IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

FIRST 100, LLC, a Nevada limited liability company; 1st ONE HUNDRED HOLDINGS, LLC, a Nevada limited liability company,

VS.

TGC/FARKAS FUNDING, LLC,

Respondent.

Appellants

Case No. 83177

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APPEAL

from a decision in favor of Respondent entered by the Eighth Judicial District Court, Clark County, Nevada The Honorable Mark R. Denton, District Court Judge District Court Case No. A-20-822273-C

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A I'm looking for the reference to which letter it was. Okay, attachment letter to Garman Turner Gordon. It looks like Raffi had a medical issue and Jason assisted in providing a draft. But was very clear in saying it was between Raffi and Matthew, as manager of TGC/Farkas what the final copy winds up going out.

Q You have counsel for the opposing party drafting correspondence purportedly on behalf of TGC/Farkas Funding. And if we go to Plaintiff 316, you see the draft letter. You see that?

A I see it.

Q The highlighted portion was the portion that said, "In an effort to mitigate damages, Mr. Farkas has resolved the TGC Farkas v. First 100 matter on behalf of TGC Farkas Funding, LLC and a copy of the settlement agreement is also enclosed here and is a courtesy."

There's some question about whether to provide that sentence or not. But that was the letter that was drafted by Jason Maier, counsel for First 100 and you in this matter.

A Well no, I wasn't -- I didn't participate in the drafting of the letter. That's -- you're now introducing --

Q No, I said Jason's, your lawyer.

A Okay. You said -- and you didn't understand the context.

Q If we got to Plaintiff 318. This is an email from Jay Bloom to Jason Maier and Raffi Nahabedian with a cc Joseph Gutierrez and Dannielle Barraza dated January 12th, 2021 and you respond, "I think it reads great. I would leave in the highlighted sentence. It's best they know the matter is settled and the signed settlement required and the

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matter be dismissed. "

That was your email to -- in response to Jason's draft, correct?

A Yes, that's correct. The parties settled the matter a week prior and agreed to the dismissal and the lawyers were working together to effectuate the settlement agreement entered by the parties.

Q All right. Now if we go to Plaintiff 328. This is from Raffi Nahabedian to Jay Bloom and is cc'd to Joseph Gutierrez with TGC Farkas substitution letter. And it says, "Jay, I made some minor revisions. Please read and approve. Also, I would like to speak with Matthew as soon as possible."

You see that?

A I do.

Q And then if we go Plaintiff 332, Joseph Gutierrez responds with a cc to you and to Jason Maier, "Letter looks good to me. Thanks."

A Okay.

Q All right. Then we have Plaintiff 338. These are emails. Looks like your email is at the top, 338. January 13th, 2021 to Raffi with a cc to Joseph Gutierrez. "Spoke with Matthew. He's going to go down and sign around 4:00. I'll have the documents back today."

This was the TGC Farkas conflict letter, right?

- A I don't remember what that's referencing.
- Q All right. If we go to Plaintiff 341, we have an email from Jay Bloom to Raffi at Nahabedian Law cc'd to Joseph Gutierrez and Jason Maier subject Matthew documents. And attached, you have the signed

1	substitutio	on of counsel and a signed conflict waiver, right?
2	А	Okay. So it was two documents, not one. So I guess the
3	answer to	your question is the conflict waiver was one of the two
4	document	s that Matthew signed.
5	Q	In the conflict waiver of January 12th, 2021, five days after
6	the initial	retention agreement that you asked Matthew to sign for Raffi
7	Nahabedia	an, you have a conflict waiver where TGC Farkas Funding
8	purports t	o release Raffi Nahabedian from any liability, if you go to 347.
9	Do you se	e that?
10	А	Yeah. It's pretty standard conflict waiver language, I would
11	imagine.	
12	Q	And that's your signature underneath Matthew's, correct?
13	А	Yes. I signed on behalf of First 100, LLC and Matthew signed
14	on behalf	of TGC Farkas.
15	Q	Actually, you know that in order to sign a release of
16	profession	nal liability against an attorney, there is a rule of professional
17	conduct th	nat covers that and requires independent counsel review it.
18	You know	that, right?
19	А	Which rule are you referencing?
20	Q	The rules of professional responsibility.
21	А	Yeah. Which rule?
22	Q	1.8, I believe.
23	А	Okay. I'd have to pull the document and read the rule to
24	reference	it.
25	Q	Okay.

1	А	Okay. Nevada Rules of Professional Conduct Rule 1.8 deals
2	with curre	nt clients. It says,
3		"A lawyer shall not enter into a business transaction with a
4		client or knowingly acquire an ownership, possessory,
5		security or other pecuniary interest adverse to a client unless
6		the transaction and terms on which the lawyer acquires the
7		interest are fair and reasonable."
8	Q	Actually, if you could just go down to H H.
9		"A lawyer shall not make an agreement prospectively limiting
10		the lawyer's liability to a client for malpractice unless the
11		client is independently represented in making the agreement
12		or settle a claim or potential claim for such liability with an
13		unrepresented client or former client unless that person is
14		advised in writing of the desirability of seeking and is given a
15		reasonable opportunity to seek the advice of independent
16		legal counsel in connection therewith."
17		Did I read that correctly?
18	А	Right. [Indiscernible].
19		MR. GUTIERREZ: Too much malpractice. Objection, Your
20	Honor. Mi	sstates the rule.
21		THE COURT: Counsel, response?
22		MS. TURNER: I didn't hear him.
23		MR. GUTIERREZ: My objection was this rule clearly states
24	that a lawy	er is limiting his ability to malpractice. That's not what we're
25	talking abo	out here, so the objection is she's misstating this rule.

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THE COURT: Overruled.

BY MS. PIKE-TURNER:

- Q Yeah. If we go to the actual document, it says, "TGC Farkas Funding will not assert or claim any claim or allegation of legal malpractice or a violation of the Nevada Rules of Professional Responsibility, based on your request for representation of TGC Farkas Funding." Did I read that correctly?
- A I believe so.
- Q If we go to Bates Number Plaintiff 362 in Exhibit Number 28, we have January 15th, 2021, an email from Dylan Ciciliano of my office saying, "Mr. Nahabedian claims that your office and he negotiated a settlement. Please provide that immediately."

And Jason Maier forwarded that to you January 15th, 2021.

Do you see that?

- A I do.
- Q And you did nothing to provide the executed settlement agreement to counsel for TGC Farkas Funding until the filing of the motion to enforce settlement agreement. Isn't that right?
- A No, that's not right. I provided it to TGC Farkas' manager, which as of January 15th, we understood was Matthew Farkas, as he continued to represent at that time. He had the settlement agreement when he signed it. He certainly had the opportunity to provide it to his counsel for TGC, which at the time, we believed was Raffi Nahabedian and not your firm. But no, I wouldn't contact your firm directly with a

1 settlement agreement.

Q So you sent the documents to Matthew Farkas at the UPS
Store and received them back within approximately 40 minutes, correct?

A I didn't calculate the time difference, but the document -- it's like six pages of documents. It's not voluminous. There are four documents that are one or two pages each.

Q When you received those documents back within 40 minutes and -- that was an inadequate amount of time, objectively, for Mr. Farkas to review the documents, consult with counsel and consult with Adam Flatto in order to obtain his consent, correct?

A I disagree and that's, I think, a subjective question. There's six pages. Forty minutes is plenty of time to read six pages and then call Adam Flatto, if that's what he chose to do, and confirm with Adam Flatto that Adam Flatto still wanted to enter the settlement agreement. And calling -- I referred him to three attorneys for himself and he had Mr. Nahabedian for the firm, for the company. Matthew Farkas, he said it himself. He's a big boy. He chose not to read it. I don't know what he did for the 40 minutes, but I tend to believe that he probably did read it. He signed it and he returned it. And he did so in the capacity of what we understood and I believe what he understood to be him being the manager for TGC Farkas. None of us knew that there was an amendment that was signed until several days after this email.

Q You hired Raffi Nahabedian, your personal counsel for Matt Farkas, instructed them to fire Garman Turner Gordon and provide the settlement agreement to the lawyer you hired and have them dismiss --

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have that lawyer dismiss this lawsuit with prejudice while contempt proceedings were pending. Isn't that right?

- A No. It's not.
- Q What part of that is incorrect?

A The parties on January 6th and 7th agreed to a settlement agreement. The parties being TCG [sic[Farkas and First 100 through what we understood, all of us, were there respective managers. The lawyers were then just brought in to effectuate the recording of the settlement agreement reached by the parties.

Q There's not an email anywhere where you emailed a copy of that settlement agreement to Matthew Farkas, so that he would have an opportunity to consult with Adam Flatto and counsel, correct?

A I think Matthew Farkas took the hard copies with him when he left the UPS Store.

Q My question is there's not an email from you to Matthew Farkas where you emailed the settlement agreement for him to confer with counsel for TGC Farkas or Adam Flatto?

A No. He directed me to send them to the UPS store. I complied with his direction. Had he requested me to send them to him by email, I would have done so, as I did with the declaration. Had he asked the UPS store to forward him the email, they would have done so. He had physical possession of the documents and all the time in the world to read them.

Q Now, these email communications that we've been reviewing in Exhibit 28, you claimed a privilege over those

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communications, didn't you? Requiring me to go and seek an order of the court so that we could review them?

MR. GUTIERREZ: Objection, Your Honor. Relevance. And also calls for legal conclusion.

THE COURT: Overruled.

THE WITNESS: What I said is that given Bar counsel's advice to Raffi Nahabedian that to the extent any privilege exists, I'm not willing to waive it. I didn't specifically assert any privilege.

BY MR. GUTIERREZ:

- Q The record will speak for itself associated with the motion to compel, but if we can go to Exhibit 24. Do you see where there are documents, emails and it says, "Privileged Bloom," on the --
 - A I do --
- O -- where it -- this is the privilege log that was received from Mr. Nahabedian. Are you disputing that you claimed a privilege over those communications, where it indicates, "Privilege Bloom?"
- A I did not participate in the preparation of this privilege log. I did not speak to Mr. Nahabedian about any individual privilege. I just told Mr. Nahabedian to the extent any privilege applies, I'm not willing to waive it. And he checked, as I understand, with Bar counsel and Bar counsel told him that a privilege attached, I believe. He wouldn't go into specifics with me.
- Q So if Mr. Nahabedian testifies that he asked you if you would be willing to waive the privilege and you refused to waive it, would that be a falsehood?

1		MR. GUTIERREZ: Object to the form of the question, Your
2	Honor. A	Argumentative.
3		THE COURT: Would that be what? I didn't hear the last
4	word.	
5		MS. TURNER: A falsehood.
6		THE COURT: I'll allow it.
7		THE WITNESS: No, it would not be a falsehood. Your
8	question	to me was did we go document by document. As I understand
9	your que	stion, we did not. I did not assert privileged documents by
10	documer	nt. Again and I testified to this in my deposition last week, I
11	told Mr.	Nahabedian to the extent any privilege applies, I'm not willing to
12	waive it.	He looked for clarification from Bar counsel as to what that
13	meant.	
14	BY MS. 7	URNER:
15	Q	Now, Mr. Bloom, at no point after you received the signed
16	settleme	nt agreement on January 7th, 2021 did you tender any money to
17	TGC Fark	as, correct?
18	А	Correct.
19	Q	And when you entered into the agreement, purportedly, with
20	TGC Fark	as Funding, you did not have a sale agreement for the sale of
21	the judgr	ment against Raymond Ngan and his affiliated entities, did you?
22	А	Being negotiated, now finalized.
23	Q	You did not have an agreement at the time of the settlement
24	agreeme	nt, did you?
25	А	Have an agreement that's in the process of being reduced to

1	writing.	
2	Q	You would not disclose any potential purchaser or the terms
3	of the agre	eement or the or provide proof of funds, correct?
4	А	Correct.
5	Q	And subsequent to TGC Farkas Funding discovering that the
6	settlemen	t agreement had been entered, there was an offer to enter into
7	a nondiscl	osure agreement and you refused, correct?
8		MR. GUTIERREZ: Objection. Lack of foundation.
9		THE COURT: Sustained.
10	BY MS. TU	JRNER:
11	Q	Mr. Bloom, at no time before or after the settlement
12	agreemen	t was entered did you disclose any terms of any prospective
13	deal with a	a prospective purchaser to TGC Farkas Funding, right?
14	А	That's not correct.
15	Q	Who did you communicate that to?
16	А	We did disclose to Matthew that the sale was for being
17	negotiated	d for \$48 million.
18	Q	Did you show him any proof of funds?
19	А	We did not.
20	Q	Was a draft purchase agreement provided?
21	А	No.
22	Q	Under the settlement agreement, it provided that the this
23	case, the j	udgment, the underlying award, the contempt proceedings,
24	those wou	ald all be dismissed upon execution, correct?
25	Α	Correct. All parties wanted the litigation to end and that was

1	incorporated into the final settlement agreement that both entities			
2	signed through their respective managers.			
3	Q	And that would be without regard to the funding or the		
4	funding of	the million dollars plus six percent ever coming to fruition,		
5	right?			
6	А	Ever is a long time. I expect it's going to happen in the near		
7	future bas	ed on the conversations.		
8	Q	You can't guar		
9	А	That has not happened yet.		
10	Q	You can't guarantee it, correct?		
11	А	No. That's why there's a contingency and not a date certain.		
12	There's a	contingency that the money has to come in before it can go		
13	back out.			
14	Q	Now this judgment or award that was entered in favor of		
15	First 100, I	LC against Raymond Ngan and his affiliated entities, it was		
16	entered in	2017, right?		
17	А	I believe so.		
18	Q	And since well, it was a default judgment, correct?		
19	А	Well, it was aggressively litigated and then his answer was		
20	stricken as	s a sanction after about a year of litigation. So technically it's a		
21	default, bu	ut it had been aggressively litigated.		
22	Q	And subsequently to the judgment being entered, counsel,		
23	Maier Gut	ierrez, has been diligently attempting to collect on it, right?		
24	А	Correct.		
25	Q	I believe you said that in your deposition that they've done		

everything appropriate to try to collect unequivocally. Is that right?

A I believe that was in response to your asking me if I sued them for malpractice, correct.

- Q And that they have gone above and beyond what most attorneys would do to collect that judgment, right?
- A Again, in response to your inquiry as to whether or not we sued Maier Gutierrez for malpractice, yes, I answered they've gone above and beyond.
- Q There's no question in your mind that they've done everything that they were hired to do and they have not collected a dime on that judgment?
 - A And they continue to do so and expect to collect, as do we.
- Q My question was whether or not they've collected anything to date. Here in 2021, have they collected anything?
 - A Not to date.
- Q All right. Now, Exhibit 16 -- oh, I'm sorry. Exhibit 2, we were looking at the arbitration award. The date of the award I'll represent to you is September 15th, 2020. If you don't believe me, we can refer to it, but in response to this award, there has been no production of documents to TGC Farkas Funding, right?
- A There are documents that were requested that are already in possession of TGC Farkas and then there are documents that require a payment to produce to -- for third parties. TGC Farkas has not made the payment and refuses to do so and unless and until such time the payment's made, First 100 is not in the position to provide responsive

1	document	s. Just doesn't have it and relies on a third party to produce it
2	and doesr	't have any bank accounts, much less the funds to pay the
3	third party	to comply.
4	Q	Mr. Farkas or Mr. Bloom, this is yes or no question. Have
5	any docur	nents been produced since entry of the arbitration award on
6	Septembe	er 15th, 2020?
7	А	From the time of the arbitration award to present, no
8	document	s beyond those provided by Matthew Farkas have been
9	produced.	
10	Q	Okay. If we go to Exhibit 3, Plaintiff 11, this is in evidence in
11	your in	the Defendant's books, but I don't know the exhibit number.
12	You were	asked about it from your counsel earlier. It says declaration of
13	Jay Bloon	n and it's dated October 15th, 2020. Do you recall that?
14		MR. GUTIERREZ: Counsel, I think it's Exhibit G as in George,
15	for the red	cord.
16		MS. TURNER: Thank you.
17	BY MS. T	JRNER:
18	Q	Exhibit G. Now, this declara
19	А	Yes, I recall.
20	Q	This declaration was made in support of First 100 and First
21	100 Holdii	ng's limited opposition to the motion to confirm arbitration and
22	the count	ermotion to modify the arbitration award, right?
23	А	I believe so.
24	Q	And in this declaration, you say,
25		"The only way for First 100 to obtain the requested the

documents and information will be to retain a third party, to obtain and furnish the records of First 100 as being compelled to produce and First 100 therefore respectfully requests that the Court order the Plaintiffs to first pay the reasonable costs associated with obtaining and furnishing the company records and then such records will be provided."

That's the same position you're taking today, correct?

A Well, that's the situation we found ourselves in. The company has no bank and no money. To provide the documents requires a third party to produce them. Third party requires compensation and the operating agreement provides for the member making the request to provide for that cost. The arbitration said that First 100 has to provide the documents. First 100 is agreeing to provide the documents. It's silent as to cost and also this Court would not grant the modification to the arbitration award, this Court, I believe, was also silent in its order on costs. I don't think there's anywhere where First 100 is ordered to pay the cost when it has no bank accounts and no money and wouldn't be able to comply with such an order anyway.

Q Okay. If we go to Exhibit 4, you've seen this order granting Plaintiff's motion to confirm arbitration award and denying Defendant's countermotion to modify award and judgment. You've seen this, right?

A Yes.

Q And if we go to page 2, it refers to the countermotion.

Defendant's countermotion requests that the Court modify the final

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award to require Plaintiff to pay in advance fees and costs associated with Defendant's production of the requested records. And that countermotion was denied, correct?

A That countermotion was based on NRS statute and not on the operating agreement and it was denied in requiring payment, but it also never stated that the First 100 required -- was required to pay. And again, First 100 wouldn't be able to comply anyway. And how I got wrapped in individually is just malicious.

Q Okay, Mr. Bloom. In the arbitration, the demand for records under the operating agreement was what was arbitrated. There was nothing else in the arbitration, was there?

A No. There was nothing addressing cost in the arbitration, I don't believe.

Q No. We go to Exhibit 7. We have the first amended operating agreement of First 100, LLC. And if we go to page 55, you testified earlier that you were the director that participated in management. That's what you testified earlier. Mr. Bloom, as set forth in Plaintiff 55, SJC Ventures Holding Company, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, is the sole manager of First 100, LLC, correct?

A Correct.

Q And Jay Bloom is the sole manager of SJC Ventures Holding Company, LLC, correct?

A Correct.

Q And SJC Ventures Holding Company is also a member of First 100, LLC, right?

1	Α	Correct.
2	Q	It's a 45.625 percent member, right?
3	А	Not correct.
4	Q	Okay. If we go to Plaintiff 59, do you see where it says SJC,
5	LLC?	
6	А	I do.
7	Q	That refers to SJC Ventures Holding, LLC, correct?
8	А	It does.
9	Q	And it says 45.625 percent, Series A, right?
10	А	Yes.
11	Q	Now, if that amount changed, it would be reflected in the
12	books and	records of First 100, right?
13	А	Yeah. Actually, as I testified to earlier, all of this membership
14	interest tra	nsferred to First 100 Holdings and First 100, LLC. This entity
15	has a singl	e member, First 100 Holdings and then that interest was
16	diluted do	wn to about 25 percent in First Holdings. So I have no
17	interest \	well I have no interest, but SJC specifically has no interest in
18	First 100, L	LC directly and has interest in its parent entity of about 25
19	percent.	
20	Q	That change would be reflected in the books and records of
21	First 100, c	orrect?
22	Α	Correct.
23	Q	Now
24	А	Correct. I believe your question was is SJC a 45 percent
25	owner and	if your question was was SJC a 45 percent owner, the answer

1	would have been yes. It is a 45 percent owner in First 100, LLC, the		
2	answer is no.		
3	Q	Now, SJC Ventures Holding Company was at the time of this	
4	operating a	agreement and still is the only manager of the company that's	
5	ever been	elected by the members, correct?	
6	А	Correct.	
7	Q	And if we go to the Secretary of State documents, we can see	
8	that SJC v	entures is listed with the Secretary of State as the manager of	
9	First 100, r	ight?	
10	А	I believe so.	
11	Q	And if we go to page just walk through here. Page 4 of the	
12	operating a	agreement. It refers to meetings, all meetings of the	
13	members.	There's annual meetings, which shall be held each year and	
14	then specia	al meetings can be called. Do you see that?	
15	А	I do.	
16	Q	There have been no member meetings held for First 100,	
17	LLC, right?		
18	А	I believe we had annual member meetings.	
19	Q	When was the last time there was an annual member	
20	meeting?		
21	А	For First 100, it would have been probably 2014 or so,	
22	roughly, when the membership interest transferred to the holding		
23	company,	in which case this became a single member LLC and	
24	membersh	ip meetings were no longer required for First 100, LLC as a	
25	wholly ow	ned subsidiary.	

1	Q	All right. Let's go to Exhibit 8.
2		MS. TURNER: And actually, per Exhibit 7, before I move on,
3	any object	ion to its admission?
4		MR. GUTIERREZ: No.
5		MS. TURNER: Okay.
6	BY MS. TU	JRNER:
7	Q	Okay. Exhibit 8 is the operating agreement First 100
8		THE COURT: So 7 was 7 is admitted.
9		[Plaintiff's Exhibit 7 admitted into evidence]
10		MS. TURNER: Thank you, Your Honor. I don't mean to step
11	over you.	
12		THE COURT: No problem.
13		MS. TURNER: Exhibit 8 is the operating agreement of First
14	100 Holdin	gs, LLC. Any objection, counsel?
15		MR. GUTIERREZ: No. I think it's already admitted, but it is
16	mine, so n	o objection.
17		MS. TURNER: Okay.
18	BY MS. TU	IRNER:
19	Q	And
20		THE COURT: So it's admitted now, if it hasn't been.
21		[Plaintiff's Exhibit 8 admitted into evidence]
22		MS. TURNER: Thank you.
23	BY MS. TU	IRNER:
24	Q	And for First 100 Holdings, LLC, if we go to page 23 of the
25	document,	there's a signature line for the manager. You're also the

1	manager,	the sole manager of the sole manager for First 100 Holdings,
2	LLC, corre	ct?
3	А	Yeah. Just to clarify in answering your question that I think
4	you're ask	ing, I am the sole manager of SJC Ventures Holding, SJC
5	Ventures H	Holding is the sole manager of First 100 Holdings. I am not the
6	manager o	of First 100 Holding.
7	Q	Right. And you may not have heard me. I said the manager
8	of the mar	nager.
9	А	Right. And that's I just wanted to make sure I did hear you
10	right, but t	hat's what I heard and I said yes and I just wanted to clarify I
11	heard you	correctly.
12	Q	And then we have SJC Ventures Holding Company, the
13	manager,	is also a member, right?
14	А	Yes.
15	Q	And then SJC 1, LLC and SJC 2, LLC are also members of
16	First 100 H	loldings, LLC, correct?
17	Α	They are, correct.
18	Q	And if we go to page 29 of this agreement with the cap table,
19	we have S	JC, LLC that's actually SJC Ventures Holding, LLC, right?
20	Α	That's correct.
21	Q	Has 23.709 percent membership?
22	Α	That's correct.
23	Q	SJC 2 has 12.208 percent, right?
24	А	It does.
25	Q	And SJC 1, LLC, has 6.708 percent, right?

1	A It does.
2	Q Okay. When was the last time there was an annual member
3	of the annual meeting of the members of First 100 Holdings, LLC?
4	A Probably in from recollection, 2015.
5	THE COURT: All right. Counsel, as I indicated at the outset
6	of the proceedings today, this one-day evidentiary hearing must adjourn
7	at 4:45. It's now 4:36 and I think what we need to do is use the balance
8	of the time available to us today to identify the date and time for
9	resumption, because we're obviously not going to finish today by 4:45.
10	I'm looking at I can give part of the day on Tuesday, March 9th from
11	9:00 until about 2:30. I can give March Wednesday, March 10th from
12	9:00 until about 3:30. Okay. How much more ti we may need both
13	days. I'm not sure, but
14	MS. TURNER: I have probably another 10 minutes, 15
15	minutes with Mr. Bloom and then we have Raffi Nahabedian, the my
16	estimated questioning of him is less than an hour. Then we also have
17	Matthew Farkas in rebuttal to these allegations that he
18	THE COURT: Okay.
19	MS. TURNER: he was forced into executing declarations.
20	That shouldn't take more than 15 minutes.
21	THE COURT: It's also not closing arguments.
22	MS. TURNER: And closing arguments. So probably half a
23	day.
24	THE COURT: Okay. What do you think, Mr. Gutierrez?
25	MP GUTIERREZ: Vour Honor I'm out of town Tuesday, but

1	Wednesday, the 10th, I think we can get it done then, if you want to
2	schedule it then. If not
3	THE COURT: All right. Is that all right with you, Ms. Turner?
4	MS. TURNER: Yes, Your Honor.
5	THE COURT: Okay. So what we'll do now is we'll adjourn
6	and reconvene on Wednesday, March 10th at 9:00 a.m., all right?
7	MS. TURNER: Thank you.
8	MR. GUTIERREZ: Thank you, Your Honor.
9	THE COURT: Okay. Thank you.
10	THE WITNESS: Thank you, Your Honor.
11	THE COURT: Everybody stay safe and I'll hear from you
12	see you on screen and hear from you again on the 10th.
13	MS. TURNER: Thank you.
14	THE COURT: Okay. Thank you.
15	MR. GUTIERREZ: Thank you, Judge and counsel.
16	[Proceedings adjourned at 4:38 p.m.]
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1	Las Vegas, Nevada, Wednesday, March 10, 2021
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3	[Case called at 9:01 a.m.]
4	THE COURT: Good morning. We're reconvening the
5	evidentiary hearing in case number A-822273, TGC Farkas Funding, LLC,
6	v. First 100, LLC. Please state appearances by counsel, identify parties,
7	party representatives who are present.
8	MS. TURNER: Good morning, Your Honor. Erika Pike Turner
9	of Garman Turner Gordon on behalf of Plaintiff and judgment creditor,
10	TGC Farkas Funding, LLC.
11	MR. GUTIERREZ: Good morning, Your Honor. Joseph
12	Gutierrez on behalf of First 100, First 100 Holdings, LLC and Jay Bloom in
13	his individual capacity. Joining us today will be Jay Bloom on behalf of
14	First 100, LLC.
15	THE COURT: All right. Are counsel ready to proceed?
16	MS. TURNER: Yes, Your Honor.
17	THE COURT: All right.
18	MS. TURNER: As a matter of initial housekeeping, we've
19	conferred with Ms. Kearney [phonetic] and she has the stipulation of the
20	parties on the admission of additional exhibits.
21	THE COURT: All right.
22	THE CLERK: They do you want them, Judge?
23	THE COURT: Beg your pardon?
24	THE CLERK: Do you want the numbers?
25	THE COURT: Yes. Please state the numbers for the record.

1	THE CLERK: 2, 3, 5, 6, 12, 13, 14, 17, 20, and A.
2	THE COURT: Those admission of those exhibits is
3	stipulated. Is that correct?
4	MS. TURNER: Yes, Your Honor.
5	MR. GUTIERREZ: That's correct, Your Honor.
6	THE COURT: All right. So ordered.
7	[Plaintiff's Exhibits 2, 3, 5, 6, 12, 13, 14, 17 and 20 admitted into evidence]
8	[Defendant's Exhibit A admitted into evidence]
9	THE COURT: All right. Anything else for housekeeping?
10	MS. TURNER: No, Your Honor.
11	MR. GUTIERREZ: No, Your Honor.
12	THE COURT: I believe Mr. Bloom was on the stand when we
13	adjourned the last time.
14	MS. TURNER: Yes.
15	THE COURT: Okay. He will be retaking the stand at this time.
16	Mr. Bloom, you realize you're still under oath?
17	MR. BLOOM: Good morning, Your Honor. Yes, I do.
18	THE COURT: All right. Counsel, do you accept the
19	admonishment or do you require him to be re-sworn?
20	MS. TURNER: Mr. Bloom, do you understand you're still
21	under oath?
22	MR. BLOOM: I do.
23	MS. TURNER: Okay. No need, Your Honor.
24	THE COURT: Okay. Very well. Thank you. You may
25	proceed.

1	MS. TURNER: All right.	
2	JAY BLOOM, DEFENDANT'S WITNESS, PREVIOUSLY SWORN	
3	CROSS-EXAMINATION CONTINUED	
4	BY MS. TURNER:	
5	Q When we left off last week, we were discussing the	
6	provisions of the operating agreements of the First 100 entities. If we	
7	could pull up Exhibit 8, the operating agreement for First 100 Holdings,	
8	LLC. Mr. Bloom, do you have can you see this on the screen or do you	
9	have a copy that was previously emailed to you?	
10	A I can see it on the screen.	
11	Q Okay. Now, the provisions of the operating agreements for	
12	First 100 Holdings, LLC and First 100, LLC are identical in on most of	
13	the provisions, albeit the name and the membership has changed, right?	
14	A Correct.	
15	Q Okay. If we go to Section 4.2 of this operating agreement,	
16	this is, I believe, where we left off on Wednesday. Section 4.2 is	
17	subsequent contributions.	
18	MS. TURNER: Can you blow that up, Michelle, please?	
19	BY MS. TURNER:	
20	Q And it provides, if necessary and appropriate, to enable the	
21	company to meet its costs, expenses, obligations and liabilities and if no	
22	lending source is available, then the manager shall notify each Class A	
23	member of the need for any additional capital contributions. I believe we	
24	read that last Wednesday. My follow up question is whether or not you	
25	exhausted the ability to obtain a loan on behalf of First 100, LLC or First	

1	100 Holdin	igs, LLC.
2	А	I believe that Matthew testified that he attempted to obtain
3	loans agai	nst the judgment that we had and was unable to do so.
4	Q	Okay. His testimony was from 2017. Has there been any
5	effort to ol	otain a loan to pay for any expenses associated with the
6	production of the books and records since entry of the judgment	
7	November 17th, 2020?	
8	А	As Section 4.2 says, it's necessary and appropriate and this
9	operating	agreement also calls for the requesting party to pay for any
10	record requests, then it would not be necessary and appropriate to do a	
11	capital call among the membership.	
12	Q	Mr. Bloom, that was a yes or no question that I asked you.
13	Was there	any effort since November 17th, 2020 to obtain a loan on
14	behalf of F	irst 100, LLC or First 100 Holdings, LLC?
15	Α	No. It was necessary and appropriate and therefore, none
16	was sought.	
17	Q	And the next question. There's been no capital call that's
18	been made	e to the members of either entity, correct?
19	Α	Correct.
20	Q	All right. Now, go to Section 2.3 of this same agreement.
21		MS. TURNER: And blow it up a little bit.
22	BY MS. TU	JRNER:
23	Q	Section 2.3 provides for the registered office, registered
24	agent and principal office in the United States. The registered office of	
25	the company is to be maintained in the State of Nevada and shall be the	

1	office of the initial registered agent or as the manager may designate		
2	from time to time in the manner provided by law. The registered office		
3	of First 100 Holdings, LLC is on Tropicana Avenue, 10170 Tropicana		
4	Avenue, Suite 156 to 290 in Las Vegas in care of the registered agent,		
5	SJC Vent	ures, LLC, correct?	
6	А	Correct. That was one of the offices.	
7	Q	Okay. If we could go to Exhibit 27. And if you can take a look	
8	at Exhibit	27, which is the documents from the Secretary of State office	
9	for First 100 Holdings, LLC.		
10	А	I see it.	
11		MS. TURNER: Mr. Gutierrez, any objection to Exhibit 27?	
12		MR. GUTIERREZ: No objection.	
13		MS. TURNER: Or 26 that relates to First 100, LLC?	
14		MR. GUTIERREZ: I don't see 26.	
15		MS. TURNER: It's the Secretary of State documents for First	
16	100 Holdi	ngs or First 100, LLC.	
17		MR. GUTIERREZ: Oh. No objection.	
18		MS. TURNER: Okay.	
19		THE COURT: It's admitted.	
20		[Plaintiff's Exhibits 26 and 27 admitted into evidence]	
21	BY MS. TURNER:		
22	Q	If you could jump back to 27. And Bates Number Plaintiff	
23	236, the bottom right. Here we have a certificate of reinstatement dated		
24	May 18th, 2017 within a few days of the initial demand for books and		
25	records that was sent by TGC Farkas. Is that your signature at the		

1	bottom of the page?		
2	А	Yes.	
3	Q	Okay. And if we can go to the page that precedes it, filed on	
4	that same	date. This is Plaintiff 235. That's your handwriting there as	
5	well?		
6	А	Correct.	
7	Q	And the registered agent is, as of May 18, 2017, was Maier	
8	Gutierrez and Associates, correct?		
9	А	That is what I put, yes.	
10	Q	All right. If we go to Bates Number 234, the preceding page	
11	filed on the same day 234. That's your handwriting, sir?		
12	А	Yes.	
13	Q	All right. And it indicates that the manager or managing	
14	member is Jay Bloom, 10620 Southern Highlands Parkway in Las Vegas		
15	correct?		
16	А	Correct.	
17	Q	Okay. And then if we go to page 232, Plaintiff 232. Sorry,	
18	233, working backwards. Okay. We have a filing with the Secretary of		
19	State March 8th, 2018 and it indicates that Maier Gutierrez is resigning a		
20	the registered agent and the new registered agent is Jay Bloom at 10620		
21	Southern Highlands for First 100 Holdings, LLC and for First 100, LLC, it		
22	SJC Ventures Holding Company in Delaware. Do you see that?		
23	А	I do.	
24	Q	Okay. And if we can back up another page to 232, Bates	
25	Number Plaintiff 232. We have a filing that's dated October 28th, 2019		

1	indicating that the registered agent for First 100 Holdings, LLC, was	
2	changed from Jay Bloom to the SJC Ventures Holding, LLC, with an	
3	address at 10170 West Tropicana Avenue, Suite 156. Do you see that?	
4	A I do.	
5	Q	Okay. And then go back one more page, 231. Same day that
6	the there	e was a certificate of reinstatement that was filed with your e-
7	signature	at the bottom. Do you see that?
8	A I do.	
9	Q	And this is, again, for First 100 Holdings, LLC and it indicates
10	above the e-signature, "I declare under the penalty of perjury that the	
11	reinstatem	nent has been authorized by a court of competent jurisdiction
12	or by a duly selected manager or managers of the entity." Do you see	
13	that?	
14	А	I do.
15	Q	Okay. There was no court of competent jurisdiction that
16	authorized the reinstatement. It was you as manager of First 100	
17	Holdings, correct?	
18	А	It was SJC as manager, but me on behalf of SJC, yes.
19	Q	Okay. And then if we go to the first page of Exhibit 27, Bates
20	Number Plaintiff 229, we have the most recent filing of October 29th,	
21	2019 and it indi this is another certificate of reinstatement revival	
22	indicating the registered agent is SJC ventures, LLC, with an address on	
23	Tropicana Avenue and the managing member is Jay Bloom with an	
24	address on Southern Highlands. Do you see that?	
25	Α	I do.

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1	Q	Okay. Go to Exhibit 26. This is relating to First 100, LLC and
2	again to th	nat relevant May 18th, 2017 date that followed the first request
3	for produc	etion of documents from TGC Farkas. If you go to Plaintiff 219,
4	Plaintiff 21	9 is the Bates number. The certificate of reinstatement, that's
5	your signa	ture at the bottom with the date, 5/18/17. Is that right?
6	А	It is.
7	Q	Okay. If we go to the preceding page, Plaintiff 218, we have
8	your signa	ture at the bottom, correct?
9	А	Correct.
10	Q	And this is where First 100 appoints Maier Gutierrez and
11	Associates the role of registered agent?	
12	А	Okay.
13	Q	All right. And if we go to the preceding page, 217, Plaintiff
14	217, we have your signature identifying SJC Ventures Holding Company,	
15	LLC as the manager, correct?	
16	А	Correct.
17	Q	And then if we go to the preceding page, 216, we have the
18	registered agent resigning, Maier Gutierrez resigning and First 100, LLC	
19	going to SJC Ventures Holding in Delaware that changed in the Bates	
20	Number Plaintiff 215 filed with the Secretary of State June 14th, 2018.	
21	The registered agent became Jay Bloom at 2485 Village View Drive in	
22	Hendersor	n. Do you see that?
23	А	I do.
24	Q	Okay. There's been no subsequent change though the
25	registered	agent, but the manager has filed and if you look at the Bates

1	Numbers 214, we have the last known address for SJC Ventures Holding	
2	Company in Delaware. Do you see that?	
3	А	I see that.
4	Q	And that's your e-signature at the bottom?
5	А	Yes.
6	Q	Okay. I'm going to pass those exhibits.
7		THE COURT: Say that again?
8		MS. TURNER: We can move past those exhibits. Thank you
9	BY MS. T	JRNER:
10	Q	Mr. Bloom, there's no filing that we could obtain from the
11	Secretary	of State designating another custodian of records for First 100
12	or First 100, LLC. There's been no designation of any custodian of	
13	records other than Jay Bloom as manager and registered agent for SJC	
14	Ventures Holding Company, LLC, your entity that you manage or Maier	
15	Gutierrez, who resigned. Am I missing anybody that was designated	
16	with the Secretary of State as having been given the role of custodian of	
17	records?	
18	А	I was designated with the Secretary of State, but as
19	delegated under the operating agreement, yes.	
20	Q	All right. Let's go to NRS 86.2411. Number 1. It says,
21		"Each limited liability company shall continuously keep at its
22		principal office in this state or with its custodian of records,
23		whose name and street address are available at its registered
24		office, unless otherwise provided by the operating
25		agreement."

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MS. TURNER: You can take that down.

BY MS. TURNER:

Q You're saying that there is some provision in the operating agreement that provides for the designation of the custodian of records other than at the principal place of business or registered office?

A Yes. My recollection of the operating agreement is that the manager is allowed to delegate responsibilities to officers of the company and those responsibilities would include the keeping of the books and records.

O If we can go to the Section 2.3 in Exhibit 8. It indicates three lines from the bottom, "The company shall maintain records," there.

And there's -- there is referring to the principal office of the company.

"As required by NRS 86.241 and shall keep the street address of such principal office at the registered office of the company in the State of Nevada. The company may have such other offices as the manager may designate from time to time."

As indicated in the Secretary of State records, there have been multiple addresses, but there's nothing in this provision that states that the company can designate somebody other than the manager to be the custodian, outside of what's designated with the principal office, registered office. So can you please advise what you're referring to?

A Yeah. In the operating agreement -- and I don't know the paragraph from memory, but in this document, it references the delegation of responsibilities to officers of the company.

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- Q Okay. So there are no officers designated with the Secretary of State. Do you agree with me on that?
 - A Correct.
- Q And there is no -- nothing in either operating agreement designating an officer as the custodian of records, correct?
- A No. The officers were designated, I believe, by employment agreement.
 - O An employment agreement kept where?
- A Well, when the company was operational, at the offices of the company. When the company ceased to be an operating entity and strictly became a holding company for holding ownership of a judgment as an asset, then the company no longer maintained a physical office presence and the officers responsible for each of their responsibilities took those responsibilities home with them. So I know Michael Hendrickson took some of the records in his accounting computer to safeguard them, because there was no office, because there is no operating business. And I believe Matthew took some records with him as well.
- Q Is it your contention that Michael Hendrickson was an officer of the company, First 100 Holdings, LLC, who you designated as a custodian of records of the -- business records of First 100 Holdings, LLC or First 100, LLC?
- A He was a financial controller. I don't know if that constitutes and officer or not, but he was the one who worked with Matthew on keeping the books and records. Matthew was an officer in his capacity

as vice president of finance and initially as CFO.

Q Matthew Farkas, it is your position that he has records. He has testified he has no records. You heard his testimony on that?

A I did. I also saw the emails from him to Adam Flatto for books and records of the company, so you know, clearly he had them and he has them, notwithstanding his testimony to the contrary.

Q Are you referring to those emails from 2015 and '17?

A Correct, where he provided books and records to Adam Flatto from his possession and control.

O The judgment was entered in November of 2020 and as of November, 2020, the principal office of First 100 and First 100 Holdings and -- was designated by you with the Secretary of State as being at locations other than Mr. Farkas' address that would be under your control or Mr. Hendrickson's address, where you would have control, correct?

A If you're referencing the designations in 2017, once we obtained the judgments, I wanted to bring the companies in good standing and maintain the companies in good standing with the state. Notwithstanding, the company has no physical office, because there are no operational activ -- there's no operational activity. So there is no address to update, because there's no office, because there's no operations. The 2017 recordings were the last addresses for proffers for service in the event of any litigation, but there's no physical office. Books and records are kept by the people who maintain the books and records to be safeguarded.

1	Q	If we could go to Exhibit 32. Mr. Bloom, you've seen this
2	payment direction letter that was executed on behalf of First 100	
3	Holdings, LLC and SJC Ventures, LLC?	
4		MR. GUTIERREZ: Your Honor, I would object to the
5	admission	of this document as to relevance.
6		THE COURT: Let me see. I'll overrule it at this time.
7		MS. TURNER: All right.
8	BY MS. TURNER:	
9	Q	Mr. Bloom, do you recognize the document?
10	А	l do.
11	Q	All right. And it's executed by you on behalf of both First 100
12	Holdings, LLC and SJC Ventures, LLC, correct?	
13	А	Correct.
14	Q	And you have at the top First 100 Holdings, LLC, care of
15	Maier Gut	ierrez and Associates, right?
16	А	Correct.
17	Q	And SJC Ventures care of Maier Gutierrez and Associates,
18	right?	
19	А	Correct.
20	Q	All right. And this payment direction letter, if we go to page
21	3 of the document or Plaintiff 579 or 4 at the bottom, it indicates, "Upon	
22	receipt of any judgment funds." That's the first phrase. And judgment	
23	funds refers to those funds that would be obtained by First 100 Holdings	
24	following the sale of the judgment it holds against Raymond Ngan,	
25	correct?	

1	А	Correct.
2	Q	All right. "Upon receipt of those judgment funds, Maier
3	Gutierrez and Associates shall contemporaneously notify CBCI that Mai	
4	Gutierrez	and Associates has received the judgment funds", and number
5	4,	
6		"Maier Gutierrez, PLLC, shall contemporaneously provide
7		CBC with an accounting of how Maier Gutierrez and
8		Associates intends to distribute the judgment funds amongst
9		the collection professionals, the First 100 priority creditors
10		and the members of First 100, including the distribution of
11	the creditor's judgment interest."	
12		Do you see that?
13	А	I do.
14	Q	Now, Maier Gutierrez is the collection professionals, right?
15	А	They are one of a number of firms.
16	Q	Okay. Maier Gutierrez would have information on who those
17	professional or collection professionals include, correct?	
18	А	They would.
19	Q	All right. And then you have the reference to First 100, LLC's
20	priority creditors. Do you see that?	
21	А	I do.
22	Q	And priority creditors would be those who would be paid
23	ahead of the members, if there was any distribution of funds from the	
24	sale of the judgment to First 100 Holdings, LLC, correct?	
25	А	Correct.

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Q And Maier Gutierrez and Associates has information relating to who constitutes the priority creditors and the extent of their claim, right?

A Correct.

Q And then there's the members of First 100, the contact information and the extent of their equity interest would be -- related to those members would be included in the information in the possession of Maier Gutierrez and Associates, right?

A The managing members and the amount of their ownership are in the possession of Maier Gutierrez, so that they can calculate the amount that the members would be entitled to subsequent to paying the bills and the attorneys. I don't know that they have all of the communication information. I wouldn't say they have phone number, address, email. They probably have emails, but that's about the extent of it.

Q They have an amount of information sufficient to provide an accounting to this creditor, CBCI, if there were any funds to distribute, pursuant to this payment direction letter, right?

A Yeah. They have the membership interest amounts for each of the members.

Q And if there was any agreement with any member for the payment of priority -- of a priority interest, something above their -- pursue payment as a member, that would be in the possession of Maier Gutierrez and Associates, correct?

A That's a hypothetical question addressing something that

1	doesn't ex	ist outside of the settlement agreement with TCG [sic] Farkas,
2	who's gett	ing a disproportionately largely distribution than what their
3	equity wou	ald represent because of the six percent and because of the
4	valuation t	hat TCG brought in at the end. So to make TCG whole, they
5	have to ha	ve a disproportionately largely distribution. But there are no
6	other mem	bers in your hypothetical that have a disproportionately
7	largely dis	tribution outside of your client under the
8		MS. TURNER: Your Honor, I move to admit Exhibit 32.
9		MR. GUTIERREZ: Same objection, Your Honor. Relevance.
10	Lacks foun	dation.
11		THE COURT: Overruled. It's admitted.
12		[Plaintiff's Exhibit 32 admitted into evidence]
13		MS. TURNER: All right.
14	BY MS. TU	RNER:
15	Q	Now, if we go to the first page of Exhibit 32, there's a
16	reference t	o secure the parties obligations under the forbearance
17	agreement	, CBCI and CJCV, which is your entity, SJC Ventures, LLC, are
18	also partie	s to a certain security agreement. Do you see that reference?
19	А	I do.
20	Q	If we go to Exhibit 31, the last page, that's your signature?
21	А	It is.
22	Q	Okay. And if we go to the first page, there's a description of
23	collateral a	and the collateral is SJC Ventures beneficial interest in the
24	judgment.	Do you see that?
25	А	I do.

1	Q	Okay. Now, SJC Ventures, LLC not only has a membership
2	interest, b	ut was a manager who was paid compensation for those
3	managem	ent duties and has a claim for additional compensation,
4	correct?	
5	А	That would be my wages as I think no, I don't think SJC
6	got a man	agement fee. I received wages, together with the rest of the
7	managem	ent team.
8	Q	There's no fee or other renumeration that's being claimed by
9	SJC Ventu	ires, LLC?
10	А	It's been a while since I've looked at it, but not to my
11	recollectio	on.
12	Q	Okay. The records would reflect whether or not there's a
13	claim by S	GJC Ventures, LLC as a priority creditor, correct?
14	А	They would.
15	Q	Okay.
16	А	And again, collections that is not that SJC has a claim as a
17	priority cr	editor.
18	Q	Now, if we go to Section 8, 2H, which is on page 3 or Bates
19	Number P	laintiff 372, we have settlement of accounts. "The debtor is no
20	authorized	d or empowered to compromise or extend the time for
21	payment o	of any of the collateral without the prior written consent of the
22	secured pa	arty." Was the settlement agreement with TGC Farkas
23	providing	a priority of payment above its equity position, was that the
24	subject of	a prior written consent of CBCI?
25	Δ	No. It's not subject to a prior written consent of CRCI

1	because this agreement references just SJC's portion and entitlements	
2	under the judgment, not the judgment in its entirety. This is no	
3	different SJC pledging its interest in proceeds realized from the	
4	judgment	would be no different than TCG Farkas pledging its million
5	dollar whe	en it got it. Neither one addresses the entirety of the judgment,
6	just the be	eneficial interest in proceeds realized thereunder
7	Q	Did
8	А	by that individual party.
9	Q	Since November of 2020, when the judgment was entered,
10	was there	any effort by you as manager of First 100 Holdings, LLC and
11	First 100, LLC, to pledge an interest in the judgment proceeds as	
12	collateral for a payment to cover the expenses associated with	
13	production of the documents?	
14		MR. GUTIERREZ: Object to the form of the question.
15	THE COURT: Overruled.	
16		THE WITNESS: Not sure I understand what you're asking
17	me.	
18	BY MS. TURNER:	
19	Q	You pledged the judgment proceeds on behalf of First 100,
20	LLC or First 100 Holdings, LLC, in order to pay the obligations that are set	
21	forth in the judgment entered November 17th, 2020.	
22		MR. GUTIERREZ: Same objection, Your Honor.
23		THE WITNESS: Are you asking me if I I'm sorry.
24	BY MS. TURNER:	
25	Q	Did you pledge

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THE COURT: Put it in the form of a question.

MS. TURNER: Okay.

BY MS. TURNER:

Q Did you -- well, did you make any effort to pledge the judgment interest to Michael Hendrickson or anybody else as a means of obtaining cooperation and providing the books and records of First 100 Holdings, LLC or First 100, LLC?

A The judgment interest is not pledged anywhere, no.

MS. TURNER: Your Honor, I move for the admission of Exhibit of Exhibit 31, the security agreement that's referenced in Exhibit 32.

MR. GUTIERREZ: Your Honor, object as to relevance and outside the scope of this hearing.

THE COURT: Overruled. It's admitted.

[Plaintiff's Exhibit 31 admitted into evidence]

BY MS. TURNER:

And with respect to the settlement agreement, if we go to Exhibit P, P as in party, paragraph 36, Mr. Bloom, you have testified that given Matthew Farkas was the signer in his capacity as manager for both the initial subscription agreement, the redemption agreement and the settlement agreement and no person or entity has ever indicated or notified First 100 that there was a change in management, both Matthew Farkas and I believed that Matthew Farkas continued to have the authority to sign the settlement agreement, which he negotiated on behalf of TGC Farkas Funding, LLC. That -- was there anything else that

you purportedly relied on in order to determine that Matthew Farkas had authority to execute the settlement agreement and bind TGC Farkas Funding?

A Yes.

Q What?

A He signed the operating agreement. He signed the Greenburg Charlie -- I'm sorry -- the Garman Turner engagement letter. His continued representations up to and through signing the settlement agreement on subsequent, that he was the manager. He was the point of contact for the last eight years for TGC Farkas. He signed the subscription agreement, the operating agreement. He signed the redemption agreement. He was the CEO and manager of TCG [sic] Farkas and then even as recently as August 13th, 2020, there was a declaration from Adam Flatto where he says Matthew was and still is the administrative member of TCG Farkas.

So as of August, 2020, Adam was testifying under penalty of perjury that Matthew was the manager. Both Matthew and Adam have each testified that neither one of them notified First 100 of the change in management. They relied on representa -- in fact, Matthew continually affirmed that he was the manager. We have Adam's representation to me that he wanted a million dollars plus six percent as a settlement several years prior. But there's no indication that that was withdrawn or changed in any way.

So I understood that the settlement that Matthew negotiated and signed accomplished the goals of TCG Farkas for both members. So

1	yeah, I m	ean, every contact, every document, every conversation was	
2	Matthew was and still is the manager up until about January 19th of		
3	2021, whe	ere Matthew first learned of what he signed without reading	
4	back in Se	eptember of 2020.	
5	BY MS. T	URNER:	
6	Q	All right. Now let me go through this list. The subscription	
7	agreemer	nt that was executed in 2013 by Matthew Farkas as CEO of TGC	
8	Farkas Fu	nding, correct?	
9	А	Correct.	
10	Q	And at the same time that the subscription agreement was	
11	executed,	Adam Flatto funded First 100 \$100 million, correct?	
12	А	TGC Farkas funded First 100 \$100 million.	
13	Q	You know that was paid by that wasn't paid by Matthew	
14	Farkas. T	hat was paid by the other member, TGC investor, correct?	
15	А	I don't know. Apparently Marshal Rose has some role in it,	
16	too. Ever	though he's not a member, apparently Marshal Rose is	
17	involved	and put up capital, so I do not believe that Adam Flatto put up	
18	the millio	n dollars.	
19	Q	Now, with respect to the well, it wasn't Matthew Farkas,	
20	correct, si	r?	
21	А	I don't know. I don't know if Marshal Rose lent Matthew	
22	500,000 fo	or him to contribute his half. I just don't know the internal	
23	dealings	of TCG Farkas, because I'm not a member and I wasn't included	
24	on their in	nternal communications.	
25	Q	Let's talk about the redemption agreement that you've	

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referred to. If we go to Exhibit A at Bates Number First 5. And we have a copy -- no, that's -- sorry. That's the wrong page. It's -- has to be further along in that exhibit. A -- First 17 is the Bates number. All right. No. That's the subscription agreement. First 32. That should be right. First 32 is the -- First 32 attached to Exhibit A and the prior page is First 31. We have Matthew Farkas signing VP finance, correct?

A We have Matthew signing on behalf of the redeemer, which would be TCG Farkas and the final document signed by me on behalf of First 100 and the company. So yes, Matthew Farkas signed as VP of finance on behalf of TCG Farkas, the redeemed membership interest back in 2017.

- Q That's not the first time that you've taken that position, Mr. Bloom, is it? You took that position in the arbitration.
 - A Right.
 - Q Right?

A And as far as subsequent documentation and you elicited testimony from Matthew that he signed that on behalf of the company and he signed a declaration for you for the arbitration with false information that tipped the arbiters to decide in your favor. But this clearly was his signature on behalf of the redeemer and not First 100. I think the arbiters made a mistake.

- Q Matthew Farkas, VP Finance --
- A For the redeemer.
- Q For the redeemer. And if we go to Exhibit 2 page 3, you were told in no uncertain terms that your position was wrong by the

arbitrators. Three arbitrator panel, correct?

A The arbiters relied on the false declaration that you submitted that you obtained from Matthew without him reviewing it. He testified in the declaration that you put in front him was signed that he was signing on behalf of First 100 and not the redeemer and that's just not the case.

Q All right.

A He wouldn't sign on behalf of First 100. I would. But yes, you fooled the arbiters.

Q Let's get to Exhibit 2, that paragraph. And it actually indicates that the arbitrators relied on much more than that. The evidence shows two additional points that rendered the redemption agreement irrelevant for the purpose of this proceeding. First the evidence shows that Mr. Farkas did not have authority to bind claimant to the redemption agreement, as he did not seek and obtain the consent of Mr. Flatto. And there's a reference to Exhibit 1 to the supplemental declaration of Flatto. The supplemental declarations of Flatto and Farkas, subsequent. And if we go to those documents, you have them in your book. Go to first F, Exhibit F.

A I don't have the documents in front of me from last week.

Can you pull it up on the screen?

Q Exhibit F. We have the supplemental declaration of Matthew Farkas. It says in April, 2017, at the request of Jay Bloom, I signed the attached relating to First 100, LLC, with the notation VP under my signature. I do not recall otherwise executing the form of redemption

agreement or documents related to the redemption agreement beyond what is attached. Adam Flatto did not consent to the terms of the redemption agreement or consent to me signing the redemption agreement on behalf of claimant. And then it goes on to say, "As far as I know, no distribution of funds were ever made to claimant. There was no accounting prepared or provided or other performance under the First 100, LLC redemption agreement."

Now, the next page is the authorization for the signature of Matthew Farkas, correct?

A Yes. That is the document that you wrote for Matthew to sign, which he again signed without reading. Or authorized the signature to sign electronically and he apparently never had -- even had the document to sign.

Q You see he said,

"As per our conversation, you have my permission to put a digital signature on the document you sent. According to my understanding, my signature is at the bottom I signed reclaiming the First 100 stock and that no one received any payments or payouts or financials from First 100. Please don't add my signature to any other documents without email or handwritten authorization."

If we go to Exhibit EE -- there's the declaration of Adam
Flatto that you said that you relied on to indicate that Matthew Farkas
still had authority. It says, "Matthew Farkas was and still is the
administrative member of claimant as that term is defined in the

1	operating	agreement." That's at part 4. But then at part 5, it says, under
2	Section 3.	4 of the operating agreement, "The administrative member can
3	only take	action to bind claimant after consultation with and upon the
4	consent o	f all claimant members, correct?
5	А	Correct.
6	Q	Okay. Now, if we go back to Exhibit 2, the arbitration award,
7	page 3, af	ter the reference to, "Those declarations," it says, "And
8	claimant r	notified respondent via email on April 18th, 2017 that Mr.
9	Farkas did	not have the authority to bind claimant under the redemption
10	agreemen	t, unless and until approved by Adam Flatto."
11		And you have seen that email and it was referenced not only
12	in the arbi	tration but in these proceedings, correct?
13	А	It seems to me like you're conflating two issues. The
14	arbitration	1
15	Q	Sir
16	А	I'm trying to answer your question.
17	Q	sir, my question
18	А	All right. I'll if you want to give testimony, go ahead and
19	I'll just list	en.
20	Q	My question is whether or not you saw that email of April,
21	2017 in th	e arbitration
22		MR. GUTIERREZ: Object to the form
23	BY MS. TU	JRNER:
24	Q	case as well as these proceedings.
25		MR. GUTIERREZ: Object to the form. Lacks foundation.

1		THE COURT: Overruled. It's a question.
2		THE WITNESS: Which email are you referencing?
3		MS. TURNER: All right. If we go to well, Exhibit 22.
4	BY MS. TI	
5	Q	This is the July 13th, 2017 letter to your counsel. First page
6		t's four dots down. "Counsel has previously sent
7	correspon	dence explaining that Matthew Farkas does not have the
8	authority	to bind TGC Farkas Funding, LLC. See Exhibit 3."
9		If you go to that Exhibit 3, which is at Plaintiff 190, that's the
10	Bates nun	nber, there's an email.
11		MS. TURNER: Can you blow it up at the top?
12	BY MS. T	JRNER:
13	Q	Says, "Please be advised that Matthew Farkas does not have
14	the autho	rity to unilaterally bind TGC Farkas Funding." Do you see that?
15	А	I do see that.
16	Q	And that is the email that was provided in the arbitration and
17	is referen	ced in the arbitration award, correct?
18	А	Yes, but all of these exhibits reference the redemption
19	agreemen	t and not the settlement agreement, which has a different fact
20	set.	
21	Q	You indicated that you relied on the Garman Turner Gordon
22	engagem	ent letter that was signed by Matthew Farkas. Is that right?
23	А	My recollection.
24	Q	Matthew Farkas signed that redem that agreement as a
25	member o	of TGC Farkas Funding, correct?

1	А	I don't recall the title, but let's pull the exhibit up and take a
2	look.	
3	Q	If we go to your exhibit I believe it's P. You didn't attach it.
4		MS. TURNER: Indulgence, Your Honor.
5	BY MS. TU	JRNER:
6	Q	Go to Exhibit 28. Jason Maier is sending it. And we have it
7	up on the	screen.
8		MS. TURNER: What Bates number is that? Let's see the
9	bottom. I	t's Bates Number First 0393 or TGC104. And if we can show
10	the last pa	ige.
11	BY MS. TU	JRNER:
12	Q	We have Adam Flatto signing as a member of TGC 100
13	Investor, l	LC. There's a line. Matthew Farkas, title member. If we go
14	the next p	age. This is from 2017, April 27th, 2017 and that's where
15	Matthew I	arkas signs with the member. It's a little more faded in this
16	one, but h	e signed as a member, correct?
17	А	Can you zoom in? Looks like it says manager and then
18	A-B-E-R.	
19	Q	Okay. Turn to the page preceding it. This is
20	А	Yeah. Here you can see Adam Flatto signed. Manager was
21	titled and	it's crossed out and he handwrote member in.
22	Q	Let's go to Exhibit 28, Bates Number Plaintiff 300. There's a
23	copy issue	e. You said you relied on this. This is what Jason Maier
24	provided l	Raffi Nahabedian, part of Exhibit 28. Do you see above
25	Matthew I	arkas' signature and below it, it says member?

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A I do, but where it says title, it says manager member. Hey, it -- yes

MS. TURNER: Man -- blow it up.

BY MS. TURNER:

Q Manager is crossed off. Do you see that? Manager is crossed off. It says member next to it. There's a signature and then underneath, it says, "Title member."

A Okay.

Q Go to Exhibit 6, which is also QQ in the Defendant's books. We have Exhibit 13 to the arbitration brief. If you can go to the next page, which is also QQ. I want to make sure that we are on the same page. This is the list of the documents that is incorporated into the judgment entered November, 2020. And it's a subsequent demand to Joe Gutierrez with the list of documents that were awarded as reasonably produced. If you go through that list of documents to be produced pursuant to the judgment, isn't it true that there is not one of those documents that has been produced since entry of the judgment November 17th, 2020?

A It depends on what you mean by produced, because Matthew Farkas, as the VP of finance, was in possession of those documents at the time he made the request. So to the extent that he was also the manager at TCG Farkas, TCG Farkas was in possession of those documents. It would be Matthew who would have provide them to Matthew. And then if there are any documents that Matthew doesn't have, then what we did is we said we're happy to produce them. There's

a third party that needs to compile them. He needs to be paid.

First 100 doesn't have bank accounts, much less money at this point, and the operating agreement provides for the requesting member to pay for the production of documents that need to be produced. That was conveyed to TCG Farkas after the judgment. TCG Farkas elected to spend more on legal fees than it would have cost to compile the documents, for some reason. I don't think this is about the documents.

Q Sir, you didn't cause any documents to be produced by you or your counsel in response to the judgment entered November 17th, 2020, correct?

A To the extent that I have documents, I did. There are no documents in my possession. The ones to produce them would be Matthew and Michael Hendrickson and Matthew is already in possession of them, which means TCG Farkas is in possession of them. And what I did for the production of documents that they don't have is I identified who has them. I identified the cost to procure them and I communicated that information and said the third party needs to be paid to procure the documents to the extent of my ability to comply with the order on behalf of First 100.

Q Go to Exhibit 5. In addition to receiving notice of the judgment, you received notice of the order granting Plaintiffs ex parte application for order to show cause why the Defendants and you, Jay Bloom, should not be held in contempt of court, right?

A Yeah. This again is further evidence this is not about the

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Now, if you go to -- now, at -- when you received notice of to show cause, there was pending post judgment discovery o you, Jay Bloom, correct?

Well, you don't have a judgment against me individually. I'm у.

Sir, if you could listen to my question. There were pending ment discovery requests to you, Jay Bloom. There was a for information that had been served on you, correct?

I can't recall what the request was. I can't recall if there was na served on me individually or for the company or both.

If we can go to Exhibit 9. Does this refresh your recollection arty, Jay Bloom, objected to the subpoena on -- and that was nuary 7th, 2021, the same date that the settlement agreement uted. Do you see that?

I do see it.

And pursuant to the objections that were provided, you, Jay rough your counsel, Maier Gutierrez, objected to the subpoena ot provide any responsive information, right?

I believe so.

Okay. Now if we go to Exhibit 10. First 100 and First 100 LLC, that you manage, objected to the discovery request that served on them and indicated they would not be attending the debtor exams. Do you see that?

I do. This is two weeks after the settlement was signed by

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the manager of TCG Farkas, as we understood it.

Q Was the same reason that the Defendants and you were not providing discovery was the basis, the settlement agreement that had been executed January 7th?

A Yeah. And that has been settled. So two weeks after settlement, to continue to try and do post-judgment discovery on a settled matter seemed -- again, I keep coming back to this isn't about the documents.

Q Okay.

MS. TURNER: We're -- I'm going to pass the witness.

THE COURT: All right. So it's five after 10:00.

MS. TURNER: I'm sorry. I'm sorry. Judge, I'm so sorry. I have one more question. I apologize. I can't read my own handwriting. BY MS. TURNER:

Q If we go to Exhibit 12 that's in evidence, I think multiple times. There -- it might be in the Defendant's books as well. This is the attorney retainer fee agreement that was sent by Raffi Nahabedian to you and executed by Matthew Farkas with the settlement agreement. Do you recall that?

A Yeah. This would be another document I relied on, because Matthew Farkas signed it as managing member of TCG Farkas. But yes, I remember this.

Q All right. If we could go to the last page. Matthew Farkas signing January 7th, 2021. This execution was provided at the very same time that Matt Farkas executed the settlement agreement, correct?

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O Okay. Now, you testified at deposition that you were going to pay the retainer to Raffi Nahabedian, if one was charged. He just ultimately did not charge one as a professional courtesy. Is that right?

A I was going to lend Matthew the retainer agreement amount, so that Matthew could retain counsel for TCG Farkas and he didn't require one, because he never entered the case. As soon as we found out that Matthew signed that September resignation as manager and had -- didn't know about it, Raffi never entered the case. He immediately withdrew his representation and took the position that Matthew represented he was the manager up to the point of engagement and when we found out in January, like January 19th or so, that Matthew misrepresented his position, Raffi didn't continue forward, so he didn't require a retainer. He never entered an appearance. Total involvement was maybe 15 minutes and you want to spend eight hours deposing him. Again, I keep coming back to this is now about the records.

MS. TURNER: Pass the witness, Your Honor.

THE COURT: All right. It's about eight after 10:00. Anybody like to take a recess before we reconvene, before we resume?

MR. GUTIERREZ: I'm fine on my end, Your Honor.

THE COURT: Do you want to go right into your cross?

MR. GUTIERREZ: Sure. Yeah, Your Honor. I'll be brief on

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REDIRECT EXAMINATION

BY MR. GUTIERREZ:

Q Mr. Bloom, prior to entering the January 6th, 2021 settlement agreement, did TCG [sic] Farkas ever send First 100 notice that Matthew Farkas was no longer the administrative member of TGC Farkas?

A No. And that's the confusing part. I think that's why we're getting lost here. Matthew Farkas proactively asserted that he continued to be the managing member and up to and through January 6th and even for a week or two subsequently. And Adam Flatto never contacted us and as he testified. He was supposed to send a certified letter return receipt requested. Not only didn't he do that, he never called us to tell us there was a change in September. So no, TCG -- nobody from TCG Farkas ever sent a notice that Matthew was no longer the administrative member. One member was silent and the other member was asserting that Matthew was still the manager.

Q Did TCG Farkas send any written notification via certified mail pursuant -- to First 100 pursuant to the terms of the subscription agreement that it executed from October of 2013, if there was a change in the member status?

A No. Adam Flatto's testimony that he didn't send a notification and Matthew's testimony that he didn't send notification both comport with our not having received any notice.

Q When you were -- when you sent the settlement documents to Matthew Farkas and he was at the UPS Store, did he ever tell you he needed Adam Flatto's consent to sign the settlement agreement?

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A No. He never made that representation. And in fact, Adam Flatto told me what he wanted directly, so I would have -- if anybody asked me at the time, I would have assumed Adam's consent, because what Matthew asked for matched what Adam asked for directly.

Q And Mr. Bloom, why didn't you talk to Adam Flatto about the TGC Farkas settlement agreement prior to Matthew signing it?

A Adam Flatto asserted that the Matthew was still the manager in August of 2020, so there was nothing that changed. All of our communications for eight years have been directly with Matthew. Email communications even were with Matthew and then Matthew would communicate internally with Adam. So it would be extraordinary for us to reach out to Adam without cause. You know, if -- this is what I don't get. If Adam just said pick up the phone or sent us a letter and said I'm the new manager, we would have just negotiated the settlement agreement with Adam.

Q Were you, Jay Bloom, ever privy to the internal to the internal TGC Farkas member discussions for consent between the TGC Farkas members?

A No.

Q I think you testified on -- earlier that First 100 had close to 50 members. Is that right?

A Yeah. And the member -- the members of corporate entities with multiple members within those corporate entities that held membership interest in First 100 Holdings.

O So did First 100 have the time to get involved with internal

consent issues with its members who were entity -- who were entities?

A No. Everything I've heard in terms of the testimony from the last day of the hearing, due to the -- this is more of an internal TCG issue, where Adam may have claims against Matthew. But this is not a First 100 issue.

- Q And First 100 saw the operating agreement for TCG Farkas, correct?
 - A I believe so.
- Q And as part of that operating agreement, did you rely on Section 4.4, which was reliance on third parties with Matthew Farkas deemed the administrative member?
 - A Yes.
- Q Now, do you believe that Matthew Farkas was under any duress when he signed the January 6, 2021 settlement agreement?
- A Zero. He was standing alone in a UPS Store. We sent the documents to the address he provided us. He could have asked us to email them. He could have asked the UPS store to email them. He could have scanned them and sent them to Adam. He could have forwarded and email that he requested. He could have said, I'm taking the documents home and I'm going to read them. He could have said I'm going to go hire an attorney. He could have -- I mean, he was standing there alone, you know. It's not like I showed up at his house in Saturday morning with documents and said sign these.
- Q And Mr. Bloom, do you subjectively believe that Matthew Farkas had the authority to bind TGC Farkas Funding when he signed the

ı	January 6th, 2021 Settlement agreement?
2	A Yeah. Absolutely.
3	Q And have we covered all the reasons why you believe that?
4	Is there anything else you want to add to that?
5	A I would reiterate everything I've testified before, but you
6	know, there's just there's no indication of any other manager at any
7	time prior to the settlement agreement. We have an eight-year history
8	where Matthew spoke on behalf of the company. Adam certainly had an
9	opportunity to put his hand up and say I'm the new manager. Talk to me
10	in August. And then in January, we would have been negotiating the
11	settlement with Adam. You know, their operating agreement says that
12	Farkas is the CEO of the company with full authority.
13	You know and then we've got to keep coming back to that
14	August, 2020 declaration of Adam Flatto, where he says Matthew is and
15	continues to be the manager, right? I don't know that I have a
16	responsibility or even the ability to confirm Adam Flatto's verbal
17	authorization of a decision of Matthew's. If they have an internal issue
18	between them, that's between them, but this is not a First 100 issue.
19	Q And did you believe that the January 6, 2021 settlement
20	agreement accomplished the goals of TGC Farkas?
21	MS. TURNER: Objection. Lack
22	THE WITNESS: I do.
23	MS. TURNER: of foundation. Lack of foundation. Calls for
24	speculation.

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THE COURT: Overruled. He can state his belief.

THE WITNESS: I do believe that it does, because Matthew asked for a million dollar settlement to get Adam his money back. I recall my conversation with Adam directly, where he said he wanted a six percent return. That number didn't come from me. It came from Adam Flatto and I incorporated into the settlement agreement that it reflected or it accomplished the goals of both members of TCG Farkas, based on my direct discussions with each.

BY MR. GUTIERREZ:

Q Mr. Bloom, can you explain -- you were asked several questions about the order to produce books and records. Can you explain why First 100 did not comply with the order to produce to the books and records in late 2020?

A Yeah. I mean, it all comes back to the cost. As I mentioned earlier, First 100 doesn't have a bank account, much less money. It can't pay a third party. A lot of the documents are in the possession of Matthew Farkas, who is apparently the VP of finance for First 100 and what we understood to be the manager, but certainly at least a 50 percent member of TCG Farkas. So it would be Matthew providing some of the records to Matthew. We already saw the emails, where Matthew sent Adam Flatto P and L statements, cashflows, balance sheets from First 100. And to the extent Matthew doesn't have certain of the documents, the person who does is not longer employed by us and needs to be compensated to produce it.

So I think we've complied with the order in saying here's what we need and what your obligations are under the operating

1	agreemen	t you signed to pay for the cost of the production. And TCG	
2	Farkas ele	cted not to provide for the cost of third parties to produce the	
3	document	s and First 100 was unable to.	
4	Q	And Exhibit V as in Victor, which was the February 12th,	
5	2020 letter	from my firm to Ms. Turner and Mr. Bloom, that included the	
6	estimates on Michael Hendrickson. Do you believe that's an accurate		
7	estimate as to what it would cost to gather the books and records and		
8	recreate some of the records that needed to be created?		
9	А	I do. He actually gave several scenarios and he gave a lower	
10	cost that v	vas only, I believe, a couple thousand dollars, if they wanted all	
11	the stuff th	nat had been produced up to the time of his departure and then	
12	a higher figure if they wanted him to recreate books and records		
13	subsequent to his departure. So they had several options to choose		
14	from in terms of how much documentation they wanted and what the		
15	cost would be relative to each option.		
16	Q	Okay.	
17		MR. GUTIERREZ: No further questions. Thank you, Your	
18	Honor.		
19		THE COURT: All right. Recross?	
20		MS. TURNER: Very briefly.	
21		RECROSS-EXAMINATION	
22	BY MS. TURNER:		
23	Q	You generally referred to conversations with Adam Flatto	
24	regarding the million dollars. To be clear, those communications were in		
25	2017 before the arbitration and before the judgment, correct?		

1	A Yes. And I never received any subsequent communication
2	that said I'm withdrawing what I was asking modify it or I want more.
3	Those are my last communications and those were the requests made by
4	Adam Flatto that were met by the settlement agreement.
5	MS. TURNER: I think everything else was covered
6	previously. I'll pass the witness.
7	THE COURT: Any redirect?
8	MR. GUTIERREZ: No, Your Honor.
9	THE COURT: Okay. Thank you. Do you want to go with your
10	next witness, or would you like a recess, first?
11	MS. TURNER: Your Honor. At your convenience. We're
12	ready to go. We have the witness on, Mr. Nahabedian.
13	THE COURT: Okay. Let's take a brief recess until 25 after
14	10:00.
15	MS. TURNER: Okay.
16	THE COURT: Twenty-five after 10:00. That's not even a 10
17	minute recess, okay? Just a brief recess for okay?
18	MS. TURNER: Thank you, Your Honor.
19	MR. GUTIERREZ: Thank you, Judge.
20	[Recess at 10:18 a.m. recommencing at 10:25 a.m.]
21	THE COURT: All right. We're back on the record. Have you
22	called your next witness?
23	MS. TURNER: Yes, Your Honor. Raffi Nahabedian.
24	THE COURT: All right. The witness will be sworn.
25	THE CLERK: I'm sorry. I was on mute. Can you please take

1	down screen sharing, so I car	n swear in the witness? Thank you. Please		
2	raise your right hand. I think	raise your right hand. I think you're on mute as well.		
3	MR. NAHABEDIA	N: Can you hear me now?		
4	MS. TURNER: Ye	es.		
5	THE CLERK: Yes.			
6	MR. NAHABEDIA	N: Oh, gosh. I've never done this before.		
7	Well, I did it for the depositio	n on this zoom thing. Okay.		
8	RAFFI NAHABEDIA	N, PLAINTIFF'S WITNESS, SWORN		
9	THE CLERK: And	please state your full name, spelling your		
10	first and last name for the record.			
11	THE WITNESS: Y	eah. It's Raffi. I use my middle initial, A,		
12	Nahabedian. R-A-F as in Frai	Nahabedian. R-A-F as in Frank, F as in Frank-I. Middle initial A. Last		
13	name Nahabedian, N-A-H-A-B-E-D-I-A-N.			
14	THE CLERK: Tha	nk you.		
15	THE COURT: You	ı may proceed.		
16	DIRI	ECT EXAMINATION		
17	BY MS. TURNER:			
18	Q Mr. Nahabedian,	just to set the stage. It was January 4th,		
19	2021 you were first contacted	I by Jay Bloom to discuss your retention on		
20	behalf of TGC Farkas Funding	behalf of TGC Farkas Funding, LLC as counsel, right?		
21	A That sounds accu	rate, correct.		
22	Q And then the pur	ported attorney-client relationship or your		
23	representation of TGC Farkas Funding ended by January 20th, 2021. Is			
24	that right?			
25	A I believe that's co	rrect in terms of the correspondence that		

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was sent, but there might have been a telephone call. And again, I'd have to go back, but there might have been a telephone call that stated that the representation was over before that, based upon your letter. You had sent a letter that indicated there was a change in the operating agreement. And when that was verified, at that point, I had notified Mr. Farkas that the relationship was to end. And then after I notified him of such orally, I think prepared a document to confirm such termination.

- Q All right. If we could go to proposed Exhibit 30 -- and I believe you have it, Mr. Nahabedian.
 - A Yes.
 - Q We have a call log. And who prepared this call log?
- A So I prepared this log based upon the telephone numbers that I was able to pull up on my mobile device, my cellphone.
- Q Okay. And it indicates Farkas call log, Bloom call log and MGA call log. Farkas refers to Matthew Farkas?

A Correct. That does refer to Matthew Farkas and that reflects -- as it relates to Matthew Farkas, one on one telephone communications that pertained and included just him. The other call logs, I just want to make certain for the record, the MGA call log and the bloom call log may have included other people in those -- those logs, but I just want to make sure that that's clear. I could not decipher what on those two other groups of Bloom and MGA, but on the Farkas call log, I do specifically know that that just included Mr. Farkas.

- Q All right. And Blook refers to Jay Bloom?
- A It does.

1	Q	And MGA refers to Maier Gutierrez?
2	А	Yes. And Associates. And I wanted to make certainly I
3	included th	ne parenthetical there, because there were other calls to the
4	firm that were unrelated to this matter.	
5	Q	And just to by way of background. You represented Jay
6	Bloom in a case pending in this court, at least during the relevant	
7	timeframe of January, 2021, correct?	
8	А	There was a lawsuit that I was representing Mr. Bloom in
9	unrelated to this matter. I have since withdrawn my representation in	
10	that case.	
11	Q	Okay. So in the time period of January 4th through at least
12	January 20th, you represented Jay Bloom in an unrelated matter. And	
13	it's titled Nevada Speedway v. Police Chase and Jay Bloom, right?	
14	А	Correct.
15	Q	And MGA or Maier Gutierrez, right?
16	А	Correct.
17	Q	And MGA or Maier Gutierrez was codefendant's counsel in
18	that case?	
19	А	That is correct.
20	Q	And prior to that unrelated matter, you did previously
21	represent First 100 and its derivative entities?	
22	А	In the past, correct.
23	Q	And Maier Gutierrez has represented you and your wife
24	personally?	
25	Α	They have represented myself in a bodily injury matter as

1	well as are	representing my wife in a bodily injury matter, correct.
2	Q	And there are other matters where you represent either
3	codefenda	nts or co-plaintiffs with Maier Gutierrez, so you may have had
4	communic	ations with that firm and its members that are unrelated to
5	this action	. Is that right?
6	А	That is correct and we tried to address that during my
7	deposition	that I do have other cases with them, plaintiff matters with
8	them that	were co-counsel.
9		MS. TURNER: Now Your Honor, I move to admit Exhibit 30.
10		THE COURT: It's admitted.
11		[Plaintiff's Exhibit 30 admitted into evidence]
12	BY MS. TU	JRNER:
13	Q	And Mr. Nahabedian, before we turn away from this Exhibit
14	30, you sai	d that there may have been a phone call with Mr. Farkas
15	before you	sent your formal termination letter following my provision to
16	you of the	amendment to the operating agreement of TGC Farkas
17	Funding. I	s that right?
18	А	Please repeat that. I'm sorry.
19	Q	Sure. A few minutes ago, you said that you thought the
20	terminatio	n of your purported retention on behalf of TGC Farkas
21	Funding, it	may have been terminated pursuant to a phone call with Mr.
22	Farkas	
23	А	That is correct.
24	Q	prior to January 16
25	А	That is correct. I'm sorry. I didn't mean to talk over you. I

thought you were finished. My apologies.

Q No, that's fine. It's tough on this Zoom. If water trucks go to the call log at Exhibit 30, if you look at January 16th, does that refresh your recollection that that was on or about the time that you told Mr. Farkas that you would no longer be acting on behalf of TGC Farkas Funding?

A I don't know if it was on the 16th. I think on the 16th there was the discussion about -- it was a lengthy discussion and I don't want to go into that -- the realm of that discussion just for preserving his right to have confidences and communications with counsel. But it -- I don't believe it was that telephone conversation that it was definitive, but in that conversation, it may have included that if the contents of your letter are accurate and when that would be verified that a termination would take place. And then we have later calls, I believe on the 18th and 19th, which were definitive communications that I believe it was on the 19th, where it was definitively stated that it was over -- without getting into more of the substance, but it was a termination relationship call. And after that, there was a letter that was sent to him that documented the telephonic communication.

Q As counsel, you were convinced, as least of January 19th, that Matthew Farkas did not have authority to terminate Garman Turner Gordon and hire you to dismiss this action. Is that accurate?

A That is accurate. That's when I was provided a document that reflected an amended operating agreement. It was troubling to me, because up until that point, there was not a hint about such document's

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existence whatsoever in earlier phone calls, so on and so forth. And so once that was presented, that's when I was -- it was definitively expressed that he didn't have the authority to retain me and that what I had understood and believed in good faith to be an ability to retain me, that it was no longer valid, so I terminated it.

- Q And if we could look at the call log with respect to January 4th, it indicates a call with Mr. Bloom -- between you and Mr. Bloom at 5:25 p.m. Do you see that?
 - A I do.
 - Q For 12 minutes, 13 seconds?
 - A I do.
- Q Now, if we go to Exhibit 28 that is already in evidence, the first page, RAN001.
 - A I'm looking at it.
- Q We have at 6:15 p.m., which was -- I mean, less than 45 minutes later following that call, where you, Raffi Nahabedian, sent to Jay Bloom an attorney retainer agreement for Matthew and you have that form attached, correct?
- A That's correct. There was the email and attached to the email was the retainer, which is the next document going down, RAN0002.
- Q So it says, "I, Matthew Farkas, managing member of TGC Farkas -- or TCG client as the client, hereby retains Raffi Nahabedian to represent client, TCG Farkas in relation to a business dispute lawsuit currently filed pending on Clark County."

1		And you have the case number, this case number, right?
2	А	Correct.
3	Q	Now prior to sending out this attorney retainer fee
4	agreemen	t, you did not review the arbitration award or the judgment
5	that had b	een entered in this case, correct?
6	А	I had not reviewed those documents, correct.
7	Q	Or that there was an order to show cause issued regarding
8	Mr. Bloom	as well as the Defendants on contempt, right?
9	А	Never reviewed and completely unaware of such documents.
10	Q	How did you receive the case number?
11	А	That's a good question. I might have simply typed in
12	Matthew's	s the last name per search for Farkas and it popped up with a
13	case num	ber.
14	Q	Now, if we go to a little further down in this attorney
15	retainer fe	e agreement, it discusses the retainer. Do you see that?
16	А	Yes.
17	Q	Now, if we go to Exhibit 29, proposed Exhibit 29. It's not in
18	evidence	yet. Can you describe what Exhibit 29 is?
19	А	Exhibit 29, those were just over a period of time or
20	they're en	nail or text messages sorry between myself and Mr.
21	Bloom.	
22	Q	Okay. And the intent
23	Α	That came from my phone. I'm sorry. These are text
24	messages	that I provided Mr. Larson [phonetic], my attorney, that were
25	text mess	age communications between myself and Mr. Bloom.

1	Q	All right. And these text messages all relate to this action
2	and not yo	ur other actions, correct?
3	А	This pertains to the Matthew Farkas, yes.
4	Q	All right.
5		MS. TURNER: Your Honor, I move to admit Exhibit Number
6	29.	
7		MR. GUTIERREZ: Your Honor, my objection is it lacks
8	foundation	as to time and date.
9		THE COURT: Sustained. Lay foundation relative to time.
10	BY MS. TU	JRNER:
11	Q	Mr. Nahabedian, when were these text messages sent and
12	received th	nat are reflected in Exhibit 29?
13	А	These were during the month of January, which would be
14	the duratio	on of my involvement in terms of from between January 4
15	until Janua	ary 20th or something to that effect.
16	Q	Of 2021?
17	А	Of 2021, correct.
18		MS. TURNER: Your Honor, I renew my offer.
19		MR. GUTIERREZ: No objection, Your Honor.
20		THE COURT: Okay. It's admitted.
21		[Plaintiff's Exhibit 29 admitted into evidence]
22	BY MS. TU	JRNER:
23	Q	Mr. Nahabedian, Jay Bloom was going to pay your retainer
24	required u	nder this attorney retainer fee agreement with TGC Farkas,
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A No, I never understood that to be the case.

Q Okay.

A I believed that Mr. Farkas would be paying my retainer fee.

O Okay. Do you see Exhibit 29 about three-quarters of the way down. And then it says, "You're going to have to send me a retainer or transfer. Can you confirm wire instructions for the retainer?"

A Yeah. That is on my part -- there -- you know, text messaging isn't always a perfect science. You're going to have him send me a retainer fee or transfer. So I was understanding that he would be sending me, meaning Mr. Farkas, a payment for my services. And in fact, in one of the other exhibits that you have, my termination letter with Mr. Farkas, I actually say to Mr. Farkas given the circumstances, as a professional courtesy, I will not be seeking an attorneys or compensation from you in relation to this matter.

Q These text messages are not with Matthew Farkas. They're with Jay Bloom regarding your retainer, correct?

A Jay was serving as a conduit. It was his brother-in-law. And so my communications with Mr. Bloom were with the understanding that he was serving as a conduit, until I have the opportunity to meet with Mr. Farkas. And anyway, so that is my recollection and it's a distinct one. Like I said, you can -- it's verified in the termination letter, where I say I won't charge you for these fees. I'll waive my retainer feet.

Q Okay. Exhibit 28, 29 and 30 were all produced by you last Tuesday, March 2nd, correct?

A I provided these documents to Mr. Larson and Mr. Larson

then provided you with a privilege log. And if I'm not mistaken, the privilege log was provided to you -- well, by Mr. Larson. And then after the privilege log issue was resolved by the Court and/or the parties, I believe Mr. Larson disclosed these documents to you.

O Do you recall that the information was being withheld in your deposition as well as the writings until after the Court ruled on whether or not there was a privilege that would justify the withholding?

A Yeah. For clarification, when you had initially demanded me to produce these documents and information, I contacted the State Bar of Nevada and was unambiguously and unequivocally informed by State Bar counsel to not produce and disclose anything until further notice relating to a court order and/or -- and emphasize and/or and as the emphasis should be on and. He was very expressive that I send a correspondence to the parties involved, meaning Mr. Farkas and Mr. Bloom, notifying them of the demand and requesting that they provide an unequivocal waiver or no waiver of the disclosure of the information.

Q All right. And if we could look at RAN0355 in Exhibit 28.

RAN0355. We have a February 8th, 2021 email from you, Raffi

Nahabedian, to Mr. Bloom indicating, "Please confirm you have
consulted with counsel and based on our discussion, are instructing me
to not disclose confidential communications." Do you see that? Is this
the email that you were referring to?

MS. TURNER: Scroll down, Michelle.

THE WITNESS: I'm having a problem here finding it on my computer. Give me one second.

1	BY MS. TU	JRNER:	
2	Q	Can you see on the screen, Mr. Nahabedian?	
3	А	It's okay, so I wear glasses and I don't have bifocals, so it's	
4	very diffic	ult for me to go back and forth. And so what I've done is I just	
5	want to m	ake sure. You're saying 0055?	
6		THE COURT: What's the exhibit reference on this, counsel?	
7		MS. TURNER: It's Exhibit 28.	
8		THE COURT: 28. Okay. Uh-huh.	
9		MS. TURNER: And it's RAN0355 is the Bates number or	
10	Plaintiff 480. It's marked twice.		
11		THE WITNESS: Oh, 0355?	
12		MS. TURNER: Yes, sir.	
13		THE WITNESS: Oh. My apologies. I was looking at the	
14	wrong dod	cument altogether. 0355. The February 8 correspondence	
15	from me to	o Mr. Bloom?	
16		MS. TURNER: Yes.	
17		THE WITNESS: Okay. There it is.	
18	BY MS. TU	JRNER:	
19	Q	Is that the email that you were just referring to in your	
20	testimony	?	
21	А	This is the email string, correct.	
22	Q	Okay. And there was a prior email February 2nd, 2021, right?	
23	А	Correct, yes.	
24	Q	That's on the next page? Yeah.	
25	А	Yes. I'm looking at that one right now.	

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- Q Okay. And Mr. Bloom responded to you on February 8th, directing you that you should not disclose any communications to any --
 - A Yeah.
- Q With regard to any discussion you had, whether they be an oral or -- whether they be oral or in writing, right.
 - A Correct.
- Q And that was not limited to the communications regarding the unrelated lawsuit involving the speedway, but every communication, including those involving TGC Farkas, right?
- A Correct. And I will tell you that my discussion with State Bar counsel was not limited in any capacity. He said any and all communications of prior representation, current representation, et cetera. So -- and so then when I received this letter from Mr. Bloom, I interpreted this letter from Mr. Bloom to be specific as it relates to this Farkas matter.
- Q When you first identified the case number of A-20-822273-C, our case, on January 4th, 2021, you understood that Jay Bloom was on the other side of the aisle from TGC Farkas, correct?
- A What I understood was that there was a dispute between TGC Farkas and First 100 and that the principals of TGC Farkas, meaning specifically Mr. Farkas as well as the principal of First 100, Mr. Bloom, that those two parties came together to resolve a dispute and they were looking for representation to assist and that Matthew was looking for representation to assist in moving that settlement forward.
 - Q Jay Bloom communicated that to you?

1	Α	Mr. Bloom communicated that to me and
2	Q	And I'm talking
3	А	Oh. I'm sorry.
4	Q	January 4th sorry. January 4th, 2021, in that initial
5	communic	cation.
6	А	That. I don't want to go into the depths of the discussion
7	specificall	y, but that was my understanding as to the purpose of my
8	involvement.	
9	Q	All right. If we can go to RAN006 in the same exhibit, 28. Mr.
10	Nahabedi	an, it was three days later, January 7th, 2021, that you received
11	the signed	documents from Matthew Farkas from Jay Bloom, correct?
12	А	I received yes. I received documents from Mr. Bloom.
13	Again, he	was providing the as a conduit between himself and Mr.
14	Farkas.	
15	Q	All right. And it indicates that attached this is there's
16	document	s attached, important docs scan and there were four
17	document	s that were attached, correct?
18	А	If that's the documentation, then that I don't want to
19	dispute that, if that's what the record reflects.	
20	Q	So you had the legal representation agreement signed by
21	Matthew I	arkas retaining you, right?
22	А	Okay.
23	Q	And you have the settlement agreement signed by Matthew
24	Farkas and	d Jay Bloom, right?
25	А	I'm seeing that now. I'm going through that exhibit right

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- Q And then the very first document that's attached is a release hold harmless and indemnification agreement. Do you see that?
 - A I do see that.
- Q And that was also signed by Matthew Farkas at the same time and returned at the same time, correct?
 - A That is correct.
- Q All right. And that release, hold harmless and the indemnification agreement is dated the same date as the settlement agreement January 6th, 2021, right?
- A If that's what the documents reflect, then that -- I mean, do you want me to verify what the documents show? I don't understand. Is that what -- I can verify that by looking at the document.
 - Q Sure.
- A I see a page. It says dated Jan 6th, 2021 and it has Mr. Farkas' signature. That's on the release document. And then there's a settlement agreement that's dated Jan 6th, 2021 and that also reflects Mr. Farkas' signature.
- Q All right. This release, hold harmless and indemnification agreement, in the first paragraph of mutual general release provides that Matthew Farkas on his behalf and on behalf of his affiliated entities hereby fully, completely, finally and forever releases, waives, relinquishes and discharges First 100, LLC, First 100 Holdings, LLC and its managers, officers, directors, owners. Do you see that? That very first paragraph?

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A I see the paragraph. I will tell you and make it very clear for the record. I have nothing to do and I had nothing to do with this document, its interpretation, its explanation. It was created unrelated to me. I have nothing to do with its negotiation, preparation or anything to that effect. So I can read what the document says, but in terms of its interpretation and meaning, I was not retained for that purpose whatsoever.

Q When you say you weren't retained for the purpose, it was being provided to you in conjunction with your attorney retention agreement and the settlement agreement and your testimony, to be very clear, is that you had no involvement in its effect in reviewing its effect or advising Matthew Farkas or TGC Farkas of its effect. Is that right?

- A That is correct.
- O Okay. Now if you can go to RAN22 in the same exhibit, 28.

 This was also in the documents provided to you on January 7th, 2021. A

 January 6 letter purporting to terminate my office. Do you see that?
 - A I do.
- O Now, Matthew Farkas testified he did not write this letter.

 Jay Bloom indicated he did not write this letter. And the document -- Jay Bloom said he didn't know if you had written it. Did you write this letter?
- A 100 percent no. I had nothing to do with the creation of this letter, the contents of the letter. I was never consulted with the contents of the letter or anything to that effect. This document was provided to me and it was my belief that it was provided to me as part of the transition or transmission from Mr. Farkas to me. And it was understood

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1	that this document was from Mr. Farkas and was intended to be		
2	delivered	to me. And at no time have I ever been told this letter was	
3	anything	other than what I understood to be as a document from Mr.	
4	Farkas, bu	it I had nothing to do with the letter. Zero.	
5	Q	All right. If we go to Bates Number RAN45, we have January	
6	10th, 2021	I, an email from you requesting that Matthew bring the	
7	operating agreement of TGC Farkas. Do you see that?		
8	А	Okay. What's the date? Here	
9	Q	January	
10	А	Jan 10?	
11	Q	Yes.	
12	А	I think Jan 10?	
13	Q	Yes.	
14	А	Yes. Jan 10 was:	
15		"Good afternoon. Additionally, Matthew must bring the	
16		operating agreement of the LLC. This is critical to confirm	
17		his authority of termination as authorized manager to fund	
18		the operating agreement and not just a managing member."	
19	Q	And then it says: GTG may be very difficult in this process,	
20	especially since they are owed fees; do you see that?		
21	А	I do.	
22	Q	You and I had never met, or talked, prior to January 10th,	
23	2021, righ	t?	
24	А	Correct.	
25	Q	And you had not talked to Matthew Farkas by that date,	

right?

A I don't believe I had talked to Matthew by that date, I don't believe so, but I may have. But I believe the first communication was around that time, so it could have been before or after maybe January 10, 11, but I'm not certain, but it's around this -- that timeframe, that I spoke with Matt, or had a conversation with Mr. Farkas.

Q Now Mr. Bloom had told you to prepare a substitution of counsel to replace Garman Turner Gordon with yourself and effectuate the dismissal of this action, pursuant to the settlement agreement, correct?

A It was a conveyance of an understanding based upon the -the settlement that Mr. Bloom and Mr. Farkas had -- had entered into,
and that the purpose of my involvement was to facilitate that for
Mr. Farkas, or GTC Farkas.

Q When you mentioned the "termination" you meant the termination of Garman Turner Gordon, right?

A Yes. And that was part of the understanding that was being conveyed to me, which was subsequently discussed in a telephone conversation, and I was never disproved of any of the direction that I would -- I had been informed of, so --

Q Okay. Now at the top of this page it says: "From Jay Bloom to Raffi Nahabedian, with a cc to Jason Maier, and Joseph Gutierrez and Danielle Barraza." Those are throughout your emails, you're communicating with Jason Maier, Joseph Gutierrez and Danielle Barraza, in addition to Jay Bloom; those are attorneys at Maier Gutierrez

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1	& Associa	tes, correct?
2	А	Those are.
3	Q	Now you understood that Mr. Maier, Mr. Gutierrez and
4	Ms. Barraz	a at Maier Gutierrez represented First 100, First 100 Holdings,
5	LLC and N	Ir. Bloom?
6	А	During these exchanges that was my understanding, correct.
7	Q	Okay. Now it indicates on January 10th at 12:35 p.m.:
8		"I doubt he has it. We should be fine with his representation
9		and his having engaged them in the first place, together with
10		his signing the subscription agreement, and the redemption
11		agreement on behalf of the entity, as manager. We need to
12		get this done and filed ASAP."
13		Is your understanding the same as mine, that "ASAP" means
14	"as soon a	s possible"?
15	А	I understand that ASAP means as soon as possible, but that
16	didn't affe	ct my determination to make certain of Mr. Farkas' title and
17	position a	nd authority.
18	Q	Why did this need to get done, meaning the substitution and
19	dismissal,	ASAP?
20	А	I couldn't tell you why he wanted it done ASAP.
21	Q	Well, if we go to ran0049. I have your email January 11th,
22	2021, at th	e top of the page in the second paragraph, to the email sent to
23	Jay Bloom	with a cc to Jason Maier, Joe Gutierrez and Danielle Barraza
24	at Maier G	utierrez & Associates. You indicate: "As substantive LLC
25	issues are	foreseeable, having the operating agreement is an absolute

say.

must to prevent claims." Do you see that?

A I do.

Q All right. And as of this date you had had a conference call with Matthew Farkas, Jay Bloom and Joe Gutierrez, where Mr. Farkas, Matthew Farkas, had indicated he had resigned his manager role at TGC Farkas, correct?

A Hundred percent incorrect.

MR. GUTIERREZ: Your Honor, objection. It misstates testimony, lacks foundation.

THE WITNESS: That's a hundred percent incorrect.

THE COURT: If it misstates the testimony the witness can so

BY MS. TURNER:

Q Okay.

A That's a hundred percent incorrect. At this point I had nothing other than the understanding that Mr. Farkas was the administrative member and managing member of the LLC, and it wasn't until around a week later that that information was disproved, when I received a document from Mr. Farkas that reflected that he -- that the structure had changed.

So at this point there was never any statement to me whatsoever, other than him being the administrative member, and managing member, and authorized to move forward as it was understood for me to move forward, and as my correspondence with you reflected, that I would be moving forward as.

Trust me, when I discovered -- when I discovered the information that was later presented to me I was very upset and very disturbed that my client had not informed me prior thereto; very disturbed.

Q Mr. Nahabedian, isn't it true that on or about January 9th, 2021 there was a telephone conference with you, Joe Gutierrez, Jay Bloom and Matthew Farkas where the subject matter of Mr. Farkas resigning his position as manager came up, and he indicated he would check his emails?

A I wasn't on that phone call, and I don't recall ever having a phone call conversation like that, whatsoever. If I had ever been on a phone call with Mr. Farkas, wherein Mr. Farkas had indicated he resigned his position I would never, ever, have moved forward in any capacity, whatsoever; in any capacity whatsoever.

I would never have sent you a letter. I would never have provided you with the document, the documents that I provided you.

Never, ever was that informed to me, and I've tried to make that as clear in the record as possible during my deposition and in correspondence.

I have made that abundantly clear, my attorney has conveyed that. I was never informed of such, and as soon as I received your letter, wherein you stated that there was an amended operating agreement, everything changed going forward, everything changed.

At that point I notified him, orally, that -- and I'm not going to get into specific details, but I'm going to express this as the responsibilities I have as an attorney, that at that point I said that there is

a problem, and I need to address this problem, and I need to have an understanding if there was an amendment to the operating agreement that was different than the operating agreement's terms that I understood and I was informed of, and have been acting under; and once Mr. Farkas provided me with that document, that was it.

Q All right. That's a lot to unpack. At Exhibit 28 there are no emails between you and anyone other than the opponent of TGC Farkas Funding, meaning First 100's lawyers, and Jay Bloom, its manager, until well after January 14th, 2021 when you sent the substitution of counsel and notice of your intention to dismiss this lawsuit; isn't that right?

A If that's what the documents reflect, that's what the documents reflect.

Q And Mr. Nahabedian, if we go to Exhibit P, P as in party.

A I don't have an Exhibit P. I was informed that we were looking at Exhibits 28, 29 and 30.

Q That's all intended to, and this has come up in your testimony, so I apologize. We have it up on the screen.

MS. TURNER: If we can go paragraphs 19, 20 and blow that up so that Mr. Nahabedian can see it.

BY MS. TURNER:

Q I'm blind myself, Mr. Nahabedian.

All right. At paragraph 19, this is the declaration of Jay
Bloom where he says: "On or about January 9th, 2001, during a
telephone conference with TGC Farkas Funding, counsel Raffi
Nahabedian, Joe Gutierrez, and myself" meaning Jay Bloom, "Mr. Farkas

continued to state he has no recollection of resigning his position as manager, but he would check his emails."

Do you see that?

- A I see the contents of that paragraph, correct.
- Q And so there was a telephone conference on or about January 9th, 2021, where Matthew Farkas' authority was being discussed, and he indicated he would check his emails; is that correct?

MR. GUTIERREZ: Objection. This misstates the testimony of Mr. Bloom, about this issue.

THE WITNESS: The contents of the paragraph reads for itself. That is never -- I was never a part of that discussion, and never was such an issue brought to my attention at any time, by any source, during any conversation, prior to your letter. Prior to your letter, there was, no understanding, other than Mr. Farkas being the administrative member, and managing member, or manager of TGC Farkas Funding, LLC.

So the contents of this letter is completely inaccurate, or this paragraph, as it relates to me. Up until my receipt of your letter, nothing had raised that issue or was brought to my attention at any time.

Nothing except your letter, and once I received your letter everything changed, and that is my testimony, the truth, the whole truth, so help me God. And as soon as I received your letter everything changed, and when I received confirmation documentation from Mr. Farkas, that was it. There was no way I was going to move forward any further.

If I had received any information disputing Mr. Farkas'

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-	authority and apparent authority, or actual authority, as serving and		
2	being the a	administrative member and manager, I would never have	
3	moved for	ward, I would never have sent you that letter, never.	
4	BY MS. TU	RNER:	
5	Q	On	
6	А	So up until I received your letter I had no knowledge of any	
7	of this, nor	ne, zero.	
8	Q	Exhibit 20 I mean, Exhibit P, paragraph 20 it says this is	
9	Jay Bloom	: "It was not"	
10		MR. GUTIERREZ: Your Honor, I don't think this is an	
11	admitted e	xhibit, so I don't know how counsel is trying to use it. Is she	
12	trying to re	efresh his recollection? So I just want to make sure what the	
13	purpose is	•	
14		THE COURT: Counsel?	
15		MS. TURNER: Your Honor, I believe I thought it was in	
16		THE COURT: This is a Defense proposed exhibit I mean, a	
17	Plaintiffs' p	proposed exhibit, right?	
18		MS. TURNER: No, no. This is Defendant's proposed	
19	exhibit		
20		THE COURT: It's Defense proposed exhibit, right? Proposed	
21	Exhibit		
22		MR. GUTIERREZ: All you have got to do is just check his	
23	public decl	aration.	
24		THE COURT: Proposed Exhibit P, declaration of Mr. Bloom,	
25	correct?		

1	MS. TURNER: Yes.
2	THE COURT: Uh-huh.
3	MR. GUTIERREZ: And there was an objection to all the
4	declarations come in.
5	THE COURT: Say that again?
6	MR. GUTIERREZ: I think there was an objection to all the
7	declarations coming into evidence.
8	THE COURT: Well, there was no stipulation, okay. But now
9	it's being are you offering this, Ms. Turner?
10	MS. TURNER: Your Honor, I am I'll offer this exhibit into
11	evidence, that was proposed by Defendants. I went through it with
12	Mr. Bloom, in his cross-examination earlier this morning, specifically
13	paragraph 36, and last week went over these same paragraphs with
14	Mr. Bloom.
15	THE COURT: If
16	MR. GUTIERREZ: Your Honor, she can refresh Mr. Bloom's
17	recollection with his own declaration. If she withdraw her objection to
18	an earlier objection and now stipulate to move it in, it's a different story.
19	THE COURT: All right. It's admitted.
20	[Plaintiffs' Exhibit 20 admitted into evidence]
21	BY MS. TURNER:
22	Q Okay. Mr. Nahabedian
23	A Yes.
24	Q do you see at paragraph 20, it says: "It was not until on or
25	about January 10th, 2021, that Matthew Farkas, for the first time, said

that he found the email where he signed the September 2020 amendment to the TGC Farkas Funding operating agreement; do you see that?

A I have read paragraph 20 in the document that you prepared -- or presented me. I have no knowledge, whatsoever of the contents of that -- that paragraph, as I have no knowledge of the contents of paragraph 19.

Q Is it true, Mr. Nahabedian, that as purported counsel for TGC Farkas Funding, you did not make inquiry into the authority to act on behalf of and bind TGC Farkas Funding, prior to sending not only your legal representation agreement, but also the substitution of counsel and notice that you were intending to dismiss this action pursuant to the settlement?

A That is completely untrue. Up until your letter, what I was directly informed of, and unambiguously informed of, was that Matthew was the administrative member, and the manager of the LLC, and at no point prior to your letter, and have the information contained in your letter provided to me, did he ever dispute or try to provide me with information to the contrary.

So your question is in the no, and it is inaccurate as it applies to me, that I did what I needed to do, as reflected in the documents that you've referred to, that I want to have the operating agreement to verify his authority. I received a copy of the operating agreement to verify his authority. He knew that I was operating with the belief and understanding that he was the administrative member, and the manager,

and it wasn't until your letter, when everything came out, that that was in fact incorrect.

And at that point, when I got your letter, I asked for documents. I'm not going to tell you what he said, but I said, "Why didn't you ever inform me? Why wasn't this brought to my attention?" And I'm not going to say anything more, other than the common sense question would have been, why didn't you say this before I sent everything? I won't tell you what he said, but I'm going to tell you that once I got your letter everything changed, and I did what I needed to do and removed myself from the situation.

But prior to that letter there was never any other understanding, than other than him being the administrative member and manager of TGC Farkas Funding, LLC.

O So you have not one text message or email between you and Mr. Farkas, up to the time you sent your January 14th letter notifying for the very first time of the settlement, there's no record in the call-log, of any call between you and Mr. Farkas directly? You were getting information relating to authority of Matthew Farkas from Jay Bloom, prior to that time, correct?

A That's incorrect. Because there was a global telephone communication that existed with Mr. Farkas, and that's -- those communications with Mr. Farkas were very clear he had the documentation, he knew what was going forward, and at no point was I ever instructed otherwise. And once I received your letter, obviously I was flabbergasted, completely.

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I mean, hit me over the head with a 2 by 4, because he had every opportunity to say, oh, by the way, you're operating under the assumption, or belief, or with good reason that I'm the administrative member and manager; by the way, X, that never happened.

Q Is it your testimony --

A Once I received your letter everything changed, everything changed. Oral communications never, ever included, going back to paragraph 19 of the document that's on the screen still; that paragraph 19 never happened with my involvement on that call. Never was I a communication of the content in that paragraph with me, on that call.

Q Mr. Nahabedian, is it your testimony that Matthew Farkas affirmatively represented to you that he had authority to bind TGC Farkas, without Adam Flatto's consent?

A I'm not going to violate --

MR. GUTIERREZ: Your Honor, this calls for --

THE WITNESS: -- attorney/client confidences --

MR. GUTIERREZ: -- attorney/client privilege --

THE WITNESS: -- as to his discussion. Sorry, Joe, go ahead.

MR. GUTIERREZ: Your Honor, I just want to be perfectly clear, that I think counsel is asking for attorney/client privileged communication with Mr. Farkas. His counsel, Ken Hogan, is not on the phone and I think -- I don't know that this privilege has been waived.

THE WITNESS: It hasn't been waived. I'm sorry, Your Honor. Go ahead.

THE COURT: Ms. Turner your response to the objection?

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MS. TURNER: TGC Farkas owns the privilege that would apply, if any, to the representation of Raffi Nahabedian on behalf of TGC Farkas, and there is no privilege being maintained by TGC Farkas Funding.

THE WITNESS: Your Honor, I'm not going to divulge any communications, oral, from Mr. Farkas, to me. Given the instruction by State Bar counsel, I understand that counsel is representing that she is counsel for TGC Farkas, is asserting there's no privilege, however, Mr. Farkas is represented by Mr. Hogan. Mr. Hogan received a correspondence from me, and numerous correspondence from me and my counsel, requesting authorization or information relating to any waiver that would be effectuated.

I've never received such documentation wherein Mr. Farkas waived and signed such authorization to waive any privileged communication. I will speak -BY MS. TURNER:

Q Let me help you out, Mr. Nahabedian. In your group communication that you testified to, the one group communication, prior to January 14th, 2021, that involved Mr. Gutierrez, Mr. Maier, or Jay Bloom, so that there are somebody else that is adverse to TGC Farkas on that call, in any communication involving Matthew Farkas, and Jay Bloom, and Maier Gutierrez, or a combination of them, did Matthew Farkas ever represent to you that he had the authority to bind TGC Farkas Funding, without the consent of Adam Flatto?

A Mr. Flatto's name never came up at all, in that -- in any global

1	communic	cation Mr. Flatto's name never came up. And in the global
2	communic	cation the expressions were very clear for me to proceed, as I
3	proceeded	I, and based upon the direction to proceed as I proceeded,
4	without ar	ny opposition to the instruction, and without any statements to
5	the effect	that Mr. Flatto would need to be involved and/or was the
6	administra	ative member and manager, that never occurred. And so had it
7	occurred,	then you would never have received my correspondence.
8	Q	Did Matthew Farkas affirmatively tell you he had authority to
9	bind TGC	Farkas Funding, in January of 2021?
10		MR. GUTIERREZ: Objection
11		THE WITNESS: Base on
12		MR. GUTIERREZ: Your Honor.
13		THE WITNESS: the communications that I've had, where
14	other parti	es were involved, the apparent and actual authority was
15	demonstra	ated by the instruction.
16	BY MS. TU	JRNER:
17	Q	Sir, my question to you is, whether or not Matthew Farkas
18	ever affirm	natively represented to you that he had the authority to bind
19	TGC Farka	s Funding in January of 2021?
20		THE COURT: Counsel, are you referring to conversations in
21	which oth	er people were involved?
22		MS. TURNER: Yes, sir.
23		THE COURT: The so called "global communications"?
24		MS. TURNER: Yes. I believe counsel's testimony is that's all
25	he had wit	th Mr. Farkas, prior to January 14th.

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THE WITNESS: All right. As it relates to global communications, you're asking if there was ever a specific, verbatim, I have this distinct power to do this. I don't know if he ever expressed it in such terms, but his expression was very clear that as the managing member, and administrative member, or as the person in charge of the LLC, moved forward with this -- this strategy.

So as it related to global communications I was instructed to move forward, as I did move forward. And based upon him instructing me to move forward, as I did move forward, would be clearly indicative of his expression of authority, because at no point did he express that he didn't have authority. At no point was it ever expressed in that conversation, or those conversations, that Mr. Flatto had the authority, and/or Mr. Flatto needed to be involved, whatsoever.

And, again, had he ever expressed it during those conversations that were global, or included others, this would never have happened.

BY MS. TURNER:

- O Mr. Nahabedian, if you go to ran0072 of Exhibit 28; ran0072?
- A I'm trying to get there right now.
- Q Okay. So in response to your January 11th, 2021 email to Jay Bloom, with a cc to Jason Maier, Joe Gutierrez and Danielle Barraza, that substantive LLC issues are foreseeable. Jason Maier sent you the engagement letter for the engagement of Garman Turner Gordon on behalf of TGC Farkas Funding, correct?
 - A That's -- Monday, Jan. 11 at 10:24?

1	Q	Yes.
2	А	Okay.
3	Q	Matthew signed that agreement on behalf of himself, as a
4	member o	f TGC Farkas Funding, correct?
5	А	I don't have the document in front of me right now, so if I
6	had	
7	Q	If you back up, it's the document preceding this email, and if
8	you go to	ran0061.
9	А	I'm going there now.
10	Q	You have Gerry's signature, Gerry Gordon's signature, and
11	then Mattl	new Farkas', do you see that?
12	А	I do.
13	Q	And it's "Mr. Farkas, Member?
14	А	I see that now
15	Q	[Indiscernible].
16	А	Yes.
17	Q	Okay. Now go back to ran72 in Exhibit 28, we have an email
18	at that top	of the page from Jason Maier to you, with a cc to Jay Bloom,
19	Joe Gutie	rez and Danielle Barraza; do you see that?
20	А	This is Exhibit 78, you're saying?
21	Q	28, Exhibit 28.
22	А	Oh, 28.
23	Q	And this is Bates Number ran72, it's numbered by your
24	office.	
25	А	Wait, you want ran Bates Number 72?

1	Q	Yes, 72.	
2	А	Ran72?	
3	Q	Yeah. And it should start with an email from Jason Maier,	
4	dated Jan	uary 11th, 2021?	
5	А	I see it.	
6	Q	And it says, "Raffi, here's a draft of a letter." Are we on the	
7	same page?		
8	А	I see it.	
9	Q	All right. Jason Maier wrote the letter, he drafted the letter	
10	on behalf	of you, as counsel for TGC Farkas, in order to provide notice to	
11	my firm of you coming in, because there had been a settlement; do you		
12	recall that	?	
13	А	What I recall is, I had injured my back, severely injured my	
14	back, and	that I was out of commission, and was not going to be able to	
15	work, whatsoever, and so there was going to be a delay in anything I		
16	was going to be doing for Mr. Farkas, and that they drafted a draft of a		
17	letter which was sent to me, which I reviewed, and then I edited the lette		
18	that was eventually presented to you.		
19	Q	And the letter is attached, the draft that came from Jason	
20	Maier, at ran0077, onto the next page. That's what Jason Maier wrote;		
21	correct, that draft?		
22	А	I believe so.	
23	Q	And in response to Jason Maier's draft letter, Jay Bloom	
24	approved it, right?		
25	А	I I guess. If there if is there a confirmation email, I don't	

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1	know.	
2	Q	Ran79.
3	А	Okay.
4	Q	Let's see if that refreshes your recollection?
5	А	I see it there.
6	Q	And there's a cc to Joe Gutierrez and Jason Maier and
7	Danielle B	arraza?
8	А	I see that.
9	Q	And there is no cc to Matthew Farkas, correct?
10	А	I see that, correct. That's the way the document reads.
11	Q	And, again, there is nothing leading up to this letter going
12	out to Gar	man Turner Gordon, indicating you emailing Mr. Farkas to
13	approve th	nat letter?
14	А	At this point I don't think there was at this point, but it was
15	part of the	discussion we had, or telephonic communications that took
16	place.	
17	Q	And if we go to ran116, just to put a date stamp on it, that's
18	when you	sent the letter, January 14th, 2001 or 2021, to me, with the
19	cc to Joe (Gutierrez, Jason Maier, right?
20	А	Let me pull up that. Hang on one second. Ran116, you said?
21	Q	Yes.
22	А	Yeah. That's my email to you, correct?
23	Q	And if we go to ran118, second to the last paragraph, it
24	indicates "	Mr. Farkas has resolved the TGC Farkas v. First 100 matter. Or
25	behalf of 7	TGC Farkas and a courtesy copy of the fully executed

settlement agreement is also enclosed herein." That settlement agreement was not enclosed, right?

Q Yeah. That -- that is correct. For whatever reason I did not include -- include it, and I think I testified at my deposition that I did not believe at the time that I had the settlement agreement. I think that was my testimony during my deposition. I have since learned, when I was producing these documents, that it was part of documents that were provided, and so the documents I provided shows that I did have the settlement and the release agreement prior to this.

I didn't include it, because at the time I sent this letter -- I don't know why I didn't include it, since I had it, and I apologize for that, but once we prepared these documents that's when I saw that I did have it. And why I didn't include it, I'm uncertain as to why I didn't include it. My apologies for not including it.

But then I think at the time where there were communications between yourself and myself, or your firm and myself, I believe at some time during those communications Mr. Maier -- Mr. Maier produced the document, and at that point I -- I figured it was a moot issue, since it was produced by Mr. Maier.

- A It was produced by Mr. Maier.
- Q Mr. Maier didn't produce it until he attached it to a motion to enforce settlement, correct?
- A I don't know what it was, or how he produced it. I just remember that the document became part of an email, that I think we were all included on.

1	Q	If we go to ran123. At the top of the page you have Jason	
2	Maier sen	ding you and Jay Bloom an FYI with a cc to Joe Gutierrez, and	
3	that was fo	orwarding the email from my office, indicating at the last line,	
4	"Mr. Naha	bedian claims that your office and he negotiated a settlement.	
5	Please pro	vide that immediately."	
6		MS. TURNER: Can you put that	
7	BY MS. TU	JRNER:	
8	Q	Do you see that?	
9	А	I do see that. I didn't and I've never made such a claim,	
10	whatsoeve	er, that we negotiated anything; that is patently false. I never	
11	claimed th	at I was involved, that or negotiated a settlement,	
12	preparatio	on of documents, nothing, nothing of the sort. And I was it	
13	had nothir	ng to do with me, and so I don't know why that sentence reads	
14	that way.		
15	Q	Do you see why there is a request for the production of the	
16	settlement?		
17	А	Yeah. I see that there is a request in that letter, correct.	
18	Q	All right. And then the next page, ran126, that is the	
19	communication from my office to you, in response, your letter notifying		
20	of the settlement and providing the amendment to the operating		
21	agreement, correct?		
22	А	The 126 is an email from Mr. Irwin	
23	Q	From my office, and if you look at the	
24	А	or it could be a Miss. It's	
25	Q	attachment	

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A It's a person by the name, of last name "Irwin." It could be a male or female, sorry about that. Then I have your letter, the attachment is the January 15 correspondence from you, correct.

Q And that's where the amended operating agreement that removes Matthew Farkas, and is provided to your attention, correct?

A That's -- that this letter is the letter I've been referring to throughout this testimony, where I said that you communicated with me, and that communication was the absolute first time, without any doubt, the first time I was ever made aware that Mr. Farkas did not have authority to act on behalf TGC Farkas Funding, LLC.

And prior to this it was never expressed, otherwise, that he was the person, as the administrative member, and manager, and that when you provided this correspondence that's when things changed.

- Q And if we go to ran133, January 15th, 2021 email, from Dylan Ciciliano of my office; this is ran133.
 - A Okay.
- Q All right. At the top of the page, January 15th, the same date that you received the letter from me, and you have an email to Jason Maier, you and a cc --
 - A Yeah, yeah.
- Q -- to Danielle Barraza and Joseph Gutierrez, saying: "For the avoidance of doubt, there has been no substitution of counsel and there has been no settlement." Do you see that, that repudiation?
 - A So hang on. What -- which page are you looking, 133?
 - Q Yes, 133.

1	А	Okay. So there's this is from Dylan's this is from
2	Q	Yes
3	А	Mr. Ciciliano, "for the avoidance of doubt, that's what their
4	email read	s, correct.
5	Q	Okay. And as of the date of that repudiation had you
6	received a	ny tender of a million dollars, or any portion of a million
7	dollars to b	pe paid by the settlement agreement?
8	А	Paid what?
9	Q	Did you receive any money from First 100, in performance of
10	the settlem	nent agreement, on behalf of TGC Farkas Funding?
11	Α	I received no such matter, whatsoever, and no involvement; I
12	I have no	idea what you're talking about.
13	Q	You never received any proof of funds of that were to be
14	paid under	the settlement agreement?
15	Α	I have not.
16	Q	Or any sale agreement showing that there was a sale of the
17	judgment,	that is the subject of the settlement agreement?
18	А	I have not. And at this point at this point here, and I will
19	tell you tha	at my representation and my subsequent communications
20	were I	I'm not no longer counsel, once I found out that the contents
21	of your cor	mmunication were accurate.
22	Q	All right. If we go to ran 0147. As I tell my husband, I'm
23	always rigl	nt.
24	А	All right. I'll just you can have that dinner with my wife.

Ran147. That same date, January 15th, I email you. At the

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top of the page it says: "Mr. Nahabedian, you said you had an executed settlement agreement in your possession, that needs to be provided ASAP, along with an explanation of how and when it came into your possession."

You never provided me a settlement agreement, or an explanation of how it came into your possession, did you?

A I don't believe so. But if -- if I did it would be reflected in an email, and if I didn't, I did not, it would be contained in -- in the email exchange with you, that would have been provided by me.

Q Right. If we go to ran18 --

A I think at this point, I know that there's other communications, but at this point I think everything, again, called into question my ability to even act on behalf of the company, but I don't know why I didn't provide it to you, to be honest with you.

All right. If we go to ran185. Ran185. All right. Here we have my office, Dylan from my office, on January 19th, four days later, saying: "Mr. Nahabedian, I wanted to follow-up on our demand for documents, please provide them immediately." And if you scroll up to ran184, we have your response of January 19th, 2021. And you say: "In terms of the settlement agreement that you requested it appears that Mr. Maier provided it to the Court, in his filing, that we all received this afternoon via email." And you explain that -- you were apologizing for it being left out of your January 14th letter; do you see that?

A Right. I do.

O And you have no information to indicate that TGC Farkas

Funding had a copy of the settlement agreement prior to January 19th, 2021, when it was attached to the motion to enforce settlement agreement?

A Oh, that's not my testimony, whatsoever. My -- I never said that -- so, are you -- that -- that was the first time I understood that you were receiving it, Ms. Turner or your office was receiving it. But that's -- that's all I could attest to, is that that would have been the first time that you, Ms. Turner, or Mr. Ciciliano, or Max Irwin would have been receiving the settlement agreement.

Q You did not provide the settlement agreement to Matthew Farkas, correct?

A As I understood, that Mr. Farkas provided it to me, and I -- I was in possession of it through his direction.

Q When you say you received it from Mr. Farkas, you received the settlement agreement from Jay Bloom, correct?

A Correct. It was through, Mr. Bloom, and we went through that email earlier, there was an email that I received that contained Mr. Farkas' documents and that settlement agreement. And then thereafter, again, there was a global communication that included all the parties relating to the direction I was to pursue, given the fact that Mr. Bloom and Mr. Farkas had negotiated and entered into the settlement.

And at no time during that communication or conversation was there ever an expression, during the global calls, that Mr. Farkas was not in possession of it. To the contrary, that we were to move

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forward, or I was to move forward, myself, on behalf of Mr. Farkas -- or TGC Farkas Funding, LLC, was to move forward with sending you the letter, such that a settlement with the Court could be provided. So --

- Q It's your --
- A What?
- Q Let me unpack that. You did not provide the settlement agreement to Matthew Farkas, correct?
- A No. As I understood, Mr. Farkas was providing it to me, along with his other documents that he signed.
- Q And when you say that, to be clear, that was the email from Jay Bloom, to you?
- A Yeah. Mr. Bloom and Mr. Farkas are -- are brother-in-laws, and the chain of communication was going that direction early on, and then -- then it went from the -- that type of intermediary to a global interaction that included multiple parties, including Mr. Bloom and his counsel. And then it went to communications solely and exclusively between myself and Mr. Farkas, wherein Mr. Farkas was continuing to act as the administrative member and manager of TGS Farkas Funding, LLC.
- Q Did Jay Bloom disclose to you that Adam Flatto was required to consent to any action on behalf TGC Farkas Funding, according to the arbitrator's award?
- A No one ever expressed that Mr. Flatto was to -- needed in any capacity, neither Mr. Bloom, nor Mr. Farkas. That was -- that communication never occurred.

1		MS. TURNER: All right. I'm going to pass the witness.
2		THE COURT: All right. Counsel, proceed.
3		MR. GUTIERREZ: Briefly, Your Honor. Just a few questions.
4		CROSS-EXAMINATION
5	BY MR. G	UTIERREZ :
6	Q	Mr. Nahabedian, can you hear me?
7	А	Yes, I can.
8	Q	Would you have agreed represent TGC Farkas Funding, if
9	you knew	that Matthew Farkas resigned as the administrative manager
10	of the con	npany, in September of 2020?
11	А	I would never have represented Mr. Farkas as the
12	administra	ative member and manager of TGC Farkas Funding, LLC. I
13	would nev	ver have moved forward, whatsoever, had that information
14	been disc	losed to me; I would never have done this.
15	Q	And, Mr. Nahabedian, when you settle a litigation do you
16	routinely	work with opposing counsel to prepare and finalize settlement
17	document	ts, to dismiss the case?
18	А	That is typical.
19		MR. GUTIERREZ: Okay. Thank you, Your Honor. I don't
20	have any	other questions.
21		Thank you, Mr. Nahabedian for you time.
22		THE COURT: Anything else, Ms. Turner?
23		MS. TURNER: No, Your Honor.
24		THE COURT: All right. The witness may stand down, so-to-
25	sneak	

1	THE WITNESS: Thank you so much, Your Honor. Thank you
2	so much. So I can log off and be done with this, correct, or am I to
3	standby?
4	THE COURT: That's
5	MS. TURNER: You can log off.
6	THE WITNESS: Okay. I'm logging off. Thank you so much.
7	THE COURT: Very well. Thank you.
8	All right. Next?
9	MS. TURNER: Next is rebuttal testimony from Matthew
10	Farkas. I just sent his counsel an email saying "ready." So we should
11	see them getting on. Should we take a two-minute break, to give them
12	an opportunity to hop on?
13	THE COURT: Well, let's discuss proceedings today. It's
14	almost a quarter to 12:00. How much longer do you think this is going to
15	take today?
16	MS. TURNER: I won't have more than 15 minutes, and that's
17	stretching it, with Mr. Farkas.
18	THE COURT: Mr. Gutierrez?
19	MS. TURNER: A very brief rebuttal.
20	THE COURT: How about you, Mr. Gutierrez?
21	MR. GUTIERREZ: I may have a few questions for Mr. Farkas.
22	I don't have any other witnesses. So I think we'd be ready for closing
23	arguments.
24	THE COURT: Okay. What we'll do then, is we'll go ahead
25	with Mr. Farkas, and then we'll recess for lunch. Okay?

1		MS. TURNER: Okay.
2		THE COURT: And we'll reconvene we'll designate the time
3	for reconv	ening, after Mr. Farkas' testimony. Okay?
4		MS. TURNER: Good morning, Mr. Hogan, is Matthew Farkas
5	joining us	?
6		MR. HOGAN: I just let him know, he should be logging in
7	here any r	moment. I'll give him a call just to follow-up.
8		MS. TURNER: He's on. We can't hear you, Mr. Farkas.
9		THE COURT: Hold on just a second. Will counsel accept an
10	admonish	ment to the witness, or should he be re-sworn? Is there a
11	stipulation	n that I could admonish him?
12		MS. TURNER: I stipulate.
13		MR. GUTIERREZ: I stipulate, Your Honor.
14		THE COURT: Okay. Mr. Farkas, you realize that you're still
15	under oat	h?
16		MR. FARKAS: Yes, sir. I do.
17	MATTH	HEW FARKAS, PLAINTIFF'S WITNESS, PREVIOUSLY SWORN
18		THE COURT: Okay. Very well, you may proceed, Ms. Turner.
19		DIRECT EXAMINATION
20	BY MS. TU	JRNER:
21	Q	Mr. Farkas
22	А	Can everyone hear me?
23	Q	Yes.
24	А	Okay.
25	Q	Mr. Farkas, Mr. Nahabedian just finished testifying that as a

result of his communications with you, in conjunction with others, Jay Bloom, or Maier Gutierrez, he understood that you had authority to bind TGC Farkas Funding; is that accurate?

- A He didn't get that information from me; so the answer is, no.
- Q Did you ever represent, directly or indirectly, that you had authority to bind TGC Farkas Funding, in your communication that involved Raffi Nahabedian, Jay Bloom and/or the attorneys for Maier Gutierrez?
 - A No.
- Q Mr. Farkas, did you have the settlement agreement that had been executed by you, prior to it being provided by my office?
 - A I -- I don't think I understand the question. I'm sorry.
- Q The first time that you received the settlement agreement, understanding you had executed it before, but that you understood it was a settlement agreement, was that after my office provided it to you?
- A I -- I don't remember your office providing me anything. I -- the only settlement agreement I got was through the -- that day at the UPS Store with Mr. Bloom.
- Q You understood that you were signing a settlement agreement, at that time?
- A No, I did not. Again, when I -- when I -- and I've testified to this before. I signed a whole bunch of documents at the UPS Store that day, and all of them I signed under the assumption that I was retaining Mr. Nahabedian to be my personal attorney. That was the only reason I was there, and that was the -- those were the only papers that I thought I

was signing, but, again -- them first, that that is what -- that was my understanding, and that's what Mr. Bloom had told me.

- Q The first time that you understood that you signed a settlement agreement that was being asserted against TGC Farkas Funding, that was after the motion to enforce settlement agreement, correct? Is that a, yes?
 - A Sorry. I'm sorry, I'm trying to speak as loud as I can.
 - Q It just goes out. Can you repeat the answer?
 - A The answer is, yes.
- O Okay. Now, Mr. Farkas, Jay Bloom testified that, and I want to make sure I get his testimony correct: "Matthew Farkas should provide records to Matthew Farkas, because you have possession of documents, the books and records of the First 100 entities, and should provide those to TGC Farkas Funding"?

A That's -- complete lie. It is such a lie that it is offensive to me. I never had access to those books and records. I do not have them in my home, nor have I ever, and that is such an offensive lie, I don't know what to say. And by the way, if that were really the case, this action started four years ago, it is now just coming up, that I have the books and records; I find that very, very strange.

And if I had records, why didn't Mr. Bloom, or anyone else from First 100, for that matter, send me an email asking for those books and records? I -- I have never had them, and I am offended by what -- by that -- by that statement.

O Mr. Farkas, Mr. Bloom also testified that you provided a false

1	declaration	on to the arbitrators, in August of 2020, and if we go to Exhibit F
2	Exhibit F.	I'll have my paralegal put it up on the screen, for your ease.
3	А	Thank you.
4	Q	Can you
5	А	Yes. I've document before.
6	Q	Is there anything in that declaration that is untrue?
7	А	No.
8	Q	Did you voluntarily sign the declaration after reviewing it and
9	confirmin	g for yourself that the allegations are true?
10	А	Yes.
11	Q	And if we go to FF, FF, which is the declaration of Matthew
12	Farkas, p	rovided in January of 2021. Just to be very clear you reviewed
13	every sin	gle sentence of this declaration, before signing it, correct?
14	Α	Yes, I did.
15	Q	And when you went through and reviewed the sentences, or
16	the allegations, they were all true and correct?	
17	Α	Yes.
18	Q	And when Dylan Ciciliano, of my office, went to your house
19	on a wee	kend, to receive your signature, was there anything about that,
20	that made you uncomfortable, or made you feel like you were under	
21	duress?	
22	Α	No. In fact, I would argue that a good part of having
23	Mr. Cicilia	ano standing there, was that if I had any questions he was there
24	to explain them to me. Not to guide me, not to, you know, tell me that I	
25	should ar	nswer one way or the other, or even sign this, it was simply he

1	was there.	If I had a question I could answer, but I was not under any
2	nobody for	ced me to do anything.
3	Q	And finally, Mr. Farkas
4	А	That was within the presence of my wife.
5	Q	Mr. Farkas, with respect to Raffi Nahabedian, did you
6	authorize J	ay Bloom to be your conduit, and communicate on your
7	behalf, wit	h Mr. Nahabedian, as counsel for TGC Farkas Funding, LLC?
8	А	No. The only the only conversation in fact in fact,
9	Mr. Bloom	didn't even tell me he was going to go to Raffi, he just
10	Raffi's nam	ne came up. He said and again, this is when I went to the
11	UPS Store,	he said, "Matthew, I found you a lawyer." I didn't ask him to
12	find me a la	awyer at that point. He said, "I know you" he said he said,
13	"I have fou	nd a lawyer to represent you," Matthew Farkas, as an
14	individual i	n this proceeding, not as the new for TGC Farkas.
15	Q	If we go to Exhibit 14, a release hold harmless and
16	indemnific	ation agreement?
17	А	Uh-huh.
18	Q	Did Jay Bloom explain to you, before you executed this
19	release, ho	ld harmless and indemnification agreement, that they include
20	your releas	se on behalf of you and any affiliated entity releasing First 100,
21	First 100 H	oldings, and any of its officers, directors or managers?
22	А	Mr. Bloom explained nothing.
23	Q	And
24	А	sent me documents. Again, he sent me documents that I
25	signed, tha	It I did not read first. I trusted him as my brother-in-law,

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1	anything I	thought I was signing that day. And I take I told I said this
2	in my last	deposition, I take responsibility for that, but I was absolutely
3	misled, as	well.
4	Q	If we go to Plaintiff 115 of the same Exhibit 14, there's no
5	signature	on behalf of Jay Bloom on this release. There's no signature
6	on behalf	of First 100 Holdings, or First 100, only your signature. Since
7	you testim	nony last week, have you received additional threats against
8	you, on be	ehalf of First 100 Holdings and First 100?
9	А	Additional? No, nothing new. I I've made it clear that
10	that the th	reats that I have been getting from Mr. Bloom over the last
11	couple of	months have been, as I mentioned last week, that he was
12	going to h	ave, you know, all the shareholders of First 100 sue me for
13	the respor	nsibility, which I did not have.
14	Q	Did your parents contact you since last week, to indicate that
15	Mr. Bloom	n is preparing a lawsuit?
16	А	Last
17		MR. GUTIERREZ: Objection. Your Honor, that's hearsay.
18		THE COURT: If the question is whether they contacted him,
19	I'll allow th	nat; that's a yes, or no?
20		THE WITNESS: Yes. It would be not this week, but last
21	week.	
22	BY MS. TU	JRNER:
23	Q	After you testified and it was said that you were going to
24	come back	c and rebut, or provide rebuttal testimony?
25	А	Yes.

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1	Q	Sir?
2	А	Yes. Yes. Now
3	Q	All right.
4		MS. TURNER: I'll pass the
5		THE WITNESS: my parents, that is not coming directly
6	from Mr. B	loom.
7		MR. GUTIERREZ: Just briefly, Your Honor. I've got a few
8	questions.	
9		CROSS-EXAMINATION
10	BY MR. GU	JTIERREZ :
11	Q	Mr. Farkas, can you hear me?
12	А	I can.
13	Q	You just testified that Mr. Bloom explained nothing to you,
14	when you	were signing the settlement agreement; is that what you said?
15	А	Mr. Bloom and I did not discuss a settlement agreement. We
16	did not dis	cuss it, and as I said last week, both parties were represented
17	by counsel	, and if First 100 wanted to execute a settlement agreement
18	with TGC F	arkas, that would have been up to you and Ms. Turner, not
19	Jay and I.	I didn't have the ability to negotiate a settlement agreement.
20	Q	But you never told that to Mr. Bloom, correct?
21	А	I never I did not tell Mr. Bloom that I could do anything on
22	behalf of T	GC Farkas.
23	Q	Did you ever tell anyone that you were forced to sign the
24	declaration	n in Exhibit F, or you would be sued by Adam Flatto?
25	А	Again, what happened was, last August, Mr. Bloom asked me

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to send him a document, which I should not have sent him, okay. And he gave it to the arbitrator, which he did not tell me that he was going to do. I thought it was just under, let me take a look at it, to make sure you don't make a mistake, but instead he sent it to the arbitrator without telling me.

Then Ms. Turner and her firm amended what I signed, so that I wouldn't be making a mistake, and Mr. Busch, who is the in-house attorney for the Georgetown company, which is Adam's company, said, because I had sent a privileged document they could sue me, but because I don't have anything they're not going to sue me, and they never brought it up again.

But they did say, that because of what I did, and I shouldn't have sent that document, but again I trusted Jay, that they could have sued me for that, but they were not going to.

- Q I understand. But did you ever tell anyone that you were forced to sign the declaration in Exhibit F, or you would be sued by Adam; that's a yes or no question?
 - A No. I wasn't forced to -- to do it.
 - Q Okay.
 - A Anything --
 - Q You're telling me --
- A Anything I've done, Mr. Gutierrez, in reference to this action, was to help my partner.
- Q I understand that. But did you ever tell anyone that you were -- you had to sign the declaration, or you would be sued by Adam

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A What -- what happened was, again, Mr. Busch told me that because I had sent that document to Jay, which I shouldn't have sent to him, that they could have sued me, that they could have sued me, but they weren't going to, because they knew it didn't make any sense to sue me. But they could have, because I shouldn't have sent that document to Jay. It was a privileged document, and I thought I was sending it to him, for him -- you know, he said, "Let me just take a look at it," and then he gave it to the arbitrator.

Q Mr. Farkas, did you ever tell anyone that you signed a declaration in January of '21, which is Exhibit Double F, or you would be sued by Adam Flatto?

A I don't remember saying that to anybody, no.

Q Okay. Now when you signed the declaration, Exhibit Double F, that was only a few days after the recorded phone call between you and Dylan Ciciliano, at Garman Turner Gordon; isn't that true?

A Yes. It was around that time. That's right, yes.

Q And during the phone call, we've gone through -- already through that during your prior examination, you were told by Mr. Ciciliano that if you signed -- by signing that settlement agreement you were going to extinguish Adam Flatto's million dollar investment; isn't that true?

- A That's what I was told, yes.
- Q You later found out that was a lie, correct?MS. TURNER: Objection. Misstates prior testimony,

1	argument	ative.
2		THE COURT: Overruled.
3		THE WITNESS: I'm sorry, Mr. Gutierrez, could you please
4	repeat tha	t? I apologize.
5	BY MR. G	UTIERREZ :
6	Q	Sir, you later found out that statement of Mr. Ciciliano about
7	extinguish	ning Adam Flatto's million dollar investment was not true,
8	correct?	
9	А	Right, yes.
10	Q	And you also testified that that false statement by Garman
11	Turner Go	ordon made you angry at Jay Bloom; isn't that true?
12	А	Yes.
13	Q	And that false statement was never corrected before you
14	signed a J	anuary 23rd, 2021 declaration; isn't that true?
15		MS. TURNER: Objection. The document doesn't contain
16	that; it mis	sstates the document.
17		THE COURT: Overruled.
18		THE WITNESS: Okay. Joe, could you I'm sorry,
19	Mr. Gutie	rez, could you just ask me that again, please? I apologize.
20	BY MR. G	UTIERREZ :
21	Q	Sure, yeah. You signed the declaration on January 23rd,
22	2021, whe	n Mr. Ciciliano came to your house; isn't that true
23	А	That's true.
24	Q	Okay. And prior to you signing that declaration Mr. Ciciliano,
25	or nobody	y at Garman Turner Gordon ever corrected the misstatement

1	about you	extinguishing Mr. Flatto's million dollar investment; isn't that
2	true?	
3	А	I believe that's true, yes.
4	Q	Thank you, Mr. Farkas, for your time.
5		THE COURT: Redirect?
6		MR. GUTIERREZ: No further questions.
7		REDIRECT EXAMINATION
8	BY MS. T	JRNER:
9	Q	Mr. Farkas, because I know that we had previously gone
10	through th	nis, but I feel like I have to address it again, because of the
11	testimony	you just provided. Whether or not the million dollar
12	investmer	nt that was exchanged for a membership interest, that gave a
13	right to bo	ooks and records, there's no question the right to books and
14	records is	extinguished by the by the settlement agreement, correct?
15	А	I believe so.
16	Q	And do you recall in the arbitration that First 100 and First
17	100 Holdii	ngs was actually disputing that TGC Farkas still even had a
18	members	hip interest, because you executed a redemption agreement?
19	А	Right. That was from 2017.
20	Q	And that the arbitrators addressed that argument, and said
21	that TGC	Farkas Holding in fact had a membership interest; do you recall
22	that?	
23	А	I believe so, yes.
24	Q	And the settlement agreement would wipe out the judgment
25	and the u	nderlying arbitration award; you understand that, right?

1	А	I don't understand that. No, I'm sorry.
2	Q	Okay.
3		MS. TURNER: I'll pass the witness, Your Honor.
4		THE COURT: Recross?
5		MR. GUTIERREZ: No further questions, Your Honor.
6		THE COURT: Okay.
7		THE WITNESS: What blew me may I say one thing? I
8	when I	
9		THE COURT: Counsel? Hold on just a second. Counsel, is
10	he can h	e say one thing?
11		MS. TURNER: Please say one thing, Your Honor.
12		THE WITNESS: what happened after that phone call, the
13	declaration	I made, that I signed with Mr. Ciciliano, was 100 percent
14	accurate. I	t was 100 percent accurate, and it had nothing to do with that
15	phone call	with Mr. Ciciliano.
16		Now I believe that Mr. Flatto is entitled to see these
17	documents	s. This has been going on for four years. I understand that
18	there were	documents that I should not have signed, that I signed by
19	mistake, bı	ut that I absolutely was misled. And I want to make it clear
20	that that	regardless of what Mr. Gutierrez just asked me, I knew exactly
21	what I was	signing when Dylan was here, and I believe that I did and said
22	what was a	accurate.
23		And that's all I have to say.
24		THE COURT: Any follow-up questions based on what was
25	just stated	?

1	MS. TURNER: No, Your Honor.
2	MR. GUTIERREZ: No, Your Honor.
3	THE COURT: All right. Thank you. The witness will stand
4	down.
5	THE WITNESS: Can I hang up?
6	MS. TURNER: Yes.
7	THE COURT: Yes, okay.
8	My understanding, from what's been stated earlier, is that
9	that concludes the testimony, correct?
10	MS. TURNER: Yes, Your Honor, from the Plaintiffs'
11	standpoint.
12	THE COURT: Mr. Gutierrez, is that the case with you, as
13	well?
14	MR. GUTIERREZ: Yes, Your Honor. We don't have any
15	further witnesses
16	THE COURT: Okay.
17	MR. GUTIERREZ: and I think all the
18	THE COURT: Okay. So what we'll do is, go into argument,
19	but I think we should go ahead and recess for lunch, give counsel an
20	opportunity to prepare for argument. Do you want to reconvene at 1:30,
21	or at 1:15, or
22	MS. TURNER: At your pleasure, Your Honor.
23	MR. GUTIERREZ: One o'clock will be fine.
24	THE COURT: I beg your pardon.
25	MR. GUTIERREZ: Whatever works for the Court.

1	MS. TURNER: Yeah.
2	THE COURT: Okay. Let's reconvene at 1:30, okay? And offer
3	argument, and proceed accordingly, okay.
4	MS. TURNER: Thank you, Your Honor.
5	MR. GUTIERREZ: Thank you.
6	THE COURT: See you at 1:30. Thank you.
7	[Recess at 12:03 p.m., recommencing at 1:30 p.m.]
8	THE COURT: Good afternoon. This is the time for
9	resumption of evidentiary hearing in TGC/Farkas Funding, LLC v. First
10	100, LLC, et al.
11	I believe I see counsel are present. Are we waiting for
12	anybody else before we proceed?
13	MS. TURNER: Your Honor
14	MR. GUTIERREZ: I don't
15	MS. TURNER: not from my end.
16	MR. GUTIERREZ: Not from my end either, Judge.
17	THE COURT: All right. Very well. We'll proceed with
18	closing.
19	MR. GUTIERREZ: Thank you, Your Honor.
20	Joseph Gutierrez on behalf of First 100, LLC and First 100
21	Holdings, LLC.
22	Your Honor, I said in the opening that Plaintiff's opposition to
23	Defendant's motion to enforce the settlement agreement was really a
24	dispute between the members of TGC/Farkas, and that's exactly what the
25	evidence revealed in this hearing. You know, the first question that

came to mind was how could First 100 be expected to know who was in charge of TGC/Farkas if the TGC/Farkas members cannot agree on it. You know, why would First 100 be expected to know Adam Flatto needed approval over a provision when you have two key documents. You have one Adam Flatto's August 13th, 2020 declaration, Exhibit E, submitted in arbitration. It clearly states Matthew Farkas is the administrative manager at TGC/Farkas. And if you go to the operating agreement, the administrative manager is defined and says they have the ability to bind the company. Section 4.4 of that TCG operating agreement states that third-parties can rely conclusively upon the power and authority of the administrative manager for decision. As of August of 2020, Your Honor, it's undisputed that was Matthew Farkas.

It's all undisputed from this hearing, Your Honor, that by

September 17th of 2020 when Matthew Farkas was removed as the administrative manager of TGC/Farkas, that nobody informed First 100. I think the evidence of that is abundantly clear. Mr. Flatto, Mr. Farkas, Mr. Bloom all testified that First 100 was not made aware of that change. There was an amendment sign that First 100 was never given prior to the settlement agreement in January being signed, and in fact, Mr. Farkas was not even aware he signed that amendment.

So at the time of the settlement agreement, First 100 was entitled to rely on the representation from TGC/Farkas that were made in the arbitration about Mr. Farkas having the authority to bind TGC/Farkas. First 100 certainly is not, for Matthew Farkas, failing to read a two-page settlement agreement before signing it, and we'll get into that a little bit,

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Your Honor, but Matthew Farkas was sent four documents that were no more than a total of six pages. The settlement agreement in this, Your Honor, is a two-page document. The third page is a signature line. And there's no reason for Mr. Farkas to be excused for allegedly not reading a settlement document. The case law, Your Honor, on parole evidence is clear. The parole evidence precludes Mr. Farkas or TGC/Farkas from claiming that he was not signing on behalf of TGC/Farkas, because all prior negotiations merged with the contract. Parole evidence was not admissible to vary the terms.

The *Tallman* [phonetic] case, which is 66 Nev 248, when a plaintiff pleads that a relief does not express the intentions of a party, he would have to plead something which the law would not permit him to approve. And that's what we have here. We have material terms and settlement agreement. There's no claim of fraud. There's no claim that Matthew Farkas didn't sign it. That's abundantly clear. There's no claim that he was just given a signature page.

He was given all the documents, and he was standing in the UPS store with ample time to go through each one of them. He even testified that it was his fault. He could've called Adam Flatto when he was standing at that UPS store and talked to them about it. He should've read the documents. We didn't say he couldn't make edits to the documents. Nobody was sitting there holding a gun to his head, and he signed the documents and returned them.

With respect to Mr. Farkas blaming Mr. Bloom for Mr. Farkas not reading the settlement agreement, Nevada Law clear list issue that --

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and that's part of his duty to read the settlement agreement before signing it. There's the *Yee v. White* [phonetic] case, which is cite 110 Nev 657. In that case, it involves a commercial lease. The Nevada Supreme Court cited to the restatement of contract and held that if the recipient shall discover the falsity by making a cursory examination, his reliance is clearly not justified and he is not entitled to believe. He is expected to use his sentences and not rely blindly on the maker's assertion.

And Your Honor, here we have a two-page settlement agreement clear on its face. Signature line that clearly states Matthew Farks as signed on behalf of TGC/Farkas. Any cursory examination would be enough to know what was being signed. And Mr. Farkas had an absolute duty to read and understand the terms of that settlement agreement in which failure to do so does not diminish the force of that agreement, Your Honor. Your Honor, it's not the Court's role to protect parties from their own agreements.

Mr. Farkas -- there's no issue about his capacity. He's competent. He testified he has an MBA from NYU from over 30 years ago. He has over 30 years of business experience, including running a hedge fund in New York. He was the vice president of finance for First 100. He's no stranger to documents. This is not a complicated document. And it is not an excuse if they didn't read it, simply to avoid any consequences from him signing that.

This next claim, Your Honor, was about duress, but the evidence, Your Honor, has shown that there was no duress to Mr. Farkas

for signing this agreement. There was no threat of violence by Jay Bloom, there was no misrepresentation of fraud. I think Mr. Farkas is going to testify today that Mr. Bloom explained nothing about the agreement. If he didn't explain anything, how could there be any fraud? How could there be any duress? So if there was any duress, Your Honor, I think the evidence showed that it came from Mr. Flatto, through his attorney, Michael Busch, who did threaten claims against Mr. Farkas prior to him signing certain documents, but there certainly was no duress involved. It was Mr. Farkas signing the settlement agreement at issue.

Again, Mr. Farkas' claim of not reading the contract is not done by any court, Your Honor. California law holds very similar to Nevada, I think. When a party to an agreement deal at arm's length does it is not reasonable fail to read a contract before signing it. That's exactly what we've dealt with here, Your Honor, with this hearing.

So Your Honor, we're requesting that the motions for settlement agreement be granted. The issue really has been coming down to authority, apparent authority. The two step test Your Honor, is whether First 100 subjectively believed that the agent -- in this case, Mr. Farkas -- had the authority to act for the company, and whether that belief was objectively reasonable.

Your Honor, you hear from Mr. Bloom directly and Mr. Farkas. Mr. Farkas and Mr. Bloom are brother-in-law's. They speak regularly. Mr. Farkas was the VP of finance at First 100. The testimony has come out that Mr. Farkas would clearly -- talk to Mr. Bloom about

issues regarding TGC/Farkas.

The TGC/Farkas operating agreement, hear talks about reliance of that third-party. Mr. Farkas signed almost every single document on behalf of TGC/Farkas, including the First 100 operating agreement, the subscription agreement, and he had regular communications through email, Your Honor, with Mr. Flatto where he would send First 100 documents to Mr. Flatto directly, and those were in Exhibit Y and Z.

The other issue is when you look at that First 100 subscription agreement, which is Exhibit A, page 0015. It requires that notices of changes on member status remain in writing, sent via certified mail to First 100. The Defendant stated that was not done. If anything, they should've sent the amendment to the first one -- to the TGC/Farkas operating agreement after it was signed in September of 2020 to First 100. We wouldn't be here. That was never done. Undisputed. That was never done.

When we have -- when we're talking about First 100's reliance on the terms and whether it was objectively reasonable in the settlement, and the settlement really accomplished one thing. It ended litigation, number one; and two, it ensured Mr. Flatto got his investment back. What First 100 knows is Mr. Flatto got an email, Your Honor, that's dated January 23rd, 2017 -- it's Exhibit C -- at First 0018, where Mr. Flatto is emailing Mr. Farkas -- not Jay Bloom, but Mr. Farkas -- saying he wants his million dollar investment back and wants no part of the collection efforts against Raymond Ngan. He said, "We simply want our

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investment returned. Discuss with Jay how you will return our investment and take us out of this. The time has come to an end."

Matthew forwards that email to Jay Bloom and says, enclosed is the email where Adam is willing to [indiscernible].

And it's interesting. Mr. Flatto says in that email, I want you to discuss with Jay Bloom how that's going to be -- how my investments got returned. Not him. He wants Mr. Farkas to discuss with Jay, his brother-in-law, how his investment is going to be returned, and we talked about Mr. Flatto and asked him, were there any other communications between you and Mr. Farkas and Mr. Bloom where you recanted that? He said no, there wasn't.

So First 100's belief going into this settlement agreement was very simple. You want a litigation, and that's what Mr. Farkas wanted, as well. And we also want to ensure Mr. Flatto gets his money back, plus six percent interest, which Jay Bloom said was based on communication he had. And the settlement accomplished that, Your Honor.

Mr. Flatto and Mr. Farkas are both educated and experienced businessmen, Your Honor. There's no excuse for any person that's claiming they didn't read a document or it was too complicated. It's just really an internal dispute between TGC/Farkas. First 100 has close to 50 members. They couldn't be expected to make sure and double check every time a member made a representation on behalf of a company that all of the other members were in agreement. It's not practical. That's why First 100 in the subscription agreement said, if you have a

change, notify us in writing. Never done.

So Your Honor, the order to show cause is moot if the settlement agreement is enforced. I think if we get to the second issue, which is the order to show cause, if this motion to enforce the settlement agreement is denied, the Court has to look at whether First 100 and Jay Bloom should be held in contempt for not producing the First 100 company documents for TGC/Farkas.

Your Honor, with Mr. Bloom, in his personal capacity, he was never a party to any order in the case to produce the documents.

There's no alter ego claim. There's no fact even alleged. SJC Venture is the manager of First 100. They weren't even part of the arbitration order. Any contempt or any order regarding Jay Bloom in his individual capacity should be dismissed.

With First 100, Your Honor, the testimony has been pretty clear that First 100 -- and it's been consistent. First 100 didn't have the money to gather records. They hadn't been operational in over four years. There's no willful non-compliance of the court order. The minute Mr. Bloom -- when the arbitration order was entered, although he disagreed with it, he submitted a declaration October 15th, 2020, which is Exhibit G, as in George, that First 100 didn't have the money to pay for it. There's no employees.

The records would need to be recreated, and the cost associated with the production would have to be paid. The First 100 operating agreement provides that members, if they request it, need to be the ones fronting that cost, and First 100 has been consistent that if

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TGC/Farkas is going to pay for the costs associated with the collection and organizing of these documents, that they can have these documents. Exhibit V as in Victor is a letter from my firm to Ms. Turner that states clearly that encloses Mr. Michael Hendrickson's estimate and what it would cost to gather the documents, which is a few thousands dollars for documents that the documents prior to 2015. It also states that if you want us to recreate documents after 2016, here's what it's going to cost because we're actually recreating documents and that costs money, and that was First 100's position. And it was clear that the Plaintiff didn't want to accept that request.

Your Honor, you also heard today -- I guess you're hearing from Mr. Farkas, Mr. Flatto, and Mr. Bloom -- from Mr. Raffi Nahabedian, who was clear in his role as the attorney for TGC/Farkas. It's very limited. It was expressly to dismiss the case. He said he routinely works with other attorneys to dismiss cases when it comes to finalizing settlement documents, and his words were, I was upset and disturbed the minute he found out there was this amendment to the operating agreement that Mr. Farkas may have not had the authority that was represented. And Mr. Nahabedian withdrew his counsel immediately.

He contacted State Bar to get advice on the scope of attorney/client privilege, and he's protected that privilege from here on out. He said he would've never accepted the representation of TGC/Farkas if he knew that Mr. Farkas had signed an amendment in the TGC operating agreement that removed him as the administrative manager of the company. So his testimony actually was very helpful to

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show that there was no evidence whatsoever that Mr. Farkas had signed this amendment to the TGC/Farkas operating agreement.

Your Honor, this is a case, Your Honor, you're dealing with family members. You're dealing with Mr. Bloom and Mr. Farkas who have worked together at First 100 for over seven years. They're very -their ability to settle this case without lawyers -- that's exactly what should happen in cases like this. Mr. Bloom talked about his experience in resolving defense litigation, which is handling the person on the other side. Sometimes it's the fastest and most efficient way to get these cases resolved.

Since 2013, Farkas was the point of contact between the company and First 100. He was also the VP of finance, and Your Honor, there's nothing in the settlement agreement that is unclear. The terms are valid, binding, and Mr. Farkas clearly signed on behalf of the company.

Your Honor, with this subjective belief, we've gone through this as length. First 100 has had this subjective belief that Matthew Farkas had the ability to bind the company and he did so.

So Your Honor, the relief that we're requesting today is that you grant the Defendant's motion to enforce the settlement agreement. This would render the order to show cause is moot and the case would be dismissed. That you deny all of Plaintiff's requests for sanctions, that you grant First 100's reasonable attorney's fees and costs associated with having to defend this action. There was really no reason this action should have been brought and continued the way it was.

And Your Honor, if the Court will deny a motion for a settlement, we ask that you deny the order to show cause, that we believe Mr. Bloom does not have any standing to be in the case on ownership cause, and that First 100 has shown cause why it does not have the ability to produce the documents that have been requested.

And Your Honor, if you have any questions, I would be more than happy to answer any, but thank you for your time and accommodating us for this year.

THE COURT: All right. Thank you.

Ms. Turner?

MS. TURNER: Yes.

So let's start with the order to show cause. It was entered December 18th, 2020, on the issue of whether Defendants and Jay Bloom are in contempt of court. And the facts outlined in that order to show cause application have not changed. They're immutable. There was a failure to comply with the Court's order, confirming the arbitration award, denying the counter-motion to modify and judgment, entered November 17th, 2020.

It's been almost five months and, you know, generally, the scope of a contempt hearing is whether or not there have been reasonable steps taken, whether or not there has been substantial compliance, and here, we don't have those questions. There's been nothing. Not one piece of paper, not one record has been produced. There has been an absolute stonewall.

Now, NRS 22.0103 defines contempt relevant here as

disobedience or resistance of a court order, rule, or process issued by the Court. That's what we have here. That's what we had in December 2020 and that's what we have now.

Now, in response to the order to show cause, there is a settlement agreement and a motion to enforce settlement agreement, and the timing is conspicuous indeed. This was not a settlement agreement that was negotiated over time. It was executed while there were pending contempt proceedings and executed without any back and forth redlines, without any back and forth drafts. These were executed -- or this settlement agreement was executed January 7th, 2021 at a UPS store following Jay Bloom sending the document and it being accompanied by a form of release, and attorney/client retention agreement for Raffi Nahabedian, and a letter purportedly terminating my firm, Garman Turner Gordon, so that Mr. Nahabedian could dismiss this lawsuit and dismiss the contempt proceedings before the consequences of the contempt could ever come to bear.

We saw the email communication from Jay Bloom to Raffi Nahabedian, as well as Joseph Gutierrez, opposing counsel, and the opposing party's principal, telling counsel, Raffi Nahabedian, purportedly acting on behalf of TGC/Farkas, purportedly acting in its best interest and saying, we need to have this dismissal ASAP, we need this finalized ASAP. What is the rush? Mr. Nahabedian didn't ask. He didn't care. He was coming in just to dismiss the case. There is no impedance for getting this dismissed other than to avoid the consequences of the contempt.

Now, the primary argument for avoiding the contempt consequences is that the settlement agreement rendered the contempt move. The settlement agreement, if enforced, will result in dismissal of the case with prejudice, with prejudice. That includes the judgment, the underlying arbitration award, and any and all relating motions and actions pending in the district court.

Now, there are not less than 10 reasons why the settlement agreement cannot and should not be enforced. We have Exhibits 28 through 30 that were unknown to the Court and unknown to TGC/Farkas until the motion to compel was granted. And the motion to compel -- thank goodness that we were able to get a hearing prior to these proceedings, because without that evidence that was being produced, it was being withheld and it was produced last Tuesday, the day before the evidentiary hearing, corroborates Mr. Farkas and his explanation of the events that transpired.

Number 1, Mr. Farkas did not have actual authority to enter into the settlement agreement with Defendants on January 7th, 2021. This is a point that's really undisputed. Exhibit 23 has the amendment to the TGC/Farkas, LLC operating agreement, executed by Mr. Farkas on September 17th, 2021, and it unambiguously provides for the removal of Matthew Farkas from any management role and TGC 100 Investor, LLC, managed by Adam Flatto, has the sole managerial control over TGC/Farkas Funding. It's undisputed that that amendment was executed in September of 2020. Sorry -- I think I said 2021, but it's 2020. And that Matthew Farkas voluntarily agreed to give up his management.

So the question then turns to what the other side is arguing, whether or not Mr. Farkas had apparent authority to enter into the settlement agreement, and that is point number 2. Mr. Farkas did not have apparent authority when we look at applicable Nevada law.

In <u>Simmons Self Storage v. Rib Roof</u> [phonetic], 130 Nev 540, there must be evidence of the principles, knowledge, and acquiescence to the agent holding himself out as having authority to bind the principle. And we do not have that here. We have Exhibit E, which is Adam Flatto's declaration submitted in the arbitration in August 2020, and in that declaration at paragraph five, Mr. Flatto says that Matthew Farkas does not have the authority to bind TGC/Farkas without the consent of the other members.

Prior to that, we have Exhibit 22, an April 2017 email attached to a July 2017 letter to Maier Gutierrez, an associate's counsel at the time that the correspondence was sent, and we actually showed the secretary of state records indicating that Maier Gutierrez was the registered agent for much of the relevant time period.

In the email, there's no question that First 100 receives notice that Adam Flatto is requiring to approve any action taken. Now, the email refers to the redemption agreement, but if you look, it says it's invalid and shall not be binding on TGC/Farkas Funding, LLC unless and until approved by Adam Flatto.

If you go to the letter sent in July of 2017 to counsel that attached this email, we go much broader. Mr. Flatto and TGC/Farkas tell Joe Gutierrez of Maier Gutierrez that Matthew Farkas is not the manager

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and counsel has previously sent correspondence explaining that Matthew Farkas does not have the authority to bind TGC/Farkas Funding.

We have then the arbitration award that's entered in September of 2020 that addresses authority to bind TGC/Farkas. That was something that was arbitrated. And in that arbitration award, you have an unequivocal determination that Adam Flatto has to consent to actions taken on behalf of TGC/Farkas Funding. It is not enough for Matthew Farkas to execute a document.

Now, the notices to Maier Gutierrez, the declaration, the point number five of Adam Flatto and the arbitration award have not been discussed. They've been ignored by the other side. You can't ignore opposing inferences of authority. In Ellis v. Nelson, the Nevada Supreme Court explains there is no apparent authority simply because the party claiming so has acted upon its conclusions. There can only be apparent authority where a person acts in good faith and gives heed to opposing inferences. If there are opposing inferences of authority, a party may not ignore them. A party may not ignore them.

The Great American Insurance case that was cited to by Mr. Gutierrez in his argument discusses the subjective belief on Jay Bloom, how to be objectively reasonable. In light of the arbitration award, it is not objectively reasonable for Mr. Bloom to believe that Matthew Farkas could alone receive the settlement agreement and execute it and return it within 35 minutes and bind TGC/Farkas. That is not objectively reasonable.

The settlement agreement was not emailed to Mr. Farkas so

that it could be forwarded to Adam Flatto for consideration or counsel of record for consideration. It was provided to a UPS store for him to sign and return, and that coupled with the knowledge from the arbitration award and the other communications from TGC/Farkas that Adam's consent was required is just -- it's unreasonable.

In In Re *K Clubs* [phonetic], a Nevada Supreme Court holding at 130 Nev 920, the Supreme Court said reasonable reliance on apparent authority includes the performance of due diligence to learn the veracity of representations of authority. In light of the arbitration award, even if Mr. Farkas had said, I have authority to bind TGC/Farkas in a settlement agreement, he denies ever saying that, but even if he did, that's not enough under the *K Club* case. You have inconsistent information at that point and you can't have reasonable reliance on Mr. Farkas' authority until there's due diligence to determine the veracity of his new representations.

Now, Mr. Farkas admits he signed the settlement agreement, and he admits he signed the other documents that he received at the UPS store and he admits he didn't read them, he didn't negotiate them. And he says emphatically at the same time that he admits these things that he did do. He doesn't deny that that's his signature. He says, I never ever, ever told anybody I had the authority to bind TGC/Farkas in a settlement agreement. He did not make that representation.

The very first time that the settlement agreement was mentioned was in the January 14th, 2021 letter from Raffi Nahabedian.

He didn't attach it. The first time Matthew Farkas saw or reviewed, knew

that he signed a settlement agreement, was the same time Adam Flatto found out when the agreement was attached to the motion to enforce agreement.

That is not consistent with the story that we're hearing on the other side that this was a voluntary agreement between TGC/Farkas and First 100, that it was voluntary. Then why was it concealed? Why was it not provided? Why was it not emailed so that there was an opportunity for review?

Now, Mr. Farkas clearly feels duped by his brother-in-law. There isn't evidence of ongoing discord between Mr. Flatto and Mr. Farkas. To the contrary, the discord appears to be between Mr. Farkas and Mr. Bloom. Mr. Farkas talked quite a bit about how he felt pressured, economic pressure that he was -- that he needed to sign documents provided by Mr. Bloom. At no point did he indicate that he would be reviewing those documents or signing them on behalf of TGC/Farkas.

Exhibit P is the Jay Bloom declaration and at paragraphs 18 through 20, he described a conversation -- Jay Bloom describes a conversation on or about January 10th with the subject matter of Mr. Farkas' authority is discussed. It is unbelievable that that would just come out of thin air, particularly when we have, at Exhibit 28, the Raffi Nahabedian emails at Plaintiff 281, 284, 288, where Raffi Nahabedian starts asking questions about Farkas' authority with respect to his assignment to dismiss the case and terminate counsel of record.

It was actually right at the same time that you had Mr.

Nahabedian asking for confirmation of authority that you then have Mr. Bloom acknowledge that there was a group discussion and his authority did come up.

According to Mr. Bloom's declaration on or about January

11th, he knew about the amendment to the TGC/Farkas Funding
operating agreement. That was nine days before the motion to enforce
settlement agreement was filed.

You can't cherry pick the information that's being provided to you. That's what's clear from the Nevada Supreme Court case holdings.

Now, if we go to point number 3, the third reason that you cannot enforce this settlement agreement is the inadequacy of consideration. This is not something that has been addressed by First 100, but the inadequacy of consideration is a badge of fraud that justifies denial of any requested specific performance of the settlement agreement.

In OOH v. Wilson [phonetic], 112 Nev 38, that point is established and by itself, a death nail to the enforceability of this settlement agreement is that it was executed at the very same time as a form of release where Mr. Farkas signed the release. And if it was to be given effect at the same time as the settlement agreement, it actually provides for a corresponding release of any payment obligation or any other obligation from First 100. Mr. Farkas signed that release at the same time as the settlement agreement and it can't be ignored. And once it's been given its effect, it renders the consideration of nothing. It's released.

Then point number 4, the consideration is otherwise illusory, counsel argued, well this is a million dollars. We agreed to return the investment. A million dollars. There is no million dollars. The consideration under the settlement agreement just within the four corners is illusory. It provides for the immediate dismissal of this action and the underlying arbitration award and the contempt proceedings upon execution, but any performance obligation on behalf of First 100 has a big "if" before it. If there's a sale of the judgment, if there's enough money collected from the sale of the judgment exceeding a million dollars, plus six percent, then you'll be paid. There is no payment date. There is no tender that's been provided. There's no sale agreement that's been disclosed. No identification of any actual purchasing party. No proof of funds, no nothing to indicate that that's real.

We have a 2017 judgment in favor of First 100 where there has not been collection of a penny, despite diligent efforts of Maier Gutierrez and perhaps others. There's been no collection, and there's no evidence of any likelihood or actuality that a million dollars would be paid as set forth in the settlement agreement.

Number 5, the agreement was repudiated on January 15th via email when the subject of settlement was disclosed. There was no copy of the settlement agreement provided until the motion to enforce settlement four days later, but certainly by that point, January 14th, it was emphatic.

There is no substitution and there is no settlement agreement. That was communicated January 15th to Mr. Gutierrez, as

well as Mr. Nahabedian, and it's Exhibit 28 at Bates Number Plaintiff 372. At no point, once that settlement agreement was disclosed, was there anything other than consistent repudiation. And not before and not since that repudiation has there been any evidence of detrimental reliance on the settlement agreement on the other side.

Under *Kalo v. Costiner* [phonetic], 85 Nev 355, repudiation without evidence of detrimental reliance completely excuses any further performance obligation under a settlement agreement by either party.

Number 6. The agreement was actively concealed, and that is a fraud. That's fraudulent concealment. And Exhibit 28, Plaintiff 362, Plaintiff 386, and 390, and 403, you have the emails going back and forth with my office saying, please provide the settlement agreement, counsel. Please provide the settlement agreement. It wasn't attached to Mr. Nahabedian's January 14th letter and it wasn't provided thereafter. There was silence on the other side until Maier Gutierrez filed their motion to enforce settlement on the 19th, and they filed that motion on an order shortening time for leaving TGC/Farkas to scramble with what this was and how it got there.

The concealment of the terms of the agreement are -- that by itself would be enough to avoid the agreement. Rescission is a remedy for fraud, whether concealment or intentional misrepresentation.

Number 7, the settlement agreement was involuntary. It was never reviewed. No counsel. Mr. Farkas clearly didn't understand the terms and there has to be a voluntary agreement into any voluntary entry into the agreement on behalf of TGC/Farkas.

The circumstances of how Mr. Farkas received this document is established in Exhibit 28 where you have Mr. Bloom sending the documents to a UPS store, directing that there be one copy printed, and for that original to be mailed to him. Then he wanted a scanned copy emailed just to him. Those were the directions that went to the UPS store, and within minutes of the documents being sent, less than an hour of them being sent, you have the signed documents returned. And within minutes of receiving those documents, Jay Bloom did not send them to TGC/Farkas. There's no email or forwarding of those documents to Matthew Farkas. Instead, they went to Joe Gutierrez, Jason Maier, and Raffi Nahabedian.

The first time Mr. Farkas knew he had signed the settlement agreement was weeks later. January 19th was the first time that he knew it was a settlement agreement that he signed.

Now, we have number 8. There was no meeting of the minds. When you don't have a negotiation, you can't have a meeting of the minds, and that was what we had here.

Mr. Gutierrez argued that there was this communication from Adam Flatto to Jay Bloom in 2017 and it was never rescinded, where Mr. Flatto said he just wanted his money back. And whether Adam wanted his money back, when he talked to Matthew Farkas or to Jay Bloom in 2017 cannot be reasonably construed as providing his authority to settle now, particularly on the terms that are set forth in the settlement agreement where you have a big "if" before there is any payment obligation.

We're three years later after that communication -- actually, almost four -- and in the meantime, there's been a significant fight to go enforce the membership rights at significant costs with the arbitrators, and that was a cost, both in fees and effort. You have at the arbitration awarded description of a long and bad faith history in denying the rights, the very rights, of TGC/Farkas to demand records, and that bad faith continues through these proceedings where there is an effort to deny the investment, the membership interest, and the rights that go along with that.

Number 9, duress. In *Cower v. Sing* [phonetic], which is at 136 Nev Advanced Opinion 77, it's a 2020 case, and *Levy v. Levy* [phonetic], 96 Nev 902, they're very clear. The case holdings are clear that coercion address applies when one side involuntary accepts the terms of another, and circumstances permitted no other alternative as a result of the coerce of acts of the opposite party. There doesn't need to be a gun to Mr. Farkas' head, there doesn't need to be a threat of violence. Circumstances of emotional pressure, emotional consequences are enough.

We have in the January 14th letter from Raffi Nahabedian actually corroborating what Matthew Farkas testified to, and that is that his brother-in-law, when he wants something from him, threatens to sue him from First 100 for alleged breaches of fiduciary duty. And Raffi Nahabedian actually acknowledges that in his letter, where he says that Matthew Farkas is feeling pressure from threats of liability for alleged breaches as a former officer of First 100. He doesn't have the money to

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defend himself. Whether there was an actual claim or not, that was what he described as the impedance for going and signing the documents at his brother-in-law's request.

His brother-in-law said, we will take care of this, we'll release you, we'll get you counsel, don't worry Matt, and created a belief -- an unreasonable belief it may be -- but a belief that he was going to be subject to adverse action if he didn't sign.

We also have in the documents where Jay Bloom actually emailed Matthew Farkas. He knew how to find his email with the CC to the UPS store and said, sign this declaration. Sign this declaration that recants your prior declaration because any adverse action could result in liability, could result in you being on the line. It was a consistent representation. If you take action adverse to me, you're going to pay Matthew Farkas, and that is the kind of emotional distress that can provide duress.

Under the restatement of contract and the *Schmitt v. Maryweather* [phonetic] case at 82 Nev 372, a party's manifestation that is induced by duress of the circumstances, those are subjective. We look at those manifestations from a subjective standpoint. The Court should consider the age, background, and relationship of the parties.

Also under the restatement, it says, duress as defense to an enforcement of a contract is designed to protect persons who are weak or cowardly in nature, like family, a brother-in-law who is at a disadvantage standpoint with little assets, and who has his sister, his parents living with his brother-in-law, and he's caught in the middle.

Caught in the middle. That's the best way to describe it.

Finally, number 10, it's bad faith to avoid the consequences of contempt of noncompliance with a court order with this settlement agreement. And Exhibit 2, the arbitration award, is really the best summary of this long, arduous fight that brings us here. This is not something that started a day ago. This is something that started four years ago, and there's been bad faith at every step.

Mr. Bloom ignored the arbitration award and he ignored the arbitrator's statement that Matthew Farkas cannot bind TGC/Farkas, and that was before the amendment to the TGC/Farkas operating agreement.

Now the second defense or argument in defense to being found in contempt of court is this argument that the judgment should be modified to require payment of demanded expenses as a condition of production of documents. There was a motion to modify the arbitration award in October of 2020, and between October 2020 and February 12th, there was nothing indicating any purported detailed expenses being claimed by the First 100.

In the motion to modify, you had the declaration of Jay Bloom saying, we will provide the documents if the other side is forced to pay. There was no detailed number, but that was the declaration. That was the argument is if they pay, we will provide. And that was denied by this Court. Res judicata applies here and there is issue preclusion. When there is a motion to modify in February of two-thousand -- pardon me, October of 2020 and the very same argument is brought in response to an order to show cause why they should not be

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found in contempt. And if we go backwards, at the arbitration, the arbitration award was based on the May 2017 demand. Initial demand for the production of documents. There was a further demand in September of 2017, both those are in the record. Both of them saying this demand is pursuant to operating agreements and pursuant to Nevada law. And in the arbitration, the documents were ordered to be produced within 10 days without expenses having to be paid by the Plaintiff and for the avoidance of doubt, Plaintiff was awarded fees and costs. And on the last page, there is the line, and to the extent there's any other relief requested. All claims not expressly granted in here and are hereby denied.

So when we went to enforce the arbitration agreement or arbitration award, and you had a counter-motion to modify that award, so that expenses would be required to be paid by Plaintiff as a condition of production, this Court denied the counter-motion. You considered it. That consideration was in the award itself, in the order, and the counter-motion was denied.

Under *University of Nevada v. Tarkanian* at 110 Nev 581, and the later *Kirsch v. Travor* [phonetic], 134 Nev 163, it provides a final nonappeal judgment similar to what we have here. It must be given preclusive effects so as to prevent multiple litigation causing vexation and expenses to the parties by precluding parties from relitigating issues, yet here we are. We're relitigating two issues. Matthew Farkas' authority to act on and bind TGC/Farkas, as well as whether or not the production obligation to be conditioned on Plaintiff first paying the

demanded expenses.

It can't be that we go back now at this late day and amend the judgment. It wasn't awarded to them in the arbitration. It wasn't awarded to them as part of the judgment and it shouldn't be awarded to them now.

Any request for expenses associated with the production of documents were required to be arbitrated, and to the extent that they weren't awarded, that's precluded.

Now, with respect to whether or not it's impossible to get the documents for production without payment from TGC/Farkas, well it's not impossible and we've shown that. Jay Bloom was going to loan money to pay Raffi Nahabedian to dismiss the case, but he's not going to do anything to lift a finger to produce a document. He did nothing. He did nothing to produce a document to direct his counsel to produce documents, to direct his former officers to produce documents, and he didn't make a capital call. He didn't make a capital call, as permitted under the operating agreement.

In fact, the operating agreement says the manager shall make a capital call to make the obligations and liabilities of the company if the company can't get a loan. He didn't look for a loan, he didn't make a capital call, he didn't do anything. And why not? Because he's going to be responsible for the lion's share of the amount to be called as the member with the most interest.

And Your Honor, the law provides that the custodian of records, the manager here under the operating agreement, has the

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obligation to maintain the books and records of the companies. There is no certificate of dissolution here, and Jay Bloom as the sole person, the sole person left associated -- legally associated with these companies -- had an obligation to maintain the books and records, and to the extent that he failed to comply with his duties, that's on him. He had the legal obligation to maintain those books and records, and he has the obligation to marshal them and produce them to us.

Subsequent to closing down the act of operations, Mr. Bloom still made filings with the secretary of state designating where the principal office of the companies was, as well as the registered agent and the registered office. If those books and records aren't in those offices, then he has an obligation to go get them and bring them there.

Now, Your Honor, the degree of disobedience and resistance is certainly unlike anything I've ever seen. The Court has brought authority under NRS Chapter 22 to compel compliance with its order under the contempt statutes and otherwise, and we're asking that the Court deny the motion to enforce settlement agreement, compel the Defendants, and Jay Bloom -- the only person, natural person -- that is legally associated with the companies, as well as all officers, agents, and representatives, including counsel, who receive a copy of the compelling order to comply with the order and underlying judgment and provide within five days all documents listed in Exhibit 6 or Exhibit QQ to this proceeding. That list is incorporated in the judgment.

And Your Honor, in addition to compelling compliance, we have to go and address the extreme costs that has brought us here. The

costs, fees and costs, to compel compliance with the Court's order are awardable against the persons responsible for the disobedience or resistance. It's awardable against the persons responsible for disobedience or resistance. I repeated that because it is not limited to the parties to be ordered. It's those people who received notice and had a legal obligation and they still disobeyed or resisted the order.

Who should be responsible for compliance and payment of the fees and costs? The persons who violated the rules. Defendants, no question, but Mr. Bloom and counsel admit there's no further operations, no money to pay, and so an award of fees and costs against the Defendants is really elusory. It's not going to help anybody. It's not going to right the wrong.

Jay Bloom, the only person legally associated with the companies, should be responsible for the fees and costs. NRCP 69 provides that discovery in aid of execution on a judgment could be had from any person regarding the subject of the judgment. There was pending discovery with Jay Bloom when he came to the Court and said he wasn't going to provide any information because of the settlement agreement. It wasn't just the judgment that he was refusing to provide information and compliance, but also other discovery, post-judgment discovery.

NRCP 71 provides whenever an order grants relief to be enforced against a non-party, the procedure is the same for enforcement of the order against the party. And NRCP 37, also relevant here as set forth in the motion to compel provides that orders compelling

compliance and sanctions will apply to any failure of a party, officers, directors, or managing agents to comply with the Court's discovery orders.

And we outline at length in our brief filed March 1st the responsibility of the responsible person, the only person, a legally responsible person like Jay Bloom, under the operating agreements and as reflected in the secretary of state documents, as well as in the communications where it's clear he's driving the ship here, not to produce documents, but to avoid compliance, that there is a responsible party rule.

And particularly on point is a 2019 Nevada federal case, *Love* & *Care* [phonetic] that we cite to, that collects cases on the responsible party rule and in that case, there was a finding that the managing member was jointly and severely liable for contempt in payment of fees and costs because that managing member of the LLC was legally identified with the named Defendant. He was apprised of the order, directed to the entity, and officially responsible for the conduct of its affairs, and he prevented compliance or failed to take appropriate action within his power for the performance of his managerial duties. And so he, that managing member, is guilty of disobedience and should be punished for contempt. Bloom is responsible for the contempt.

Evidence also shows under the applicable NRS 86.376 in the LLC statutes of Nevada and as discussed in the *Gardener v. Eighth Judicial District Court Holding* [phonetic] at 133 Nev 730, a responsible person cannot hide behind an LLC and avoid consequences for his

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conduct when that person is the alter ego, there is illegality or unlawfulness. It's right on point. That Gardener case is right on point.

And NRS 86.376, right on point.

The bases for holding Bloom individually responsible for contempt is undisputed evidence of alter ego. The LLC is influenced and governed only by Jay Bloom. There is no corporate formalities. They're in and out of compliance. You have to be reinstated multiple times since even 2017.

Such unity of interest and ownership that the LLC and Mr. Bloomer are inseparable from each other, that's certainly the case. You have First 100 taking direction from Bloom and his associated entity, SJC Ventures, and payment directives. We showed that today with the testimony of Mr. Bloom, and there's been other evidence that he, alone, is making the decisions and appointing counsel and directing counsel on behalf of the entities. And directing counsel to further avoid contempt consequences, I should say.

And finally, the adherence to the notion of the LLC being an entity separate from Mr. Bloom would sanction fraud and promote manifest injustice. If Mr. Bloom were able to do the things that you see in Exhibit 28, 29, and 30 to avoid the consequences of contempt, because he is not the LLC, not the party to the judgment, that would be manifest injustice. And we now know that he directed Raffi Nahabedian to claim a privilege where there was none and avoid disclosure of relevant facts that showed there was an ongoing concerted effort, not to comply with the judgment, but to avoid it.

And Your Honor, the responsibility for the payment of fees and costs doesn't stop with Mr. Bloom. It, in this case, must extend to Raffi Nahabedian and Maier Gutierrez & Associates. They actively concealed the settlement agreement and corresponding release. The very first time the release was discovered was pursuant to your order compelling production on March 1st. You made the order on March 1st. It was produced the next day.

The circumstances regarding the execution of the settlement agreement were unknown prior to Your Honor granting that motion to compel. There's nothing more relevant to whether or not there was an enforceable settlement agreement than its circumstances regarding its execution.

The email showing how the document went to Mr. Farkas, how long he was there, and how he had inadequate time or the means to provide that to Mr. Flatto or counsel, all highly relevant to this case. You have this concerted action, again, for the purpose of avoiding consequences of contempt and the complex machinations that are outlined in Exhibit 28 really beg the question, what are you hiding. What is being hidden here? It really reinforces why the documents need to be produced pursuant to the judgment.

And Your Honor, under grander scale, counsel or officers of the Court, if we walk through the motion to enforce settlement agreement and we walk through the opposition to the motion to compel, there were active concealments of material facts. The motion to enforce settlement was actually filed with the declaration of Jason Maier. We

counter-moved to strike it and that was denied, but the sanctions portion of our counter-motion remains outstanding.

And when the motion to enforcement settlement agreement was filed subsequent to those communications that you have set forth at Exhibit 28, 29, 30, and the fact that they knew about the amendment to the operating agreement for TGC/Farkas and didn't disclose it to this Court is really not the way we're supposed to be acting. It's not having candor with the Court. Mr. Maier pointed to the operating agreement of TGC/Farkas as having authority for the settlement agreement, and he did not disclose the amendment.

The January 15th communication disclosing the amendment to Raffi Nahabedian, Exhibit 30 shows that Raffi was on the phone with Maier Gutierrez within 12 minutes of receiving the amendment, 12 minutes later. He was on the call with Jay Bloom later that same day. There was -- Mr. Maier did not disclose the arbitration award. The communications to his office from 2017 clearly provided by Adam Flatto and counsel saying that Matthew Farkas did not have authority to act without the consent of Adam Flatto, and the circumstances surrounding the execution of the settlement agreement, and that it was in conjunction with a release, those were not disclosed. Not to TGC/Farkas, not to this Court.

So Your Honor, you know, it doesn't give me any glory to ask for sanctions against counsel, but here, the circumstances require it. At the end of the day, we ask the Court to right the wrongs that bring us here and have had us provide two days of evidence, and that -- in order

to right the wrong, not only do we have to coerce compliance, but there has to be the payment of fees and costs incurred to address the disobedience and resistance to the Court's order by those who are responsible, by the responsible parties.

Your Honor, with that, if you have any questions, let me know.

THE COURT: No, thank you.

Mr. Gutierrez, last word?

MR. GUTIERREZ: Thank you, Your Honor.

Your Honor, I just want to express my shock and surprise that counsel would attack me and my law firm, but it doesn't surprise me given counsel's involvement and all this becoming a personal attack in the case, and we can start with her questioning Mr. Bloom. Whether he cheats on his wife, whether he's going to sue my law firm, you know?

The intent was never to gather documents in this case. The intent by counsel and Mr. Flatto was to harass First 100, perhaps Mr. Bloom, perhaps harass all their attorneys at First 100, and that's been clear through counsel's argument and their actions and it's actually insulting that that would be the case, but you know, I'll address each thing she said in turn. If you look at the timeline,

Your Honor, there's been so many trials I've had and of courses cases that have settled while the jury is out. It happens all the time. Parties to a case assess risks and they pull it and they render that moot. And it's not some conspiracy or some type of big fraud. What it is, is they're -- Mr. Farkas and Mr. Bloom accept the risks, settle the case.

They're brothers. They're family. Counsel effectuated the settlement. That's what happened.

Mr. Bloom testified about his experience specifically with Ms. Turner's firm in a case that was heavily litigated, and her partner said, we can't fill the case because his firm wasn't getting paid. And that's what Mr. Bloom's involvement was. That was his intent when he came into this and settled it with his brother-in-law. He recommended an attorney who he knew that would have the ministerial task of effectuating a settlement agreement and that's what happened. And what happened? This whole case has blown up into hours and hours of discovery when we've requested and told several times, hey, just pay for these books and records, you can have them. No, that wasn't enough for them. They wanted to inflict pain, they wanted to cause harm, they wanted to attack my firm, they wanted to attack Mr. Bloom.

Their true intent couldn't be more clear than counsel's last statement. So the consequences of contempt is that parties are allowed to settle cases, Your Honor. And in fact, the one thing I didn't hear from counsel is where's the notice of the amendment of the TGC/Farkas operating agreement. That was never sent. Not once did she mention that once. She talked about an inference of authority, who chairs the decisions, but what she failed to mention is that Mr. Flatto's declaration in support of that clearly said that Mr. Farkas was the administrative member of the company, and he cited to the operating agreement and attached it, so we have the TGC/Farkas initial operating agreement. Never got the amendment, but we got the initial one.

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What did it say in Section 4.1? Matthew Farkas is the administrative member. The member shall be the manager responsible for the data, for all business and managerial decisions for the company.

Section B, that same section, says neither this agreement nor any term or provision hereof may be amended, waived, modified or supplemented orally, but only by a written instrument signed by all the members hereto. Even the arbitrator couldn't amend this. This agreement had to be amended through the members, which is TGC Investors, which is Mr. Flatto's company, and Mr. Farkas. That was eventually done, but never sent to First 100.

So what are we left with? Section 4.4. Reliance on third-party. This is their own agreement. Persons dealing with the company are entitled to rely conclusively on the power and authority of the administrative member, which First 100 in the evidence is unequivocally clear that that was Matthew Farkas at the time he signed the settlement agreement.

So Your Honor, and the other evidence when it comes to consent is that Mr. Flatto and Mr. Farkas both said their consent could be verbal or in writing. So how would First 100 know whether he gave his consent or not, other than Mr. Farkas making the representation that he had the authority to bind the company and that nowhere is that more clear than Section 14 of the settlement agreement which clearly states, "The parties hereto represent and warrant that the person who executed this agreement on behalf of each party has full power and authority to enter into this agreement."

Mr. Farkas signed this on behalf of the company. He analysis is in there, Your Honor. There's no concealment. There's no issues with Mr. Farkas' capacity. There was a meeting of the mind because the settlement accomplished two things. One, any litigation; two, ensuring Mr. Farkas or Mr. Flatto got his money back from this investment.

Your Honor, there's been so many allegations, but the evidence is very clear in this case as to what happened. Mr. Nahabedian came in for the administerial task to effectuate a settlement. That's what he did. He withdrew the minute he found out that there was any type of conflict and that there was this potential amended operative agreement that had never been disclosed to anyone else.

Your Honor, the evidence is clear that you have -- there's apparent authority that Mr. Farkas had the ability to bind the company and that authority could end this case right then and there, that the settlement agreement should be enforced and that this case should be dismissed, Your Honor.

And as far as the arguments on the alter ego, there was no evidence of a single shred of that. You have operating agreements, and significant company documents, and for them to put a backdoor argument alter ego against Mr. Bloom when there was never raised in any prior proceeding this should be stricken.

So Your Honor, unless you have any questions, I think we've covered this and beat this to death, but if you have any questions. I want to thank you for your time.

THE COURT: I guess I have one question. I know that they're

1	it's like they had a fiduciary relationship between Mrs. Bloom and	
2	Farkas, but as you know in Nevada, we have a special confidence that is	
3	somewhat similar. Do you believe that there was a special confidence	
4	relationship between Mr. Farkas and Bloom, given their relationship?	
5	MR. GUTIERREZ: Their relationship as family members,	
6	Your Honor, or as Mr. Farkas' relationship as a vice president of First	
7	100?	
8	THE COURT: Family members.	
9	MR. GUTIERREZ: I don't honestly, Your Honor, I don't	
10	know the answer to that question. That gives rights to a special	
11	relationship like it would be with the insurance company and insured, or	
12	some type of fiduciary relationship such as a member of an LLC. I don't	
13	know if that I would have to supplement, Your Honor, with some type	
14	of briefing on it. I don't know if that relationship itself would give rise to	
15	that. I would have to look at that, Your Honor.	
16	THE COURT: All right. Okay, thank you.	
17	Here's what I would like to do. I don't need any further	
18	briefing, but it would be helpful to me if each side would submit your	
19	proposed of fact and conclusions of law. Okay?	
20	MS. TURNER: Okay.	
21	MR. GUTIERREZ: Your Honor, how much time do you want	
22	for us to get that to you?	
23	THE COURT: Well, that's what I was going to ask next.	
24	How much do you think you need to do that?	
25	MS. TURNER: I would say by Friday.	

1	THE COURT: Friday? The day after tomorrow?		
2	MR. GUTIERREZ: I'd like more time.		
3	THE COURT: I see a sign in my chambers. You want it		
4	when?		
5	MS. TURNER: I said that in hush tones, Your Honor. If we		
6	need longer time, I'll take it.		
7	THE COURT: Well, you mentioned during your argument		
8	that you were seeking to compel within five days or production within		
9	five days or whatever.		
10	MS. TURNER: Right.		
11	THE COURT: I understand that, but it's helpful to me when I		
12	receive these things because I can take a look at the nuances that each		
13	side is advancing relative to their contentions.		
14	How about if we I could either do it Monday. There goes		
15	your weekend, right? Or Tuesday, Wednesday.		
16	MS. TURNER: Mr. Gutierrez, I'll refer to you.		
17	MR. GUTIERREZ: Your Honor, if I could have until the 19th,		
18	which is next Friday. I just have I'm out of town the next two days and		
19	I have a trial starting on Monday that should only be a day or two, but I		
20	want to make sure we have enough time to go through it. I don't know if		
21	it'll take that long, but definitely the 19th would be helpful for us.		
22	THE COURT: Your response to that, Ms. Turner?		
23	MS. TURNER: That's fine, Your Honor.		
24	THE COURT: So it's a week from Friday? A week from a day		
25	after tomorrow?		

1	MS. TURNER: Yes. Then we can get the transcript. Yeah.
2	THE COURT: Okay. That will be the order. You'll submit
3	them to each other. Okay. What you should do, just to be clear, for the
4	record, you should serve and file your proposed findings of fact,
5	conclusions of law and order so that they're in the record as to what was
6	submitted by each side. Okay?
7	MS. TURNER: Okay.
8	THE COURT: And then after I receive those, I'll go through
9	them and use one or the other and then mingle or whatever, okay?
10	MS. TURNER: Thank you.
11	MR. GUTIERREZ: Your Honor, do you want us to send you
12	the proposed findings of fact also in a Word document?
13	THE COURT: Yes, I think that would be helpful.
14	MS. TURNER: It
15	THE COURT: Yes.
16	MS. TURNER: Okay.
17	THE COURT: You can do that, as well.
18	MS. TURNER: All right.
19	THE COURT: Okay.
20	MS. TURNER: Thank you.
21	THE COURT: That makes it easier, particularly under these
22	remote circumstances, for me to communicate with my coordinate
23	with my JA, I should say, and what I'm going to do, okay?
24	MS. TURNER: Okay, thank you.
25	MP GUTIERRET: Thank your Vour Honor

1	THE COURT: Everybody stay safe and have a great rest of
2	the week, and that will end the proceedings. We'll adjourn, okay?
3	MS. TURNER: Thank you.
4	MR. GUTIERREZ: Thank you, Your Honor. Have a good
5	weekend.
6	THE COURT: Okay, thank you. Yeah.
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DEPARTMENT THIRTEEN LAS VEGAS, NV 89155

DISTRICT COURT

CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

TGC/FARKAS FUNDING, LLC,

Plaintiff/Judgment Creditor,

VS.

FIRST 100, LLC, a Nevada Limited Liability ONE HUNDRED **FIRST** Company; HOLDINGS, LLC, a Nevada limited liability company aka 1st ONE HUNDRED HOLDINGS LLC, a Nevada Limited Liability Company,

Defendants/Judgment Debtors.

CASE NO. A-20-822273-C DEPT. 13

FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW, & ORDER RE EVIDENTIARY HEARING

Hearing Date: March 3 and 10, 2021

FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW & ORDER

INTRODUCTION

The above-captioned matter has involved motion practice regarding several items: 1) the December 18, 2020 order to show cause why Defendants/Judgment Debtors, First 100, LLC ("First 100") and First One Hundred Holdings aka 1st One Hundred Holdings LLC ("1st 100," and together with First 100, "Defendants") and Jay Bloom ("Bloom") should not be found in contempt of court (the "OSC") for their failures to comply with the Order Confirming Arbitration Award, Denying Countermotion to Modify, and Judgment entered November 17, 2020 (the "Order"), 2) the January 19, 2021 motion to enforce settlement and vacate postjudgment discovery proceedings filed by Defendants (the "Motion to Enforce"), which was denied without prejudice pending the resolution of outstanding questions of fact following the evidentiary hearing, 3) the January 26, 2021 countermotion for sanctions ("Countermotion for Sanctions") filed by Plaintiff/Judgment Creditor TGC/Farkas Funding, LLC ("Plaintiff") in conjunction with its opposition to the Motion to Enforce, which was denied without prejudice pending the evidentiary hearing, and 4) the February 19, 2021 motion for sanctions filed by Plaintiff in conjunction with Plaintiff's motion to compel that was reserved for resolution following the evidentiary hearing (the "Motion for Sanctions"). The Court held the evidentiary

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hearing on March 3, 2021 and March 10, 2021 (the "hearing") to resolve the Claims. Erika Pike Turner, Esq. of the law firm of Garman Turner Gordon LLP ("GTG") appeared on behalf of Plaintiff, Joseph Gutierrez, Esq. ("Gutierrez") of the law firm of Maier Gutierrez & Associates ("MGA") appeared on behalf of Defendants and Bloom, and evidence was presented by the parties through exhibits and testimony. Based thereon, the Court finds and concludes, as follows:

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. In 2013, Plaintiff was formed for the purpose of facilitating an investment in Defendants consisting of \$1 million from 50% member TGC 100 Investor, LLC, managed by Adam Flatto ("Flatto"), and services (aka sweat equity) from 50% member Matthew Farkas ("Farkas"). In exchange for Plaintiff's contributions, Plaintiff received a 3% membership interest in Defendants.²
- 2. Defendants are affiliated Nevada limited liability companies governed by nearly identical operating agreements.³ At the hearing, Bloom identified himself as a "director" of Defendants who "participated in the management." The Secretary of State documents filed by Bloom on behalf of Defendants do not identify any "directors." Defendants' operating agreements and the Secretary of State records show that since formation, both Defendants have been single manager-managed with SJ Ventures Holding Company, LLC ("SJV") appointed the sole manager with Bloom as the sole manager of SJV.⁶
- 3. The business of Defendants was to acquire HOA liens and then acquire the underlying properties at foreclosure. Defendants' active business concluded in 2016, except for attempts to monetize a judgment obtained in favor of Defendants against Raymond Ngan and his

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¹ Exhibit 20, PLTF 154, 170.

² Exhibit 2, PLTF 006.

³ Exhibits 7 and 8; Hearing Transcript of Testimony, March 3, 2021 ("3/3 Trans."), 8:10-16.

⁴ 3/3 Trans., 160:3-7.

⁵ Exhibits 25-26.

⁶ Exhibit 7, §§ 1.19 (designating SJV as Manager); 6.1 (Management by Manager) and PTF_055; Exhibit 8, §§ 1.19 (designating SJV as Manager); 6.1 (Management by Manager) and PTF_082; see also 3/3 Trans., 221:18-23.

⁷ 3/3 Trans., 159:23-160:2.

MARK R. DENTON DISTRICT JUDGE affiliated entities in 2017 (the "Ngan Judgment"). As Plaintiff did not receive any accounting to show what happened to Defendants' business or its assets and had questions, on May 2, 2017, Plaintiff made a written demand for the books and records of Defendants pursuant to the terms of Defendants' operating agreements and NRS 86.241. Defendants did not provide any documents in response to Plaintiff's demand, resulting in Plaintiff filing an arbitration demand under a provision of Defendants' operating agreements requiring that such matters be determined through arbitration with the party bringing the matter required to pay all the upfront costs of the arbitration, subject to reimbursement in the event said party prevailed. Defendants

- 4. On September 15, 2020, a 3-arbitrator panel entered a "Decision and AWARD of Arbitration Panel (1) Compelling Production of Company Records; and Ordering Reimbursement of [Plaintiff's] Attorneys' Fees and Costs" (the "Arb. Award"). The Arb. Award cited the May 2, 2017 demand as the "initial request for company records that is the subject of the arbitration demand filed by Plaintiff," and found that Defendants' response to that May 2, 2017 demand was the "first in a long and bad faith effort by [Defendants] to avoid their statutory and contractual duties to a member to produce requested records."
- 5. After moving to Las Vegas in 2013, Farkas (Bloom's brother-in-law) ¹² started working with Bloom on behalf of Defendants and was provided a title of Vice President of Finance and the primary role of raising capital for Defendants consistent with his background experience on Wall Street (investment banker, operating a hedge fund, buying and selling securities). ¹³ Farkas left his employment with Defendants in the summer of 2016, and thereafter had very little involvement with Defendants' operations. ¹⁴ During the course of Plaintiff's efforts

⁸ Exhibit 1.

⁹ Exhibit 2, PLTG_006; Exhibits 7 and 8, § 13.9 (any dispute arising out of or relating to the Operating Agreements "shall solely be settled by arbitration").

¹⁰ Exhibits 2 and II.

¹¹ Exhibit 2, PLTF_006.

¹² 3/3 Trans., 123:2-13.

¹³ *Id.*, 84:15- 85:5, 15-21, 89:3-5, 123:14-23.

¹⁴ *Id.*, 124:1-125:21, 141:10-15, 152:6-24.

MARK R. DENTON DISTRICT JUDGE to obtain books and records Bloom has requested and Farkas has signed a series of documents purporting to bind Plaintiff to its detriment and then argued for enforcement of those documents based on the fact a signature of Farkas is affixed. This was done despite Plaintiff's affirmative notice that Farkas did not have authority to bind Plaintiff without Flatto's consent delivered on July 13, 2017, to Defendants and MGA, as counsel for Defendants, as well as the registered agent for Defendants, ¹⁵ which notice attached a prior notice to Defendants emailed on April 18, 2017, and explained to Defendants that Farkas is not the Plaintiff's manager and Farkas does not have the authority to bind Plaintiff. ¹⁶

- 6. The Arb. Award conclusively resolved Defendants' multiple arguments that they were not required to produce the records, including Defendants' argument that Farkas had signed a form of redemption agreement that released Defendants from any responsibility to make company records available to Plaintiff. The redemption agreement was deemed irrelevant by the arbitrators, as Farkas did not have the authority to bind Plaintiff without the consent of Flatto, as well as there being a lack of performance by Defendants. ¹⁸
- 7. The Arb. Award granted relief in favor of Plaintiff and against Defendants "in all respects" on the claim for books and records of Defendants arising from Defendants' operating agreements and NRS 86.241¹⁹ and ordered Defendants to "forthwith, but no later than ten (10) calendar days from the date of this AWARD, make all the requested documents and information available from both companies to [Plaintiff] for inspection and copying." Fees and costs were awarded Plaintiff. The Arb. Award further provided that the "Award is in full settlement of all claims submitted to this arbitration. All claims not expressly granted herein are hereby

Exhibit 26, PLTF 218, and Exhibit 27, PLTF 235.

¹⁶ Exhibit 22.

¹⁷ Exhibit 2, PLTF_007.

¹⁸ *Id*.

¹⁹ See Exhibit 1, PLTF_002.

²⁰ Exhibit 2, PLTF_009.

²¹ Id.

denied."22

8. Plaintiff commenced this case for the purpose of confirming the Arb. Award. In response to Plaintiff's motion to confirm Arb. Award, Defendants filed a countermotion to modify the Arb. Award and provide for the imposition of expenses to be paid by Plaintiff as a condition of Defendants furnishing the books and records. Attached to Defendants' countermotion was Bloom's declaration contending that Defendants had no funds or employees, and the only way for Defendants to obtain and furnish the records in compliance with the Arb. Award would be to have the Court order Plaintiff to first pay expenses. Defendants had an obligation to arbitrate its request for Plaintiff to pay expenses associated with the production of the books and records under the arbitration provision of their operating agreements. The Court analyzed Defendants' attempt to alter the merits of the Arb. Award to award Defendants' relief that was absent from the Arb. Award, and denied the countermotion to modify the Arb. Award as part of the Order.

9. The Order was entered November 17, 2020, constituting a final, appealable judgment. No appeal was filed by Defendants. On December 18, 2020, the OSC was filed upon Plaintiff's application citing no compliance or communicated intention to comply with the Order. The OSC scheduled a hearing for January 21, 2021. The OSC was served on MGA on December 18, 2020; in addition, Bloom was personally served with the OSC on December 22, 2020. On December 21, 2020, notices of judgment debtor examinations for each of Defendants and post-judgment discovery were served on MGA. Bloom was also personally

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^{22 | 22} Id.

²³ Exhibit 3.

²⁴ Exhibits 7 and 8, § 13.9.

²⁵ Exhibit 4, PLTF_019, ll. 15-27.

²⁶ Exhibit 5.

²⁷ See OSC Certificate of Service (MGA served through Odyssey e-service); Declaration of Service of the OSC on Bloom, filed December 30, 2020.

²⁸ See the December 21, 2020 Notice of Entry of Order for Judgment Debtor Examinations.

served with post-judgment discovery under NRCP 69(2) on December 29, 2020.²⁹

- shortening time, arguing that a written settlement agreement dated January 6, 2021 (the "Settlement Agreement") executed by Farkas, purportedly on behalf of Plaintiff, and by Bloom, on behalf of Defendants, mooted the OSC hearing and post-judgment discovery because it provides for immediate dismissal of the Order, the underlying Arb. Award and other motions pending in this case, with prejudice. In opposition to the Motion to Enforce, Plaintiff argued that the Settlement Agreement is not valid and enforceable for multiple reasons, including that it was executed by Farkas without Flatto's knowledge or consent and therefore could not bind Plaintiff, and that the circumstances surrounding the Settlement Agreement, including those underlying the Motion to Compel, are further evidence of Defendants' and Bloom's contempt of this Court's Order, warranting sanctions against Defendants and Bloom.
- 11. Defendants' and Bloom's response to the OSC filed January 20, 2021 incorporated the Motion to Enforce and reiterated the previously denied argument that no production of books and records should be required until Plaintiff first pays demanded expenses associated with the production. Bloom also argued immunity from penalties for contempt as a non-party to the Order.
- 12. The purported Settlement Agreement expressly provides that upon execution of the Settlement Agreement, Plaintiff "will file a dismissal with prejudice of the current actions related to this matter, including the arbitration award and all relation [sic] motions and actions pending in the District Court."³⁰ In exchange, Defendants agreed to pay Plaintiff \$1 million, plus 6% per annum since the date of investment, but contingent on its collection of proceeds from a sale of the Ngan Judgment.³¹ Defendants' Motion to Enforce seeks specific performance of Plaintiff's obligation under the Settlement Agreement to effectuate dismissal of this case, with prejudice.

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²⁹ See the Declarations of Service of Subpoena on Bloom, filed January 5 and January 7, 2021

³⁰ Exhibit 13, PLTF_106.

³¹ *Id*.

13. On the evening of January 14, 2021, Raffi Nahabedian, Esq. ("Nahabedian") made the first mention of a settlement to Plaintiff in connection with his demand for substitution of counsel for Plaintiff in the case,³² and by the next day, January 15, 2021, even before the Settlement Agreement was disclosed to Plaintiff, Plaintiff immediately sent notice of repudiation to Defendants through its counsel of record, GTG.³³ On January 19, 2021, the Motion to Enforce was filed, attaching the Settlement Agreement- the first time that the Settlement Agreement was provided Plaintiff after its execution.³⁴ On January 26, 2021, Plaintiff filed an Opposition to the Motion to Enforce, reiterating its repudiation upon the declarations of both Flatto and Farkas.³⁵

- 14. From the January 7, 2021 execution of the Settlement Agreement through the time of Plaintiff's repudiation (and continuing to the date of the hearing), Defendants did not ever pay, or make any attempt to tender payment to Plaintiff in performance of its obligations under the Settlement Agreement.³⁶ To the contrary, the only evidence of Defendants' performance pursuant to the Settlement Agreement was Bloom's efforts in conjunction with his counsel to secure dismissal of the Order and underlying Arb. Award to Plaintiff's detriment.³⁷
- 15. Farkas, as the purported agent, testified clearly that he did not believe he had authority to enter into the Settlement Agreement (or that he was signing a Settlement Agreement on behalf of Plaintiff), and that Bloom understood that.³⁸
- 16. Under the operating agreement for Plaintiff dated October 21, 2013, Farkas was designated the "Administrative Member" with authority to bind Plaintiff, but only "after consultation with, and upon the consent of, all Members [to wit: Flatto for TGC Investor]." Farkas testified that once Farkas left his employment with Defendants, he effectively stepped out

³² Exhibit 11, PLTF_097.

³³ Exhibit 25.

³⁴ See Exhibit 38, PLTF_405 (Nahabedian's email).

³⁵ Exhibits FF and J.

³⁶ 3/3 Trans., 71:14-72:3, 138:19-21, 140:7-141:15, 215:15-18, 216:2-4, 18-21, 217:3-13.

³⁷ See, e.g., Exhibit 28.

³⁸ Exhibit FF, P 17, 3/3 Trans., 118:19-119:2, 128:18-131:4, 154:13-15.

³⁹ Exhibit 20, §§ 3.4(a), 4.1(c).

of a management role with Plaintiff and left everything to Flatto and counsel, whether or not that was reflected in a formal amendment to Plaintiff's operating agreement. Further, whether Defendants could rely on the signature of Farkas alone to bind Plaintiff was specifically addressed in multiple communications to Defendants. First, there was the April 18, 2017 email, then the July 13, 2017 letter (attaching the April 18, 2017 email and further stating "Farkas is not the manager." Farkas does not have the authority to bind [Plaintiff]"), and then there was the Arb. Award's conclusion that a document executed by Farkas was irrelevant without the consent of Flatto as Farkas' signature alone did not bind Plaintiff.

- his written consent to an amended operating agreement governing Plaintiff, which amendment provides that TGC 100 managed by Flatto had "full, exclusive, and complete discretion, power and authority" . . . "to manage, control, administer and operate the business and affairs of the [Plaintiff]." Pursuant to the amendment, Farkas was expressly prevented from taking *any* action on behalf of Plaintiff, and Flatto had exclusive authority to bind Plaintiff. The purpose of the amendment was to alleviate pressure on Farkas as a result of his feeling uncomfortable being adverse to his brother-in-law, Bloom. 45
- 18. The circumstances surrounding how the Settlement Agreement was prepared and executed are also relevant. The Settlement Agreement was drafted by Bloom⁴⁶ and executed by Bloom, as manager of Defendants.⁴⁷ It is dated January 6, 2021 but was executed by Farkas on January 7, 2021 at the same time that Farkas executed other documents sent by Bloom to a UPS

⁴⁰ 3/3 Trans., 108:5-17

⁴¹ Exhibit 21.

⁴² Exhibit 22, PLTF_, 179, 190.

⁴³ Exhibit 2, PLTF 007

⁴⁴ Exhibit 23.

⁴⁵ 3/3 Trans., 67:16-68:23; 131:7-13.

⁴⁶ Id., 193:25-194:2.

⁴⁷ Exhibit 13, PLTF 108.

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DEPARTMENT THIRTEEN LAS VEGAS, NV 89155 store for Farkas' signing and return. 48 Farkas did not know he was signing a Settlement Agreement when he signed it, 49 and there is no evidence he intended to bind Plaintiff to anything when he executed the documents. Notwithstanding the express terms of the Settlement Agreement providing that the signatories were duly authorized,⁵⁰ Farkas did not read that provision (or any provision)⁵¹ and testified he never otherwise represented to Bloom or anyone else that he had authority to enter into the Settlement Agreement on behalf of Plaintiff.⁵² Farkas testified he did not negotiate the terms of the Settlement Agreement with Bloom, which is corroborated by the lack of evidence of any back and forth on terms prior to the agreement being finalized by Bloom. 53 There is no evidence Bloom provided Farkas a copy of the Settlement Agreement for Farkas, Flatto or counsel's review prior to sending it to the UPS store with other documents to be signed.⁵⁴ Farkas testified he believed that the documents he signed at the UPS store related to resolution of a threatened claim against him by Defendants in connection with his prior employment and included the retention of personal counsel for him. 55 This testimony was corroborated by Nahabedian's January 14, 2021 correspondence referencing a threat of adverse action against Farkas from Defendants⁵⁶ and the fact that a form of Release between Farkas and Defendants was executed at the same time as the Settlement Agreement.⁵⁷

19. Flatto was clear in his testimony at the hearing that he understood his consent was required for all decisions made by Plaintiff and he did not hold Farkas out as having authority to bind Plaintiff without his consent,⁵⁸ particularly after Plaintiff made its May 2, 2017 demand for

⁴⁸ See, e.g., 3/3 Trans., 137:16-24.

⁴⁹ Exhibit FF, P 16. See 3/3 Trans., 100:15-101-4, 102:14-20, 104:2-5, 115:11-21, 119:9-15, 137:16-24, 156:13-18.

⁵⁰ Exhibit 13, PLTF_107, § 14.

⁵¹ 3/3 Trans., 103:22, 118:3-9, 119:4-7

⁵² Id., 136:16-19.

⁵³ 3/3 Trans., 137:1-8, 13-15.

⁵⁴ *Id.*, 211:17-25; 213:15-23.

⁵⁵ See 3/3 Trans., 100:15-101-4, 102:14-20, 104:2-5, 115:11-21, 119:9-15, 137: 16-24, 143:21-25, 156:13-18.

⁵⁶ Exhibit 11, PLTF 097.

⁵⁷ Exhibit 28, PLTF 247-253; see also Exhibit 16 (text from Bloom threatening adverse action).

⁵⁸ 3/3 Trans., 35:23-36:20, 69:1-70:5.

books and records. This is corroborated by the 2017 communications to Defendants, his declaration in the arbitration, the Arb. Award, and the September 2020 amendment to Plaintiff's operating agreement. Given the communications from Plaintiff in 2017, the Arb. Award, and no communications to the contrary subsequent to the Arb. Award from Flatto to Defendants, the Court concludes it was unreasonable for Defendants to believe any agreement entered into with Plaintiff without Flatto's consent would be valid and enforceable.

20. The circumstances surrounding the execution and attempts to enforce the Settlement Agreement, known to Defendants, further demonstrate that Farkas did not have apparent authority to bind Plaintiff to the terms of the agreement, which circumstances were actively concealed from Plaintiff and its counsel of record until the Motion to Compel was granted and records were produced by Nahabedian. Bloom did not act in good faith in his dealings with Plaintiff, nor did he give heed to any of the opposing restrictions brought to his notice.

It was revealed from Nahabedian's records:

• On January 4, 2021, Bloom contacted Nahabedian, Bloom's personal counsel on another matter, ⁶⁰ via phone to discuss Nahabedian representing Plaintiff. ⁶¹ Within minutes of hanging up the phone, Nahabedian emailed Bloom an attorney retainer agreement for Farkas to execute *on behalf of Plaintiff* for Nahabedian to represent Plaintiff in this case. ⁶² Farkas was never advised Nahabedian was being hired to be Plaintiff's lawyer and he thought Nahabedian was going to be his personal counsel. ⁶³ Farkas did not understand that Nahabedian was Bloom's

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⁵⁹ Exhibits 2, 21-23, E, **P** 5; 3/3 Trans. 59:23-60:20.

⁶⁰ See Nevada Speedway v. Bloom, et al., Case No. A-20-809882-B of the Eighth Jud. Dist. Court (showing Nahabedian represented Bloom in the relevant January 2021 time period), 3/3 Trans., 13-15; 3/10 Trans., 45:11-19. Nahabedian was also former counsel for Defendants. 3/10 Trans., 20-22. Further, MGA is Nahabedian's personal counsel. 3/10 Trans., 45:23-46:1.

⁶¹ Exhibit 30; 3/10 Trans., 48:6-21.

⁶² Exhibit 28, PLTF 240-244.

^{63 3/3} Trans., 149:25-150:7.

personal counsel.⁶⁴ Bloom was even planning to advance the retainer to Nahabedian (although Nahabedian did not charge one notwithstanding his attorney retainer agreement provides its payment is a condition of his employment).⁶⁵

- On January 7, 2021, at 1:58 pm, Bloom emailed the following documents (collectively, the "Bloom Documents") to a UPS store near Farkas' home: 1) the Settlement Agreement, 2) the Nahabedian attorney retainer agreement, 3) a letter, dated January 6, 2021, directed to Plaintiff's counsel, GTG, with Farkas purporting to terminate them, ⁶⁶ and 4) a Release, Hold Harmless and Indemnification Agreement ("Release"). Together with the attached Bloom Documents, Bloom emailed directions to the UPS store that Farkas would be in, they should print one copy of each of the four documents, and once Farkas signs them, they should scan the signed documents, email than back to Bloom, and mail the hard copies to Bloom. ⁶⁷ The Bloom Documents were *not* emailed or otherwise delivered to Farkas (let alone Flatto or GTG) at any time, before or after the UPS store was emailed the Bloom Documents, despite that Bloom knew Farkas' email address. ⁶⁸
- On January 7, 2021, at 2:40 pm (less than 45 minutes after they were first sent by Bloom), the UPS Store emailed Bloom a copy of the scanned, signed Bloom Documents.⁶⁹ On January 7, 2021, at 2:48 pm, Bloom forwarded the executed Bloom Documents to MGA attorneys Gutierrez and Jason Maier, Esq. ("Maier"), and Nahabedian via email with an exclamation "Here you go!" and follow-up

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⁶⁴ 3/3 Trans., 150:25-151:1; 3/10 Trans., 48:6-49:2.

^{65 3/10} Trans., 35:5-16

⁶⁶ The letter was not written by Farkas, and he did not review or approve of its contents. 3/3 Trans., 148:25-149:24.

⁶⁷ Exhibit 28, PLTF 245.

⁶⁸ See Exhibit 17, PLTF_123.

⁶⁹ Exhibit 28, PLTF 245-261.

instructions to "get the Substitution of Attorney and Stip to Dismiss filed *for*[Plaintiff] and put this to bed in the next day or two..."

Bloom was directing action on behalf of both Defendants and Plaintiff to effectuate dismissal of the case, despite that he and Defendants were adverse to Plaintiff.

- On January 8, 2021, Nahabedian informed Bloom and Gutierrez that he needed a substitution of counsel to be executed by Farkas and GTG so that he could effectuate the dismissal, and Bloom explained that getting Farkas to "sign stuff is a pain in the ass." The next day, Bloom explained to Nahabedian and Gutierrez (together with other MGA attorneys Maier and Danielle Barraza) that his intention was to "put in front of [Farkas]" further documents "for a second set of signatures." Bloom followed, "I'll have [Farkas] sign everything tomorrow."
- Nahabedian started to question Farkas' authority to bind Plaintiff, but only to Bloom and MGA. Notwithstanding that Nahabedian had still not had any email, text or one-on-one communication with Farkas in order to confirm his authority, on January 14, 2021, Nahabedian sent correspondence to GTG as counsel for Plaintiff, representing that he was hired to replace GTG. This correspondence was the first time it was disclosed to Plaintiff that there was an executed settlement agreement, although the agreement was not attached to Nahabedian's correspondence. Farkas did not participate in the drafting of Nahabedian's January 14, 2021 correspondence, and he did not approve it before it was sent. The correspondence was drafted by Maier (Defendants and Bloom's counsel in

⁷⁰ Id. at PLTF_245 (emphasis added).

⁷¹ *Id.* at PLTF 266.

⁷² *Id.* at PLTF_278.

⁷³ *Id.* at PLTF 281, 284, 288.

⁷⁴ Exhibits 28-30; 3/10 Trans., 85:1-9.

⁷⁵ Exhibit 11.

⁷⁶ *Id.* at PLTF-097.

⁷⁷ 3/3 Trans.,144:22-148:24.

this case), revised by Nahabedian (Bloom's counsel in another matter purporting to be acting on behalf of Plaintiff), and then approved by Bloom and Gutierrez (also Defendants and Bloom's counsel) before it was sent.⁷⁸

- Plaintiff, Nahabedian testified that he took direction from Bloom because Bloom was Farkas' brother-in-law and his "conduit." This exemplifies the lack of apparent authority from Plaintiff. At all relevant times, Bloom and his companies, Defendants, were adverse to Plaintiff with pending contempt proceedings against them, and under no circumstances should he have been directing Plaintiff's counsel without any member of Plaintiff's participation.
- 22. Although there is dispute between Farkas and Bloom regarding when Bloom was specifically informed that Farkas was removed from having *any* management interest in Plaintiff in September 2020,⁸⁰ Bloom and Nahabedian both knew that Farkas had officially resigned his management position in September 2020 by at least the time the Motion to Enforce was filed.⁸¹ Despite learning of the restriction on Farkas' authority, Bloom and his counsel⁸² were unfazed and moved forward on their enforcement efforts.
- 23. Bloom's refusal to recognize inconvenient limitations on Farkas' authority was shown to be pervasive and reckless. Given the arbitrators' expressly stated determination that

^{| 78} PLTF_311, 316-317, 318, 323, 328-332.

⁷⁹ 3/10 Trans., 51:17-20.

⁸⁰ Exhibit FF, PP 8, 17, 3/3 Trans.,136:12-21,198:2-21, 212:21-22; Exhibit 15, PP 19-21. At the Hearing, Bloom testified that the January 9-11 time subject of his sworn declaration submitted to the Court in support of the Reply in support of the Motion to Enforce was qualified by "on or about" because the dates were not certain; however, the timing of January 9-11 are actually consistent with the timing that Nahabedian started inquiring about Farkas' authority. Exhibit 28, PLTF_281.

⁸¹ Exhibit 15, PP 19-21; Exhibit 28, PLTF 366.

⁸² Maier is the only declarant in the Motion to Enforce.

Flatto's consent was required to bind Plaintiff (before the September 2020 amendment was entered), the Court finds that no reasonably intelligent person with knowledge of that Arb. Award would once again attempt to enforce an agreement without Flatto's consent. In the hearing, Bloom testified he did not heed the Arb. Award because the evidence relied upon by the arbitrators in the arbitration hearing, to wit: a declaration provided by Farkas, was false. ⁸³
Farkas testified unequivocally in rebuttal at the hearing that the contents of the declaration submitted to the arbitrators was reviewed by him, approved, and the contents were truthful. ⁸⁴
Farkas' testimony, as well as the arbitrator's decision, is corroborated by the other documents in evidence, and the Court finds there is no support for Bloom's allegation of perjury. ⁸⁵

- Award, including the April 18, 2017 email to Defendants providing notice that Farkas cannot bind Plaintiff without Flatto's consent in addition to the declarations of Flatto and Farkas. Further, on July 13, 2017, Plaintiff also sent written correspondence to MGA⁸⁷ representing Farkas is "not the manager" of Plaintiff and that "Farkas does not have the authority to bind [Plaintiff]." Bloom did not heed any of the notices of Farkas' restricted authority to bind Plaintiff.
- 25. In the Motion to Enforce, Maier testified⁸⁹ that Farkas had authority based on Plaintiff's engagement letter with GTG, which Farkas executed as a member of Plaintiff "and

⁸³ 3/3 Trans., 201:1-6; see also 200:10-20 (disregarding notices of restricted authority of Farkas), 203:2-11 (limiting the holding to the authority to execute the redemption agreement without limitation of a settlement agreement).

^{84 3/10} Trans., 87:25-88:14.

⁸⁵ See, e.g., Exhibit 21-22 (the 2017 communications to Defendants) and Exhibit A, FIRST0031-32 (the redemption agreement including Farkas' signature as "VP Finance"- the title he had with Defendants, and no reference to Plaintiff).

⁸⁶ Exhibit 2, PLTF 007.

⁸⁷ At the Hearing, Defendants argued that no notice was effective without being sent certified mail pursuant to the Subscription Agreement. However, MGA has been counsel for Defendants even since before the subject disputes arose in May 2017, and MGA was the registered agent for Defendants in July 2017 when the letter was sent Exhibit 26, PLTF 218.; Exhibit 27, PLTF 235.

⁸⁸ Exhibit 22.

⁸⁹ Motion to Enforce, 3:1-6.

also interlineated a restriction of no litigation against First 100." Flatto executed the engagement letter along with Farkas as a "member," and the interlineation on the engagement letter was made by Flatto's lawyer and not Farkas, and the interlineation did not restrict litigation, only served to place a cap on fees except to the extent the scope expanded to include litigation. 91

- 26. In addition, Maier testified in support of the Motion to Enforce⁹² that Plaintiff's operating agreement provided the apparent authority for Farkas to bind Plaintiff to the terms of the Settlement Agreement. Section 3.4 of the operating agreement, which was in effect prior to September 2020, provides that the Administrative Member (Farkas) could not act without first obtaining the consent of the other members (Flatto).⁹³ At Section 4.4, it provides that persons dealing with Plaintiff are entitled to rely conclusively upon the power and authority of the Administrative Member (Farkas until September 2020).⁹⁴ However, by the time of the Motion to Enforce, Defendants and Bloom had received notice of the amendment executed in September 2020 that changed the Administrative Member to Flatto and Flatto was the only person with authority to bind Plaintiff subsequent to that date.⁹⁵ In addition, the entry of the Arb. Award and 2017 communications providing notice of a restriction on Farkas' authority post-dated the operating agreement, negating Defendants' ability to conclusively rely upon Farkas' signature as binding authority under Section 4.4.
- 27. Finally, there was a lack of good faith in Bloom's dealings with his brother-in-law in order to obtain the signed Bloom Documents with haste and in intentional disregard of the restrictions set forth in the Arb. Award, the April 13, 2017 email and July 13, 2017 letter. At a minimum, Bloom was placed on notice that Plaintiff would dispute any document signed by Farkas without Flatto's knowledge and consent. Further, given that the Bloom Documents were

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⁹⁰ Exhibit 28, PLTF_299-300.

⁹¹ 3/3 Trans., 33:1-19; Exhibit 28, PLTF_298.

⁹² Motion to Enforce, 3:6-11.

⁹³ Exhibit 20, PLTF 159.

Id. at Exhibit 20, PLTF 162.

⁹⁵ See fn. 81 above.

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sent by Bloom to the UPS store for execution and they were returned by the UPS Store in less than an hour signed by Farkas, it was not reasonable for Bloom to believe that that was sufficient time for Farkas to review them, understand what he was signing, somehow communicate the matters to Flatto, receive the benefit of counsel regarding the terms, and receive Flatto's consent.

- 28. Under all the circumstances, the Court finds it was unreasonable for Bloom to ignore the notices of the restrictions that Farkas did not have authority to bind Plaintiff without Flatto's consent, and the Court thus concludes that there was a lack of apparent authority for Farkas to bind Plaintiff to the Settlement Agreement.
- 29. The Settlement Agreement expressly provides that, in exchange for dismissal, if Defendants sell the Ngan Judgment, Defendants will pay Plaintiff \$1,000,000.00, plus 6% interest. There is no evidence of any actual sale, or even ability to sell the Ngan Judgment for a sufficient sum to pay Plaintiff \$1,000,000.00 plus interest. Further, Defendants' promise for payment in the future upon a sale of the Ngan Judgment is particularly speculative upon the concession that the Ngan Judgment has not resulted in any collections since its entry in 2017, despite diligent collection efforts from MGA and other collection counsel. 98
- 30. Further, per Defendants' operating agreements, Plaintiff is already entitled to *pro rata* distributions with the other members of the net proceeds from any sale. ⁹⁹ Given the "if" qualifier of payment, and no sale amount that could be used to calculate whether Plaintiff would ostensibly receive more or less with the Settlement Agreement than with a distribution as a member, the Settlement Agreement does not support a finding of consideration beyond what Plaintiff could ostensibly already be entitled to recover from Defendants following a sale of the Ngan Judgment if it were to ever occur.

⁹⁶ Exhibit 13, PLTF_106.

⁹⁷ Under Defendants' operating agreements, the sale of the only remaining asset of Defendants would require approval of Defendants' members. Exhibits 7 and 8, §6.1(B)(1).

^{98 3/3} Trans., 217:18-24. 218:9-15.

⁹⁹ Exhibits 7 and 8, Article V.

- 31. Additionally, the Release was not disclosed until after the hearing on the Motion to Compel. After its discovery, Defendants and Bloom were conspicuously silent on the Release's application, which under the plain terms would eliminate any consideration provided Plaintiff under the Settlement Agreement, by virtue of the express, broad release of the parties to the Release (Farkas and Defendants) as well as their representatives *and affiliates* from any and all claims, promises, damages or liabilities of every kind and nature whatsoever from the beginning of time until the January 6, 2021 effective date of the Release, covering any future liability under the Settlement Agreement also dated January 6, 2021.
- 32. "A meeting of the minds exists when the parties have agreed upon the contract's essential terms." *Certified Fire Prot. Inc. v. Precision Constr.*, 128 Nev. 371, 378, 283 P.3d 250, 255 (2012).

Neither Plaintiff, Flatto, nor Plaintiff's known counsel, GTG, saw or reviewed the Settlement Agreement before it was executed by Farkas. 100 Farkas had not even reviewed it. The only time that Farkas had to review the Settlement Agreement's terms was during those minutes he was at the UPS store and the Settlement Agreement was provided with the other documents for his signature. Even after the Settlement Agreement was executed, Bloom, MGA and Nahabedian did not forward the Settlement Agreement to Farkas, Flatto or GTG. The first time Plaintiff received a copy of the Settlement Agreement was when it was attached to the Motion to Enforce.

33. Conceding that Bloom never negotiated the Settlement Agreement with Plaintiff, Bloom's testimony relating to a meeting of the minds on the terms was that Bloom had discussions with Flatto in 2017 and was in receipt of a communication from Flatto to Farkas dated January 23, 2017 (before the May 2, 2017 initial demand for Defendants' books and records), which Farkas forwarded to Bloom on April 27, 2017 asking for a return of his investment. The Court finds this email and any related 2017 discussions with Flatto cannot be

¹⁰⁰ 3/3 Trans., 72:15-73:5.

¹⁰¹ 3/3 Trans., 203:16-25; Exhibit C, FIRST0188.

reasonably construed as Flatto's agreement to the terms of the Settlement Agreement, as there had been the passage of over three years' time, and in that time, Plaintiff was forced to file the arbitration and obtain the Order for the production of Defendants' books and records, and the Settlement Agreement provided for immediate dismissal of the fruits of that litigation, with prejudice, a term not subject of Flatto's April 2017 email. Further, the Settlement Agreement does not provide for the payment of funds in exchange for the dismissal of the Order, Arb. Award and other pending matters. Rather, it provides for the payment of funds if they are ever received from a sale of the Ngan Judgment, a sale that is speculative as there is no evidence of any actual sale agreement or proof of funds. The Court finds there was insufficient evidence to establish a meeting of the minds on the Settlement Agreement's essential terms.

- 34. The Motion to Enforce was filed for the express purpose of avoiding the consequence of Defendants and Bloom's contempt of the Order. Given the timing, the Court gives special care to determine if the equities support an order for specific performance. In addition to those inequities discussed above (lack of consideration, claim and issue preclusion, concealment of material facts and bad faith), the Court also finds that there are indicia of duress and fraud here that would prevent specific performance.
- 35. In addition to being the manager of Defendants, Farkas' prior employer, Bloom is within Farkas' family. Even though the parties stood in an adversarial relationship *vis a vis* this case, Bloom and Farkas continued to have their familial connection. Under the circumstances, at a minimum, Bloom had a duty to act with the utmost good faith when dealing with Farkas. Even though the parties stood in an adversarial relationship here, the circumstances surrounding Farkas' execution of the Settlement Agreement demonstrate that the documents sent to the UPS Store for Farkas' execution would not have occurred but-for Bloom's familial relationship with Farkas. As Farkas testified, "[Bloom] is my brother-in-law. He's family. I didn't think he would-he would try to do this..." I trust him as-a brother in law, and as somebody who was representing to me that he was just trying to help in this part of what was going on.... I believe

¹⁰² 3/3 Trans., 116:1-21, 119:9-16.

that he took advantage of a nuance in the law....I think the way Jay treated me was wrong and manipulative. And I think he knew exactly what he was doing."¹⁰³

- 36. Farkas was self-effacing throughout his testimony at the Hearing, explaining that it was his fault for trusting Bloom and not reading the documents before signing them. ¹⁰⁴ If this was a typical arms' length transaction with no special duties owed between the persons signing the subject agreement, Farkas' admitted failure to even review the documents before signing them could be a real issue (assuming he had authority in the first place). However, here, the Court finds that there was a special confidence as a result of a familial relationship that resulted in Farkas' blind trust in Bloom and Bloom's representations to him about the Bloom Documents' contents. ¹⁰⁵
- 37. Farkas was threatened by Bloom with civil action by Defendants and/or their members if he did not sign the Settlement Agreement and other documents provided to him by Bloom, his family member. Farkas felt that he had no choice but to sign any document that Bloom put in front of him. Farkas involuntarily accepted the Bloom Documents and executed them without diligence because he believed otherwise he would suffer adverse action he could not afford to address—a belief that is completely subjective. Where Defendants were only able to procure Farkas' signature through the abuse of special confidences, the threat of adverse action and concealment of the true nature and substance of the Bloom Documents being signed, enforcement of the Settlement Agreement against the innocent Plaintiff would be inequitable.
- 38. By its OSC, Plaintiff seeks an order compelling Defendants and their principal, Bloom, to comply with the Order, and to require them to pay the fees and costs incurred in the enforcement of the Order as necessary to redress the non-compliance. This requested relief is authorized pursuant to NRS Chapter 22 (Contempts). See NRS 22.010(3) (disobedience or resistance to any lawful writ, order, rule or process issued by the court constitutes contempt) and

¹⁰³ *Id.*, 154:16-155:23, 156:13-18.

¹⁰⁴ See, e.g., 3/3 Trans., 101:7-9, 141:20-25.

¹⁰⁵ Id. at 102:17-20.

 $^{^{106}\,3/3\,\,\}mathrm{Trans.},\,100:19\text{-}101:6,\,116:15\text{-}21,\,117:7\text{-}8,\,119:17\text{-}18,\,132:3\text{-}22,\,134:18\text{-}21.$

NRS 22.100-110 (penalties for contempt). The Court is addressing and treating the contempt proceedings as civil contempt proceedings.

- 39. The Order required Defendants to produce "all the requested documents and information available from both companies to Plaintiff for inspection and copying, as set forth in the [Arb. Award] and Exhibit 13 to Claimant's Appendix to Claimant's Arbitration Brief." 107 "Exhibit 13 to Claimant's Appendix to Claimant's Arbitration Brief" provides the following list of documents to be produced by each of the Defendants:
 - The Company's company books, inclusive of any and all agreements relating to the Company's governance (Company operating agreements, amendments, consents and resolutions)

Financial Statements, inclusive of balance sheets and profit & loss

statements

General ledger and back up, inclusive of invoices 3)

- Documents sufficient to show the Company's assets and their 4) location
- Documents relating to value of the Company and/or the 5) Company's assets
- Documents sufficient to show the Company's members and their status, inclusive of any redeemed members

Tax returns for the Company

Documents sufficient to show the accounts payable incurred by the 8) Company, paid by the Company, and remaining due from the Company

Documents sufficient to show payments made to the Company managers, members and/or affiliates of any managers or members

Company insurance policies 10)

- Documents sufficient to show the status of any Company lawsuits 11)
- Documents sufficient to show the use of the Investors' funds (and 12) any other members' investment) with the Company
- It is undisputed that Defendants have not produced to Plaintiff one record or 40. document within this list since entry of the Order. 109
- The evidence shows that MGA has custody of certain books and records for 41. Defendants, and no excuse was provided for the failure of counsel to deliver what is in their custody to Plaintiff in compliance with the Order. 110 Bloom denied having any documents, and

¹⁰⁷ Exhibit 4, p. 3.

¹⁰⁸ Exhibit 6.

^{109 3/3} Trans., 219:4-9.

¹¹⁰ See Exhibit 32; 3/10 Trans., 17:2-18:20.

said they are all in the custody of Farkas and/or Defendants' former controller, Henricksen (the "Controller"). 111

- 42. Farkas denies taking any books and records of Defendants with him when he left his employment with Defendants (indeed, if he had taken books and records with him, that would have eliminated the need for Plaintiff to request the production of Defendants' books and records in May 2017). There is no record of any request from Defendants to produce documents subsequent to May 2, 2017 or any evidence that Farkas was properly designated a custodian of Defendants' records. To the contrary, Bloom is the only person listed in the Operating Agreement or the records of the Secretary of State as having the managerial responsibilities as well as the duties of the registered agent. 113
- 43. Moreover, the failure to produce even one record demonstrates that the cost of production is not a credible excuse for Defendants' disobedience of the Order. Relatedly, lack of funds is no defense to Defendants' performance where there is no evidence of Defendants' compliance with their own governing documents for the purpose of raising funds to meet the Order obligations. As set forth at Section 4.2 of the Defendants' respective Operating Agreements: 114

If necessary and appropriate to enable the Company to meet its costs, expenses, obligations, and liabilities, and if no lending source is available, then the Manager shall notify each Class A Member ("Capital Call") of the need for any additional capital contributions, and such capital demand shall be made on each Class A Member in proportion to its Class A Membership Interest....

Defendants are not incapable of abiding by the Order; Bloom merely determined to do nothing to comply with the Order. Bloom's affiliated SJC is the 45.625% Class A Member of First 100.

¹¹¹ 3/10 Trans., 14:9-18.

¹¹² 3/3 Trans., 125:9-21, 126:11-25; 3/10 Trans., 87:10-24.

¹¹³ Exhibits 26 and 27.

¹¹⁴ Exhibits 7 and Exhibit 8, p. 8.

^{3/3} Trans., 74:15-20; 3/10 Trans., 7:13-19.

The 23.709% Class A Member of 1st 100, and Bloom's other affiliates, SJC 1, LLC and SJC 2, LLC, have further Class A Member interests of 6.708% and 12.208% in 1st 100, respectively. Therefore, Bloom's affiliates have the lion's share of any capital call obligation for either entity to meet their performance obligation.

- 44. There is no question here that Bloom had notice of the Order, and he even filed a response to the OSC in conjunction with Defendants. Bloom is the only person appointed under Defendants' operating agreements and with the Nevada Secretary of State to act as the Manager of the companies. Throughout Bloom's testimony, he attempted to distance himself from this manager role and its responsibilities to Defendants. However, Defendants are manager-managed, and Bloom is expressly the only person with authority or power under the Defendants' operating agreements to do any act that would be binding on Defendants, or incur any expenditures on behalf Defendants. Bloom is not only the only Manager listed in the operating agreements and with the Nevada Secretary of State; he is also the "Registered Agent" with the Nevada Secretary of State.
- 45. In his Response to the OSC, Bloom argues he is absolutely immune from contempt proceedings under NRS 86.371, which provides that no member or manager of a Nevada LLC is individually liable for the debts or liabilities of the company. The subject contempt is not to address the non-payment of the monetary award that is included in the Order; it is solely for disobedience and/or resistance of a Court order requiring certain action solely within Bloom's responsibilities under the Defendants' Operating Agreements and as designated with the Nevada Secretary of State for each of the Defendants.

If any of the foregoing Findings of Fact would be more appropriately deemed to be Conclusions of Law, they shall be so deemed.

¹¹⁶ Exhibit 7, p. 28.

¹¹⁷ Exhibit 8, p. 29.

¹¹⁸ Exhibits 7-8, 26-27.

¹¹⁹ Exhibits 7 and 8, Sects. 3.17, 6.1(A).

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FROM the foregoing Findings of Fact, the Court makes the following:

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. "A settlement agreement, which is a contract, is governed by principles of contract law." *Mack v. Estate of Mack*, 125 Nev. 80, 95, 206 P.3d 98, 108 (2009) (internal citations omitted). "As such, a settlement agreement will not be an enforceable contract unless there is 'an offer and acceptance, meeting of the minds, and consideration." *Id.*

Because requests to enforce settlement agreements seek "specific performance," the actions are equitable in nature. *Park W. Companies, Inc. v. Amazon Constr. Corp.*, 473 P.3d 459 (Nev. 2020) (unpublished disposition) (citing *Calabi v. Gov't Emps. Ins. Co.*, 728 A.2d 2016, 208 (Md. 1999), 81A C.J.S. *Specific Performance* § 2 (2015) ("The remedy of specific performance is equitable in nature" and therefore "governed by equitable principles")). In addition to the elements of an enforceable contract being required, specific performance as a remedy under the subject contract is available only when: (1) the terms of the contract are definite and certain; (2) the remedy at law is inadequate; (3) the movant has tendered performance; and (4) the court is willing to order specific performance. *Mayfield v. Koroghli*, 124 Nev. 343, 351, 184 P.3d 362, 367 (2008) (citing *Serpa v. Darling*, 107 Nev. 299, 305, 810 P.2d 778, 782 (1991)).

- 2. Repudiation of a contract prior to performance by either party excuses any performance under the contract by either party. *See Kahle v. Kostiner*, 85 Nev. 355, 358, 455 P.2d 42, 44 (1969) (repudiation requires "a definite unequivocal and absolute intent not to perform" under the contract). Under the circumstances, the Court concludes that Plaintiff's repudiation prior to any performance excused any further performance obligation under the Settlement Agreement by either party.
- To bind Plaintiff in an enforceable settlement agreement, Farkas must have had Plaintiff's actual or apparent authority. *Simmons Self-Storage v. Rib Roof, Inc.*, 130 Nev. 540, 549, 331 P.3d 850, 856 (2014) (citing *Dixon v. Thatcher*, 103 Nev., 414, 417, 742 P.2d 1029, 1031 (1987)).
 - 4. "An agent acts with actual authority when, at the time of taking action that has

legal consequences for the principal, the agent reasonably believes, in accordance with the principal's manifestations to the agent, that the principal wishes the agent so to act." *Simmons Self-Storage*, at 549, 331 P.3d at 856 (citing Restatement (Third) of Agency § 2.01 (2006)). When examining whether actual authority exists, the courts are to focus on an agent's reasonable belief. *Id.* (citing § 2.02 & cmt. e ("Whether an agent's belief is reasonable is determined from the viewpoint of a reasonable person in the agent's situation under all of the circumstances of which the agent has notice.")).

- 5. Without any appreciation for all that he was signing at the UPS store, Farkas did not consult with Flatto or counsel for Plaintiff regarding the Settlement Agreement. Farkas' belief he lacked consent to bind Plaintiff to the terms of the Settlement Agreement was reasonable under the circumstances. In particular, at all times, actions taken on behalf of Plaintiff required Flatto's consent and the failure to obtain the consent of Flatto is conclusive evidence that Farkas' belief that he lacked authority to bind Plaintiff when he executed the Settlement Agreement was reasonable. Accordingly, the Court concludes Farkas did not have actual authority to bind Plaintiff under the Settlement Agreement.
- 6. An agent has apparent authority where the "principal holds his agent out as possessing or permits him to exercise or to represent himself as possessing" and "there must also be evidence of the principal's knowledge and acquiescence." Simmons Self-Storage v. Rib Roof, Inc., 130 Nev. 540, 550, 331 P.3d 850, 857 (2014)(quoting Ellis v. Nelson, 68 Nev. 410, 418–19, 233 P.2d 1072, 1076 (1951)). Thus, "[a]pparent authority (when in excess of actual authority) proceeds on the theory of equitable estoppel; it is in effect an estoppel against the [principal] to deny agency when by his conduct he has clothed the agent with apparent authority to act." Ellis v. Nelson, 68 Nev. 410, 418–19, 233 P.2d 1072, 1076 (1951). Moreover, to be clothed with apparent authority, there "must also be evidence of the principal's knowledge and acquiescence in them." Id. There is no authority "simply because the party claiming has acted upon his conclusions." Id. There can only be apparent authority, "where a person of ordinary prudence, conversant with business usages and the nature of the particular business, acting in good faith.

^{120 3/3} Trans., 72:19-23.

and giving heed not only to opposing inferences but also to all restrictions which are brought to his notice, would reasonably rely." Id. (emphasis added) (noting that where inferences against the existence of apparent authority are as equally reasonable as those supporting it, a party may not rely on apparent authority).

- 7. "[A] party claiming apparent authority of an agent as a basis for contract formation must prove (1) that he subjectively believed that the agent had authority to act for the principal and (2) that his subjective belief in the agent's authority was objectively reasonable." *Great Am. Ins. Co. v. Gen. Builders, Inc.*, 113 Nev. 346, 352, 934 P.2d 257, 261 (1997). Reasonable reliance on the agent's authority "is a necessary element." *Id.; Forrest Tr. v. Fid. Title Agency of Nevada, Inc.*, 281 P.3d 1173 (Nev. 2009). In determining reasonableness, "the party who claims reliance must not have closed his eyes to warnings or inconsistent circumstances." *Great Am. Ins. Co.*, 113 Nev. at 352, 934 P.2d at 261, (citing Tsouras v. Southwest Plumbing and Heating, 94 Nev. 748, 751, 587 P.2d 1321, 1322 (1978)) (emphasis added). As the Nevada Supreme Court has explained, "the reasonable reliance requirement lincludes the performance of due diligence" to learn the voracity of representations of authority. In re Cay Clubs, 130 Nev. 920, 932–33, 340 P.3d 563, 571–72 (2014) (emphasis added).
- 8. The Settlement Agreement is not the first time that Bloom has directed Farkas to sign a document and then taken the position that Farkas' signature bound Plaintiff to its detriment. The question of Farkas' authority to bind Plaintiff without Flatto's consent was raised in the arbitration, and it was resolved *against Defendants* as part of the Arb. Award. Thus, even before Plaintiff amended its operating agreement in September 2020 to remove Farkas, it was clearly established by the arbitrators that Farkas had no authority to bind Plaintiff without the consent of Flatto.
- 9. Res judicata precludes Defendants' reiterated argument that Farkas' signature on a document is sufficient to bind Plaintiff to its detriment. Univ. of Nev. v. Tarkanian, 110 Nev. 581, 598, 879 P.2d 1180, 1191 (1994) (defining res judicata as encompassing both issue and claim preclusion doctrines). The issue of Farkas' authority to bind Plaintiff without Flatto's

consent- the same issue at bar—was previously raised and decided in the Arb. Award, confirmed by the Order. As the Order is a final judgment that was appealable, the finality of the determination is concrete and immutable here. *See Kirsch v. Traver*, 134 Nev. 163, 166, 414 P.3d 818, 821 (2018) (defining "final judgment" for the purpose of analyzing *res judicata* as being procedurally definite without any reservation for future determination following the parties having an opportunity to be heard, a reasoned opinion supporting the determination, and that the determination having been subject to appeal) (citing *Univ. of Nev. v. Tarkanian*, 110 Nev. at 598, 879 P.2d at 1191, *holding modified on other grounds by Exec. Mgmt., Ltd. v. Ticor Title Ins. Co.*, 114 Nev. 823, 963 P.2d 465 (1998)).

- 10. As a matter of law, as established by the Order confirming the Arb. Award, Farkas did not have apparent authority to bind Plaintiff absent Flatto's consent, and here, the failure to obtain Flatto's consent to the Settlement Agreement is undisputed. On this basis alone, Farkas did not have actual or apparent authority to bind Plaintiff under the Settlement Agreement.
- 11. The Court therefore concludes there was no good faith basis for Bloom's intentional disregard of the Arb. Award and Order thereon and reliance by Bloom on Farkas' signature on the Settlement Agreement was not reasonable.
- "Consideration is the exchange of a promise or performance, bargained for by the parties." *Jones v. SunTrust Mortg., Inc.,* 128 Nev. 188, 191, 274 P.3d 762, 764 (2012). In addition to consideration being an essential element of any contract, gross inadequacy of consideration may be relevant to issues of capacity, fraud, mistake, misrepresentation, duress, or undue influence in addition to being relevant to whether there is an essential element of a contract. *Oh v. Wilson*, 112 Nev. 38, 41–42, 910 P.2d 276, 278–79 (1996) (*citing* Restatement (Second) of Contracts § 79 cmt. c (1979)). Inadequacy of consideration is often said to be a "badge of fraud," justifying a denial of specific performance. *Id.*
- 13. The Court concludes that there is such inadequacy of consideration to Plaintiff in exchange for dismissal of its hard-fought rights under the Order that it justifies denial of the requested specific performance.

- 14. A special relationship arises in any situation where "kinship or professional, business, or social relationships between the parties" results in one party gaining the confidence of another and purporting to advise or act consistently with the other party's interest. *Perry v. Jordan*, 111 Nev. 943, 947, 900 P.2d 335, 337–338 (1995) (citations omitted). An equitable duty is owed as a result of such a confidential relationship, which is akin to a fiduciary duty. *See Executive Mgmt.*, *Itd. v. Ticor Title Ins. Co.*, 114 Nev. 823, 841, 963 P.2d 465, 477 (1998) (citing *Long v. Towne*, 98 Nev. 11, 13, 639 P.2d 528, 529–30 (1982)). Constructive fraud is the breach of that equitable duty, which the law declares fraudulent because of its tendency to deceive others to violate confidence. *Id*.
- 15. In equity and good conscience, Bloom was bound to act in good faith and with due regard to the interests of Farkas who was reposing his confidence in Bloom. *Perry*, 111 Nev. at 946–47, 900 P.3d 337 (citing *Long*, 98 Nev. at 13, 639 P.2d at 529–30). Particularly in light of the Arb. Award, Bloom had a duty to at least disclose to Farkas (as well as Flatto) his plan to settle this case under the Settlement Agreement and have the Order, underlying Arb. Award and pending OSC dismissed, with prejudice. Bloom should have emailed or otherwise provided a copy of the documents to Farkas so Farkas could consult with Flatto and counsel. Not only did Bloom conceal the true facts from Farkas, but he took active steps so that the true facts would never have to be revealed until after the case was dismissed, inclusive of hiring Farkas separate counsel to orchestrate dismissal in the shadows rather than send GTG the Settlement Agreement.
- Duress is a valid basis to set aside a contract or avoid specific performance. *Kaur v. Singh*, 136 Nev. Adv. Op. 77, 477 P.3d 358, 362 (2020); *Levy v. Levy*, 96 Nev. 902, 903–04, 620 P.2d 860, 861 (1980) (recognizing duress as a basis to set aside a settlement). "The coercion or duress exception applies when "(1) . . . one side involuntarily accepted the terms of another; (2) . . . circumstances permitted no other alternative; and (3) . . . circumstances were the result of coercive acts of the opposite party." *Nevada Ass'n Servs., Inc. v. Eighth Jud. Dist. Ct.*, 130 Nev. 949, 956, 338 P.3d 1250, 1255 (2014).
- 17. An improper threat can exist when a party is threatened with civil action, especially when there are circumstances of emotional consequences. Restatement (Second) of

Contracts § 175, cmt. b (1981). "[A] party's manifestation of assent is induced by duress if the duress substantially contributes to his decision to manifest his assent. *Id.*, cmt. c. "The test is subjective and the question is, did the threat actually induce assent on the part of the person claiming to be the victim of duress." *Id.* In making the determination, courts consider, "the age, background and relationship of the parties" and the rule is designed to protect "persons of a weak or cowardly nature." *Id.*; *see also Schmidt v. Merriweather*, 82 Nev. 372, 376, 418 P.2d 991, 993 (1966).

- 18. A threat is improper if "what is threatened is the use of civil process and the threat is made in bad faith." Restatement (Second) of Contracts § 176 (1)(c). Accordingly, when evaluating duress, bad faith of one party is relevant as to another party's capacity to contract. *Barbara Ann Hollier Tr. v. Shack*, 131 Nev. 582, 587, 356 P.3d 1085, 1088 (2015); Restatement (Second) of Contracts § 205 cmt. c (1981) ("Bad faith in negotiation, although not within the scope of [the implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing], may be subject to sanctions. Particular forms of bad faith in bargaining are the subjects of rules as to capacity to contract, mutual assent and consideration and of rules as to invalidating causes such as fraud and duress.").
- 19. Defendants' contempt of the Order through resistance and/or disobedience of the Order is clearly established.
- 20. Bloom, as the sole natural person legally associated with Defendants, did not testify to any efforts to marshal Defendants' books and records for production to Plaintiff, except to obtain a letter dated February 12, 2021 (nearly two months after the OSC was entered), providing that the Controller was seeking payment to compile and produce Defendants' records. Defendants' requested condition of Plaintiff's payment of expenses incurred by Defendants to comply with its Order obligation is barred by *res judicata*. Again, the Order confirming the Arb. Award, a final judgment, precludes a second action on the underlying claim or any part of it. *Univ. of Nev.*, at 599, 879 P.2d at 1191. Issue preclusion applies to any issue

¹²¹ Exhibit V.

actually raised and decided in the judgment. *Id.* Claim preclusion "embraces all grounds of recovery that were asserted in a suit, as well as those that could have been asserted, and thus, [it] has a broader reach" than the issue preclusion doctrine. *Id.* at 600, 879 P.2d at 1192.

- 21. The very purpose of the issue preclusion doctrine is "to prevent multiple litigation causing vexation and expense to the parties and wasted judicial resources by precluding parties from relitigating issues." *Kirsch v. Traver*, 134 Nev. 163, 166, 414 P.3d 818, 821 (2018); *see also Alcantara ex rel. Alcantara v. Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.*, 130 Nev. 252, 258, 321 P.3d 912, 916 (2014) (issue preclusion is appropriately applied to conserve judicial resources, maintain consistency, and avoid harassment or oppression of the adverse party (citing *Berkson v. LePome*, 245 P.3d 560, 566 (Nev. 2010)).
- 22. Plaintiff's demand for Defendants' books and records under the terms of Defendants' operating agreements and NRS 86.241 resulting in the Order was arbitrated, and the arbitrators ruled in favor of Plaintiff and against Defendants on the entirety of the claim, and even awarded Plaintiff fees and costs. 122 Defendants' claimed expenses associated with the demand for production was required to be arbitrated, 123 and there was clearly no award of expenses in favor of Defendants following the arbitration. Ignoring their obligation to arbitrate any request for expenses associated with the production of documents in the arbitration, Defendants waited until Plaintiff's Motion to Confirm Arb. Award to seek to modify the Arb. Award to include a condition for production of the ordered books and records on Plaintiff's prior payment for Defendants' expenses associated with production. 124 The Court made reasoned conclusions regarding the procedural infirmity of bringing the request for relief to the Court when the relief was not awarded by the arbitrators, and DENIED it as part of the Order. 125 The Order is a final judgment not subject to any appeal, and as it specifically addressed and resolved Defendants' argument for a condition of Plaintiff's payment of expenses of production, the Order

¹²² Exhibit 4.

¹²³ Exhibits 7 and 8, Sect. 13.9 (Dispute Resolution provision).

¹²⁴ Exhibit 3 (the Declaration of Bloom in support of the Countermotion to Modify Arbitration Award).

¹²⁵ Exhibit 4, p. 2:11-25; 3:15-16.

itself defeats any argument from Defendants that production of the documents pursuant to the Order is in any way conditioned on payment of any purported expenses demanded by Defendants.

- 23. Under the circumstances, the Court concludes that Plaintiff's non-payment of expenses demanded on February 12, 2021 is not a valid excuse for Defendants' disobedience and/or resistance of the subject Order. The books and records must be produced forthwith and without the imposition of any conditions.
- Bloom argues that since he is not a party to the Order in his individual capacity, he should not be a party to these contempt proceedings. The relevant authority provides otherwise. The Nevada contempt statutes (NRS Chapter 22) as well as relevant Nevada Rules of Civil Procedure ("NRCP") are directed *to conduct* of persons resisting or disobeying enforceable Court orders and does not limit its reach to the defendants alone. Limited liability companies such as Defendants engage in conduct through responsible persons- here, there is only Bloom and his counsel working at his direction. *See*, *e.g.*, NRCP 69 (describing procedures for execution on judgment to include obtaining discovery from any person); NRCP 71 ("When an order grants relief . . . [that] may be enforced against a nonparty, the procedure for enforcing the order is the same as for a party."); NRCP 37(b) (providing for orders compelling compliance and sanctions for failure of a "party or its officers, directors or managing agents" to comply with court discovery orders).
- 25. The "responsible party" rule is longstanding, providing that the contempt powers of the Courts reach through the corporate veil to command not only the entity, but those who are officially responsible for the conduct of its affairs. If a person is apprised of the Order directed to the entity, prevents compliance or fails to take appropriate action within their power for the performance of the corporate duty, they are guilty of disobedience and may be punished for contempt. *Wilson v. United States*, 221 U.S. 361, 377 (1911) ("When a copy of the writ which has been ordered is served upon the clerk of the board, it will be served on the corporation, and be equivalent to a command that the persons who may be members of the board shall do what is required. If the members fail to obey, those guilty of disobedience may, if necessary, be

punished for the contempt While the board is proceeded against in its corporate capacity, the individual members are punished in their natural capacities for failure to do what the law requires of them as representatives of the corporation."); *Electrical Workers Pension Trust Fund of Local Union #58, IBEW v. Gary's Elec. Service Co.*, 340 F.3d 373, 380 (6th Cir. 2003) (holding that sole officer of the defendant, who was not himself a party, could be held in contempt for the defendant's failure to obey the court's judgment and order). In order to hold an officer, director or other managing agent in contempt, the movant must show that he had notice of the order and its contents. *Id.*

- will be jointly and severally liable for disobedience when he is found to have abetted the disobedience or is legally identified with the responsible party. See Luv n Care Ltd. v. Laurain, 2019 WL 4279028, at * 4 (D. Nev. Sept. 10, 2019) (finding the managing member jointly and severally liable for contempt and payment of fees and costs), (citing United States v. Wilson; Electrical Workers Pension Trust Fund of Local Union #58; United States v. Laurins, 857 F.2d 529, 535 (9th Cir. 1988) ("A nonparty may be liable for contempt if he or she either abets or is legally identified with the named defendant...An order to a corporation binds those who are legally responsible for the conduct of its affairs.") (emphasis added)); Peterson v. Highland Music, Inc., 140 F.3d 1313, 1323–24 (9th Cir. 1988); NLRB v. Sequoia Dist. Council of Carpenters, 568 F.2d 628, 633 (9th Cir. 1977); Ist Tech, LLC v. Rational Enter., Ltd., 2008 WL 4571057, at *8 (D. Nev. July 29, 2008). Put another way, an order to an entity binds those who are legally responsible for the conduct of its affairs. Luv n Care Ltd., at *4 (citing Laurins).
- 27. As such, once Bloom had notice of the Order, he could not delegate the responsibility for performance on a third party, but he himself had to take reasonable steps to provide the records in compliance with the Order in his capacity as the sole person legally associated with Defendants and responsible for the books and records of Defendants, as manager of Defendants' manager.
- 28. As set forth above, the "responsible party" rule applies to contempt proceedings; otherwise there would never be a consequence for an entity's non-compliance, particularly here

when there are no formalities being followed and, at least at this juncture, Bloom is the *alter ego* of Defendants. Bloom ignores the holding of the Nevada Supreme Court in *Gardner on Behalf* of L.G. v. Eighth Judicial Dist. Court in & for Cty. of Clark, 133 Nev. 730, 735, 405 P.3d 651, 655–56 (2017), which explained that those bases for corporate veil piercing, such as *alter ego*, illegality or other unlawfulness, will equally apply to a Nevada LLC. "As recognized by courts across the country, LLCs provide the same sort of possibilities for abuse as corporations, and creditors of LLCs need the same ability to pierce the LLCs' veil when such abuse exists." *Id.*, 133 Nev. at 736, 405 P.3d 656.

Related to alter ego, NRS 86.376 then specifically provides, as follows:

- 1. Except as otherwise specifically provided by statute or agreement, no person other than the limited-liability company is individually liable for a debt or liability of the limited-liability company unless the person acts as the alter ego of the limited-liability company.
 - 2. A person acts as the alter ego of a limited-liability company only if:
 - (a) The limited-liability company is influenced and governed by the person;
- (b) There is such unity of interest and ownership that the limited-liability company and the person are inseparable from each other; and
- (c) Adherence to the notion of the limited-liability company being an entity separate from the person would sanction fraud or promote manifest injustice.
- 3. The question of whether a person acts as the alter ego of a limited-liability company must be determined by the court as a matter of law.
- 29. Both Defendants are in "default" status with the Nevada Secretary of State. The testimony of Bloom demonstrated that Defendants have no continued operations, there are no employees, there are no bank accounts, there are no records being maintained as required under the operating agreements or NRS 86.241, and there is no active governance of any kind. While Bloom self-servingly represents that there are "directors" and "officers" of Defendants, he concedes, as he must, that there were no writings to reflect that any director or officer has any authority to bind Defendants instead of Bloom. In addition, equity must be applied such that Bloom will not be immune from consequences for his intentional conduct for the purpose of

¹²⁶ See, e.g., 3/3 Trans., 220:9-11, 226:2-4, 3/10 Trans., 12:10-19, 14:9-17, 15:16-25; Exhibits 7-8, § 2.3 (providing the company shall maintain records, including at the principal office or registered office, both c/o Bloom); Exhibits 26-27.

disobeying and/or resisting the Order. Therefore, in addition to the "responsible party" rule that applies to contempt, there should be no immunity for liability when, as here, Bloom is Defendants' *alter ego*.

- 30. Furthermore, the Nevada Supreme Court has explained the broad, independent authority of the Court to enforce its decrees independent of the rules or statutes, including sanctions for non-compliance by non-parties with its orders and legal processes. *See Halverson v. Hardcastle*, 123 Nev. 245, 261–62, 163 P.3d 428, 440–441 (2007) ("the court has inherent power to protect the dignity and decency of its proceedings and to enforce its decrees, and thus it may issue contempt orders and sanction . . . for litigation abuses. Further, courts have inherent power to prevent injustice and to preserve the integrity of the judicial process . . .").
- 31. Under the Court's inherent authority to enforce its decrees against those appearing and demonstrating disregard for its Order, the "responsible party" rule recognized in the common law, Nevada's contempt statutes, Nevada's Rules of Civil Procedure, as well as NRS 86.376, Bloom is a proper party to the subject contempt proceedings.
- 32. The Settlement Agreement was a sham, never designed to result in any fair benefit to Plaintiff, and, if effectuated with the dismissal of the Order, underlying Arb. Award and pending contempt motions, with prejudice, the ramifications to Plaintiff would have been unacceptable under law or equity. The Eighth Judicial District Court has enacted its own rule, EDCR 7.60(b) to provide the Court further express authority to impose sanctions upon a party, including attorneys' fees, when a party, without just cause, presents a motion to the Court that is "obviously frivolous, unnecessary or unwarranted," or "so multiplies the proceedings in a case as to increase costs unreasonably and vexatiously."
- 33. The Court determines that sanctions are properly awarded against Defendants inclusive of the reasonable fees and costs expended by Plaintiff relating to the Motion to Enforce and Response to OSC.
- 34. The expenses associated with addressing the re-litigated defenses asserted by Defendants and Bloom were then unnecessarily increased by Bloom's wrongful direction to not

permit the disclosure of any communications between or among Nahabedian and Bloom and/or MGA, regardless of whether they related to Plaintiff and this action. 127

35. Sanctions are awardable under NRCP 37 for failure to provide discovery.

Any of the foregoing Conclusions of Law that would more appropriately be deemed to be Findings of Fact shall be so deemed.

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, based upon the Foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Court makes the following rulings:

- 1) The Court declines to reverse its prior denial of the Motion to Enforce.
- 2) Based on its determination that Defendants and Bloom disobeyed and resisted the Order in contempt of Court (civil), the Court orders immediate compliance. In order to purge their contempt, Defendants, and any manager, representative or other agent of Defendants receiving notice of this order shall take all reasonable steps to comply with the Order, and within 10 days of notice of entry of this order, shall produce the following books and records for Defendants to Plaintiff¹²⁸ at their expense:¹²⁹
 - 1) Each of Defendants' company books, inclusive of any and all agreements relating to governance (operating agreements, amendments, consents and resolutions);
 - 2) Financial Statements, inclusive of balance sheets and profit & loss statements;
 - 3) General ledger and back up, inclusive of invoices;
 - 4) Documents sufficient to show each of Defendants' assets and their location:
 - 5) Documents relating to value of each of Defendants and/or their assets;
 - 6) Documents sufficient to show Defendants' members and their status, inclusive of any redeemed members;
 - 7) Tax returns for each of Defendants;
 - 8) Documents sufficient to show the accounts payable incurred, paid and remaining due for each of Defendants;

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¹²⁷ Exhibit 28, PLTF_480, and the Motion to Compel.

¹²⁸ The list of documents ordered to be produced in the Arbitration Award is set forth at Exhibits 6 and QQ, and was expressly incorporated into the Order.

¹²⁹ There are indemnification provisions in Defendants' operating agreements that Bloom and anyone "serving at his direction" to comply with the Order could ostensibly enforce. Exhibits 7-8, Article VII.

9) Documents sufficient to show payments made to each of Defendants' managers, members and/or affiliates of any managers or members;

10) Each of Defendants' insurance policies

11) Documents sufficient to show the status of any lawsuits involving either of Defendants; and

12) Documents sufficient to show the use of investors' funds (and any other members' investment) for each of Defendants.

For any documents not produced within 10 days of entry of this order, there shall be certification from Bloom establishing all steps taken to marshal and produce the documents, where the documents are located, why they were not provided by the deadline and when they will be provided.

3) Also, the Court orders reimbursement of Plaintiff's reasonable fees and costs incurred in connection with the finding of contempt pursuant to the OSC, the Countermotion for Sanctions, and the Motion for Sanctions, as follows:

Based on the determination that Defendants and Bloom disobeyed and resisted the Order in contempt of Court (civil), and the Motion to Enforce was a tool of that contempt as orchestrated by Bloom in disregard of the Arb. Award confirmed by the Order, the Court orders Defendants and Bloom are jointly and severally responsible for the payment of all the reasonable fees and costs incurred by Plaintiff since entry of the Order for the purpose of coercing compliance with the Order in order to make them whole, inclusive of responding to the Motion to Enforce and bringing the Motion to Compel.

Within 10 days of entry of this order, counsel for Plaintiff shall provide a declaration and supporting documentation as necessary to meet the factors outlined in *Brunzell v. Golden Gate National Bank*, 85 Nev. 345, 55 P.2d 31 (1969), and delineating the fees and costs expended in relating to the Motion to Compel, Motion to Enforce and OSC, following which, there will be an opportunity to respond to Plaintiff's submission within 10 days of service of Plaintiff's supplement, and Plaintiff can file a reply within 7 days thereof. The Court will then consider the submissions and enter its further order on the amount of fees and costs to be awarded, and payment will be due within thirty (30) days thereafter.

4) Any failure to comply with the Order compelling compliance and requiring payment of the expenses incurred shall be subject to appropriate consequences. A status check is

scheduled for May 24, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

Dated this 7th day of April, 2021

D39 950 89AB 02DB Mark R. Denton District Court Judge

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DISTRICT COURT

CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

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CASE NO. A-20-822273-C DEPT. 13

DECLARATION OF ERIKA PIKE TURNER, ESQ. IN SUPPORT OF **AWARD OF FEES AND COSTS**

- I, Erika Pike Turner, declare as follows:
- I am over the age of eighteen (18) years and competent to testify on the matters set
- 2. I am a founding partner of the law firm Garman Turner Gordon LLP ("GTG"), counsel of record for Plaintiff in the above-captioned case. In such capacity, I have developed personal knowledge regarding the facts set forth below.
- 3. I make this Declaration in support of the award of fees and costs expended relating to the Order to Show Cause Why Defendants and Jay Bloom Should Not Be Found in Contempt (the "OSC"), Plaintiff's Motion to Compel, and Defendants' Motion to Enforce Settlement Agreement ("Motion to Enforce").
 - 4. In the present action, Plaintiff was at all times represented by GTG.

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5. Plaintiff was required to indemnify Matthew Farkas (former Administrative Member and member of Plaintiff) pursuant to the terms of its Operating Agreement and pay those fees and costs incurred by Mr. Farkas in connection with the Motion to Enforce. Matthew Farkas was represented by Lt. Colonel (ret.) Kenneth Hogan, Esq. of the law firm of Hogan Hulet ("Hogan").

- 6. Due to GTG's large commercial bankruptcy practice, where hourly rates are frequently scrutinized by the Bankruptcy Court in the District of Nevada and the United States Department of Justice, GTG frequently evaluates its own attorneys' rates for reasonableness in the community. I am directly involved in the process, which involves sampling rates of other attorneys from around the community who regularly practice in the business courts of this State Court. While I am primarily a litigator, litigators at GTG appear semi-frequently in Bankruptcy Court, particularly on commercial law disputes, and therefore it is essential that our rates are reasonable and take special care to remain consistent with our rates charged to clients with the rates charged by our colleagues with similar experience and skill. In sum, I have personal knowledge of fees charged in Clark County, Nevada, and particularly relating to commercial law matters.
- 7. Attorney rates at GTG range from \$265/hour to \$850/hour, depending on their experience and skill.
- 8. I am the primary attorney and partner in charge of the subject representation. I have been licensed as a Nevada attorney since 1997, I was named an equity partner at the law firm of Gordon Silver effective January 1, 2005, and I am a founding partner at GTG. I have represented numerous clients in business litigation matters in the business courts of this State Court, as well as the federal and bankruptcy courts located in Nevada as well as Delaware, Missouri, California, Tennessee, and Idaho, including at numerous bench and jury trials and other evidentiary matters. I have been AV-Preeminent rated by Martindale Hubbell and regularly selected for distinction by my peers. My billing rate on this matter, which is commensurate with, or less than, what is customary in the community for someone of similar qualification and expertise, is \$550.00 per hour since January 1, 2021.
 - 9. Plaintiff was also represented by Dylan T. Ciciliano, Esq., who provided valuable

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assistance in the representation, and as a result of his lower hourly rate, Plaintiff received the benefit of a lower blended rate. Mr. Ciciliano is a GTG attorney and has more than 10 years of experience litigating commercial disputes in the business courts of this State Court, as well as the federal and bankruptcy courts located in Nevada as well as California and Texas, including at numerous bench and jury trials and other evidentiary hearings. Mr. Ciciliano has been consistently recognized as an up and coming attorney by his peers. Mr. Ciciliano also holds a master's degree in economics, which is particularly valuable in commercial disputes. Mr. Ciciliano's billing rate on this matter, which is commensurate with, or less than, what is customary in the community for someone of similar qualification and expertise, is \$385.00 per hour since January 1, 2021.

- 10. Michele Pori is an essential paralegal with extensive experience at Gordon Silver and now at GTG with document management as well as preparation for and attendance at trials and evidentiary hearings. Ms. Pori's hourly rate is \$215.00 per hour since January 1, 2021. Utilizing Ms. Pori where appropriate resulted in lowering the fees incurred by Plaintiff.
- 11. Attached hereto as **Exhibit 1** is a true and correct copy of the transaction history related to all GTG billing entries in this matter from January 1, 2021 through March 31, 2021, except that they have been redacted for privilege. The fees reflected therein were actually and necessarily incurred by Plaintiff since the entry of the judgment in favor of Plaintiff. It is notable that there was voluntarily no-charged time for 3.6 hours of my time (\$1,980.00) and 3.7 hours of Mr. Ciciliano's time (\$1,424.50) expended that is related to the OSC, Motion to Compel and Motion to Enforce, as indicated in the transaction history. The total fees incurred by Plaintiff with GTG through March 31, 2021 related to the OSC, Motion to Compel and Motion to Enforce is \$144,134.00. In addition, since March 31, 2021, I spent .5 hour reviewing the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order, attending to notice of entry to all parties and affected non-parties and Plaintiff, and 4.2 hours preparing this supplement, together with my declaration, reviewing the transaction histories for privilege and relevancy to the subject matters, for a total of 4.7 hours incurred in April 2021 related to the OSC, Motion to Compel and Motion to Enforce, totaling \$2,585.00. The total fees incurred by Plaintiff with GTG related to the OSC, Motion to Compel and Motion to Enforce is \$146,719.00.

12. Attached hereto as Exhibit 2 is a true and correct copy of the transaction history
related to all GTG cost entries in this matter from November 18, 2020 through March 31, 2021,
redacted for costs not directly related to the OSC, Motion to Compel and Motion to Enforce. The
costs reflected therein were actually and necessarily incurred by Plaintiff since the entry of the
judgment in favor of Plaintiff. The total costs incurred by Plaintiff with GTG related to the OSC,
Motion to Compel and Motion to Enforce is \$4,816.81, consisting of actual filing fees with
Odyssey, transcript fees, service of process, messenger service, postage and a thumb drive. The
costs are actually incurred with no up-charge by GTG.

- 13. Attached hereto as **Exhibit 3** is a true and correct copy of the Hogan invoices related to this matter through March 31, 2021, except that they have been redacted for privilege and matters not directly related to the OSC, Motion to Compel and Motion to Enforce. As reflected in the invoice, Col. Hogan's hourly rate is \$400.00 per hour since January 1, 2021, which I believe is low given his significant skill and experience in commercial litigation, including in the business courts of this State Court. Col. Hogan has been practicing since 2006 in Nevada, is AV-Preeminent rated by Martindale Hubbell and regularly recognized for distinction by his peers. The total fees incurred by Plaintiff with Hogan related to his representation of Mr. Farkas in connection with the Motion to Compel and Motion to Enforce is \$10,120.00.
- 14. The total amount of fees and costs that is requested as a sanction against Defendants and Jay Bloom, jointly and severally, is **\$161,655.81**. As this is a sanction for civil contempt, Plaintiff requests a date certain for payment to be made, which payment is required, in conjunction with the production of documents as ordered, to purge Defendants' and Jay Bloom's contempt.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the law of the State of Nevada that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed this 9th of April, 2021.

/s/ Erika Pike Turner
ERIKA PIKE TURNER, Declarant

Exhibit 1

Date ▼	Туре	Description	Matter	User	Qty	Rate (\$)	Non-billable (\$)	Billable (\$)
03/19/2021	4	Review proposed FFCL from opposing counsel Billed invoice 531628	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Erika Turner	0.20h	550.00	-	110.00
03/19/2021	4	Review MBusch comments + revise and finalize FFCL Billed invoice 531628	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Erika Turner	1.80h	550.00	-	990.00
03/18/2021	a	Attend to FFCL - No Charge Billed invoice 531628	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Erika Turner	1.90h	0.00	-	0.00
03/17/2021	a	Review transcripts and exhibits and further drafting of FFCL Billed invoice 531628	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Erika Turner	9.30h	550.00	-	5,115.00
03/15/2021	9	Attend to preparation of FFCL Billed invoice 531628	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Erika Turner	8.70h	550.00	-	4,785.00
03/11/2021	②	Review order on motion to compel entered by court + attend to	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC	Erika Turner	0.10h	550.00	-	55.00

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		preparation of NOE Billed invoice 531628	- re Investment with First 100, LLC					
03/10/2021	•	Review comments to order on motion to compel from opposing counsel JG and BLarsen + incorporate and attend to finalizing same Billed invoice 531628	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Erika Turner	0.30h	550.00	-	165.00
03/10/2021	4	Preparation for and attend evidentiary hearing Billed invoice 531628	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Erika Turner	8.00h	550.00	-	4,400.00
03/10/2021	•	Attend continued evidentiary hearing. Assist in presentation of exhibits for witness examination of Jay Bloom, Raffi Nahabedian and Mathew Farkas as well as closing arguments. Billed invoice 531628	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Michele Pori	6.00h	215.00	-	1,290.00
03/09/2021	4	Email communications with KHogan re MFarkas expected testimony Billed invoice 531628	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Erika Turner	0.20h	550.00	-	110.00
03/09/2021	4	Email communications with BLarsen re hearing Billed invoice 531628	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Erika Turner	0.20h	550.00	-	110.00
03/09/2021	4	Preparation of order on motion to compel + related email communication with opposing	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First	Erika Turner	0.80h	550.00	-	440.00

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		counsel and BLarsen Billed invoice 531628	100, LLC					
03/09/2021	4	Preparation for hearing- closing arguments and witness examination Billed invoice 531628	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Erika Turner	9.50h	550.00	-	5,225.00
03/09/2021	4	Begin and complete the creation of Plaintiffs' Exhibits Volume 3. Transmit same to court and all noticed parties and counsel. Billed invoice 531628	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Michele Pori	0.90h	215.00	-	193.50
03/07/2021	4	Review deposition transcripts and identify citations for motion to strike arguments with no admissible evidence Billed invoice 531628	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Dylan Ciciliano	3.20h	385.00	-	1,232.00
03/05/2021	4	Email communication from MFarkas + follow up with client regarding preparation of response Billed invoice 531628	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Erika Turner	0.50h	550.00	-	275.00
03/04/2021	4	Telephone conference with client reps - No Charge Billed invoice 531628	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Erika Turner	0.70h	0.00	-	0.00

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03/04/2021	4	Email communications with KHogan Billed invoice 531628	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Erika Turner	0.20h	550.00	-	110.00
03/03/2021	0	Preparation for and attend evidentiary hearing + follow up communications with KHogan and associate Billed invoice 531628	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Erika Turner	11.50h	550.00	-	6,325.00
03/03/2021	②	Attend evidentiary hearing and coordinate trial exhibit presentation for opening and witness examination of Adam Flatto, Matthew Farkas and Jay Bloom. Billed invoice 531628	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Michele Pori	7.00h	215.00	-	1,505.00
03/03/2021	②	Attend evidentiary hearing with assistance in cross-exam with notes on exhibits and depo trans. as neccessary Billed invoice 531628	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Dylan Ciciliano	5.30h	385.00	-	2,040.50
03/02/2021	4	Preparation for hearing - opening statement and witnesses' examination Billed invoice 531628	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Erika Turner	7.80h	550.00	-	4,290.00
03/02/2021	4	Finalize objection to declarations offered by Defendants as evidence	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC	Erika Turner	0.10h	550.00	-	55.00

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		Billed invoice 531628	- re Investment with First 100, LLC					
03/02/2021	4	Email communication with BLarsenBilled invoice 531628	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Erika Turner	0.10h	550.00	-	55.00
03/02/2021	4	Email communication with opposing counsel JG re Raffi docs Billed invoice 531628	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Erika Turner	0.10h	550.00	-	55.00
03/02/2021	4	Review deposition transcript for JBloom in preparation for hearing Billed invoice 531628	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Erika Turner	0.60h	550.00	-	330.00
03/02/2021	4	Begin and complete exhibit presentation for Opening Statement and witness presentation and examination for Adam Flatto, Matthew Farkas, Jay Bloom. Billed invoice 531628	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Michele Pori	2.10h	215.00	-	451.50
03/02/2021	4	Receive new link to Defendants Trial Exhibits. Download same and preserve as evidence in Net Documents platform Billed invoice 531628	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Michele Pori	0.50h	215.00	-	107.50
03/02/2021	4	Compile additional identified exhibits to create Plaintiff's Volume 2. Transmit Plaintiffs' Volume 2 exhibit binders to court for	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Michele Pori	1.50h	215.00	<u>-</u>	322.50

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		evidentiary hearing on March 3, 2021. Billed invoice 531628						
03/02/2021	4	Prepare for evidentiary hearing and cross examination of exemployee witnesses provided docs Billed invoice 531628	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Dylan Ciciliano	2.80h	385.00	-	1,078.00
03/02/2021	4	Review docs for examination of RaffiN Billed invoice 531628	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Erika Turner	0.40h	550.00	-	220.00
03/01/2021	4	Review correspondence from BLarsen and documents Billed invoice 531628	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Erika Turner	0.90h	550.00	-	495.00
03/01/2021	4	Follow up email communication with Bart Larsen Billed invoice 531628	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Erika Turner	0.30h	550.00	-	165.00
03/01/2021	4	Prepare for and attend hearing on motion to compel + follow up communication with client rep Billed invoice 531628	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Erika Turner	4.50h	550.00	-	2,475.00
03/01/2021	4	Prepare objections to Defendants hearing exhibits. Billed invoice 531628	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Dylan Ciciliano	3.20h	385.00	-	1,232.00
03/01/2021	2	Review documents produced by Raffi Nahabedian - No Charge	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC	Dylan Ciciliano	0.60h	0.00	-	0.00

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		Billed invoice 531628	- re Investment with First 100, LLC					
03/01/2021	②	Attend hearing on motion to compel Raffi Nahabedian - No Charge Billed invoice 531628	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Dylan Ciciliano	1.30h	0.00	-	0.00
02/28/2021	②	Research and preparation of trial brief and opening for hearing Billed invoice 530659	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Erika Turner	7.80h	550.00	-	4,290.00
02/26/2021	4	Attend to preparation of bench brief Billed invoice 531628	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Erika Turner	2.50h	550.00	-	1,375.00
02/26/2021	4	Attend deposition of MFarkas Billed invoice 530659	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Erika Turner	4.90h	550.00	-	2,695.00
02/26/2021	4	Review opposition to motion to compel and counter motion from First 100 Billed invoice 530659	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Erika Turner	0.20h	550.00	-	110.00
02/26/2021	4	Review opposition to motion to compel from Nahabedian Billed invoice 530659	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Erika Turner	0.20h	550.00	-	110.00
02/26/2021	4	Attend to bench brief Billed invoice 530659	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First	Erika Turner	3.50h	550.00	-	1,925.00

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			100, LLC					
02/25/2021	4	Revise evidentiary exhibits and binders for upcoming hearing and delivery to court. Billed invoice 530659	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Michele Pori	2.10h	215.00	-	451.50
02/25/2021	②	Telephone conference with BLarsen + follow up email communication Billed invoice 530659	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Erika Turner	0.50h	550.00	-	275.00
02/25/2021	o	Preparation of reply on motion for OSC and in preparation for evidentiary hearing Billed invoice 530659	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Erika Turner	4.30h	550.00	<u>-</u>	2,365.00
02/25/2021	4	Preparation for MFarkas deposition Billed invoice 530659	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Erika Turner	1.00h	550.00	-	550.00
02/25/2021	4	Prepare supplement to motion to compel Raffi Nahabedian Billed invoice 530659	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Dylan Ciciliano	2.60h	385.00	-	1,001.00
02/24/2021	4	Begin and complete preparation of evidentiary exhibit binders for court. Billed invoice 530659	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Michele Pori	2.90h	215.00	-	623.50

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02/24/2021	②	Attend deposition of Jay Bloom + follow up communications with MFarkas and KHogan re testimony and MFarkas' response Billed invoice 530659	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Erika Turner	9.30h	550.00	-	5,115.00
02/24/2021	②	Deposition preparation of Matthew Farkas Billed invoice 530659	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Dylan Ciciliano	1.30h	385.00	-	500.50
02/24/2021	②	Prepare trial deposition for Bloom and SDT for Nahabedian Billed invoice 530659	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Dylan Ciciliano	0.30h	385.00	-	115.50
02/24/2021	②	Bloom deposition and related preparations Billed invoice 530659	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Dylan Ciciliano	1.20h	385.00	-	462.00
02/23/2021	4	Begin and complete compilation of identified evidentiary hearing exhibits and index same. Billed invoice 530659	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Michele Pori	2.10h	215.00	-	451.50
02/23/2021	2	Attend deposition of AFlatto + follow up with client and MBusch Billed invoice 530659	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Erika Turner	2.40h	550.00	-	1,320.00
02/23/2021	②	Review documents received from opposing counsel + follow up with KHogan re same Billed invoice 530659	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Erika Turner	0.80h	550.00	-	440.00

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02/23/2021	②	Preparations for Bloom deposition, assemble additional documents Billed invoice 530659	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Dylan Ciciliano	1.30h	385.00	-	500.50
02/22/2021	②	Review communication from BLarsen re status of privilege log Billed invoice 530659	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Erika Turner	0.10h	550.00	-	55.00
02/22/2021	②	Attend telephone conference in preparation for AFlatto deposition + related follow up Billed invoice 530659	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Erika Turner	1.50h	550.00	-	825.00
02/22/2021	4	Preparation for JBloom examination @ deposition and evidentiary hearing Billed invoice 530659	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Erika Turner	3.40h	550.00	-	1,870.00
02/22/2021	4	Attend to evidentiary hearing preparations and exhibits. Billed invoice 530659	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Dylan Ciciliano	1.20h	385.00	-	462.00
02/19/2021	②	Attend to preparation for evidentiary hearing, depositions and motion practice to address all outstanding issues Billed invoice 530659	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Erika Turner	7.80h	550.00	-	4,290.00
02/19/2021	②	Review communications from M. Farkas, attend to Motion to compel and evidentiary hearing on contempts. Billed invoice 530659	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Dylan Ciciliano	1.80h	385.00	-	693.00

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02/18/2021	4	Attend to draft motion to compel Billed invoice 530659	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Erika Turner	6.30h	550.00	-	3,465.00
02/17/2021	4	Attend meet and confer with Bart Larsen Billed invoice 530659	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Erika Turner	0.20h	550.00	-	110.00
02/17/2021	4	Preparation for depositions and attend to motion to compel Billed invoice 530659	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Erika Turner	2.00h	550.00	-	1,100.00
02/17/2021	4	Review email communication from KHogan re factual history and timeline Billed invoice 530659	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Erika Turner	0.10h	550.00	-	55.00
02/17/2021	②	Telephone conference with opposing counsel re JBloom purported illness + response and preparation of amended notice of deposition Billed invoice 530659	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Erika Turner	0.20h	550.00	-	110.00
02/17/2021	②	Email communication with Bart Larsen re privilege log Billed invoice 530659	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Erika Turner	0.10h	550.00	-	55.00
02/16/2021	4	Preparation for deposition of JBloom Billed invoice 530659	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Erika Turner	5.20h	550.00	-	2,860.00

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02/16/2021	②	Telephone conference with MFarkas, Khogan, DC and MBusch Billed invoice 530659	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Erika Turner	0.80h	550.00	-	440.00
02/16/2021	②	Confer with Matt Farkas and counsel + assist with communications with BLarsen Billed invoice 530659	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Dylan Ciciliano	1.30h	385.00	-	500.50
02/15/2021	②	Email from Bart LarsenBilled invoice 530659	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Erika Turner	0.10h	550.00	-	55.00
02/15/2021	②	Preparation for and attend meet and confer Billed invoice 530659	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Erika Turner	1.70h	550.00	-	935.00
02/14/2021	②	Email communication with client + follow up with KHogan Billed invoice 530659	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Erika Turner	0.20h	550.00	-	110.00
02/14/2021	②	Review correspondence from opposing counsel JG re outstanding disputes + preparation of response Billed invoice 530659	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Erika Turner	0.40h	550.00	-	220.00
02/14/2021	2	Preparation of correspondence to Bart Larsen re Nahabedian meet and confer and claim of privilege Billed invoice 530659	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Erika Turner	1.00h	550.00	-	550.00

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02/14/2021	4	Review Nahabedian transcript Billed invoice 530659	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Dylan Ciciliano	0.50h	385.00	-	192.50
02/13/2021	4	Email communication with KHogan re common interest privilege Billed invoice 530659	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Erika Turner	0.10h	550.00	-	55.00
02/13/2021	4	Telephone conference with client representatives Billed invoice 530659	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Erika Turner	0.50h	550.00	-	275.00
02/12/2021	4	Review demand letter + attend to response to same Billed invoice 530659	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Erika Turner	0.50h	550.00	-	275.00
02/12/2021	•	Attend Raffi deposition + extensive follow up with KHogan re privilege issues and preparation of communications to establish meet and confer and detail of privileges being promoted for discussion during same Billed invoice 530659	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Erika Turner	6.80h	550.00	-	3,740.00
02/12/2021	4	Communications with JGilmore re NRPC violations for Motion to Compel Billed invoice 530659	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Dylan Ciciliano	0.60h	385.00	-	231.00
02/12/2021	4	Participate in and attend deposition of Raffi Nahabedian	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC	Dylan Ciciliano	4.80h	385.00	-	1,848.00

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		Billed invoice 530659	- re Investment with First 100, LLC					
02/11/2021	②	Preparation for deposition of Raffi (and anticipated priv fight) Billed invoice 530659	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Erika Turner	5.80h	550.00	-	3,190.00
02/11/2021	②	Preparation of hearing subpoena to Raffi Billed invoice 530659	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Erika Turner	0.20h	550.00	-	110.00
02/11/2021	4	Research, analysis and otherwise attend to deposition preparation and identifying documents Billed invoice 530659	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Dylan Ciciliano	3.70h	385.00	-	1,424.50
02/10/2021	②	Review notice of deposition for TGC farkas + preparation of outline of objections and cover letter to opposing counsel Billed invoice 530659	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Erika Turner	2.90h	550.00	-	1,595.00
02/10/2021	②	Attend to preparation of exhibits for Nahabedian deposition, research re conflict waiver Billed invoice 530659	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Dylan Ciciliano	2.10h	385.00	-	808.50
02/09/2021	4	Research First 100 cases, deponents + emails and otherwise attend to deposition notices and service Billed invoice 530659	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Erika Turner	1.10h	550.00	-	605.00
02/09/2021	a	Multiple email communications	01245-TGC/Farkas	Erika Turner	0.30h	550.00	-	165.00

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		with Raffi re deposition Billed invoice 530659	Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC					
02/08/2021	4	Prepare for depositions, multiple phone calls with M. Farkas and counsel. Billed invoice 530659	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Dylan Ciciliano	1.60h	385.00	-	616.00
02/05/2021	②	Email communications with kHogan + attend to subpoena to MFarkas and acceptance of service Billed invoice 530659	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Erika Turner	0.80h	550.00	-	440.00
02/05/2021	4	Prepare notice of deposition for First 100 entities' 30(b)(6) witness(es) Billed invoice 530659	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Erika Turner	0.50h	550.00	-	275.00
02/05/2021	•	Multiple email communications going back and forth with opposing counsel re order dispute and depositions + attend to submission of competing order to Dept 13 Billed invoice 530659	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Erika Turner	1.00h	550.00	-	550.00
02/05/2021	②	Review transcript and attend to preparation of order on OSC hearing in light of same + email communication with opposing counsel Billed invoice 530659	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Erika Turner	0.40h	550.00	-	220.00
02/05/2021	a	Attend to service of subpoena on JBloom	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC	Erika Turner	0.10h	550.00	-	55.00

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		Billed invoice 530659	- re Investment with First 100, LLC					
02/05/2021	②	Review dockets and investigate Nahabedian and MGA for use in depos Billed invoice 530659	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Dylan Ciciliano	3.50h	385.00	-	1,347.50
02/03/2021	4	Multiple communications with Raffi re his insistence to continue communicating with MFarkas and refusal to produce docs Billed invoice 530659	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Erika Turner	0.90h	550.00	-	495.00
02/02/2021	4	Communications with MFarkas Billed invoice 530659	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Erika Turner	0.60h	550.00	-	330.00
02/02/2021	②	Communications w Raffi, reach out to Josh Gilmore, re: violations of	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC	Dylan Ciciliano	2.50h	385.00	-	962.50

- re Investment with First

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		emails relevant to evidentiary hearing. Billed invoice 530659	100, LLC					
02/01/2021	②	Review email from MFarkas Billed invoice 530659	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Erika Turner	0.10h	550.00	-	55.00
02/01/2021	4	Finalize Bloom subpoena for service Billed invoice 530659	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Erika Turner	0.10h	550.00	-	55.00
01/29/2021	②	TC with Matthew Farkas Billed invoice 530042	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Dylan Ciciliano	0.20h	385.00	-	77.00
01/29/2021	4	Attend to service on Raffi Nahabedian Billed invoice 530042	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Dylan Ciciliano	0.10h	385.00	-	38.50
01/29/2021	4	Email communications with opposing counsel re order and depositions Billed invoice 530042	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Erika Turner	0.30h	550.00	-	165.00
01/28/2021	4	Attend to preparation of subpoenas to JBloom and RaffiN Billed invoice 530042	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Erika Turner	0.50h	550.00	-	275.00

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		conditions Billed invoice 530042	- re Investment with First 100, LLC					
01/28/2021	4	Review operating agreement + preparation of correspondence to MFarkas re indemnification Billed invoice 530042	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Erika Turner	1.00h	550.00	-	550.00
01/28/2021	4	Preparation for and attend hearing + follow up communications with MMBusch and MFarkas Billed invoice 530042	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Erika Turner	3.90h	550.00	-	2,145.00
01/28/2021	4	Confer with Farkas' counsel post hearing. Attend to subpoenas and order from hearing. Billed invoice 530042	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Dylan Ciciliano	1.40h	385.00	-	539.00
01/28/2021	4	Attend hearing on motion to enforce settlement - No Charge Billed invoice 530042	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Dylan Ciciliano	1.80h	0.00	-	0.00
01/27/2021	4	Review voluminous Reply in support of Motion to Enforce Billed invoice 530042	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Erika Turner	0.50h	550.00	-	275.00
01/27/2021	②	Prepare for hearing Billed invoice 530042	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Erika Turner	1.10h	550.00	-	605.00
01/27/2021	4	Multiple communications with MFarkas Billed invoice 530042	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First	Erika Turner	0.50h	550.00	-	275.00

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			100, LLC					
01/27/2021	4	Multiple conversations with M. Farkas. Review and analyze late filed reply. Billed invoice 530042	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Dylan Ciciliano	1.90h	385.00	-	731.50
01/26/2021	②	Communications with JMaier and Raffi Billed invoice 530042	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Erika Turner	0.60h	550.00	-	330.00
01/26/2021	4	Further attention to opposition to motion to enforce with addition of countermotion and other revisions Billed invoice 530042	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Erika Turner	3.00h	550.00	-	1,650.00
01/26/2021	4	Attend to preparation of appendix and finalize motion for filing. Continue to revise. Billed invoice 530042	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Dylan Ciciliano	2.70h	385.00	-	1,039.50
01/25/2021	4	Attend to opposition to motion to enforce with additional research, analysis and drafting Billed invoice 530042	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Erika Turner	6.80h	550.00	-	3,740.00
01/25/2021	4	Multiple communications with MFarkas and Raffi re outstanding disputes Billed invoice 530042	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Erika Turner	1.00h	550.00	-	550.00
01/25/2021	4	Further attention to opposition to motion for enforce settlement agreement. Draft declaration of DC.	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Dylan Ciciliano	4.70h	385.00	-	1,809.50

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		Billed invoice 530042						
01/25/2021	2	Communication with Matthew Farkas Billed invoice 530042	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Dylan Ciciliano	0.60h	385.00	-	231.00
01/24/2021	②	Draft Opposition to Motion to Enforce settlement agreement. Multiple communications with EPT, Joe G and JMaier, opposing counsel and Matthew Farkas. Billed invoice 530042	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Dylan Ciciliano	9.30h	385.00	-	3,580.50
01/24/2021	•	Review communication from MFarkas + Telephone conference and email communications with opposing counsel Billed invoice 530042	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Erika Turner	1.20h	550.00	-	660.00
01/23/2021	•	Confer with Matthew Farkas re: facts. Travel to his home and obtain declaration. Review declaration in detail with him. Billed invoice 530042	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Dylan Ciciliano	2.80h	385.00	-	1,078.00
01/23/2021	4	Work on Opposition to motion to enforce settlement agreement. Billed invoice 530042	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Dylan Ciciliano	5.20h	385.00	-	2,002.00
01/23/2021	•	Multiple communications with client reps and associate counsel No Charge Billed invoice 530042	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Erika Turner	0.50h	0.00	-	0.00

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01/22/2021	②	Attend to MFarkas declaration Billed invoice 530042	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Erika Turner	0.90h	550.00	-	495.00
01/22/2021	•	Finalize and transmit declaration to Matthew Farkas. Research issues of law surrounding opposition, including duress and other defenses to contract. Billed invoice 530042	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Dylan Ciciliano	2.80h	385.00	-	1,078.00
01/21/2021	4	Preparation for and attend hearing on OSC Billed invoice 530042	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Erika Turner	2.00h	550.00	-	1,100.00
01/21/2021	•	Attend hearing on order to show cause. Follow up with EPT thereafter and prepare additional documentation and declaration of Matthew Farkas re Motion to Enforce Billed invoice 530042	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Dylan Ciciliano	4.20h	385.00	-	1,617.00
01/20/2021	②	Preparation for hearing on OSC Billed invoice 530042	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Erika Turner	2.80h	550.00	-	1,540.00
01/20/2021	4	Review response to motion for contempt + attend to finalizing supp + related communications Billed invoice 530042	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Erika Turner	0.50h	550.00	-	275.00
01/19/2021	<u> </u>	Email communication with Raffi N	01245-TGC/Farkas	Erika Turner	0.10h	550.00	-	55.00

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		Billed invoice 530042	Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC					
01/19/2021	②	Review Motion to Enforce on OST and dec of JMaier in support + follow up with MFarkas and client reps re addressing same Billed invoice 530042	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Erika Turner	1.40h	550.00	-	770.00
01/19/2021	4	Attend to preparation of supplement to OSC Billed invoice 530042	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Erika Turner	0.40h	550.00	-	220.00
01/19/2021	4	Follow up demand for documents to Raffi Billed invoice 530042	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Dylan Ciciliano	0.20h	385.00	-	77.00
01/19/2021	4	Review motion to enforce settlement agreement. Speak with Matthew Farkas. Work on opposition Billed invoice 530042	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Dylan Ciciliano	1.80h	385.00	-	693.00
01/18/2021	4	Prepare supplement to Ex Parte Application to OSC re discovery stonewall and Raffi attempted substitution Billed invoice 530042	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Dylan Ciciliano	3.40h	385.00	-	1,309.00
01/15/2021	4	Email communications with opposing counsel and Raffi + follow up with client representatives	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Erika Turner	1.00h	550.00	- 	550.00

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		Billed invoice 530042						
01/15/2021	②	Review and revise response to opposing counsel + telephone conference with client rep MBusch and follow up in light of same Billed invoice 530042	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Erika Turner	1.80h	550.00	-	990.00
01/14/2021	4	Review substitution of counsel and related communication from Raffi + attend to response Billed invoice 530042	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Erika Turner	1.00h	550.00	-	550.00
01/14/2021	4	Analysis/Research + Prepare draft response letter from Raffi Nahabedian Billed invoice 530042	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Dylan Ciciliano	3.40h	385.00	-	1,309.00

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01/05/2021	4	Multiple communications with MGA re: discovery Billed invoice 530042	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Dylan Ciciliano	0.30h	385.00	-	115.50
01/04/2021	4	Review MGA response to subpoena and draft request to meet and confer Billed invoice 530042	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Dylan Ciciliano	0.40h	385.00	-	154.00
12/30/2020	②	Follow up on status of service of process Billed invoice 529522	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Erika Turner	0.10h	535.00	-	53.50
12/28/2020	4	Start order granting fees/costs Billed invoice 529522	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Erika Turner	0.10h	535.00	-	53.50
12/28/2020	4	Email communications with client rep re deposition strategy - No Charge Billed invoice 529522	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Erika Turner	0.20h	0.00	-	0.00
12/28/2020	②	Attend to finalizing collection docs Billed invoice 529522	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Erika Turner	0.50h	535.00	-	267.50
12/28/2020	②	Begin and complete drafting of Writs of execution, Writs of Garnishment, Notice of Execution	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First	Michele Pori	0.60h	195.00	-	117.00

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		and Instructions to Constable for service upon Maier & Gutierrez & Assoc.Billed invoice 529522	100, LLC					
12/23/2020	②	Email communications with client rep MBusch re status and strategy on how to proceed re PMK depo Billed invoice 529522	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Erika Turner	0.30h	535.00	-	160.50
12/21/2020	②	Locate service address for Jay Bloom Billed invoice 529522	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Dylan Ciciliano	0.50h	345.00	-	172.50
12/18/2020	②	Draft writs of execution to Maier Gutierrez & Associates Billed invoice 529522	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Dylan Ciciliano	0.30h	345.00	-	103.50
12/17/2020	4	Review minute order Billed invoice 529522	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Erika Turner	0.10h	535.00	-	53.50
12/17/2020	4	Finalize drafts of post judgment discovery requests Billed invoice 529522	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Dylan Ciciliano	0.50h	345.00	-	172.50
12/16/2020	②	Work on post judgment discovery Billed invoice 529522	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Dylan Ciciliano	4.20h	345.00	-	1,449.00
12/14/2020	a	Review and revise reply on motion	01245-TGC/Farkas	Erika Turner	0.70h	535.00	-	374.50

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		for fees Billed invoice 529522	Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC					
12/14/2020	4	Prepare draft reply in Support of Motion for Attorneys fees and costs Billed invoice 529522	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Dylan Ciciliano	2.30h	345.00	-	793.50
11/25/2020	4	Review opposition to motion for fees and costs Billed invoice 528487	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Erika Turner	0.10h	535.00	-	53.50

Exhibit 2

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03/19/2021	\$	Odyssey File & Serve - Proposed Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law & Order Billed invoice 531628	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Jennifer Johns	1.00	3.50	-	3.50
03/15/2021	\$	District Court Clerk - March 3, 2021 & March 10, 2021 Evidentiary Hearing Recording Billed invoice 531628	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Jennifer Johns	1.00	220.00	-	220.00
03/11/2021	\$	Postage Billed invoice 531628	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Jennifer Johns	1.00	1.40	-	1.40
03/11/2021	\$	Odyssey File & Serve - Notice of Entry of Order Granting Plaintiff's Motion to Compel and Denying Countermotion for Protective Order and Sanctions pursuant to NRS 18.010(2)(b) Billed invoice 531628	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Jennifer Johns	1.00	3.50	-	3.50
03/11/2021	\$	The Record Xchange - Transcript of Evidentiary Hearing Billed invoice 531628	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Jennifer Johns	1.00	1,321.32	-	1,321.32
03/04/2021	\$	District Court - Thumb Drive Billed invoice 531628	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Jennifer Johns	1.00	5.00	-	5.00
03/02/2021	\$	Oasis Reporting Services - Invoice #51966 - Original and Certified Copy of Matthew Farkas Transcript	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First	Jennifer Johns	1.00	2,030.60	-	2,030.60

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		Billed invoice 531628	100, LLC					
03/02/2021	\$	Messenger Service - Deliver Trial Binders to Eighth Judicial Court, Dept. 13 Billed invoice 531628	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Jennifer Johns	1.00	10.00	-	10.00
03/02/2021	\$	Odyssey File & Serve - TGC/ Farkas Funding, LLC's Objections to Judgment Debtors' Evidentiary Hearing Exhibits Q, R, S and T Billed invoice 531628	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Jennifer Johns	1.00	3.50	-	3.50
03/01/2021	\$	Odyssey File & Serve - Errata to Supplemental to Motion to Compel and for Sanctions; Application for Ex-Parte Order Shortening Billed invoice 531628	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Jennifer Johns	1.00	3.50	-	3.50
03/01/2021	\$	Odyssey File & Serve - Pre- Hearing Memorandum of Points & Authorities re: Order to Show Cause why Defendants and Jay Bloom should not be held in Contempt of Court Billed invoice 531628	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Jennifer Johns	1.00	3.50	-	3.50
02/25/2021	\$	Odyssey File & Serve - Supplement to Motion to Compel and for Sanctions; Application for Ex-Parte Order Shortening Time Billed invoice 530659	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Jennifer Johns	1.00	3.50	-	3.50
02/23/2021	\$	American Legal Investigation Services Nevada, Inc Invoice	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC	Jennifer Johns	1.00	100.67	-	100.67

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		#37035545 - Witness Advance Fee and Service on Raffi Nahabedian Billed invoice 530659	- re Investment with First 100, LLC					
02/23/2021	\$	Nevada Secretary of State - Job: W2021022300222 - Business Entity filed Documents Billed invoice 530659	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Jennifer Johns	1.00	22.00	-	22.00
02/23/2021	\$	Nevada Secretary of State - Job: W2021022300221 - Business Entity filed Documents Billed invoice 530659	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Jennifer Johns	1.00	34.00	-	34.00
02/23/2021	\$	J&L Process Service - Invoice #21-13395 - Witness Fee and Service on Jay Bloom Billed invoice 530659	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Jennifer Johns	1.00	100.00	-	100.00
02/22/2021	\$	Postage Billed invoice 530659	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Jennifer Johns	1.00	17.10	-	17.10
02/22/2021	\$	Odyssey File & Serve - Notice of Entry of Motion to Compel and for Sanctions; Application for Ex-Parte Order Shortening Time Billed invoice 530659	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Jennifer Johns	1.00	3.50	-	3.50
02/18/2021	\$	Odyssey File & Serve - Declaration of Service for Subpoena - Raffi Nahabedian Billed invoice 530659	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Jennifer Johns	1.00	3.50	-	3.50

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02/11/2021	\$	Odyssey File & Serve - Notice of Subpoena Billed invoice 530659	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Jennifer Johns	1.00	3.50	-	3.50
02/11/2021	\$	Odyssey File & Serve - Declaration of Service for Subpoena (Jay Bloom) Billed invoice 530659	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Jennifer Johns	1.00	3.50	-	3.50
02/10/2021	\$	J&L Process Service - Invoice #21-13392 - Witness Fee and Service on Raffi Nahabedian Billed invoice 530659	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Jennifer Johns	1.00	107.50	-	107.50
02/09/2021	\$	Odyssey File & Serve - Notice of Entry of Order Billed invoice 530659	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Jennifer Johns	1.00	3.50	-	3.50
02/05/2021	\$	Odyssey File & Serve - Acceptance of Service Billed invoice 530659	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Jennifer Johns	1.00	3.50	-	3.50
02/05/2021	\$	Odyssey File & Serve - Notice of Subpoena Billed invoice 530659	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Jennifer Johns	1.00	3.50	-	3.50
02/01/2021	\$	District Court - CD of January 28,	01245-TGC/Farkas	Jennifer	1.00	40.00	<u> </u>	40.00

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		2021 Hearing Billed invoice 530659	Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Johns				
01/29/2021	\$	Shawna Ortega - Invoice #000125 - Transcript of audio/video for TGK Farkas Funding, LLC's v. First 100, LLC - Show Cause Hearing Billed invoice 530042	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Jennifer Johns	1.00	166.22	-	166.22
01/26/2021	\$	Odyssey File & Serve - Opposition to Defendants' Motion to Enforce Settlement and Vacate Post-Judgment Discovery proceedings; Countermotion to Strike the Affidavit of Jason Maier and for Sanctions; Appendix of Exhibits to Opposition to Defendants' Motion to Enforce Settlement and Vacate Post-Judgment Discovery proceedings; Countermotion to Strike the Affidavit of Jason Maier and for Sanctions	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Jennifer Johns	1.00	3.50	-	3.50
		Billed invoice 530042						

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01/20/2021	\$	Odyssey File & Serve - Supplement to Plaintiff's Ex Parte Application for Order to Show Cause why Defendants and Jay Bloom should not be held in Contempt of Court Billed invoice 530042	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Jennifer Johns	1.00	3.50	-	3.50
01/20/2021	\$	Organized, Inc. dba Realtime Trials Reporting - Invoice #0001310 - Audio Transcription between Dylan Ciciliano and Matthew Farkas Billed invoice 530042	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Jennifer Johns	1.00	243.00	-	243.00
01/19/2021	\$	J&L Process Service - Invoice #20-12975 - Witness Fee and Service on Jay Bloom Billed invoice 530042	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Jennifer Johns	1.00	100.00	-	100.00
01/19/2021	\$	J&L Process Service - Invoice #20-12982 - Service on Jay Bloom Billed invoice 530042	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Jennifer Johns	1.00	75.00	-	75.00
01/19/2021	\$	J&L Process Service - Invoice #20-12974 - Witness Fee and Service on Maier Gutierrez & Assoc. Billed invoice 530042	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Jennifer Johns	1.00	100.00	-	100.00
01/05/2021	\$	Odyssey File & Serve - Amended Declaration of Service - Subpoena (Jay Bloom); Declaration of Diana Brown - Subpoena (Jay Bloom); Declaration of Service - Subpoena	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Jennifer Johns	1.00	3.50	-	3.50

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		(Jay Bloom) Billed invoice 530042						
12/30/2020	\$	Odyssey File & Serve - Declaration of Service on Jay Bloom Billed invoice 529522	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Jennifer Johns	1.00	3.50	-	3.50
12/30/2020	\$	J&L Process Service - Invoice #20-12914 - Service on Jay Bloom Billed invoice 529522	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC - re Investment with First 100, LLC	Jennifer Johns	1.00	60.00	-	60.00

12/18/2020	\$ Odyssey File & Serve - Plaintiff's Ex Parte Application for Order to	01245-TGC/Farkas Funding LLC	Jennifer Johns	1.00	3.50	-	3.50

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		Show Cause why Defendants and Jay Bloom should not be held in Contempt of Court; Plaintiff's Ex Parte Application for Judgment Debtor Exam of First 100, LLC; Plaintiff's Ex Parte Application for Judgment Debtor First One Hundred Holdings, LLC aka 1st One Hundred Holdings, LLC	- re Investment with First 100, LLC					

Exhibit 3

INVOICE

Invoice # 2154

Date: 03/01/2021 Due On: 03/16/2021



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Matthew Farkas

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Defendant client in personal depositions and potential testimony at evidentiary hearing in action to which he is not a party

Type	Date	Attorney	Description	Quantity	Rate	Total
Service	02/05/2021	КН	Receipt and review of subpoena for Evidentiary Hearing; coord w TG and client concerning acceptance of service; confirm same with client and GTG; respond to Raffi comms re Farkas substantive legal position (none that would interfere with his testimony); receipt/review and calendaring of subpoenas to Bloom and Raffi	0.40	\$400.00	\$160.00
Service	02/05/2021	KH	Phone confr w client, returning his call and answering his inquiries	1.00	\$400.00	\$400.00
Service	02/08/2021	КН	Phone confr w DC at GTG; phone confr w client; phone confr w DC and client	1.50	\$400.00	\$600.00
Service	02/12/2021	КН	Deposition of Raffi and post-depo discussion	4.40	\$400.00	\$1,760.00

Service	02/15/2021	KH	Comms w client; obtain order authorizing depos and subpoena, review same; coord discussion among TGC counsel and us	0.90	\$400.00	\$360.00
Service	02/16/2021	KH	Phone confr w client	0.60	\$400.00	\$240.00
Service	02/16/2021	KH	Receipt and review of emails and documents from client	0.30	\$400.00	\$120.00
Service	02/16/2021	кн	Phone confr w GTG counsel concerning status, duress, and discussions w opposing counsel; draft and send email to client	0.90	\$400.00	\$360.00
Service	02/17/2021	кн	Comms w client, including phone call; prepare and send timeline to GTG	0.70	\$400.00	\$280.00
Service	02/18/2021	KH	Notification that depo continued; notify client re same; resulting phone confr w client	0.30	\$400.00	\$120.00
Service	02/19/2021	KH	Exchange of documents w DC	0.30	\$400.00	\$120.00
Service	02/22/2021	КН	Receipt and review of Motion for Sanctions, and follow-on phone confr w cient re same	1.00	\$400.00	\$400.00
Service	02/23/2021	KH	Phone confr w client	0.60	\$400.00	\$240.00
Service	02/23/2021	KH	Receipt5 and review of four declarations, forward to client for review and comment; phone confr follow-up	0.60	\$400.00	\$240.00
Service	02/24/2021	KH	Comms w client, and commence draft of questions for Bloom at evidentiary hearing	0.40	\$400.00	\$160.00
Service	02/24/2021	KH	Phone confr w client and GTG	1.30	\$400.00	\$520.00
Service	02/25/2021	KH	Deposition Prep w client	2.40	\$400.00	\$960.00
Service	02/26/2021	KH	Deposition	4.50	\$400.00	\$1,800.00
Service	02/26/2021	KH	Phone confr w client after deposition	0.40	\$400.00	\$160.00

Time Keeper

Ken Hogan

INVOICE

Invoice # 2165

Date: 03/31/2021 Due On: 04/15/2021



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Defendant client in personal depositions and potential testimony at evidentiary hearing in action to which he is not a party

Type	Date	Attorney	Description	Quantity	Rate	Total
Service	03/01/2021	KH	Phone confr w client, receipt and relay of minute order w dial-in instrucitons for evidentiary hearing	0.20	\$400.00	\$80.00
Service	03/01/2021	KH	Comms w RN and his counsel concerning doc disclosure; receipt and review of doc disclosure	0.20	\$400.00	\$80.00
Service	03/04/2021	КН	Receipt of info concerning continued testimony of client this coming Wednesday; coordinate same with GTG and with client and with JH to confirm availability; phone confr w client re same	0.40	\$400.00	\$160.00
Service	03/05/2021	KH	Comms w client concerning	0.20	\$400.00	\$80.00
Service	03/08/2021	KH	Phone confr w client	0.40	\$400.00	\$160.00
Service	03/09/2021	КН	Comms w GTG and w client exchanging documents for review; discussion w client re same and likely line of questioning	0.60	\$400.00	\$240.00
Service	03/10/2021	KH	Coord w client on timing of testimony, and w GTG that I'd be the point of contact	0.20	\$400.00	\$80.00
Service	03/10/2021	KH	Continued testimony at evidentiary hearing	0.40	\$400.00	\$160.00