitchell is somehow suggesting that the gentleman

had said mediation was his idea, but then he says no, it

wasn't; look what he told me below; is that correct?

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MR. MUIJE: Withdrawn, Your Honor.

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- Q To your knowledge, did any of Mr. -- of LVLP's
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Q Okay. And how many times did that occur prior to the judgment or to the trial?

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Q And in both cases was the trial date maintained or was there delay caused by that?

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MR. MUIJE: Your Honor, we didn't have time to

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to Mr. Johnson, to all defense counsel yesterday. We could

probably save four or five hours maybe even longer if they'll stipulate to the authenticity of the billings from Mr. Wright [phonetic], Mr. Warns and Reisman [phonetic] firm and then my own billings of course.

THE COURT: Was there a stipulation?

MR. BLUT: No.

THE COURT: They said no. They said there's no stipulation.

MR. MUIJE: Okay.

MR. BOSCHEE: Stipulation as to -- I'm sorry, I'm confused on the wrong things. Stipulation as to the authenticity to the billing or as to, I mean, I was a little confused as to what Mr. Muije was asking for.

MR. MUIJE: We're not asking them to stipulate that they are reasonable or that the billings are accurate and correct, we're just -- want them to stipulate that they can be entered into evidence and then they can argue what they mean and if they're appropriate or not all day.

MR. BOSCHEE: Yeah, I'm not going to challenge, I mean, I won't speak for all your counsel. I'm not going to challenge the billing statements of other counsel as long as I have the right to argue that they're not reasonable or they shouldn't be part of this case for example. I'm not sure why Mr. Reisman's fees are part of this case, but as long as we reserve our right to argue against the awarding of those fees

I'm not going to sit here and quarrel with every single statement for every law firm that Mr. Muije says yesterday that -- at least that I could tell then.

THE COURT: Well, remember we had the young lawyer from Mr. Reisman's office come and testify during the sanctions here.

MR. BOSCHEE: Other than -- I mean, other than that I do -- I vaguely recall that, that was kind of a -- I kind of try to block that part, but I do remember that.

But my understanding from the documents I saw from Mr. Muije is that it looks like, and he can correct me if I'm wrong, it looks like they are seeking all of that firm's fees for the entirety of both cases as special damages. I would certainly want to argue against that if we get to that point, but I'm not going to sit here and go through Josh's and his associates and Liz's, I mean, billing entries or Mr. Muije's billing entries I'm not going to challenge that on terms of authenticity. I'm sure they put in the computer and sent it to Mr. Nype.

THE COURT: Okay. So is there a stipulation on the authenticity of the bills that Mr. Muije sent you understanding everybody's going to argue everything else about whether any of the fees are recoverable, reasonable and necessary or related to the actions that are pending before me?

MR. EDWARDS: Yeah, we'll stipulate to the

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MR. MUIJE: That involves basically the next wave of exhibits, and there's probably about 10 of them. It involves the new incremental fees primarily incurred since the end of August of this year. We've also premarked in this litigation already before the Court proposed exhibits and part of those proposed exhibits was the various exhibits that were utilized at the sanction hearing.

THE COURT: I just need all the exhibit numbers that you've marked for purposes of the trial --

MR. MUIJE: And -- and --

THE COURT: -- including the ones on the new drive.

MR. MUIJE: Correct. Court's indulgence. One I want to pull up my list of the attorney fee exhibits that were used which is already marked as proposed exhibits

MR. BOSCHEE: And while John's looking for that, I just want to make sure that those are -- that every document that he's going to submit to the Court is something that we have seen. He e-mailed a bunch of things yesterday. I just want to confirm that everything you're going to present to the Court is -- are documents that we've seen?

MR. MUIJE: Absolutely.

MR. BOSCHEE: Okay.

MR. MUIJE: So --

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THE COURT: He said sure.

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MR. BLUT: And sure and then I guess I can argue that we saw it yesterday as opposed to if there's a claim for

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THE COURT: No, Mr. Muije, I need the numbers --

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THE COURT: -- that are numbered for this hearing --

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THE COURT: -- for this trial.

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MR. MUIJE: We'll go exactly with that then, Judge.

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THE COURT: Do you know what the numbers are yet?

MR. MUIJE: Yes, they are -- we've gone ahead and marked them as next in sequence and they are --

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-- the 70075. 70076. 70077. 70078. And 70079, which all deal with the attorneys' fees and costs that were involved in the first hearing. And just so that they're better understood, the Court expressly allowed only the fees and cost relating from approximately April 20th or so through the date of the hearing through the resolution of the sanction hearing. The exhibits that were admitted contained time even before that and time not related to the sanction hearings so the records are all there.

MR. BOSCHEE: And I didn't --

THE COURT: All right. So --

Wait.

MR. BOSCHEE: Oh, sorry.

THE COURT: My understanding of the stipulation is that the parties are stipulating to the authenticity only of 70036 through -38, -42, -45, -51 through -56, -62 through -65, -67 and -75 through -79 understanding that there are a number of arguments that the parties will be making related to whether attorney fees are appropriate as special damages and if so the

1 amount.

MR. BOSCHEE: The only question I would ask again counsel and the Court, I didn't go through the documents and see if the sanction amount that you were already awarded was taken out of those records, I didn't cross-reference the numbers.

THE COURT: It probably wouldn't be if they're statements.

MR. BOSCHEE: That's why -- that's why I'm asking. I don't think they are so.

THE COURT: Somebody will have to do math.

MR. MUIJE: I will -- I will tell you that Mr. Rich's expressly subtracts it --

MR. BOSCHEE: Okay.

MR. MUIJE: -- we have gross numbers on mine and Mr. Reisman's, but we also have acknowledged that they are subtracted. And, in fact, 7055 (sic) shows the specific amounts allowed on account of all three entities to Rich Accounting Firm, my firm and Mr. Reisman's firm which makes it a relatively easy mathematical transition to subtract those amounts, which we have recovered now, Your Honor.

THE COURT: I saw the satisfaction of judgment.

MR. BOSCHEE: And that was the document, Your Honor. That was the document that I looked at; I just didn't cross-reference the math. I just wanted to make sure that that

counsel was suggesting his belief that, you know, any fees that arose before we filed this lawsuit in July of 2016 wouldn't be

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recoverable, and he may very well be right on that.

Nevertheless, the conduct or should I say the misconduct of LVLP and the defendants in this case have caused you a lot of anxiety and aggravation and Mitchell's -- Mr. Mitchell and --

MR. BLUT: Can we object to the form.

THE COURT: Sustained.

MR. MUIJE: We've refreshed it.

BY MR. MUIJE:

What has this cost you in total, Mr. Nype, from the 0 inception of this lawsuit, which I believe was November or December 2007, the related lawsuit through including today?

Α I recently went through all the numbers so I'm able to answer that question.

Q Okay.

The full amount of everything that I've spent in lawyers and accountants and expert witness in the first trial is \$3.444 million not including Mr. Rich's December amount which has not been updated nor any court costs that I would earn through this trial.

Okay. But now let's break it down -- well, let me 0 ask you this. What kind of a financial impact has that had on you and your family?

MR. BLUT: I'll object on relevance, Your Honor.

THE COURT: Overruled.

THE WITNESS: Well, I don't want to be -- I don't

want to be dramatic. Three and a half-million dollars is an enormous amount of money to me. I thought about it last night that's \$30,000 -- \$25,000 a month for 12 years. I don't know how many people write those checks and just think that's casual as they carry on their life. I don't think many. It's been a severe economic strain. I have sold stocks. I have sold everything that I have in that area. I sold my home in New York City. I have in the last 18 months I have financed \$1.3 million in mortgages on properties that I have. I am in the process next week of putting my family's home in Long Island up for sale because I want to get ahead of all this.

My largest client in the real estate business was a firm called Forest City Enterprises. And Forest City Enterprises informed me after the litigation was started, Jim Ratner and Bruce Ratner called me and said, Rusty, you have to understand and I don't know what to say, but I have to do this. You are in a litigation with our partner, and consequently we are not able to employ you and engage you anymore in any work on our behalf until that's over. Now, that was the end of 2007.

- Q And have you done any work for Forest City or it's --
- A I've done none. I've done none.
- Q Okay.

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A On a personal level I've been to Bruce's house and Jimmy's house and all those kinds of things, but they've said

personal things. I've become divorced. I've become divorced

this, and that's a very disturbing thing to me. I -- it's been

was earning -- well, if I had done and I had opportunities, but

-- in addition to all the monies that I've spent.

Based on your personal knowledge and your familiarity

a -- it's -- it has changed my life because it has stopped me

professionally from being at the level that I was at where I

if I had done more deals like this, been able to bring more

deals like this to Forest City, we're talking about millions

it's a -- it has been a really changing thing in my life over

with the finances and lifestyle that you've led over the years,

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difficult and expensive as possible for me was absolutely true

if not more so of the first trial, and I believe that three and

regarding delay and obfuscation and making discovery as

and millions of dollars of income that I have lost --

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Okay. Now let's break it down just a little bit more. In this case, this specific case starting when we filed the lawsuit here in July of 2016, what have your total expenditures for attorneys' fees and costs --

Α Just in the -- just in the matter that we're sitting here today?

Yes, and including the New Jersey counsel, a New Jersey expert, Mr. Schwartzer who has consulted in -- assisted you in this case on the bankruptcy context, what's the grand total in this case?

- Okay. Can I do it individually --Α
- Q Please.
- Α -- because I can't add it in my head.
- Please. Q

Α John Muije has billed me \$725,000 to date. Mark Rich has billed me \$399,000 in this matter. He billed me monies in the prior matter, but \$399. Rob Warns has billed me \$197,000 for the Reisman Firm, and called me last night and said the number for December -- that was through November, the number for December is an additional \$62,000. So I look at that as \$250,000 for the Reisman Firm.

- And were there any other costs that you would attribute to this action and trying to pursue --
 - Α Yeah. So then you've got New Jersey counsel because

we've been pursuing Mr. Spitz even against Court orders, and he did not come through and allow us to take his computer information until a week before trial even though a Court ordered on December 5th that he do that.

- Q December 5th the prior year?
- A Yeah, December 5th the prior year.
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A And that is a cost of \$75,000 in New Jersey for both, that's both the computer expert as well as a man named Mr. DeGroot who is my attorney there.

- Q Okay.
- A Then I have a bankruptcy attorney in Las Vegas Lenny, and I apologize, Schwartzer -- Lenny Schwartzer.
 - Q That's correct.
 - A And we are at \$35,000 with his firm.
- Q Did you happen to have an opportunity to add up those numbers?
- A It's on a piece of paper in my briefcase. I think we're at about a million three fifty.
- Q Okay. And is that before taking into account a hundred and sixty thousand approximately that the Court awarded in sanctions and that we have now recovered?
- A I believe those numbers are -- I believe that Mark and Rob and I believe you removed those numbers. So the numbers I quoted are excluding those; I believed to be true.

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I honestly believe -- I thought that each of the three of you had taken out, I believe we got back \$162,000, had taken out that number. So I don't want to misrepresent what they are. You will know those numbers.

Okay. Those documents will -- we'll double check it and make sure that they're accurate. But you've also testified to the quantity of Mr. Schwartzer's fees and the New Jersey fees and expenses; correct?

Yeah. Yes. Α

Okay. And in terms of actually collecting, there's an original judgment with prejudgment interest and cost was in \$2.6, \$2.7 million range --

Α That was back in 2015.

I understand. And we've already submitted to the Court at the last hearing, and we can update it for here what the interest accrual and cost accruals are of course. Other than the \$162 discovery sanction which was not included in that prior judgment, have you successfully collected any monies from LVLP during the course of the litigation -- since the date of judgment, let's just word it that way?

Since the date of judgment we did send out a subpoena to Signature Bank in New York, and we were successful at

Q And how much money because I'll represent to you this lawsuit was filed in July I want to say 16 --

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1	THE COURT: All right.		
2	MR. MUIJE: I'll pass the witness, Your Honor.		
3	THE COURT: Cross-examination or do you want me to		
4	break?		
5	MR. BOSCHEE: I can finish mine in under the eight		
6	minutes we have left.		
7	THE COURT: Great. We will use our time wisely with		
8	you.		
9	CROSS-EXAMINATION		
10	BY MR. BOSCHEE:		
11	Q All right. Well, I just told the Court I would be		
12	very efficient so I'm going to be.		
13	Mr. Nype, I just want to clarify. The deal, the		
14	agreement that you had with Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Liberman did		
15	not include the 300 East Charleston properties, did it?		
16	A To the best of my knowledge it didn't, but I did not		
17	understand all the affiliates under LVLP so I don't know how to		
18	answer that.		
19	Q I understand. You never actually toured the 300 East		
20	Charleston properties when you were looking at when you were		
21	doing the tours of properties; right, it was the		
22	A Yes, we did.		
23	Q Where how what did you do?		
24	A I Jimmy Ratner ran the commercial side which was		
25	25 million square feet of retail, 25 million square feet of		
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office. His brother and I cannot remember his -- his cousin, I can't remember his name right now a Ratner ran the 40,000 apartments of Forest City, and Mr. Liberman and Mr. Mitchell were trying to pitch Forest City into the idea of residential housing, and we brought a man down from the Palazzo -- Palazzo Hotel and brought him down and toured both that site as well as a site that they did not own near the railroad tracks that they had an option on or something, that they had an option on as potential residential sites.

- Q Okay. But that deal never came to fruition with Forest City, did it?
 - A No. Forest City said no.
- Q Okay. And as I understand it the 305 -- well, I'll call them the 305 properties you'll know I'm talking about?
 - A Yes.
 - Q The parking lot corresponds --
- A Yes.

- Q Okay. That was not part of your underlying lawsuit, was it, the one that I really know nothing about, the one where you got a judgment?
- A The only reason I'm hesitant in answering is I had LVLP and all its affiliate companies; I don't know if that was an affiliate company. I just -- we didn't know anything about -- I didn't know anything about 305.
 - Q Fair enough. Was any testimony in that trial given

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by yourself or any of your experts as to the 300 Charleston properties?

Α No.

Okay. And you never had anything in writing, I mean, 0 I think we just talked about, we saw the e-mails, but you never had anything in writing with 305 2nd Avenue Associates with respect to those properties, did you?

No. Absolutely not.

Okay. I may be stepping on someone's toes, and I don't mean to if I -- if the other lawyers wanted to ask you this. But you had these e-mail exchanges with Mr. Mitchell about your compensation, and there seemed to be as I was reading the e-mails when you're going through them in court, a disagreement as to what you were going to get compensated. You never had any e-mails exchanges like that with anybody from 305 2nd Avenue Associates, did you? And specifically I'm thinking of Mr. Liberman?

I was going to say I think with Mr. Liberman I did Α have some exchanges with, and I did have some conversations with.

The compensation, did you have any e-mails, because I haven't seen them in evidence; that's why I'm asking the question, with Mr. Liberman specifically related to your compensation for the Forest City deals that were closed?

Α Oh, I think I probably do.

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A In the first trial -- the first trial was, you know, enormous in discovery.

Q Okay. But they're not -- okay. Well, they're not -- you haven't seen them in any of the evidence we've got here, have you --

A No.

Okay.

Q -- because I haven't.

A No.

Q Okay. You testified earlier that you thought the agreement that you had on compensation was with Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Liberman. I just want to clarify, was it with them or was it with Las Vegas Land Partners?

A Based on my filings it was Las Vegas Land Partners.

Q Okay.

A And its affiliates.

Q Okay. You talked a little bit about things haven't gone well with Forest City. Have you affirmatively done anything to pursue any deals with Forest City since the conclusion of the prior litigation, the one where you got a judgment? Have you taken any steps with Forest City and say, hey, I got a judgment; we're done. We're going forward in this other thing? Have you tried to get any other deals with them, or has it just been a no go with them?

A I haven't really actively. They -- first of all they

A-16-740689-B | Nype v. Mitchell | 2020-01-06 | BT Day5 sold the company last year --1 2 O Right. 3 -- for 14 and a half billion dollars --4 Well, that's why I asked. 5 Yeah. They sold the company so, no, I -- the answer Α is I have not actively since the thing because they told me 6 7 that until all the matters were solved and there is no dispute 8 they didn't feel that they could participate with me in 9 anything. 10 Okay. You were here when Mr. Chamberlin testified Q 11 that he doesn't recall ever meeting you. 12 Α Right. 13 Do you recall ever meeting him --14 No. Α 15 -- I think there may have been on one occasion in New Q 16 York City maybe at a --I don't think there was. 17 Α 18 Q Okay. 19 I said that to you in the deposition, and I was 20 When I met him, it was not the gentleman that I thought 21 he was. 22 Okay. And you haven't had any other dealings with 23 any of 305 2nd Avenue Associates or their limited partners, 24 have you, to the best of your knowledge? 25 Α No. None.

THE COURT: So the question I asked Jim Edwards then was whether you wanted to break up your closing arguments? I need to break today about 4:00 which would mean we probably wouldn't finish all of the closing arguments knowing how long Mr. Muije talks, not you guys, Mr. Muije.

MR. BOSCHEE: But you're looking at me when you say that so --

THE COURT: I am looking at you, Mr. Boschee.

So the question is do you want to do -- start the closing arguments right before and then come back tomorrow at 9:30 or do you just want to come at 9:30 and pound them out and be done by 2:00?

MR. H. JOHNSON: Your Honor, I've thought about it over the lunch hour whether closing arguments briefs might be helpful to the Court.

THE COURT: It might be helpful in this particular case. I do not usually find them helpful, but given the history of document issues in this case it might be a helpful way to do it, but you'd have to do it on a not-forever basis --

MR. H. JOHNSON: All right.

THE COURT: -- like a short time frame.

MR. H. JOHNSON: Yeah.

THE COURT: You could talk me into that. I have not done that in a long time because of the time constraints Judges are under to make decisions, but if you kept yourself on a

short leash I might be talked into it.

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MR. MUIJE: Your Honor, and if we were inclined to do that, I've noted a couple of minor what I don't want to call errors, but inconsistencies. The evidence has been slightly different than our proposed findings of fact, conclusions of law. I'd like to submit an amended correct --

THE COURT: If you said amended ones, I only want the new ones not the old ones because I already have a working set, and I am not going to look through your whole new one to find the ones I started with. So, like, if you want to amend 57, I'll take an amended 57, or if you want to add 67A through 67D, I'll take them, but I don't want the whole --

MR. MUIJE: Okay. So not the whole shebang.

THE COURT: You got it.

MR. MUIJE: That would be fine.

THE COURT: Because I've only started working on them, and I don't want to have to try and figure out your new ones.

MR. MUIJE: I understand. And I don't know that there's that much to add to what we've already put in terms of case law into our findings and proposed conclusions. I don't know that the briefing would be that helpful but if the Court feels that it would be, obviously we'd be happy to cooperate.

THE COURT: The factual issues are a little -- I'm not as worried about the legal issues because this one's

fairly -- the legal issue's fairly simple. It's a interpretation except for maybe Mr. Boschee's client, except, you know, the nuances of the different documents of what they show and what they don't show.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Uh-huh.

THE COURT: But as -- it's up to you guys whatever agreement you reach I will go with. Usually I would discourage people from doing it so you can get your case done faster, but --

MR. H. JOHNSON: Right. Well, I wouldn't anticipate that long. And I would normally say, you know, the plaintiff would file their brief and then we would file our brief following that. I don't know what time frame.

MR. MUIJE: Well, my problem is, Your Honor, is I have to be up in Elko County on Friday because I have to file for Judge up there, and it's a very short window of time. So I'm going to be out of pocket Thursday and Friday. I do want to --

MR. H. JOHNSON: Well, I don't mean that quick. I mean, normally a minimum of two weeks, but maybe --

THE COURT: I've had people ask for 60 days, and I always say no.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah.

THE COURT: If you're telling me you need two weeks or three weeks, I have no problem with that, but when you're

MR. MUIJE: I prefer oral arguments, Your Honor. We spent a considerable amount of this weekend working it out and charting it out. I mean, we have a Power Point presentation ready for it.

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MR. BOSCHEE: Well, if we're going to do closing arguments, I'm not inclined to do closing briefs as well especially concerning I'm a little tied up next week.

THE COURT: Are you -- are you going to be here for trial --

MR. BOSCHEE: You might have --

THE COURT: -- you know, Joe was here this morning and I gave him a hard time saying you need to show up for trial next week.

MR. BOSCHEE: Well, I'll be here. I don't know how

much I'm going to be doing. I hopefully -- Kim will -- Kim

Stein will be doing most of it, but, you know, I'll be here.

Probably will be awkward if I'm drafting a closing brief while

I'm sitting at trial in front of the jury, but I would be -- if

we're going to do closing arguments, then I would be inclined

not to do briefs, but I'll defer to these guys because my

issues are a little different.

THE COURT: Okay. So why don't you guys think about it, and when we break today tell me. If everybody's agreeable, we'll do closing brief. If we're not all agreeable, then we'll do closing arguments.

MR. H. JOHNSON: Okay, Your Honor.

MR. MUIJE: May I get a set of headphones, Your Honor.

THE COURT: You can.

And, Mr. Nype, we're going to go to the next cross-examiner now.

THE WITNESS: Yes, ma'am.

MR. K. JOHNSON: If it's okay with Your Honor, I'm going to stay here because I'm doing my tech as well and if I try and move --

THE COURT: And you will keep your voice up because you always have.

MR. K. JOHNSON: I will.

THE COURT: I have never had a problem with you

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5	Q Mr.	Nype, I'm just going to follow up on a few points	
6	that we brought out in your direct examination here first. You		
7	testified that you're the principal of Revenue Plus; is that		
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11	to a degree, but what exactly does Revenue Plus do?		
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15	industries outside of real estate.		
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22	Q No.		
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25	Q Oka	ay. And what is that family business?	
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- A Real estate.
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- Q Buying and selling real estate, developing real estate, all of that?
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- A No. We own properties and I manage them for the family with the help of two other family members.
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 - A I think that's probably true, yeah.

your life in real estate; is that correct?

- Q Okay. So you're very familiar generally with how real estate purchases and sales work; is that correct?
- A Well, I've been more on the marketing and leasing side.
 - Q Okay.
 - A I am -- I do have knowledge of sales of real estate.
- Q Okay. Are you familiar with the concept that when a property is sold a record of some kind depending on what jurisdiction you're in, is recorded generally in the county's recording office; is that correct?
 - A I believe that, yes.
- Q Okay. So in theory if a property were sold here in Las Vegas you would know to go to the Clark County Recorder's Office to notify of that sale if you wanted to?
- A Yeah, I wouldn't necessarily -- I've never done that, but I guess the theory is, yes.

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- Q But you know that you could do that if you wanted to?
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- Q That's true most people don't just, you know, keep tabs on the recorder's office. But you know that if you wanted to -- say you had toured a property that you believed was somewhere in Las Vegas Land Partners, a number of entities, you
- Office to see if that sale -- if that property has been sold at

would know that you could go to the Clark County Recorder's

- A I've never done that, but I believe what you're saying is true.
- Q Okay. I'm going to -- I'm going to ask you a few questions here about just to clarify some things that I was unsure of about your relationship with First Wall Street. You said something that was a little unique. You said that you formed an alliance with First Wall Street, is that -- am I recounting your testimony correctly?
- A I don't know if there's a legal definition of alliance because I don't know what that -- I mean, I may have used that word I meant colloquially --
 - Q Okay.
- A $\,$ -- it was no formal relationship or partnership or anything that was done.
- Q So you never signed anything with First Wall Street or anything like that?

- A No, I didn't say that. There was a relationship that I had that I was going to receive compensation --
 - Q Right.

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- A -- from First Wall Street if a transaction occurred with Las Vegas partners --
 - Q Right.
 - A -- at different --
- 8 Q And was that --
 - A Yes? I'm sorry.
- 10 Q Excuse me. Sorry, go ahead.
 - A I was just saying a different compensation number if it would -- whichever party became the inevitable person who brought in the partnership.
- Q Okay. And was that memorialized in writing anywhere?

 I haven't seen it so I'm asking.
 - A Yeah. Yeah, I think it is absolutely.
 - Q Do you know to your knowledge was that produced in this litigation?
 - A In the new litigation?
 - O Either or?
 - A I believe it was produced in the first litigation.
- Q Okay. But you haven't seen it -- you haven't seen it
 as part of this record here?
 - A Not in -- I haven't thought about it in years.
 - Q Okay. I'm -- we're going to turn back to this is

Exhibit 60001, and it's been admitted and discussed at length.

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THE COURT: And, sir, if you need a portion of it

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THE WITNESS: Thank you.

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BY MR. K. JOHNSON:

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A Correct.

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Q Okay. Does your name appear anywhere in this

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A It does not.

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1 Okay. So I want to make sure I understand your 2 testimony correctly from earlier. So this contract between 3 First Wall Street and David Mitchell was entered into, you 4 believed it governed your relationship as well. They moved 5 forward. First Wall Street cancels this agreement with David Mitchell; correct? 6 7

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- Q Oh, okay. Could you --
- Α First Wall Street to my knowledge never canceled the agreement.
- Q Okay. I thought you testified earlier that this Myles individual said --
 - Α Canceled the relationship with me.
- Okay. So you didn't testify earlier that they basically told David Mitchell that weren't doing anything for you and walked away from this agreement?
 - Α No --
 - Q Okay.
 - -- but they didn't memorialize it anywhere either. Α
- Okay. That's way -- that's why I'm asking you these 0 follow-up questions here.
- So you moved forward, eventually the deal closes, and you're unaware of the closing when it occurs; is that correct?
 - Α That's correct.
 - Okay. Afterwards you speak with -- well, you find Q

out that it closed; you speak with David Mitchell, and in your testimony you said that he presumably through his e-mails and other communications made you lots of offers about your compensation; is that an accurate reflection of your testimony?

- A I believe that he wanted to modify what I believed were the terms of our relationship which is represented here.
- Q Okay. I understand that's what -- but you testified earlier that he made you lots of offers regarding your compensation structure regarding this Forest City entity --
 - A I don't know what lots of means, I mean, there was --
 - Q Well, they're your words not mine.
 - A Well, lots is again colloquial to me --
 - Q Okay.

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- A -- I know what lots means more than 10, less than 10, more than five. There were a number of communications in which David offered different ways of approaching compensation.
- Q Okay. So in your life in real estate as a consultant now, have you ever seen a real estate deal, brokerage deal, anything like that where the parties do not have a written document; they engage in, this would be in my term not yours, they engage in negotiations after the fact regarding a person's compensation, and the person who is to be paid has really no idea what's going on with the underlying transaction? Have you ever seen that set of facts and then seen somebody push for compensation after the fact?

2 THE CLERK: Thank you.

THE COURT: Uh-huh.

BY MR. K. JOHNSON:

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Q Okay. So I'm going to show you 50039. And I'm zooming in here on Exhibit 2 where it says, In full and complete settlement at the satisfaction of all of FW's claims under their agreement and the FW action LVLP shall pay the sum of \$375,000, et cetera, et cetera. Do you see where I'm talking about there?

A I do.

Q Okay. And in your experience, were you -- did you -- you've testified earlier that you really didn't have much in the way of conversations with First Wall Street after you guys kind of separated --

- A Not regarding -- not regarding this matter.
- Q So you didn't discuss the settlement at all with --
- A The \$375,000?
- Q -- with First Wall Street?
 - A I don't think so. I don't think I --
- Q Okay. I'm just asking.
 - A Yeah.
 - Q Just making sure. And so they presumably when they entered into the settlement with Las Vegas Land Partners they believed that those \$375,000 was a fair number for their work

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1	in the underlying Forest City LVLP transaction; is that a fair				
2	assumption?				
3	А	I don't happen to believe that			
4	Q	Okay.			
5	А	but they settled for that.			
6	Q	Okay. So let's go back to the now, Las Vegas Land			
7	Partners t	they sued you in 2007; is that correct?			
8	А	I believe that's the case, yes.			
9	Q	Okay.			
10		MR. K. JOHNSON: And I'm correct that 50001 has been			
11	admitted?	I just want to make sure.			
12		THE COURT: 50001?			
13		MR. K. JOHNSON: Yes.			
14		THE COURT: Yes.			
15		MR. K. JOHNSON: Okay.			
16		THE COURT: That's the engagement letter.			
17		MR. K. JOHNSON: No, 50001 is the complaint in the			
18	underlying case.				
19		THE COURT: Oh, Dulce says, yes.			
20		MR. K. JOHNSON: Okay.			
21	BY MR. K.	JOHNSON:			
22	Q	I know it's been a while, but do you remember this			
23	document?				
24	A	(No audible response.)			
25	Q	Would you believe me if I told you that it was the			
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A-16-740689-B | Nype v. Mitchell | 2020-01-06 | BT Day5 1 heading and then you have --2 THE WITNESS: Yes. Yes. 3 THE COURT: -- and then you have parentheses under 4 it. THE WITNESS: Yes, I do. 5 BY MR. K. JOHNSON: 6 7 Okay. Does that refresh your memory a little bit? Q 8 Α It's been 12 years so --9 I understand. 0 10 -- no, it doesn't, but I -- I'm certainly I'm sure Α 11 this is right. 12 Okay. And it doesn't -- it doesn't list a party here Q 13 as a customary reward, and there's a second cause of action for 14 breach of contract; do you see where I'm at here now? 15 I do. Α 16 More causes of action then as we scroll down here. 17 At the bottom here it says, Wherefore counterclaim Mr. Russell 18 Nype and Russell -- and Revenue Plus, LLC, pray for judgment 19 against Las Vegas Land Partners, LLC, as follows. Okay. Do 20 you remember, I know it's been a long time, but do you remember 21 reviewing this document before it was filed? 22 Α I don't. 23 Okay. And in this document it states that you are 24 moving against Las Vegas Land Partners, LLC, and only Las Vegas 25 Land Partners, LLC; is that correct?

- A I did not realize that, but if that's what the document says, that's what the document says.
- Q Okay. And you didn't bring -- at this point you didn't bring any third-party claims against David Mitchell or Barnet Liberman or anyone else; is that correct?
 - A Unfortunately I did not.
- Q Okay. And you didn't bring a cause of action for fraudulent conveyance in this action either?
 - A No, I had no reason to.
- Q Okay. And eventually you get a judgment in this matter; is that correct?
 - A Yes.
- Q Okay. And after attempting to collect that judgment you decide to file this matter -- sorry, this is Exhibit 50010 which is your amended complaint in this matter; is that correct?
- A I'm sure it is. I don't even know the date of this. Is this the July filing that Mr. Muije made?
- Q This looks like it -- well, this is the amended complaint so he very well may have filed June or July, but it looks like this was filed in August -- on August 21st, 2017.
- A Okay. I mean, I have no reason to believe this is not correct. I don't, you know, I don't know.
 - Q Okay.
 - MR. MUIJE: It is the amended complaint, but there
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- Yes, I did. Your father took my deposition.
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- That's right. And in that deposition, correct me if 0 I'm wrong, you stated on a few occasions that you were relying
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principally on your expert Mark Rich's report?

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- Q Okay. And it -- specifically as it pertains to what is and is not a fraudulent conveyance --
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- Α Yes. I really don't have a basis of making that
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- Okay. So if there were other transfers out there 0
- 13 that -- the only transfers that you're aware of are those that
- 14 are discussed by Mr. Rich in his expert report, is that --
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- I believe that's true.
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- Okay. I'm going to talk briefly about some of these transactions so I can kind of flush out the details and
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- understand your case here a little better.
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- 20 earlier today that you toured these -- the -- it's 300, 320,
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- 330 Charleston Avenue. Was that in 2004, 2005? Do have any
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- It would not be '4, it would not be '5, it might well Α be '6.
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where, of course, but you knew that that land was somewhere in Las Vegas Land Partners; is that correct?

I knew that that land was controlled by Barnet and David.

Q Okay.

I didn't understand the structure of any of it --Α

Right. Q

Α -- to know who controlled it except those two principals I thought -- I thought they did.

Q Okay.

They represented they did. Α

Right. So from that point on and based on what you testified earlier about your knowledge, common knowledge about how land transactions work, at that point on at any time during the underlying case, the collection and phase in between in this case, you could have gone to the county recorder's office to see what had happened with that land, that it had been sold to 305 in 2007; is that a fair statement?

I suppose so. I've never done that. So you're Α telling me I can do that, and I have no reason to believe I could not.

Okay. We're going to talk about some pieces of this transaction a little more specifically here. In your experience selling real estate, and you're not a real estate agent, but you testified you have a little experience in the

area, how is the price of a parcel like that generally determined?

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A I think an appraisal.

- Q Okay. So and is it common for a lender who's going to lend on a property to get their own appraisal?
 - A I think virtually always.
- Q Right. And so there's been a lot of testimony in this case that there were -- there was this appraisal by Heartland Bank, and then there was a second appraisal ordered by David Mitchell; do you member that testimony?
- A I certainly remember that there were appraisals on this property.
- Q Okay. And so if those appraisals, you testified that that was the best way to come to an agreement about the value of the land, and if those appraisals agreed, that would be pretty good evidence that that is the fair market value of that piece of land at that time; is that a fair statement?
 - A I believe that to be fair.
- Q Okay. So if these two -- so if these two appraisals agreed that the land was worth \$25 million and it was sold for \$25 million to 305, then in your opinion that sale was a sale with proper consideration?
 - A I believe that to be the case that normally is true.
- Q Okay. And as part of that deal LiveWork took back a \$5 million promissory note. Is that -- is that uncommon in

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- Α I don't think that the lease to me is -- is -- I don't know how that fits in to be honest with you.
- Okay. And then we have the economic downturn which Q I'm sure you and anyone who had anything to do with real estate is familiar, and then all the parties eventually ended up suing each other in court; is that correct based on --
 - That's what I've heard this week.
- Okay. So prior to this trial you didn't know about any of that?
 - Α I didn't know other than the scope of Mr. Rich's

A-16-740689-B | Nype v. Mitchell | 2020-01-06 | BT Day5 1 letter --2 Q Okay. 3 -- I didn't have any knowledge of that. 4 And eventually the parties reached a global 5 settlement that was spearheaded by the bank; is that fair to 6 say? 7 Again, and, you know, I don't want to play Perry Α 8 Mason. My understanding having been here for a week is that 9 LiveWork never was a part of that settlement. 10 Q Okay. 11 So, I mean, I that's --Α 12 Okay. And so the \$5 million note that -- that's 13 taken back and anything relating to the initial sale, is there 14 anything in your opinion there that was done to hinder, delay 15 or defraud you in your opinion? 16 Α The sale and the note --17 Q Right. 18 -- the note was a part -- I gather they agreed on Α 19 25 million; they only had 20 million in cash so they accepted a \$5 million note --20 21 Q Right. 22 Α -- it can be structured that way. 23 So there is nothing in your opinion in that initial 24 transaction that was done to hinder, defraud or delay you in 25 collecting the judgment you would get eight years later?

Q I'm going to move on to the Calvin Coolidge sale -oh, Casino Coolidge, sorry. So in addition to appraisals, we
discussed that a little bit more, is what someone is willing to
pay for a parcel, is that a fair indication of that parcel's
worth?

A You know, I'm not trying to take issue with that, but unless those offers are in writing and they are offers that are legitimate real offers, there are times when people manipulate offers, and they aren't --

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A -- the marketplace. So I'm not -- I'm not -- I don't know.

Q I understand. Okay.

A I don't know.

Q That's a fair point, but if -- if in this case there were three offers --

A I don't know that.

Q Okay.

A I've never seen the offers.

THE COURT: He's asking you to hypothetically assume.

THE WITNESS: I'm sorry. Excuse me.

MR. K. JOHNSON: Okay. Right.

THE WITNESS: I will hypothetically assume there were three offers. All right.

BY MR. K. JOHNSON:

Q Assuming there were three offers --

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Q -- that was the testimony that was given and the party selling the property accepted the highest offer made for that land, then is that generally in your experience a fair indication of the value of that land, the highest offer

indication of the value of that land, the highest offer received?

A It's -- the answer is in a hypothetical sense with no knowledge of the two principles and no knowledge of what I believe they're capable of and have done for 12 years, hypothetically, yes.

Q Okay. So what facts do you have as you sit here today that prove or that indicate that that offer received, the highest offer received and accepted was in any way improper consideration or an improper price for that piece of land?

A In the week that I've been here I have heard people tell me that -- tell the Court, excuse me, that they had offers and they even talked about numbers of offers. I have not seen one official offer sheet which is normally -- you count an offer when a person actually gives you an offer, a written offer. A casual conversation to me is not an offer. So I don't know; I have not seen any proof of those offers.

- Q Okay. That doesn't really answer my question.
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- -- that indicate that that million dollars was not a fair price, fair consideration for that land at that time? Do
- Α See, I -- I guess I have no actual facts. I have
- reasons to question that. I'm going to answer it that way.
- Okay. Next I'd like to look at Exhibit 10002 which I believe has been admitted already.
 - THE CLERK: It has.
 - MR. K. JOHNSON: Perfect.
- BY MR. K. JOHNSON:

accountant, but?

- Q Okay. It was Exhibit 10002. It is 2007 tax returns for Las Vegas Land Partners; are you familiar with -- have you -- these types of tax returns, and I know you're not an
- I've seen tax returns, and I saw this last week, and I can't remember, but I may have seen this a number of years earlier. I just don't remember honestly.
 - Q Okay.
- I -- you know, I had Mark and other people looking at all this stuff so personally it wasn't my area.
- Okay. And that's fair. But I'm going to scroll down here -- okay. And do you recognize what a Schedule K-1 is?
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- Q Okay. And so subsequent tax returns would reflect similar distributions if they were made in a given year; is that correct?
 - A I would assume so. Yeah.
- Q Okay. Okay. And then I'm going to scroll up here. I have to look at one more thing. Okay. And do you see the section I'm looking at here, Part 3?
 - A Yes.

Yes.

- Q It says gained from disposition of property, and it has Property A, A Glenn and Property B Aquarius?
 - A Yes.
- Q Okay. And then over, if you go, there's the first column that's the descriptions that is called from Property A, and then you see the column for Property B; is that correct?
 - A Yes, I do.
- Q Okay. And it says gross sales pricing reflects \$25 million for the Aquarius property; is that fair?
 - A Yes, and that would be 305?
 - Q Right. That was the sale 305.
- 21 A Yes.
 - Q Okay. So this -- this tax return, if I understand your testimony correctly, reflects the distributions made to partners and also the sale of the 305 property; is that correct?

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- I believe that's correct.

Okay. Do you have any idea when you first saw this 0 tax return?

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docket of the original case. They are facts that are capable,

MR. K. JOHNSON: I would like the Court to take

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MR. K. JOHNSON: Okay.

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THE COURT: Tell him what you want to --

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MR. MUIJE: What do you want to do?

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MR. K. JOHNSON: Okay. There are two pretrial

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and one on April 25th, 2014, and they both reflect these 21 exact tax returns by Bates number. They reflect that they were

22 produced in the underlying case and were disclosed as part of

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those --

MR. MUIJE: You're showing October 20 --

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MR. K. JOHNSON: October 14th, 2011, and then again

MR. BOSCHEE: October.

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MR. K. JOHNSON: And then April 25th of 2014, yeah.

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BY MR. K. JOHNSON:

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Q And I'm going to make representation to you that a pretrial disclosure is what each side puts together that contains their exhibits and the witnesses that they intend to use at trial. Do you have a --

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A No. I just didn't know that.

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Q Okay. And so if these -- if this tax return and further tax returns from 2005 to 2010, 2011, 2012 were all

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contained in these pretrial disclosures produced by your

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2014; is that a fair assessment?

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A If you have that, I have to agree with it, I mean, yes, I have to agree with it.

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Q Okay. You stated something in your earlier testimony

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THE COURT: April. Okay. That's why I can't find

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it. Thank you.

3 MR. K. JOHNSON: No problem.

THE COURT: So if you could show me the disclosure that Mr. Hayes made that incorporated all of the documents.

THE CLERK: Mr. Johnson, I don't have 90017.

MR. K. JOHNSON: It's one that I just e-mailed after lunch and we're discussing right now.

THE CLERK: Oh, I'm sorry.

MR. K. JOHNSON: No, that's, okay.

MR. H. JOHNSON: I emailed it to you.

MR. K. JOHNSON: You did, but I have to I have to reconnect to the Clark guest.

THE COURT: Good luck reconnecting.

(Pause in the proceedings)

MR. K. JOHNSON: Your Honor, would you like me to bring it up on the Wepresent or how would you like me to?

THE COURT: If you could show it to Mr. Muije the entry that you are trying to do so you can attempt to gain a stipulation, and then I will make a determination as to whether it's adequate notice of the material to be used in this litigation pursuant to Rule 16.

MR. MUIJE: I would acknowledge that the covered disclosure was served in this case, Your Honor, but it was a one-line statement that says, all documents in the prior case

A-16-740689-B | Nype v. Mitchell | 2020-01-06 | BT Day5 1 and that was --2 THE COURT: Okay. So your position is that that's 3 inadequate? MR. MUIJE: Under NRCP16.1A13 or A3 I think 4 5 they're -- they are required to designate pretrial what 6 documents they intend to rely on, and it wasn't in that group. 7 THE COURT: Okay. So I am going to permit it as it 8 has been readily recognized by both parties that the prior litigation was the subject at least in part of this discussion 9 10 and since I have issues related to intent, notice and statute 11 of limitation that are impacted by events in that prior 12 litigation. Okay. 13 Keep going. 14 So the objection's overruled. 15 Please don't fall over. 16 THE WITNESS: Oh, I'm sorry. I just pulled my chair 17 up but I hit something. I'm sorry. 18 THE COURT: I know I'm just -- we've tried to have it 19 fixed, and we can't get it fixed. So we're stuck with the width the way it is. 20 21 THE WITNESS: Sorry. 22 MR. K. JOHNSON: Okay. So just so I'm clear at this 23 point then Exhibit 90079 --24 THE COURT: I overruled the objection which means 25 it's admitted.

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THE COURT: Coulthard.

THE WITNESS: Bill Coulthard.

MR. K. JOHNSON: Coulthard.

BY MR. K. JOHNSON:

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The captioned parties were your attorneys at the time; is that correct?

Yes, they were. Α

Okay. Let me scroll down here to Exhibit 1 where we have a resume from Mark D. Rich and Exhibit 2 where we have a letter --

This was the gentleman, yeah.

-- from the Exceleron Group; was Exceleron Group your expert in the underlying case?

Α I believe so. Can you give me the gentleman's name?

Sure. Kenneth Wildes [phonetic]. Q

I think it was Kenneth Wildes, yes. Α

Okay. And so attached to Mr. Wildes' letter he attached a memorandum to your attorney from Mr. Rich; do you see where I'm at now?

Α I do.

Okay. And this details a number of things. I'm going to scroll down here to where it says, Despite amounts owing to Nype, Mitchell and -- to Nype, Mitchell and Liberman

A-16-740689-B | Nype v. Mitchell | 2020-01-06 | BT Day5 took distributions, and it lists distributions; is that 1 2 correct? 3 Α Yes. 4 Okay. And I'm going to -- I'm going to zoom up here. 0 5 And the date of this memorandum is July 15th, 2011; do you see that? 6 7 Yes, sir. Α 8 Correct. So it's fair to say that as of at least 9 July 15, 2011, you knew or should have known about the 10 distributions made out of Las Vegas Land Partners to their 11 principals? 12 I'm just going to ask you, is that pertaining to the 13 one transaction of 305 or is that -- I just? 14 Well, we can check. I believe -- I believe this was Q lifted from the tax returns. 15 16 Α Right. 17 But either, regardless of where --Q 18 Okay. I mean --Α 19 -- Mr. Rich got his --Q -- there were distributions, yes. Distributions were 20 Α 21 made. 22 Okay. Q 23 THE WITNESS: Can -- I guess I can't ask a question. 24 THE COURT: Nope. 25 THE WITNESS: Okay.

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2	Q	Okay. You motioned to your counsel there?	
3	А	Well, Mr. Muije has worked very hard and earned	
4	significa	nt money by my filing of this lawsuit he gained from.	
5	Q	And what is the nature of your fee arrangement with	
6	Mr. Muije?		
7	А	I pay him his hourly rate that he has told me.	
8	Q	Okay. And is that the same arrangement you have	
9	with, again, I'm going to butcher this Reisman		
10		THE COURT: Reisman.	
11	BY MR. K.	JOHNSON:	
12	Q	Reisman Sorokac?	
13	А	Yes, I pay them by their hourly amount.	
14	Q	Okay.	
15		MR. K. JOHNSON: I have nothing further, Your Honor.	
16		THE COURT: Mr. Blut?	
17		MR. BLUT: Briefly, Your Honor.	
18		Mr. Johnson took all my questions.	
19		CROSS-EXAMINATION	
20	BY MR. BLUT:		
21	Q	Mr. Nype, earlier when we were looking at	
22	Exhibit 60001, this is e-mails between you and David		
23	Mitchell	it will be when I from September of 2006; right?	
24	А	Yes, sir.	
25	Q	And this is David Mitchell not agreeing with what	
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it up on my screen. And I would refer to page 26, and if we

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you on page 26? Did I misstate I think --

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THE COURT: What paragraph number are we going to?

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MR. MUIJE: I'm looking at the heading for this claim for relief.

THE COURT: Which would say fraudulent conveyance.

BY MR. MUIJE:

Okay. And is it your understanding, Mr. Nype, that in consultation with your counsel and your advisors that you decided to pursue fraudulent complaints conveyance claims against the defendants?

Α Yes.

And is that what this says?

Α Yes.

Okay. And if we go to the next page -- actually let's go down to page 29 of the overall document, 28 of the complaint. After setting forth various allegations and affirmance and predicates for fraudulent conveyance basis would

services of an attorney to prosecute this action, and plaintiff

is therefore entitled to reasonable attorneys' fees.

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A Absolutely.

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just highlighted there, there was a third claim mentioned. Can you read what that claim seeks.

- A So I'm reading 136?
- Q No, the heading.
- A The third claim for relief civil conspiracy.
- Q Okay. And we come down several paragraphs onto the next page, paragraph 143 -- actually make it 142 and 143.

A As alleged herein above upon information and belief defendant's conduct was wilful, knowing, intentional and malicious as a matter of law entitling plaintiff to recover exemplary damages in the amount in excess of \$10,000.

Q Is it your understanding as a layman that you would normally not be entitled to recover punitive damages unless there was intentional malicious misconduct directed against you?

MR. BOSCHEE: Objection. Calls for a legal

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1 Now, Mr. Johnson asked you further about the original 2 Aquarius Plaza transaction, the sale of the property from 3 LiveWork to 305 and in turn to taking back a note. On its face 4 looking at that escrow document and assuming there's appraisals 5 to back it up, that would appear to be a reasonable, fair, and nonfraudulent transaction; correct?

- Α The 305 piece?
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- Α Yes.
- Was there anywhere in the public records office or on the recorder's office where you would have access that you would see that simultaneously on the same day 305 in turn leased it back to a newly created entity owned by Mr. Liberman and Mr. Mitchell?
 - No. Α
- And when you ultimately discovered that not only had that note arisen as part of the transaction, but there had never been a payment made on that note --
 - Α Right.
 - -- did that give you cause to be suspicious?
 - Α Certainly.
- And how about when you discovered that it was leased back to a related party, in fact, related back to the seller and that no lease payment had ever been made, would that give raise to suspicion?

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Q Am I correct in stating that the first you ever heard about that was approximately the time of Mr. Liberman's October 2018 deposition when the auditor's financials of

A That's when they were first produced.

Second Avenue Associates were first produced?

Q And you had no inkling about a leaseback or default on that note?

A No.

Q And even if you had gone down every week and examined the records and looked at the records again the next week, you would not have seen a foreclosure on that \$5 million LiveWork note because LiveWork never foreclosed on that secured promissory note, did they?

MR. BOSCHEE: Objection, Your Honor, leading.

THE COURT: Overruled.

THE WITNESS: I believe that they did not ever give up their rights to that note.

BY MR. MUIJE:

Q So then absent our vigorous discovery efforts, can you think of any other way you might have learned that the face of the transaction was not an accurate depiction of what was really going on?

A I don't think there's anything that I would have had any knowledge of prior to just prior to Mr. Liberman's

deposition when you received that discovery.

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Q Okay. You've never denied at any point that belatedly in litigation, which started in 2007 tax returns were ultimately produced by LVLP; correct?

A I gather that they were. I didn't -- I didn't spend a great deal of time; it wasn't the focus of our first litigation.

Q And I understand that it wasn't the focus, but in asking you about it over the periods of time and in various depositions it's come out that those were produced; you've never denied that; correct?

A No, I don't.

Q But as I recall, your indication and testimony and deposition and otherwise was a -- it was belatedly produced after vigorous discovery efforts and I believe a motion to compel; am I correct?

A All of that is true. The discovery was even more of a disaster in the first case than the one we are currently in with delays and things.

Q And when you had that, I believe that tax return -let's put it up and let's look at it again 10002. And you said
that wasn't the focus of what you were doing in the first case;
what was the focus of the first case and why did you hire
Mr. Rich to assist in that?

A Well, the focus was twofold in the first case. First

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it was to show that the actions that I had taken on behalf of Las Vegas Land Partners were not the functions of a broker. And the second was to prove that the contractual terms of 4 percent and 1 percent were indeed reflective of the market for the services I provided and were judged to be fair and just compensation.

Okay. So if I understand correctly, their lawsuit against you was to have some kind of a judicial declaration that since you didn't have a brokerage license they didn't have to pay you; is that --

Α Correct.

And your countersuit was, I'm definitely entitled to be paid and this is the value of my services?

Α Correct.

Okay. And Mr. Rich's report although it does acknowledge and suggest that he has seen those tax returns, doesn't draw major conclusions. The bulk of his report is an analysis of the fee that you would have earned; correct?

That was the purpose of Mr. Rich's involvement in the first case.

Now, I believe Mr. Johnson had referred you to a schedule in this document where they were talking about capital gains or net gains, and I'm trying to find that page.

MR. MUIJE: Can you help me, Counsel?

MR. K. JOHNSON: We looked at page 15, and that

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good fortune 37 and a half million dollars in gains on the

property sells; does that appear correct?

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14 million or even 15 million to its owners, is that out of line?

So if a company gains \$34 million and distributes

Mr. Rich made that point continually. Α

Okay. And was there anything that you or Mr. Rich, knew or that Mr. Rich communicated to you that suggested that these distributions in 2007 and rendered the company insolvent based on what you knew at that time?

Α Absolutely not.

And Mr. Rich's report I think suggested that LiveWork and -- was involved as a affiliated or subsidiary entity. Did it talk about Wink?

Α In this document?

In this document or the report we just looked at the Q 9789 (sic).

I don't believe so. Α

Did it talk about Meyer Properties? Q

Α I don't believe so.

Did you have any reason to believe that the dozen or so affiliated companies of which we've named eight or nine were filing under one tax return, disregarded entities and basically were being operated without separate bank accounts or anything

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- A I had no idea of bank accounts or any of that.
- Q Okay. So the concept of alter ego and the fact that this might have all been just one big pot wasn't an issue in the first case, was it?
 - A No, not at all.
- Q And that was no evidence to you to suggest it was because you didn't have a list of disregarded entities?
 - A Correct.
- Q And you didn't have evidence that would suggest that despite 37 and a half million dollars in real estate investment gains that the company had knowingly rendered itself insolvent; correct?
 - A No, I had no idea.
- Q Okay. Moving on to the basic report then, and I believe that's 70079, do you have that right in front of you?
 - A (No audible response.)
 - Q Oh, 90079. My bad. And then the newer one -MR. MUIJE: Could you pull that up, Counsel, because
- 20 I don't think we have access to it yet.
 - MR. K. JOHNSON: Yeah. Not a problem.
- 22 BY MR. MUIJE:
 - Q Now, the first time you've -- is this the first time today that you've seen that report since approximately it appears to have been served in August of 2011? Was it used at

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So even though he did a report and even though it was helpful as a basis for establishing fair compensation, it wasn't, per se, part of the record to your knowledge; is that correct?

Α No, he never appeared in court.

Okay. And, in fact, even if he had, his testimony would have been in line with this report that legitimately looking at the market factors and the various components of the transaction, your compensation value was determined at and there's a multimillion dollar number in the report; I saw the first time I passed through, and I believe your success beyond the initial capital raise, and this is on page 10, he calculates as \$3,294,302.99; do you see that?

MR. K. JOHNSON: Sorry. Just a sec.

THE WITNESS: Not yet, but I think I will.

MR. MUIJE: We've got to get to page 10 of the

A-16-740689-B | Nype v. Mitchell | 2020-01-06 | BT Day5 1 document. 2 MR. K. JOHNSON: Sorry. It's not numbered. 3 MR. MUIJE: I'm sorry. 4 MR. BLUT: Your Honor, it may be belated asked and 5 answered. This is the exact figure that Mr. Nype this morning 6 testified to. I don't know why we're -- it seems like it's 7 asked and answered. 8 THE COURT: Overruled. 9 MR. MUIJE: Okay. Your -- are we on page 10 of this? 10 MR. K. JOHNSON: Yes, this is page 10, I think. 11 THE WITNESS: Right. You're talking about 4 percent --12 BY MR. MUIJE: 13 Oh, there you go, right in the middle of the 14 15 paragraph. 16 Α Right. I see it. 17 Yeah. Do you see this middle paragraph with the word Q 18 that says after a review of the relevant documents? 19 Α Yes. 20 And his conclusion was pretty close to your rough 21 calculation based on your understanding of the original terms 22 that existed between LVLP on the one hand and you and First 23 Wall Street on the other; correct? 24 Yes. I didn't have a calculator. It's 4 percent of 25 the 82 million figure.

1	Q And 1 percent for the debt capital raised, and you
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4	Q that subsequently there were additional
5	transactions which would have made that fee even higher;
6	correct?
7	A Yes, that fee, Judge Israel agreed for the full value
8	of the it was a \$5.2 million number.
9	Q Okay.
10	MR. K. JOHNSON: Do you want me to take this off now,
11	Counsel?
12	MR. MUIJE: And yeah, you can take it down. I'm
13	sorry.
14	And I have no further redirect.
15	THE COURT: Any more questions for Mr. Nype?
16	MR. BOSCHEE: I do.
17	THE COURT: Of course.
18	RECROSS-EXAMINATION
19	BY MR. BOSCHEE:
20	Q Mr. Nype, did you did I write this note correctly,
21	I think you just said that you don't believe LiveWork ever gave
22	up its rights in the promissory note; right?
23	A I say that having sat in the courtroom and that being
24	discussed over the last number of days.
25	Q Fair enough. And because you and you have been
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A-16-740689-B | Nype v. Mitchell | 2020-01-06 | BT Day5 1 here for the entire trial; right? 2 Yes, I have. Α 3 Okay. You also recall the testimony that absent the 4 lease agreement there would have never been a Heartland loan, 5 and there would have never been a carryback note because there would have been a sale; correct? 6 7 I heard that point of view, and I heard other points Α 8 of view. 9 Okay. Is your belief that LiveWork never gave up its 10 rates in the note is based upon the fact that LiveWork never 11 signed the 2014 global settlement agreement; correct? 12 I don't want to limit myself to that, but I believe 13 that that's what Mr. Rich suggested. 14 Okay. Remember earlier we looked at the First Wall 15 Street letter that you got that set forth your agreement with 16 First Wall Street? 17 A I do. 18 You didn't sign that, did you? Q 19 No, I didn't sign it. Α 20 Okay. And Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Liberman didn't sign 21 that letter either, did they? 22 Α Mr. Mitchell signed that letter. 23 Signed the -- your letter from --Q 24 Α First Wall Street -- the First Wall Street. 25 Q -- from First Wall Street?

A-16-740689-B | Nype v. Mitchell | 2020-01-06 | BT Day5 1 Well, it's not my letter --Α 2 Q Okay. 3 Α -- that's a letter from First Wall Street. 4 But you believe that you were bound -- that that 5 document memorialized your agreement with First Wall Street and 6 memorialized the terms of the deal even though you didn't sign 7 it; right? 8 I believe that that letter represents what First Wall 9 Street believed to be fair and just compensation. I'm not 10 sure --11 Q Right. 12 -- I'm not trying to play a game with you, I promise. 13 No, and I'm not playing a game with you; I'm just 14 trying to get a little clarity here. You -- that was your deal 15 with First Wall Street for compensation on the sales of the 16 property even though you didn't sign the letter; right? 17 Α That letter was not -- that letter that was signed by 18 Mr. Mitchell --19 Q Yes. 20 -- was not my deal, that was First Wall Street's 21 deal. 22 Okay. But it detailed what you're going to get paid, Q 23 didn't it? 24 Α I believe it did --25 Q Right. JD Reporting, Inc.

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MR. BOSCHEE: Okay.

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THE COURT: Come on up. And the answer is I always consider motions that are made.

MR. BOSCHEE: Well, I understand but.

MR. MUIJE: Your Honor, can we also use the break to decide oral argument versus briefing?

THE COURT: Uh-huh.

(Colloquy off the record)

MR. MUIJE: Me and -- Mr. Johnson and I have stipulated to get -33 in.

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               MR. BOSCHEE: No.
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               THE CLERK: Your Honor, they're stipulating to 30033.
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               THE CLERK: 3063 (sic).
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               THE CLERK: No, I need to crosscheck with you the --
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A-16-740689-B | Nype v. Mitchell | 2020-01-06 | BT Day5 THE CLERK: I will not. 1 2 (Pause in the proceedings.) 3 THE CLERK: Your Honor, I'm sorry. They're 4 stipulating to 7059 (sic) and -60. 5 THE COURT: It'll be admitted. (Plaintiffs' Exhibit Number(s) 70059-70060 admitted.) 6 7 (Pause in the proceedings.) 8 THE CLERK: Your Honor, 8029 (sic) stipulating to 9 admission. 10 THE COURT: So admitted. 11 (Defendant Exhibit No. 80029 admitted.) THE CLERK: Thank you. 12 13 (Pause in the proceedings.) 14 THE CLERK: So you want 8050 (sic) in? 15 MR. BOSCHEE: Yeah. 16 THE CLERK: Your Honor, may we? THE COURT: So admitted. 17 (Defendant Exhibit No. 80050 admitted.) 18 19 THE CLERK: Thank you. 2.0 (Pause in the proceedings.) 21 THE COURT: Counsel, have you finished your review of 22 the exhibits to determine if you believe all of the exhibits 23 you think are in evidence are in fact in evidence? 24 MR. MUIJE: Yes, we have, Your Honor, and I think all 25 counsel are in harmony that everything we think has been JD Reporting, Inc.

THE COURT: Are there any additional witnesses or

MR. MUIJE: Not at this time, Your Honor. Plaintiff

admitted is admitted, and everything we think shouldn't be

admitted has not been admitted.

rests.

THE COURT: The plaintiff has rested.

documents you have to present at this time, Mr. Muije?

MR. BOSCHEE: Judge, would you entertain a motion for a directed verdict on behalf of 305?

THE COURT: This would be the time that those motions would be made.

MR. BOSCHEE: All right. Briefly. Your Honor, you might recall about six or seven weeks ago I stood at this podium on my motion for summary judgment, and the primary thrust of losing that motion I think was Mr. Rich. So I've turned back to Mr. Rich today. I looked at the evidence that was presented by the plaintiff, and I look at what Mr. Rich actually said, the evidence presented did not show, did not prove certainly to the preponderance of the evidence that needed to be shown, but did not prove that Barnet Liberman exercised any control over the entities to claim alter ego liability.

But more importantly than all that, Mr. Nype today confirmed what his expert said that the 305 initial transaction was not a fraudulent transfer in his mind and also Mr. Rich

confirmed, and I asked him a couple of times and he didn't want to go there, but he had to, that Las Vegas Land Partners as a result of both Charleston Casino Partners not paying rent and the 2014 settlement agreement was rendered more solvent not less solvent by the actions that were undertaken.

So Las Vegas Land Partners actually had more money that would have been available to pay Mr. Nype's judgment in 2015 than it would have otherwise even if all the plaintiffs other allegations are true. The alter ego, the conveyances, everything Las Vegas Land Partners actually had more money confirmed by Mr. Rich than it should have had had Charleston Casino Partners paid the rent, and then the note payments had been made. The loan forgiveness coupled with the note forgiveness actually left Las Vegas Land Partners with more money. Coupled with the fact that Las Vegas Land Partners never actually paid rent and had money collected from the tenants, that was money Las Vegas Land Partners had and it would have had and should have had to pay Mr. Nype's judgment.

Now, what Las Vegas Land Partners did with that money, what Mr. Liberman and Mr. Mitchell did in distributing and everything else is not 305's problem. For purposes of proving the claims that are at issue Mr. Muije had to establish certain elements, and then the last one of all is damages, and Las Vegas Land Partners was more solvent than less solvent, and therefore, I believe at the close of evidence he has not proven

this case against 305, and the verdict should be directed in my favor. Thank you.

THE COURT: Thank you.

Mr. Muije.

MR. MUIJE: Couple of points first of all, and I'd like to show one item here that is in evidence. We didn't argue it or go extensively, but I'd like to pull up if we could briefly 8004 (sic).

THE COURT: Thank you.

MR. MUIJE: And 8004 (sic) is about a 50-page exhibit, Your Honor, and what it constitute as Henry Marquise billings over a span of several years including 2014 period as well as subsequently. And one of the statements that Mr. Boschee makes is well, gee, nobody showed that Barnet Liberman had influence, control, somehow was the alter ego as to 305.

Well, as we scroll down, and I've already got them in my PowerPoint, there's about a dozen checks covering both Casino Coolidge as well as 305 where Mr. Liberman is paying personal checks for the attorneys' fees of those entities to Mr. Marquis. So at a minimum I think we have a misstatement by Mr. Boschee that Barnet Liberman was somehow an innocent third party. And there are checks on 305 matters there that are written personally by Mr. Liberman.

Now, the other major item, he makes a couple major

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arguments, he says LVLP was more solvent at that time. The evidence establishes that by 2014 we also have LVLP paying its attorneys' fees with personal checks and credit cards from Mr. Mitchell. If they were so solvent, where was the cash? It wasn't. In fact, their tax returns demonstrate that they were very cash poor at the end of 2014 when this settlement occurred.

And why were they cash poor among other things?

Because even though they were playing this shell game and defrauding their own investors, they walked away from potentially 12 and a half-million dollars in assets personally guaranteed by Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Liberman in favor not only of 305, which could have collected that money and then used it for the benefit of their investors, but also in order to the benefit of LiveWork, Heartland Bank and ultimately LVLP.

They made a sweetheart deal to reduce the overall indebtedness, but they take no consideration. It was a transfer. It was a transfer that consummated when they wrote off both obligations, both the note as well as the lease of the back past due rents, and those were guaranteed by Mitchell and Liberman.

Had they exercised ordinary common business judgment, they could have recovered millions more, much of which would have been available not only to satisfy Mr. Nype's claims, but also to provide a much bigger rate of return for their own

limited partners who for better or worse are not getting the data they're entitled to from their fiduciaries.

At this point we're not contending the original transfer, the \$25 million sale in '07 was a fraudulent conveyance. A fraudulent conveyance is a transfer that -- but the transfer is to find under NRS 112 can include the cancellation of debt which occurred in 2014. That's where the major problem there is.

If one looks at Magliarditi the recent Nevada Supreme Court decision which I attached to my opposition to Mr. Boschee's motion for summary judgment, the Nevada Supreme Court told us two and a half months ago a transfer from an alter ego, a subsidiary to a third party can be a fraudulent conveyance, and it is actionable by a harmed creditor.

So we go back to day one. These guys knew Mr. Nype was looking for multiple millions for his services as early as fall of 2006, and yet they structured everything that when the smoke cleared LVLP, the entity, their purported entity was insolvent and couldn't pay, couldn't pay the capital costs with Forest City, couldn't pay the obligations that were necessary to close things, and again this is only 305's motion.

But the fact of the matter is Mr. Nype's damages are the assets conveyed away, including the forgiven note, and it accrued interest thereon, which I think from their own financial statements was 10.6 or \$10.9 million that they could

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or should have recovered from their own affiliated entity 305 owed that to LiveWork and never paid it.

Your Honor, the facts don't support dismissal. fact, I would say preponderance of the evidence shows that 305 through Mr. Chamberlin kowtowing to his long-term friend Barnet Liberman are in fact quilty. I wish I could direct a verdict in favor of the plaintiff, but I think there is disputed evidence, and I think the Court has to weigh it. So I would move and urge denial of 305's motion for a directed verdict.

THE COURT: Mr. Boschee.

MR. BOSCHEE: Until the very end I don't disagree with anything Mr. Muije said candidly. I don't think that -- I don't know that Las Vegas -- I'm going to come to the podium, sorry. I don't know that what Las Vegas Land Partners did or did not do was not -- does not make them liable or actionable in this case. I don't know that what Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Liberman did in terms of their distributions makes them liable to Mr. Nype on the claims.

What I do know is the actions of 305, just the actions of 305 per Mr. Rich, who said it twice because I asked him twice, left Las Vegas Land Partners more solvent than it should have been. There was 11 and a half-million dollars worth of rent owed to 305. There was a little over \$6.9 million worth of note.

Las Vegas Land Partners came off \$5 million better in

the losing the note as -- or losing the note and losing their lease than it should have been. And it made again per Mr. Rich's testimony millions of dollars at least \$300,000 a year for seven years collecting rent and not paying it to 305.

So there are -- at the end of the day fraudulent conveyance whether Harry Marquis was getting paid by one of the general partners or not, there's no damage that 305 caused that Mr. Nype can prove, and, therefore, even if there is alter ego, even if there -- there's fraudulent conveyances on other aspects of this, the damages those support it and therefore 305 has to be dismissed. Thank you.

THE COURT: Thank you. The motion is granted because 305 Las Vegas, LLC's, failure to collect the rent that would have been due from Las Vegas Land Partners does not cause any damage to the plaintiff.

Anything else?

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MR. BOSCHEE: No, Your Honor.

THE COURT: Mr. Edwards?

MR. EDWARDS: Yes, Your Honor. First of all, we have a motion for a directed verdict or a motion for judgment on the pleadings on the evidence for Mitchell Holdings. Mr. David Mitchell testified that Mitchell Holdings had nothing to do with any of the transactions that applied in this case. It's not even on the same bank account. It was set up several years before he even came to Las Vegas.

There has been no evidence produced by the plaintiffs which would suggest that Mitchell Holdings was somehow part of this grand asset protection scheme. Because there has been a lack of evidence, we would ask that the Court grant a directed verdict against Mitchell Holdings.

THE COURT: Mr. Muije.

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MR. MUIJE: Your Honor, you find signature blocks and signatures all over every document in this case just about citing Mitchell Holding. We have testimony both from Mr. Mitchell as well as from Mr. Rich that the employees of Mitchell Holding who were providing gratuitous service for the affiliated entities weren't being properly allocated, properly charged, et cetera. And most important, if you look at the fraudulent backdated engagement letters, two employees of Mitchell Holdings got, I believe and I want to say Sarah, Kirstin -- Samantha Gergan are forwarding and complicit in the creation of documents intended to defraud the Court and lead to spoliation of the evidence and concealment of the evidence, evidence which we have never managed to obtain.

And, in fact, I'd like to make a countermotion under Bass Davis that the Court find that the intentional misconduct of the various defendants including LVLP, David Mitchell, and Mitchell Holdings was complicit --

THE COURT: I can't do anything against LVLP, remember?

MR. MUIJE: You're correct, Your Honor.

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MR. MUIJE: They were -- they were co-conspirator,

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So we would urge that countermotion as well. certainly we would urge denial of Mitchell Holdings because they're up into the misconduct and it's co-mingling and administering these affairs totally and completely. And Mr. Rich replied to that. He said, yeah, they're not a

MR. EDWARDS: I have a motion for a directed verdict 1 2 on the claims, the attorneys' fees. According to the Pardee 3 Homes versus Wolfram 444 P 3d, 4/23/2019 case basically 4 attorneys' fees must be specifically pled if you're going to 5 allege and try to claim them as special damages. The Court, I 6 believe counsel's against awarding attorneys' fees when there's 7 just the uniform -- asks for attorneys' fees in the -- as a 8 summary as, you know, the parties needed to hire an attorney to 9 prosecute this action. I have the specific language, Your 10 Honor.

THE COURT: It's okay. I don't need it.

MR. EDWARDS: Okay.

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THE COURT: I know it unfortunately.

MR. EDWARDS: All right. Your Honor, we don't believe that the amended complaint has special pled the attorneys' fees as special damages and therefore we ask those -- that claim be dismissed.

MR. BLUT: We join that, Your Honor.

THE COURT: And Mr. Boschee doesn't talk anymore.

Mr. Muije.

MR. MUIJE: Response, Your Honor.

Again, during the course of the case what we have established, and I point to Court at the documents, and again, I actually was counsel for short time in that Wolfram matter. I understand it's been heavily contended. I have not read that

new decision yet which would be interesting. But even if the Court were to find under that holding that as special damages the fees are not awardable, I would urge that any denial of attorneys' fees as special damages be without prejudice to raising the issue under NRS 18.010 sub 2, because we've demonstrated by a document created by Mr. Mitchell that their purpose and their goals in these proceedings was to delay and run up Mr. Nype's costs, that's 5042 (sic) on page 6.

I don't know -- another damning declaration against interest that, yeah, you know, we may owe this. We've known we owed it from day one, but we're just going to wear the man down and delay everything until he gives up.

And so if the Court is inclined to deny fees based on our request for an award of fees as special damages, I would ask that that be without prejudice to filing a posttrial motion for fees under NRS 18.010 sub 2 -- B2.

THE COURT: Thank you.

Anything else, Mr. Edwards?

MR. EDWARDS: Yes, Your Honor. What -- what exhibit was that?

MR. K. JOHNSON: Doesn't go up to --

MR. MUIJE: 5042 (sic).

MR. K. JOHNSON: Oh, -42.

THE COURT: The e-mail from the attorney who said let's get Judge Israel who's lazy to delay it?

MR. EDWARDS: Exactly.

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THE COURT: You know I read them.

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you know, whatever language he wanted to use, whatever

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that's -- that's the case.

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THE COURT: Anything else?

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MR. EDWARDS: Mitchell said it wasn't his idea. So.

MR. EDWARDS: Okay. My point is is that's -- that's

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And secondly, the Supreme Court's clear, you know,

THE COURT: So the allegations contained in the

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that they have to -- they have to allege special damages for

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amended complaint do contain sufficient allegations to permit

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So we've now rested and done the motion practice. Do

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the defendants have any additional witnesses or evidence that you would like to present at this time?

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MR. BLUT: No, Your Honor.

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MR. H. JOHNSON: No, Your Honor.

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THE COURT: Okay. Do you think after reviewing the evidence when you were up here with Mr. Muije that all the exhibits you wanted in evidence are in fact in evidence?

MR. BLUT: Yes, Your Honor.

MR. H. JOHNSON: Yes.

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THE COURT: Okay. So do you rest?

MR. BLUT: Yes, Your Honor.

MR. H. JOHNSON: Yes.

THE COURT: Okay. And since they rested without calling any additional witnesses, I'm not going to ask you for a rebuttal case.

MR. MUIJE: Understood, Your Honor.

THE COURT: You told me you wanted to break this afternoon now and come back in the morning at 9:30 and then work as much as we can except for Mr. Boschee, who's going to now go to trial prep for Monday's trial to get ready for your closing arguments; is that right?

MR. K. JOHNSON: Correct.

THE COURT: If you have any supplementing findings of fact that you would like me to consider, e-mail the new ones only to my office by 9:00 o'clock tomorrow morning in Word format. Just the new ones. E-mail them to Dan, and he'll get them to me.

MR. MUIJE: Very good, Judge.

THE COURT: Okay. Anything else?

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