## IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

In the matter of:

JAY KVAM,

Appellant,

VS.

BRIAN MINEAU; and LEGION INVESTMENTS, LLC,

Respondents.

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Supreme Court Case No. 81422

District Court Case No. CV1800764

**JOINT APPENDIX** 

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APPEAL FROM AN ORDER GRANTING PARTIAL SUMMARY JUDGMENT, INCLUDING SUMMARY JUDGMENT ON APPELLANT'S SEVENTH CAUSE OF ACTION FOR INJUNCTIVE RELIEF IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, WASHOE COUNTY, THE HONORABLE LYNNE K. SIMONS, DISTRICT JUDGE

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THE COURT: Be seated please. For the record this is CV18-00764, entitled Jay Kvam versus Brian Mineau. This is the time set for the hearing on the Motion to Dismiss the Counterclaim. So state your appearances please.

MR. MATUSKA: Michael Matuska for the plaintiff, Jay Kvam. And Jay Kvam is present with me today.

THE COURT: All right.

MR. SWEET: Austin Sweet of the Gunderson Law Firm on behalf of the defendants. And with me is Brian Mineau.

THE COURT: Good afternoon. You may begin.

MR. MATUSKA: Do you have a preference on whether I address the court from here or -- from the podium?

THE COURT: Whatever you want to do. I don't know who put that there.

MR. MATUSKA: This is fine for me then. Thank you. May it please the court, I thought I would address the chronology a little bit to explain how we get where we are at today.

THE COURT: I read the material. So --

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MR. MATUSKA: Okay. Well, I think the dates do play a factor here. And part of the Motion to Dismiss is based on the issue that the current -- First Amended Counterclaim raised some of the same problems that were in the first version of the Counterclaim. But, if you have read the materials, your Honor, you are aware then that the terms of the agreement for this investment were signed in February of 2017. Mr. Kvam filed his Verified Complaint on April 4th of 2018, had various causes of action for declaration of a joint venture, alternative claims for recision and reformation or for breach of contract, breach of covenant of good faith and accounting and requested remedies including a court-supervised winding up and injunctive relief and all pled as a derivative action.

The defendants filed an Unverified Answer and Counterclaims on June 5th, 2018.

Mr. Kvam moved to dismiss the counterclaims.

Also moved to dissolve this joint venture or investment project, however, we wish to characterize it.

Actually the motion for dissolution was a little bit of a misnomer. Our position is that he had already withdrawn and the request was for the court just

to order the final accounting and the winding up.

But the court denied the motion for dissolution on September 4th and stated that the record does not support adjudication of the issues at this time. And then on September 5th the court granted in part and denied in part the Motion to Dismiss the original rendition of the counterclaims.

Specifically the court dismissed the allegations regarding the unrelated investment company Atlas. But then on October 5th we get the new First Amended Counterclaim. And that's the specific reason why we are today.

A little bit of a side note, the First

Amended Counterclaims are not even a pleading. And I put
that in a footnote, your Honor. If it's an issue we can
address that. I think that there are larger issues
though.

But ostensibly those counterclaims don't even put -- don't even place the issues before the court. It simply is not a pleading.

But the First Amended Counterclaims repeats many of the defects that were in the original version of the counterclaims, including that they are unclear in material respects. They contained two new statements of

fact, if you want to count them as two. One just -- one just adds more specific allegations about the unrelated investment company.

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But then there was a new allegation about pipes bursting. And those two allegations are repeated throughout the First Amended Counterclaims.

First Amended Counterclaims also maintain a cause of action for fraud, which is actually a cause of action for fraudulent -- for fraudulent concealment. And the distinction is important because fraudulent concealment requires a fiduciary duty by the party being accused.

The First Amended Counterclaims do not allege a fiduciary duty on behalf of Mr. Kvam; therefore, there can be no cause of action for fraudulent concealment.

If they tried to bootstrap this to the joint venture concept, that the parties are partners in the joint venture, then they are admitting the joint venture, which so far they have tried not to do.

So that's a major problem with their counterclaims.

There is also a cause of action that Mr. Kvam breached the terms -- breached the February 2017 terms of agreement. And this is -- and that he breached the terms

of agreement by asking for his money back.

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And we didn't go to great lengths in our Motion to Dismiss, your Honor.

I think it is apparent. I did bring the restatement of contracts with me. Asking for money back is not a breach of contract. The breach of contract is a lack of performance.

I think what Mr. Mineau is trying to do is to say that he doesn't have to perform on his end, meaning repaying my client because he is trying to construct a breach of contract on behalf of my client; but the only breach of contract he has come up with is that my client predictably asked for his money back.

And, again, asking for money back is not a breach of contract. The breach of contract is a lack of performance.

They did not allege that any further performance is due from Mr. Kvam. You have the terms of agreement before you. No further performance is due from Mr. Kvam. Therefore, there can't be no breach of contract.

Their First Amended Counterclaim contains allegations regarding trespass from process servers, which is confusing and difficult. Process servers are

not parties to this case. And I did explain in our moving papers that Mr. Mineau is a resident agent for Legion. He is required by law to accept service of process.

He identified his house as the address at which to receive the service of process.

And it is hard to see how he can concoct a counterclaim against my client for refusing process at the address for -- at the registered address that he has on file with the Secretary of State.

Furthermore, there is not even an allegation that the process server proceeded beyond his porch. And going to someone's porch to leave process, I -- it is not trespass. But it has nothing to do with Mr. Kvam anyway.

There are additional allegations regarding conversion and trespass to chattels. Mr. Mineau now identifies the chattels as copper wiring and drywall.

And we know that copper wiring and drywall are fixtures that are part of the realty. They are not chattels. And as such there can be no claim for trespass, or chattels or conversion.

So it is not surprising that Mr. Kvam filed a new -- a Motion to Dismiss these defective counterclaims.

And when we keep in mind the dates that I was

just reviewing, your Honor, that this case was filed in April, we should be past the pleading stage.

We need to be at the prove-it stage and deciding which claims are going to survive for trial.

It is not sufficient at this stage to rest on the bare allegations of the counterclaims.

THE COURT: Was there any discovery done yet?

MR. MATUSKA: There was on our side. We made our request for discovery. We got responses. If fact, your Honor, the responses were not complete because they objected to giving us any information about that other investment company.

Yet it keeps showing up in their counterclaims. And that's going to be a major issue. And part of the reason, your Honor, why I filed this Motion to Dismiss and Motion for Summary Judgment is because I'm put in the position now where I have to make decisions such as do I pursue discovery and motions to compel regarding issues that I think are irrelevant and will not get to trial.

So it is our goal at this stage to decide which of these -- to see which of these counterclaims are going to survive for trial which we will need additional discovery on. And obviously, if Atlas is going to be

part of this, they need to provide the discovery on that. 1 But the --2 3 THE COURT: The reason I ask that question -and I'll ask counsel this. 4 5 You put in your pleadings the cutoff date on the electricity from the power company --6 7 MR. MATUSKA: Yes. THE COURT: -- being April something, which is 8 9 after the alleged fraudulent or -- bad conduct of your 10 client in leaving the -- or cutting off the electricity causing the pipes to freeze and break and destroy some of 11 12 the property inside. 13 Now, is that coming from you or is that coming from them or how do you get that? 14 15 MR. MATUSKA: Those exhibits were exhibits 16 that I received from them through our written discovery 17 request. 18 THE COURT: So you are far along enough --19 MR. MATUSKA: Yes. THE COURT: -- to get discovery. 20 21 MR. MATUSKA: Yes.

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with the money, the \$10,000 in the Atlas account, going

out and coming right back in.

THE COURT: And then the other one had to do

MR. MATUSKA: \$20,000.

THE COURT: Coming out and going right back in, right?

MR. MATUSKA: Right.

THE COURT: And that's from them also?

MR. MATUSKA: Those bank statements were, yes, your Honor. And I bring it up in those terms and relate it -- my opening statements back to the timing. Again, this case has been pending since April.

I made a deliberate point of focussing on the relative burdens when moving for summary judgment and responding to summary judgment.

And I hope that we are agreed that -- when the party bears the burden of proof at trial, they can't just rest on the allegations of their Complaint.

Jay Kvam, as the party moving against those counterclaims, could have just pointed out a lack of evidence in our record. The burden would have been on them to come forward and affirmatively -- produce admissible evidence to affirmatively support their counterclaims. And they didn't do it.

Now on those specific issues you just identified regarding the investment issue or transfer out of the bank account and the pipes bursting, we have

affirmatively disproved that or at least disproved that
that was my client's fault. We did not have to do that.

Mr. Mineau's side has the burden of
persuasion. In order to avoid summary judgment, they

persuasion. In order to avoid summary judgment, they have to present admissible evidence at this stage of the proceedings.

And, again, your Honor, we are past just the allegation stage. We are at the prove-it stage. And they have not offered one shred of admissible evidence to support a single cause of action in the counterclaims.

And I would submit, your Honor -- and understand, of course, that this is my viewpoint and my interpretation. But I view those counterclaims as filed to punish Jay Kvam for asking for --

MR. SWEET: Objection, your Honor. That's irrelevant to the motions pending. It is argumentative.

MR. MATUSKA: I'm arguing. May I argue?

THE COURT: You put that in your pleadings -- or in your motion.

MR. MATUSKA: Right. There is no evidence to support them. And I'm jumping ahead a little bit to Mr. Sweet's argument, I suppose. But he did not provide an affidavit from Mr. Mineau or other admissible evidence with his opposition. This case has been pending since

April.

What he did instead is provide his own affidavit asking for more time to conduct discovery.

And he did not identify why he hasn't conducted discovery to date. He did not identify what discovery he needs to conduct.

Nor is there any reason to think that

Mr. Kvam is going to help Mr. Mineau with those

allegations. The allegations in the counterclaims raise
issues that are within his personal knowledge.

Mr. Kvam is not going to be able to give him anymore information about the Atlas account or when the pipes burst. And if that's what his claim is based on, let's just get to summary judgment and get these Counterclaims dismissed so we can finish our discovery on the issues that are going to trial and get the trial scheduled.

I would add too that in our Reply brief we did address a little bit -- the standards or the burden that a party opposing summary judgment needs to meet in order to get an extension of time or to get -- or to defer the ruling on summary judgment.

It is not a given, just based on a request.

And if I can refer the court to the specific

cite, please.

THE COURT: Page nine.

MR. MATUSKA: Page nine of our reply? Right. First of all, even if this court granted it, the court is not denying our motion. It is deferring a ruling for a specific time for a specific part of discovery.

And, even, then only on a showing of why they haven't been able to produce that to date and a showing that it will produce the evidence that they need to oppose the summary judgment.

But Rule 56 F which allows additional time is not a shield to block a Motion for Summary Judgment.

They have to do so in good faith by affirmatively and demonstrating why you cannot respond or why affidavits are not available. And, again, your Honor, the only affidavits they need are from Mr. Mineau on their counterclaims.

So there is no evidence to support those claims. They should be dismissed at this stage. I can address any further questions the court may have. But I'm just going to conclude by referring right back to Rule 56. Summary judgment is not -- with all due respect -- it is not discretionary at this point. Rule 56 provides that summary judgment shall be rendered

forthwith if the pleadings and other evidence on file demonstrate an absence of a genuine issue of material fact.

So in the record before us Mr. Mineau failed to create a genuine issue of material fact on any one of his counterclaims. And in fact we have disproved the majority of the allegations in those counterclaims. So there really is nothing left to do except for to rule on what is in our record, your Honor.

THE COURT: All right. Let me hear from your opponent.

MR. SWEET: Thank you, your Honor.

THE COURT: Let me ask you this.

The electrical company's statements and the bank statements, don't they take out Atlas? And, if not, why not?

MR. SWEET: Well, they are two unrelated things. Let me start with the first. The electric statements, no, your Honor. The facts that are before us right now is we have a property manager who contacted Mr. Mineau on -- it was March 24th and said the power is off. Pipes are leaking.

MR. MATUSKA: Objection. This is hearsay and it is not in our record.

1 THE COURT: This is not in the record. 2 MR. SWEET: Your Honor, it is attached to our 3 opposition. MR. MATUSKA: There is a hearsay letter 4 5 attached to the opposition. These other statements are 6 not in the record. And that letter is not admissible. 7 It is hearsay. There are no affidavits. 8 MR. SWEET: Well, your Honor, I'll be happy to 9 get into the 56 F issue, if you would like. But I'll 10 address the question that you asked. The evidence that we have before us is as of 11 12 March 24th the power was off. Now, Mr. Kvam says, 13 didn't turn it off until April 6th." That's why we need 14 more discovery, your Honor. We don't know exactly what 15 happened. 16 THE COURT: When you say turned the power off, 17 you are talking about shutting down the meter so nothing 18 is measured as entering into the house. 19 MR. SWEET: Right.

company's records? Either it was or it wasn't.

get into discovery we can --

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THE COURT: Isn't that reflected in the power

MR. SWEET: I'm sure it will be. And once we

THE COURT: I thought you gave that to them.

MR. SWEET: We went on the account and pulled the bills from the company.

THE COURT: That's your position. You are

THE COURT: That's your position. You are refuting that. You should have proof of that before you accuse them of that.

MR. SWEET: Mr. Kvam admitted that he turned off the power. Now the dispute is, "Well, I didn't turn it off until April 6th." But the property manager said that when she showed up March 24th the power was already off.

So we don't have any information from the power company as to specifically when the power was turned off. We don't know that.

THE COURT: And you are talking -- what year is this?

MR. SWEET: 2018.

THE COURT: Since March until now you don't have any records of that?

MR. SWEET: Well, your Honor, getting back to the 56 F point, we haven't started the discovery yet because, contrary to what Mr. Matuska said, we are not at the prove-it stage. We are at the pleading stage. They have a motion to dismiss pending. We don't know what facts are disputed --

THE COURT: Rule 11 you are supposed to have information that justify the pleadings.

MR. SWEET: Again, your Honor, Mr. Kvam has admitted that he turned off the power. Let me take a step back and give you a little bit more factual history about what happened.

THE COURT: How about the Atlas, \$20,000?

MR. SWEET: Your Honor, I think this might
be -- an error that I made. And that's something that
again we need to address through discovery.

Mr. Kvam doesn't dispute that he paid off the Atlas credit card. It was my understanding from my discussions with my client -- and perhaps I was wrong and we need to figure that out -- that it was this \$20,000 on April 6th.

I'm not sure. It might have been the \$18,000 on February 12th, which is on the same statement.

And, again, this is -- there is no dispute, as I understand it, that Mr. Kvam paid off the Atlas credit card. He is just saying, "Well, I didn't do it on that day. And so your case should be thrown out because you got the date wrong.'

THE COURT: He is saying money wasn't taken out of the account.

MR. SWEET: No, he is not.

THE COURT: It is out one hour and a couple hours later it was put back in. Pay the bill and get the money back.

MR. SWEET: The transaction that I referenced in my pleading occurred on March 6th.

He says, "I didn't do that transaction."

What I believe his position will be once we actually get an answer is that it is the transaction on February 12th that he did.

So what happens is -- in the original pleading he said, "Well, you didn't give me a specific date."

And then in the amended pleading we provided a specific date, which perhaps was my error. And then he said, "Well, I didn't do the transaction on that date." He has not at all disputed that he paid off the Atlas credit card. That's not disputed. What he is saying is, "I didn't do it on that date."

THE COURT: But he was specifically accused of doing such and such on a certain date.

MR. SWEET: And, your Honor, again this is why -- we need more discovery. Because it may well have been my personal misunderstanding or miscommunication

between myself and my client. And, if that is the case, then I'll bear the responsibility for that.

The reason that we need discovery and that we haven't started the discovery, your Honor, is we are not at the prove-it stage; we are at the pleading stage.

And, again, this is one of those things that was to my understanding and to my client's understanding undisputed. And so we haven't done discovery on the issue of whether Mr. Kvam turned off the power or whether Mr. Kvam paid off the Atlas credit card bill, because those things aren't disputed. We have e-mails from Mr. Kvam saying, "Yeah, I turned off the power."

And it wasn't until getting the Motion to

Dismiss that we understood their argument that, "Well, I

turned off the power; but it was after all the pipes had

already broken. It was a week later."

Your Honor, that dispute of fact didn't come up until their Motion to Dismiss.

So that's why we haven't conducted discovery, and that's why discovery is necessary before a Motion for Summary Judgment is decided that was filed at the same time as the Motion to Dismiss.

We are still at the pleading stage; we are not at the prove-it stage.

THE COURT: Based on the pleadings and the admissions I heard this morning, just on the Motion to Dismiss, anything having to do with Atlas is out. And what was the other one?

MR. MATUSKA: Pipes bursting.

THE COURT: Yeah, the pipes.

MR. SWEET: The date on when he turned off the power.

THE COURT: Based on the pleadings. You have information that that's -- or they have information that you can't prove that.

MR. SWEET: Your Honor, I disagree. The credit card bill says that it went through a specific billing period. But it doesn't say anywhere on there when the power was turned off. And that's -- I believe the disputed fact, is we have a -- property manager who showed up on the property on March 24th and said, "The power is turned off."

And we have an admission from Mr. Kvam that he turned off the power. But now he is saying, "Well, I didn't turn it off until April 6th."

And because the final bill is issued on

April 6th doesn't mean that the power was turned off on

April 6th. And I believe in this bill it doesn't say

1 anywhere in here when the power was turned off. 2 It says when the bill was issued. And that's 3 a disputed fact that needs to be resolved through further 4 discovery, once we get through the pleading stage. 5 THE COURT: Is that a genuine material issue? 6 MR. SWEET: I believe it is, your Honor. 7 THE COURT: Based on your pleading, that's 8 what you are saying is fraud and you want punitive 9 damages for, right? 10 MR. SWEET: That's one of the things, yes. 11 THE COURT: Two of the things. That's the 12 only thing I read that has anything to do with anything. 13 MR. SWEET: There is the Atlas. 14 THE COURT: Those are the specific things that 15 you allege. MR. SWEET: Regarding Atlas and the power, 16 17 that's correct. 18 THE COURT: Anyway, I interrupted you. So go 19 ahead. 20 MR. SWEET: That's fine, your Honor. 21 circle back, Mr. Matuska said multiple times that we are 22 at the prove-it stage; we are past the pleading stage. 23 And that's simply not true. We are at the

pleading stage. This is a Motion to Dismiss.

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And the Motion to Dismiss was made against claims 5, 10 and 11.

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And I'll be happy to address those. But before that I wanted to make the broader point that there is no discovery deadline that's been set. There is no trial date that's been set. We are not past the pleading stage.

So the suggestion that we should have already hired our experts and resolved all of these factual disputes and taken all the discovery, I simply disagree with, your Honor. It hasn't been something that we have been dilatory regarding. We haven't got past the pleading stage. And no deadline has even been set. For us to start discovery when we don't even know what the factual or legal disputes are --

THE COURT: But I have to make a decision based on what's in front of me on the dismissal.

MR. SWEET: Let's go to that. The Motion to Dismiss was filed for claims 5, 10 and 11. The Fifth Claim For Relief, deceptive trade practices and the 10th Claim For Relief for fraud, the argument is that we did not sufficiently plead specific facts.

We have discussed those facts here today.

Your Honor I think is aware of them at this point. And I

believe we have adequately pled the facts that give rise 1 to those claims. And Mr. Matuska may disagree. I don't 2 want to belabor that point. If you have any questions, 3 I'll be happy to discuss them. 4 5 The 11th Claim For Relief, negligence, the 6 argument is that the Economic Loss Doctrine bars those 7 allegations and that only applies if there are purely 8 economic losses, not losses caused by damage to property. 9 Here we are --10 THE COURT: Let's go back to the Fifth Claim 11 For Relief, deceptive trade practices. You are alleging 12 the Atlas checking account was paid off. How is that a 13 deceptive trade practice? 14 MR. SWEET: Your Honor --15 THE COURT: This a partnership or joint 16 venture or what do you call this? 17 MR. SWEET: Your Honor, we call this a 18 contract. 19 THE COURT: A contract between whom? 20 MR. SWEET: It is not a partnership or joint 21 venture.

MR. SWEET: To an extent, yes.

expenses and were going to join in on the profits?

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THE COURT: Were they joining in on the

1	THE COURT: Doesn't that make it a
2	partnership?
3	MR. SWEET: Under the law I don't think it
4	does. It requires more than that to create a legal joint
5	venture partnership under Chapter 81, I think.
6	THE COURT: So what are you saying? Three
7	guys got together and contracted to do what?
8	MR. SWEET: Well, first of all, it was two
9	guys it was Legion Investments, Brian Mineau and Jay
10	Kvam.
11	THE COURT: That's right.
12	MR. SWEET: And Mineau was signing on behalf
13	of Legion is our argument and they disagree.
14	THE COURT: Who is this gentleman?
15	MR. SWEET: This is Brian Mineau, who is the
16	principal of Legion and he has been sued individually as
17	well.
18	THE COURT: And he is with Atlas.
19	MR. SWEET: Atlas and Legion both.
20	THE COURT: Yes.
21	MR. SWEET: I'll step back and give a little
22	history from our standpoint. We heard Mr. Kvam's
23	standpoint. Here is ours. This was an agreement between
24	Mr. Kvam and Legion Investments to purchase this

property, have it improved and sell it for a profit.

THE COURT: So they are the broker and -- he is the investor.

MR. SWEET: No. Your Honor, and wasn't that simple. They were going in on it together. Mr. Kvam invested some of the money. Mr. Mineau helped identify the property and helped facilitate the process. But Mr. Kvam was also the one who was directly communicating with the contractor, paid the contractor directly. In fact the contractor was staying in Mr. Kvam's home while he was performing the construction.

THE COURT: As I understand it, he had the money.

MR. SWEET: Yes. Yes, he put up the money.

THE COURT: How is that not a joint venture or partnership?

MR. SWEET: Under the law a joint venture or partnership requires about eight different elements and one of them is pooling money. But that's not the only one. There was no joint checking account.

THE COURT: They don't have to have all that stuff. You have to have an agreement to go in together on something, come up with the money and split the costs, the expenses and the profits, share the profits. That's

what makes the partnership.

MR. SWEET: And, your Honor, I apologize. I don't have those elements in front of me. We laid them out in our opposition to the motion for dissolution. And I don't have that in front of me today as far as the motions that are before the court.

But that motion was denied. And it was our position at the time and still is that a joint venture has not been established. What this was, was an agreement. And I understand it has elements of a joint ventures, but I don't think it has all of the elements. Regardless, your Honor --

THE COURT: Get back to the deceptive trade.

MR. SWEET: What we had was an agreement to try to make a profit by buying, fixing up and selling this property. At the end of the day the property was a loss. The sale was a loss. Now, there is a dispute over who caused that loss. There is a dispute over whose obligations there were to do what. Mr. Kvam says, "All my job was, was to front the money and, once I did that, Legion Investments was in charge of everything else."

We absolutely disagree. This was a -- agreement between two parties. And, as you can see from this terms of agreement, it is painfully inadequate.

1	THE COURT: Somebody gave me the agreement.								
2	Where is that at?								
3	MR. SWEET: It is attached to the motion as								
4	Exhibit 1, your Honor.								
5	THE COURT: Motion for dissolution.								
6	MR. SWEET: That's pending before us. The								
7	Motion to Dismiss and for summary judgment.								
8	MR. MATUSKA: It was provided with the Motion								
9	For Dissolution, if it's convenient for the court.								
10	THE COURT: I'm right there now. It wasn't								
11	Exhibit 1.								
12	THE CLERK: Your Honor, it might be attached								
13	to the Affidavit in Support For Motion For Dissolution.								
14	THE COURT: The one paragraph thing, Is that								
15	what we are talking about?								
16	MR. SWEET: That's it.								
17	THE COURT: Okay.								
18	MR. SWEET: Which I believe is the cause of								
19	most of these problems.								
20	THE COURT: "All parties are entitled to								
21	33.33 percent of net profit after expenses are accounted								
22	for with interest and funds disbursed. Initial purchase								
23	is being funded by Kvam," blah, blah, blah.								

Who paid the \$44,000 for the purchase price?

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1	MR. SWEET: Mr. Kvam paid that directly to us.									
2	THE COURT: Where is the first draw?									
3	MR. SWEET: There was a payment directed to									
4	the contractor by Mr. Kvam.									
5	THE COURT: And that's \$64,000. Second draw,									
6	\$20,000 payment. Who was that by?									
7	MR. SWEET: I'm not sure what you are looking									
8	at.									
9	THE COURT: April 14th, 2017.									
10	MR. SWEET: You are not looking at the terms									
11	of the agreement?									
12	THE COURT: There is an Exhibit A to it. It									
13	has second draw, \$20,000.									
14	MR. SWEET: Your Honor, I don't have that in									
15	front of me. It wasn't part of the motion that's pending									
16	before us. And what you are looking at I do not believe									
17	is part of the terms of the agreement, whatever you are									
18	looking at. The terms of agreement is one page.									
19	THE COURT: This is the Motion For Dissolution									
20	exhibits.									
21	MR. MATUSKA: Your Honor, that's at affidavit									
22	to the Motion For Dissolution and that's Mr. Kvam's									
23	summary of what he paid.									
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THE COURT: These are all his payments?

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1	MR. MATUSKA: Pardon?
2	THE COURT: These are all his payments
3	allegedly?
4	MR. MATUSKA: It is not alleged. It is
5	admitted in the discovery. We provided their admissions
6	their discovery admissions, with our Motion for Summary
7	Judgment.
8	THE COURT: How much discovery is going on
9	here?
10	MR. SWEET: There has been one written
11	discovery request for interrogatories, I believe, and a
12	request for production.
13	THE COURT: Has there been a joint case
14	conference?
15	MR. MATUSKA: Yes. And we have made our
16	initial disclosures and they have made theirs. We
17	provided our written discovery afterwards.
18	THE COURT: That's where that stuff is coming
19	in.
20	MR. SWEET: Correct.
21	THE COURT: What I had is a pre-trial
22	conference and setting of the trial.
23	MR. SWEET: Correct. And, your Honor, from
24	our standpoint that's we are still at the pleading

stage and so -- we are trying to figure out what is going to proceed into discovery. And we don't want to waste everyone's time on discovery facts or issues that are either irrelevant or undisputed.

THE COURT: So deceptive trade practice, how do we get to deceptive trade practices?

MR. SWEET: Under the statute deceptive trade practice occurs when somebody through the course of a transaction uses coercion, duress or intimidation in order to gain an edge. And it is our position that that's what occurred here. And we have properly pled that in the Complaint. That by what happened in this -- the facts under this case is Mr. Kvam essentially said, "This is taking too long. I want to liquidate the property and get my money back."

THE COURT: How much money did he put in at that time?

MR. SWEET: I don't know, your Honor. I don't have those facts front of me right now. Again, we haven't gone through discovery.

THE COURT: He knows. Didn't he tell you?

MR. SWEET: He put up that money. We are not disputing that he put up the money. The question is -
THE COURT: So if he asks for his money back

THE COURT: -- he is deceptively trading? It was an investment.

MR. SWEET: This was never a loan.

MR. SWEET: It was an investment. And investments don't happen overnight. Mr. Kvam apparently thought this was going to take six weeks and be done with it. When it took longer -- to give historical context, which it is not in the pleading because -- it is briefly mentioned in the pleading but not addressed in detail.

THE COURT: Chicago south side.

MR. SWEET: Right. And the contractor who was handling this, who is working --

MR. MATUSKA: This is way outside of our --

MR. SWEET: He was arrested out of state for apparently unpaid child support. So the issue is trying to find a new contractor to replace him. And that's not an easy thing to do on the south side of Chicago when you are an out-of-state investor.

It took longer than what was anticipated.

Mr. Kvam apparently, because there was another

transaction that went south between these individuals and

Mr. Kvam --

MR. MATUSKA: I object again, your Honor.

This is pretty far abroad.

THE COURT: Yeah. This is outside this case.

MR. SWEET: Well --

THE COURT: What's the deceptive -- I don't get the connect there.

MR. SWEET: It is not outside this case because it is in our pleadings. What happened is Mr. Kvam was upset with Mr. Mineau related to a different transaction. And so Mr. Kvam said, "I want out," and demanded that -- he apparently turned off the power to the property, demanded to be paid off immediately, even though the transaction was -- the project was still under way -- and also went off and paid off that credit card for Atlas which caused a cash-flow issue for Mr. Mineau to be able to cover what happened with Atlas.

So what happened was Mr. Kvam said, "I want out. And, if you are not going to pay me what I am demanding, even though I'm not owed it yet and I may not be owed it at all, because all we are doing is sharing the proceeds, which we don't know how much those are going to be yet, if you don't give me what I want right now, I'm going to make your life hell."

THE COURT: You are telling me on the record that the three of them had an agreement -- or the two of

1	them had an agreement and that agreement entailed that								
2	man over there, the plaintiff, investing his money and he								
3	had no claim to anything because there was no profit								
4	made? Is that what I heard?								
5	MR. SWEET: No, your Honor. He was entitled								
6	to the proceeds.								
7	THE COURT: The proceeds of what?								
8	MR. SWEET: The sale of the project.								
9	THE COURT: The profit.								
10	MR. SWEET: If there was profit. This was an								
11	investment. In this case there was no profit.								
12	THE COURT: And so far every dime was invested								
13	by the plaintiff, right?								
14	MR. SWEET: Correct. Of cash.								
15	THE COURT: And you are saying I still								
16	don't see where there is a deceptive trade practice.								
17	MR. SWEET: Your Honor, the								
18	THE COURT: Who is Atlas? What's did that								
19	benefit Atlas to get the card paid off, if he did it?								
20	MR. SWEET: No, your Honor. Atlas was another								
21	company that they had been working on together in a								
22	different transaction. They had essentially an								
23	interest-free loan that they were using for working								

capital. Mr. Kvam for reasons that I --

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MR. MATUSKA: I object. This is outside of our record, too. In fact, your Honor, in discovery we asked for this information of Atlas and they didn't provide it. So now he is trying to maintain his case based on credit cards of Atlas. Where are the credit cards for that company? I don't have the credit cards. I don't have the signatory statements. I don't have the credit card statements.

THE COURT: I assumed that I would be having these, but I didn't see them either.

MR. SWEET: Your Honor -- if there is a motion to compel, he would like to bring, he can bring it.

He didn't ask for those. What he asked for was Mr. Mineau's personal financial records, things that were completely unrelated to Mr. Kvam, years of tax returns that were completely unrelated to everything.

THE COURT: Don't you have to provide information that's going to help you establish your case or your defenses?

MR. SWEET: Yes, your Honor.

THE COURT: Well, Atlas is mentioned throughout here. So wouldn't that have caused you to give them whatever it is that you are claiming happened to Atlas or because of Atlas or for Atlas?

1	MR. SWEET: And we believe that we have, your								
2	Honor. And, again, if there is a discovery dispute,								
3	we'll be happy to address that. But that's not what's								
4	before the court today. And I'm not sure what								
5	Mr. Matuska believes they are entitled to that they								
6	haven't received. We haven't had a meet and confer. We								
7	haven't had a discovery motion. This is something that's								
8	being raised right now here today. And I'm not prepared								
9	to address it.								
10	THE COURT: But you are prepared to address								
11	the deceptive trade practices. I still haven't heard								
12	what that was.								

MR. SWEET: Well, your Honor, I believe I've made my record. If you disagree, then that's certainly your decision.

THE COURT: Okay. So we are finished with five? All right. Then let's go to six, abuse of the process.

MR. SWEET: Your Honor, that's not subject to any motion. But --

THE COURT: You are right. It was ten.

MR. SWEET: Ten.

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THE COURT: Fraud. And what's the fraud?

MR. SWEET: Again, your Honor, there are two

1 Accessing Atlas's bank accounts without any 2 authorization to do so. Causing a cash-flow problem 3 which required Legion and Mr. Mineau to use their own 4 funds to resolve that Cash-Flow problem or suffer dire 5 consequences on behalf of Atlas. 6 THE COURT: And by signing those pleadings, 7 you are affirming that that actually happened? MR. SWEET: Yes, your Honor. 8 9 THE COURT: Okay.

MR. SWEET: And I believe we have the evidence to prove it. And again I don't believe it is disputed.

THE COURT: Well, it was earlier.

MR. SWEET: And, again, your Honor, it is -if I got the date wrong, then, again, I'll accept that I
got the date wrong. But Mr. Kvam, I do not believe,
disputes that he paid off the credit card. He is saying,
"I didn't make that transaction on that date." So
perhaps I have the date wrong. But he doesn't dispute
that he paid off the credit card.

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THE COURT: And those are the only things that

are involved in the fraud, right?

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MR. SWEET: That and turning off the power to the property without notifying anybody, which we believe

1 caused the pipes to freeze. 2 THE COURT: And how is that a fraudulent act? 3 A bad act, but why is it fraud? 4 MR. SWEET: I believe that they have an 5 obligation to inform their -- they are calling them 6 business partners, joint venture partners, that, "Hey, I 7 turned the power off in the middle of winter in Chicago. 8 You should probably do something about that." 9 THE COURT: Wouldn't that hurt him as the 10 investor? 11 MR. SWEET: Yes, it would. 12 THE COURT: So he is committing financial 13 suicide is what you are saying? 14 MR. SWEET: I'm not saying it was rational, 15 but I believe it is undisputed. Mr. Kvam admits that he 16 did it. And he didn't tell anybody until Mr. Mineau 17 heard from his property manager and reached out to 18 Mr. Kvam and said, "Did you turn off the power to the property," and he said, "I did." 19 20 THE COURT: Can you defraud yourself? MR. SWEET: You can defraud your business 21 22 partners. 23 THE COURT: Partners? 24 MR. SWEET: Most of these allegations are

based on the allegation from Mr. Kvam that they were
business partners.

THE COURT: All right. So 10 and 5 seem to be

closely related. How about 11?

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MR. SWEET: They arise from the same facts, correct. Negligence, your Honor, again arises from the same facts. That's pled in the alternative, depending on whether there is evidence of Mr. Kvam intentionally intending to harm somebody or negligently doing so. But it arises from the same facts.

THE COURT: Well, if you intend to breach a contract, is that negligence?

MR. SWEET: No, your Honor. But, again, this is pled in the alternative. We don't believe that the terms of the agreement constitutes a contract because it is incomplete. And it is vague and ambiguous. It doesn't have all the necessary elements of a contract.

So if the finder of fact determines that there was no contract, then the negligence claim arises.

THE COURT: Finders of fact or the finders of law?

MR. SWEET: Again, it depends on what the issues are. I think it could be the finder of fact or the finder of law, depending where the dispute arises as

to the terms of this agreement. The terms of agreement to me are on their face vague and ambiguous and incomplete. If there is extrinsic evidence that resolves those ambiguities and completes the terms of the contract, then perhaps there will be a contract.

Perhaps the finder of law would determine that, because the writing itself, the terms of agreement, doesn't include all the necessary terms that, regardless of what the other parties intended, there is no written contract; but there right be equitable remedies available.

THE COURT: Parol evidence will supplement?

MR. SWEET: I believe so. So that's why we have pled a claim in the alternative.

So, your Honor, those -- I believe that covers the Motion to Dismiss. Again, I'm happy to elaborate on any of those claims, but I think we've discussed them at length.

So the Motion to Dismiss involves the fifth,

10th and 11th claims. We have discussed those. His

Motion for Summary Judgment, again, I believe it is

premature at this time. All the cases cited by

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THE COURT: Correct me if I am wrong. But even your first claim demanding the payment and turning off the property that, too, includes those two main actions: The turning off the power and paying off Atlas.

MR. SWEET: It includes them, yes.

THE COURT: All right.

MR. SWEET: Are you talking about the breach of contract claim?

THE COURT: Yes.

MR. SWEET: I don't believe that includes paying off Atlas.

THE COURT: Just the turning off the power.

The breach of the covenant of good faith and fair dealing is both of those actions, isn't it?

MR. SWEET: Again, I don't believe it involved Atlas. It involves turning off the power and again demanding performance before the property can be completed, before the remodel can be completed, and the project sold at a profit.

THE COURT: He wasn't demanding performance. He was demanding his money back, right, recision.

MR. SWEET: I don't believe it was recision.

I believe he was demanding his money back because it was

an investment. Our position is that you are not entitled to your money back; you are entitled to distribution of the proceeds when the project is completed in accordance with the distribution laid out in the terms of agreement.

Mr. Kvam said, "This isn't going the way I want. I am treating this now as a loan. And I demand one hundred percent of my money back."

And Mr. Mineau said, "I'm sorry. First of all, this project isn't complete. We are still trying to complete it and earn a profit for everybody. And, second, this was never a loan. If you want to liquidate the property and you can have the proceeds, then fine. We'll cut our losses and we'll all go our separate ways."

Your Honor, the evidence will show that that was a discussion that was had and that was the offer that was made.

THE COURT: Where is title? Who has title?

MR. SWEET: Legion Investments had title. So at the time we said, "If you just want to sell the property and you can have the proceeds and we'll all go our separate ways and we'll cut our losses, that's fine."

But Mr. Kvam said --

MR. MATUSKA: Now we are testifying about an offer it sounds like.

THE COURT: All right. Do you have anything else?

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MR. SWEET: As far as the motion for summary judgment goes, your Honor, I believe we have discussed it.

I believe this is premature at this time. We are still at the pleading stage, not the prove-it stage.

And we need discovery. And Mr. Matuska said that the affidavit attached to the opposition did not explain why discovery wasn't conducted or what discovery was needed.

Look at that declaration. And absolutely it explains what I have just explained to you. That we haven't even gotten past the pleading stage nor discovery deadline has been set. No trial has been set. That's why we haven't started discovery yet. And, once we do start discovery, we believe that Mr. Kvam will testify as to why he paid off Atlas's credit card, what transaction he believes it was, what authority he was acting under, why he did it.

As far as the turning off the power when he did it, why he did it, what authority he had to do it.

Why he didn't tell Legion that it had been done, what he believers the terms of agreement required him to do.

1 THE COURT: Is there relevance to it if, as he 2 said and as you allege, the damage was that period in 3 March and he turned off the electricity in -- sometime in 4 What's the relevance of that then? 5 MR. SWEET: If that proves to be the facts, 6 your Honor, then we will need to figure out what caused 7 the pipes to burst. Because I don't know. 8 THE COURT: You are accusing him of doing it. 9 Now you are finding out that it wasn't because the power 10 was turned off. 11 MR. SWEET: I still don't think that's the 12 Because the property manager --13 14 is the case then what do you do? 15

THE COURT: I'm saying hypothetically if that

MR. SWEET: We go to the property manager and say, "How come the power is off? You showed up on March 24th and the pipes are leaking and the power was off. What's your explanation?"

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When we received that information, Mr. Mineau reached out to Mr. Kvam and he said, "Yes, I turned the power off."

So now in this Motion to Dismiss we are now hearing him say, "Well, actually I didn't turn the power off until week later, so those dates don't line up."

That's a disputed fact and a question that needs to be resolved.

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THE COURT: And my question is, if it is shown that he wasn't there at the time and didn't do that, how would that affect your case. And evidently it won't.

MR. SWEET: Well, your Honor, if -- if it is determined after discovery that Mr. Kvam's action did not cause the pipes to burst, then I believe that aspect of the claim would be withdrawn. We are not trying to hold Mr. Kvam with something he didn't do.

But the facts that we understood them when the pleading was made and we still need discovery on were as of March 21st the pipes were broken and the power was off.

Mr. Mineau reached out to Mr. Kvam and said, "Did you turn the power off," and Mr. Kvam said, "Yes."

Now, if there was some intervening timeline in there that we don't yet know about, that's what discovery is for, your Honor.

THE COURT: All right. Anything else?

MR. SWEET: To address the final issue that brought us before the court today in the order for hearing, your Honor requested information regarding what the ultimate sale of the property would be, the impact

that it would have on this motion. And I don't believe it has any impact. As I explained, the agreement between the parties was buy the house, fix it up, sell it for a profit, distribute the proceeds.

THE COURT: And it was \$24,000 the amount of the sale proceeds?

MR. SWEET: Correct. After the listing agent was paid and a few other things. The actual sale was higher than that. But the proceeds were \$24,000. And, your Honor, it was -- the offer that was made was, "You get the proceeds. That's the deal. And we all go our separate ways."

And Mr. Kvam said, "I want all of my money back," and initiated this litigation.

So we have counterclaims related to that, mandatory counterclaims that we have brought. So it is our position that the maximum Mr. Kvam can recover at the end of the day would be the proceeds of the sale. That was the transaction. Had everything gone according to plan, obviously they would have incurred a profit.

But we have a loss.

And Mr. Kvam would have receive those proceeds.

But now we have counterclaims that could eat

into those proceeds and ultimately have the final judgment go in favor of the defendants, not in favor of Mr. Kvam.

And until we are able to determine where the money goes, those proceeds don't affect the ultimate claims at the end of the day. Any other questions I'll be happy to address them.

THE COURT: No. I got it all. Thanks.

MR. SWEET: Thank you, your Honor.

MR. MATUSKA: May I respond?

THE COURT: Reply.

MR. MATUSKA: I want to focus the court's attention to what is in the record.

The first thing being the term of agreement, which have been Exhibit 1 to our Motion For Dissolution, and again Exhibit 1 to the motion -- Motion to Dismiss and Motion for Summary Judgment.

"All parties are entitled to 33.33 percent of net profit after all expenses are accounted for, to include an interest due on funds disbursed. Jay Kvam is assigned any remedies. Initial funder, being Jay Kvam, will be due a seven percent annual return on any funds provided due from date of disbursement." So actually this is a two-part agreement. It is the joint venture

profit sharing agreement and it is a loan agreement.

And Mr. Mineau's only defense to date has been that the property hasn't sold and the funds were not yet due.

Guess what? The property has sold and he hasn't paid the funds. We had to find out about it on our own to bring the motion for temporary restraining order to prevent the conversion of those funds.

MR. SWEET: Objection, your Honor. That's not the record. Mr. Matuska and I discussed at length the stipulated injunction to hold those funds. And that offer was rejected. So after the TRO was entered, we deposited funds to the Court to resolve any dispute. So the allegation that he had to bring a TRO to prevent us from taking the funds is simply inaccurate.

MR. MATUSKA: Actually the record is Mr. Kvam found out about that on his own and we did bring the motion for temporary restraining order. And it was after we got the restraining order that they offered to do a stipulation.

Now, if we look at Exhibit 2 to the Motion to Dismiss and for Summary Judgment those are the -- those are the power bills.

It says on the face of the bill, service from

March 19th, 2018, through April 6th of 2018.

So what is Mr. Sweet -- I don't know what he is arguing; that power wasn't really provided through April 6th of 2018, despite what's on the face of the bill?

And he wants discovery for what? Do you know what he didn't say, your Honor, is who he wants discovery against. Does he want discovery against ComEd Power? We can't help him with this. We have given him as much information as we have. So what's his excuse for not getting more information from ComEd Power? He doesn't have it.

This absolutely says service from March 19th through April 6th. There is no other way to interpret that.

And I believe that trying to read another date into this scenario, your Honor, is exactly what we are instructed not to do on summary judgment. Isn't that the gossamer threads of whimsey and speculation to say that power was provided through a date that's different than what's on their own power bill?

If we look at the evidence that they provided, there was a letter provided with the Opposition to a Motion to Dismiss. And that letter is not

1 admissible. I pointed that out a few times. But I want 2 to rebut it anyway. 3 THE COURT: What are you talking about? 4 MR. MATUSKA: The letter that they provided 5 with their Opposition to the Motion to Dismiss. have been referring to a property manager. 6 7 THE COURT: Mr. Watkins? MR. MATUSKA: Miss Watkins. 8 9 THE COURT: Is that what you are talking 10 about? 11 MR. MATUSKA: First of all, that's 12 inadmissible, hearsay. And they don't have an excuse. 13 That's their property manager. 14 They don't have an excuse for not getting an 15 affidavit from her. But all that letter says is that 16 when she went to the property in March -- I'm having a 17 hard time finding it. 18 THE COURT: It is marked Exhibit 2. "On March 24th when I returned several 19 20 contractors were -- there were some damages that had been 21 done to the property -- we would like to bring your

MR. MATUSKA: Right. Electricity wasn't operating. She didn't say someone had turned it off.

attention to them. Electricity was not operating."

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She doesn't even say that. And they are interpreting that. Now they gave us the power bills and we gave them to the Court which shows service through April 6th of 2018.

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That really is -- should be the end of the record there. However, we went a step further.

And with our reply brief to the motion -- the Rely Brief to the Motion to Dismiss and for Summary

Judgment we provided the complete set of power bills that we had been provided with as well as the affidavit from

Jay Kvam --

THE COURT: That's not in my binder. I got the Reply. I don't have the exhibits. So what do they say?

MR. MATUSKA: We provided a complete set of power bills which actually shows zero usage for the months prior, which --

THE COURT: What is that January-February?

MR. MATUSKA: Yes. Zero usage. And we
provided the affidavit of Jay Kvam where he says, "I've
never been to the property. I called on April 6th to
turn off the power."

And then he told Mr. Mineau that a few days later. So this is what's in our record on summary

judgment on that issue.

Now, the other issue was Atlas Investments.

I don't know what they are saying on that now. We addressed what's in the Complaint. Now they are admitting that they got the date wrong, but maybe Mr. Kvam did something wrong on a different date?

I don't know. I addressed what's in the Complaint. And, more than that, if they think he did something wrong, then give me the -- then give me the signing cards for the Atlas accounts. Give me the credit cards statement. Give me the accounts for that other account that the money was going in and out of that 494 account.

We don't have any of that. So they are not providing discovery. He is inviting me to file a Motion to Compel; but my position is, your Honor, I don't need to do that.

I could do that. But Atlas really isn't relevant. And, if they think it is, then prove it; and they failed to do that. The best they did today is admit that they screwed up the dates on their allegation.

I think we need to go through the First

Amended Counterclaim again and through my Motion to

Dismiss, because Mr. Sweet wasn't even right about what

1 the Motion to Dismiss covered. 2 On page eight ---- THE COURT: Of your --3 4 MR. MATUSKA: Page eight of the Motion to 5 Mineau's 4th and 6th claims for relief must be dismissed. 6 7 Then the 5th, 10th and 11th claims must be dismissed. 8 9 So I don't know why he was focussing -- what was it on 5 and 10? 10 11 THE COURT: 5, 10 and 11. 12 MR. MATUSKA: We addressed 4 and 6. 5, 10 and 13 11 in the Motion to Dismiss, all of them are addressed on 14 summary judgment. 15 THE COURT: You just 16 MR. MATUSKA: Oh, yes. And he also failed to 17 address how there could be a breach of contract in this 18 case. Again, I made this point in my opening statements, but I want to make sure that -- that we remember it. 19 20 It is not a breach of contract asking for 21 your money back. Breach of contract is a failure of

Mr. Sweet is really saying, since he asked for his money

performance. What did Mr. Kvam fail to do?

back before they think it is due, that would be a

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defense; that the money -- that it isn't due yet.

Instead they bring it as a Counterclaim and counter sue him for him asking for his money back. It makes no sense.

But that kind of -- is the problem that's pervasive throughout their COUNTERCLAIMS.

They didn't address the process server. They didn't address anything about abuse of process.

There is no allegation -- their allegations on fraud and unfair business practice don't apply either.

What have they proven in their Counterclaims? They have provided zero admissible evidence on a single one of their Counterclaims. That really is a starting place for our decision and that's the ending place for this decision.

They have had plenty of time to do discovery. They haven't even said who they want to conduct discovery against. And it looks like its ComEd Power or their property manager. We can't help them on that.

And there is no reason why they haven't done it so far. In fact, they should have done it before filing their Complaint. Because then they could have seen that their allegations were erroneous.

But they are not offering to withdraw them;

they just want to maintain them on the hope that they can conduct some discovery and find something.

I'm not even clear on what they think they are going to find that they could use to oppose this Summary Judgment Motion. I submit there is isn't anything. And certainly there is nothing in our records that they can point to, to prevent the entry of Summary Judgment, which, as Rule 56 says, "It shall be entered."

We are entitled to it. And I think we need to do that so we can get on with the rest of the case and get this case scheduled for trial. And thank you, your Honor.

THE COURT: All right. All right. I will take this under submission and we will have an answer for you -- it won't be until the first of the year. Now, if you want, you can set the case for trial just to have that done, in the event that you don't get the Summary Judgment --

MR. MATUSKA: And, judge --

THE COURT: -- since you are both here.

MR. MATUSKA: Right. And -- and the discovery deadline counts back from the trial setting, correct?

THE COURT: Yes.

MR. MATUSKA: I think we can do that.

1 THE COURT: And we'll handle that in the 2 pre-trial conference. 3 MR. MATUSKA: I guess I should ask the clerk, 4 part of the order on the stipulation was that Mr. Kvam 5 could get his bond deposit back. I need to clarify 6 how --7 THE COURT: On the TRO? 8 MR. MATUSKA: On the TRO, yes. 9 THE COURT: Any objection? 10 MR. SWEET: No, your Honor. That's part of 11 the stipulation. 12 THE COURT: Yes. You can have that back. 13 I'll release it. 14 MR. SWEET: As for setting the trial, we're 15 happy to set a setting date right now. But I don't have 16 my trial calendar with me, so I'm not prepared to do 17 that. 1.8 THE COURT: Okay. 19 Well, then let's wait until January. Okay. 20 And, if we get it out sooner -- but I'm going to be gone 21 starting Friday. 22 And then I'm tied up all week. We'll get it

MR. MATUSKA: Thank you, your Honor.

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out as soon as we can.

1	MR. SWEET: Thank you, your Honor.
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5	THE COURT: This is the time set for a
6	pretrial conference, and I am so glad I have the parties
7	before me so I can check the pronunciations of everyone's
8	name here.
9	This is case number CV18-00764, and it's Jay
10	Kvam (pronouncing).
11	MR. KVAM: Kvam (pronouncing).
12	THE COURT: Brian Mineau (pronouncing).
13	MR. MINEAU: Mineau (pronouncing).
14	THE COURT: Please state your appearances.
15	MR. MATUSKA: Michael Matuska for the
16	plaintiff, Jay Kvam.
17	MR. SWEET: Good morning, your Honor. Austin
18	Sweet with the Gunderson Law Firm. With me is Mr. Mineau.
19	In the gallery is Mrs. Mineau.
20	THE COURT: Good morning. We're here on a
21	pretrial conference. I want to go over several things
22	with you. And based on the filings that I just saw, I
23	think that I would like to set a motion hearing date to
24	argue any motions that I deem appropriate for hearing.

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I believe, Mr. Sweet, you just filed a motion 1 2 for summary judgment. 3 MR. SWEET: Correct, your Honor. THE COURT: Then there's at least one motion 5 in limine in the file, correct? MR. SWEET: Correct, yes. 7 MR. MATUSKA: And we also started just 8 yesterday, your Honor, just yesterday filed an objection. THE COURT: I saw that. I've not read it, but 10 I've seen it. And I don't know that I'll have a hearing 11 on that. I want to read it first. 12 So do you anticipate filing motions in limine, 13 counsel? 14 MR. MATUSKA: Potentially. I haven't decided 15 yet. 16 THE COURT: So let's just go back. This case 17 currently is at issue on the Second Amended Complaint 18 filed September 11th, 2018. And on the -- which we need 19 to talk about this procedurally. 20 There is a First Amended Counterclaim that was 21 filed. And based on Judge Polaha's disposition before the 22 case was transferred here, the only remaining claims on 23 that counterclaim are declaratory relief, trust chattel 24 and conversion, correct?

No, your Honor. The trust chattel 1 MR. SWEET: 2 and conversion has actually been dismissed prior to that 3 order. So those were all also dismissed, all that is 4 remaining is the defendant charges. THE COURT: I did not see that. I went 6 through his order carefully, so that's why I want to make 7 sure. All we have on the counterclaim then is 9 declaratory relief? 10 MR. SWEET: Correct. THE COURT: That is to determine whether or 11 12 not it is a joint venture? 13 MR. SWEET: Yes. The status in general of the 14 parties agreements, which the plaintiffs also have a 15 similar claim. 16 THE COURT: Exactly. It seems to me there has 17 to be some sort of a contract if there is a breached 18 contract, right? 19 MR. MINEAU: Correct, your Honor. THE COURT: So based on the claims in the 20 21 Second Amended Verified Complaint, there is a declaratory 22 relief claim seeking specifically declaration of joint 23 venture, breach of contract, breach of contract and 24 tortious breach of implied covenant of good faith and fair

1 dealing, accounting, court supervision of dissolution and 2 winding up appointment of receiver, temporary affirmative 3 injunction, fraud, fraudulent inducement, fraudulent 4 concealment. Claim 9 is conversion. 10, RICO. 11, 5 claim. Are all of those claims still viable for 7 trial, Counsel? MR. MATUSKA: Yes, your Honor. Although I 9 would add regarding the first claim for declaration of 10 joint venture, what the defendants filed in the motion for 11 summary judgment will impact that. 12 In fact, you're probably aware a joint venture 13 is a partnership for a single purpose, and they are 14 actually arguing in their motion for summary judgment that 15 this relationship between the parties should be governed 16 by the partnership act. So that's seem to have resolved 17 that, at least in my mind. THE COURT: So you're, based on their summary 18 19 judgment, and their position that this should be governed

- MR. MATUSKA: They're conceding it. They have
- 22 denied it, they denied it for a year and a half. But now
- 23 it seems that they have conceded that in a summary

20 by the partnership act, you're conceding that?

24 judgment motion.

THE COURT: I'm sure you will discuss that in 1 2 your opposition. 3 MR. MATUSKA: I will, and the impact of that. THE COURT: All right. There is a potential, which 5 MR. MATUSKA: 6 cause of action -- I'm not looking at the Second Amended 7 Complaint right now, but there was a cause of action for 8 dissolution. THE COURT: Winding up the receiver, yes. 10 MR. MATUSKA: We should address that through 11 the summary judgment motion also. 12 The complaint is filed before the joint 13 venture property was sold. The joint venture property has 14 been sold so then winding up then would be limited to 15 disposing of --16 THE COURT: Tax assets. 17 MR. MATUSKA: The proceeds of the sale, yes. 18 Exactly. So that potentially could even be resolved 19 before trial. It's not moot today. But, as I just 20 explained, that's really, the main focus of that was to 21 compel the dissolution of the partnership and the winding 22 up of the partnership property. It's just all in cash In fact, the cash has been deposited with the clerk 24 of the court.

1	Page 8 THE COURT: Right.
2	MR. MATUSKA: So there's not a lot to do with
3	that claim either.
4	THE COURT: Okay. So let's talk about the
5	affirmative defenses.
6	Mr. Sweet, your affirmative defenses to the
7	Second Amended Complaint is 26 of them. And are those all
8	viable at this time?
9	Before I go any further, you do need to say, I
10	usually go through my pretrial conferences, and I
11	eliminate the claims that are no longer viable. I
12	eliminate everyone knows when you do your first answer
13	you think of every defense you can think of. By the time
14	we're headed to trial, some of those defenses after
15	discovery don't seem to be viable.
16	I am intending to, because of the extension of
17	some of the discovery, I am intending to have another
18	pretrial conference. So if you want to reserve your right
19	to discuss affirmative defenses, yours to the Second
20	Amended Complaint, and yours to the First Amended
21	Counterclaim, correct, we can do that at a future
22	conference.
23	But I want you to know that I'm going to ask
24	you to basically indicate to the Court which affirmative

- 1 defense or defenses that you will not be proceeding on.
- 2 If you are ready to do that today, we can do it. If not,
- 3 we can do it at another conference.
- 4 MR. SWEET: Your Honor, I would prefer to
- 5 defer it. And frankly, I think it would be better to even
- 6 address that after the disposition of the summary judgment
- 7 motion, because that's really going to narrow down the
- 8 scope of whatever is remaining for trial.
- 9 THE COURT: So I did not read the motion
- 10 because I like to have the opposition and the reply before
- 11 I read them all. In your motion did you move not only on
- 12 their claim but on any of your defenses?
- MR. SWEET: No, your Honor.
- 14 THE COURT: Just on their claim?
- MR. SWEET: On their claims.
- MR. MATUSKA: Your Honor, if I can make a
- 17 comment about the defending counterclaim.
- 18 THE COURT: Yes.
- MR. MATUSKA: As you observed, or Mr. Sweet
- 20 explained, the only remaining counterclaim is for
- 21 declaratory relief, which really is a mirror of what's in
- 22 our complaint. So the way I view the counterclaim doesn't
- 23 add or detract from any of the issues that are already
- 24 added issues in this case. So that would not create

- 1 additional issues. It really doesn't even create
- 2 additional affirmative defenses.
- 3 THE COURT: But it's really both parties are
- 4 moving for a declaration?
- 5 MR. MATUSKA: Yes.
- 6 THE COURT: And seeking relief that they want,
- 7 and may become important down the road if anyone is
- 8 seeking any fees, correct? So it needs to remain you have
- 9 a claim, and you have a claim.
- 10 MR. MATUSKA: I'll grant that, your Honor.
- 11 But it doesn't add into facts or allegations or new
- 12 issues.
- 13 THE COURT: So we're heading to a trial date
- 14 of March 2nd, 2020. I don't know if you are a first set
- 15 or looks like we have -- you were behind another trial,
- 16 the week three another trial. However, that settled so
- 17 you are number one now on this unless a criminal trial
- 18 takes precedence. But I don't know whether someone will
- 19 invoke their 60 days.
- 20 Right now you will be ready to go. Let's talk
- 21 about some dates just to make sure that we're all on the
- 22 same page, and you don't have disputes about due dates.
- 23 I'm going to say some of these. Please
- 24 correct me if I'm wrong, because obviously I read a lot of

1 materials in preparation. I want to make sure with any 2 extension I'm correct. So the discovery cutoff is January 17th, 2020, 4 now; is that correct? MR. SWEET: Your Honor, the deposition for 5 6 Mr. Cabana (phonetic) is scheduled for the 20th. And that 7 is the only remaining discovery apart from the issues 8 raised. THE COURT: That was pursuant to my order 10 allowing it? MR. SWEET: Correct. The recommendation from 11 12 the discovery commissioner, I expect you haven't read it 13 yet. But if that recommendation is upheld, there will be 14 more documents produced, and we have objected to that 15 recommendation. We don't think those documents are 16 relevant. 17 THE COURT: So you've disclosed experts, 18 correct? 19 MR. MATUSKA: Yes. 20 MR. SWEET: Yes. 21 THE COURT: Any rebuttal experts have been 22 disclosed, correct? 23 MR. SWEET: Correct.

THE COURT: All right. The pretrial

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- 1 disclosure date -- and the reason why I want to go over
- 2 this, I realize this is a leap year, and I don't want any
- 3 disputes regarding dates.
- 4 So your pretrial disclosure date 30 days
- 5 before trial would be February 1st, 2020. Everybody in
- 6 agreement?
- 7 MR. MATUSKA: Yes.
- 8 THE COURT: Any objection to pretrial
- 9 disclosures 14 days before trial? I didn't do that date.
- 10 So that would be the 17th, am I correct? 14 days before
- 11 trial, so it would be the 17th.
- 12 Submissions of motion cutoff is February 1st,
- 13 2020. Anybody disagree with that date?
- MR. SWEET: No.
- 15 THE COURT: Submission of motions in limine
- 16 cutoff is February 16, 2020. Of course, I always invite
- 17 those to be filed earlier than the last date just because
- 18 of the impact on the Court.
- 19 We'll set a final pretrial conference date.
- 20 I'm going to remind you to review the pretrial order prior
- 21 to trial. I believe there was an initial one by Judge
- 22 Polaha. There is a supplemental that I issued.
- I do need to tell you that I haven't verified
- 24 in the court-wide uniform pretrial order if it says five

- 1 days or seven days for your trial statement.
- 2 MR. SWEET: It says five.
- 3 THE COURT: I'm bringing that up at the
- 4 judges' retreat this Friday, that we need to correct that
- 5 approved order.
- 6 So if you are relying on the five, I'll allow
- 7 you -- the rules actually say seven. So do you have a
- 8 preference whether I set those on seven days before or
- 9 five before? I guess it would be on Monday, right?
- MR. SWEET: Yes, your Honor. From my
- 11 standpoint I think seven days is easier. That was our
- 12 expectation.
- 13 THE COURT: So your trial statement will be
- 14 seven days.
- Now, are you expecting to use any video
- 16 depositions?
- 17 MR. MATUSKA: Yes. We do have a deposition of
- 18 an out-of-state witness from out-of-state, so we do have a
- 19 video deposition.
- 20 THE COURT: What I would like you to do is
- 21 meet no later than February 1st and meet and confer
- 22 regarding any objections. I've had this happen before,
- 23 and I try to preclude it now. I don't want objections
- 24 right when we're trying to go forward with trial.

1	What you are going to do is if you're planning
2	to edit to drill it down a bit, opposing counsel has to be
3	able to review it, and you must meet and confer to try to
4	resolve any objections.
5	Any objections must be filed, if you are
6	unable to resolve them, by February 16th, 2000. They will
7	include case and line notations. I'm going to want the
8	written transcript. And if you have time, some sort of
9	time index on the video, also indicate that. That's the
10	same date as your motion in limine cutoff, but that gives
11	me a bit of time to review those, because it does take
12	time. And if I want any argument on them, I will.
13	But you also have, if there are objections,
14	you'll need to make arrangements to provide a written
15	transcript and a video to me so I can consider them on not
16	later than 2-26-2020. Counsel need to review any edited
17	videos prior to trial after my rulings on objections.
18	And here's why. I'll give you an example. I
19	had a case where there was some objection to the video.
20	The video was edited, but at the time of trial it was
21	somewhat of a day in the life. That's a video I don't
22	expect that here.
23	But you could really hear belabored breathing
24	of the plaintiff, which obviously the defense indicated

Page 15 1 that that violated the spirit of the edited version. So I

- 2 want to make sure everyone knows what's on that video
- 3 before it's actually requested.
- In addition, one of items I bring up in
- 5 pretrial conversation, it was somewhat surprising to me
- 6 when I came on the bench because of having more of a civil
- 7 background. But many of our -- is this a bench or jury
- 8 trial?
- 9 MR. SWEET: Jury.
- 10 THE COURT: That's what I thought. That's why
- 11 I bring this up. All of a sudden I had a moment.
- So many of our potential jurors will have
- 13 criminal records. And customarily you will hear me, I do
- 14 an extensive voir dire. And what I try to do is give you
- 15 an opportunity to do, is to really watch the jurors so
- 16 that you can make your questions more effective.
- 17 I don't want you to ask the same questions I
- 18 ask. I want you to be able to take it to the next level
- 19 and ask them any information. But I will go into their
- 20 criminal record. You will see some indication of it on
- 21 the questionnaires, but sometimes they don't really reveal
- 22 it until here.
- 23 And there is sometimes an element of
- 24 serendipity. For instance, on a DUI trial one-third of

1 the panel in the entire room has DUIs. So I don't know 2 that it puts them in a better or worse position, but I 3 think it should be information you know. Particularly if 4 any of the criminal acts could be construed as monetary or 5 fraudulent. So it's just information. And I take that so 6 that they are not offended by any question that you have. In addition, when I do talk with them we talk 8 about kind of a barbecue test of whether you know 9 somebody. Do you know them well enough that you would 10 invite them over for a barbecue or not. Because everybody 11 in this town knows somebody, but that doesn't mean it 12 would influence your service as a juror. 13 If I ask, and I don't know that I will in this 14 case, but in law enforcement then inevitably somebody's 15 great uncle's wife's brother was in law enforcement in New 16 Mexico or something. Which really doesn't result in what 17 you want to know. You'll hear me start moving people, 18 drilling down. But it really is an opportunity, I urge you to 19 20 take it to really watch the jurors when I am asking 21 questions. But I don't expect you to ask the same 22 questions I do. 23 Refer to the pretrial order and the rules 24 regarding jury instructions. You need to exchange them no

1 later than five days before trial. I don't know if that's 2 different in the order. And I will require that you meet and confer, 4 try to resolve all the ones you can. When I settle them, 5 I want to settle the ones that are really at issue. Make sure that your jury instructions, I want 7 them in the aerial font 12, and you need to put your first 8 page, we'll have your citation and authority and please 9 indicate any deviation from the authority. So in other words, if you are adding a little 10 11 poetic license to some form of jury instruction, tell me 12 that you have modified them, and make sure that I know the 13 date your packet is presented by. If we make changes, I will do it right here on 14 15 the bench and print it out. And before trial I give all 16 of the jurors, before closing I give all the jurors a 17 packet of jury instructions. I tell them not to read 18 ahead when I'm reading them. But for your purposes in 19 preparing your closing, you will note that you can print a 20 page, instruction number 3. Sometimes it's a little bit 21 easier than using the technology. 22 With regard to technology. I will make my 23 courtroom available to you. This is a small courtroom, 24 and so with all the equipment in here sometimes it really

1 assists you to practice with it. I urge you to not forget 2 that sometimes just a good old fashioned easel you're 3 going to have, I imagine in this contract language, up 4 there. So just think through your exhibit practice --6 the last trial, it wasn't my trial, it was not in this 7 department, but every time the person didn't practice and 8 put down the piece of paper, didn't look up to see what 9 the jury was seeing. It looked like it was straight, but 10 it wasn't, it was like half off the page. The jury 11 couldn't see it. Just ask, and we'll open the courtroom, and 1.2 13 you can practice, and you can go through it. I urge you 14 to sit in every single juror's seat so you know what they 15 are seeing. We're going to accommodate you on that. 16 makes it smoother for everyone, including me. 17 Now, so the two things I want to make sure we 18 set today, in addition to any other matters you would like 19 to bring up, is a motion date. If I deem that I don't 20 need it, I will let you know. But I think it's better to 21 get it set. We have a bit more free time because that 22 case went off, but inevitably it also jumps around a bit. 23 Do you have your calendars, and can you do 24 that? Do you have a suggested date for that would be

1 motions in limine. Your motions in limine must be 2 submitted 15 days before. So we can set two hearing dates 3 or just set one after submission of motions in limine. 4 Seems to me you might want a summary judgment sooner? MR. SWEET: Yes, your Honor. The expected 5 6 submission date of that motion would be January 27th. Of 7 course, the Court's going to need time to review that. 8 my preference would be to at least have a hearing on that 9 motion, to the extent the Court would like one, as soon as 10 possible so we can prepare for trial on whatever issues 11 may remain. 12 THE COURT: That makes sense to me. 13 split the hearings. If I don't think I need a hearing 14 I'll tell you. 15 So something during -- I have a do not set 16 through the week of the 3rd. Why is that? THE CLERK: We are in on February 11th. 17 18 THE COURT: February 11th at 9:00 A.M.? 19 MR. MATUSKA: Yes. 20 MR. SWEET: All right, your Honor. THE COURT: If the trial, if I do assist 21 22 another department with a trial that week of the 3rd, if 23 for some reason I do not do that, we may be able to move 24 the date up. But plan on the February 11th.

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1	At what time?
2	THE CLERK: 9:00 o'clock A.M.
3	THE COURT: Does that work?
4	MR. MATUSKA: Yes, your Honor.
5	THE COURT: Let's make it 9:30, please. That
6	gives me a few moments in the morning if I have to review
7	any notes.
8	And then final pretrial conference date.
9	Let's do that the same as if I want argument or motions in
10	limine. So that would be after the 16th of February.
11	THE CLERK: February 21st at 9:30.
12	THE COURT: Does that work for everyone?
13	MR. SWEET: Yes, your Honor.
14	MR. MATUSKA: Yes.
15	MR. SWEET: I'm sorry, would you say that date
16	again.
17	THE CLERK: February 21st at 9:30 A M.
18	MR. SWEET: Thank you.
19	Your Honor, do you require a client to attend
20	that hearing as well?
21	THE COURT: I usually do. If you prefer not
22	to, just make a request. I usually like that,
23	particularly right at the end.
24	Have you been ordered to participate in a

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- 1 settlement conference? I read in your, I want to say your
- 2 joint case conference, there was no meetings requested.
- 3 Have you participated in any type of settlement
- 4 discussions or formal settlement conference?
- 5 MR. SWEET: We retained a mediator, and
- 6 started the process. Early on in the process before the
- 7 mediation occurred the mediator determined that his
- 8 services were not going to be useful in settling the case
- 9 and canceled the mediation.
- 10 So we started the process, but no mediation
- 11 actually ever occurred.
- 12 THE COURT: I'm inclined to require you to
- 13 participate in a settlement conference of some nature,
- 14 either with a judicial officer or a private mediator prior
- 15 to trial. And I will put that in an order. Your clients
- 16 are required to be there in person, human form, not on the
- 17 phone, it doesn't work.
- I do want to admonish the parties there is a
- 19 rule that you cannot file a counter motion unless it is in
- 20 the alternative. I know in the series of motions, in
- 21 reviewing them I know that, Counsel, you did indicate that
- 22 it was in the alternative. The preference of this Court
- 23 is a completely separate document. It's harder for me to
- 24 track oppositions and replies when they are embedded in a

- 1 motion.
- 2 So going forward I don't want to see any
- 3 counter motions. Just file it as a separate motion. All
- 4 right?
- And then, the last thing would be, as I know
- 6 that you're tremendous advocates for your clients. I was
- 7 somewhat dismayed by the tone of some of your emails to
- 8 each other. I would indicate that I would expect you to
- 9 be very professional in this Court, try to resolve what
- 10 you can resolve, and eliminate any personal attacks.
- 11 Should you be thinking of making them again,
- 12 opposing counsel, it goes absolutely nowhere with me.
- 13 Anything else we can handle today?
- MR. MATUSKA: I do have one simple question
- 15 about the video deposition, your Honor. It was a fairly
- 16 short deposition, probably an hour, hour and 15 minutes in
- 17 its entirety. I would anticipate probably playing a large
- 18 portion of it, unless you were going to direct that we
- 19 should really just focus on very small parts of it.
- 20 But I would anticipate playing a large portion
- 21 of it. And obviously edit out whatever the objections are
- 22 that need to be filtered. Is that what you anticipated?
- 23 THE COURT: You can use as long of a video as
- 24 you want as long as it's relevant. But in my experience

- 1 there's usually a significant portion that really isn't
- 2 something you may not want to present to a jury. And
- 3 those objections I'll have to resolve.
- 4 MR. MATUSKA: Correct.
- 5 THE COURT: So that's what you need to talk
- 6 about. Sometimes in an abundance of caution in a
- 7 deposition you're making the objections to preserve them.
- 8 But your position may change. So all I'm asking is that
- 9 you meet and confer, try to agree on what will be
- 10 presented, if you can. And if there's still objections,
- 11 I'll decide them. And then you may have to edit the -- if
- 12 I preclude any questions and answers or I strike anything,
- 13 you're going to have to edit that out.
- So I'm glad you made that point. Will you be
- 15 bringing a trial technician, will you have somebody that's
- 16 assisting with any technology equipment?
- 17 MR. MATUSKA: We're still deciding that. And
- 18 I will probably decide that after we get with the
- 19 courtroom clerk or deputy to review the technical
- 20 knowledge that we have here, which I still have to do.
- 21 THE COURT: It is in the pretrial order that
- 22 you have to contact our IT department.
- MR. MATUSKA: Okay.
- MR. SWEET: We'll anticipate using the podium

- 1 and having the paralegal from our office here to help us
- 2 with that, but no independent third party.
- 3 THE COURT: I require they be behind the bar
- 4 unless they are licensed.
- 5 MR. SWEET: Yes.
- 6 THE COURT: Make sure when you're -- you may
- 7 be able to utilize, I know sometimes counsel has worked
- 8 together to make it a little bit easier to limit the
- 9 number of screens and machines that are in here. Make
- 10 sure that I have a screen up here so that I can see what
- 11 is going on there.
- 12 There's a pretty good glare from where I sit
- 13 up here. I like to be able to look at it separately. I'm
- 14 not outfitted to do it on my laptop yet. They are trying
- 15 to get one up here that works all the time. And I will
- 16 generally ask the jury to make sure they can see. If they
- 17 have problems, we turn off the lights.
- 18 So but I would definitely meet with the IT
- 19 department and see what you need to provide, what they
- 20 will provide. I'm sure you are going to want potentially
- 21 monitors.
- 22 Are you working on an iPad?
- MR. SWEET: Yes, your Honor.
- 24 THE COURT: Are you going to work off a laptop

- 1 or anything?
- 2 MR. MATUSKA: Probably a laptop.
- 3 THE COURT: Just make sure that there is some
- 4 conversation about that in advance, because I don't want
- 5 problems with technology to impact your cases if we can
- 6 eliminate that and get the smoothest presentation
- 7 possible. That helps everyone, most importantly the jury.
- 8 MR. MATUSKA: I did have one question about
- 9 the jury instructions. The 2018 version is the most
- 10 updated version, I believe, of pattern jury instructions.
- 11 They're actually purchased in pdf form which did a
- 12 terrible job of converting, makes it very difficult to
- 13 make any changes or use them, quite frankly.
- Do you have an another source other than the
- 15 pdf version of those jury instructions? It's very
- 16 difficult.
- 17 THE COURT: It depends on the trial, and I can
- 18 go back and look. I probably have most of them in Word.
- 19 Let me just -- did you try to pull up a Pdf and convert to
- 20 Word?
- 21 MR. MATUSKA: We have done that. It is
- 22 excruciating. There's still a lot of formatting in there,
- 23 and it's difficult to make it, difficult to fully convert
- 24 it to be usable. And in the event that we were here

- 1 shortly before trial, a jury trial, trying to alter them,
- 2 it's very difficult with those jury instructions the way
- 3 that they are delivered, unfortunately.
- 4 THE COURT: Well, you'll have to -- I suppose,
- 5 your assistant may have to retype some of them because I
- 6 do require them in electronic form. I have many of them.
- 7 I would agree on as many as you can. You're going to have
- 8 a lot you agree on.
- 9 MR. MATUSKA: The standard ones at the
- 10 beginning, right.
- 11 THE COURT: Provide those. I'm not worried
- 12 about those coming in in a pdf as opposed to a Word
- 13 document.
- But your -- any that you're going to argue
- 15 about, any that you have case law that you're arguing and
- 16 not a pattern instruction, you are going to want that in
- 17 Word format. I'm not hesitant to listen to argument and
- 18 just make a decision about what the right thing to say is.
- 19 I would rather it be accurate. And if I edit it up here,
- 20 which I've done that often, and printed off a new one, you
- 21 approve it or continue with the argument, and I decide it.
- So here's how the guideline goes I would need.
- 23 Make it easy for the Court.
- MR. MATUSKA: Yes.

1 THE COURT: That's usually electronic form, 2 Word, aerial font. Yes. And I will mostly, they're 3 MR. MATUSKA: 4 covered by the pattern jury instructions. Special jury 5 instructions would be in Word form. A few of the pattern 6 jury instructions probably have to be amended a little bit 7 to fit this particular case. You are continuing with your RICO 8 THE COURT: 9 claim; is that right? 10 MR. MATUSKA: Yes. THE COURT: I don't know that there's 11 12 instructions regarding a derivative claim. I would expect 13 that you're going to need to probably get some sort of 14 instruction that tells the jury what that is. MR. MATUSKA: Yes. The conversion claim and 15 16 RICO claim would have special instructions. 17 THE COURT: Okay. Well, I will see you, if 18 not before, I will see you on the 11th. I would talk 19 right after this if you are going to speak settlement 20 conference with a judicial officer. Obviously, the 21 benefit is you don't have to pay for it. But scheduling 22 time is somewhat difficult. 23 And if you do go do a private mediator, I 24 would try to get some dates on-line right away.

1	Page 28 MR. SWEET: I agree, your Honor. To that
2	point, obviously not trying to get you to commit to
3	anything, because you haven't even read the MSJ yet. But
4	I think we're going to have a lot more success with the
5	mediation after the summary judgment motion, because in my
6	experience, especially given the last attempt to mediate,
7	chances are both sides are going to be convinced that they
8	are going to prevail in this.
9	THE COURT: I think there is a value sometimes
10	with the MSJ binding, but there's also sometimes value to
11	be decided. I agree with you in this case. If I can
12	agree that would affect your settlement hugely.
13	So that gives you a time frame to plan, to try
14	to get a date.
15	We'll be in recess.
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12	Department No. 6 BRIAN MINEAU, et al.,
13	Defendant.
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15	ORAL ARGUMENTS
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8 (775) 350-7220 8 some word processing issues. And i'm squared away.	
Mlm@matuskalawoffices.com 9 This is Case No. CV18-00764. Jay Kvam v	s. Brian
9 10 Mineau.	
10 FOR THE DEFENDANT: 11 Did I pronounce that correctly? Thank y	ou.
11 GUNDERSON LAW FIRM 12 Please state your appearances. BY: AUSTIN K. SWEET, ESQ.	
13 MR. MATUSKA: Mike Matuska for the plain	iff Jay
Reno, NV 89509 14 Kvam, and Jay Kvam with me today.	
13 775-829-1222 15 MR. SWEET: Austin Sweet with Gunderson	law Firm
14 16 on behalf of the defendants. And with me is Mr. Br.	ian
15 17 Mineau.	
16 17 THE COURT: Okay. So you couldn't settle	e it
19 while you were waiting?	Ì
19 20 MR. SWEET: Not yet.	
20 21 MR. MATUSKA: We've been referred for set	tlement
21 22 conference on, you saw that, on the 24th.	
22 23 THE COURT: Yes. So a couple of things.	
23 24 Thank you for the well-done briefing. Go	oina
Page 4   1 forward, I do not want countermotions in the same, in your   1 that they would.	Page 5
2 opposition. It's not allowed under the rules, but it also 2 As set forth in the terms of the agreement	nt
3 makes it very hard. 3 first they would pay all the expenses to third part.	
4 And so I will tell you this, Mr. Matuska, I do 4 then they would repay Mr. Kvam's investment, plus 7	
5 not attach any negativity to the fact that you did a 5 interest. And then what was left over, the profits	- I
6 cross-motion, but I don't want to see it in the future. 6 be split among the partners equally. If the project	
7 MR. MATUSKA: Very well. 7 gone according to plan they would have succeeded, as	
	id they
9 and it just makes it hard. But I have sorted everything 9 Unfortunately, that didn't go according to the contractor that they hired to renovate the project.	
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So I'm going to talk with you, Mr. Sweet. I do 11 breached his obligations, didn't finish the renovat:	
12 have some questions, but I am going to allow you to go 12 didn't perform the services he was paid to perform.	The
13 ahead and do your argument.  13 project failed.	
MR. SWEET: Thank you, your Honor. And I will 14 The parties had anticipated that risk, you	- 1
15 keep my argument brief as the motion has been extensively 15 Honor. In terms of the agreement the contract says	1
16 briefed, as you mentioned. 16 the transaction should fail in any way, all interest	j
17 Your Honor, this project was an investment. And 17 remedies available to the joint venture would be as	signed
18 investments carry risk. In this case the parties 18 to Mr. Kvam.	
19 anticipated that the project would go smoothly, and that 19 THE COURT: And he would also receive the	<u> </u>
20 they would have received a relatively large return in a 20 percentage interest of the defendant, correct?	
21 relatively short amount of time. 21 MR. SWEET: Correct. So the deal was if	it
22 To that end, they executed the terms of 22 succeeds, pay off the third-party expenses, Mr. Kvar	n gets
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If it fails, Mr. Spinella gets nothing, Legion 2 Investments gets nothing and Mr. Mineau gets nothing.

Whatever is left goes to Mr. Kvam. That was the deal. 3 Your Honor, that is all that we're trying to enforce here

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5 today. That's what we seek in our motion, and that's what we believe the proper result of this litigation should be.

Now, it's important to remember the burden that we're dealing with as we go through the analysis. Although this is the defendant's motion, we are the defendants at the trial coming up in a few weeks. Mr. Kvam bears the burden under Nevada law. That means that Mr. Kvam bears

12 the burden of proving his case through this motion. Mr. Kvam must present admissible evidence, 14 sufficient to establish each element of his claims, and he 15 must transcend the pleadings and introduce the specific 16 facts that show a genuine issue for trial. Mr. Kvam has 17 not done so here. There is nothing left to go to trial on 18 in this case, your Honor.

19 Generally speaking, I'm not going to go through 20 the claims one by one, that's in the briefing, but 21 Mr. Kvam's claims can be broken into three general 22 categories.

First, Mr. Kvam claims that his investment should be returned by Mr. Mineau and Legion Investments Page

because it wasn't really an investment. It was really a 1 2 loan. Well, there's no written promissory note or express 3 loan agreement in this case. And Mr. Kvam's claim is only based upon the terms of the agreement where it provides 5 that he is to receive a 7 percent return on his investment

out of the proceeds of the project.

Your Honor, that's a standard investment payoff structure. You pay off the debt. Investors get their money back, maybe a little bit of interest, and then whatever money is left over, the profits get split among the partners.

That interest that's attached to repayment of the investment does not convert the investment into a loan. In fact, it contradicts the terms of the agreement because the terms of the agreement does not say if the project fails then Mr. Mineau is going to write Mr. Kvam a check and pay the difference and make him whole. It says that if the project fails Mr. Mineau gets nothing, Legion Investments gets nothing, Mr. Kvam gets whatever is left. That was the deal that they made.

And, in fact, if there is some sort of a loan agreement, we don't have all the essential terms, your Honor. There's no maturity date, which a loan should have a maturity date, and more importantly, there's no borrower.

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Who owes the money; who borrowed the money?

1 2 There's no evidence whatsoever that even if Mr. Kvam, thought this was a loan somehow, that Mr. Mineau 3 4 is the one who should be paying it back, or Legion 5 Investments should be paying it back. Or Mr. Spinella, who is not even a party to this case, or the partnership as a 6

There is no evidence of how this loan supposedly was structured and who is obligated to pay it back. And therefore Mr. Kvam has failed to meet his burden that 11 Mr. Mineau or Legion Investments somehow breached the loan agreement. So that's the first category.

The second category, are Mr. Kvam's claims that 14 Legion Investments and Mineau are somehow responsible for the failure of this project and therefore should reimburse Mr. Kvam's investment. Again, your Honor, there's no evidence of that.

The evidence shows that Legion Investments acquired the property, that they hired a contractor who came recommended by their property manager in Chicago. They signed a contract with that contractor requiring the renovation would be completed for a flat fee within a set number of months.

The contractor proceeded with the project. He

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sent regular updates. Sent dozens of pictures, as you've 1 2 seen in the evidence. Was in constant communication with 3 Mr. Mineau and with Mr. Kvam directly. In fact, during the 4 project he came out to Reno, spent the afternoon and 5 evening talking about projects in Chicago, including this one, even spent the evening at Mr. Kvam's house where they 6 7 again talked about this project, and the contractor told 8 Mr. Kvam that we're going to be done in May.

And after that Mr. Kvam wired another \$9,000 to the contractor as payment under the renovation.

So your Honor, the project appeared to be progressing as all parties intended and expected, until, unfortunately, about late June, early July, when that stopped happening. The contractor stopped returning phone calls, stopped providing updates, was missing the deadlines for completion and ultimately breached his obligations under the contract and did not complete performance.

Your Honor, I think it's important to note that no additional funds were paid to the contractor after the trouble started. Mr. Mineau did not pick up the phone and say hey, Mr. Kvam, I know that the contractor is not doing what he's supposed to be doing, but we need to give him more money. Nothing like that happened. There's no evidence of that.

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                So the project was being managed in the way that
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    Mr. Mineau thought that he was supposed to be doing it.
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    Mr. Kvam was actively involved at all times. And there is
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    no legal obligation or duty that has been breached by
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    Mr. Mineau or Legion Investments that would entitle
    Mr. Kvam to reach into their pocket to get his investment
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                THE COURT: So it doesn't in your mind then --
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    let's go on the fourth claim, which I think is, is in your
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THE COURT: And, but wasn't Mr. Mineau in a superior position and an entrusted position, and so doesn't that -- does it or does it not impose a special element of reliance in addition to any future duties.

16 You're saying that they were equal and that he 17 wasn't in a superior position?

18 MR. SWEET: Well, there's, there's a few 19 different things going on here, your Honor.

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20 First of all, for the fourth cause of action, 21 it's very broad. So I'm not sure if you're talking about 22 contractual duties or legal duties.

There was no contractual obligation whatsoever 24 that Mr. Mineau would manage the project or, you know,

quarantee performance of the project.

So there are statutory duties that Mr. Mineau, on behalf of the partnership, would carry out his efforts on behalf of the partnership under a statutory duty of care and duty of loyalty. So that's true. I don't have any dispute about that.

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And Mr. Mineau was the one who was taking the lead on the construction. He identified the property. He identified the contractor. He signed the contract. That's not disputed.

THE COURT: But does that -- if that's the case, does that preclude summary judgment on that claim? MR. SWEET: It doesn't, your Honor, because there may have been a duty under those statutory duties,

but there's no evidence of the breach of that duty.

THE COURT: So the issue is yes, you agree on the law that applies, but no, there aren't any facts to meet those elements, that you were the only one has brought forth facts

MR. SWEET: Correct. There's no facts, there's no evidence to show that -- so the duty of loyalty is a standard of gross negligence which, first of all, your Honor, hasn't been pled in the fourth cause of action, so I'm not sure if that's what the claim is.

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What was alleged in the opposition to our motion for summary judgment was tortious breach of the covenant of good faith and fair dealing.

That requires proof of grievous and perfidious 4 misconduct. There's been no evidence that Mr. Mineau's 5 6 conduct was even negligent, but certainly not grossly 7 negligent, which wasn't even pled. But there's no evidence whatsoever of grievous or perfidious misconduct, which is 9 the element that Mr. Kvam has to prove to get to trial on 10 that claim for tortious breach of the covenant of good 11 faith and fair dealing.

So that's the second claim, your Honor. Mr. Mineau never made any promises that he was going to ensure that this project could be completed, would be profitable, would succeed, that Mr. Kvam would get his money back and then some on top of it.

That was certainly the intention. Mr. Mineau 18 acted in good faith and pursued the project, but unfortunately, the contractor breached his contract. And the fact that the contractor breached the contract does not 21 in and of itself establish that Mr. Mineau breached some 22 duty to Mr. Kvam or to the partnership.

23 The third category of claims, your Honor, are 24 the intentional tort claims. Fraud, conversion and RICO.

Page 13 Again, there's no evidence of this, your Honor. There's no 1 2 evidence of misrepresentations. There's no evidence that

3 Legion Investments or Mr. Mineau ever exercised any control

4 over Mr. Kvam's funds.

The evidence shows that Mr. Kvam paid the title company directly, paid the contractor directly. The last two years we've been going through these conspiracy theories that somehow Mr. Mineau was in cahoots with the contractor and had Mr. Kvam's money used on another project.

They subpoenaed countless records. They hired a forensic accountant. The forensic accountant came back and said there's no evidence of that. I can't find anything. There's no evidence whatsoever that there was some sort of fraud or conversion, certainly not racketeering that can take this claim through trial.

Your Honor, the bottom line is Mr. Kvam claims that he was entitled to a substantial return on his investment without doing any work or apparently taking any risk.

If he wants to come to this Court and say that 22 that was the deal, that's what he was entitled to, he should have some evidence to support that. And he doesn't have any. All we have is the terms of the agreement that

Page 14 Page 15 says if the project succeeds, we pay off the debts, objectives of sound judicial economy, 1 1 Mr. Kvam gets his money back, plus 7 percent, everybody 2 and enhance the judiciary's capacity splits the profit, and we all make a lot of money. 3 to effectively and efficiently 3 4 If the project fails, Legion Investments gets 4 adjudicate legitimate claims. 5 nothing, Mr. Mineau gets nothing, Mr. Kvam gets what's That's what we're doing here today, your Honor. 5 6 left. That was the deal. 6 Summary judgment is appropriate at this time of Mr. Kvam's 7 7 There is no evidence to proceed to trial on claims, a motion should be granted to enforce the terms of anything beyond that which is what we're trying to seek agreement as they were written, and there's no reason to 8 8 9 through our motion for summary judgment. 9 proceed to trial at this time. Your Honor, last, I would like to point to the 10 THE COURT: Let me go to your fifth claim. It's 10 Supreme Court case from last year. Boesiger vs. Desert an accounting claim. And I just want to make -- they're 11 Appraisals where the Supreme Court of the State of Nevada 12 seeking an accounting from Mr. Mineau, and he -- and they 12 13 discussed summary judgment. They said: 13 attribute the obligation to do that, as a, a partner's duty 14 Summary judgment is an important of loyalty. 14 15 15 procedural tool by which factually So is it your position that summary judgment 16 insufficient claims may be isolated should be granted on this claim as well? It seems to me 16 17 17 that -- are you agreeing that an accounting should be done, and prevented from going to trial or you're indicating that the remedies are limited in a 18 with the attendant, unwarranted 18 time of loss, rather than profit, they're limited to what 19 consumption of public and private 19 resources. the agreement says? 20 20 21 21 It went on to say, that: MR. SWEET: Correct, your Honor. We don't have 22 22 In dispensing with frivolous actions a problem with the accounting. We've provided that. There's no question about what the money is and where the 23 through summary judgment, courts 24 24 promote the important policy and money went. Mr. Kvam knows what he wired. Page 16 Page 17 There may be a dispute as to the source of the very clear what happened. 1 1 funds that Mr. Mineau used to pay his draw to the 2 2 It's not at all clear to me, your Honor, what 3 contractor, but that doesn't matter, because at the end of 3 additional information is being sought through an the day, everything that Mr. Mineau and Legion Investments, accounting. What more do you think that Legion Investments 4 5 all their interest in this partnership, goes to Mr. Kvam. or Mr. Mineau has to provide that has not yet been 6 So whether it's a, you know, 20 percent interest 6 provided? 7 7 or 30 percent interest or zero percent interest, doesn't THE COURT: So the -- and as it goes to your matter. It all goes to Mr. Kvam. At the end of the day Claims Six and Seven, it would just be that, you know, you, 8 Ģ your position would be that there's no dispute, 9 Mr. Kvam has a hundred percent interest in this partnership, which is the proceeds of the sale at this 10 essentially, where the monies are, or the interest that 10 11 11 point. would go back to Mr. Kvam? 12 12 THE COURT: Your position is that his claim MR. SWEET: Correct. 13 THE COURT: And -- okay. 13 fails because you've already provided it? MR. SWEET: Exactly. There is no question as to 14 14 MR. SWEET: So we agree that there should be a 15 dissolution, that Mr. Kvam would be entitled to the 15 what money has been put into the partnership and what money 16 has come out of the partnership. It's set forth in our 16 proceeds of the sale. motion and the exhibits, what money was put in, what money 17 17 And, again, as I said in the motion, we do 18 is available, where the money went. intend to file a motion for attorney's fees at the end of 19 The only question is what did TNT do with the 19 this. So we request that the funds not be released, what 20 money that they were paid. We don't know. That's not part 20 is being held with the clerk, until the motion for 21 of Mr. Mineau's duty to account as to what the vendors that 21 attorney's fees is heard. But, you know --22 were paid did with that money. Mr. Mineau's duty, if any, 22 THE COURT: And under the contract there is, if

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would be to say here's how much we paid the contractor

24 under the contractor agreement, which is undisputed. It's

everything goes to Mr. Kvam, why does there have to be a

dissolution? I mean, why can't Mr. Kvam do whatever he

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                MR. SWEET: We have no problem with that. It's
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     a partnership since this is an unincorporated partnership,
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     it would probably effectively no longer be a partnership
     regulated by NRS Chapter 87. But, you know, I'm not sure
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     that that's something that we need to deal with here today.
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     would preclude the claim.
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               MR. SWEET: And fair enough, your Honor. To me
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     this isn't something that needs to go to trial. Whether
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     the entity is judicially dissolved at final judgment or
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     whether it is simply assigned to Mr. Kvam, and that
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     inherently creates a judicial dissolution because now you
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     or whether Mr. Kvam wants to, you know, take some other
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     he has pure ownership of it, I don't really care. Frankly.
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     the outcome that is going to be adjudicated.
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               MR. MATUSKA: Yes. What we just heard for the
     past 15 minutes or so, your Honor, basically is an
     encapsulation of the story that they've been giving us
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                                                                  Mr. Sweet organized his claims. I actually organized it by
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throughout this case and even prior to the time that we
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burden of the plaintiff to come forward with the actual evidence to support the allegations of the complaint, we provided 48 exhibits, only one of which was mentioned by Mr. Sweet. And the Court will have about twice that many 12 at the time of trial. In fact, the story that he's giving is, is legally irrelevant. His first argument that an investment carries

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15 risk, that's not even a legal argument, your Honor. What does that mean in the context of this case and the context of summary judgment? It's a rhetorical question. It means nothing.

We all know that possibly the, the real estate market changes. And maybe these parties don't realize quite the profit that they anticipated. Maybe the house doesn't sell for quite as much as they anticipated, or maybe it sells for more. That's the kind of risk that you 24 assume in a variable real estate market.

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was the subject of the, of the recommendation from the
discovery commissioner. We need that.
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contractor is legally irrelevant, and it's false.
Mr. Mineau stuck with that contractor on his other
projects. That's why he's not giving us the, the evidence
of it.
           And, also, your Honor, this idea that he wants
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And I want to be clear on this, too. Although

Mr. Sweet and Mr. Mineau will continue to blame that

contractor, that contractor was working on Mr. Mineau's

other projects, which as far as we can tell, were brought

to a successful and a profitable conclusion. That's the

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that we've been requesting, and that's the discovery that

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Of course it needs to be resolved one way or

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the partnership formerly and cleanly. But if Mr. Kvam

to just take the money and proceed with some sort of

partnership with himself, I don't see any reason why

Page 22 Page 23 records in this case. Mr. Sweet provided extensive 1 May I make one side point in addition to that exhibits with his motion and I provided extensive exhibits first, though? 3 with my opposition. 3 THE COURT: Yes. 4 Where is one letter from Mr. Mineau to the 4 MR. MATUSKA: As a matter of law, though, it 5 contractor saying you did something wrong, or I want my 5 doesn't matter if the contractor did something wrong. He's 6 money back. It's not there, because Mr. Mineau had an not a defendant in this case. 7 ongoing relationship with this contractor. The story 7 Mr. Mineau is the defendant. This case is about 8 you're being fed is patently false. And we have some false his duties. They've now admitted to the joint venture 8 9 representations in this record, and we need to discuss 9 agreement which up until January 6th was denied, your 10 those also, but that's one of them. 10 Honor. 11 Mr. Mineau had an ongoing relationship with this 11 They denied that this was a partnership or joint contractor and had no intention of, of getting crossways venture until January 6th of 2020. And they admit that. 12 13 with this contractor who was working on his other projects. 13 They also admit that as a result of the joint venture 14 THE COURT: And, so, counsel, if you point to 14 Mr. Mineau owes fiduciary duties to the partnership and to 15 specifically the evidence that will support what you're 15 the partners, including my client Jay Kvam. 16 saying, can you identify specific documents that would 16 Once we have this acknowledgment that Mr. Mineau 17 reflect an ongoing relationship with the contractor? 17 owes a fiduciary duty, the other duties follow -- the duty 18 The point is that you're maintaining that 18 of care, the duty of loyalty, the duty to account. 19 Mr. Mineau had a relationship with the contractor, that 19 And although, as a general manner of speaking, 20 that was his focus, that the projects that that contractor 20 Mr. Sweet is correct, plaintiff has the burden of coming 21 did were successful, and this one was not? 21 forth with specific evidence. It's not that simple in this 22 MR. MATUSKA: Yes, I can, your Honor. 22 case because we have the record, and we do not see that Mr. Mineau fulfilled his fiduciary duty. We do not see a 23 THE COURT: Okay. Go ahead. 24 MR. MATUSKA: I can point to that. 24 duty of care. We do not see a duty of loyalty. We do not Page 24 Page 25 see an accounting. We do not have any of that. he confirmed that the -- that the funds for this May Street 1 With regard to the fourth cause of action project went into the same account as the funds for a 2 tortious breach, tortious breach of a covenant of good 3 3 series of other projects. faith, he's got a duty to fulfill the contract. So there's THE COURT: How does that support the claim for 4 4 nothing in here that would show that he fulfilled the breach of contract or tortious breach of a covenant of good 5 contract. But yes, we do have the evidence of his other faith and fair dealing? It seems to me that there has to 6 projects and the evidence of how he interfered with the be additional, not just that it happened, but it happened 7 7 plus, because it's not unusual for people to have multiple 8 fulfillment of this contract. 9 I think the best evidence of the other projects 9 projects going on. are the bank statements. I need the number in the motion. 10 10 MR. MATUSKA: I was just pointing out as the THE COURT: So you've identified bank evidence that he had other projects going on. And that is 11 the subject of discovery. 12 statements. Anything else? 13 MR. MATUSKA: The bank statements show deposits 13 It goes to the fiduciary duty, also, which going into that TNT account for properties. This May encompasses the duty of loyalty and the duty of care. He 14 14 15 Street property, property of Michigan Avenue, South Bishop, 15 is not being loyal to this project, and he's prioritizing 16 about five properties. All of which are the subject of 16 his other projects ahead of it, your Honor. That's the 17 the, of the discovery motion. We also have Mr. Steel's 17 simple answer. 18 report, which I'm finding more readily than, than the bank 18 THE COURT: But do you have evidence that 19 statements, but Mr. Sweet --19 there -- that they were not simultaneous, or that they -- I 20 THE COURT: Is that your forensic accountant? 20 mean, what is it that requires this project to be number 1

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MR. MATUSKA: Yes, and he reviewed the bank

22 statements. And those are Exhibits 41 and 42 to the

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Mr. Steel reviewed the bank records and confirmed that --

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loyalty, he can't prioritize the other projects ahead of

MR. MATUSKA: Well, yes. Yes, with the duty of

Page 27 Page 26 Actually, I thought their motion was confusing. this. 1 1 2 But let's, let's go back to square 1, then, and They wanted summary judgment on the first claim for relief, 3 I think that this is important. Mr. Sweet keeps pointing 3 but they're admitting to our first claim for relief. So it to the terms of agreement. He says it's deficient, and it seems appropriate just to point that out, that they are now 4 5 doesn't have this, and it doesn't have that. Let's go back 5 admitting that this is, is a joint venture governed by the to square 1. Partnership Act. That's the extent of the cross-motion. 6 7 Please, let's go to the exhibits in the 7 THE COURT: Okay. So as far as your opposition to the motion for summary judgment. Let's go to cross-motion then, it's only as to claim 1, but claims 2 8 8 9 Exhibit Number 2. 9 through 11, your position is that you have provided, and 10 THE COURT: To his motion? you have shown material facts in this field? 10 MR. MATUSKA: No, to our, our opposition. 11 MR. MATUSKA: Yes. And I'd like to review some 11 12 THE COURT: Okay. So let's step back for one of these exhibits now that we submitted with our 1.2 13 minute. 13 opposition. In fact, I think we should just go through This is the problem with a cross-motion. So are 14 14 them. you moving for summary judgment on each and every claim? 15 Exhibit Number 1 is a declaration from Jay Kvam. 15 16 MR. MATUSKA: No, your Honor. I'm sorry. I 16 But starting with Exhibit Number 2, it's the 17 meant to be clear about that. They've admitted to the 17 email from Michael Spinola to Jay Kvam. That's how he was 18 first claim for relief. 18 introduced to the project. 19 THE COURT: Right. 19 It identifies a contractor bid of \$70,000 and a 20 MR. MATUSKA: That's the only thing I moved for probable listing price of \$169,900. That's on December 29th, 2016. summary judgment on. I didn't argue that. I just said 21 21 A couple of days later, approximately the first 22 they've acknowledged that now. 22 23 THE COURT: Okay. day of January, Mr. Kvam was introduced to Mr. Mineau at a 24 MR. MATUSKA: That is no longer in dispute. Starbucks. And Exhibit 3 is the result of that meeting. Page 28 Page 29 And Exhibit 3 is actually, is actually the 1 project funds separate. So that was false. 1 breakdown of the financing. It starts on the top of the 2 The agreement that they reached on January 1st 3 listing price of \$169,000. Starts with the listing price 3 was that all the parties would put in money here. 4 of \$169,000, \$70,000 for the repairs. \$44,000 for the 4 Mr. Mineau, now we have a great dispute on whether 5 purchase. All in at \$114,000, plus interest at 7 percent. 5 Mr. Mineau put money in. That's the subject of a separate Interest estimated for three months, this was estimated to motion. We still don't have good evidence that Mr. Mineau 7 be a three-month project. Profits, \$39,485 divided by put his funding into this project. He's coming up with three. It's right there. changeable stories of where an additional \$20,000 came 8 9 This is really the agreement that they reached 9 from. in January. 10 10 But going forward, Exhibit No. 6 is the purchase 11 And then we go forward a little bit. Exhibit 11 contract, \$44,000. 12 Number 5. Then Mr. Kvam is provided with the bid, the 12 Exhibit No. 7, Jay Kvam wires his \$44,000 for 13 contractors bid for \$70,000 on January 2nd. That bid is the purchase price. from Triple R Construction, curiously not TNT, which is the 14 Exhibit 8, he wires another \$784.31 for escrow 14 15 one that Mr. Mineau chose. 15 costs. 16 Last page of the bid, this job will take three 16 Exhibit 9 is the settlement statement on escrow 17 months. So, again, we have the three-month estimate. 17 close. Escrow closed February 13th, 2017. 18 And at the same time Mr. Mineau represented to 18 THE COURT: So, Counsel, if we, if we drill down 19 Mr. Kvam that he had had successful projects in the Chicago 19 on your representations, which obviously I looked at all 20 area. He did not represent that he had projects ongoing. 20 these documents of fraud, have -- like I said, some of your 21 He represented that he had experience. 21 allegations I think move into your eighth claim, some of 22 And that's important, too, because if he had 22 your argument is -- have you met the burden that's required 23 explained he had projects ongoing, more of an effort would to maintain a claim of fraud? Have you in your opposition

24 have been made to prioritize this project and keep the

provided facts to support that there are material facts in

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     dispute as to that claim?
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                MR. MATUSKA: The --
                                                                       agreement. But the representations, essential
                THE COURT: Because the way that it's pled, it's
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                                                                       representations that I'm looking at is that all the parties
     too broad, in your, in your complaint. And that's why when
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     it's tested on summary judgment like it is here, that's
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     your time to come forward and tell the Court, here's the
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     evidence that I have that we've discerned through discovery
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                                                                       matters of concealment. And please keep in mind the
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     that supports my claim for fraud, fraudulent inducement and
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     fraudulent concealment.
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                So you have the representation that the project
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     was supposed to come down with a $13,000 profit. Did I
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     hear you say that was really the agreement, or was this
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                                                                       February 13th. Mr. Kvam actually signed the terms of
     really doodling on a pad of paper and doing an estimate?
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                                                                       agreement the next day on February 14th, so after they, he
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     So I have that representation. I think that's what you're
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     saying.
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                And then 2, we have the three-month estimate
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                                                                       agreement, the terms of the agreement are for Mr. Kvam to
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     which there's some correspondence that it may take later.
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     representation that Mr. Mineau had successful experience in
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                MR. MATUSKA: The inducement really is that
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                                                                       funding, assigned that draw to Mr. Kvam, a proportionate
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    Mr. Mineau had successful experience in Chicago, and that
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     all of the partners would be contributing money.
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                                                                       also why Mr. Spinola is on the sideline at this point.
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                The project, the layout of the project financing
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     the terms of the agreement, please.
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                THE COURT: I have it.
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                                                                       financing outline that we looked at. It doesn't change it,
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                MR. MATUSKA: And if we look at the very top,
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     terms of agreement between Legion Investments, LLC, its
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     members -- and I'm focusing on the next line, and Jay Kvam,
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     initial funding member of same. Because when we go through
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     the terms of agreement, the fourth and fifth line:
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                    Initial purchase is being funded by
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                    remedies due should the transaction
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                Initial funder -- initial funder was identified
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     above as Jay Kvam.
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                    Initial funder will be due a 7
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                    percent annual return on any funds
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                    provided due from date of
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                                                                       Mr. Kvam, and that there's expected to be three renovation
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                No conditions whatsoever.
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                There is expected to be three renovation draws,
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23 and then Mr. Spinola is assigning some of his interest to
                                                                                  MR. MATUSKA: We don't need to because that was
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   Mr. Kvam.
                                                                  24 the agreement of the parties. This agreement, again, is
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     more focused on what's happening between Mr. Spinola and
                                                                       thereby assigned any remedies due should the transaction
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     Mr. Kvam.
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                And, actually, though if you go to the bottom
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                                                                                 MR. MATUSKA: I don't know. I mean, it's vaque,
     and see what Mr. Kvam and Mr. Spinola are agreeing to, you
                                                                      really. And it's an issue that all the parties will have
     can infer from that Mr. Kvam originally is not the only one
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     providing funding. Here Mr. Spinola and Mr. Kvam are
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     reaching an agreement on Mr. Spinola's share of the
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                                                                      does not say, your Honor, it does not say that it is an
     funding, which infers again that all the parties were
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     supposed to provide funding. You need to go to the oral --
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     well, the simple answer is that Mr. Kvam testified to that
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     in the declaration he provided.
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               And, actually, I don't think it's disputed that
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     Mr. Mineau was supposed to provide funding. He's given us
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     four different answers to the question of how he provided
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     funding, but he's not disputing that he was supposed to
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                                                                                 MR. MATUSKA: That doesn't even say that it's
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     provide funding. And if we go back to Exhibit Number 3,
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     which is the cost breakdown, that's, that's what, that's
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                                                                      the sole contractual remedy.
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     why they're dividing profits three ways.
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                So this terms of agreement was actually after
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     close, and is more focused on Mr. Spinola. It does however
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                                                                      to Mr. Kvam. It probably sounded good at the time.
     state without conditions that Mr. Kvam is supposed to be
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    returned his investment plus 7 percent interest, without
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                                                                      really mean, and we have to be honest, there's no detail to
     condition. There's no condition stated.
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                                                                      it. It doesn't mean much at this point. It's not an
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               THE COURT: What does the language mean, Who is
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                                                                      exclusive remedy.
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                And of course it would not have been a practical
                                                                      Who drafted it, I don't know specifically.
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    remedy at the time because why would he want -- why would
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     he want the project assigned to him when they've already
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                                                                      declaration that Mr. Spinola probably drafted it to him and
     spent $69,000 on it, stripped to the bone, and is in worse
                                                                      sent to it him. But Mr. Mineau signed it before Mr. Kvam
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     shape? It's not really security at that point. It's a
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     liability at that point, really.
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                But there's nothing in there that would preclude
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                                                                      please. This is more on the representation and why the
     the remedies that he's seeking in court. And we've had
                                                                       other projects are relevant.
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                                                                                  Exhibit No. 12 is one of the early text messages
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     this situation again throughout this case.
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               Mr. Sweet will raise these factual issues
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                                                                      between Mr. Kvam and Mr. Mineau. At the top, Mr. Kvam:
11 without stating the legal relevance or without providing
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                                                                                     Did the wire details come through?
    points and authorities on the legal relevance of that.
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                I know he's pointed to this a couple of times,
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                                                                      to a contractor. Mr. Mineau responds:
14 but he hasn't explained why this would have any effect on
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                                                                                     Not yet. He was getting the wiring
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     our case. And in fact it, it really doesn't.
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               THE COURT: When you say that, you're talking
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    about Exhibit 11.
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               MR. MATUSKA: I'm talking specifically that he's
                                                                      account for May Street. May Street funds were wired into
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    mentioned a couple of times that Exhibit 11, yes, says that
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    Mr. Kvam is assigned any remedies, but he's never followed
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     that through with any points and authorities on how that
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                                                                                 MR. SWEET: Objection, your Honor. That is a
    would affect this case at all. And it doesn't.
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                                                                 22 misstatement. It was not wired into an account that
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THE COURT: Remind me who drafted this.

MR. MATUSKA: It was sent by email to Mr. Kvam.

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Mr. Mineau was using. It was wired to the contractor.

MR. MATUSKA: It doesn't matter. And can I -- I

Page 38 Page 39 finish, please? I did not interrupt him. 1 MR. MATUSKA: It's relevant to multiple 2 THE COURT: Why don't we just settle down. claims -- to the duty of loyalty, to the duty of care, to Here's what I want. the fiduciary duty, to the accounting, to the fraud, of 3 I want -- I read all your documents. What I course. And there are many species of fraud. 5 want is for you to tie it up for me and tell me exactly 5 And I'm going to go further in the record and 6 where there are genuine issues of material fact. What's 6 show you some of the concealments also. The RICO, We've really clear to me is both sides have a interpretation of 7 discussed the fraudulent inducement right now where 8 what happened between these people. And that clearly they 8 Mr. Mineau was going to put up funds and he had experience. 9 went into a deal, and thought that it was going to be 9 He concealed that he had other projects going on. He 10 profitable. It was not. And so we're here because it was 10 represented that the funds would be placed in a separate 1.1 11 account. That never happened. 12 But this is the time to test each and every one 12 We go through the record, and we see more of your claims and for me to determine whether or not there 13 misrepresentations about the status of the project. I 13 14 is sufficient evidence produced by you, who will bear the 14 think what's helpful, though, is to view those burden at trial, to defeat the summary judgment motion. 15 15 representations in relations to the timing of when Mr. Kvam 16 So I want to -- I've looked at all this. I want 16 is forwarding funds for, for, for the project. you to tell me exactly what matches --17 17 If we look at Exhibit No. 13, that's a text MR. MATUSKA: I am. I'm, I'm telling by 18 1.8 message between Mr. Mineau and the real estate agent on reference to the exhibits. March 16th. He's saying, now he's saying I'm going to have 19 19 20 Right here in Exhibit 12 is a representation 20 a contractor go to May Street, which is very curious, 21 that there will be a separate account for the May Street because we already looked at the bid that he had for 22 funds. That did not happen. \$70,000. We go a step further, on Exhibit 14, and 23 THE COURT: And so which claim do you maintain Mr. Mineau is providing the construction contract for TNT. that that supports as a genuine issue of material fact? The construction contract is Exhibit 7 in their motion for 24 summary judgment. The construction contract is for \$80,000 one contractor, and now we've got a contract for \$80,000 1 2 now. And he concealed that the construction contract price with this referred contractor who is working on his other 2 3 3 projects and all the money going to the same account. So 4 And there's no explanation of why he changed it is a problem because of that. from that RND to TNT Construction, although we can infer 5 And more than that, your Honor, this contract, from this record that that's because he was using TNT and I would submit that this is standard procedure, 7 Construction on his other projects. And all the money went 7 Exhibit 4 of the contract -- excuse me, paragraph 4 of the to the same account. So this was no longer kept separate. construction contract, which starts on the first page and 9 And he concealed the fact that the money was all 9 continues onto the second page, requires the contractor to going to the same account and that TNT was working on the provide invoices prior to being paid. We do not have a 10 10 11 other projects and not keeping a separate account. 11 single invoice for this project. 12 THE COURT: But were you supposed to be provided 12 THE COURT: So the representation regarding the 13 contractor, you're maintaining would go to the fraud 13 invoices or Mr. Mineau was? claims. But there was no contractual term that required MR. MATUSKA: Mr. Mineau. But he doesn't have 14 14 15 Mr. Mineau to go with a particular contractor? 15 them, or at least he hasn't provided them to us. He never 16 MR. MATUSKA: We agree with that. And, in fact, 16 demanded, requested, or obtained invoices. But as we look 17 Mr. Kvam was not involved to that extent anyway. through the record, he, twice more he asked Mr. Kvam to 17 18 THE COURT: That was really the province of provide funds, even though he didn't have actual invoices 18 19 Mr. Mineau. 19 and never had confirmation of the construction. 20 20 If we go to addendum A -- and this all relates MR. MATUSKA: Yes, it was, your Honor. In theory, there's no problem with Mr. Mineau, well, to some 21 to his fiduciary duty, his duty of care, his duty to 22 extent Mr. Kvam was relying on Mr. Mineau to select a 22 disclose. 23 23 contractor. THE COURT: So if he, you're maintaining that he

did not disclose all of this, and that your client

But he already provided a bid for \$70,000 from

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Page 42 Page 43 sustained damages as a result. Right? \$21,000. 1 1 2 MR. MATUSKA: Well, in a nutshell, yes. Yes, 2 THE COURT: Okay. MR. MATUSKA: This contract also, the payment your Honor. 3 3 terms, on, on addendum 8 to the contract, well, this is 4 THE COURT: So your damages would have to result 5 from two ways. One you're saying the absolute 7 percent 5 important, too, the payment terms show that \$20,000 down to interest income, and 2 is on the fraud claims, right? Is 6 secure the permits and the demolition. This never went that in a nutshell? 7 7 beyond demolition, yet Mr. Kvam was asked to pay more 8 MR. MATUSKA: Contractually he's entitled to a 7 8 money. 9 9 percent return on, on his investment plus profits on top of The payment terms also say the owner, which is that. So we're talking about 7 percent return on the 10 Mr. Mineau through Legion Investments, the owner of the 10 11 investment and lost profits, and, actually, those are two 11 project will approve the percentage of the work. 12 different categories. But they are both available under 12 Mr. Mineau never did that, so we're talking 13 these claims, yes. 13 about duty of care, fiduciary duty, duty of loyalty, 14 THE COURT: So the 7 percent, what does that 14 concealment, he never did these basic steps to get invoices 15 total? 15 and to approve the percentage of work. 16 MR. MATUSKA: Well, he invested \$93,741 plus 7 16 And that's why I started out by saying it's easy 17 percent interest on that from February of 2017. And then 17 to say that the defendant has the burden of proof to come 18 another anticipated \$13,000 in lost profits. forward with affirmative -- excuse me, that our side, the 19 THE COURT: So you don't have that total of 7 plaintiff, has the affirmative burden to come forward with 20 evidence to show a triable issue of fact. 20 percent? 21 21 But we have to be a little careful with that MR. MATUSKA: Well, I could run it. Actually, because a lot of what we're talking about is what we don't 22 it's easy. It's three years, almost three years to the 22 23 day. If we say 7 percent for a year on a, on a hundred have. We do not have Mr. Mineau requesting invoices and thousand dollars for three years, it's approximately 24 inspecting the percentage of the work to approve payment. Page 45 Yet I want to keep going through our record, because even 1 That Mr. Kvam wired his first payment of 1 though Mr. Mineau is not doing that, he comes back and asks \$20,000, Exhibit -- Exhibit 18, thinking it was going to a 2 3 Mr. Kvam for more money, or instructs Mr. Kvam to forward 3 separate account. It did not go to a separate account. He more money. did not know that. 4 5 In fact, he does that at the same time he's 5 THE COURT: But he had the wiring information, giving Mr. Kvam false information about the status of the right? 6 6 7 project. And he tells Mr. Kvam that permits are issued, 7 MR. MATUSKA: Yes, but he didn't know that they waiting for inspection, forward the next money. We were using the same account for all of Mr. Mineau's other provided the inspection reports, and permits weren't even Ģ projects. In fact, he didn't know about the other projects 9 pulled until July after the money was sent. 10 at that time. 10 11 So we've got this great conflict in this case, 11 Exhibit Number 19. Brian Mineau at the top --12 your Honor, what was Mr. Kvam forwarding the money for? more text messages. Brian Mineau at the tops says: 12 13 Because it didn't go to this project. 13 Good morning, Jay. I spoke with 14 THE COURT: And he made specific requests of 14 Derek last night and this morning, 15 Mr. Mineau for that information, and he traveled to Chicago 15 and next Tuesday or Wednesday is good for the next draw. If that works for and looked at the project? 16 16 17 17 MR. MATUSKA: No, Mr. Kvam has never looked at you, he said Easter pushed back a few the project. He was relying -- he relied on Mr. Mineau. inspections, but we will be done no 18 18 And when Mr. Mineau said it's time to forward more money, 19 19 later than the 16th of May. 20 Mr. Kvam forwarded more money. 20 Your Honor, they didn't even have permits at 21 I'd like to point you specifically to this time. And they had not progressed beyond that 22 Exhibit 19. Just to complete our record, Exhibit Number 18 22 demolition phase. More payment was not due. But we have 23 is where Mr. Mineau wired the first \$20,000, thinking it 23 the next exhibit, of course, because Mr. Kvam is relying on

was going to go to a separate account. It didn't.

this, Exhibit 20 is when Mr. Kvam forwards the next payment

Page 46 Page 47 of \$20,000. mitigate his damages? 1 1 2 And we go on like this with the 2 MR. MATUSKA: Yes. But that isn't really part 3 misrepresentations about the status of the project and the 3 of their summary judgment. The issue of mitigation is status of inspections. And we provided the inspection pretty complicated when you're talking about fraud 5 misrepresentation. We don't put the affirmative duty on reports. 6 THE COURT: And Exhibit 21 shows that \$9,000 б the defrauded party, you know, to discover the fraud and 7 wire, correct? 7 undo it. 8 MR. MATUSKA: Yes. 8 He put up \$44,000 for the original purchase. 9 THE COURT: And that was made after the original 9 The first installment to the contractor in March, \$20,000, 10 estimated date, wasn't the original estimated date of 10 second installment to the contractor of \$20,000 in April. 11 completion 5/16? That second \$20,000 was the one that he agreed to do for 12 MR. MATUSKA: Well, the original estimate was Spinola. That was what the terms of agreement was. 13 the three-month project. 13 THE COURT: And then he did the half of the 14 In the, in the last text that we just looked at 14 third at \$9,000. 15 Mr. Mineau -- we will be done no later than the 16th of 15 MR. MATUSKA: Yes, because there was, because 16 May. 16 there, because they still weren't coming up with more 17 So, yes, we do have another \$9,000 being 17 money. So he did put \$9,000 more up, yes. Yes. 18 forwarded on May, on May 18th, correct. 18 But it was still based on the representations 19 And appreciate, too, that Mr. Kvam was put in a 19 that the project is proceeding, we have inspections 20 position, at what point is he supposed to pull the plug on pending, it was just absolutely false, your Honor. We've 21 this. never even been able to tell what days the contractor was 22 Is he supposed to ride it out, put a little more 22 at the project. 23 Mr. Mineau did nothing to supervise the course 23 money in --24 THE COURT: Doesn't he have an obligation to of, of construction. Another kind of a fine point, your Page 48 Page 49 Honor, but these, these second payments of \$20,000 and wiring Mr. Mineau any money before they had permits? 1 1 \$9,000 don't even match with the payment schedule in the But then we get to Exhibit 24. There's a new 2 2 construction contract. It's not even clear how they're 3 3 investor. Apparently Mr. Mineau decided he wasn't going to coming up with these numbers. Keep in mind, too, that this put his own money in. He had another investor put his 4 was explained in the declaration. Mr. Kvam did not have money in -- if it's true, which we don't have confirmation 5 5 the construction contract. We got that as part of this 6 6 This goes back to the fraudulent inducement, the 7 case. 7 8 Initially, and he doesn't really need to. He's 8 fraud, the concealment, the misrepresentation. July, Jay not supervising the construction. But he didn't know what Kvam gets an email from Brad Tammen, that he put \$20,000 9 10 the payment schedule was in the contract. He's paying what 10 in, into the project. We don't know where that money went 11 Mr. Mineau advises him to pay. And Mr. Mineau concealed 11 either. I mean, we know what account it went into, but we 12 that he had changed contractors and that the, the price of 12 don't have any confirmation that it was used on May Street. 13 the project had, had gone up. 13 This email, though, Exhibit 24, at the bottom, 14 We're going forward. Then Exhibit 24. Suddenly 14 Mr. Mineau confirms that, actually going on to the next 15 there's a new investor involved with the project. 15 page, Jay put up the purchase capital and was getting 7 THE COURT: But as of June 2017, Mr. Kvam knew percent on that. And then we are going to split the profit 16 16 17 that there was some problems on the project. after all expenses are paid back. Actually, Mr. Mineau, 18 MR. MATUSKA: Well, he knew it hadn't been 18 even this email to a different party is confirming the 7 19 complete -- you know, not really. He knew it hadn't been 19 percent to Mr. Kvam. 20 completed on time, but the reports were still rosy. The 20 And we know, your Honor, that in those instances reports or inspections have been pushed back, we're still when a contract is ambiguous, sometimes we look to the 21 22 working on getting final inspections. But in truth they subsequent acts of the parties to determine how they 23 didn't even have the permit at that time. And let's ask 23 intended to fulfill the contract. And this is relevant for the basic question. Why was Mr. Mineau having Mr. Kvam 24 that purpose.

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                Let me flip ahead to the inspection reports.
                                                                       not specific. Mr. Kvam doesn't have that burden. And,
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     Exhibit 32. Actually, let me use Exhibit 33.
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                Inspection for the permit, renovation,
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                                                                       motion for summary judgment. Mr. Kvam rode this out as
     alteration of a single-family residence, architectural,
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     mechanical, plumbing and electrical. This has a permit
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     date of July 17th, 2017.
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                THE COURT: Is that a completion permit or
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     preliminary?
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                MR. MATUSKA: I don't know if they are making
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     that distinction. That is the permit for the, for the
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     alteration, for the interior alteration of a single-family
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     residence. July 17th, 2017.
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                Mr. Mineau concealed that they were that far
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     behind on, on the permitting process, that he was having
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     Mr. Kvam, and maybe Bradley Tammen pay money for the
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     project anyway. There's no justifiable reason for that,
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     and it goes to the essential fraud, breach of duty of care,
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     breach of fiduciary duties.
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     but prelitigation, too. 2018, they told us they still do
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     not have a budget or estimated completion date to complete
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     the project.
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                So I know that Mr. Sweet wants to put the burden
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                                                                       referenced was the contractor agreements and the escrow
     on Mr. Kvam to do something at some point in time. He's
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                                                                      closing statement.
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                The only document from their motion was the
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                                                                                  THE COURT: On which funds?
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                                                                                 MR. MATUSKA: The sale funds. The ones that are
     contract agreement, their Exhibit 7, and then the escrow
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     closing statement. Escrow closed November 16th, when they
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     sold it November 16th of 2018. The project sold for
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     $40,000. That was after buying it for $44,000 and putting
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                                                                                  MR. MATUSKA: The sale was $40,000. The net was
     up $69,000 for renovation. It sold for less. It sold in a
                                                                       $24,000 and change. Yes, your Honor.
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     demolished condition.
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     investment or the result of the market. That's
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     mismanagement and, quiet frankly, your Honor, fraud and
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     breach of fiduciary duty.
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     unfinished state, is a breach of all of the duties that
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     we've identified. And even more than that, Mr. Mineau did
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     not even inform Mr. Kvam of the sale.
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               Mr. Kvam was doing his own research on, on
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     public records available online through Cook County,
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                                                                                 MR. MATUSKA: First of all, they've admitted our
     Chicago and was able to find the sale. And then we had to
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     get a temporary restraining order to prevent the
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     disposition of those funds.
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               And that is part of the ongoing fraud,
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     concealment, and breach of fiduciary duty.
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               And we never got a straight answer on why those
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24 funds weren't released to Mr. Kvam.
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MR. MATUSKA: And I appreciate it, but I don't

Page 54 Page 55 think it's realistic. I'm just pointing out that we had to say it, but it's true; it's false. There's misdirection. 1 file this lawsuit to get those funds and others. But today There's no accounting. he's agreeing that those should have been paid to Mr. Kvam. 3 THE COURT: So if monies are contributed by The point is they didn't pay those to him. So we've Mr. Kvam into the partnership, you have what monies those 5 prevailed on the first cause of action. He's already 5 are, correct? admitted that those funds should have been paid to 6 You have the monies that are paid out of the Mr. Kvam. I'm just a little curious or cautious --7 7 partnership. Correct? 8 THE COURT: I think you can have that 8 MR. MATUSKA: We really have to start the 9 conversation separate and apart with Mr. Sweet because 9 accounting issue by reference to the Partnership Act. that's not the basis here this morning for the summary 10 THE COURT: But the point is --10 11 judgment motion. 11 MR. MATUSKA: These parties are charged with 12 MR. MATUSKA: I'd like to address the accounting 12 capital accounts. That's the start of a partnership 13 and RICO causes of action specifically also. Accounting, 13 accounting. And that comes up in multiple places. 14 in reference to the Partnership Act --14 THE COURT: But what I want to make sure is that 15 THE COURT: So it's not -- so your position is you're not expecting an accounting from the contractor. 15 16 that the information that Mr. Sweet maintains complied, and 16 In the partnership -- the entity, you have the 17 the information was conveyed, your position is that it 17 monies that come in, and the monies that are paid out. But 18 wasn't done in a format required under the Partnership Act? 18 it seems to me part of the concern that Mr. Kvam has is 19 MR. MATUSKA: I'm saying they haven't provided 19 what the contractor did or did not do with monies that were paid to him. But that's not required under the Partnership 20 any accounting, your Honor. Where in this record is an 20 21 accounting? I know he says that. I know he says we have 21 Act. everything. There's nothing. You've got a hundred 22 22 MR. MATUSKA: It is, your Honor. And we can go 23 exhibits in relation to this summary judgment. Where's the through the accounting required in the Partnership Act. 24 accounting? It's not here. That statement is -- I hate to 24 And we do not have any record of monies paid out. We have Page 56 Page 57 record of wires to a contractor. We do not have a single THE COURT: Okay. So your position is that the 1 1 invoice for this project. And we probably won't get one at 2 2 lack of evidence supports that there's a genuine issue of 3 this point because Mr. Mineau never asked for invoices. 3 material fact? 4 And that's a problem. That goes as a breach of 4 MR. MATUSKA: Yes. Specifically on the 5 fiduciary duty and duty of care. But that doesn't excuse 5 accounting issue. We don't have an accounting. them from the accounting. Mr. Sweet keeps -- he keeps saying we don't need 6 6 7 What the Partnership Act requires, each partner 7 it, because we know how much Jay wired. That's not the is deemed to have an account that is credited with an 8 8 accounting. That's a very small portion of it. amount equal to the money plus the value of any property 9 9 One thing to be aware of under NRS 87.4352, the that the partner contributed to the partnership. partnership continues after dissolution until it is wound 10 10 11 Do we know how much Mr. Mineau contributed to 11 up. We are not wound up yet. 12 the partnership? We don't. That's where we really have to 12 As part of the winding up we have to settle the 13 start, and that's why this issue of whether he contributed accounts. 87.4357, winding up partnerships business, 13 money, or Criterion NV contributed money, or whether he 14 14 assets of the partnership, including the contributions of 15 borrowed it from Bradley Tammen, contributed money. That's 15 the partners must be applied to discharge the obligations the very first step of the accounting. 16 to creditors, including any partners who are creditors. 17 And we don't have that issue. We do know how 17 Each partner is entitled to a settlement of all of the 18 much Mr. Kvam wired to the contractor. That's the only 18 partnership accounts. We don't have any of that, your thing we know. We don't know what the expenses were in 19 19 Honor. 20 relation to this project, and we may not have that because 20 We don't really -- and if we don't get detailed of the lack of records from Mr. Mineau. 21 21 records, that's part of the essential causes of action But we have to have an accounting, 87.433, an 22 22 here.

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23 accounting of the, of the money that Mr. Mineau contributed

24 to the partnership. And we don't have it.

The fraud and the concealment that Mr. Mineau

was putting together a real estate investment project,

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     having Mr. Kvam invest money without any, any accounting
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     for the funds. And without getting, without reviewing the,
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                                                                       for conversion, and they obviously are, because that would
     the progress of the project, and without getting invoices
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     from, from the contractor.
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                It's one of the essential reasons why we want
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     the records on his other project. We wanted to see if he
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     was getting invoices on his other projects.
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                THE COURT: Did you file a Rule 56 F motion?
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                MR. MATUSKA: I did not. I included those
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     issues in the response, your Honor.
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                THE COURT: But did you -- I did not recall the
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     specific language in your opposition --
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                MR. MATUSKA: Well, it specifically comes up in
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     our discussion of the cause of action for conversion, that
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     we do not have all of the records yet.
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                THE COURT: But you don't -- I don't recall that
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     you specifically identified in your opposition the items
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     that, I thought you stated them rather generally.
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                MR. MATUSKA: I did by reference to the
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                                                                      Mr. Kvam wired funds directly to the contractor, Mr. Mineau
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     discovery commissioner's order.
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                                                                      did not have dominion over the funds. That's not a correct
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                THE COURT: Okay.
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                                                                      recitation of the law on conversion. Actually, the concept
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                MR. MATUSKA: Yes. Yes.
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                                                                      of conversion is more flexible than that. The idea of
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                And, actually, your Honor, when we were going
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                                                                      dominion and control is whether one party participated in
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     through the briefing, I was addressing the relevance of
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                                                                      the act of conversion. And it doesn't have to be a
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     specific intent crime. It's not a crime. It doesn't have
                                                                      state RICO it absolutely is not. It only requires two of
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     to be a -- it doesn't require a specific level of intent.
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                But we know that Mr. Mineau participated in the
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     commingling of funds. He allowed it. And he benefited
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     dominion and control that's, that's required for a cause of
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     action for conversion. We know that he participated in it
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     because originally he had the R & D contractor lined up.
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     Then he switched to TNT without telling Mr. Kvam. Then he
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     told Mr. Kvam that the funds would be kept in a separate
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     account. And that did not happen.
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                So yes, Mr. Mineau absolutely participated in
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     the commingling resulting in the conversion of funds. And
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     he's responsible for that.
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                The RICO cause of action, we were fortunate,
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    your Honor, that we had a Nevada reported case that
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     explained the distinctions between our state RICO statutes
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     and the Federal RICO statutes in sufficient detail. And
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                                                                      Mr. Kvam?
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     there's little doubt that this type of a, of a record
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                                                                                 MR. MATUSKA: We don't know who the investors
     supports a claim for a conversion.
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               Mr. Sweet seemed to think you needed two
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23 separate, completely separate records to support a claim
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                                                                      borrowed money from anyone, but the money is provided to
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24 for RICO. That might be true under Federal RICO. Under

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                MR. MATUSKA: We explained it.
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                                                                       partnership. To the extent that any of these claims belong
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                First of all, we don't know that the money was
                                                                       to the partnership Mr. Kvam has asserted those.
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     provided to the project.
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                THE COURT: Okay. So that's the issue, not who
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                                                                       draw reasonable inferences from, from, from the record.
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     he borrowed it from.
                MR. MATUSKA: That's one issue. It goes back to
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     the fraudulent inducements on January 1st, 2017, when all
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                                                                       project, was supposed to have three investors. In fact, he
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     of these investors were supposed to put up money in the
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     project.
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     declaration. He would not do an investment with somebody
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     who wasn't invested in the project. To put it bluntly, if
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     Mr. Mineau, if he doesn't have skin in the game, he has no,
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     no incentive to finish the project. And that probably is
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     the story behind the story.
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                                                                       three construction draws. Mr. Mineau did not do that.
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                THE COURT: Well, I don't need "probablys" here.
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     I need specific facts that show that, that there's a
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                                                                       one. And Mr. Kvam testified in declaration that he
     genuine issue of material fact. And I have what you said
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                                                                       submitted in opposition to the motion for summary judgment,
     so far, and we just hit the RICO claim.
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                And did you want to address the 11, the
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     derivative claim at all?
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                                                                       money into the project. He doesn't want to be invested in
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                MR. MATUSKA: I don't need to because that is
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                                                                       a project where the leader of the project is not also
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     just confirming what is in partnership statutes, that a
                                                                       invested in the project.
     partnership can sue on his own behalf or on the part of the
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                                                                                  THE COURT: Okay.
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                                                                       forward in a timely manner. He did nothing. We know that
                MR. MATUSKA: And the reason is what we just
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     said, in that circumstance Mr. Mineau has no financial
                                                                       it wasn't moving forward. The main permit wasn't even
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     incentive to, to complete the project. He's not out money.
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     It's Mr. Kvam who is out money.
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                That's why we have to keep in mind this is not
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                                                                                  So what was Mr. Mineau doing to fulfill the
     about the contractor. This is not about whether Mr. Kvam
                                                                       intended purpose of this agreement? What was he doing to
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     talked to the contractor in May, which he did. It doesn't
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                                                                       exercise his duty of care with regard to the project of my
     matter. This is about since Mr. Mineau was taking this
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                                                                       client? Nothing. And we have, and we have the false
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     money and leaving this project and signing all the
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     documents for the project, and he now admits he had the
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     fiduciary duty to Mr. Kvam. That fiduciary duty includes,
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                                                                                  MR. MATUSKA: Thank you, your Honor.
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    encompasses a duty of loyalty, a duty of care. There's
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     also the contractual duty to exercise good faith, to
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14 fulfill the terms of the contract to fulfill the intended
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     purpose of the contract.
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                                                                       affirmative duty on the part of Mr. Mineau to provide
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                And, again, even though it's our burden to come
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    forward with specific evidence, we do have to look at the
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    absence of evidence in this situation also. What did
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                                                                                  MR. SWEET: Your Honor, I think the hard part is
    Mr. Mineau do to fulfill his obligations? Fiduciary duty
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    of care, fiduciary duty of loyalty. He did nothing. He
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    didn't put up his own money, he didn't ask for invoices
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                In fact, he gave false information to, to
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24 Mr. Kvam. What did Mr. Mineau do to move this project

THE COURT: I'm comfortable that I understand

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Page 66 from his argument. I just want to talk about the basic principle of law. Is it his -- can he utilize an absence 3 of evidence to meet his obligation in opposing a summary judgment motion? 5 MR. SWEET: I don't think so, your Honor,

because He bears the burden at trial. We're now three weeks away.

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If this was the beginning of the case, maybe. He might be able to say we need more evidence, we need to look into this, we need to subpoena some records and find out more information.

But we're three weeks from trial now. That time has passed. They've subpoenaed every record they can get their hands on, they've analyzed it with their forensic accountants, and all of the evidence that they have available is what they have to use to prove their case at trial in three weeks, your Honor.

Now if they're arguing that there is a lack of evidence because Mr. Mineau has an affirmative obligation to obtain an invoice, and since there is no invoice that has been produced then we can infer that Mr. Mineau did not obtain that invoice, I think that might be sufficient from a legal standpoint to say if there was an affirmative obligation to obtain an invoice, and we don't have an

invoice, therefore we can assume that no invoice was 1 2 obtained.

3 The problem with that application in this case, your Honor, is there is substantial evidence of direct 5 communications and evidence of the progression of the 6 project from the contractor.

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No, we don't have invoices but we have dozens and dozens and dozens of pictures. We have representations from the contractor. We have direct conversations between Mr. Kvam and the contractor, between Mr. Mineau and the contractor. The contractor came out here in in person and spent an entire afternoon and evening talking to these parties about the various projects. Mr. Kvam claims there was a concealment that there were other projects going on; that was the whole purpose of the meeting, was to talk about May Street and other projects.

So he flew all the way out here to Reno from Chicago to discuss a variety of projects, including May Street, not just May Street.

Your Honor, there is also direct evidence we've attached to our motion which I'm happy to point out, that Mr. Kvam spoke with TNT before making the second and third wires. So there was direct communication and conversations between Mr. Kvam and the contractor throughout this

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project. So to say that there's a lack of evidence that 1 Mr. Mineau was overseeing the project or ensuring that the 3 project was progressing is simply inaccurate.

Now looking back on it, was TNT telling the truth? I don't know. It seems like when they said we have an inspection scheduled for next week and then the evidence 6 shows that the inspection may have happened in July, we don't know what happened in the meantime because TNT is not here.

So the representations that Mr. Mineau has made throughout all of these claims attached to the opposition 11 are, I spoke to the contractor and he said this; I talked 12 to Derek, and he said that. Those aren't 13 14 misrepresentations, your Honor. That is the status of what Mr. Mineau has been told from the contractor. He doesn't 15 say, I flew out to Chicago and the project is almost done; 16 or I have affirmative evidence that the contractor is 17 telling the truth.

19 Mr. Kvam knows that Mr. Mineau lives in Reno. 20 And Mr. Kvam lives in Reno. And they were working on the 21 project in Chicago. And that's why they were -- they had 22 Slack messages with the contractor. They were getting 23 pictures from the contractor. They were in constant 24 electronic communications with the contractor. But they

weren't there in person.

To say that there's no evidence that Mr. Mineau was overseeing this project and that Mr. Kvam was the silent investor who was just along for the ride is simply not supported by the record.

THE COURT: All right. Anything further? MR. SWEET: Your Honor, I don't believe I need to go through all the documents that Mr. Matuska did.

If you have any questions on those, I'd be happy to address them.

THE COURT: No, I spent quite a bit of time with your documents. I'm comfortable with interpreting them. I -- I think I'm okay.

MR. SWEET: Okay. There are a few points that I would like to make.

As you pointed out, Mr. Kvam has argued that there was some impropriety because there were multiple projects going on. That's not unusual. And, and it wasn't hidden from Mr. Kvam. He knew full well, it's in his notes, that there were multiple projects going on in May Street -- excuse me -- in Chicago, including the May Street project.

23 That isn't evidence of problems. Mr. Matuska argued that if there is evidence that Mr. Mineau told the

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     contractor to prioritize one project over another, that
                                                                       agreement. The terms of the agreement says if this project
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     could be a breach of the duty of loyalty. Maybe, but there
                                                                       fails, then Mr. Kvam is assigned all remedies.
     is no evidence that that happened. And it didn't happen.
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                                                                                 And your Honor, you asked what that provision
                So they've made an argument, again, here we are
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     three weeks away from trial, but there's no evidence to
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     support the conspiracy theory that they put together that
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                                                                                  But your Honor, if you go back to the complaint,
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                                                                       second amended verified complaint, paragraph 8E
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     Mr. Mineau was somehow in cahoots with TNT to prevent the
     May Street project from being completed. Even if they were
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     to get the records that they're asking for showing purchase
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     price and construction agreements and sales price of other
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                                                                                      remedies are assigned to Mr. Kvam.
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     projects that Mr. Mineau might have had going in Chicago
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     about the same time, it's not going to show that TNT
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                                                                       said from the very outset of this dispute. So that's the
     misused Mr. Kvam's funds or that TNT was prioritizing one
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                                                                       interpretation that he has set forth. We're perfectly fine
     project or another or that Mr. Mineau somehow instructed
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     TNT to use the money that Mr. Kvam transferred to TNT for
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                                                                       so Mr. Kvam gets the funds. That was the, that was the
     this project on some other project. There's just no
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     evidence of that, your Honor.
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                Exhibit 3, I think you pointed this out,
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                                                                       Mr. Mineau put up his own money, whether he was obligated
     Exhibit 3 to the opposition is the pro forma notes that
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                Mr. Matuska made the argument that this was the
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     agreement. There's no evidence of that, your Honor. That
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     was the discussion. That was the plan. That was the
                                                                       said that he would put up his own money from his own
     expectation. But the terms of agreement, was the
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                It's not in Mr. Matuska's -- excuse me -
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                                                                                      Receiving Customer Information.
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 2 Mr. Kvam's declaration. He doesn't say that Brian Mineau
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                                                                                      Special Instructions. May Street.
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     promised he was going to use his own money, he was going to
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     account to make this construction job.
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                If that was a material portion or consideration
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     for Mr. Kvam in entering into this transaction, it should
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                                                                       actual obligation to make it, but that's what he did,
     say that in the terms of agreement.
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                As you noted, it doesn't say that. It says,
10 Mr. Kvam will make the first draw. It doesn't say who is
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     going to make the other two draws.
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                                                                       note the timing of this. Mr. Kvam had made both of his
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                Mr. Mineau did make the draw. Where he got the
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                                                                       $20,000 draws and the $9,000 draw before Mr. Mineau made
     money, as you point out, is his own business -- whether he
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     took it out of his personal savings account, a safe at his
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    house, borrowed it from his parents, borrowed it from a
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     friend. Wherever he got the money, he used that money and
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     paid it towards the May Street property.
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     whether there was any evidence that that money was paid for
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    May Street, and if you come back to our motion for summary
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to allow that to happen.

judgment, Exhibit 19 to our motion for summary judgment, is

And it specifically says:

Under Special Instructions --

the wire transfer at issue.

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saying that the first contractor was setting up an account

That is not an affirmative representation that

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   Mr. Mineau would ensure that whatever contractor ultimately
   was hired for the project would set up a separate account.
   That was a representation that the contractor that we
   currently have is being -- is setting up a separate
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   account.
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              Regardless, your Honor, there's no evidence
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   whatsoever of damages. Even if there was some affirmative
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8 obligation or representation that the funds would not be 9 commingled by the contractor, the fact that the contractor commingled the funds and put them in, apparently, the 10 11 general operating account is not what caused the damages. 12 Did not cause Mr. -- or excuse me -- did not cause TNT to, 13 to not finish renovating the project. If they put it into a separate account and then wired it into their general 14 15 operating account, or done whatever it is that the contractor did with the monies, whether it was in a 16 17 separate account to begin with or not would not have changed the outcome. 18

And to suggest that by allowing the contractor 20 to commingle funds, Mr. Mineau converted those funds is 21 simply not supported by the law. Conversion requires a 22 distinct act of dominion over someone else's property. 23 Allowing Mr. Kvam to wire funds to TNT, knowing that those funds from TNT were not being held in a separate account,

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even if Mr. Kvam could prove all that, that in and of itself was not a conversion, especially when Mr. Kvam was 3 in direct communication with TNT throughout this whole

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process. If that was so important to him, when Derek Cole

is sitting in his house in May, how come he didn't say,

6 Hey, Mr. Mineau told me that all this money was being held

in a separate account, and, gee, this is really important to me, is it being held in a separate account? Are you

sending him invoices? How -- what's the status of the 9 10 project?

11 He had that opportunity. There's no evidence 12 whatsoever that he took that opportunity to ensure that the 13 expectations -- which are not in writing, that Mr. Kvam 14 apparently had, that were very important to him, despite 15 the fact that they're not in writing, he had the 16 opportunity to verify those, and he didn't do it.

Moving on to the sale in 2018. Mr. Matuska made the argument that it was a breach of, of Mr. Mineau's fiduciary duty to sell the property in the condition that it was in.

First of all, it was in, in very poor condition because there was a flood on the property, which is the subject of our counterclaims that were dismissed by the prior judge in this action. I won't get into it that at

Page 76 this point, but Mr. Kvam had the utilities set up in his

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              MR. MATUSKA: I'm going to object, your Honor.
   This is complete hearsay, outside the scope of the motion,
   and was already dismissed on summary judgment. There's no
   evidence to support this.
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MR. SWEET: Your Honor, Mr. Matuska in his argument said that there was no explanation as to why the property was sold in the condition that it was in.

THE COURT: All right. So I --

MR. MATUSKA: I didn't. I --

THE COURT: -- I understand with regard to, the property was sold, and there was an amount, to the extent that you claim that the reduced amount resulted in damages to your client, it is relevant. Whether or not it's 16 relevant to the motion for summary judgment, I'll sort through. I'm just taking this as context.

I mean, you still have the -- I don't know that 19 it goes to any exact fact or lack thereof that you've 20 asserted. But I understand that there was something that 21 occurred, and your position would be that it resulted in a 22 decreased value of the property.

23 MR. SWEET: Correct, your Honor.

24 And we have a letter from Mr. Matuska saying sell the property. So that's what they did.

And so the argument that it was a breach of fiduciary duty to sell the property in the condition it was in without finishing the project is simply disingenuous to the facts of this case.

And, your Honor, that, again, is attached to our motion.

Mr. Matuska also arqued that that -- that Mr. Kvam had to file suit in order to enforce what we are now agreeing should be the actual remedy, and that's, again, not true.

The evidence attached to the motion for summary judgment was back in December of 2017. Mr. Mineau said, Do you think this project is a failure; you can have the property; I'll sell it to you, or I'll assign it to you, which was what was agreed in the terms of the agreement. If the project is a failure, everything gets assigned to Mr. Kvam.

Mr. Mienau offered to do that in 2017. Mr. Kvam said no, I don't want the project, I want my money back. Mr. Mineau said that was not the deal, so I'm not going to give you your money back; I'm not going to write you a check. So that's what led to the litigation. Moving on to the accounting -- the --

Page 78 Page 79 Mr. Matuska said that we've never provided accounting. 1 establish where the original source of the \$20,000 wire Well, that's Exhibit 31 and 32 to our motion. As you from Criterion came from. Where did that money come from? pointed out, there's no question as to where the money went 3 3 Well, your Honor, first of all, as I discussed or who provided money into the project or out of the already, it doesn't matter. project. 5 5 Second, even if it does matter, if you're trying 6 If Mr. Matuska thinks that Mr. Mineau is now 6 to determine how much money is in Mr. Mineau or Legion 7 able to provide some sort of accounting as to what TNT did Investments' capital account for this partnership, that with that money, I think it has been very well-established 8 doesn't matter either, because per the terms of the 9 that we don't have that information. Nobody has that 9 agreement everything gets assigned to Mr. Kvam. information. 10 10 So whether there's \$7,000 or \$20,000 or \$27,000 11 We don't know what TNT did with the money. So in Legion Investments' capital account, it all gets 12 that accounting is not going to occur. And Mr. Kvam 12 assigned to Mr. Kvam, and it doesn't matter what the subpoenaed all the records. They had a forensic accountant 13 13 numbers are. 14 go through and review the records. Couldn't determine what 14 The only way that that would matter, your Honor, 15 happened with the money. is if the contract is rescinded, and rather than having the 16 Regardless, it's not Legion or Mr. Mineau's 16 remedies set forth in the terms of agreement, which is 17 responsibility to account for how TNT spent the funds. 17 Mr. Mineau and Legion Investments get zero, Mr. Kvam gets 18 It's their duty to account for the property that they held, 18 everything, we're going to split it up, and say okay, under 19 which was the property itself -- and there is no question the partnership agreement you distribute the assets 20 as to how the funds were moved in and out of the 20 pursuant to capital accounts and partnership ownership. 21 partnership for the property itself, and then the proceeds 21 So then Mr. Mineau gets a portion of it. So the 22 of the sale, which are now being held with the clerk of the 22 question is how much of a portion does he get? So if 23 court. Mr. Kvam is making that argument that Mr. Mineau is 24 Now Mr. Matuska says we need an accounting to entitled to a portion, because the terms of agreement Page 80 Page 81 should be rescinded and not enforced, then we can go 1 judgment, I intend to do it. 2 through the full accounting, which, again, is attached as 2 And, similarly, if there's claims that need to 3 Exhibit 31 and 32 to our motion. be tried, that's what we're going to do. So I would like 4 That accounting establishes that Legion you to submit your orders. 5 Investments put \$27,000 -- I'll give you the exact 5 You're going to settlement on the 24th, did you 6 number -- \$27,090.31 into the project. So they have the 6 say? 7 accounting. There's nothing else that is relevant that 7 MR. SWEET: I don't have it in front of me, but might be provided through an accounting. 8 it's the week before trial, yes. 9 Your Honor, I believe I've touched on everything 9 THE COURT: Okay. So do you want to provide that we've gone through. I'm happy to address any those orders before that time? And that's only 10, that's 10 10 11 additional specific questions that you have. 11 like 12 days, right? 12 THE COURT: I think I asked you the ones that I 12 MR. SWEET: Your Honor, I can get it done 13 have, and I definitely asked Mr. Matuska about some of the tomorrow, because, to me, the sooner we get this issue 14 issues that I was focusing on. 14 resolved, the better, because we're spending money getting 15 What I would like each of you to do is to 15 ready for trial. 16 prepare a draft order in support of your position with 16 THE COURT: I know. And I want, I want to --17 regard to the summary judgment and email it to my and that would be the other comment that I would just say 18 assistant, Ms. Boe, and you will email it to my law clerk 18 is that everybody keep your eye on the ball of what is at 19 as well. And he'll give you that information after. 19 issue here, and the dollars that are at issue, and the 20 Now, I'm thinking about timing, because we are 20 dollars that are being spent in the courtroom, and -- in 21 coming up on the trial, and my goal would be that at a 21 preparing. 22 minimum, that -- and I haven't made a decision. It was 22 So how long would it take you to prepare a

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really important to hear the arguments today -- to, if

there are any claims that should be disposed of by summary

MR. MATUSKA: I would endeavor to have that done

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     tomorrow.
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                 THE COURT: I don't want to put that much
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     pressure on you. I don't know that I can look at it
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                 MR. MATUSKA: Well, you know, I could and I
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     would, because in a manner of speaking we have to, because
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     we have other issues to prepare for trial.
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                 Anyway, your Honor, would you accommodate me to
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     respond to some of this because this is --
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                 THE COURT: I can't because -- no, I can't. I
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     absolutely do. I know the points that you were going to
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                 MR. MATUSKA: Thank you, your Honor.
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                 THE COURT: -- your opposition is.
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                 MR. MATUSKA: Okay.
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                 THE COURT: So I'm not sure that argument would
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     help at this point. I mean it's --
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                 MR. MATUSKA: Understood.
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                 THE COURT: -- very clear to me that there's oil
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     three-day weekend, or is it the following weekend that is a
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10	JAY KVAM, Case No. CR18-00764
11	Plaintiff, Dept. No. 6
12	vs.
13	BRIAN MINEAU, ET. AL.,
	Defendant.
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15	TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS
16	PRE-TRIAL CONFERENCE & PRE-TRIAL MOTIONS THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2020
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       RENO, NEVADA, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2020, 9:43 A.M.
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                 THE COURT: This is the time set for a
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     pretrial motions in Jay Kvam versus Brian Mineau, et al.,
     Case Number CV18-00764. Please state your appearances.
                 MR. MATUSKA: Michael Matuska, with the
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     plaintiff, Jay Kvam.
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                 MR. SWEET: Good morning, Your Honor. Austin
     Sweet, with Gunderson Law Firm. And with me is Brian
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     Mineau, on behalf of himself and Legion Investments.
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                 THE COURT: So I know that I want to talk
     about an agenda for today on what we're going to discuss,
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     and then I need to provide some notice to you, and we're
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     going to go from there.
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                 So before us today is first, we have the
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     recommendation for order by Commissioner Ayers, filed on
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     January 10th, 2020; defendant's objection to that
     recommendation for order that was filed on 1-13-2020.
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     Plaintiff filed a response on 1-21-2020. That objection
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     is before the Court for consideration; correct?
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                 MR. SWEET: Correct.
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                 THE COURT: The second matter is defendant's
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     motion in limine number one to exclude expert opinion.
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- 1 That was filed on behalf of the defendants on 1-10-2020.
- 2 It was opposed on 1-21-2020, and then supplement to the
- 3 opposition was filed on 1-22-2020.
- 4 The defendants filed a reply in support of
- 5 the motion in limine number one on 1-28-2020. In
- 6 addition, there is the motion for leave to extend page
- 7 limit. I did not make a note of whether I ruled on that
- 8 or not, but I considered all of the items that were filed
- 9 with regard to the motions for summary judgment. So I
- 10 think that's moot at this point.
- In addition, plaintiff's motion for
- 12 reconsideration of order affirming Discovery
- 13 Commissioner's recommendation that was entered on May
- 14 16th, 2019, for discovery sanctions and other relief.
- 15 That order was entered by Judge Polaha.
- 16 So those are the four matters before the
- 17 Court as well as plaintiff's first motion in limine that
- 18 was filed 2-14-2020, and seeks to preclude defendants
- 19 from introducing offers in compromise. There's no
- 20 opposition. I'm assuming you're stipulating to that.
- MR. SWEET: No, Your Honor. The opposition
- 22 date is actually tomorrow.
- 23 THE COURT: Oh, okay. All right. So that
- 24 one is not ripe. Okay. So first, those are what we're

1 What I need to advise you of is the outlining. 2 following. I know you've been waiting for my order. There's a purpose for why it's not entered right now. 3 4 In reviewing the motion for summary judgment 5 as well as the cross motion for summary judgment, I noted that Mr. Mineau and defendants moved for summary judgment 6 7 on the plaintiff's claims; outstanding after tracing all 8 of the claims and the orders that were previously entered 9 by Judge Polaha. I noted that the defendants did not 10 move for declaratory relief on their third claim. Rather, you've moved for summary judgment on plaintiff's 11 claim for declaratory judgment. 12 I am, pursuant to Rule 56 (f), advising all 13 parties that I intend to grant summary judgment on 14 defendant's third claim -- counterclaim for relief on 15 16 declaratory judgment. 17 Pursuant to Rule 56 (f), I have to give you reasonable notice of the Court's intent to do that. 18 19 have an opportunity to respond. What I think is -- and 20 I'm going to give you until tomorrow morning, if you 21 wish, or towards the end of the day, or you can orally 22 respond. Here's the reality. Both of you filed 23 declaratory relief claims. They seek slightly different 24

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Page 5 actually declaratory relief. So I'm anticipating, in 1 2 this unique circumstance, that reasonable notice is relatively short because it's a matter of granting 3 4 summary judgment on declaratory relief on defendant's third claim on the counterclaim, which is the only claim, 5 I believe, is remaining. 6 MR. SWEET: Correct. 7 THE COURT: Rather than on the plaintiff's 8 9 claim for declaratory relief. Does everyone understand what I'm saying? 10 11 MR. SWEET: Yes, Your Honor. Okay. Do you wish to address 12 THE COURT: Anybody? I'm giving you the reasonable notice 13 14 right now. 15 MR. MATUSKA: Well, I'm at a little bit of a disadvantage. Admittedly, I haven't looked at their 16 third counterclaim for relief in some time, and I'd 17 really have to look at that to see. 18 THE COURT: Okay. So do you want to look at 19 20 it by the end of today or tomorrow? What would you like 21 to do? 22 Well, of course I'll look at MR. MATUSKA: 23 it, but what does that mean? Do I file a written objection to it or? 24

Page 6 1 Well, you're familiar with Rule THE COURT: 2 56 (f); correct? And the language of it. MR. MATUSKA: 3 In general, yes, but I haven't -- that really wasn't one of the issues I reviewed for 4 So as I said, this is new information, so --5 THE COURT: Okay. Well, under Rule 56 (f), 6 7 the Court must give reasonable notice if I am going to 8 grant summary judgment on a claim that's not moved for or 9 grant summary judgment in favor of the non-moving party. And I'm giving you that notice. 10 What's unique about this is just that they're 11 both claims for declaratory relief. So I will give you 12 the time that you need to respond to that if you would 13 like. I'm also going to advise you right now how I'm 14 15 ruling. It's a matter of detailing. So how much time do 16 you need to respond? 17 MR. MATUSKA: It depends on whether I'm going 18 to have to prepare a written response or not, Your Honor. And I acknowledge that in our previous hearing on 19 20 February 11th, I believe, I made the general comment that 21 I didn't think that counterclaim for declaratory relief 22 added or detracted anything from what was already at 23 issue. 24 THE COURT: Right.

Page 7 And if that's the case, it's a 1 MR. MATUSKA: pretty simple matter. But I do want the opportunity to 2 3 satisfy myself on it. THE COURT: Okay. So here's the issue at 4 5 I am happy to give you the time you need. be -- that is only one portion of my order that I can 6 7 adjust. But obviously, your trial date is fast upon us. But I have had some experience with providing this type 8 9 of notice, which is why I want to make sure that you have the time that you need. 10 11 MR. MATUSKA: Thank you. THE COURT: Despite what you identified 12 before exactly. I recalled what you said. 13 14 MR. MATUSKA: Yes. 15 THE COURT: But it really is a matter of, I think, your complaint goes a little bit farther on the 16 declaratory relief. That's requested. Most of the items 17 are similar, but yours just asks for a bit more. 18 19 MR. MATUSKA: It's possible there's nothing 20 for me to do. 21 THE COURT: Right. I just need to be thorough and 22 MR. MATUSKA: do that, Your Honor. 23 24 Right. So as you stand here THE COURT:

1	Page 8 today, what would you identify as reasonable notice for
2	you to do what you need to do?
3	MR. MATUSKA: Again, it depends on whether
4	I'm going to need to prepare a written response. It
5	doesn't it sounds like possibly I don't need to, but
6	if I need to prepare a written response, I have to have
7	time to prepare a written response, and this is on top of
8	our trial, so
9	THE COURT: So I'm going to allow you until
10	5:00 o'clock tomorrow. Will that work?
11	MR. MATUSKA: Okay.
12	THE COURT: I mean, if you don't think that's
13	reasonable, tell me now.
14	MR. MATUSKA: I don't think it's reasonable.
15	THE COURT: Okay. How much time do you need?
16	MR. MATUSKA: I think I would need until next
17	week to do it, but this is also on top of preparing for a
18	trial. And I should inform the Court that I'm also a
19	hearing officer myself on some medical board cases, and I
20	promised to get an order out tomorrow also. And I've
21	been postponing that because of the continued proceedings
22	in this case, so I'm obligated on some other matters
23	also.
24	It's quite possible that there's nothing to

1 do on that counterclaim, and I'm kind of anticipating 2 that, but we've been at this case since April of 2018, 3 and I think my client deserves that I have time to review 4 that and prepare a response as necessary. 5 THE COURT: All right. You will have until 6 Monday at 10:00 a.m. to file a response. Okay. And I'm 7 going to orally indicate to you -- all right. I need to 8 move it back. It's going to be Monday at 9:00 a.m. 9 As I said, I'm familiar with the requirements of Rule 56 (f), and the notice that the Court must give, 10 and that is why I'm giving you time. 11 However, as I indicated, that under the 12 13 unusual situation regarding the declaratory relief claims 14 being very similar, I am going to find that that time 15 until Monday at 9:00 a.m. is reasonable based on your 16 request and acknowledgment of your schedule. That gives 17 you the rest of today, tomorrow, and over the weekend to do that. 18 19 Now, on the motion for summary judgment, I 20 will await to actually file it until you've had an opportunity on that notice. But I am going to indicate 21 to you how the Court is going to rule. 22 23 On the declaration, Mr. Kvam's first cause of action is the declaration in the second amended complaint 24

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1	Page 10 is a declaration of joint venture. I am withholding my
2	ruling on that part, anticipating that I'm going to rule
3	on the counterclaim for declaratory relief.
4	Second, on the rescission or reformation of
5	agreement, the Court finds and this will be in a
6	written order that no genuine issue of material fact
7	exists for trial on the second claim and that defendants
8	are entitled to judgment as a matter of law on this
9	claim.
10	On the breach of contract, which is
11	Mr. Kvam's third claim for relief in his second amended
12	complaint, the Court again finds that no genuine issue of
13	material fact exists for trial on the third claim for
14	relief, and the defendants are entitled judgment as a
15	matter of law on that issue.
16	With regard to the breach of contract and
17	tortious breach of implied covenant of good faith and
18	fair dealing, the Court even in viewing all of the
19	information that was raised by defendants the Court
20	finds that the defendants have not demonstrated that
21	there is a genuine issue of material fact. Excuse me.
22	The plaintiffs have not let me state this again.
23	So in looking at this and finding that the
24	plaintiff has not come forth with evidence to establish

Page 11 that there's a genuine issue of material fact and 1 therefore, the defendants have established that there is 2 no genuine issue of material fact and they are entitled 3 to judgment as a matter of fact on that claim. 4 5 As to the accounting, Mr. Kvam's fifth claim for -- cause of action in his second amended complaint, 6 7 although the Court had to dig through the documents and the issue of fact was not set forth in a manner 8 sufficient for purposes of summary judgment, the Court 9 10 does find that based on the declaration of Benjamin Charles Steel and the attached written report, and 11 specifically viewing the evidence in a light most 12 favorable to Mr. Kvam, I find that a genuine issue of 13 material fact exists as to whether a sufficient 14 accounting was provided. And therefore, summary judgment 15 16 is denied on the accounting claim. 17 On the Court's supervision of dissolution of lining up an appointment of receiver, I'm going to hold 18 my ruling in abeyance until after the determination on 19 the declaratory relief claim. 20 21 On the temporary and permanent injunction 22 claims, which is Mr. Kvam's seventh claim for relief in his second amended complaint, the Court finds that these 23 are moot and legally ineffectual at this time. 24

Page 12 be based on my anticipated ruling on the declaratory 1 2 relief. On the fraud, fraudulent inducement and 3 4 fraudulent concealment claims, this is contained in Mr. Kvam's eighth cause of action in his second amended 5 complaint, I have reviewed all of the information that's 6 been provided, and the Court finds that even viewing the 7 8 evidence in a light most favorable to Mr. Kvam that the 9 defendants have demonstrated that no genuine issue of 10 material fact exists, and the defendants are entitled to judgment as a matter of law on that claim. 11 In addition, Mr. Kvam's ninth cause of action 12 in his second amended complaint is for conversion. After 13 reviewing the matter, the Court finds that the defendants 14 15 have demonstrated that no genuine issue of material fact 16 exists, and the defendants are entitled to judgment as a 17 matter of law on this claim. With regard to RICO, which is Mr. Kvam's 18 tenth claim for relief in this action, the Court finds 19 that the defendants have established that no genuine 20 21 issue of material fact exists, and they are entitled to judgment as a matter of law in this claim. 22 With regard to the derivative claim, the 23 eleventh claim for relief, the Court finds that no 24

Page 13 genuine issue of material fact exists on this claim and 1 2 that defendants are entitled to judgment as a matter of 3 law. What this comes down to, Counsel, is that 4 this is an accounting case of a partnership. 5 I will await the response that you have. However, my order is 6 going to further require -- and I am going to do a minute 7 8 order at this time -- that based on the Court's 9 anticipated ruling that you will participate in a continued settlement conference on Monday on the 10 accounting issue. 11 If the case is not resolved, pursuant to the 12 settlement, then trial will start on Tuesday on the 13 remaining claims that have not been disposed of by 14 15 summary judgment at that time. 16 In addition, we will withhold marking exhibits until late on Monday or first thing Tuesday 17 because I can move the time to start. This will affect 18 significantly the documents that you will be marking for 19 20 exhibits, and it will be much less than what you've 21 indicated. 22 So with that, let's move to the Okay. additional pretrial issues. What I'm going to ask you to 23 24 do is, in light of what the Court's ruling is going to

Page 14 1 be, it could change on the declaratory relief. That's 2 really the one area that may change. If I am persuaded 3 if Mr. Matuska files something and I decide to grant it on his claim for non-moving party, so I assume in saying 4 5 that, I'm also giving you notice that I am going to 6 decide on those claims because when I went through it and 7 figured out that that one was still outstanding, I think it's appropriate to resolve the entire case. And I'm 8 9 going to give you the opportunity to advise the Court and 10 frankly, I suppose, you should have that opportunity as well, Mr. Sweet. 11 So let's go to the recommendation for order 12 by Commissioner Ayers. Now, with regard to this, I'm 13 14 going to let you -- I know you need a few minutes to 15 digest what I just said, so I'm fine if you need more time to address this or to indicate to the Court that 16 17 it's become moot. Your Honor, I believe it's become 18 MR. SWEET: 19 moot to the extent that the recommendation itself has 20 become moot. Our objection, I think, still stands. But the discovery sought, I think, has now been rendered 21 moot, and if you'd like me to discuss the merits of the 22 objection, I'm happy to do that as well. But in my 23 opinion, the discovery sought is now rendered moot, and 24

1	Page 15 that resolves the issues.
2	THE COURT: So the only issue remaining is
3	the \$2,500. Didn't Commissioner Ayers direct the
4	defendants to pay to the plaintiff the sum of \$2,500? So
5	that would remain at issue.
6	MR. SWEET: Yes, Your Honor.
7	THE COURT: Okay. Mr. Matuska?
8	MR. MATUSKA: Well, you know, honestly, it's
9	not moot because it probably goes to the accounting
10	issue, but that really is the tail of the dog here.
11	My suggestion is that I will waive my 56 (f)
12	objection. The Court can enter judgment. That leaves
13	only the accounting issue, which quite frankly doesn't
14	I would ask to continue the trial to see if we really
15	need a trial on the accounting issue. And certainly,
16	that would be such a different trial that we wouldn't
17	be
18	THE COURT: Right.
19	MR. MATUSKA: We'd be redoing our exhibit
20	binders anyway. We wouldn't have that done by Tuesday.
21	That's not realistic. So I think the Court should go
22	ahead and enter judgment as it is, as it was suggested,
23	and we'll go from there.
24	THE COURT: All right. So if I hear you

1	Page 16 correctly, what you're indicating is that you will
2	stipulate to the fact that the notice that I've given you
3	today is reasonable?
4	MR. MATUSKA: Yes.
5	THE COURT: And that you waive the
6	opportunity to file anything in writing or otherwise
7	MR. MATUSKA: Yes.
8	THE COURT: on the notice that I gave
9	regarding the declaratory relief claims.
10	MR. MATUSKA: Yes.
11	THE COURT: Mr. Sweet, do you as well?
12	MR. SWEET: Yes, Your Honor.
13	THE COURT: Okay. So I can go ahead.
14	MR. MATUSKA: And if I'm understanding, that
15	means that only leaves the
16	THE COURT: Accounting.
17	MR. MATUSKA: fifth cause of cause of
18	action for accounting, which doesn't warrant a trial next
19	week, and I would ask to vacate that trial at this time.
20	THE COURT: So let me just finish here. I'm
21	going to consider that. This would result in a denial of
22	your motion in limine to exclude his expert opinion
23	because it's I indicated that his expert established a
24	genuine issue of material fact.

Page 17 1 MR. SWEET: Yes. I was going to get to that, but it sounds like --2 THE COURT: 3 So that's a denial. Okav. So you understand it's a denial of -- he was going to try to 4 5 preclude Mr. Steel's testimony and information. denying that because I would allow it because it's not 6 necessary on the accounting claim. 7 In fact, I would suggest that 8 MR. MATUSKA: would the Court entertain an oral motion to withdraw the 9 10 fifth cause of action for accounting without prejudice? And then we could have this order become final. 11 rather just have a final order than one inequitable 12 13 accounting cause of action being the only remaining cause of action. 14 I understand what you want, but 15 THE COURT: 16 you need to understand what I found and what I'm 17 determining. So your proposition is that you would stipulate that there's no genuine issue of material fact? 18 19 MR. MATUSKA: No. I would withdraw the accounting -- fifth cause of action for accounting 20 21 without prejudice, and that would result in --22 THE COURT: How does a without prejudice resolve the case? 23 It's withdrawn. 24 MR. MATUSKA:

Page 18 So wouldn't it -- in order to 1 THE COURT: have a final determination in the case, you would need to 2 3 have it with prejudice. MR. MATUSKA: I would have to respectfully 4 5 disagree with that. 6 THE COURT: Okay. MR. MATUSKA: If it's withdrawn -- for 7 purposes of finality, it's either withdrawn or it's not. 8 9 I'm suggesting a withdrawal without prejudice on that. And then we have a final order and obviously, you know 10 the reason, Your Honor. 11 12 THE COURT: Right. MR. MATUSKA: And then the whole thing is 13 appealable instead of in parts, which is --14 15 THE COURT: Right. And I think judicial economy, that makes some sense. And frankly, this is 16 It's not final yet, but it is written in a 17 manner that I understood both of you to seek relief down 18 the line. So I understand that. 19 20 Let's talk about -- I just want to make sure that anything that's pending the last -- and I'm going to 21 circle back to what you've indicated. The plaintiff's 22 motion for reconsideration. This is on -- I think this 23 is with regard to Judge Polaha's order, and I think there 24

Page 19 1 are multiple legal hurdles that can't be surpassed on 2 that. 3 First is that the time limit is you have to do it within 14 days after notice of entry. 4 The second preclusion is under Nevada law, I'm precluded from 5 6 changing another judge's order. So this, I was going to deny. And I don't know if you want to address that. 7 8 MR. MATUSKA: I do, Your Honor. It becomes 9 relevant as of January 6th, 2020, when Mr. Mineau 10 provided declaration to change his prior testimony. 11 THE COURT: Okay. I understand. I'm going to hold that in abeyance then. Okay? And I will, in 12 13 light of -- I understood that it was a change in 14 testimony that you indicated. 15 I just still think that there's a legal 16 preclusion to this Court -- so you're arguing that basically, kind of a date of discovery type of argument, 17 18 that you learned of this when he filed his what you 19 identified as a change in testimony and that that 20 extended that what is now 14 days. MR. MATUSKA: You know, partially, Your 21 22 It can be a motion for reconsideration, but it 23 crosses that boundary anyway. And it asks for various forms of relief, all of which stem from that changed 24

Page 20 1 testimony. 2 But the Discovery Commissioner's order, as I 3 explained, was based on the fact that -- well, and I'll refer to it. This is from the Discovery Commissioner's order. For all of these reasons, the Court finds the 5 plaintiff has not yet demonstrated that he is entitled to 6 7 this discovery and invites -- almost invites revisiting 8 that issue as more information becomes available. 9 that's really the basis for it. 10 But more than that, Your Honor, it really was a motion for order to show cause regarding contempt of 11 court. And I would submit that that motion has life even 12 13 beyond granting the summary judgment motion because it 14 goes to the very -- the integrity of these proceedings. 15 And I did provide a lot of information on contempt itself in that motion, but I would like to make some comments 16 about that. 17 18 THE COURT: But I want you to make sure that 19 you're addressing it in light of the order on top of the 20 recommendation. So you have Judge Polaha's May 16th, 2019, order affirming that. So I think on a 21 22 reconsideration, I need to -- the first step would be on the judge's order, if I can legally do that. 23 MR. MATUSKA: And I would offer it. 24 It's not

just reconsideration. It is a new issue at this point in 1 2 It is a new issue. And the prior orders, I would submit, even allow the opportunity to revisit that as 3 4 more information becomes available. But and again, the 5 request for order to show cause regarding contempt has 6 nothing to do with the prior order. 7 That has to do with, quite frankly, what 8 we've described as perjury in the declarations that have been submitted. And perjury and misrepresentations on a 9 sworn statement is a form of contempt under NRS 22.010 10 11 and 22.040. So I would submit to this Court this Court 12 can and should enforce the contempt rules and sanction 13 perjury regardless of what happens --14 THE COURT: On the --15 MR. MATUSKA: -- on the summary judgment. 16 THE COURT: So let me look at when if we go to the recommendation at page 22, there's a request for 17 expenses; correct? And this is where he finds that each 18 19 side should bear its own costs, and then he recommends 20 And then on Judge Polaha's order at 7 and 8, he affirms that. 21 22 Now, with regard to this other issue on contempt, it seems to me that this is really separate and 23 24 apart from what your argument is here.

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1	Page 22 MR. MATUSKA: Yes, Your Honor.
2	THE COURT: You agree?
3	MR. MATUSKA: Yes. It stems from the changed
4	testimony, but yes. I've asked for different forms of
5	relief, all stemming from that changed testimony. Yes.
6	THE COURT: And I think it should be
7	considered separate and apart; correct?
8	MR. MATUSKA: It can be.
9	THE COURT: So does it make more sense to
10	allow you to I agree it's separate and apart from the
11	summary judgment. But does it make sense for you to
12	allow you to re-file that under these changed
13	circumstances or live with it as it is?
14	I think it's in addition to what was really
15	between even if the Court finds that it can make
16	changes to that based on your representation, it almost
17	seems that this relief is really bigger than what that
18	recommendation and Judge Polaha.
19	MR. MATUSKA: I agree. Yes
20	THE COURT: So does it make sense to address
21	it as a new motion and not tie it to that? I may not
22	have the same legal hurdles in a separate motion. And if
23	you're doing it on my reconsidering Judge Polaha's order,
24	like I said, I have some legal hurdles I have to get by.

Page 23 And I appreciate the 1 MR. MATUSKA: 2 explanation on that. I actually asked for six different forms of relief. And some do relate back to that order 3 and some don't. The first one is for reconsideration of 4 the order. The second one was an order that defendants 5 provide the tax returns. They made them relevant again, 6 7 even outside of the prior order. And alternatively, we asked for a discovery 8 9 sanction for bringing up new material after the close of discovery that contradicts their prior discovery, but 10 number four, we asked for an order for Mr. Mineau to show 11 cause why he should not be held in contempt of Court for 12 filing a present false statement. That is not even 13 dependent on the prior. 14 15 THE COURT: That's completely separate. 16 MR. MATUSKA: It is, Your Honor. Yes. Yes. So I think that has vitality regardless of the prior 17 orders, and quite frankly, regardless of what happens on 18 summary judgment because that statement --19 20 THE COURT: I understand. MR. MATUSKA: -- it appears to be false and 21 came up for the first time after discovery and has never 22 been supported, especially the part where he says that he 23 24 repaid the \$28,000. Where is the evidence?

1	Page 24 THE COURT: So the Court would be required to
2	give to actually hold a separate hearing on an OSC.
3	MR. MATUSKA: Yes.
4	THE COURT: You agree?
5	MR. MATUSKA: Yes. And we asked for an order
6	to show cause, which would schedule an OSC hearing.
7	THE COURT: So I think what's required is to
8	parse out what relates to that prior recommendation and
9	order based on what I've identified to you in this
10	circumstance where it's another judge's order but then to
11	consider the relief that does not tie back to that
12	separate and apart and schedule an appropriate hearing.
13	MR. MATUSKA: I would agree with that to some
14	extent, Your Honor. Her's where it gets cloudy. And
15	frankly, it does relate back to summary judgment even
16	though you have indicated already the ruling on that.
17	But he raised this in his motion for summary judgment,
18	and the information appears to be false. So we should
19	have been entitled to this discovery as part of the
20	opposition to summary judgment, so we were disadvantaged
21	in that regard. But your ruling is what it is on this.
22	But the OSC hearing is a separate hearing
23	THE COURT: Yeah, I agree.
24	MR. MATUSKA: is the bottom line.

Page 25 1 THE COURT: I think that in those 2 circumstances, we have protocol that we go through on an OSC. So I don't think this affects my ruling on the 3 summary judgment. I know you think otherwise. 4 So what I am going to do is I want to go back 5 6 and read yours again. I have an outline of the relief, 7 but I think I'm going to contemplate whether I will have a further hearing on the ESC as I balance it with the 8 summary judgment order. That would end up -- the relief 9 that you're seeking is ultimately monetary; correct? 10 mean, you're not seeking to have him on a contempt being 11 12 put in jail. Am I right? MR. MATUSKA: You know, the relief we're 13 seeking is to get to the truth, Your Honor. And I think 14 that to some extent, this Court has to defend its own 15 processes. And we did ask for monetary relief and 16 sanctions, potentially, in terms of striking the 17 pleadings, but eventually, this Court has to defend its 18 processes also. And like I said, this does have vitality 19 outside of what happens on summary judgment or a final 20 21 order. All right. I'll take that under 22 THE COURT: 23 advisement. Your Honor, if I may. 24 MR. SWEET:

procedural standpoint, the local rules require separate 1 2 motions be filed separately, and this was a motion for reconsideration. So I appreciate the mechanical issues 3 that you face and the relief that Mr. Matuska sought in 4 his motion for reconsideration. But if he wants to file 5 a motion for order to show cause, it needs to be a 6 7 separate motion, and then he needs to establish that 8 there is a basis to have a hearing, have a show cause hearing. 9 So I think procedurally, even if the Court is 10 11 going to entertain the process, what the process is, is 12 requiring the plaintiff to file a separate motion for 13 order to show cause, give us the opportunity to respond, 14 and then if the Court believes that the plaintiffs have established a basis to hold a show cause hearing, then 15 proceed in that manner. But that's the process that we 16 17 need to go through to actually get to a hearing. And I don't think we get there through the motion for 18 19 reconsideration. 20 THE COURT: So this is the same issue. And I 21 don't know if they handle it differently in Carson, but 22 our Rule 10 precludes each motion, opposition and reply has to be set separately. You can't have counter 23 24 motions. We've talked about this several times, so I

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1	Page 27 understand his position. I think it's cleaner for any
2	relief if you were to direct it just to an OSC. I don't
3	want to create more attorney's fees in this when you're
4	facing what I'm hearing an appeal.
5	MR. MATUSKA: I would just offer, Your Honor,
6	that it is an order to show cause. They have responded.
7	We can clarify today. They can file a further response
8	to this order to show cause.
9	Your Honor can issue your own order to show
10	cause anyway. They have plenty of notice of what the
11	issue is, and this pretty much reaffirms why we filed the
12	motion. This is the second time we've been in this
13	courtroom, and we talked about the declaration of
14	Mr. Mineau. Neither time have they said that it's
15	truthful and accurate. And by all accounts, it's not.
16	THE COURT: But the declaration itself does.
17	MR. MATUSKA: Let's just ask him today if he
18	repaid \$28,000, Your Honor.
19	THE COURT: Okay. I'm not going to do that.
20	MR. MATUSKA: If they want to file a further
21	opposition, they can, knowing that this is going to be
22	treated as an order show to cause, that he can. This
23	Court can also issue an order to show cause, but there
24	has to be repercussions for the declaration that they

Page 28 submitted. 1 2 THE COURT: Okay. So here is -- I am going to decide how I'm going to handle that. You already know 3 how I feel about combined motions and counter motions, so 4 I'm going to think about that one a bit more. I am still 5 6 going to require you to participate in a settlement 7 conference on Monday. All right? MR. MATUSKA: 8 Okay. 9 THE COURT: And I want to move to this issue procedurally on the finding of a genuine issue of 10 11 material fact on the accounting claim. 12 So I think what's appropriate is that the Court enters its order as it sees fit. And then if you 13 wish to file something afterwards indicating that you do 14 not wish to go forward on that claim at trial, and 15 instead you want it certified as a final order, then for 16 purposes of appeal, I think that's the right procedural 17 mechanism. 18 19 MR. MATUSKA: I would agree with that, Your 20 And we have the anomaly in state court -- I think federal rules are different -- but state court rules are 21 only certify finality when there are multiple parties not 22 for separate causes of action. 23 24 Right. THE COURT:

1	Page 29 MR. MATUSKA: And so we're left with that
2	choice, really, do we elect to go to trial on an
3	equitable cause of action or not. And it's quite likely
4	at that point that we move to dismiss it without
5	prejudice. And that would allow the finality.
6	THE COURT: Okay.
7	MR. SWEET: And, Your Honor, to speed things
8	along potentially, we would stipulate to having it
9	dismissed without prejudice.
10	THE COURT: Okay. Well, I'm going to enter
11	my order, and then you are going to meet with Judge
12	Sattler.
13	Obviously, a significant part of this is the
14	transactional costs involved and what you're facing. You
15	are going to have to go to another settlement conference
16	once if you go forward with appeal, but I think it's
17	important to sit down and talk about this now. So I will
18	notify him that you will be there at 9:00 a.m.
19	MR. MATUSKA: Thank you, Your Honor.
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