# IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

### INDICATE FULL CAPTION:

MARK J. GARDBERG, ESQ., IN HIS CAPACITY AS RECEIVER FOR, AND ACTING ON BEHALF OF, FLAMINGO-PECOS SURGERY CENTER, LLC, A NEVADA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY; Appellant,

vs.

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WILLIAM D. SMITH, M.D., AN INDIVIDUAL; AND SHELDON J. FREEDMAN, M.D., AN INDIVIDUAL; Respondents.

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### GENERAL INFORMATION

Appellants must complete this docketing statement in compliance with NRAP 14(a). The purpose of the docketing statement is to assist the Supreme Court in screening jurisdiction, identifying issues on appeal, assessing presumptive assignment to the Court of Appeals under NRAP 17, scheduling cases for oral argument and settlement conferences, classifying cases for expedited treatment and assignment to the Court of Appeals, and compiling statistical information.

### WARNING

This statement must be completed fully, accurately and on time. NRAP 14(c). The Supreme Court may impose sanctions on counsel or appellant if it appears that the information provided is incomplete or inaccurate. *Id.* Failure to fill out the statement completely or to file it in a timely manner constitutes grounds for the imposition of sanctions, including a fine and/or dismissal of the appeal.

A complete list of the documents that must be attached appears as Question 27 on this docketing statement. Failure to attach all required documents will result in the delay of your appeal and may result in the imposition of sanctions.

This court has noted that when attorneys do not take seriously their obligations under NRAP 14 to complete the docketing statement properly and conscientiously, they waste the valuable judicial resources of this court, making the imposition of sanctions appropriate. *See KDI Sylvan Pools v. Workman*, 107 Nev. 340, 344, 810 P.2d 1217, 1220 (1991). Please use tab dividers to separate any attached documents.

1. Judicial District Eighth	Department XXII
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If this is a joint statement by multiple appellants, a the names of their clients on an additional sheet ac filing of this statement.	add the names and addresses of other counsel and ecompanied by a certification that they concur in the
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Attorney	
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Address	
Client(s)	

(List additional counsel on separate sheet if necessary)

4. Nature of disposition below (check	all that apply):
☐ Judgment after bench trial	☐ Dismissal:
☐ Judgment after jury verdict	☐ Lack of jurisdiction
Summary judgment	☐ Failure to state a claim
☐ Default judgment	☐ Failure to prosecute
☐ Grant/Denial of NRCP 60(b) relief	☐ Other (specify):
☐ Grant/Denial of injunction	☐ Divorce Decree:
$\square$ Grant/Denial of declaratory relief	☐ Original ☐ Modification
$\square$ Review of agency determination	☐ Other disposition (specify): See attachment
5. Does this appeal raise issues conce	erning any of the following?
☐ Child Custody	
□ Venue	
☐ Termination of parental rights	
	this court. List the case name and docket number sently or previously pending before this court which
See attachment.	
court of all pending and prior proceeding	n other courts. List the case name, number and gs in other courts which are related to this appeal ted proceedings) and their dates of disposition:
N/A	

8. Nature of the action. Briefly describe the nature of the action and the result below:
See attachment.
<b>9. Issues on appeal.</b> State concisely the principal issue(s) in this appeal (attach separate sheets as necessary):
See attachment.
10. Pending proceedings in this court raising the same or similar issues. If you are aware of any proceedings presently pending before this court which raises the same or similar issues raised in this appeal, list the case name and docket numbers and identify the same or similar issue raised:
N/A

11. Constitutional issues. If this appeal challenges the constitutionality of a statute, and the state, any state agency, or any officer or employee thereof is not a party to this appeal, have you notified the clerk of this court and the attorney general in accordance with NRAP 44 and NRS 30.130?
⊠ N/A
☐ Yes
□ No
If not, explain:
12. Other issues. Does this appeal involve any of the following issues?
Reversal of well-settled Nevada precedent (identify the case(s))
$\square$ An issue arising under the United States and/or Nevada Constitutions
☐ A substantial issue of first impression
☐ An issue of public policy
$\square$ An issue where en banc consideration is necessary to maintain uniformity of this court's decisions
☐ A ballot question
If so, explain:

13. Assignment to the Court of Appeals or retention in the Supreme Court. Briefly
set forth whether the matter is presumptively retained by the Supreme Court or assigned to
the Court of Appeals under NRAP 17, and cite the subparagraph(s) of the Rule under which
the matter falls. If appellant believes that the Supreme Court should retain the case despite
its presumptive assignment to the Court of Appeals, identify the specific issue(s) or circum-
stance(s) that warrant retaining the case, and include an explanation of their importance or
significance:

This matter should be retained by the Supreme Court based on NRAP 17(a)(9), cases originating in business court, given this case originated in business court.

14. Trial.	If this action proceeded to trial, how many days did the trial last?	
Was i	it a bench or jury trial?	

**15. Judicial Disqualification.** Do you intend to file a motion to disqualify or have a justice recuse him/herself from participation in this appeal? If so, which Justice?

N/A

# TIMELINESS OF NOTICE OF APPEAL

16. Date of entry of	written judgment or order appealed from 10/20/21
If no written judg seeking appellate	ment or order was filed in the district court, explain the basis for review:
17. Date written no	otice of entry of judgment or order was served 10/20/21
Was service by:	
$\square$ Delivery	
🛭 Mail/electroni	c/fax
18. If the time for fi (NRCP 50(b), 52(b),	iling the notice of appeal was tolled by a post-judgment motion or 59)
(a) Specify the the date of i	type of motion, the date and method of service of the motion, and filing.
☐ NRCP 50(b)	Date of filing
☐ NRCP 52(b)	Date of filing
□ NRCP 59	Date of filing
	pursuant to NRCP 60 or motions for rehearing or reconsideration may toll the a notice of appeal. See AA Primo Builders v. Washington, 126 Nev, 245
(b) Date of ent	ry of written order resolving tolling motion
(c) Date writte	n notice of entry of order resolving tolling motion was served
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	by has appealed from the judgment or order, list the date each filed and identify by name the party filing the notice of appeal:
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Consistent with NRAP 3A(b)(1), Appellant is appealing from a final order entered in the District Court disposing of Respondents' post-judgment claims for costs and attorneys' fees. The order is final because it disposes of all claims and of all parties.

22. List all parties involved in the action or consolidated actions in the district consolidated actions actions actions action actions action actions action actions action actions action actions action a	ourt:
MARK J. GARDBERG, ESQ., in his capacity as Receiver for, and acting on behalf of, FLAMINGO-PECO SURGERY CENTER, LLC a Nevada limited liability company, plaintiff WILLIAM SMITH MD, defendant PANKAJ BHATANAGAR MD, defendant MAJORIE BELSKY MD, defendant SHELDON FREEDMAN MD, defendant SHELDON FREEDMAN MD, defendant MATHEW NG MD, defendant DANIEL BURKHEAD MD, defendant	OS
(b) If all parties in the district court are not parties to this appeal, explain in detail why those parties are not involved in this appeal, <i>e.g.</i> , formally dismissed, not served, or other:	7
Defendants PANKAJ BHATANAGAR MD, MAJORIE BELSKY MD, MATHEW NG MD, and DANIEL BURKHEAD MD reached settlements and were dismissed with prejudice.	
23. Give a brief description (3 to 5 words) of each party's separate claims, counterclaims, cross-claims, or third-party claims and the date of formal disposition of each claim.	
Plaintiff asserted multiple causes of action involving duty of care and duty of loyalty violations and gross negligence; Defendants did not assert any counterclaims or cross-claims.	
24. Did the judgment or order appealed from adjudicate ALL the claims alleged below and the rights and liabilities of ALL the parties to the action or consolidate actions below? ☑ Yes ☐ No	e <b>d</b>
25. If you answered "No" to question 24, complete the following:  (a) Specify the claims remaining pending below:	

(b) Specify the parties remaining below:
(c) Did the district court certify the judgment or order appealed from as a final judgment pursuant to NRCP 54(b)?
☐ Yes
□ No
(d) Did the district court make an express determination, pursuant to NRCP 54(b), that there is no just reason for delay and an express direction for the entry of judgment?
☐ Yes
□ No
26. If you answered "No" to any part of question 25, explain the basis for seeking appellate review (e.g., order is independently appealable under NRAP 3A(b)):

# 27. Attach file-stamped copies of the following documents:

- The latest-filed complaint, counterclaims, cross-claims, and third-party claims
- Any tolling motion(s) and order(s) resolving tolling motion(s)
- Orders of NRCP 41(a) dismissals formally resolving each claim, counterclaims, crossclaims and/or third-party claims asserted in the action or consolidated action below, even if not at issue on appeal
- Any other order challenged on appeal
- Notices of entry for each attached order

# **VERIFICATION**

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I declare under penalty of perjury that I have read this docketing statement, that the information provided in this docketing statement is true and complete to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, and that I have attached all required documents to this docketing statement.

MARK J. GARDBERG, ESQ., in his capacity as Receiv and acting on behalf of, FLAMINGO-PECOS SURGE	er for, RY
CENTER, LLC a Nevada limited liability company	Mohamed A. Iqbal, Jr.
Name of appellant	Name of counsel of record
12/13/21	
Date	Signature of counsel of record
Clark county, Nevada	
State and county where signed	
CERTIFI	CATE OF SERVICE
I certify that on the 14th day of	will serve  December , 2021 , I served a copy of this
completed docketing statement upon all	counsel of record:
☐ By personally serving it upon hir	m/her; or
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COOK & KELESIS, LTD. 517 SOUTH NINTH STREET LAS VEGAS, NV 89101	
Dated this 13th day of	December , 2021
	Signature

#### 4. **Other Disposition**

Appealing the October 20, 2021 Notice of Entry of Order Granting Defendants William Smith MD and Sheldon Freedman MD's Application for Attorney's Fees and Costs and the October 20, 2021 Notice of Entry of Final Judgment.

#### 6. **Pending and Prior Proceedings in this Court**

Case No.: 74726

Caption: SHELDON FREEDMAN, M.D.; PANKAJ BHATANAGAR, M.D.; AND MATHEW NG, M.D., Petitioners, vs. THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF CLARK; AND THE HONORABLE JOSEPH HARDY, JR., DISTRICT JUDGE, Respondents, and MARK J. GARDBERG, ESQ., IN HIS CAPACITY AS RECEIVER FOR AND ACTING ON BEHALF OF, FLAMINGO-PECOS SURGERY CENTER, LLC, A NEVADA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, Real Parties in Interest.

(Case closed)

Case No.: 83556

Caption: MARK J. GARDBERG, ESQ., IN HIS CAPACITY AS RECEIVER FOR AND ACTING ON BEHALF OF, FLAMINGO-PECOS SURGERY CENTER, LLC, A NEVADA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, Appellant, vs. WILLIAM D. SMITH, M.D., an individual, and SHELDON J. FREEDMAN, M.D., an individual.

#### 8. Brief Description of the Nature of the Action and the Result

Plaintiff appeals from a Notice of Entry of Order granting Defendants' Application for Attorney's Fees and Costs, and a Notice of Entry of Final Judgment. The underlying action subject to a pending appeal (case no. 83556)—involves duty of care and duty of loyalty violations and gross negligence on the part of board members who did nothing and were asleep at the wheel while their employee (bookkeeper Robert W. Barnes) robbed Plaintiff, an entity, blind for four (4) years—and which board members continued to fail their obligations to Plaintiff in the years following the discovery of the embezzlement. Plaintiff was created on or about January 1, 2002, pursuant to an operating agreement dated December 10, 2001. FPSC

was a surgical center/medical services company, frequently operating under the name Surgery Center of Southern Nevada. Barnes was hired in 2006 and, as he would later admit in his criminal guilty plea agreement, embezzled \$1.3 million from FPSC from approximately 2010 to 2013. Defendants Smith and Freedman-both of whom served on Plaintiff's board (the "Board")—had duties of loyalty and care to Plaintiff that they failed completely. Freedman was part of the Board that hired Barnes and then failed to oversee him, ever. Smith joined Freedman in empowering and emboldening Barnes. Smith and the Board, among other things, failed to review the company's finances and credit card statements for four (4) years before the embezzlement was discovered; failed to install safeguards and credit card policies before and after the discovery of the theft; vested in the embezzler (Barnes) such sweepingly broad authority that he was no longer managed or constrained by the Board, or even had to inform them of his actions; awarded sole authority for obtaining \$1.8 million in loan funds to the embezzler, violating the operating agreement's requirement that the Board affirmatively approve any action to borrow money or otherwise obtain credit; demonstrated naked selfdealing by failing to pursue the grossly negligent management company (Epiphany) responsible for the embezzler because, well, Defendants owned shares in the management company; allowed, for years following the discovery of the embezzlement, seven-figures worth of accounts receivable to go to waste, uncollected and rendered worthless; and failed to pursue the embezzler in any reasonable sense. Defendants stranded FPSC following the September 10, 2015 notice of dismissal of the chapter 11 bankruptcy Defendant Smith initiated (and represented FPSC in) December 31, 2014. (14-18480-ABL, U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Nevada). Plaintiff, the current Receiver appointed by the Honorable Judge Nancy L. Allf in 2017, has maintained and/or initiated separate actions in the Eighth Judicial District Court, against Robert Barnes individually, Robert Barnes and his ex-wife, and, in this case—initially—six individual defendants who led FPSC—during and after Barnes' rampage—to ruin. The Receiver's settlements with four of the six defendants were approved by the Honorable Elizabeth Gonzalez in the fall of 2019. The two remaining Defendants, Smith and Freedman, having failed to prevail on prior motions to dismiss and a motion for summary judgment, recently and finally prevailed on summary judgment on August 5, 2021. Thereafter, Defendants Smith and Freedman each filed applications for attorney's fees and costs and memorandum of costs, which the District Court granted on October 20, 2021—despite clear evidence that Defendants submitted false findings of fact and conclusions of law that were relied on for the attorneys' fees award and that formed the basis for Defendants' judgment. Also on October 20, 2021, a notice of entry of order granting Defendants' respective applications for attorney's fees and costs and a notice of entry of final judgment were filed. This instant appeal followed.

# 9. Principal Issues on Appeal

Whether the district court erred in granting Defendants' applications for attorneys' fees and costs.

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1	entered in the above-referenced matter. A copy of said Judgment is attached hereto.
2	DATED this 20th day of October, 2021.
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7	and William D. Smith, M.D.	,
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10	CLARK CO	UNTY, NEVADA
11	MARK J. GARDBERG, ESQ., in his	CASE NO. A-17-750926-B
12	capacity as Receiver for, and acting on behalf of, FLAMINGO-PECOS SURGERY	CONSOLIDATED WITH CASE NO.: A-18-769693-C
13	CENTER, LLC a Nevada limited liability company,	DEPT NO VVII
14	Plaintiff,	DEPT. NO. XXII
15	VS.	FINAL JUDGMENT
16	WILLIAM SMITH MD, an individual; PANKAJ BHATANAGAR MD, an	
17	individual; MAJORIE BELSKY MD, an individual; SHELDON FREEDMAN MD,	
18	an individual; MATHEW NG MD, an individual; DANIEL BURKHEAD MD, an	
19	individual; and DOE MANAGERS, DIRECTORS, AND OFFICERS 1-25, ROE	
20	BUSINESS ENTITIES 1-25;	
21	Defendants.	
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23	WHEREAS, the Complaint in this ma	tter was filed on February 10, 2017 and the
24	Complaint in the consolidated case (A-18-769)	693-C) was filed on February 16, 2018.
25	WHEREAS, Defendant Smith filed hi	s Motion for Summary Judgment on March 26,
26	2021 and Defendant Freedman filed his Motio	n for Summary Judgment on March 30, 2021 with
27	the Oppositions thereto filed by Plaintiff on A	pril 9, 2021 and April 13, 2021, respectively.
	Replies thereto by Smith and Freedman were b	ooth filed on April 26, 2021.
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11	AUTOMATED CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE		
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11	MARK J. GARDBERG, ESQ., in his capacity as Receiver for, and acting on	CASE NO. A-17-750926-B CONSOLIDATED WITH CASE NO.:	
12	behalf of, FLAMINGO-PECOS SURGERY   CENTER, LLC a Nevada limited liability	A-18-769693-C	
13	company,	DEPT. NO. XXII	
14	Plaintiff, vs.	ORDER GRANTING DEFENDANTS	
15	WILLIAM SMITH MD, an individual;	WILLIAM SMITH MD AND SHELDON FREEDMAN MD'S	
16	PANKAJ BHATANAGAR MD, an individual; MAJORIE BELSKY MD, an	APPLICATION FOR ATTORNEY'S FEES AND COSTS	
17	individual; SHELDON FREEDMAN MD, an individual; MATHEW NG MD, an		
18	individual; DANIEL BURKHEAD MD, an individual; and DOE MANAGERS,	Hearing Date: October 5, 2021	
19	DIRECTORS, AND OFFICERS 1-25, ROE BUSINESS ENTITIES 1-25;	Hearing Time: 8:30 a.m.	
20	Defendants.		
21	D & LOTAL MANAGE		
22	This matter having come before this H	Conorable Court on October 5, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. in	
23	Department XXII before the Honorable Susan Johnson, on Defendants' Application for		
24	Attorney's Fees and Costs filed on August 19, 2021, with Plaintiff appearing telephonically via		
25	BlueJeans by and through his counsel of record, Mohamed A. Iqbal, Jr., Esq., of the law firm of		
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28	telephonically via BlueJeans by and through his counsel of record, Marc P. Cook, Esq., of the		
	law firm of Cook & Kelesis, Ltd., and the Cou	rt having considered the papers and pleadings on	

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file herein and the oral argument of counsel presented at the hearing with good cause appearing:

- 1. The Complaint in this matter was filed on February 10, 2017 and the Complaint in the consolidated case (A-18-769693-C) was filed on February 16, 2018.
- 2. Defendant Smith filed his Motion for Summary Judgment on March 26, 2021 and Defendant Freedman filed his Motion for Summary Judgment on March 30, 2021 with the Oppositions thereto filed by Plaintiff on April 9, 2021 and April 13, 2021, respectively. Replies thereto by Smith and Freedman were both filed on April 26, 2021.
- 3. The Court having heard this matter, entered its Findings of Facts and Conclusions of Law regarding both Defendant Smith and Defendant Freedman's Motions for Summary Judgment on August 5, 2021.
- 4. Those Findings of Facts and Conclusions of Law included findings that there was no evidence the Defendants did not devote sufficient time to form specific duties as members of the board, no evidence to suggest the members of the board did not perform their duties within the standard, no evidence to suggest any board member did not perform their duties within the standard and that all evidence supports that the Defendants acted in good faith and in an honest belief that their actions were in the best interest of the Company.<sup>1</sup>
- 5. Defendants Smith and Freedman filed their Application for Attorney's Fees and Costs on August 19, 2021 and the Memorandum of Costs on August 19, 2021.
- 6. The Court having read and reviewed the Defendants Smith and Freedman's Application for Attorney's Fees and Costs along with all Exhibits and Affidavits attached thereto, as well as the Memorandum of Costs, Opposition and Reply, the Court having weighed the *Brunzell* Factors (noting that Plaintiff did not dispute that the amount of fees and costs were reasonable) and having found that the attorney's fees and costs requested are reasonable and accurate; the Court hereby GRANTS the Application for Attorney's Fees and Costs based on both the contract for attorney's fees (NRS 18.010(1)) and finding that this case was brought

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>See Smith Findings, Paragraphs 47, 49, 50 & 60 and Freedman Findings, Paragraphs 48, 49, 56 & 59.

1	and/or maintained with that reasonable ground pursuant to NRS 18.010(2)(b) as outlined in the		
2	Application.		
3	IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that pursuant to NRS 18.010, Brunzell v. Golden Gate Na		
4	Bank, 85 Nev. 345 (1969), and Musso v. Binick, 104 Nev. 613, 764 P.2d 477 (1988), the		
5	Defendants Smith and Freedman's Application for Attorney's Fees and Costs is hereby		
6	GRANTED;		
7	IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Defendants Smith and Freedman are awarded		
8	attorney's fees in the amount of \$315,525.00;		
9	IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Defendants Smith and Freedman are awarded		
10	0 \$24,695.37 in costs;		
11	IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Defendants Smith and Freedman are not entitled to		
12	pre-judgment interest on attorney's fees;		
13	IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Defendants Smith and Freedman are entitled to post		
14	the sum of attorney's fees and costs judgment interest on this judgment at the legal rate and the same will accrue from date of the pursuant to NRS 99.040(1), which		
15	entry of this Order until paid in full; and		
16	IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the attorney's fees awarded shall be and hereby are		
17	reduced to judgment in favor of Defendants Smith and Freedman and against Plaintiffs.		
18	B DATED this day of October, 2021.  Dated this 20th day of October, 2021		
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6	Flamingo-Pecos Surgery Center	CASE NO: A-17-750926-B	
7	LLC, Plaintiff(s)	DEPT. NO. Department 22	
8	VS.		
9	William Smith, M.D., Defendant(s)		
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8	MARK J. GARDBERG, ESQ., in his capacity		
9	as Receiver for, and acting on behalf of, FLAMINGO-PECOS SURGERY CENTER,	Dept. No.: XV	
10	LLC a Nevada limited liability company;	SECOND AMENDED COMPLAINT	
11	Plaintiff,	(Exempt from Arbitration – exceeds \$50,000)	
12	VS.	(Exempt from Mottation Caeceds \$50,000)	
13	William Smith MD, Pankaj Bhatanagar MD, Marjorie Belsky MD, Sheldon Freedman MD,		
14	Mathew Ng MD, Daniel Burkhead MD, Manager MD, DOE MANAGERS,		
15	DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS 1-25, ROE BUSINESS ENTITIES 1-25;		
16	Defendants.		
17		Esq., in his capacity as Receiver for, and acting	
18	on behalf of, Flamingo-Pecos Surgery Center, LLC		
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20	Amended Complaint ("SAC"):	LHETODY	
21	PROCEDURAL HISTORY		
22	A. The Appointment of the Receiver by the Court in Case No. A-16-733627		
23	, ,	s Surgery Center, LLC ("Flamingo") filed a	
24	petition for reorganization in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Nevada 2014 (In re:		
25	Flamingo-Pecos Surgery Center, LLC dba Surgery Center of Southern Nevada, Case No. BK-S-		
26	18480-ABL).		
27	2. Two months prior to filing its petition, Fla	amingo abandoned a leasehold consisting of an	
28	ambulatory surgery center located in the Southw	est area of Las Vegas – after accruing several	

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- hundreds of thousands of dollars in unpaid rent, operating expenses, and other fees and costs, owed to the landlord, Patriot-Reading Associates LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("Patriot").
  - 3. In the bankruptcy case, the Trustee subsequently moved to dismiss, noting that Flamingo filed merely to avoid being sued "and to burden the Trustee with protecting [Flamingo] assets and records." The Bankruptcy Court granted the Trustee's motion and dismissed Flamingo's bankruptcy case on September 4, 2015.
  - 4. Throughout its tenancy at Patriot's property, and prior to, during, and after its failed bankruptcy, Flamingo was under the control of certain officers, directors and managers, who are now defendants in this instant action.
  - 5. On March 23, 2016, Patriot sued Flamingo for breach of contract in case no. A-16-733627, *Patriot-Reading Associates LLC v. Flamingo-Pecos Surgery Center LLC*. Flamingo made no effort to satisfy its obligation to Patriot or to defend itself in the breach of contract action.
  - 6. Flamingo, under the control of the defendants in this instant action, sold essentially all its tangible assets at auction after Patriot's complaint was filed in March of 2016 and before the Court entered its Judgment (as defined in paragraph 8, *infra*) in May of 2016.
  - 7. Default was entered against Flamingo on April 28, 2016.
  - 8. A default judgment was entered on May 20, 2016 against Flamingo and in favor of Patriot, in the amount \$706,631.17 (the "Judgment").
  - 9. Flamingo failed to appear in the breach of contract action despite service of process and multiple notices.
  - 10. Patriot moved for the appointment of a receiver over Flamingo to, among other things: (i) secure its assets, including impending restitution from a related criminal matter; (ii) pursue such other and further claims as may be warranted based on the embezzlement or any other improper distribution or taking of Defendant's assets; and (iii) pay Flamingo's lawful debts, including the Judgment owed to Patriot.
  - 11. The Court granted Patriot's Petition for the Appointment of Receiver following a hearing held on August 10, 2016, and issued an Order Granting Patriot-Reading Associates LLC's Petition

is to Mr. Mulliner's specific tenure as the "Receiver", he is cited as the "Initial Receiver".

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authorized by the Receivership Order, Mr. Mulliner is cited as the "Receiver"; where the reference

Where the reference is the position of "Receiver", as appointed, empowered and

- 1 22. On September 26, 2017, the Court held a hearing on the Motions to Dismiss, and found 2 good cause to order supplemental briefing. The various defendants' supplemental motions to 3 dismiss are due on October 24, 2017; Plaintiff's opposition is due on November 7, 2017; and the 4 replies in support of the supplemental motions to dismiss are due on November 21, 2017. 5
  - 23. A hearing based on the supplemental briefing is calendared for November 29, 2017.

#### 6 THE PARTIES

- 24. Plaintiff Mark J. Gardberg, Esq., in his capacity as Receiver for, and acting on behalf of, Flamingo-Pecos Surgery Center, LLC, a Nevada limited liability company, is a Nevada resident located and conducting business in Clark County, Nevada. Flamingo was organized and founded on or about January 9, 2002, subsequently merged with Hualapai Surgery Center LLC on or about October 12, 2011, and conducted business in Clark County, Nevada.
- 25 Defendant William Smith MD ("Defendant Smith") is an individual who resides and/or does business in Clark County, Nevada. At all times described herein, Defendant Smith was a manager, director and/or officer of Flamingo and owed certain duties to Flamingo.
- 26. Defendant Pankaj Bhatanagar MD ("Defendant Bhatanagar") is an individual who resides and/or does business in Clark County, Nevada. At all times described herein, Defendant Bhatanagar was a manager, director and/or officer of Flamingo and owed certain duties to Flamingo.
- 27. Defendant Marjorie Belsky MD ("Defendant Belsky") is an individual who resides and/or does business in Clark County, Nevada. At all times described herein, Defendant Belsky was a manager, director and/or officer of Flamingo and owed certain duties to Flamingo.
- 28. Defendant Sheldon Freedman MD ("Defendant Freedman") is an individual who resides and/or does business in Clark County, Nevada. At all times described herein, Defendant Freedman was a manager, director and/or officer of Flamingo and owed certain duties to Flamingo.
- 29. Defendant Mathew Ng MD ("Defendant Ng") is an individual who resides and/or does business in Clark County, Nevada. At all times described herein, Defendant Ng was a manager, director and/or officer of Flamingo and owed certain duties to Flamingo.

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- 30. Defendant Daniel Burkhead MD ("<u>Defendant Burkhead</u>") is an individual who resides and/or does business in Clark County, Nevada. At all times described herein, Defendant Burkhead was a manager, director and/or officer of Flamingo and owed certain duties to Flamingo.

  31. Defendants Smith, Bhatanagar, Belsky, Freedman, Ng, Burkhead, Manager MD, Doe Defendants, and Roe Business Entities 1 through 100 are referenced individually and collectively
  - 32. A certain Defendant Manager MD ("<u>Defendant Manager MD</u>") is an individual who resides and does business in Clark County, Nevada. At all times described herein, Defendant Manager MD was a manager, director and/or officer of Flamingo and owed certain duties to Flamingo; Defendant Manager MD is currently in bankruptcy and shall be named as a defendant to this action once Defendant Manager MD's bankruptcy is no longer pending.
  - 33. Certain doe defendant managers, directors and officers (the "<u>Doe D&O Defendants</u>") are individuals who reside and do business in Clark County, Nevada. The true names of the Doe D&O Defendants 1 through 25 are presently unknown to Plaintiff, who therefore sues said defendants by such fictitious names. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and therefore alleges, that each of the Doe D&O Defendants are legally responsible for the events referred to herein. This SAC will be amended to include them when their true names and capacities become known.
  - 34. The true names and capacities of defendants Roe Business Entities 1 through 100 are presently unknown to Plaintiff, who therefore sues said defendants by such fictitious names. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and therefore alleges, that each of the defendants designated as Roe Business Entities 1 through 100 are legally responsible for the events referred to herein. This SAC will be amended to include them when their true names and capacities become known.

### **JURISDICTION & VENUE**

- 35. This Court has jurisdiction because the amount in controversy exceeds \$50,000, and because the parties are residents of and/or conduct business in Clark County, Nevada.
- 36. Venue in Clark County is proper because the defendants are residents of and/or conduct business in Clark County, and because the acts described herein occurred there.

as the "Defendants."

### SUMMARY OF ALLEGATIONS COMMON TO ALL CAUSES OF ACTION

- 37. The Receiver, an individual, pursues Defendants on behalf of Flamingo because Defendants individually and collectively damaged Flamingo though a series of actions and inactions occurring over the course of several years. As such, this action was effectuated to preserve, protect, and recover Flamingo's assets and property from a group of individuals who irreparably harmed Flamingo: *i.e.*, Defendants Flamingo's own directors, officers, and managers charged with running, overseeing and growing its business.
- 38. The Receiver is authorized, empowered, and specifically tasked with prosecuting this suit (e.g., see Section B(7) of the Receivership Order, p. 4 of 13, ll. 15-17: "Bring and prosecute all proper actions for the collection of debts owed to Flamingo, and for the protection and recovery of the Receivership Property." As defined therein, Receivership Property includes: "Flamingo and its assets, including all accounts, books, records, contract rights, restitution rights, claims and causes of action, and such other further assets to which Flamingo might be entitled"; Receivership Order, p. 2 of 13, ll. 12-15 (emphasis added)).
- 39. As alleged in further and specific detail within this SAC, the injury to Flamingo and the damages sought from Defendants by this SAC are not *per se* the damages, actions and injury caused by the criminal office manager Barnes; rather, the injury to Flamingo and the damages sought from Defendants stem from Defendants' breaches of their fiduciary duties, breaches of the entity's operating agreement, and gross negligence, willful misconduct, and reckless/intentional disregard, in allowing and enabling Barnes to steal from Flamingo over a span of several years and to such an extent that Flamingo was rendered insolvent and went out of business.
- 40. The injury to Flamingo and the damages sought arise from Defendants' own misconduct and breaches—Defendants' own failures in hiring and supervising Barnes, Defendants' own failures to audit, review, or even check Flamingo's finances and accounts, Defendants' own failures to pursue or recover embezzled amounts, Defendants' own failures to pursue, preserve and collect Flamingo's receivables, and Defendants' own failures to assert Flamingo's interests and right to restitution when Barnes' criminal matter was adjudicated.

- 41. Defendants failed to exercise business judgment during Flamingo's demise and, moreover, Defendants intentionally acted and failed to act in direct breach of their duties of loyalty and duties of care to Flamingo and (when dissolution was inevitable) its creditors.
- 42. Indeed, Defendants perceived the deteriorating health of Flamingo, observed its deepening insolvency and failures to pay creditors, and were cognizant of Flamingo's mounting debt and financial troubles. Rather than adhering to their obligations to Flamingo, which would have involved efforts to satisfy Flamingo's creditors, and because Defendants perceived no personal benefit from meeting such obligations, they ignored those obligations, did nothing, committed waste, and did not care, as Flamingo slid from a profitable enterprise employing 90 people and treating scores of Nevada residents, to a gutted, insolvent shell that shuttered all three of its locations.
- 43. Defendants' actions and inactions were not the product of careful evaluation, or reasonable decisions, or even the thinnest guise of business judgment; instead, they were the product of glaring omissions and ignorance, gross negligence, willful misconduct, and reckless/intentional disregard, and staggering breaches of their fiduciary duties of care and of loyalty.
- 44. Defendants were part of 27 practicing surgeons constituting insiders of Flamingo a small limited liability company which was robbed over several years by an unsupervised, do-it-all office manager Barnes. The office manager stole millions from Flamingo over several years and yet Defendants were, apparently, too "busy" to notice.
- 45. Individually and collectively, Defendants, with gross negligence, willful misconduct, and reckless/intentional disregard, and in breach of their respective fiduciary duties to Flamingo:
  - a. hired an embezzler, Barnes, into an unsupervised position with the power to destroy Flamingo and shut down all of Flamingo's business at three locations;
  - b. chose not to put a system in place to monitor said embezzler, enabling him to engage in criminal conduct with complete impunity for "at least three to five years";
  - c. failed to monitor and supervise that embezzler, who left <u>obvious and brazen</u> warning signs (including, for example, middle-of-the-night withdrawals of \$25,000 and \$30,000 from Flamingo's corporate card to feed a gambling problem, forging documents, and tying Flamingo to "economically unfeasible agreements"); and

- d. failed to terminate, seek recourse from, or pursue that embezzler or *complicit banking institutions*, even after learning he stole millions from Flamingo while Defendants who owed duties to Flamingo *did nothing*.
- 46. Not only did Defendants fail to supervise Barnes or timely uncover his multi-layered looting, Defendants failed to immediately fire Barnes upon discovery instead, they *allowed the criminal to remain in his position for up to a year after discovery*.
- 47. Defendants took none of the steps one would reasonably take after discovering a criminal enterprise threatening one's own business. Defendants failed to:
  - a. *block* Barnes from Flamingo's finances, or even supervise him; Barnes maintained his unsupervised access to and dominance over Flamingo's financial accounts, receivables, physical files, and even computer systems; Barnes "sabotaged" Flamingo's computer systems when he eventually left, and absconded with Flamingo's computer system, emptied his office, and took all the files;
  - b. conduct an audit or investigation into the extent of Barnes' criminal acts and Flamingo's damages, despite Barnes being the "poison pill" that destroyed Flamingo's business *years* later, Defendants still had no clue how much Barnes stole;
  - c. pursue a civil action against Barnes;
  - d. attempt to recover Flamingo's funds and assets; or
  - e. move with haste or urgency indeed, it took Defendants six (6) months *after Barnes absconded* to approach the FBI.
- 48. Moreover, Defendants intentionally prevented others from satisfying their fiduciary duties to Flamingo: directors screamed at managing member Tadlock to leave Barnes alone when he attempted to get Barnes to attend meetings and discuss Barnes' embezzlement; hindered Tadlock's efforts to investigate Barnes; ignored the fact that Barnes did not show up to meetings; and engaged in extensive and widespread obstruction.
- 49. The federal government sought for Barnes, and Barnes was given, a prison sentence based on, among other things, Barnes' embezzlement and theft from Flamingo.
- 50. Defendants separately failed to protect, preserve or pursue millions of dollars in Flamingo's receivables. These receivables continued to wither away to nothing a textbook example of waste.
- 51. This waste of millions of dollars owed to Flamingo is made even worse by the fact that Defendants were put on notice and knew they should have pursued the receivables.

majority decision by the surgeons. See attached hereto as Exhibit 1 a relevant portion of the

Managing member Charles H. Tadlock testified under oath that Barnes' hiring was a

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- January 19, 2016 Charles H. Tadlock Rule 2004 Examination Transcript in *In re Charles H*.
- 2 | Tadlock and Mary E. Tadlock, 15-13135-abl, at p. 19, ll. 11-17; p. 24, ll. 6-8.
- 3 68. Tadlock testified under oath that the "entire group" talked to Barnes about coming to work
- 4 for them, and everyone had an equal say. *Id.* at p. 24, ll. 3-5.
- 5 69. Barnes' functions and responsibilities as Flamingo's office manager extended to
- 6 Flamingo's full financial workings, accounts and books.
- 7 Defendants failed to conduct the necessary due diligence regarding Barnes and, with gross
- 8 negligence, willful misconduct and reckless/intentional disregard, and in breach of their fiduciary
- 9 duties to Flamingo, hired Barnes and placed a criminal in a position to easily steal from Flamingo.
- 10 71. Defendants hired Barnes into a position where his submissions, correspondence and
- 11 communications with, and representations to Flamingo's (a) vendors and creditors, including
- 12 | Flamingo's landlords; (b) accountant(s), financial officers, and/or the board of directors; (c)
- patients, Medicare and Medicaid entities, and insurance companies, on invoices, accounts
- receivable, and reimbursements; and (d) lenders and financial institutions holding Flamingo's
- accounts, would be unreviewed, unsupervised, unmonitored, unaudited, and/or unreconciled.
- 16 72. Defendants hired Barnes into a position where Flamingo's accounts and funds would not
- be reviewed, supervised, monitored, audited, reconciled or safeguarded in any reasonable manner.
- 18 73. Defendants conducted no spot checks or audits of Barnes' work and performance following
- 19 Barnes' hiring.
- 20 74. Defendants implemented no probationary, or trainee, period when Barnes was hired.
- 21 75. Defendants failed to appropriately train Barnes or review his work or performance
- following Barnes' hiring.
- 23 | 76. Defendants failed to establish a procedure to review, supervise, monitor, audit, and/or
- reconcile Barnes' performance as Flamingo's office manager.
- 25 77. Defendants failed to appropriately review, supervise, monitor, audit, and/or reconcile
- Barnes' performance as Flamingo's office manager even when things were clearly amiss.

- 1 | 78. Each of the following dozens of paragraphs, independently and collectively, evidence
- 2 Defendants' gross negligence and reckless disregard and willful/intentional misconduct, and
- 3 breaches of Defendants' duties of loyalty and duties of care to Flamingo.
- 4 | 79. Barnes would withdraw cash from Flamingo's corporate credit card(s) in the middle of
- 5 the night in amounts of \$25,000 and \$30,000 at a time. See attached hereto as **Exhibit 2** a
- 6 relevant portion of the February 5, 2015 Rule 341 Examination Transcript, Dr. William Smith and
- 7 Counsel testifying for debtor in *In re Flamingo-Pecos Surgery Center dba Surgery Center of*
- 8 *Southern Nevada*, 14-18480-ABL, at p. 7, ll. 13-21.
- 9 80. Barnes later admitted that he obtained approximately \$515,000 in casino cash advances
- 10 using Flamingo's credit cards, for personal gambling. See attached hereto as **Exhibit 3** the Plea
- 11 Agreement Under Fed. R. Crim. P. 11(c)(1)(A) and (B) in U.S. v. Robert W. Barnes, 2:16-cr-
- 12 | 00090-APG-GWF, Document 6, at pp. 5-6, ll. 15-23, 1-3.
- 13 | 81. Barnes admitted that he used Flamingo's credit card to purchase a diamond and platinum
- 14 | ring for \$38,000 in February 2013. *Id.*
- Barnes admitted that during one five-month period in 2013, he used Flamingo's credit card
- 16 for concert tickets, hotels and expenses at Disneyland, expensive meals, and other personal
- 17 entertainment. *Id.*
- 18 | 83. Barnes admitted to embezzling funds from related entities, including Epiphany Surgical
- 19 Solutions and VIP Surgical Centers. *Id.* at p. 6, 1l. 3-8.
- 20 84. Defendants did not act to prevent these blatantly illegal and inappropriate charges on
- 21 Flamingo's corporate cards for several years.
- 22 85. Barnes forged documents.
- 86. Barnes illegally and without authorization entered Flamingo into promissory notes and
- 24 | lines of credit totaling \$1.7 million dollars and absconded with the funds for personal use, while
- 25 Flamingo was eventually sued by J.P. Morgan Chase in Case No. A-14-700424, JP Morgan Chase
- Bank NA vs. Flamingo-Pecos Surgery Center LLC, Eighth Judicial District Court, Dept. 24
- 27 (currently closed). See attached hereto as **Exhibit 4** the January 8, 2015 Omnibus Declaration of

- William Smith, M.D. in Support of Debtor's Interim Emergency Motions and Related Relief, Dkt.
- 2 | 13 in In re Flamingo-Pecos Surgery Center dba Surgery Center of Southern Nevada, 14-18480-
- 3 ABL, at pp. 3-4, ¶ 12.
- 4 87. Barnes issued false reports. Exhibit 1 at pp. 53-54, ll. 23-25, 1-2. Indeed, actual reports
- 5 directly from Flamingo's banks were different from the reports Barnes showed to Defendants and
- 6 Flamingo's other officers, directors and members. *Id.* at p. 30, 11. 3-5.
- 7 | 88. Barnes wrote checks to draw funds from accounts on which he had no authority and was
- 8 not named. *Id.* at p. 64, 11. 4-13. Defendants either did not review the checks drawing down
- 9 Flamingo's funds or did not bother to inform themselves about why they were being issued.
- 10 89. Barnes brought suspicion on others to cover his tracks for example, asserting to other
- directors, officers and managers, that managing member Tadlock was getting more than his fair-
- share. Barnes did this while Tadlock was out of pocket with multiple surgeries and was unaware
- of Barnes' slander. Defendants, however, did nothing to investigate Barnes' charges and to inform
- themselves of the true state of Flamingos' financial woes. *Id.* at p. 32, 11. 8-23.
- 15 90. Defendants were aware of Barnes failing to pay Flamingo's creditors including landlords
- 16 | large sums of money, for multiple years. Such creditors were eventually owed hundreds of
- 17 thousands of dollars, while Barnes lied to the creditors about checks being in the mail, failed to
- communicate and respond to urgent correspondence, and generally gave Flamingo's creditors the
- run around for several years. Yet Defendants did nothing.
- 20 | 91. Barnes was "not forthcoming" with the [financial] reports for 18 months to two years.
- 21 Exhibit 1 at p. 27, Il. 17-20. Defendants did nothing.
- 22 | 92. Barnes cancelled board of directors' meetings repeatedly. See attached hereto as **Exhibit**
- 5 a relevant portion of the July 15, 2015 Rule 341 Examination Transcript, Dr. William Smith
- 24 | testifying for debtor in In re Flamingo-Pecos Surgery Center dba Surgery Center of Southern
- Nevada, 14-18480-ABL, at p. 4, Il. 5-12. Again, Defendants did nothing.
- 26 93. In addition to the immediate and massive midnight heists from Flamingo's corporate card,
- Barnes tied Flamingo to "economically unfeasible agreements" criminal enterprises at every

- 1 level, including with dirty sheets. Exhibit 2 at p. 6, ll. 3-5. Barnes profited from the cleaning of 2 Flamingo's dirty sheets. The scheme in sum: Flamingo got charged 3X or 4X the Las Vegas rate 3 to have the surgery center's sheets washed in Utah, and Barnes got a kickback. 4 94. Barnes' dirty sheets arrangement wasn't his only scheme related to Flamingo's vendors. 5 "There are lots of examples." *Id.* at p. 6, ll. 12-13. 6 95. Barnes reached similar illicit kick-back arrangements with various creditors of Flamingo, 7 stealing for himself discounts and rebates that should have inured to the benefit of Flamingo. *Id.* 8 at p. 6, 1, 7. Defendants either failed to notice or failed to act, as they did nothing for several years. 9 Barnes hired multiple accounting firms during his tenure – as soon as the accountants 10 started having questions, he would *replace* the firm and tell Defendants – "oh, they're not doing a 11 good job. We needed to go to the next one." Barnes did this with at least three firms. *Id.* at p. 9, 12 II. 15-21. Defendants continued to do nothing despite such blatant warning signs. 13 97. Defendant Smith testified under oath that Barnes' crime spree lasted for at least three to 14 five years (Id. at p. 9, Il. 13-14) – meaning that Defendants failed to check Flamingo's bank and 15 credit card accounts and statements, bills, invoices, receivables and accounting and tax documents, 16 for several years – an eternity, especially in the small business world, and among the small group 17
  - 98. Barnes admitted in subsequent criminal proceedings that he embezzled at least \$1.3 million over many years. Defendant Smith testified to "millions" in stolen funds. Exhibit 2 at p. 9, 1, 10. Managing member Tadlock estimated \$3.5 million. See attached hereto as Exhibit 6 a relevant portion of the March 14, 2016 Charles H. Tadlock Rule 2004 Examination Transcript in *In re* Charles H. Tadlock and Mary E. Tadlock, 15-13135-abl, at p. 103, ll. 12-20. Separately, Barnes stole approximately \$300,000 to \$350,000 from Epiphany, the management company for Flamingo and owned in majority part by Flamingo's managing member Tadlock.
  - 99. During the many years of Barnes' crime spree, Defendants failed to supervise or monitor Barnes' submissions, correspondence and communications with, and representations to Flamingo's (a) vendors and creditors, including Flamingo's landlords; (b) accountant(s), financial

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officers, and/or the board of directors; (c) patients, Medicare and Medicaid entities, and insurance		
companies, on invoices, accounts receivable, and reimbursements; and (d) lenders and financia		
institutions holding Flamingo's accounts.		
100. Defendants did not audit or reconcile Barnes' work, despite his position and power to		
destroy Flamingo's entire business. In fact, Barnes' theft and Defendants' actions and inactions		
directly led to Flamingo's downfall and ill-fated bankruptcy; at Flamingo's Rule 341 Meeting		
Barnes was labeled the "poison pill", and the impact of his crime on Flamingo's business wa		
readily and unambiguously admitted. "So the surgery center was always profitable if there wasn't		
somebody who was stealing millions of dollars." Exhibit 2 at p. 16, ll. 21-23. Despite his central		
role, Defendants did nothing.		
101. Defendants did not conduct any performance reviews or rate or examine Barnes' work and		
conduct in his critical business functions.		
102. Defendants did not audit or even review, with even the slightest care or effort, Flamingo's		
financial reports during the several years of Barnes' crime spree to determine why so much money		
was missing. And why no one - including Defendants and Flamingo's creditors - was getting		
paid from a busy surgery center.		
103. Defendants did not check on Flamingo's funds, or even review Flamingo's accounts and		
statements, or Flamingo's contracts with vendors, creditors and lenders, with even the slightest		
care or effort – as Barnes robbed Flamingo blind via concurrent, brazen schemes.		
104. Barnes' conduct, and Defendants' acts and failures to act to prevent and/or end such		
conduct, crippled Flamingo – forcing the layoffs of 90 employees, leaving just five (5) persons		
still employed. Exhibit 4 at p. 4, ¶ 13.		
105. Despite the warning signs, and despite Barnes' failure to perform basic functions for well		
over a year (including but not limited to issuing financial reports), Defendants did not investigate,		
audit, examine or perhaps even bother about such failures.		

1	106. In response to questions from the U.S. Trustee at Flamingo's ill-fated bankruptcy, Dr.		
2	Smith's only defense was: "most of the surgeons here are extremely busy, and we trusted him to		
3	do the day-to-day management." Exhibit 2 at p. 10, ll. 12-14.		
4	107. Indeed, Defendants allowed Barnes to remain on the board "until he was fired." Exhibit 5		
5	at pp. 3-4:24-25, 1-4.		
6	108. Barnes employed schemes, misrepresentations and outright lies to hide Flamingo's true		
7	financial condition and Defendants failed to detect any of them. Defendants exercised zero		
8	diligence and zero urgency and failed to engage in efforts to save Flamingo—their own business.		
9	In fact, Defendants did the opposite, as "two-thirds of the doctors gave up." Exhibit 2 at p. 7, ll.		
10	13-21.		
11	109. Individually and collectively, Defendants were grossly negligent and acted with reckless		
12	disregard and willful/intentional misconduct, and breached their fiduciary duties of loyalty and		
13	duties of care to Flamingo, in hiring and failing to supervise, oversee and/or monitor Barnes for		
14	many years during Barnes' crime spree.		
15	110. Defendants' actions and failures to act allowed and encouraged a criminal to effectuate and		
16	conduct his embezzlement and theft from Flamingo and resulted in substantial damages to and		
17	against Flamingo.		
18	ALLEGATIONS COMMON TO ALL CAUSES OF ACTION: BARNES' NON-		
19 20	TERMINATION AND LINGERING RETENTION – AND DEFENDANTS' INACTIVITY AND INTENTIONAL MISCONDUCT – <u>FOLLOWING</u> DISCOVERY OF BARNES' CRIMINALITY		
21	111. Upon the discovery of Barnes' embezzlement and theft, Defendants took none of the steps		
22	one would expect to be taken in an existential emergency (one that caused all three of Flamingo's		
23	locations to shut down based on Barnes' actions).		
24	112. Defendants are wildly inconsistent as to basic facts about Barnes' crime spree. Dr. William		
25	Smith under oath at a Rule 341 Meeting agreed with a puzzling and worrisome sequence of events:		
26	Barnes' embezzlement was discovered in 2012, but he was not fired until 2013. Exhibit 5, at p. 5,		
27	ll. 3-7. Separately, in a sworn declaration, Dr. Smith asserted that reports were received in June		

- 1 or July of 2013 from Flamingo's landlords and vendors that debts were going unpaid, and this led 2 to the board confronting Barnes, who "immediately resigned." Exhibit 4, at p. 3, ¶ 9. In fact, 3 Flamingo's landlord raised unpaid rent issues well before June 2013—in 2011 itself, and 4 repeatedly throughout 2012—as evidenced by multiple written agreements. 5 Flamingo negotiated a certain Delinquent Rent Letter Agreement with said landlord 113. 6 beginning in 2011, and managing member Tadlock executed this agreement on January 3, 2012. 7 Flamingo subsequently received a demand letter from said landlord on July 6, 2012, and 8 on July 24, 2012, managing member Tadlock guarantied Flamingo's performance via executing a 9 certain Amended Delinquent Rent Letter Agreement. 10 115. Tadlock, on behalf of Flamingo, also received an email on December 31, 2012 detailing 11 substantial past due rents and attaching a rent invoice. 12 116. Managing member Tadlock describes the discovery of Barnes's embezzlement completely 13 differently – his office manager Tammy Schaefer discovered theft from an Epiphany account at 14 Bank of America in 2013 or 2014. Exhibit 1, pp. 43-44, ll. 12-25, 1-6. Tadlock believes Barnes 15 simply left, and "disappeared." *Id.*, at p. 46, ll. 12-13. Barnes "took off" on a Saturday with "all 16 of the computers and all of the written stuff for Epiphany and [Flamingo]." *Id.*, at p. 49, Il. 11-18. 17 Defendants – Flamingo's officers, managers and directors who owed obligations and duties 117. 18 to Flamingo – are completely inconsistent about the central events and central character (the 19 "poison pill") who destroyed their business and stole millions of dollars.
  - 118. What is undisputed is that Defendants were willfully blind to Barnes' criminality for several years, and that Defendants failed upon discovery to immediately stop Barnes and protect Flamingo.
  - 119. Barnes admits to conducting his outrageous heists from 2010 to 2013 meaning Defendants completely failed and slept on their basic obligations for many years. This constitutes grossly, willfully and intentionally negligent conduct and, separately, a breach of Defendants' fiduciary duties to Flamingo, of care and of loyalty.

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- 1 120. Upon discovering Barnes' embezzlement and theft, Defendants individually and collectively failed for an unreasonably lengthy period of time to remove Barnes from his position as office manager, and to block Barnes' access to Flamingo's funds and assets, thereby:

  (a) allowing Barnes to continue his crime spree; (b) failing to limit Flamingo's potential losses; and (c) exacerbating Flamingo's actual losses.
  - 121. Upon discovering Barnes' embezzlement and theft, Defendants individually and collectively failed to: (a) demand that Barnes return Flamingo's funds and assets; (b) pursue Barnes; and (c) file a civil complaint against Barnes, with such failures resulting in substantial damages against Flamingo.
  - 122. Upon discovering Barnes' embezzlement and theft, Defendants individually and collectively failed to appropriately audit, investigate, and determine the extent of Barnes' crimes, resulting in substantial damages against Flamingo.
- 13 Defendants failed to address Barnes' continued control of Flamingo's finances for several
   14 months.
  - 124. Defendants failed to implement and/or enforce IT protections and record retention policies after they discovered Barnes' crimes.
- 17 | 125. Defendants failed to investigate Barnes' finances. Exhibit 1, pp. 74-75, ll. 24-25, 1-7.
- 18 | 126. Defendants failed to hire accountants to conduct an internal investigation into Flamingo's losses.
  - 127. Defendants failed to pursue Barnes to retrieve Flamingo's funds and other entities' funds.
  - 128. After discovering Barnes' embezzlement and theft and until Barnes left, Defendants allowed Barnes to further harm Flamingo. Dr. Smith testified that Barnes either destroyed or took a lot of documents, including those related to board meetings. Exhibit 5, at p. 4, ll. 15-19. Managing member Tadlock confirms that "Barnes walked off with almost everything, the computers . . . [a]ll the financial records for Epiphany and for [Flamingo]." Exhibit 6, at p. 50, ll.

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- 1 129. Speaking in July of 2015, Dr. Smith admitted that Barnes "sabotaged a couple of computers 2 that had some information on [sic], so we have a hard time getting some of that down." Exhibit 5, 3 at p. 4, Il. 19-22. Barnes inflicted upon Flamingo extensive and long-lasting damage on his way 4 out of the company, and the harm he caused was exacerbated by Defendants' failures to protect 5 Flamingo. 6 Defendants individually and collectively failed to protect and preserve Flamingo's assets, 130. 7 funding and interests from Barnes's criminality, and failed to take basic steps to protect and 8 preserve Flamingo after Barnes left the company. 9 After Barnes left Flamingo, and for the six months that followed, Defendants did not hire 10 anyone to investigate Barnes' misconduct, leaving Flamingo in the dark as to the full extent of the 11 damage. *Id.*, at p. 6, ll. 9-15. 12 132. Indeed, it took Defendants six (6) months after Barnes absconded to take even such basic 13 steps as reporting his crimes to the FBI. 14 133. 15
  - 133. Not only did Defendants fail to take any actions to protect Flamingo's interests, but certain Defendants on the Board of Directors intentionally interfered with managing member Tadlock's efforts to investigate Barnes' embezzlement. Tadlock claimed that directors screamed at him when he attempted to get Barnes to attend meetings and discuss Flamingo's finances (Exhibit 1, at p. 28, ll. 2-15), and they "were shouting at [Tadlock] to leave [Barnes] alone" when Tadlock raised the issue of Barnes' performance. *Id.*, at p. 28, ll. 12-15.
  - 134. Defendants who were board members hindered Tadlock's efforts to investigate Barnes, ignored the fact that Barnes did not show up to meetings, and engaged in general obstruction that lasted for more than 18 months. *Id.*, at p. 28, ll. 3-19.
  - 135. According to managing member Tadlock, the banks where Flamingo's funds were held allowed Barnes to write checks on accounts for which he had no authorization, and failed to take basic security precautions negligence that potentially left the banks liable for Flamingo's losses. Yet Defendants failed to pursue or even file a civil complaint against such institutions to hold them responsible for allowing Flamingo's funds to be stolen.

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2	fraud and/or recovery teams to identify Flamingo's losses and retrieve Flamingo's funds in lieu o		
3	initiating civil litigation. Defendants' intentional (and grossly negligent) inaction compounded the		
4	already-substantial damages to Flamingo caused by their other failures.		
5	137. These actions and failures to act reflect Defendants' reckless indifference and "want of		
6	even scant care." Here, Defendants acted with no rational basis.		
7 8 9	ALLEGATIONS COMMON TO ALL CAUSES OF ACTION: DEFENDANTS' GROSS NEGLIGENCE, INTENTIONAL MISCONDUCT AND BREACHES OF FIDUCIARY DUTY IN FAILING TO PURSUE MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN RECEIVABLES OWEI TO FLAMINGO – RESULTED IN COMPLETE WASTE		
10	138. Defendants separately failed to protect, preserve or pursue, over several years, millions in		
11	Flamingo's receivables for surgeries and medical treatment already provided by Flamingo.		
12	139. Flamingo's receivables continued to wither away to nothing under Defendants' watch as		
13	officers, directors and managers of Flamingo. Defendants' gross negligence, willful misconduct		
14	and reckless/intentional disregard for and breaches of their respective fiduciary duties to Flamingo		
15	not only amounted to a textbook example of waste, but damaged Flamingo's ability to attract an		
16	retain the qualified staff needed for Flamingo to remain viable.		
17	140. This waste - of millions owed to Flamingo - was made even worse by the fact that		
18	Defendants were put on notice and knew they should have pursued the receivables.		
19	141. First, Defendants failed to pursue, preserve, and capture millions of dollars in receivables		
20	when Barnes' criminality was discovered in 2012 or 2013.		
21	142. Second, between the 2012/2013 discovery and Flamingo's Rule 341 Meeting on February		
22	5, 2015 (after Defendants shoved Flamingo into its ill-fated bankruptcy) – a vast stretch of tim		
23	for a victimized small business – Defendants continued in their failure to pursue, preserve, and		
24	capture the receivables.		
25	143. Third, after the first Rule 341 Meeting (in February of 2015) and second Rule 341 Meeting		
26	(in July of 2015) and despite being made aware of the importance of the receivables to Flamingo's		
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Indeed, it appears that Defendants failed to even work with the banks and their internal

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1	estate and creditors, Defendants continued in their failures to pursue, preserve, and capture the		
2	receivables – until such amounts were rendered completely uncollectable.		
3	144. The U.S. Trustee identified at Flamingo's first Rule 341 Meeting on February 5, 2015, \$2.9		
4	million listed as personal property; when she asked what made up this amount – receivables or		
5	tangible cash, Dr. Smith testified that there was only a "small amount of money in the bank."		
6	Exhibit 2, at p. 15, ll. 2-7. Accordingly, a substantial portion of the \$2.9 million listed in the		
7	schedules to Flamingo's bankruptcy petition was comprised of Flamingo's receivables.		
8	145. As of that date in February 2015, Dr. Smith estimated that 20% of the receivables		
9	(approximately \$500,000 to \$600,000) would be collectable with a "good collection team really		
10	working it." Id., at ll. 15-19. Thus, Defendants' failure to take any steps to preserve Flamingo's		
11	receivables between their 2012/2013 discovery of Barnes' criminality and the February 5, 2015		
12	questions under oath, resulted in a waste and abandonment of 80% of millions of dollars earned		
13	and rightfully owed to Flamingo.		
14	146. The U.S. Trustee further questioned Defendants' collection efforts on Flamingo's behalf:		
15	"Has anyone started doing that or is that something you're going to do?" Dr. Smith responded that		
16	such efforts were "on hold" "[u]ntil we get the funding." <i>Id</i> ., at pp. 15-16, ll. 22-25, 1-2.		
17	147. The U.S. Trustee then questioned whether Defendants had considered agencies that take a		
18	percentage - and received a frank admission of Defendants' gross negligence and breach of		
19	fiduciary duty: "that is not our focus." <i>Id.</i> at 17-18, ll. 22-25, 1-10.		
20	148. Defendants' ridiculous position that millions of dollars in receivables owed to Flamingo		
21	were not the focus of Defendants, and that such efforts were on hold for cost reasons (when		
22	collection models with zero upfront costs are readily available), triggered another attorney to		
23	jump in – counsel for one of Flamingo's creditors ("Creditor's counsel"). Creditor's counsel		
24	focused on Defendants, including but not limited to Defendant Smith, failing to take the simplest		
25	steps to protect Flamingo's (Debtor's) estate:		
26	Creditor's counsel: [I]f there are assets out there, okay, a couple of million, that		
27	could be worked by a collection company that might charge you X amount of dollars for what they collect, why wouldn't you want to go ahead and start doing		
28	that now so that you can collect those assets –		

<u>Debtor's counsel</u>: We're going to if we ever – <u>Creditor's counsel</u>: But why should it be continued.

<u>Creditor's counsel</u>: But why should it be contingent? *Why can't you do that now* is my question.

U.S. Trustee: Yeah.

<u>Debtor's counsel</u>: It's not contingent. It's just –

<u>Creditor's counsel</u>: Well, it is. Because what you're saying is is [sic] that it should be contingent upon whether the success of your plan. I mean, why if there are assets out there right not, why wouldn't you want to marshall [sic] those for the benefit of the estate and the creditors --

Debtors' counsel: We're going to.

<u>Creditor's counsel</u>: -- when it doesn't cost any money?

Exhibit 2, at pp. 20-21, ll. 6-25, 1-3 (emphasis added)

- 149. Defendant Smith responded by referencing a billing company that was doing that "and then because they were not get [sic] paid, they stopped doing that." *Id.*, at p. 21, ll. 4-6. Defendant Smith's admission here constitutes additional, separate, evidence of yet further gross negligence, willful misconduct, and reckless/intentional disregard, and of Defendants' breaches of their respective fiduciary duties to Flamingo. Defendants failed even the simplest of obligations and the immediate first step *of hiring and maintaining* entities to preserve, pursue and collect receivables belonging to Flamingo. And this failure continued for several years.
- 150. At the very least, the February 5, 2015 Rule 341 Meeting put Defendants on notice regarding the pursuit of the remaining receivables, as both the U.S. Trustee and creditor's counsel focused on the receivables and urged Defendants to prevent further waste
- 151. Remarkably, even after the first Rule 341 Meeting, *Defendants still did nothing* regarding the remaining receivables—which withered away to nothing.
- 152. When asked six months later, during the July 15, 2015, second Rule 341 Meeting, what he had personally done since the end of 2014 to try and recover the accounts receivable, Defendant Smith admitted under oath: "I have personally done nothing." Exhibit 5, at p. 8, ll. 6-10.
- 153. Despite notice and the urgings and the questioning from the U.S. Trustee and multiple creditors' counsel, Defendants failed to preserve, pursue, and collect on the remaining receivables.
- 154. Defendants' intentional actions and inactions resulted in the utter waste of millions of dollars of what Flamingo's assets—and independently constitute gross negligence, willful misconduct, and reckless/intentional disregard, and breaches of Defendants' fiduciary duties.

The Restitution List identifies substantial sums awarded to, among others, the defendants

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1	179. Plaintiff re-alleges each and every allegation set forth in Paragraphs 1 - 178 above, as if set		
2	forth herein.		
3	180. As managers, directors and/or officers of Flamingo, Defendants had a fiduciary duty of the control of the		
4	care to Flamingo.		
5	181. As detailed in this SAC and evidenced by numerous and ongoing examples, for several		
6	years, Defendants completely neglected this duty, before the discovery of Barnes' embezzlement		
7	(when Defendants' failures allowed Barnes' theft to continue unabated), upon the discovery of		
8	Barnes' embezzlement (when Defendants' failures exacerbated the harm inflicted upon Flamingo		
9	by Barnes), and for multiple years following the discovery of Barnes' embezzlement (when		
10	Defendants' failures resulted in lasting harm to Flamingo, which was ruined and went out of		
11	business).		
12	182. Defendants individually and collectively breached Defendants' fiduciary duty of care to		
13	Flamingo by, among other things, failing to:		
14	a. oversee, supervise, monitor and discipline Flamingo's office manager, who was		
15	embezzling and stealing from Flamingo;		
16	b. supervise, care for, monitor or even review Flamingo's books, accounts, and finances		
17	while Barnes was Flamingo's office manager;		
18	c. expeditiously remove Barnes from the position of Flamingo's office manager upon the		
19	discovery of Barnes' embezzlement and theft;		
20	d. audit, investigate and/or determine the extent of Barnes' embezzlement and theft to		
21	protect Flamingo's interests;		
22	e. pursue Barnes on behalf of Flamingo to recover Flamingo's assets, funding and		
23	interests from Barnes;		
24	f. pursue third-parties, including banks holding Flamingo's funds, to recover Flamingo's		
25	assets and funds;		
26	g. pursue and collect on millions of dollars in receivables owed to Flamingo;		
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1	202. NRS Chapter 86 applies the formation, operation, and dissolution of Nevada limited		
2	liability companies – and thus to Flamingo.		
3	203. As detailed in this SAC, Defendants' actions and inactions breached multiple provisions		
4	of NRS Chapter 86, including without limitation: failure to maintain a registered agent (NRS		
5	86.231), failure to hold in trust all the property and assets of a defaulting company (NRS 86.274)		
6	failure to properly distribute profits and contributions, and making distributions improperly whe		
7	Flamingo was insolvent (NRS 86.343), and failure to properly dissolve Flamingo (NRS 86.521).		
8	204. Defendants' multiple breaches of NRS Chapter 86 caused substantial damages to Flamingo		
9	and to Flamingo's creditors, in an amount greater than \$50,000.		
10	EIGHTH CAUSE OF ACTION: IMPOSITION OF A CONSTRUCTIVE TRUST		
11	AGAINST ALL DEFENDANTS		
12	205. Plaintiff re-alleges each and every allegation set forth in Paragraphs 1 - 204 above, as if		
13	set forth herein.		
14	206. A confidential, fiduciary relationship exists and existed between Flamingo and Defendants.		
15	207. As detailed in this SAC, Defendants' actions and inactions damaged Flamingo (e.g.,		
16	Defendants ignored Flamingo's rightful claims to the restitution amounts in Barnes' criminal		
17	proceeding and made claims (or allowed claims to be made on Defendants' behalf) leading to		
18	direct personal awards of funds, to the detriment of Flamingo.		
19	208. Retention of legal title by Defendants to such personal awards and other property of		
20	Flamingo, against Flamingo's interests, would be inequitable under the circumstances.		
21	209. The imposition and existence of a trust – where Defendants must submit all such personal		
22	awards and property belonging to Flamingo – is essential to the effectuation of justice.		
23	PRAYER FOR RELIEF		
24	WHEREFORE, Plaintiff demands and prays for relief as follows:		
25	a. For an award of compensatory damages in an amount far in excess of \$50,000;		
26	b. For pre- and post-judgment interest, as applicable;		
27	c. For an award of costs and reasonable attorneys' fees;		

d.	For treble damages;	
e. For the imposition of a constructive trust; and		
f.	f. For such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper.	
Dated this 1	10 <sup>th</sup> day of October 2017.	
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1 Thereupon --2. CHARLES TADLOCK, M.D. 3 was called as a witness by the Creditor, and having 4 been first duly sworn, testified as follows: 5 6 MR. CROWE: Good afternoon. This is the 7 2004 Exam of Debtor Charles H. Tadlock in Case 8 15-13135-ABL. It's being conducted pursuant to an 9 Ex Parte Motion, Docket Number 230, and an Order from 10 the court, Docket Number 231. My name is Mohamed 11 Iqbal. 12 13 EXAMINATION 14 BY MR. IOBAL: 15 Good afternoon, Dr. Tadlock. I represent 0. 16 Creditor Patriot-Reading Associates, LLC. And I'd 17 like to pause here and get an appearance from your 18 counsel. 19 MR. CROWE: Tom Crowe appearing for 20 Dr. Tadlock. 21 BY MR. IQBAL: 22 Dr. Tadlock, so the court reporter can have Ο. 23 a clean record, I will try not to talk too fast or 24 cut you off when you're answering, and I request the 25 same courtesy when I'm asking you questions.

1 that seem fair? 2. Α. Certainly. 3 0. As you just verbalized, we also need verbal 4 responses at all times because gestures or nods 5 cannot be captured outside of a video examination. 6 As I told you before we got on the record, 7 and I'll tell you now, we can take a break at any time you'd like. Just please let me know and as long 8 9 as there isn't a question pending. If there is a 10 question pending, I request that you answer the 11 question, and then we can go off the record. 12 that seem fair? 13 Α. Certainly. 14 Is there anything preventing you today from Ο. 15 giving truthful testimony in this examination? 16 I have to mention the fact that I'm on Α. 17 multiple drugs, including Valium, a couple of 18 narcotics, and several other drugs. So my memory may 19 not be the best. 20 We'll just ask for what you can remember. Ο. 21 No one's a computer. I'm not looking for any

Now, these medications that you mentioned,

specific dates or anything like that. And if we're

looking for an approximation, I'll ask you for an

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approximation.

- 1 you're taking them on a daily basis?
- 2 A. Yes.
- Q. So this is not out of the ordinary for you
- 4 to take those every day?
- 5 A. No. I've bumped up recently because of the
- pain getting worse, but other than that, no.
- 7 Q. Can you please spell your last name for the
- 8 record, sir?
- 9 A. T, as in Tom, a-d-1-o-c-k.
- 10 Q. Have you been deposed before, Dr. Tadlock?
- 11 A. Yes, multiple times.
- 12 Q. Could you give me a rough estimate of how
- many times you've been deposed?
- 14 A. Dozens.
- 15 Q. How many of those dozens of times when
- 16 you've been deposed have you been a party to the
- 17 action?
- 18 A. Relatively few.
- 19 Q. If you can recall, can you tell us which
- 20 cases that you've been deposed in that you had been a
- 21 party?
- 22 A. Primarily when I was rear-ended in an
- 23 automobile accident.
- Q. And when was that, sir?
- 25 A. That was in 2008. November, roughly, 25th.

- 1 Q. And that was when the accident occurred?
- 2 A. That's when the accident occurred, in which
- 3 I was injured.
- 4 Q. And then you filed a personal injury
- 5 complaint?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. And what is the status of that action now?
- 8 A. As I'm aware, it's completely finished.
- 9 Q. And you received a settlement?
- 10 A. I received a settlement, correct.
- 11 Q. And do you recall the amount of that
- 12 settlement?
- 13 A. They tendered both policies. I don't
- 14 remember the exact sum. After you get done with
- 15 attorney's fees and specialists' fees and everything
- 16 else. They got me.
- 0. And it will be in the schedules?
- 18 A. In the schedules. And you've already gone
- over those and are aware of the number.
- MR. IQBAL: I just want to put on the record
- that Abraham Wang, who is the manager for
- 22 Patriot-Reading, LLC, the creditor, has just walked
- into the room and will just be observing.
- 24 BY MR. IOBAL:
- Q. Now, aside from your personal injury

- 1 litigation, have you been a named plaintiff or
- defendant in any other actions?
- A. Not for many years.
- 4 Q. When was the last time?
- 5 A. I sued a surgery center for improperly
- 6 buying me out, I think was the last one.
- 7 Q. And when was that approximately?
- 8 A. 2004 maybe or '05. Somewhere in there.
- 9 Q. And what was the result of that litigation?
- 10 A. I won.
- 11 Q. Can you recall roughly how much in damages
- or what kind of award you won?
- 13 A. Yes. But I'm not allowed under court order
- 14 to reveal it.
- 15 O. And then the other dozens of times that
- 16 you've been deposed but not a party to the action,
- were you an expert witness in those?
- 18 A. Usually it was on my own patients. I don't
- 19 generally do expert witnessing. I don't like doing
- it. I had done it a couple of times but not very
- often and not for years.
- 0. And we talked about the dozens of
- depositions. How many times have you testified in
- 24 court?
- 25 A. Only a couple.

- 1 Q. And those were related to?
- A. A lawsuit against one of my PA's. As a
- 3 treating physician twice on the same patient. I
- 4 think that's it.
- 5 Q. In a medical negligence context?
- 6 A. What was it about? You got me. I don't
- 7 remember. It's been too many years.
- Q. Did you do anything to prepare for the exam
- 9 today?
- 10 A. No, except for looking at the sheets that
- 11 you sent over to my attorney. I read those fairly
- 12 quickly an hour or two ago.
- Q. You motioned over. Just for the record, I
- believe it's our objection to the disclosure
- 15 statement?
- MR. CROWE: It's actually your opposition
- and my reply.
- MR. IQBAL: Okay.
- 19 THE WITNESS: I don't think I read the
- 20 reply. Just opposition.
- 21 BY MR. IQBAL:
- Q. Now, just to get some foundational facts out
- of the way. When were you born, sir?
- 24 A. 2/27/1958.
- Q. And where did you grow up?

- A. Guatemala until I was about 6 on and off. I
- 2 was actually born in San Francisco and went back to
- Guatemala and back to the United States,
- 4 San Francisco, and then Modesto, and then Tucson,
- 5 Arizona, and then back to California for medical
- 6 school at Stanford for about nine years, including my
- 7 residency and everything else.
- 8 Q. And when did you finish your residency at
- 9 Stanford?
- 10 A. Oh, it was 1989. And I moved up to
- 11 Mendocino, California. I was recruited by a hospital
- in 1989, '90. It was losing its Medicare
- 13 accreditation.
- Q. And you worked at that hospital as an
- 15 employee?
- 16 A. No. I worked fee for service on top of
- which I was paid a stipend as a chief of ICU,
- anesthesia, and then eventually pain management.
- 19 Q. And did you have a separate practice,
- separate from working at the hospital?
- 21 A. For pain management, yes. Everything else
- was at the hospital.
- Q. And so you started your own practice pretty
- 24 much out of residency, but you were also working at
- 25 the hospital?

- 1 A. Correct.
- Q. When did you start -- when did you move to
- 3 Las Vegas?
- 4 A. I believe it was 1997.
- 5 Q. And did you join up with an existing
- 6 hospital? Did you start your own practice? What did
- 7 you do?
- 8 A. No. A group called ACI was the largest
- 9 anesthesia group in Nevada. They had been trying to
- get me to move off of my 8 acres on the ocean in
- 11 Mendocino for many years. And when my daughter was
- erroneously told and we were told that she had
- learning disabilities, I finally decided that I had
- 14 to get in a bigger city. So I took them up on their
- offer to come out here and work with them instead.
- 16 Q. So you started working with ACI in 1997.
- 17 And how long was that engagement?
- 18 A. Oh, it ended around 2000 or 2001, 2002.
- 19 Somewhere in there. When they realized that they
- 20 couldn't really bill correctly for pain management.
- 21 I think they said something to me about not having
- 22 correctly billed a pain pump in the three years I've
- 23 been doing them. It was a pleasant parting. They
- 24 went their way. I went my way.
- Plus, I had been hospitalized with atrial

- 1 fibrillation trying to do full-time practice plus
- 2 pain management on top of it.
- Q. And so you said it was an amicable
- 4 dissolution. And what did you do after ACI in 2001
- 5 or 2002?
- 6 A. Somewhere in there I started my own
- 7 practice, or actually continued it because I was
- 8 already doing it with ACI, in pain management.
- 9 Q. When you say your practice, you're referring
- 10 to Charles H. Tadlock, Ltd?
- 11 A. M.D., Ltd, yeah.
- 12 Q. And just for convenience sake, is it okay if
- we just refer to that as the "ltd"?
- 14 A. That's fine with me.
- 15 O. Has that been your main practice since 1987
- when you started it after ACI?
- 17 A. No, because prior to that I was a member of
- 18 ACI. So they have their own everything. They're a
- 19 major group. So they did their own billing,
- 20 management, the whole nine yards.
- Q. So the ltd came after that?
- 22 A. Came after that.
- 23 O. So 2001, 2002?
- 24 A. Somewhere in there, yeah. It might have
- been 2003. It was a long time ago.

- Q. And the ltd, did you hire your wife right
- 2 away, or when did she start working?
- A. Oh, my wife has been working with me since
- 4 back in Mendocino helping me in pain management. So
- 5 all the way back.
- 6 Q. So since that time, every business that
- you've been involved, every pain management business,
- 8 she's been an employee of the business?
- 9 A. Yeah. Actually, we can go back all the way
- 10 to Stanford. She was an employee of Stanford when I
- was doing OB/GYN. And she was chief on nights in
- 12 nursing obstetrics.
- Q. So we have the ltd that started after ACI.
- 14 Was this your sole medical practice after ACI, or did
- 15 you join up with other groups?
- 16 A. No. I believe that's the sole medical
- 17 practice.
- 18 Q. So 100 percent of your revenue, net revenue,
- 19 came from the ltd after ACI?
- 20 A. Negative. I had income from surgery centers
- 21 as well.
- Q. What surgery centers did you work with after
- 23 ACI?
- A. I believe that's already on the record.
- 25 I've given the locations and everything. And I'm not

- going to be able to do it from the top of my head.
- 2 There were several in Arizona. There's one in
- 3 Arizona. One in St. George, Utah. I had one in
- 4 Utah, one in Arizona, and two or three, depending on
- 5 how you look at it, in Las Vegas.
- 6 Q. Okay. That's helpful. The one in Arizona,
- 7 was that in Kingman?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. And when roughly -- and, again, you're not a
- 10 computer. I'm not expecting precise answers here.
- 11 Roughly what time did you start working with the
- 12 surgery center in Kingman, Arizona?
- 13 A. Early 2000's.
- 14 Q. So kind of right after ACI, give or take a
- 15 few years?
- 16 A. Right after ACI.
- Q. When did you stop working with the surgery
- 18 center in Kingman?
- 19 A. I had some problems with my retina. I had
- 20 missed a meeting. I can't recall if it was before or
- 21 after my accident. I'm going to say in 2010 maybe.
- 22 But that could be off a couple years.
- Q. Not a problem. And the surgery center in
- 24 St. George, Utah?
- 25 A. I was only there a year. And what year it

- 1 was I have no clue.
- 2 Q. Did you find yourself at one point
- 3 practicing in Las Vegas, practicing in Arizona, and
- 4 also practicing in Utah?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. And would you say the majority of revenue
- 7 came from your ltd in Las Vegas, or was it kind of
- 8 evenly split among the different practices in the
- 9 different states?
- 10 A. Well, it depended on the month and the year.
- 11 I know there was one point we came within two weeks
- of closing the Las Vegas practice due to lack of
- 13 malpractice coverage. That really depended on the
- 14 year. Some years one place was better. Some years
- 15 the other place was better. Medicine's been in the
- 16 thralls of gigantic changes.
- 17 Q. So you mentioned -- we talked about Kingman.
- We talked about St. George. You said you were only
- 19 at the St. George, Utah location for about a year.
- 20 Do you know if that was roughly around 2010 or before
- 21 your accident?
- 22 A. I think it was before my accident.
- 23 Honestly, all those things have already been given to
- you. The dates and things are all available to you
- exactly.

- 1 Q. Actually, the petition only goes back a
- <sup>2</sup> certain number of years. And so, unfortunately, this
- information from the 2000's is not on the petition.
- Now, with respect to the surgery centers
- 5 here, you worked with Flamingo Pecos?
- 6 A. Yes.
- Q. What's the connection? Epiphany, Flamingo
- Pecos. Was Flamingo Pecos a subsidiary of Epiphany?
- 9 A. No. Epiphany was the management portion of
- 10 Flamingo Pecos. It was the origination of Flamingo
- 11 Pecos. And it had taken over for another company,
- 12 Regent, from the surgery centers that we had across
- 13 the street and then moved it to Plaza Surgery Center.
- 14 And we took over Plaza and moved everything into
- Plaza. We debated keeping both sides on the street,
- but it's crazy to have surgery centers across the
- street from each other. So we closed the one down.
- 18 O. And then Plaza turned into --
- 19 A. Then Plaza was on one side of the town. All
- the doctors were wanting to go to the other side of
- the town, so we started considering doing one on the
- 22 outside of town.
- Q. Okay. And that's when you put together
- 24 Flamingo Pecos?
- A. No. Actually, it was primarily Barnes that

- 1 put together Flamingo Pecos. I primarily did the
- 2 Plaza surgery center. Flamingo Pecos was really
- 3 Barnes' baby.
- 4 Q. And I want to talk about Flamingo Pecos, and
- 5 you just mentioned Robert Barnes. So whose proposal
- or whose idea was it to create Flamingo Pecos?
- 7 Barnes?
- 8 A. Barnes.
- 9 Q. Did he approach you?
- 10 A. Yes, and multiple other members.
- 11 Q. These other members, I'm assuming, other
- surgeons, they worked with you at Regent and Plaza?
- A. Some did, some didn't.
- Q. And a few minutes ago you were talking about
- 15 Regent and then Plaza moving across the street and
- 16 having both across from each other and not being
- plausible and shutting down. You kept mentioning
- 18 "we." I want to clarify. When you say "we" with
- 19 respect to Regent and Plaza, who are you talking
- about, "we"?
- 21 A. Well, Regent -- I don't know what their
- 22 entire name is -- but Regent is a surgical center
- management company whom we bought out.
- Q. By "we" you mean the ltd?
- A. Not, not the ltd. The surgical center

- bought out that management; put in, it would be
- 2 Surgical Solutions, of which most of the members at
- 3 that time became partners to one extent or another.
- 4 Q. And when Regent bought out --
- 5 A. Yeah, we bought Regent out.
- 6 Q. Okay. Epiphany Surgical Centers, initially
- 7 how many surgeons were there?
- 8 A. I have no idea.
- 9 Q. And just a quess. Less than ten, more than
- 10 ten?
- 11 A. More than ten, less than 30. Something like
- 12 that. In the meantime, we had started, under Regent,
- another surgery center at Goldring. 2020 Goldring.
- Q. So when you're talking management, surgery
- center management, say in the form of Regent, were
- 16 you deriving revenue from the surgical practice and
- 17 also the management practice?
- 18 A. No, not under Regent.
- 19 Q. Were you deriving revenue from the surgical
- 20 practice and the management practice under Epiphany?
- 21 A. Yes. Under Regent and Epiphany I was chief
- of anesthesia and made sure that they got their JCAHO
- 23 accreditation or whichever accreditation they were
- 24 doing at the time.
- I've been doing that for years, too.

- 1 Actually, I've been chief somewhere pretty much my
- 2 entire career until about the last year when my
- 3 health has deteriorated too much.
- 4 Q. So Robert Barnes suggested forming Epiphany
- 5 going to the west side?
- 6 A. Correct. He was originally hired by Regent
- 7 for running.
- 8 Q. And I'll get to Barnes specifically. Right
- 9 now I want to talk about Flamingo Pecos. But we'll
- 10 have a number of questions on Barnes.
- So Barnes approached you and a few of the
- other surgeons about joining and creating Epiphany.
- Who ultimately said yes to him? More than ten
- 14 surgeons, as you had said?
- 15 A. Pretty much -- I cannot recall the exact
- number of people that voted for him, but it was a
- majority.
- Q. And were there any minutes or memos from
- those discussions that took place between Barnes and
- you and several other surgeons? Did you guys have
- 21 formal meetings?
- 22 A. Yeah. We had formal meetings, meetings
- occasionally; however, the secretary for those
- 24 meetings was Barnes.
- Q. Okay. So he prepared those minutes?

- 1 A. Correct.
- Q. Do you have any idea where those documents
- 3 are now?
- 4 A. No.
- 5 Q. How many times did you meet before the vote
- 6 was taken and everyone said yes to Barnes?
- 7 A. I don't know that everyone said yes to
- 8 Barnes. There may have been some people that voted
- 9 against it. I don't recall the exact number. There
- was relatively few against.
- 11 Q. Was it a long process, or was it, you know,
- one meeting and all the surgeons said yes?
- 13 A. It was a period of years.
- Q. Where Barnes was recruiting you and a number
- of surgeons to start Epiphany?
- 16 A. Actually, I had the original idea doing of
- 17 Epiphany in Kingman. Barnes decided to bring
- 18 Epiphany in here, to Las Vegas, and to start the
- 19 surgery center over at Flamingo Pecos. In the
- 20 meantime, we had also done one -- it had to be voted
- on by the existing membership at 2020 Goldring.
- O. And Barnes was involved in that as well?
- 23 A. Not very much. Somewhat. I believe they
- 24 hired another administrator for that one.
- Q. How did you meet Robert Barnes?

- 1 A. He was brought in by Regent.
- Q. By Regent. Who specifically at Regent knew
- 3 him?
- 4 A. I don't know.
- 5 Q. Did you interview Robert Barnes when you
- 6 joined Regent?
- 7 A. No, I interviewed Regent before we took
- 8 Regent.
- 9 Q. And before you took Regent, did you
- 10 interview Barnes?
- 11 A. No. I don't believe that he was -- that he
- 12 had been hired by Regent. There were several
- administrators prior to Barnes.
- 0. So how was he hired?
- 15 A. He was a Regent hire.
- Q. Who made the decisions at Regent regarding
- 17 HR and hiring?
- 18 A. I don't really know.
- 19 Q. Was there a CEO of Regent?
- 20 A. Yes.
- Q. Do you recall who that was?
- A. I'm horrible at names. It's Tom something
- or another. If you look on the website, I think it
- 24 pretty much stayed.
- Q. Regent still exists?

- 1 A. Still exists, and it's still with the same
- 2 general folks.
- Q. So the CEO is Tom, and you don't know the
- 4 last name?
- 5 A. Tom somebody or another. I can't remember
- 6 Tom's last name.
- 7 Q. Would it, to the best of your recollection,
- 8 have been this Tom CEO figure who hired Barnes?
- 9 A. I don't know. I wasn't present at that
- 10 meeting, so...
- 11 Q. So when you purchased Regent -- I just want
- 12 to clarify. Barnes was or was not there at the time
- 13 you purchased Regent?
- 14 A. He was there at the time we purchased
- 15 Regent.
- Q. Okay. And then he worked with Regent, and
- 17 you had purchased Regent. Did you at some point
- 18 start talking to Barnes about Epiphany?
- 19 A. Yes. The entire group did. Whether he was
- 20 going to come along with us or just go with Regent.
- 21 Regent wanted to keep him.
- Q. And you just stated that Regent wanted to
- 23 keep him.
- A. As far as I'm aware, yeah.
- Q. When you started Epiphany, did you formally

- offer him a job with Epiphany to pull him from
- 2 Regent?
- A. I formally offered him to be able to buy in
- 4 shares in Epiphany as an incentive to get Epiphany
- 5 going.
- 6 Q. Do you recall the arrangement?
- 7 A. No. Not the exact arrangement.
- Q. And when was the offer roughly made for him
- 9 to buy in shares in Epiphany? Was it during
- 10 Epiphany's formation in 2009 or 2010?
- 11 A. The first thing I did was cut the Kingman
- 12 contract, and then after that, we bought out Regent.
- 13 Which wasn't actually primarily my idea. It was the
- other folks who were tired of it.
- And then at that juncture, we decided to go
- 16 ahead and use the already existing management company
- to go ahead and do it. And Mr. Barnes expressed
- 18 interest in staying and becoming the operating
- officer for the company.
- Q. For Epiphany?
- 21 A. Correct.
- Q. Were there any other candidates, or it was
- just Mr. Barnes for this position?
- A. No. I did not have a lot of selection or
- say in who we could get or who we couldn't get at

- 1 that juncture. It was basically up to the group of
- 2 surgeons who were doing cases to make the selection.
- Q. So you did not have a say in Robert Barnes
- 4 being hired at Epiphany?
- 5 A. No more than any of the other folks did.
- 6 Q. Who would you say had the primary say in
- 7 hiring Robert Barnes?
- 8 A. It had to be a majority decision.
- 9 Q. Did you vote against hiring him?
- 10 A. No.
- 11 Q. And what was Barnes' official position with
- 12 Epiphany?
- 13 A. Well, with Epiphany, he was essentially the
- 14 operating officer. He did day-to-day tasks. I was
- basically -- my major position with Epiphany was to
- try to recruit the surgeons and try to get them to
- 17 actually do cases.
- 18 Q. I understand that you were recruiting
- 19 surgeons, but what was your official title with
- 20 Epiphany?
- 21 **A.** CEO.
- Q. CEO, okay. You were CEO, but ultimately the
- decision to hire Barnes was a group decision?
- 24 A. Yeah. He was the administrator of the
- surgery centers. In order to become administrator of

- 1 the surgery centers, you have to have the vote of the
- 2 existing surgeons.
- Q. As the operating officer, who did he report
- 4 to?
- 5 A. He reported to the entire group.
- 6 Q. The group, you mean all 10 to 20 to 30
- 7 surgeons?
- 8 A. He reported, actually, to more than that
- 9 because they would be the Kingman surgeons and the
- 10 Las Vegas surgeons and to me. And eventually the
- 11 Plaza surgeons.
- 12 Q. How often was his performance evaluated?
- 13 A. In the beginning I was meeting with him
- weekly, and in the last couple of years he started
- 15 not showing up.
- 16 Q. So in the beginning you were meeting with
- 17 him weekly. What were your weekly meetings
- 18 consisting of?
- 19 A. I was going over how well the different
- 20 surgery centers are doing.
- Q. And you'd look at account ledgers and
- information, or would he just simply verbally tell
- 23 you?
- 24 A. Both.
- Q. These weekly meetings and the records that

- 1 he presented you with, both in discussion and report
- form, do you have any idea where those reports are
- 3 now?
- A. No, and I think at this point I've got to
- 5 mention the fact that the FBI has told me to keep my
- 6 mouth shut on all the rest of it, so that I really
- 7 feel limited in discussing any further anything to do
- 8 with Robert Barnes.
- 9 Q. When did the FBI tell you to keep your mouth
- 10 shut?
- 11 A. Oh, gosh. It's been two years now. They
- said I needed to not discuss it with anyone because
- 13 it's an ongoing investigation.
- 14 Q. Okay.
- 15 A. With regard to that and the banks.
- Q. Right. Barnes, in terms of his HR record,
- he didn't have any formal evaluations?
- 18 A. No, he was evaluated. Actually, even the
- last year he was evaluated. Well, he had to do
- formal reports to the boards of each of the surgery
- centers, and he had to do meetings with me, and he
- 22 had to do -- go over all of the income with the
- 23 accountants, which -- because of the fact that I was
- the largest surgeon with the most years with most of
- the surgery centers, no one felt comfortable with me

- 1 also using my accountant. That may have proved to be
- an error, but I used a different accountant.
- Q. Now, the formal reports you just talked
- 4 about, do you still have access to those?
- 5 A. No. They were in the office.
- 6 Q. Did you read the reports?
- 7 A. Certainly.
- Q. Anything stick out to you as inappropriate
- 9 or fishy or didn't add up mathematically?
- 10 A. I contacted the FBI, that did.
- 11 Q. Let's get back to that. Let's finish that
- 12 thought. When did you contact the FBI?
- 13 A. Two or three years ago. I had five spine
- 14 surgeries, and Mr. Barnes was never forthcoming with
- 15 regard to information that he had previously been
- 16 forthcoming with, and then he disappeared.
- Q. So this period of not being forthcoming, how
- long did that last?
- 19 A. Worsening probably over 18 months or two
- years.
- Q. When he wasn't forthcoming for months and
- 22 months and months, and then more than a year and up
- to two years, did you do anything?
- A. Sure. I brought it to the board's
- 25 attention, and I was getting complaints from other

- 1 board members.
- O. What did the board do?
- 3 A. When I told Barnes that he needed to come in
- 4 and discuss it, I would then get screamed at by the
- 5 board members that I was chasing him off. Even the
- 6 board members who had sent me texts saying that they
- 7 weren't happy with the fact that he was gone too long
- 8 and not answering questions would suddenly decide
- 9 that I was being too mean to Barnes.
- 10 Q. During this 18 months when he was not being
- 11 forthcoming and he wasn't showing up to meetings, you
- were raising his performance with other board
- members, and they were shouting at you to leave him
- 14 alone?
- 15 A. Correct.
- 16 Q. For 18 months?
- 17 A. Longer.
- 0. Other than raise his recent behavior with
- the board, did you do anything else?
- 20 A. No. I was busy having six -- I don't know
- 21 if it was five or six -- well, five major spinal
- surgeries, so it wasn't my major focus at the time.
- 23 It was whether I was going to be able to walk or not.
- 24 So I pretty much turfed it to Dr. Smith, who was the
- board chief and a member of Epiphany.

1 Did you formally hand over the obligation of Q. 2 overseeing Barnes to Dr. Smith, or was it informal? 3 Dr. Smith had the second Α. It was informal. 4 most shares, and had been the chief of the board. 5 When you were receiving the formal reports Ο. 6 from Barnes and they were okay, and then they were 7 not okay, what did you notice about them that was not 8 okay? 9 You have to realize that frequently Bank of Α. 10 America were present at those meetings or subsequently, Wells Fargo, and subsequently, I think, 11 12 Citibank. And I was being told by all of them that 13 we were doing extremely well. 14 Then I was out for surgery, had my last 15 surgery done and came back out of it. And suddenly I 16 was being told that the surgery center had to be 17 closed, meaning the west side one, which is the one 18 he's involved in, and we need to retract back just to 19 the east side one. And that made no sense to me. 20 That was a whole lot. So I want to try and 0. 21 split that up a little bit. 22 So you talked about your last surgery. 23 Before your last surgery, all the reports and 24 everything you were reviewing were okay? Or before

your series of five or six surgeries -- when did this

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- 1 happen?
- 2 A. At the time I looked at them they looked
- okay. Subsequently, when I got actual reports
- 4 directly from the bank as opposed to going through
- 5 Barnes, they weren't the same. And I'm shutting up
- 6 now because I don't want the FBI coming after me.
- 7 Q. I appreciate that, sir. But some of the
- 8 information on Barnes and Bank of America is in your
- 9 schedules, and that's why I'm asking that question.
- 10 A. I understand that, and you know, if you want
- 11 to get the FBI in here and ask them, then you can ask
- them if they have all that information, and much
- better than I have it because a lot of the stuff I
- 14 looked at, as far as I'm able to tell, was false.
- 15 Q. I'm just trying to get a year range because
- we're squeezing a lot of years into these statements,
- and I just want to clarify.
- That really terrible year when you had the
- 19 five or six surgeries, when was that, sir?
- 20 A. I didn't have five or six in one year. I
- 21 had one in 2008. I had one in about 2010. And then
- I had back surgery in there somewhere. And then I
- 23 started getting cauda equina syndrome and losing my
- feeling in my legs, and couldn't lift my left leg, so
- 25 they did emergency surgery. Then they had to go back

- 1 three months later and do another emergency surgery
- on the same spot.
- 3 O. So that was 2012?
- 4 A. 2013, probably, I think. It's really kind
- of jumbled because there was a lot going on. But I
- 6 think it was 2013.
- 7 Q. Thank you for that timeline. So prior to
- 8 2012, 2013, you were looking at reports from Barnes,
- 9 and they seemed okay, correct?
- 10 A. Correct.
- 11 Q. And then after your last surgery in 2013,
- 12 you came out, and that's when people told you, We're
- qoing to have to shut down our west side office?
- 14 A. Well, actually, there were people yelling at
- me that I was absconding with funds or doing
- something bad. And three doctors were assigned by
- the board to review me and the actions of the board,
- and they reviewed me and said there was nothing wrong
- 19 with me. Then I got in an argument with them about
- 20 closing the west side and refused to have anything to
- 21 do with it, and Barnes disappeared.
- Q. Okay. That's quite a lot. So who accused
- you of absconding with funds?
- A. It wasn't quite that gross. I'm summarizing
- it. But you'll have to take a look at the board

- 1 minutes. I don't recall exactly who it was, but
- three doctors wished to take a look at it, and they
- found nothing wrong with either Barnes, the notes or
- 4 anything else. Then I had my surgery, and I came
- 5 back.
- 6 Q. So this was before your last surgery in
- 7 2013?
- 8 A. Yeah, I think so.
- 9 Q. Who raised the preliminary alarm that
- something's not right which led to you being accused?
- 11 A. Barnes.
- 12 Q. Barnes raised the alarm that the accounts
- were not right?
- 14 A. Barnes raised the alarm that I was somehow
- getting more than my fair share. Something like
- 16 that.
- Q. Oh, okay. Okay.
- 18 A. I didn't know it at the time.
- 19 Q. Okay.
- 20 A. I'm having the surgery. Realize, I'm not
- 21 able to walk, literally.
- 22 Q. Right, right. And this is in 2012 or 2013?
- 23 A. Somewhere around there.
- Q. So until this point in time, the formal
- reports that you'd been reading seem okay?

- 1 A. Including when I had Bank of America there
- with me looking at them.
- Q. Correct, right. So until that time --
- 4 A. And then Wells Fargo.
- 5 Q. Right. So from 2010, when Epiphany gets off
- 6 the ground, till 2012, 2013, you have formal
- 7 meetings. You're looking at formal reports from
- 8 Barnes. They look okay. Some of those meetings
- 9 include Bank of America and Wells Fargo and other
- bank officers, and they're approving of the reports
- 11 that you're looking at, correct?
- 12 A. Correct.
- 13 O. Then you have this series of terrible
- 14 surgeries. And focusing on 2012-2013, when you were
- gone, Robert Barnes essentially accused you of taking
- money, and you didn't know it at the time?
- 17 A. Correct.
- Q. Any reason why he would just pick you out of
- 19 all of the surgeons to accuse of taking money?
- MR. CROWE: Objection. It calls for
- 21 speculation on his part.
- 22 BY MR. IQBAL:
- Q. Well, anything you can think of.
- 24 A. I was half the income of the surgery
- centers. I was the original -- it was my idea to

- 1 start the first one. Okay? Many surgeons had looked
- at it and said, No, it's not worth doing it when it
- was at the midterm hospital. So I started the thing.
- 4 I was making everybody tons of money. People started
- 5 to get jealous. I think Barnes was deflecting
- 6 interest in him at that point, and I wasn't around to
- 7 defend myself.
- Q. How long were you gone? How many corporate
- 9 board meetings did you miss?
- 10 A. Well, for one summer, pretty much all of
- 11 them. I mean, I had open back surgery with a two
- 12 centimeter disk. I don't know if you're aware what
- that means. That means bigger than most people's
- 14 canals. So I should be paraplegic, but I have a, as
- they put it, a congential capacious canal. I have a
- 16 huge disk that the radiologist read as being
- post-trauma, which is why they gave up on the
- 18 lawsuit.
- And then I couldn't lift my leg. I couldn't
- lift my foot. I still have no reflexes on the left
- 21 side. I fall down easily. So I was busy doing that.
- 22 After I had the one surgery, I got at little
- bit better for about a month, and then I started
- 24 getting worse. I took another one, and I started
- 25 crying in the surgery center from the one over on

- 1 that side, because it looked just as bad as it did
- 2 before.
- 3 So then they took me back. Meanwhile,
- 4 they've taken a rib out, put two pedicle screws, and
- 5 then a X-Lift, which subsequently somebody died
- 6 having the same surgery. Then they brought me back
- 7 within three months, and one in the same spot, and
- 8 then put two pedicle screws on the other side.
- At that juncture I was warned that I wasn't
- 10 going to be working for very much longer. Which I
- 11 had been warned in 2008 already. I already met the
- definition for a hundred percent disability just on
- 13 my neck surgeries. And with the back, forget it. It
- 14 was over.
- 0. So during this terrible time in 2012, 2013
- when you're just out of it and getting multiple
- surgeries, were you practicing at that time?
- 18 A. I tried to go back to work within a couple
- of weeks, but my numbers were clearly much lower than
- they had been before.
- Q. And at that time Barnes was accusing you of
- having taken money, but no one directly confronted
- 23 you?
- 24 A. Exactly what he was accusing me of, I'm not
- sure. And I'm not sure you can get that out of the

- other folks, either, because it was very nebulous.
- 2 But it was like, Charles is the bad guy and
- 3 taking over the place and won't let me run things the
- 4 way I want, and blah blah blah, when I wasn't doing
- 5 squat.
- 6 Q. And you weren't even aware of it because you
- 7 were out having surgery?
- 8 A. No. The first hint I had of it was when
- 9 Mr. Smith sent me a text saying that he thought
- 10 Barnes seemed to be taking a lot of time off. And I
- 11 texted Barnes, you know, We need to go over your time
- off and what your contract says it should be.
- I then got a call directly from Smith on the
- 14 phone saying, Why are you yelling at Barnes and
- causing him to be ready to leave. I'm going, Wait a
- second. You just sent me a text complaining about
- 17 him. And then I started getting that from a whole
- 18 lot of people.
- 19 Q. That was after your last surgery in 2013?
- 20 A. No. That was before it. That's in between
- them. I had a rash of them there in one year. Like
- three within a period of a little over a year.
- O. Okay. So he's taking time off, and when you
- 24 confronted him, Dr. Smith called you back. During
- this time, did anyone from the board formally audit

- 1 you? I guess I'm referring to the three doctors.
- 2 A. Yes, the three doctors.
- O. Was this at that time or after that time
- 4 when they audited you?
- 5 A. No, it was about the same time. It might
- 6 have been a month or two later. One was an ENT
- 7 surgeon. One was a new guy. I'd have to see the
- 8 names in order to be able to figure out who it was.
- 9 Q. That's fine.
- 10 A. Honestly.
- 11 Q. It's no problem.
- With his time off, then, and things he was
- doing, was his salary ever reduced?
- 14 A. No.
- 0. Was he ever given a low performance
- evaluation or any demerits or anything like that?
- 17 A. Let me back up on that last one. He made
- 18 1 percent of whatever we did in distributions. That
- 19 was, I think it was 1 percent. It might have been
- 20 1-1/2 or something. It's depending on the surgery
- 21 center. And he did get that, if we didn't get
- distributions, which we were not. So yeah, his
- income was tied to the performance.
- Q. Now in 2010, 2011, 2012, the reports seem
- 25 fine, but when you checked later and you looked at

- the bank's reports, they were different than Barnes'
- 2 reports. Correct?
- 3 A. Yeah. I really don't want to have the FBI
- 4 throw my ass in jail. The FBI has looked at it and
- 5 has told me that clearly there was some collusion
- 6 with regard to the bank, a banker, one or more, and
- 7 Barnes that then transferred to another bank, which
- 8 Barnes then transferred to. And that's the most I'm
- 9 going to say.
- 10 Q. Let's talk about you and your integrity
- 11 being questioned. Were you hurt when -- you know,
- 12 you're working really hard. You're the one who's
- made all these people money, and they're coming to
- 14 audit you. Did that bother you? I mean, it's a
- 15 rhetorical question.
- 16 A. Of course. Sure, it's a question. Of
- course it bothered me, but I'm used to it.
- 18 Q. What do you mean, you're used to it?
- 19 A. Doctors get jealous when other doctors --
- they think the other doctors are making more money
- than they are or are doing better. You know, I've
- 22 had similar things happen before, so it didn't --
- like automatically a light came on and go, Oh, it was
- 24 Barnes.
- Q. So the other surgeons there, the immediate

- inclination was to look towards you and blame you?
- A. Yeah, I'd say that's probably correct
- because as I said, I was 50 percent of the income for
- 4 most of the surgery centers I went to. So when mine
- 5 dropped off, everybody got mad at me despite the fact
- 6 that I had really good reason for my numbers
- 7 dropping.
- 8 Q. Right, right. That seems a bit heartless
- 9 when a guy has open back surgery to be upset about --
- 10 A. The surgeons who performed the surgery were
- 11 getting mad at me.
- 12 Q. Before this 2012-2013 period when you had
- the surgeries and you had these accusations thrown at
- 14 you, how would you characterize the cooperation among
- the Epiphany surgeons during that difficult time in
- 16 2012, 2013?
- 17 A. I would say they reluctantly came along.
- 18 Primarily because I was making them so much money
- that they just go, Holy shit, he's making us so much
- money, we're going to have to go with him.
- 21 Q. The board meetings, were they amicable, or
- were there arguments, disagreements?
- 23 A. When there are big checks, they were
- 24 amicable. But when there were no checks, they
- 25 weren't amicable.

1 Until this time in 2012, 2013 when you're Q. 2 really laid up with the major surgery, were you 3 attending board meetings regularly during that time? 4 Α. You're making it seem as if 2012-2013 that I 5 was incredibly worse off than I had been before. have to realize that in 2008, I actually fired your 6 7 next door neighbors because they weren't taking me 8 seriously when I said, Hey, my neck is bad. 9 going to have to quit working because of this. 10 they were pooh-poohing going, Oh, somebody thinks 11 he's going to make money from being rear ended 12 because of an accident. 13 I'm like, No, I have a spike going in my 14 It hurts like hell, and I'm not going to be neck. 15 able to work like this very much longer. Then it got 16 And I was about to have the second neck worse. 17 surgery, when the leg went. So I had to have them do 18 the leg; of course it took precedence. 19 So now I'm two years, three years down the 20 line, and we get to the second neck surgery a couple 21 years late, and that didn't go so well. 22 Okay. Why don't we go off the MR. IOBAL: 23 record and take a break. 24 (A brief recess was taken.) 25 MR. IQBAL: Okay we're back on the record.

- 1 I've just handed counsel and the examinee what we're
- 2 marking as Exhibit 1 and handing a copy to the court
- <sup>3</sup> reporter.
- 4 (Thereupon Exhibit 1 was
- 5 marked for identification.)
- 6 BY MR. IOBAL:
- 7 Q. Sir, I just handed you three pages. At the
- 8 top it references the case number, case 15-13135-ABL,
- 9 and it's denoted as Document 117. Do you recognize
- what I've handed you?
- 11 A. Yes.
- Q. And what is it, sir?
- 13 A. It's the Schedule C, property claimed as
- 14 exempt.
- 15 Q. And did you prepare this Schedule C?
- 16 A. In combination with my attorneys.
- 17 Q. Does this look like a fair representation of
- 18 what was filed?
- 19 A. Yeah. And I haven't ready every single
- 20 line, but it looks correct.
- Q. I can represent we just went onto the docket
- 22 and printed out the three pages.
- On the third page, sir, there is a Charles
- 24 and Mary Tadlock Family Trust, and a few lines down,
- it states -- and I'm quoting here -- "Includes a

- 1 potential claim against Bank of America and Robert
- 2 Barnes valued at the discounted amount of \$150,000."
- A. Do you have a question?
- 4 Q. Yes, I do. I just wanted to reference
- 5 exactly where my question's coming from.
- Do you know how that \$150,000 amount was
- 7 calculated?
- 8 A. Well, probably based on the amount of money
- 9 that was taken out -- it's probably on the low
- side -- directly out of the account for Epiphany
- 11 Surgical Centers. However, I have -- given my
- 12 condition, I believe the last I looked, I gave up on
- 13 going after that.
- Q. And why did you give up going after it?
- 15 A. Because the FBI is taking so bloody long to
- get its conclusion done, and I can't win without
- their info or a shit load of money to investigate,
- and I've already spent 5,000 and owe another 5,000 to
- 19 the forensic accountants that went over it. And no
- attorney will take it for less than 10 or 15 thousand
- 21 upfront.
- 22 So given the fact that I'm at the point in
- 23 my life where I'm no longer going to be making money,
- that just doesn't seem like a very good bet. I don't
- 25 think Barnes has anything left.

- 1 Q. And this 150,000 number --
- 2 A. I don't know who came up with that.
- Q. Okay. Was it the forensic accountants?
- 4 A. As a discounted amount of 150,000? I doubt
- 5 it was the forensic accountants. I don't know who
- 6 came up with that. I honestly just don't know.
- 7 Q. Okay, that's fine. That's a perfectly good
- 8 answer. If you don't know, you don't know.
- 9 A. Yeah.
- 10 Q. You did mention the forensic accountants.
- 11 When did you hire the forensic accountants?
- 12 A. Right after I heard my office manager crying
- when she opened up the Bank of America slips for the
- 14 surgery center, and she came down to my office
- saying, this doesn't -- there's clearly stuff that
- shouldn't be on here.
- Q. And when was that?
- 18 A. That was in the summer, 2013, maybe.
- 19 Q. Okay. And so your --
- A. It may have been 2014. I'm not sure.
- Q. And your office manager was the one who
- 22 discovered Barnes' fraud?
- 23 A. Correct. She told me, and I told everybody
- 24 else.
- Q. And her name?

- 1 A. Tammy Schaefer.
- Q. And until Tammy Schaefer came to you crying
- 3 about the Bank of America account, there was no
- 4 indication that Robert Barnes had been taking any
- 5 money?
- 6 A. No. I was depending on the accountant and
- 7 the three doctors who were supposed to have just
- 8 reviewed the entire thing just as I went into
- 9 surgery, and all of them said it was fine. I had met
- 10 a few months previously with -- the accountant's name
- 11 I don't recall at the moment -- but it's Marjorie
- 12 Belsky's accountant, not mine, because they didn't
- want me to have too much power by having my
- 14 accountant.
- 15 O. Who's "they"?
- 16 A. The board.
- 17 Q. You were part of the board, correct?
- 18 A. Correct. The board didn't want me to have
- 19 my accountant running it. They already thought I had
- too much power.
- Q. So just in terms of timeline, Tammy Schaefer
- discovers funds missing from the Bank of America
- 23 account and things on the Bank of America account --
- A. Sometime there, yeah.
- Q. -- things on the Bank of America account

- that should not have been there. She informed you,
- and you immediately informed the board?
- 3 A. Correct.
- 4 Q. And at that time -- it was either the summer
- of 2013 or 2014 -- at that time you immediately told
- 6 the board, and they hired another accountant to --
- 7 A. They hired --
- 8 O. They hired another accountant to look into
- 9 what happened with the Bank of America account?
- 10 A. I think they hired an attorney to look into
- 11 the Bank of America account.
- 12 Q. And you recommended using your accountant to
- 13 look at the Bank of America account, and they said
- 14 no?
- 15 A. No. Actually, I took my accountant to look
- at my account. It looked like it had been fudged
- with. Because theoretically, shouldn't it have
- 18 been -- since I was being told we were making no
- money, and since the money that goes into the account
- is the money from the management fee, and even waving
- that because we were supposedly making no money, and
- 22 I find out there was money being put in there, and
- 23 Barnes was withdrawing it, and Bank of America had
- not been able to find any card or any other reason
- that he should be able to withdraw money from that

- 1 account.
- Q. Who was telling you that there was no money
- 3 during this time?
- 4 A. Barnes was telling me there was no money,
- 5 and I was seeing Bank of America accounting
- 6 statements from Barnes that said there was no money
- 7 in it. At least it looked like it to me. I mean, it
- 8 looked like just the basic Bank of America statement.
- 9 Q. Right. And so Bank of America was the
- 10 primary institution where the accounts for Epiphany
- 11 were?
- 12 A. Correct. And then we were asked -- when
- 13 Barnes disappeared, I asked again over a period of a
- 14 couple months for Bank of America to actually give
- me, directly from them, directly to my hand, copies
- of the statements. That turned out to be very
- 17 difficult.
- 18 Q. And when you reviewed the statements --
- 19 ultimately you received them from Bank of America --
- they were different than the statements that Barnes
- 21 had given you?
- 22 A. Well, I received statements from them with
- 23 amounts taken out, but not who the payers were --
- 24 payees, I guess it is -- and then I went back to
- them, yelled at them some more, took another couple

- 1 months, so then I got the payees, and then I hit the
- 2 ceiling and got in the accountants.
- Q. Okay. But this was several months after
- 4 Tammy Schaefer indicated to you that there was a
- 5 problem. That's why you started the process of
- 6 asking Bank of America?
- 7 A. Correct. Usually with Bank of America, I
- 8 can ask can I get the stuff done later that day, and
- 9 they were really dragging the feet.
- 10 Q. And during this time, you had also informed
- 11 the board?
- 12 A. Correct. I didn't call every single person,
- but I called the board members and Dr. Smith, who was
- 14 the head of the board.
- 0. What did the board do at this time?
- 16 A. The board hired an attorney to look into it,
- and the board had the attorney go to the FBI and to
- 18 the police.
- 19 Q. During your 341 exam, you mentioned that
- 20 approximately three to five million was taken. Was
- 21 that three to five million from the Bank of America
- 22 account?
- A. No, that's an estimate that their attorney
- 24 made. I'm not sure where he's getting that from.
- Q. Did they do an audit that was released to

- 1 the board members and the members of Epiphany
- 2 slash --
- 3 A. I was having surgeries and physical therapy.
- 4 If they did, I don't know about it. He came up with
- 5 a number at one of the meetings I did go to. But
- 6 they were having meetings later and later in the day,
- 7 like at 7:00 and 7:30 at night. I got to the point
- 8 where I couldn't walk at 7:30 at night, so I gave up.
- 9 I was falling down a lot.
- 10 Q. So just to clarify, the 150 thousand figure
- in your Schedule C, you don't know how that was
- 12 calculated?
- 13 A. No. I have no idea how it's calculated. I
- 14 can't remember anymore because it's been so long
- exactly how much was stolen out of that account, but
- 16 I don't see any real hope of getting any of that
- 17 back.
- Q. At these board meetings, the ones that you
- 19 did attend, was there a full attendance by the other
- 20 board members?
- 21 **A. No.**
- Q. Were they monthly?
- 23 A. Sometimes they were more than monthly after
- 24 Barnes disappeared.
- Q. Let's get the specifics. Now, when Tammy

- 1 came to you, was crying, and showed you the Bank of
- 2 America account and what had happened to it, was
- 3 Barnes already gone by that point, or was he still
- 4 working?
- 5 A. I believe he was already gone by that point.
- 6 Q. So by the time you discovered the fraud,
- 7 Barnes was already gone?
- 8 A. Correct.
- 9 Q. What do you mean by "gone"? He simply left,
- and he did not come back again?
- 11 A. On a Saturday he took off with all of the
- 12 computers and all of the written stuff for Epiphany
- and the surgery center, and there was literally --
- 14 and a couple of the portable computers, everything
- was gone. From what I'm told. I were wasn't there,
- but I'm told that pretty much everything had
- disappeared, and they were trying to get backups and
- things to get some information.
- 19 Q. And this was before Tammy discovered the
- issues with the Bank of America account?
- 21 A. Right. It was always under suspicion, but
- 22 when I saw the --
- Q. Okay. When you say "always under
- suspicion," what do you mean by that? When did your
- 25 suspicion first start?

- 1 A. When he left and said nothing.
- Q. So until he left, there was no issues with
- 3 respect to Epiphany's finances, and then all of a
- 4 sudden he leaves, and then Tammy discovers later that
- 5 he had stolen money from the Bank of America account?
- 6 A. I think the way it really happened was that
- 7 I had a conniption fit that they were planning on
- 8 closing the east side -- excuse me -- the west side
- 9 in favor of the east side. That made no sense to me
- 10 because most of the surgeons were over there. And at
- 11 that juncture, I had enough pool to get enough people
- who also agreed with me that it was clear it wasn't
- going to occur without a fight, and at that point,
- 14 Barnes disappeared.
- 0. Do you recall around what time -- this
- dispute between keeping both locations and the one
- location, do you recall when that happened?
- 18 A. Somewhere in the summer. I was in between
- 19 those surgeries.
- 20 Q. Somewhere in the summer, the same summer
- 21 when Tammy discovered the --
- 22 A. Yeah, it later in the summer. It was
- 23 actually almost fall by the time we actually got
- 24 anything from Bank of America. We requested it
- immediately, but, you know, they were initially very

- 1 helpful, and suddenly it was like a light switch,
- 2 stopped.
- Q. Got it. So that summer was a critical
- 4 summer because Barnes disappears, there's a
- 5 discussion of which location we're going to keep, and
- 6 then after that, chronologically, is when you
- 7 discovered the problems with the Bank of America
- 8 account, correct?
- 9 A. Correct. To the best of my memory, yeah.
- 10 Q. When there was discord among Epiphany and
- the surgeons wanting to change locations or move to
- one location, you said there were a few surgeons with
- you, keeping both locations open, and then there were
- surgeons on the other side of the debate?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. And this debate happened during that same
- summer, either the summer of 2013 or 2014, and you
- were in and out between surgeries, so it's not
- 19 exactly clear, correct?
- 20 A. Yeah.
- Q. Okay. Did any members or surgeons --
- 22 A. I think it was the summer 2013.
- 23 O. 2013?
- A. I think so. I'm not absolutely sure.
- Q. That's fine. Did any members or surgeons

- 1 leave Epiphany due to the discord or the disputes
- 2 about which location to go with?
- 3 A. The ENT surgeon tried.
- Q. What do you mean, tried?
- 5 A. I mean he started suing Epiphany to get his
- 6 money back from Epiphany, but he got thrown out.
- 7 Q. And I want to clarify, "he got thrown out."
- 8 Do you mean his case got thrown out?
- 9 A. The court, his case got thrown out.
- 10 Q. Was he still a member of Epiphany, or did he
- 11 resign?
- 12 A. No, he's still a member of Epiphany.
- Whether he resigned or not, you're going to have to
- 14 ask him. But at this point, it's a moot issue
- because Epiphany essentially no longer exists.
- Q. Right. And the name of this surgeon, sir?
- 17 A. I don't remember the name. You can ask my
- wife. She probably remembers it.
- 19 Q. That's fine. That's fine.
- 20 A. If you give me a list of doctors, I can
- 21 figure it out.
- Q. He sued Epiphany in court here in Clark
- 23 County, and did Epiphany hire counsel?
- 24 A. Yes.
- Q. Do you recall --

- 1 A. No. I've had so many attorneys over the
- years, I can't remember who handled that one,
- 3 honestly.
- 4 Q. Got it. But it was ultimately successful
- 5 for Epiphany?
- 6 A. Yeah. Within a very short time.
- 7 Q. Okay. Now, how is your relationship with
- 8 Dr. Smith?
- A. I mean, reasonably good, given the fact
- 10 that, you know, at least I can walk.
- 11 Q. And he did the surgery on your back?
- 12 A. All three of them.
- Q. I want to talk about Flamingo Pecos. Is it
- 14 true to say that Flamingo Pecos was the majority of
- your revenue or income after 2010 until the problems?
- 16 A. No.
- 17 Q. The majority of your income and revenue was
- 18 from the ltd?
- 19 A. Oh, yeah, definitely.
- Q. Do you have a rough approximation of what
- 21 revenue or profit you took from Flamingo
- 22 Pecos/Epiphany?
- 23 A. Well, Flamingo Pecos and Epiphany are two
- 24 different things. Flamingo Pecos is a surgery
- center. Epiphany is the management company.

- 1 The amount they took out of the management
- 2 company was small because we weren't taking
- distributions based on Barnes telling us we weren't
- 4 making any money. The money from the Plaza Surgery
- 5 Center was being poured into the new surgery center
- on the west side. So we weren't taking any
- 7 distributions. I think there was one distribution of
- 8 \$50,000 total in December of 2012, to the best of my
- 9 recollection. And that was it. And I got -- I don't
- 10 know -- 15 percent of that or something, and that was
- 11 it.
- 12 So, no, I was not getting very much money at
- 13 that point.
- 14 Q. Out of Epiphany?
- 15 A. Out of Epiphany.
- 16 Q. Got it. I appreciate you clarifying. And
- 17 Flamingo Pecos, which was the new center on the west
- side, you were performing surgeries there?
- 19 A. Correct. I moved all mine over there to
- allow one of the orthopedic surgeons to have the
- 21 entire operating rooms at the east side.
- Q. Now, did the draws and revenue you received
- 23 from Flamingo Pecos, did that come directly to you,
- or did that go to the ltd?
- 25 A. It would have gone to Epiphany Surgical

- 1 Centers. We weren't getting any of it because all of
- the money was going, according to Barnes, into the
- 3 east side.
- Q. Right, right. No, I understand that.
- 5 A. This isn't the west side. The new side.
- 6 Q. I understand that the management portion of
- 7 it you weren't receiving --
- 8 A. Any portion of it. We weren't getting
- 9 distributions. We weren't getting management. We
- weren't getting anything.
- 11 Q. Right. But strictly speaking about your
- 12 individual personal practice of medicine in Flamingo
- 13 Pecos, you were being paid by Flamingo Pecos;
- 14 correct, for doing surgeries there?
- 15 A. No. Only if we made a profit.
- Q. And did Flamingo Pecos ever make a profit?
- 17 A. No.
- Q. Did anyone ask questions why Flamingo Pecos
- 19 wasn't making a profit?
- 20 **A.** Yeah.
- Q. Who asked those questions?
- 22 A. I did.
- MR. IOBAL: Just so the record reflects that
- the examinee pointed to himself.
- 25 BY MR IQBAL:

- 1 Q. So who did you ask these questions to?
- 2 A. Robert Barnes.
- Q. And what did he say to you?
- 4 A. He said that the expenses were much higher
- 5 than he thought that they would be. The amount that
- 6 we were paying was much higher. And he gave a whole
- 7 litany of excuses and kept saying that the next month
- 8 it would be better.
- 9 Q. How long did he say this for?
- 10 A. Months.
- 11 Q. Did you ever ask for supporting documents or
- 12 accounts to see that what he was saying was true?
- 13 A. Yes. With the help of Marjorie Belsky.
- 0. And was this accountant echoing what Barnes
- was saying and saying, the expenses are too much, and
- 16 next month we'll be better?
- 17 A. Bank of America was echoing it. And Wells
- 18 Fargo was echoing it. And even when we switched over
- 19 to -- Lord, what's the other bank's name. They all
- 20 echoed it. But they were looking at -- that's why
- it's a federal case. They were not looking at
- 22 correct information, it was my belief.
- Q. So Barnes was issuing false reports, and the
- banks were echoing it and parodying his line that,
- Next month will be better, and our expenses are too

- 1 high right now?
- A. Yeah. I'd say that's a fair assessment.
- Q. And this accountant -- and you identified as
- 4 the accountant for Marjorie Belsky -- this accountant
- 5 was also echoing the same line?
- 6 A. Back at that point she was -- he was. Later
- 7 he said that there were things that were raising red
- 8 flags, but he never went over them with me. He said
- 9 he went over them with Barnes.
- 0. And what did Barnes tell him, if you know?
- 11 A. Well, he says later that he had been told by
- 12 Barnes that everybody knew about it, and there was no
- problem with it. Even though the money apparently
- was going to Barnes.
- 0. I think you'll be thankful for this. Let's
- 16 move away from Barnes for a bit, okay, and talk about
- 17 Flamingo Pecos.
- 18 A. Well, I was going to say, that's about all I
- 19 can say anyway.
- Q. I appreciate that.
- The Flamingo Pecos operation, how many
- people at its peak were employed by Flamingo Pecos?
- A. Not a clue. As I've told you before, by the
- 24 point in time that Flamingo Pecos was up and running,
- 25 my primary drive was to figure out how to get myself

- 1 better. And I was never the primary person on
- 2 Flamingo Pecos.
- Q. Who was the primary person?
- 4 A. Barnes.
- Q. Okay.
- A. And actually the neurosurgeons, too, because
- 7 they wanted a big place where they could put their
- 8 neurosurgical cases.
- 9 Q. So the decision to get the west side
- 10 facility and move in, was that a board decision?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. Did you vote in favor of moving to the west
- 13 side?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 O. How was it decided that you would sign the
- 16 quarantee on the west side location?
- 17 A. Bill Smith had done the east side, and the
- vote had been taken that the others would guarantee
- whoever actually signed it, because the banks didn't
- want to have a bunch of signers. They needed to have
- one or two or something, and that's how I ended up
- doing it. But I was supposed to be backed up by
- everybody else.
- Q. Did they back you up?
- 25 A. No.

1 Q. Did you ask for them to back you up when you 2 were sued? 3 Α. Yup. 4 Q. Yes? 5 Α. Yes. 6 0. And what was their response? 7 Your problem. Α. 8 Is it fair to say that every surgeon who was Ο. 9 part of Flamingo Pecos did surgeries out of that west 10 side location? 11 Α. There were a couple who stayed on the 12 east side. I would have stayed on the east side. Ι 13 would have stayed there except one of the orthopods 14 kept having conniption fits about my interfering with 15 his cases, even though he was doing his piddling 16 three or four, and I'm doing, even when I was bad, 17 five. 18 So I moved over there just to -- it's not in 19 the right location for me. 20 Right. When you moved over to the west side Q. 21 location, it had already been running? 22 Yeah. When I moved there, it had already Α. 23 been running for a couple months, several months. 24 Let's go off the record. MR. IOBAL: 25 (A brief recess was taken)

- 1 BY MR. IOBAL:
- 2 O. So back on the record.
- 3 So Flamingo Pecos -- you had just indicated
- 4 that not all of the members of Flamingo Pecos did
- 5 surgeries on the west side, and you just told us
- 6 about how you actually moved your practice from the
- 7 east side because another practitioner on the east
- 8 side was saying you're crowding his practice.
- 9 A. Correct.
- 10 Q. So when you went over to the west side
- 11 location where Flamingo Pecos is right next to
- 12 Summerlin, was that facility already running when you
- did your first surgery at the Flamingo Pecos?
- 14 A. Yes.
- Q. And how were the economics; how was Flamingo
- 16 Pecos doing, or at least what was Barnes telling you
- when you were getting the year-end reports?
- 18 A. It was doing very poorly.
- 19 Q. Did the board ever discuss why it was doing
- very poorly or do an investigation before Tammy
- 21 found --
- 22 A. Yes. That's why we appointed the three
- doctors to go over and see what was going on.
- Q. Okay. So these three doctors were appointed
- before Tammy found out what was happening at Bank of

- 1 America and before Barnes disappeared?
- 2 A. Correct.
- Q. Okay.
- 4 A. Like several months.
- 5 Q. When did these three doctors approach you?
- 6 And you're in and out of surgeries, you know, as we
- 7 talked about --
- 8 A. They didn't really approach me because by
- 9 the time they actually got their shit together, I was
- 10 flat on my back trying to recover. And then I only
- got up for about a month, and then I was flat on my
- 12 back getting another one done. So they never really
- 13 talked to me. And one of them was the guy that tried
- 14 to sue me, who knew better than to try to talk to me.
- 0. And who was that individual?
- 16 A. The ENT surgeon. I don't remember his name.
- 17 If you want to take a break, I'll go ask my wife.
- MR. CROWE: We can provide that for you
- 19 later if you want.
- MR. IQBAL: That's fine.
- 21 BY MR. IQBAL:
- Q. So the same ENT surgeon who sued Epiphany
- 23 also sued you personally?
- A. No, he just sued Epiphany.
- Q. He just sued Epiphany.

- 1 A. Yeah. He was trying to say that he never
- 2 really bought shares, or some such baloney. It was
- 3 so ridiculous. It got thrown out of court.
- 4 Q. When these three doctors were assigned to
- 5 look into your finances, and you were flat on your
- 6 back, and as you just said, by the time they got to
- you you were out, how long was their investigation,
- 8 if you can recall?
- 9 A. Okay, correction. They weren't really
- 10 looking into my finances, they were looking in the
- 11 finances of the surgery center to see if anybody was
- 12 getting some unfair amount or whatever. Or had, you
- 13 know, indiscriminately done something.
- Q. Okay. Got it. And they came back with a
- verdict of, Everything's fine?
- 16 A. Yeah.
- Q. And at that time was Barnes still there, or
- had he disappeared by this time?
- 19 A. No, he was still there.
- Q. He was still there, okay. Do you know how
- long their investigation was or what they looked
- 22 into?
- A. No. I had bigger fish to fry.
- Q. And you stated that Flamingo Pecos was not
- 25 profitable during any year of its existence?

- A. I was told it wasn't profit in any year of
- 2 its existence.
- Q. And you were told this by Barnes?
- 4 A. Correct.
- 5 Q. Did you take any of the year-end reports or
- 6 any of the formal reports that he gave you during the
- 7 weekly meetings, and did you ever take them to your
- 8 accountant and say, Hey, look at these?
- 9 A. No. I went over them with the banks.
- 10 You've got to realize that the banks had multiple
- 11 people that had signed on loans. So they were
- 12 following this very closely and requiring multiple of
- us to do annual income statements and all this other
- 14 stuff. And it was up to me to get the doctors to
- actually give them the income information, which they
- would never do, so they turned to me to get it, okay?
- 17 Q. Okay.
- 18 A. Which I did, eventually. But usually it's
- by the end of the year that they got the stuff from
- 20 six months before.
- So, yeah, they got it. The other thing that
- drove me nuts is, how did Bank of America miss this?
- How did Wells Fargo miss this? I mean, Bank of
- 24 America particularly. They have all my accounts.
- 25 Right? They have all of Epiphany's accounts, and

- 1 they have all the surgery center's accounts. How
- 2 could they be missing it?
- Q. What was their answer?
- 4 A. Originally their answer was that it looked
- 5 like somebody was doing something with the accounts
- 6 that was changing them from what they really were,
- and then they shut up. They said they were going to
- 8 give me my money back for the Epiphany account,
- 9 because the checks that were written on the Epiphany
- and what was drawn out were drawn out by someone that
- 11 did not have the right to do it.
- 12 Q. Right.
- 13 A. It wasn't me.
- Q. Right. So this Epiphany account that they
- initially said they were going to give you your money
- back, how much was that amount that they were going
- 17 to give you back?
- 18 A. They said that they would be able to -- I
- 19 forget what they call it. It wasn't a cram. It was
- 20 something. Clawback. That was it. That it would be
- 21 a clawback. That was the guy who was doing my
- accounts at the time. And then he disappeared, and
- they put somebody else in charge of my account who
- wouldn't say anything to me.
- Q. But that initial individual who ultimately

- disappeared, he said you would be able to claw back
- the money that was taken out of the Epiphany account?
- A. Right. Correct. Because he looked at it
- 4 and he saw that is wasn't -- I was the only signatory
- 5 to that account. It's not actually correct. It was
- 6 set up so that it -- we went eventually to a two --
- 7 two people could sign it. And it was, I think Bill
- 8 Smith and me and Barnes. Maybe it was just me and
- 9 Barnes. But at one point, my office manager and I
- both recall that we had changed it.
- 11 That -- all that paperwork had disappeared.
- 12 The only thing that was there was my original
- signature on opening the account, and they could find
- 14 nothing that showed that anybody else had a right to
- get any money out of that account. Yet they let
- money go out of the account.
- They also told me that anything over 6,000,
- 18 by their own regulations, had to be checked by a
- 19 higher-up at Bank of America. That clearly was not
- done, either.
- 21 And the FBI -- and this is where I'll step
- 22 with the FBI discussion -- told me that this is the
- worst they had seen in years.
- O. So when this initial Bank of America
- individual said, We're going to try and claw back the

- 1 money taken from the Epiphany account, did he give
- you an approximate number?
- A. No. He didn't give me an approximate
- 4 number. He said he would take a look at it and see.
- 5 But the approximate number would have been the entire
- 6 amount in the account. I looked at the account, and
- 7 it should have been at zero for the entire time.
- 8 When I look back at it, there's been a lot of money
- 9 going through that account, and none of it went to
- 10 **me.**
- 11 Q. So when you say -- when you looked at the
- 12 account and there had been a lot of money going out
- of that account, can you approximate "a lot of
- money"?
- 15 A. In the order of a quarter of a million,
- 16 300,000, 350. I can't remember the exact amount. It
- was a lot.
- 18 Honestly -- I know this sounds crazy to
- 19 you -- but when you can't walk and you're having
- trouble peeing, it's not really the biggest thing on
- 21 your mind.
- Q. That's understandable, sir, because you're
- just focused on living and making sure --
- 24 A. Being alive.
- Q. -- you're going to get better. Yeah.

- 1 A. Yeah.
- Q. Yeah. Absolutely.
- So that 300 or \$350,000 number, that was
- 4 your money, or that was Epiphany's money?
- 5 A. That was Epiphany's money, but I'm 68 or 69
- 6 percent owner of Epiphany Surgical Solutions. There
- 7 are a couple Epiphany's. One where I just keep my
- 8 private stuff, and then Epiphany Surgical Solutions,
- 9 which was the management company. That was Epiphany
- 10 Surgical Solutions' money. That should have been
- 11 distributed and was not.
- 12 Q. Okay, a couple more questions there. The 69
- 13 percent ownership of Epiphany Surgical Solutions, who
- 14 are the other owners of Epiphany Surgical Solutions?
- 15 A. I think we've already turned that over to
- 16 you guys.
- 17 Q. Right.
- 18 A. But I can't remember all of them. Smith
- owns about 20 percent. And then --
- 20 Q. A Michael Phillip --
- 21 A. Yeah, and he owns about 1 percent or less.
- 22 There are a bunch of small owners because they just
- got a small percent as being owners in the original
- thing. Some people bought up, most did not.
- Q. Okay, that's helpful. Then you just

- 1 mentioned there were other private or personal
- 2 Epiphany entities. This Epiphany Surgical Solutions,
- 3 that was what a couple of surgeons or a number of
- 4 surgeons had ownership interest. You mentioned a
- 5 private Epiphany?
- A. No, no. What I said was, my own shares I
- 7 kept in Epiphany Surgical Centers, okay?
- Q. Okay.
- A. Although for a while, Smith screwed up and
- was supposed to be doing his own, and he was supposed
- 11 to have his attorney draw one up. I had mine drawn
- up, and he didn't get around to it for Kingman. And
- the checks came to me, and I just forwarded it to
- 14 him. It essentially was my account. It had nothing
- to do with anything else, and it's also defunct.
- 16 Q. Did that entity file for bankruptcy?
- 17 A. Did that entity file for bankruptcy? No.
- 18 It hasn't filed for bankruptcy. It has no assets.
- 19 Q. Any creditors or liabilities?
- 20 A. I believe not. There was really nothing
- 21 there but shares.
- Q. So all the members, all the surgeons who
- were involved in Flamingo Pecos, they never made any
- 24 money during the two or three or four years of its
- existence before it filed for bankruptcy?

Prior to starting the west side, we 1 Α. No. 2 were doing quite well. 3 Q. How long was Flamingo Pecos on the east 4 side? 5 All totaled, I think it was maybe 2000 -- or Α. 6 we started, I think, to try to open in 2002 or 2003, 7 and it was slowed down by the trouble of getting 8 malpractice, and then most of the people who started 9 had left town. And then we got it started up 10 somewhat after that. So maybe 2004, something like 11 that. 12 So there was a history of Flamingo Pecos Q. 13 being successful --14 Doing very well. Α. 15 -- and profitable for years? Ο. 16 Α. Yes. 17 Q. Then through Regent, Robert Barnes gets 18 involved, and then you folks move over to the west 19 side, correct? 20 Α. Correct. 21 And Robert Barnes, I believe, was the one Q. 22 who negotiated the lease with the west side location? 23 MR. CROWE: I have to interject. You've 24 asked this question five times. 25 MR. IQBAL: Which question?

- MR. CROWE: It's asked and answered. About
- 2 Barnes and the sequence of events, and you've covered
- 3 it five different times.
- 4 MR. IQBAL: Well, there's a number of facts
- 5 that are coming out. I'm just trying to --
- 6 MR. CROWE: I'm just entering an objection
- <sup>7</sup> for the record.
- 8 BY MR. IQBAL:
- 9 Q. Okay. Did Barnes join you before Flamingo
- 10 moved to the west side?
- 11 A. Yes. Flamingo didn't move to the west side,
- 12 Flamingo was always on the west side.
- Q. What was the entity that was successfully
- running on the east side since 2004, 2005?
- 15 A. What was the name of the entity? At that
- 16 point it was -- was it Flamingo Pecos, LLC? I think
- it was Flamingo Pecos. I have to go look.
- 18 O. That's fine. So it was essentially the same
- 19 entity that went over to the west side?
- 20 A. Eventually, yeah.
- 21 Q. Okay.
- 22 A. It was started by a different entity, and
- then Flamingo Pecos decided to join it.
- Q. So here's just a new question: When
- decisions were made in Flamingo Pecos whether to pay

- 1 rent or not or make major financial decisions, were
- you consulted because you were on the board?
- 3 A. If I happened to be there, yeah.
- Q. If you were not there, you were not
- 5 consulted?
- 6 A. No. All actions with regard to that had to
- 7 be board actions.
- 8 Q. So the board was deciding on a given basis
- 9 this month, whenever they were meeting, We have
- 10 enough money to pay rent or We don't have enough
- money to pay rent, correct?
- 12 A. As far as I know, yeah.
- Q. When Flamingo Pecos was in arrears by
- 14 hundreds of thousands of dollars, were you notified?
- 15 A. Eventually, yeah, but we weren't really
- notified to the extent -- it shouldn't have been in
- arrears because the money was coming in sufficient to
- 18 have paid it. It went out in the wrong direction,
- 19 which we didn't know.
- Q. And at the time you thought it wasn't making
- 21 money because that's what you were told?
- 22 A. Yes, and I was being told that with several
- bankers present, who also were telling me, Don't
- worry about it. It's doing really well. It will
- come back as soon as it catches up.

- Q. Were you involved in the decision to abandon
- the west side location for Flamingo Pecos?
- 3 A. Was I involved in the...
- 4 Q. When Flamingo Pecos abandoned the property,
- 5 and very soon after it declared for bankruptcy, were
- 6 you involved in that decision?
- 7 A. Actually, I was against abandoning either
- 8 side.
- 9 O. And the board voted on it?
- 10 A. The board voted on it, and then I can't
- 11 remember what I voted on it after they had the
- 12 debate. I may have voted for it just because I
- didn't want to piss everybody off. But I was against
- 14 closing either side.
- Q. Now, because Barnes had already left by that
- 16 time -- and this was November of 2014 -- those
- 17 minutes are still --
- 18 A. Yeah. Presumably Smith has them, yeah. I
- 19 quit in there fairly quickly because I couldn't -- I
- mean, like now, I really need to go lay down, get a
- 21 heating pad on me. I can't go on for long periods of
- time. And they were doing it at the end of the day.
- 23 I've done nothing else today except this, and it's
- 24 already going too long.
- So I was pretty much out of it by the time

- they made the decision to actually close everything
- down. I believe, to the best of my knowledge, I had
- 3 already resigned from the board.
- 4 Q. Before the west side location was abandoned?
- 5 A. It was actually abandoned. I think I had
- 6 already resigned from the board, yeah. I think so.
- 7 It was in that neighborhood.
- 8 Q. So you weren't involved in the decision for
- 9 Flamingo to file for bankruptcy?
- 10 A. No. I was just being told that it was.
- 11 That was long after I was no longer on the board.
- 12 Q. Did you approach the FBI, or did the board
- approach the FBI, or did the attorney for the company
- 14 approach the FBI?
- 15 A. The board and the attorney approached the
- 16 FBI, and I was there.
- Q. And you were interviewed?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. Once or multiple times?
- 20 A. Once. Although I think they called me a
- 21 couple times.
- Q. And as far as you're aware, is that
- investigation still continuing?
- 24 A. The last that I heard -- it may have been as
- long as a year ago -- it was still continuing, and I

- 1 was told to cool my jets, and that they'd go after
- 2 Bank of America for the money that was lost in my
- personal account. The FBI turned very slowly, but
- 4 it'd get there.
- 5 Q. Get where? I'm sorry.
- 6 A. It would get around to it eventually.
- 7 Q. Okay.
- 8 A. And it would take quite a while.
- 9 Q. Did you sue Bank of America for the \$350,000
- 10 that was taken out of your account?
- 11 A. No. The accountants keep telling me to do
- that, but in order to be able to do that, I would
- have to spend a fortune on discovery. Barnes, if
- 14 you've seen what he was spending money on, I doubt
- 15 has any of the money left.
- 16 Hence there's very little reason to do it
- because you're not going to get anything back from
- 18 Barnes, so now you have to go after Bank of America
- 19 directly. And I don't have any stuff from me to
- them. Personally I don't how I can prove that B of A
- was involved. But that's what the FBI says. So I'm
- waiting for them to actually come back with
- 23 something.
- Q. Did you folks, you or the board or anyone,
- do an investigation into Barnes' finances, or just

- 1 assumed that he doesn't have any money left?
- 2 A. No, I don't have the cash or -- look, at
- 3 this juncture, my finances are such that I'm going
- 4 negative every month. So there is no way I'm going
- 5 to start a large battle. I've been through large
- 6 battles. Never lost one. But I know how much they
- 7 cost.
- Q. I'm not talking about now. I should
- 9 clarify. After you found out about the fraud, did
- 10 you investigate Barnes or do an audit or hire a PI or
- anything to go after Barnes?
- 12 A. The only thing I did was get a forensic
- accountant to go over the Epiphany Surgical Solutions
- 14 account since the rest of it would require board
- action, not me unilaterally.
- And I actually called the other members of
- 17 Epiphany, at least enough of them to get several more
- votes besides mine. Although theoretically I have
- enough votes to pretty much do it anyway, to go over
- 20 it. I personally paid for it without getting
- 21 anything from anybody else. But the others have made
- it quite clear that they do not want to -- if I'm
- willing to go after it, fine, but they're not going
- to be willing to help.
- Q. So they made it clear to you that they don't

- 1 want to chase Barnes or any of the money that he
- 2 took?
- A. I wouldn't go that far. They're waiting for
- 4 the FBI to get back and tell them because their
- 5 attorneys said the same thing, because I was there,
- 6 which was, let the FBI do the heavy lifting.
- 7 Q. During this time, 2012, 2013, 2014, until --
- 8 before the eviction from the west side location, you
- 9 were on the board of Flamingo Pecos?
- 10 A. I don't know if -- I can't remember if I was
- on the board during the eviction or not, honestly. I
- 12 think by then I may have been already -- I was either
- out or on the way out.
- Q. Okay, that's fine. And when you say you
- quit the board, do you mean the Epiphany board or the
- 16 Flamingo Pecos board? Is it one in the same?
- 17 A. The Epiphany board is theoretically
- different. Our board, or the Epiphany board
- meetings, nobody shows up, so they really end up
- 20 being the same thing.
- Q. All right. Let's talk about the ltd. Have
- you been taking monthly draws from the ltd?
- 23 A. No.
- Q. When was the last time you took a monthly
- 25 draw from the ltd?

1 A. December. 2. Now I'm handing the court MR. IOBAL: 3 reporter what's been marked as **Exhibit 2** and handing 4 it to counsel. This is the amended disclosure 5 statement. 6 (Thereupon Exhibit 2 was 7 marked for identification.) 8 BY MR. IOBAL: 9 Sir, I just handed you something that we did Ο. 10 two to a page just to save some paper, but it's 11 identified at the top as Document 235 in the same 12 case that we're having this proceeding on. 13 15-13135-ABL. It states page 1 of 81 at the front. 14 Do you recognize what I've given you? 15 Α. Yes. 16 And what is it? Q. 17 Exactly what you said it was. I just read Α. 18 across the top of the headline as you were reading 19 it. 20 Is this the disclosure statement that was Q. 21 filed by your counsel, to the best of your 22 recollection? You don't have to read every page. 23 Α. Yeah, it looks like it is. 24 And again, the only change we made was to Ο. 25 put two pages on one to save a little bit of paper.

1 If you turn to page 16. Now, that's going 2 to be 16 in the document, not the actual 16th page of 3 the document. 4 Α. Correct. 5 And you see on the left side, which is Ο. 6 page 15, "Liquidation Value," and on the right side 7 on page 16 you have a chart. Correct? 8 Α. Yes. Where you have two asterisk points, "Charles 9 Q. 10 H. Tadlock M.D., ltd, "it says "Current value, 11 50,000"? 12 Α. Yeah. They did that against my will. 13 Against your will? 0. 14 Yeah. I don't think it's worth 50,000. Α. 15 don't think it's worth anything. 16 Q. Who told you to put 50,000? 17 They had to come up with some number, and Α. 18 that was a number that was tossed around. 19 honestly, there are so many problems with it that --20 first there's nobody willing to buy it. I tried to Secondly, right at this moment we don't 21 sell it. 22 I can only work a few hours a month. even have a PA. 23 24 I've checked with everyone in town that I 25 know of. No one successfully sold a pain practice

- for any amount of money, and certainly not one that
- doesn't even have a PA as of the 29th, when my PA
- quits. So I don't think it's worth 50.
- Q. Do you know how that number was calculated
- or it was kicked around? I'm just trying to
- 6 understand the process?
- 7 A. Yeah, I understand that basically on the
- 8 basis of the fact that I can work and make up to
- 9 about that amount of money before it starts affecting
- 10 my disability. If I make more than that amount, then
- 11 I'm actually losing money because it affects my
- 12 disability. So I'm certainly not going to make more
- than that, and honestly, I haven't been making that
- over the last year.
- 0. So there's no accounting calculation or
- principals how you came up with this current value?
- 17 You came up with the current value based on what you
- 18 potentially could make?
- 19 A. In the old days, you could get somewhere
- between 0.5 and one times the net amount that you're
- 21 making out of a practice.
- Q. Right.
- 23 A. So that would be about one times the net out
- of the practice.
- 25 Q. Okay.

- A. So that's why they went with 50. That's
- what I thought the net would be at that time, I mean,
- when we came up with the 50. It turns out I was
- 4 wrong.
- 5 Q. So when you turn to page 25 --
- 6 A. Uh-huh.
- 7 Q. -- and you look at -- and it says "Schedule
- 8 of monthly cash flows for five future years." And if
- 9 you look at number 1, "Salary." So that's
- 10 Mrs. Tadlock, and that's coming from the ltd.
- 11 Correct?
- 12 A. Right, but something's happened since that
- period of time, which is, I'm told Mrs. Tadlock is
- 14 probably eligible for disability also, so she will
- probably be going on disability after she sees her
- 16 **doc.**
- 17 Q. I'm just talking about at the time that this
- 18 was written.
- 19 A. Right. At the time that this was written,
- that's about what we thought it was going to go.
- Q. So at the time this was filed -- and that
- was about a month ago, right? It was entered
- December 21st. At that time she had a salary of
- 4,400 per month, and you had an income from the same
- 25 ltd of 5,350, correct?

- 1 A. This says "maximum amount of income." There
- 2 may have been a month that I made 5,350, but I think
- 3 last year I only made -- I don't know -- 7 or 8
- 4 thousand from direct payments to me.
- 5 Q. When you add up the two, it comes out to
- 6 \$9,750 a month. And at the time that this was
- 7 entered into the docket, the projected cash flow from
- 8 the 1td was 9,750 or about 10,000 a month, correct?
- 9 A. Yeah. If I were getting that much, which I
- 10 haven't been, yeah.
- 11 Q. Right. I'm basing it on your wife's
- 12 salary -- and I understand that circumstances have
- 13 changed.
- 14 A. Correct.
- Q. But for the purpose of my next few
- questions, we're just going to focus on the
- disclosure statement, as if it's December 21st.
- So at the time that the disclosure statement
- is entered, it is 4,400 for her salary, and that's
- 20 coming out of the ltd, and the maximum amount of
- income from the 1td of 5,350 for you. So that comes
- 22 out to 9,750, correct?
- 23 A. Correct.
- Q. And here it says "maximum amount," but on
- page 16 -- I'm sorry -- on page 18, if you turn to

- page 18, at the last full paragraph, it says -- and
- 2 I'm quoting here -- "Dr. Tadlock believes that the
- medical practice can produce at least \$5,350 on a
- 4 monthly basis from treatment of patients by
- 5 personnel. Charles H. Tadlock M.D. ltd."
- A. Yeah, that was my best estimate at the time.
- 7 Q. So I'm a little bit unclear because on page
- 8 18 it says "at least \$5,350," but on page 25 it says
- 9 "maximum of \$5,350."
- 10 A. Well, like I said, I can't really go over
- that amount because if I do, then I've got to
- decrease the 20,750 because it was a disability
- payment. Furthermore, I'm getting worse, and it's
- 14 quite likely that I'm not going to be able to work as
- much as I thought I was going to be, because even in
- the last month I've worsened.
- Q. Are there other medical professionals doing
- surgeries at the ltd besides you that would be
- 19 bringing in revenue?
- 20 A. No. I had a PA who was doing -- mostly
- seeing patients, but he quit as of the 29th.
- Q. So outside of you, there's nobody, no other
- 23 source of revenue for the ltd?
- 24 A. Correct.
- Q. As of right now?

- 1 A. Well, as of the 29th.
- Q. As of the 29th, okay. You had a payroll --
- if we look at page 79, you had a payroll -- and this
- 4 only goes to the first 11 months of 2015 -- you had a
- 5 payroll -- if you look on, I'm sorry, page 80 -- of
- 6 \$406,000?
- 7 A. Yes. That was including the first nine
- 8 months when I had a contract for Ealy, and it was
- 9 bringing in approximately \$50,000 a month for Ealy.
- 10 And that doesn't exist anymore. They fired me as of
- 11 August.
- 12 Q. Do you know why they fired you?
- 13 A. Yeah, they got somebody else that would do
- 14 it cheaper.
- 15 Q. This payroll of 400 some thousand over 11
- months, how many employees did the ltd have until
- 17 2015? And I understand that it's changing now, but
- in 2015 with this payroll, how many employees did it
- 19 have?
- 20 A. About a dozen.
- Q. Are you including yourself?
- 22 A. It's about a dozen. Whether I'm in there or
- not, it's about a dozen. It might be a baker's
- dozen.
- Q. With your wife and then office staff?

- 1 A. Yes.
- O. And the PA?
- A. And the PA, maybe 13 or 14. There's not
- 4 very many. Several people have resigned or have been
- 5 fired in the last couple of weeks.
- 6 Q. Okay. In the last couple of weeks you just
- <sup>7</sup> said several people have resigned, and we talked
- 8 about the PA. And you also said several people had
- 9 been fired. Who's been fired?
- 10 A. Well, one person's been fired. I never even
- 11 got to know his name because he was there for such a
- short time. One of the front office people. And two
- of the people who had been there with me a long time
- were told that they should start looking for jobs
- somewhere else because I was deteriorating.
- Q. For this revenue, 800 some thousand in 2015,
- how many surgeries were you doing a month to generate
- 18 that revenue?
- 19 A. Okay. What you have to understand is it
- wasn't the surgeries, per se, that was generating the
- 21 revenue with Ealy, where you can't do very many
- 22 surgeries.
- 23 O. Okay.
- 24 A. Back in the day I was able to do 50 or 60 in
- a day of shots, basically, and a few larger

- 1 surgeries. Now I'm down, I never -- I shouldn't say
- 2 never -- probably 15 is my max. I may have gotten 16
- 3 at one time or something.
- 4 Ealy was a pleasure because Ealy couldn't
- 5 move as fast as I could, despite the fact that I'm a
- 6 cripple. However, the surgery centers, for the most
- part, can, and I'm never going to get up to those
- 8 numbers again.
- 9 So if it comes to some agreement with this,
- and I try to save the practice, and if not, then I
- 11 close it. Because I'm done.
- 12 Q. Now, you mentioned the Ealy contract. That
- was a big component of revenue?
- 14 A. Half a million, 800,000.
- 0. And the rest of it was from patients that
- 16 you personally saw?
- 17 A. No.
- 0. The PA?
- 19 A. The PA was probably the majority of the rest
- of it. I don't know how much of it was my doing, my
- few patients. You know, obviously I think I did one
- 22 day, in September I did two or three days. And I
- haven't done really more than five or six half days
- in any month. And frankly, I regret doing those.
- Q. When you look at the profit and loss sheet

- 1 for the ltd, there's no receivables. Do you have
- 2 receivables, or do you have any kind of receivables?
- 3 A. There's no receivables?
- 4 MR. CROWE: Receivables don't go on the P&L.
- 5 You're talking about a balance sheet?
- 6 MR. IOBAL: Yes. I'm asking about
- 7 the -- well, let me take a step back.
- 8 BY MR. IQBAL:
- 9 Q. Do you have receivables? Do you have an
- 10 estimate for how much is owed to you for services
- 11 that you performed in 2015?
- 12 A. No. I actually forgot to ask Tammy that. I
- was going to. But I did ask her how long it would
- last, and she said two or three months with the
- 15 current outgo. So it will be gone before -- when I
- say the practice really is worth nothing, I include
- the receivables because you have to do several things
- in order to shut down a practice. One, you have to
- 19 have somebody there still answering the phone in case
- 20 somebody wants their records. You have to have
- somebody still actually trying to get the insurance
- companies to pay them, which gets harder and harder,
- and you have to keep the records available to people
- 24 for seven years.
- So the amount that's in the receivables I

- 1 guarantee you is not going to be able to do all that.
- Q. And that's something Tammy would know, but
- you don't know off the top of your head?
- 4 A. Yeah, I have no idea, and Tammy would
- 5 probably have to look.
- 6 O. That's fine, that's fine. So just to be
- 7 clear, circumstances have changed from when this
- 8 disclosure statement was filed because of your wife's
- 9 unfortunate injury, and she may be on disability, and
- 10 your condition has worsened, correct?
- 11 A. Correct. Yeah, I sent a text today to
- 12 Smith, who was telling me to go get another MRI. But
- 13 I really don't want you to because if I get one, it's
- 14 going to tell me I need to go have another surgery,
- and I don't want another surgery. And I'm not sure
- another surgery would help me.
- 17 Q. I hear you. So would you put the
- 18 liquidation value of the business at zero then?
- 19 A. Yeah, pretty close. I think they put \$4,000
- for the car. The car has got 227,000 miles or
- 21 something like that on it. It's worthless. The
- 22 practice is pretty much worthless. The only way it
- can be saved, in my opinion, is if we spend the next
- year to trying to break even while we bring somebody
- 25 else in new.

- 1 Q. Okay.
- A. And so far we've been having no success with
- 3 that at all.
- 4 Q. You're still trying to bring on somebody?
- 5 A. I'm trying as of this minute.
- 6 Q. That's fair enough. Now, with you saying
- 7 the \$50,000 number on page 16, it's close to zero,
- 8 then would that affect -- what we're talking about
- 9 today currently with the prospects for your wife and
- 10 your worsening condition, would you say that the
- 11 schedule of monthly cash flows for the five future
- 12 years is also off?
- 13 A. Unless I can find somebody else to come in,
- 14 it's going to be zero because I'm going to close. My
- office manager warned people last week they were
- probably going to close. I've given two months worth
- of prescriptions to most of the patients with a "do
- 18 not fill under the assumption that next month, I'm
- 19 going to be sending them a letter saying, Sorry,
- we're closed.
- I'm trying not to close. I'll make that
- very clear to you, in case I don't, and you say, Ah,
- you're a liar. I'm trying to find a way to keep it
- open.
- But as of right now, it isn't. And even if

- 1 I were to find somebody, what you have to realize is,
- whoever I find is going to suck up all the money for
- at least the next couple of years because I'm down to
- 4 maybe ten or fifteen percent of what I was doing
- 5 before. Before I had literally operations in three
- 6 to four states, depending on the year, and I was
- 7 generating two and a half million dollars a year just
- 8 by myself.
- 9 That's going to be very difficult for
- anybody coming into the practice to do under the
- 11 current situation. And not even mentioning all the
- 12 crap going on about Obamacare. There may not be any
- practices in a few months because Minnesota and
- 14 Wisconsin just cut reimbursement to pain practices by
- 15 Medicare by 75 percent. So guess what? There's no
- 16 more pain practices in Minnesota and Wisconsin.
- I don't know if that's going to happen here
- or not. If it does, that's definitely going to raise
- 19 a red flag.
- Q. On page 79, if we go back to 79 and we look
- 21 at -- the ltd hasn't been involved in any litigation?
- 22 A. I don't know if the ltd -- if I got sued by
- that idiot ENT by ltd or not. I'm going to say I
- 24 can't answer that, but I've had malpractice lawsuits
- over the years. One was by my PA. But not any --

- 1 no, I don't think so.
- Q. I'm talking about 2015.
- 3 A. No.
- 4 Q. Nothing? Nothing in 2015?
- 5 A. No, I think that ENT was gone by then.
- 6 Q. It says \$61,260.50 on page 79 of the
- 7 disclosure statement for legal fees. Why would the
- 8 ltd have \$61,000 in legal fees?
- 9 A. That would be you, and probably the tail end
- of the ENT suing me.
- 11 Q. But I believe we talked about the ENT being
- 12 a couple years ago and being resolved?
- 13 A. Yeah. I still owe some money. I still owed
- 14 them some money, I think. As far as the other, I
- also have Gordan Richardson who goes after people for
- me who are in arrears. And Arizona is \$300,000 in
- arrears with me for access. So I'm assuming some of
- 18 that is Gordon.
- 19 Q. Just to be clear, then, the ltd is -- and
- you mentioned "you" when we were talking about legal
- 21 fees. I presume you're talking about the action over
- the quarantee, correct, where you were sued over the
- 23 \$400,000 quarantee?
- A. Well, I'm also being attacked for the fact
- 25 that I'm behind on the rents. So I had to spend

- 1 money on a couple different attorneys for National
- 2 Bank, which just acquired the loan from Bank of
- 3 America.
- 4 Q. Right. They sued you in state court?
- 5 A. No. I was trying to get out of them taking
- 6 over the property and negotiating with them and to
- get it down to a reasonable amount. But they're
- 8 pretty much like Bank of America. Take it, or pow
- 9 pow, no matter how little it's worth.
- MR. CROWE: Just to speed this up, you did a
- 11 loan modification last year, right?
- 12 THE WITNESS: Right. There might be the
- loan modification, yep.
- 14 BY MR. IOBAL:
- Q. But the ltd is paying your personal legal
- 16 fees?
- 17 A. My personal legal fees?
- 18 Q. Yes. Because this is your bankruptcy,
- 19 right? The ltd is not in a bankruptcy --
- 20 A. No, but --
- Q. -- so I'm just trying to figure out how the
- 22 61,260 came about.
- 23 A. Gordon Richardson and a different
- 24 attorney -- and I forget who the other one is --
- tried to go after Arizona for \$300,000 in arrears and

- 1 access, and they're now telling me that it's
- impossible to get anything back from access because
- it's the state, and they don't have to pay you, even
- 4 though they agreed to it. The fact that they agreed
- 5 to it does not mean you're going to get paid.
- So, actually, that's a fairly small amount.
- 7 My legal fees are usually twice or three times that
- 8 amount. It's on the low side.
- 9 Q. Just to be clear, this ltd, these legal
- 10 fees, are for legal work associated with the ltd?
- 11 A. I believe so, yeah. They should be.
- 12 Q. And you personally pay your legal fees
- 13 separate from the ltd?
- 14 A. Correct.
- 0. When you look on page 80, you have plane
- 16 expenses. Why would the plane expenses be on the
- 17 ltd's profit and loss when the plane is owned by
- 18 Icarus LLC?
- 19 A. It's a lease. \$12,000 a month from my ltd.
- 20 It's been in existence for ages. It's like since the
- 21 early 2000s with a different plane. It got upgraded
- when I went to the jet prop from the Saratoga for
- \$12,000 a month, as per my accountants and attorneys.
- Q. So the ltd is paying Icarus to lease the
- 25 plane?

And a hundred percent of the 1 Correct. Α. Icarus use has been business. This year hasn't even 2 3 taken off, which means it really is a hundred percent 4 business. 5 But I was audited a few years back by the 6 federal government because I was putting down, I 7 think, 94 percent or 92 percent or something, and the 8 rest of it was private, and they gave me money back 9 because it's a hundred percent private. I only use 10 the damn thing to run around to do work. Okay? 11 Q. Okay. Is there an agreement between the ltd 12 13 Α. Yes. 14 -- and Icuras LLC? Okay. What other Ο. businesses --15 16 Excuse me. Can I interrupt? Green & Α. 17 Robertson also had a bunch of attorney fees as well. 18 Do you want to take a break? MR. CROWE: 19 THE WITNESS: No, I'm okay. I'm good with 20 I'm just getting close. If we're going to go 21 much longer, we're going to have to put the rest of 22 it off for another day. 23 MR. IQBAL: Can we go off the record for a 24 second? 25 (Off the record.)

1 On the record. MR. IOBAL: 2. MR. CROWE: I am going to object to you 3 asking questions about things that are pointless. Conversion doesn't matter. Dismissal doesn't really 4 5 matter, either, because that would be outside of 6 bankruptcy. We're in a bankruptcy case. This is a 7 Rule 2004 examination. 8 MR. IOBAL: Right. 9 Okay. And it has to relate to MR. CROWE: 10 the administration of this case. 11 MR. IQBAL: I understand, and I'm going to 12 be asking questions about businesses that are on the 13 docket. I'm going to be asking questions about 14 property that's on the docket, that's in the 15 disclosure statement, which would be relevant, 16 If it's in the disclosure statement and it correct? 17 either goes to the liquidation value or it goes to 18 the monthly cash flow, wouldn't that be relevant? 19 MR. CROWE: Mohamed, the only real 20 non-exempt assets here are the ltd, as you've phrased 21 it, and the jewelry, which we appraised. So I'm just 22 having -- I just want to let you know, I mean, I have 23 real difficulty spending hours going through exempt 24 assets. 25

I'm not going over exempt

MR. IOBAL:

- 1 assets. I want to ask about the house in California.
- 2 I want to ask about the house here.
- MR. CROWE: Except it's in a Cupert for more
- 4 than ten years.
- MR. IOBAL: But if it's over-secured and it
- 6 is worth a million dollars more than what it's listed
- 7 as, then there could be some information --
- MR. CROWE: Even your Zillow numbers didn't
- 9 come out to \$2 million more, right? Even if you're
- going to do a million dollars with Zillow, if you
- want to present Zillow to that judge, I guarantee
- 12 you, it's not going to work well.
- MR. IQBAL: No. Okay, just to be clear,
- 14 we're not going to present Zillow numbers. We're
- 15 going to do a request -- we're going to do a notice
- of request for an evidentiary hearing so we can get
- an appraisal. And so --
- MR. CROWE: It's an exempt asset. Under
- 19 Nevada law, it's in a trust. It's exempted. It
- doesn't matter if it's worth \$10 million. It's
- 21 exempt.
- THE WITNESS: Correct.
- MR. CROWE: It's in a Cupert. It's more
- than 10 years old. There's no possible way under the
- 25 bankruptcy code that you can go back beyond ten

- 1 years. The only reason the 10 year period flies in
- the doctor's role where it is, that if it's within
- ten years, then there's an argument that could be
- 4 made that could deny him his discharge. The time for
- 5 that has also expired.
- I'm just telling you, we're going to put an
- 7 objection to every single question as it relates to a
- 8 non-relevant asset. But go ahead.
- 9 THE WITNESS: Why don't you go review the
- 10 law before you ask me questions on something that --
- MR. IQBAL: I have reviewed the law, and
- there's something called the absolute priority rule,
- 13 and --
- MR. CROWE: Which doesn't apply in a case of
- 15 individual debtors.
- MR. IQBAL: Actually it can.
- MR. CROWE: I does not.
- MR. IQBAL: There's a case law that says
- 19 that it can.
- MR. CROWE: You tell Judge Landis that
- 21 tomorrow.
- MR. IQBAR: Okay.
- MR. CROWE: Every time he confirms a plan,
- 24 Judge Landis will go through every single element,
- even if it's not even contested, all right? Every

- 1 time he relates back to the Schacht decision from
- Judge Mark Hill, okay, he follows that religiously.
- 3 That's the one basically that says in the case of
- 4 individual debtors, that rule does not apply. That
- 5 will all be property of the state re-vested in the
- 6 debtor upon its operation.
- 7 I'm just telling you this: I think we
- 8 should continue it. The doctor is not feeling well.
- 9 It will probably be better to continue it. We'll
- 10 agree to continue it.
- MR. IQBAL: Yes.
- MR. CROWE: But I'm just alerting you that
- 13 we have.
- MR. IQBAL: Well, I'm only going to ask
- 15 about --
- MR. CROWE: -- tremendous reservations.
- 17 THE WITNESS: Just continue it. I'm already
- on enough medications on board as well as that. I
- shouldn't be testifying anyway. And frankly, you
- 20 need to go review the law.
- MR. IQBAL: I have reviewed the law. I was
- 22 going to ask you --
- THE WITNESS: I've had half a dozen
- 24 attorneys who have reviewed Cupers. Unless you're
- right and all half a dozen of them are wrong, which I

- 1 really doubt, then that stuff is exempted.
- MR. IQBAL: Well, I don't want to continue
- when you're hurting, as a human being to human being.
- 4 So I don't want to continue to ask you questions.
- 5 And I don't want -- when we do continue, I'm not
- 6 going to ask you non-relevant questions. I'm going
- 7 to ask you stuff that's in the amended disclosure
- 8 statement about assets of the estate. Okay?
- 9 Non-exempt assets, I have questions on those, and I
- want to ask you those. But as a human being, I'm not
- 11 going to ask you when you're hurting. Okay? And I'm
- 12 not going to --
- THE WITNESS: Then you're never going to be
- 14 able to ask.
- MR. CROWE: Here's the other thing --
- 16 THE WITNESS: Please review it before you do
- 17 that.
- MR. CROWE: The supreme court has made it
- 19 clear that if an exemption is filed, no matter how
- bizarre it might be, okay, and it's not objected to
- within the time frame, it's exempt property.
- MR. IQBAL: I'm not talking about the exempt
- 23 property. I'm talking about the RV --
- MR. CROWE: In this case, property of art is
- exempt, and if we -- it would be exempt.

- 1 MR. IQBAR: -- the RV and other things that
- 2 are not exempt. And those are the questions I have.
- MR. CROWE: I know, but they have no equity.
- 4 MR. IQBAL: Okay, under the rules for 2004,
- 5 am I allowed to ask about the RV? Yes. Right?
- 6 MR. CROWE: Sure.
- 7 MR. IQBAL: That's what I want to ask.
- 8 Under the 2004 rules, can I ask about the plane?
- 9 That's what I was going to go to.
- MR. CROWE: Absolutely, sure.
- MR. IQBAL: So those will be what the topics
- 12 are when we continue.
- THE WITNESS: Have fun with it because it's
- 14 a hundred percent used for --
- MR. IOBAL: I'm not trying to go outside the
- scope of the 2004. I'm telling you right now what
- 17 I'm going to be asking about; the RV and the plane,
- when we come back.
- 19 THE WITNESS: Have fun with that. It's a
- waste of time.
- MR. CROWE: Well, you're within your rights
- to ask about anything, honestly, but I'm just trying
- to appeal to you that it really has no relevance.
- MR. IQBAL: The non-exempt assets? I can't
- 25 ask about that?

1 They're upside down. MR. CROWE: 2. Yeah, they're negative. THE WITNESS: 3 MR. IQBAL: Okay. So I simply just have to take what's written on its face? I can't ask 4 5 questions about the RV? 6 MR. CROWE: No, you can look in my motion 7 that was granted that set the value of the thing. 8 Okay. I can't ask about the MR. IOBAL: 9 house? 10 MR. CROWE: And they have an unsecured debt. 11 Look, you can ask about anything you want, I'm just 12 trying to explain to you that it's not really 13 relevant to anything that can be included in the 14 disclosure statement. Right? I mean, creditors want 15 to know, okay, what are the assets that I can get at, 16 I mean, isn't that the question? right? 17 MR. IQBAL: Right. 18 MR. CROWE: I'm just posing that. 19 MR. IQBAL: And I'm asking about stuff 20 that's not exempt. 21 Keep pushing it, and I'm going THE WITNESS: 22 Those salvaged are going to be ltds, and to give up. 23 fuck you. Okay? You don't get it. I'm this close 24 to completely surrendering. So if you want the RV, 25 go pick it up. You just make the payments on it.

I don't want the RV. 1 MR. IOBAL: 2. THE WITNESS: The airplane also. Take it. 3 MR. IQBAL: I don't want to take it. I just 4 want to ask you questions about it. 5 MR. CROWE: When do you want to continue 6 with this? 7 MR. IQBAL: When are you available? 8 THE WITNESS: I'm not available until next 9 month. 10 MR. CROWE: Okay. Then we're in early 11 February then. 12 THE WITNESS: Probably toward the tail end. 13 I'll have to get back to you as to when I'm available 14 because I'm not even sure if I'm going to have a 15 practice then. 16 MR. CROWE: Why don't we set our sights on 17 early February. Maybe two weeks from now or 18 something. Do you want to try for that? 19 MR. IQBAL: Does that work for you? 20 THE WITNESS: I don't know. I have to go 21 ask my office manager, and I'll get back to you. 22 MR. CROWE: I'll call you. We'll talk and 23 set it up. 24 THE WITNESS: You're talking me -- this is 25 silly, what you're actually talking me into doing.

- 1 Because this is just fucking ridiculous. The law is
- 2 clear on Cupers. It's been clear since, you know, I
- originally looked at it 25 years ago. You're asking
- 4 me crap. You can ask whatever you want. I'm in a
- 5 bad mood because I'm hurting. So if I wasn't
- 6 hurting, I wouldn't be so cranky, but the truth of
- 7 the matter is, all you're really going to do is drag
- 8 me back here and hurt me some more for no good
- 9 reason, so...
- MR. IQBAL: Well, for the record, we're not
- 11 trying to hurt you. We're just trying to ask
- questions about stuff we can ask in a 2004.
- THE WITNESS: Yeah, I know. I get it, and
- 14 I'll come over here and --
- MR. IQBAL: No, we'll pick a place where you
- don't have to take the steps.
- THE WITNESS: That would be nice. I called
- your office and asked them to have it available to me
- 19 to have a wheelchair. And I notice it's not here. I
- 20 can't even get up the thing. So I really am finding
- 21 it rather bizarre that --
- MR. IQBAL: Who did you call, sir? Because
- 23 I was not informed that you needed a --
- THE WITNESS: I don't recall exactly who it
- was I talked to, but I made it very clear that since

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    if you were on the other side of the building, it
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    would be a real problem.
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              MR. IOBAL:
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    have it on the first floor. Thank you. We can go
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# **EXHIBIT 2**

# UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT DISTRICT OF NEVADA

In re:	)
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Flamingo-Pedos Surgery	)
Center, LLC dba Surgery	)
Center of Southern	) BK No. 15-13135-abl
Nevada	) Chapter 11
	)
Debtor-in-Possession,	)

AUDIO TRANSCRIPTION

341 MEETING OF CREDITORS

HELD February 5, 2015

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    (Via telephone) Hyatt Collins
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     Lewis Garfinkle
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     Christina Weller
     Simone Chadda
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     Richard Dryser
     Matthew Johnson
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- 1 PROCEEDINGS
- 2.
- 3 MS. BLOOM: We are on the record. This
- 4 is the 341 meeting of the creditors. This is not
- 5 continued, is it? It's the original.
- 6 C'mon in. Are you for Flamingo Surgery?
- 7 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Yes.
- 8 MS. BLOOM: Okay. There's a creditor's
- 9 sign-in sheet.
- This is the Meeting of Creditors in the
- 11 case of Flamingo Pecos Surgery Center, LLC,
- 12 Bankruptcy No. 14-18480. Today is
- 13 February 5, 2015, and this is the Office of the
- 14 United States Trustee. I am Michal Bloom
- 15 representing the trustee, and we have a debtor's
- 16 representative here today.
- 17 And what's your name, sir?
- DR. SMITH: William Douglas Smith, M.D.
- MS. BLOOM: All right. And you're the
- 20 one that signed the schedules?
- 21 DR. SMITH: That is correct.
- MS. BLOOM: Very good. And I'm going to
- 23 swear you in. Do I need to see identification? I
- 24 don't think so. All right. Tell me your last name
- 25 one more time.

- 1 DR. SMITH: Smith.
- 2 MS. BLOOM: That's why I forgot it. It's
- 3 too easy. Could you, Dr. Smith, raise your right
- 4 hand?
- 5 Whereupon,
- 6 WILLIAM DOUGLAS SMITH, M.D.,
- 7 having been duly sworn in, testified as follows:
- 8 MS. BLOOM: Thank you. Counsel?
- 9 MR. LARSON: Zach Larson on behalf of
- 10 Flamingo Pecos Surgery Center, LLC, doing business
- 11 as Surgery Center of Southern Nevada.
- MS. BLOOM: Okay. So we're going to get
- 13 everyone's appearance on the record. First on the
- 14 telephone we have.
- MR. COLLINS: This is Hyatt Collins,
- 16 (inaudible), and I am with Gullett Sanford Robinson
- 17 & Martin.
- MS. BLOOM: Okay. We'll just go around
- 19 the room. Someone start.
- MR. GARFINKLE: Sure, let me start.
- 21 Lewis Garfinkle of Levine Garfinkle & Eckersley on
- 22 behalf of Canyon Medical Building, LLC.
- 23 MS. WELLER: Christina Weller from Weller
- 24 Law on behalf of Christiansen Law Offices, Eglet
- 25 Law Group, LLP, and Sam Harvey Law Firm.

- 1 MS. CHADDA: Simone Chadda from Chadda
- 2 Demopolis (ph) on behalf of George Gluck, M.D.
- 3 MR. DRYSER: Richard Dryser from Wilson
- 4 Elser on behalf DesMed, LLC.
- 5 MR. JOHNSON: Matthew Johnson from
- 6 Johnson & Gubler on behalf of both the Elcore (ph)
- 7 Family Trusts.
- 8 MS. BLOOM: Okay. Could we have a
- 9 summary of what is going on in the case today and
- 10 anything else that you can think of?
- MR. LARSON: The summary is is we're
- 12 raising funds to reopen a location. We originally
- 13 had three locations that closed in large part, or
- 14 some would say mostly, because of the actions of a
- 15 poison pill that was managing the place to the
- 16 extent where the FBI is investigating.
- Was he indicted?
- DR. SMITH: Not yes, no.
- MR. LARSON: Not yet. But we have
- 20 indications he will be indicted.
- MS. BLOOM: Okay. This was someone that
- 22 worked for --
- MR. LARSON: Yes, for the surgery center.
- MS. BLOOM: The officer manager, okay.
- MR. LARSON: Correct. During his tenure,

- 1 not only did monies disappear, but we're informed
- 2 and believed that various contacts were made
- 3 wherein this individual either A, got a kickback or
- 4 B, deliberately entered into economically
- 5 unfeasible agreements.
- 6 MS. BLOOM: Contracts with whom?
- 7 MR. LARSON: Various creditors. One such
- 8 agreement, for example, would be the linens that
- 9 were to be cleaned for various surgery centers were
- 10 being shipped to Utah and paid at a three to four
- 11 times the normal contractual rate to clean each
- 12 linen for each surgery here in Las Vegas. There
- 13 are lots of examples. The FBI is investigating.
- 14 The surgery centers have shut down. We
- 15 are raising money through a variety of people to
- 16 basically put into a capitalization fund to reopen
- 17 one location only.
- 18 That one location in large part will be
- 19 funded, hopefully, still working out the finalized
- 20 details, by a party who owns approximately seven
- 21 nationwide surgery centers and has vast experience
- 22 in building and managing surgery centers as well as
- 23 the focus on getting the billables in and
- 24 converting the center to Medicare and Medicaid.
- 25 Right, Doctor?

- DR. SMITH: And not just that but also
- 2 where the insurance is local, worker's comp.
- 3 MR. LARSON: Basically taking our account
- 4 receivable time from a 90- to 120-day lag time to,
- 5 in a case of Medicare, 32-day lag time. So the
- 6 goal is to get the bell curve up and running and
- 7 start collecting receivables.
- 8 The doctors can create a lot of
- 9 receivables for the center once it reopens in
- 10 relatively short periods of time because the
- 11 surgeries they perform are always insurance covered
- 12 that they do or paid for up front.
- And the problem was is once we got the
- 14 poison pill in there, all the doctors that were
- 15 part of the group -- or I'll say two-thirds of the
- 16 doctors gave up because he had -- he played the
- 17 pyramid scheme allegedly with the doctors saying,
- 18 hey, this is what's going on and why you're not
- 19 getting paid and kept the information from the
- 20 vital parties as to the true financial condition of
- 21 the surgery center.
- 22 So once everything is in order, it should
- 23 be a successful reorganization. We're trying to
- open up escrow now to place the funds in in order
- 25 to get a motion out of the Court to approve the

- 1 funding, the new capitalization structure as well
- 2 as budgetary issues in regards to this is what
- 3 month two, three and four are going to look like.
- 4 MS. BLOOM: Okay. And in terms of --
- 5 MR. LARSON: If the funds are not raised,
- 6 this will be a liquidating plan where the
- 7 receivables that are not owned by other third
- 8 parties will be collected and disbursed by an
- 9 agent, but that is not the goal and not the plan.
- MS. BLOOM: Okay. So my question
- initially is what motions are pending? Your firm's
- 12 been employed?
- MR. LARSON: I don't think we've attended
- 14 that hearing yet.
- MS. BLOOM: Okay. All right. It looks
- 16 like there's emergency -- oh, those are your first
- 17 day motions. That's right.
- 18 MR. LARSON: Did Matt attend those?
- 19 MS. BLOOM: Matt attended them. He did.
- 20 And I don't think we had any problem with any of
- 21 them. I assume -- I don't know if the order has
- 22 been entered. Nobody objected to any of them, did
- 23 they?
- MR. LARSON: No.
- 25 MS. BLOOM: I didn't think so. Okay. It

- 1 seems like not a very contentious case.
- 2 MR. LARSON: There's lots of contentions.
- MS. BLOOM: Are there? Lots of
- 4 contentions but no contentiousness. Okay.
- 5 MR. LARSON: It's just a matter of
- 6 getting the information to people as to how it
- 7 goes.
- 8 MS. BLOOM: Yeah. How much was stolen?
- 9 Do we know?
- DR. SMITH: Millions.
- MS. BLOOM: Millions? This went on for
- 12 years.
- DR. SMITH: Probably at least for three
- 14 to five years.
- MS. BLOOM: Now, was there an accounting
- 16 firm that was --
- 17 DR. SMITH: There was probably three
- 18 separate accounting firms that appear that he would
- 19 hire one, and as soon as the accountants starting
- 20 having questions, he would tell us, oh, they're not
- 21 doing a good job. We needed to go to the next one.
- MS. BLOOM: Wow. And you all had a lot
- 23 of faith in him because?
- 24 DR. SMITH: He's been in the community
- 25 for probably 15 years doing similar type of work.

- 1 MS. BLOOM: He's never ripped anyone else
- 2 off?
- 3 DR. SMITH: Not that we know of.
- 4 MS. BLOOM: You guys were the lucky
- 5 firsts.
- DR. SMITH: We were the first ones.
- 7 MS. BLOOM: Wow. So he was recommended
- 8 by other surgery centers?
- 9 DR. SMITH: He was employed by, I think,
- 10 Health South. So even -- you know, was doing work
- 11 directly for them for their centers. And, you
- 12 know, we have -- you know, most of the surgeons
- 13 here are extremely busy, and we trusted him to do
- 14 the day-to-day management.
- MS. BLOOM: Those are the people one
- 16 trusts the most.
- MR. LARSON: Well, there seems to be a
- 18 gambling issue too.
- 19 DR. SMITH: Yes. There's credit cards he
- 20 used for withdrawing cash from in the middle of the
- 21 night, 25, \$30,000 at a time.
- MS. BLOOM: From the corporate credit
- 23 card?
- DR. SMITH: Corporate credit card,
- 25 uhm-hm.

- 1 MS. BLOOM: Well, that's not his fault.
- 2 Gambling's a disease. What's the problem?
- 3 DR. SMITH: Yes, that's his story.
- 4 MS. BLOOM: Yeah, right. Okay.
- 5 (Inaudible).
- 6 Okay. So I assume everyone that's here
- 7 is pretty much up to speed. I'm the only one that
- 8 this is new to. Secured debt, there's a lot of
- 9 terminated employees, I guess. Do you know how
- 10 much is owed, approximately, in back salaries?
- 11 MR. LARSON: We don't believe there's
- 12 very many.
- MS. BLOOM: Okay.
- MR. LARSON: We put most of those
- 15 employees on notice so that if they had any issues
- 16 because (inaudible) was in disarray and we're
- 17 putting it together just to make sure. But we're
- 18 under the impression that most of everybody had
- 19 been paid.
- DR. SMITH: Yeah. I think we currently
- 21 -- yeah. We have currently two part-time employees
- 22 and I think they may be -- I think everybody is
- 23 paid up to date. They may be behind a week or two,
- 24 but I think everybody is up to date.
- MS. BLOOM: Okay. Because there's pages

- 1 and pages for this --
- 2 MR. LARSON: Yeah, but it was out of
- 3 abundance, and some of them were patients too as
- 4 well because of their --
- 5 MS. BLOOM: Oh, they were owed. Okay.
- 6 MR. LARSON: Well, because sometimes a
- 7 doctor would be sued and they would name the
- 8 surgery center because that's where it took place.
- 9 MS. BLOOM: I see.
- MR. LARSON: So everybody we had issues
- 11 for whether they're employees or otherwise, we just
- 12 through the gamut, here's your notice and if you
- 13 have an issue, please come see us.
- MS. BLOOM: Okay. Now, are there inside
- 15 creditors, insiders?
- MR. LARSON: Yes.
- MS. BLOOM: Okay. And they're listed
- 18 where?
- MR. LARSON: How many doctors? 27?
- DR. SMITH: Yes.
- 21 MS. BLOOM: There's 27? These would be
- 22 the doctors. So how many doctors were there all
- 23 together with ownership interest?
- DR. SMITH: I want to say 27.
- MS. BLOOM: Oh, 27. So you're all owed

- 1 money. And where are you listed? This would be in
- 2 Schedule F?
- 3 MR. LARSON: Uhm-hm.
- 4 MS. BLOOM: Any particular place? Too
- 5 much to look at. All right. So how much is --
- 6 let's just go in round numbers then. So the
- 7 secured debt is 1.5 million, which is -- we don't
- 8 know how much the current employees were owed. So
- 9 what's the 1.5 million comprised of?
- MR. LARSON: They're probably owed about
- 11 zero, the employees.
- MS. BLOOM: Okay. So then -- because I'm
- 13 --
- MR. LARSON: The secured debt is almost
- 15 all equipment based.
- MS. BLOOM: Oh, I see. I didn't turn the
- 17 page. Okay. It's all equipment. All right.
- 18 That's easy. And it's all been repossessed or
- 19 turned over?
- MR. LARSON: Not really.
- 21 MS. BLOOM: No? You still have it.
- DR. SMITH: It's still at the center
- 23 we're planning to reopen.
- MS. BLOOM: Okay. So do you know -- have
- 25 you worked out agreements you're going to hold on

- 1 --
- DR. SMITH: That's what we're working on
- 3 now.
- 4 MS. BLOOM: Good. Because that would be
- 5 -- yeah, okay. So that's fine. And then how much
- of the unsecured debt is insider debt? 4.2?
- 7 MR. LARSON: Gosh, what all the doctors
- 8 put in over the years.
- 9 DR. SMITH: Oh, it's probably -- I would
- 10 think it's probably about 700,000, somewhere in
- 11 that range.
- MS. BLOOM: That's it? And the rest of
- 13 it is what?
- DR. SMITH: Vendor debt probably.
- MS. BLOOM: Vendor debt mostly, okay.
- MR. LARSON: A large part of that is
- 17 lease.
- MS. BLOOM: Okay.
- MR. LARSON: Those two buildings that
- 20 were given up.
- MS. BLOOM: Now, I guess there's no
- 22 committee, so we would know by now because Jim's
- 23 pretty good about that. You haven't heard
- 24 anything.
- MR. LARSON: Nothing. Zero.

- 1 MS. BLOOM: This is not my case, so.
- 2 All right. So basically -- wait, this
- 3 2.9 million listed as personal property. That's
- 4 receivables or is there actual money in the bank
- 5 somewhere?
- DR. SMITH: I think there's a small
- 7 amount of money in the bank.
- 8 MS. BLOOM: And it's also receivables.
- 9 And how old are they? How much is collectible?
- DR. SMITH: Good question. I think a
- 11 fair amount of them was around 120 days.
- MS. BLOOM: Is it government, Medicare,
- 13 Medicaid, or mostly private?
- DR. SMITH: A mix. A mix.
- MS. BLOOM: All right. So your best
- 16 guesstimate, how much is collectible?
- 17 DR. SMITH: I would think if we had a
- 18 good collection team really working it, I would
- 19 think 20 percent.
- MS. BLOOM: Okay. And that's optimistic.
- DR. SMITH: Yes.
- MS. BLOOM: Has anyone started doing that
- or is that something you're going to do?
- 24 DR. SMITH: I believe that's on hold.
- MS. BLOOM: It's on hold. Are you going

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1 to employ somebody?
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- 2 MR. LARSON: Until we get the funding.
- 3 DR. SMITH: Yeah.
- 4 MS. BLOOM: Oh, so -- okay.
- 5 MR. LARSON: Our plan is not -- our plan
- 6 does not plan on utilizing the current ARs --
- 7 MS. BLOOM: I see.
- 8 MR. LARSON: -- to fund the plan.
- 9 DR. SMITH: That's the cherry on top.
- MS. BLOOM: Okay.
- 11 MR. LARSON: Let me give you a theory, a
- 12 theoretical.
- MS. BLOOM: Sure.
- MR. LARSON: Dr. Smith could operate
- 15 let's call it ten times per month, okay, and
- 16 generate \$400,000 for fees. Okay? Those would
- 17 generally be paid within 90 days. That's one
- 18 doctor out of a team of nine we're looking at
- 19 getting not including the national partner we're
- 20 trying to get to bring in others.
- 21 So the surgery center was always
- 22 profitable if there wasn't somebody who was
- 23 stealing millions of dollars. So it's not -- we're
- 24 not relying upon the plan to bring in those
- 25 receivables to pay for the plan. It's a matter of

- 1 basically re-investing new capital to get the
- 2 machine running again.
- 3 MS. BLOOM: Okay.
- 4 MR. LARSON: Which is expensive. Right?
- 5 I mean, we're talking a half a million dollars at
- 6 least.
- 7 MS. BLOOM: That's nothing. That's one
- 8 doctor's income in a month. Right?
- 9 MR. LARSON: Not income.
- 10 DR. SMITH: I wish.
- 11 MR. LARSON: Not income, we're talking
- 12 fees to -- you know, but the point is is that -- I
- 13 said theoretical, not actual. Right? The goal is
- 14 not to collect on the receivables --
- 15 MS. BLOOM: No, I understand it's not the
- 16 goal, but --
- 17 MR. LARSON: -- in order to do it because
- 18 it's a lot of time --
- MS. BLOOM: No, I understand.
- 20 MR. LARSON: -- that is spent that
- 21 doesn't necessarily pan out to dollars.
- MS. BLOOM: Okay. Let me just ask this,
- though, because we all know the longer one waits,
- 24 the less collectible they are. And there's
- 25 agencies that will take a percentage and do it for

- 1 you. Is that worth -- I don't know if you
- 2 considered --
- 3 MR. LARSON: Yeah, one of our plans is to
- 4 try to sell some, right?
- 5 MS. BLOOM: Well, yeah, but whatever --
- 6 MR. LARSON: But that is not our focus.
- 7 MS. BLOOM: No, I understand. I'm just
- 8 asking because --
- 9 MR. LARSON: If we fail, the liquidating
- 10 agent will do that for us.
- 11 MS. BLOOM: Right. Okay. So --
- MR. GARFINKLE: Can I ask a question?
- MS. BLOOM: Sure, jump right in. Feel
- 14 free.
- MR. GARFINKLE: I was going to ask this
- 16 question --
- MS. BLOOM: Okay. But say who you are,
- 18 first.
- 19 MR. GARFINKLE: My name is
- 20 Lewis Garfinkle, and I did want to focus on the
- 21 accounts receivable. How old are these
- 22 receivables?
- DR. SMITH: I'd say the last time I
- looked, that would have been a couple months or two
- 25 ago, it was about 120 days.

- 1 MR. LARSON: So now you're at a hundred
- 2 and --
- 3 MR. GARFINKLE: The trustee is right.
- 4 The longer you wait, the less likely you're going
- 5 to be able to collect them. And I mean, it sounds
- 6 like you really do need to get a collection company
- 7 in place who -- I mean, they typically will do it
- 8 based on what they collect, a percentage of it, so
- 9 it's not going to cost the debtor any money as
- 10 such, I mean. So is that something that --
- MR. LARSON: It's something we'll do if
- 12 we convert to a 7 or appoint a liquidating agent.
- 13 Right? If we -- if the plan comes together, right,
- 14 the surgery center will have a team in place that
- 15 bills. Right? So they will have -- they'll have
- 16 the time and now be employed to bill not only the
- 17 new current stuff, but focus on older stuff.
- 18 Could we sell it? Yes, perhaps. But
- 19 there's no need -- what I'm saying is the ARs will
- 20 not make or break the case. If the case transforms
- 21 into a liquidating 11 and/or 7, a liquidating agent
- 22 will be appointed to go sell that stuff.
- MR. GARFINKLE: You know, I --
- MR. LARSON: If your client wants to show
- 25 up and say, Dear Mr. Larson, right, we see what

- 1 your receivables are and we would like to pay X for
- 2 them if we can see them, I would be happy to
- 3 listen. But that's not part of our -- we're not
- 4 focused on that because that's not the success of
- 5 this case. Does that make sense?
- 6 MR. GARFINKLE: Well, I understand, but
- 7 why wouldn't you want to -- if there are assets out
- 8 there, okay, a couple of million, that could be
- 9 worked by a collection company that might charge
- 10 you X amount of dollars for what they collect, why
- 11 wouldn't you want to go ahead and start doing that
- 12 now so that you can collect those assets --
- MR. LARSON: We're going to if we ever --
- MR. GARFINKLE: But why should it be
- 15 contingent? Why can't you do that now is my
- 16 question.
- MS. BLOOM: Yeah.
- 18 MR. LARSON: It's not contingent. It's
- 19 just --
- MR. GARFINKLE: Well, it is. Because
- 21 what you're saying is is that it should be
- 22 contingent upon whether the success of your plan.
- 23 I mean, why if there are assets out there right
- 24 now, why wouldn't you want to marshall those for
- 25 the benefit of the estate and the creditors --

- 1 MR. LARSON: We're going to.
- 2 MR. GARFINKLE: -- when it doesn't cost
- 3 any money?
- DR. SMITH: Well, we had a billing
- 5 company doing that, and then because they were not
- 6 get paid, they stopped doing that. And that would
- 7 happen about, I want to say, two or three months
- 8 ago. So the question would be if these people have
- 9 a contract, can we just then bring in (inaudible)
- 10 can buy those same accounts they were working, I'm
- 11 not sure that we can do that.
- MR. GARFINKLE: Doctor, when you say
- 13 billing company, was it you guys had contracted
- 14 somebody to -- you know, Aargon or somebody --
- DR. SMITH: (Inaudible) yes.
- 16 MR. GARFINKLE: Okay. And when you say
- 17 they weren't getting paid, they weren't getting
- 18 paid by --
- 19 DR. SMITH: By us because they had
- 20 initially a monthly agreement to work the accounts
- 21 as well as going on for our ongoing business. And
- there was some concern about if they were truly
- 23 working the back accounts or not, which takes a lot
- 24 more work. And then they said they wanted more
- 25 money when they saw we were having problems, and

- 1 then snowball, snowball, snowball.
- 2 So, again, we had somebody doing that.
- 3 There's a disagreement with if they're still
- 4 working or not, which they are not. Again, I'm not
- 5 sure that legally we could then have somebody else
- 6 come in to try to work those same accounts right
- 7 now.
- 8 MS. BLOOM: Anything else?
- 9 MR. GARFINKLE: No.
- 10 MS. WELLER: I just have one quick
- 11 question.
- MS. BLOOM: Sure.
- MS. WELLER: Christina Weller just on
- 14 accounts receivable. Are you holding any of like
- 15 the personal injury loans yourself or did you sell
- 16 them all off?
- 17 DR. SMITH: I think that we were trying
- 18 to sell most of those off. I'm sure we have a
- 19 couple, but I would suspect that they're probably
- 20 not great cases. Because certainly we gave --
- 21 several different companies come look at our cases
- 22 and the ones we were left with were ones somebody
- 23 did not want to purchase.
- MS. WELLER: Okay.
- MR. GARFINKLE: I don't remember when my

- 1 clients stopped doing business with (inaudible),
- 2 but I think it was quite -- I think it was a while
- 3 ago. So I don't think that they would have
- 4 purchased anything --
- 5 MR. LARSON: Well, maybe somebody -- I
- 6 know there were two or three other companies the
- 7 center had worked with, and, again, Mr. Barnes,
- 8 maybe I shouldn't use his name, but the manager was
- 9 in charge of a lot of these things, and so we're
- 10 just still -- you know, still picking up the
- 11 pieces.
- DR. SMITH: It all came to a head very,
- 13 very quickly.
- MR. GARFINKLE: I'm familiar with
- 15 Mr. Barnes.
- MS. BLOOM: Okay. Let's see. Oh, so can
- 17 you give us a status on -- so there were 27
- 18 doctors, there's nine that are still on board?
- MR. LARSON: Well, we're trying to see
- 20 who's willing to be involved. We had some people
- 21 say yeah, but the proof will be when they put money
- 22 into an escrow account.
- MS. BLOOM: Okay. Can you talk about
- 24 what you're anticipating? You're trying to get
- 25 other -- some national company and more doctors and

- 1 then you'll do some --
- 2 MR. LARSON: Yes. And we already found
- 3 -- the national company has already put money in
- 4 towards to help us get to a bankruptcy.
- 5 MS. BLOOM: Can you say what the company
- 6 is?
- 7 MR. LARSON: VIP Centers, I think his
- 8 name is Dr. Rabukata (ph). He's a managing
- 9 partner. Again, he's certainly got a lot more
- 10 experience than we ever had with Mr. Barnes. So I
- 11 think if we can keep this going, we feel very
- 12 confident he'll give us the expertise we need.
- MS. BLOOM: Okay. So he put money in
- 14 when and where?
- DR. SMITH: Well, he gave money to help
- 16 us continue our business --
- MR. LARSON: Well, yes and no. From a
- 18 bankruptcy perspective, he bought a license for a
- 19 closed location in anticipation he could negotiate
- 20 with that particular landlord to open that
- 21 location. As it turned out, the license we sold
- 22 them, the landlord negotiations failed. But he did
- 23 purchase that license from us. It is listed on
- 24 SOFA.
- MS. BLOOM: Okay.

- 1 MR. LARSON: That money we'd utilize to
- 2 help fund. He's also agreed to lease certain
- 3 equipment that he will need to open up the new land
- 4 or the new surgery center should it go forward.
- 5 And/or if he opens up another center with
- 6 that equipment, we'd have to get permission from
- 7 the Court to do that if it's really ours. But
- 8 that's the goal is to reopen the center.
- 9 MS. BLOOM: Okay. Here's the SOFA.
- 10 Okay. And where's that listed?
- MR. LARSON: It would be, what, No. 10.
- MS. BLOOM: Okay. Bill of sale for
- 13 license. All right.
- MR. GARFINKLE: Sawyer and Collins. My
- 15 old firm.
- MS. BLOOM: Oh, that's --
- MR. LARSON: No comment.
- MS. BLOOM: Yeah, no comment. We know
- 19 where that is.
- MR. GARFINKLE: That was many years ago.
- MS. BLOOM: Okay. It doesn't say -- does
- 22 anybody want to see that agreement? Because,
- 23 whatever, it doesn't say what -- that includes the
- 24 equipment, the equipment leases?
- MR. LARSON: No, two separate agreements.

- 1 MS. BLOOM: Okay. So right now there was
- 2 only \$50,000 put in for the license.
- 3 MR. LARSON: Yes, correct.
- 4 MS. BLOOM: And that's it. All right.
- 5 But there will be another agreement. So there were
- 6 three surgery centers. So that's one of them
- 7 that's essentially taken care of. You're going to
- 8 try to get funding to open up the other two again.
- 9 DR. SMITH: Just the one.
- MS. BLOOM: Oh, just for this one. So
- 11 which one is it?
- DR. SMITH: It's the one on Burnham on
- 13 the east side.
- MS. BLOOM: Okay.
- DR. SMITH: Next to Desert Springs
- 16 Hospital.
- MS. BLOOM: Oh, this one that's listed,
- 18 and so there still is an office there. Okay.
- MR. LARSON: And the one on Twain, that's
- 20 closed down.
- DR. SMITH: Correct.
- 22 (Off the record.)
- MS. BLOOM: Okay. We are recording
- 24 again. You talked about -- yeah, we talked about
- 25 the licensing purchase. And go ahead. I'm sure

- 1 everybody wants to hear whatever you're willing to
- 2 say on the record about what the plans are, how far
- 3 you've gotten with bringing in more investors.
- 4 MR. LARSON: Well, I think the key is to
- 5 get the right doctors involved who are willing to
- 6 proceed. I mean, certainly with everything we've
- 7 been through the past three years what we
- 8 discovered as taken the heart and soul out of us.
- 9 Because, you know, to deliver, you know,
- 10 really a great product for lack of a better term
- 11 where people do well, do great surgery and then to
- 12 see it just ripped apart has been very hard for us.
- So to try to get doctors to agree, well,
- 14 let's -- you know, let's do it all over again but
- 15 do it in a smarter fashion, a more efficient
- 16 fashion. So that's what we're getting up against.
- 17 And I think that, you know, with an eight to ten
- 18 surgeons who are putting up the money, I think that
- 19 it will be very, very successful.
- 20 MS. BLOOM: So you already have eight to
- 21 ten you said?
- DR. SMITH: We've got 10 probably 15
- 23 doctors who voiced interest.
- MS. BLOOM: Okay.
- DR. SMITH: I assume, like anything else,

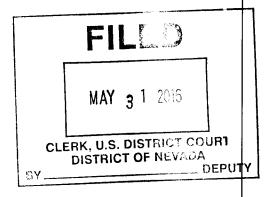
- 1 that if we get two-thirds of them to put up money,
- 2 I think we'll be very happy with.
- MS. BLOOM: Okay. So what's your time
- 4 line? Do you have any idea?
- 5 DR. SMITH: I'm hoping to have it funded
- 6 within the next three to six weeks.
- 7 MS. BLOOM: Oh, excellent, okay.
- 8 MR. LARSON: Yeah, we're getting escrow
- 9 open so we can show people that, A, this is where
- 10 you put in so we can tell the Court this is what's
- 11 going on so we can -- the goal is we're already
- 12 working on the plan.
- MS. BLOOM: Right.
- MR. LARSON: Right. Because if this
- 15 happens, the plan and this (inaudible) are going to
- 16 be coming very fast.
- 17 MS. BLOOM: Right.
- 18 MR. LARSON: Because figuring out the
- 19 numbers isn't that difficult, but we can't do the
- 20 numbers unless we know there's money there, so.
- MS. BLOOM: Is any of the stolen money
- 22 recoverable or is that also off the table?
- DR. SMITH: Probably unlikely. He
- 24 doesn't have really any great assets thus far. We
- 25 can see he's got a home that's mortgaged up to the

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               MS. BLOOM: Okay.
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               MR. LARSON: We're hoping he goes to
     jail.
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               MS. BLOOM: Yeah, that would be nice, but
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     it won't help your business.
               All right. Anyone have questions?
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               MR. GARFINKLE: They've been answered.
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               MS. BLOOM: All right. Hyatt, do you
    have any questions?
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               MR. COLLINS: I do not. Thank you.
               MS. BLOOM: Okay. Then we are concluded.
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# **EXHIBIT 3**

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# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF NEVADA

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	) Case No.:
Plaintiff,	) )
vs.	PLEA AGREEMENT UNDER FED. R. CRIM. P. 11 (c)(1)(A) and
ROBERT W. BARNES,	) (B)
Defendant.	, )

Plaintiff United States of America, by and through Daniel G. Bogden, United States Attorney, and Crane M. Pomerantz, Assistant United States Attorney, the defendant Robert W. Barnes, and the defendant's attorney, Daniel Albregts, submit this Plea Agreement under Fed. R. Crim. P. 11(c)(1)(A and B).

# I. SCOPE OF AGREEMENT

The parties to this Plea Agreement are the United States of America and Robert W. Barnes. This Plea Agreement binds the defendant and the United States Attorney's Office for the District of Nevada. It does not bind any other prosecuting, administrative, or regulatory authority, the United States Probation Office, or the Court.

The Plea Agreement sets forth the parties' agreement regarding criminal charges referenced in the Plea Agreement and applicable sentences, fines, restitution and forfeiture. It does not control or prohibit the United States or any agency or third party from seeking any other civil or administrative remedies directly or indirectly against the defendant.

# II. DISPOSITION OF CHARGES AND WAIVER OF TRIAL RIGHTS

A. <u>Guilty Plea</u>. The defendant knowingly and voluntarily agrees to plead guilty to the following charges set forth in the Criminal Information:

<u>Count One:</u> Embezzlement in Connection with Health Care, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 669.

The defendant also agrees to the forfeiture of the property, the imposition of the forfeiture on the property, and the imposition of the in personam criminal forfeiture money judgment as set forth in the Plea Agreement and the Forfeiture Allegations of the Criminal Information.

- B. Waiver of Trial Rights. The defendant acknowledges that he has been advised and understands that by entering a plea of guilty he is waiving -- that is, giving up certain rights guaranteed to all defendants by the laws and the Constitution of the United States. Specifically, the defendant is giving up:
- 1. The right to proceed to trial by jury on all charges, or to a trial by a judge if the defendant and the United States both agree;
- 2. The right to confront the witnesses against the defendant at such a trial, and to cross-examine them;

- 3. The right to remain silent at such a trial, with assurance that his silence could not be used against his in any way;
- 4. The right to testify in his own defense at such a trial if he so chooses;
- 5. The right to compel witnesses to appear at such a trial and testify in the defendant's behalf; and
- 6. The right to have the assistance of an attorney at all stages of such proceedings.
  - 7. The right to be indicted by a grand jury.
- C. <u>Withdrawal of Guilty Plea</u>. The defendant will not seek to withdraw his guilty pleas after he has entered them in court.
- D. Additional Charges. The United States agrees not to bring any additional charges against the defendant arising out of the investigation in the District of Nevada which culminated in this Plea Agreement and based on conduct known to the United States except that the United States reserves the right to prosecute the defendant for any crime of violence as defined by 18 U.S.C. § 16.

## III. ELEMENTS OF THE OFFENSES

<u>Counts One</u>: The elements of Embezzlement in Connection with Health Care, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 669 are:

First, the defendant, without authority, embezzled money from the Surgical Centers of Southern Nevada and related entities;

Second, the defendant acted knowingly and willfully;

Third, the Surgical Center of Southern Nevada was an entity that provided health care benefits for which payment may be made under a health care benefit program; and

Fourth, the amount embezzled exceeded \$100.

# IV. FACTS SUPPORTING GUILTY PLEA

18 U.S.C. § 669; 18 U.S.C. § 24(b).

- A. The defendant will plead guilty because he is, in fact and under the law, guilty of the crimes charged.
- B. The defendant acknowledges that if he elected to go to trial instead of pleading guilty, the United States could prove his guilt beyond a reasonable doubt and establish its right to forfeit the specified property by preponderance of the evidence. The defendant further acknowledges that his admissions and declarations of fact set forth below satisfy every element of the charged offenses.
- C. The defendant waives any potential future claim that the facts he admitted in this Plea Agreement were insufficient to satisfy the elements of the charged offenses.
- D. The defendant admits and declares under penalty of perjury that the facts set forth below are true and correct:

Beginning on or about October 5, 2006, defendant Robert W. Barnes worked as the Operating Manager / Office Administrator for Surgery Centers of Southern Nevada ("SCSN"). SCSN is an outpatient ambulatory surgical center at which surgical procedures not requiring an overnight hospital stay are performed. Procedures performed at SCSN are reimbursed by public and private health

insurance companies on behalf of their beneficiaries. As the Operating Manager / Office Administrator for SCSN, defendant Robert W. Barnes was responsible for the management and finances of that entity, including vendor payments and distributions to the physician investors who owned SCSN and performed surgical procedures there. At all relevant times, SCSN had locations at Burnham Avenue and W. Twain Avenue in Las Vegas. Defendant Robert W. Barnes' criminal conduct took place in the District of Nevada.

In approximately 2010, SCSN began to struggle financially. Vendor payments, including rent, were long overdue and physician-investors ceased receiving distributions on their investments, despite the fact that SCSN continued to receive reimbursement from the various public and private insurance companies whose beneficiaries had procedures there. SCSN ultimately declared bankruptcy as a result of the substantial amounts due to its various vendors, causing significant losses to its physician investors.

Defendant Robert W. Barnes was responsible for the lack of payments to vendors and lack of distributions to investors. Between approximately 2010 and continuing through 2013, he embezzled at least \$1.3 million dollars from SCSN, without authority to do so. Defendant Robert W. Barnes improperly used multiple SCSN credit cards for personal purchases, including travel, jewelry, concerts and dining. For example, defendant Robert W. Barnes obtained approximately \$515,000 in casino cash advances using SCSN credit cards, which he used for personal gambling. In February 2013, defendant Robert W. Barnes used an SCSN credit card to purchase a diamond and platinum ring for \$38,000. During one five

month period in 2013, defendant Robert W. Barnes charged approximately \$45,000 on one SCSN credit card for concert tickets, hotels and expenses at Disneyland, expensive meals, and other personal entertainment and expenses. Defendant Robert W. Barnes also embezzled funds from entities related to SCSN, including Epiphany Surgical Solutions ("ESS"), a management company that received fees from SCSN for management services, and VIP Surgical Centers, a prospective surgical center that defendant Robert W. Barnes was managing through ESS, in which several physicians had made substantial cash investments.

At all relevant times, the defendant acted knowingly and willfully.

The parties agree that \$1.3 million is the correct measure of loss for guideline calculation purposes.

The defendant admits that the property and the in personam criminal forfeiture money judgment amount listed in Section X is any property, real or personal, which constitutes or is derived from proceeds traceable to a violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 669, a specified unlawful activity as defined in Title 18, United States Code, Section 1956(c)(7)(F), involving a Federal health care offense as defined in Title 18, United States Code, Section 24, or a conspiracy to commit such offense, and is property, real or personal, that constitutes or is derived, directly or indirectly, from gross proceeds traceable to the commission of Title 18, United States Code, Section 669, involving a Federal health care offense as defined in Title 18, United States Code, Section 24, and is subject to forfeiture pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 981(a)(1)(C) with Title 28, United

States Code, Section 2461(c); Title 18, United States Code, Section 982(a)(7); and Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(p).

#### V. COLLATERAL USE OF FACTUAL ADMISSIONS

The facts set forth in Section IV of this Plea Agreement shall be admissible against the defendant under Fed. R. Evid. 801(d)(2)(A) at sentencing for any purpose. If the defendant does not plead guilty or withdraws his guilty pleas, the facts set forth in Section IV of this Plea Agreement shall be admissible at any proceeding, including a trial, for impeaching or rebutting any evidence, argument or representation offered by or on the defendant's behalf. The defendant expressly waives all rights under Fed. R. Crim. P. 11(f) and Fed. R. Evid. 410 regarding the use of the facts set forth in Section IV of this Plea Agreement.

#### VI. APPLICATION OF SENTENCING GUIDELINES PROVISIONS

- A. <u>Discretionary Nature of Sentencing Guidelines</u>. The defendant acknowledges that the Court must consider the United States Sentencing Guidelines ("USSG" or "Sentencing Guidelines") in determining the defendant's sentence, but that the Sentencing Guidelines are advisory, not mandatory, and the Court has discretion to impose any reasonable sentence up to the maximum term of imprisonment permitted by statute.
- B. Offense Level Calculations. The parties stipulate to the following calculation of the defendant's offense level under the Sentencing Guidelines, acknowledge that these stipulations do not bind the Court, and agree that they will not seek to apply any other specific offense characteristics, enhancements or reductions

1	Count One: 18 U.S.C. § 669	
	a. Base Offense Level USSG § 2B1.1:	6
2	b. Loss < \$1.5 million:	<u>+14</u>
3	Adjusted Offense Level:	20
4	Less: Acceptance of Responsibility	<u>-3</u>
4	Total Offense Level:	<u>17</u>

The defendant acknowledges that the statutory maximum sentence and any statutory minimum sentence limit the Court's discretion in determining the defendant's sentence notwithstanding any applicable Sentencing Guidelines provisions.

C. Reduction of Offense Level for Acceptance of Responsibility. Under U.S.S.G. §3E1.1(a), the United States will recommend that the defendant receive a two-level downward adjustment for acceptance of responsibility unless he (a) fails to truthfully admit facts establishing a factual basis for the guilty plea when he enters the plea; (b) fails to truthfully admit facts establishing the amount of restitution owed when he enters his guilty plea; (c) fails to truthfully admit facts establishing the forfeiture allegations when he enters his guilty plea; (d) provides false or misleading information to the United States, the Court, Pretrial Services, or the Probation Office; (e) denies involvement in the offense or provides conflicting statements regarding his involvement or falsely denies or frivolously contests conduct relevant to the offense; (f) attempts to withdraw his guilty plea; (g) commits or attempts to commit any crime; (h) fails to appear in court; or (i) violates the conditions of pretrial release.

Under USSG §3E1.1(b), the United States will move for an additional onelevel downward adjustment for acceptance of responsibility before sentencing because the Defendant communicated his decision to plead guilty in a timely manner that enabled the United States to avoid preparing for trial and to efficiently allocate its resources.

These Sentencing Guidelines provisions, if applied, will result in a total offense level of either 18 (if two-level adjustment applies) or 17 (if two-level adjustment and additional one-level adjustment both apply.)

- D. <u>Criminal History Category</u>. The defendant acknowledges that the Court may base his sentence in part on the defendant's criminal record or criminal history. The Court will determine the defendant's Criminal History Category under the Sentencing Guidelines.
- E. <u>Relevant Conduct</u>. The Court may consider any counts dismissed under this Plea Agreement and all other relevant conduct, whether charged or uncharged, in determining the applicable Sentencing Guidelines range and whether to depart from that range.
- F. Additional Sentencing Information. The stipulated Sentencing Guidelines calculations are based on information now known to the parties. The parties may provide additional information to the United States Probation Office and the Court regarding the nature, scope, and extent of the defendant's criminal conduct and any aggravating or mitigating facts or circumstances. Good faith efforts to provide truthful information or to correct factual misstatements shall not be grounds for the defendant to withdraw his guilty plea.

The defendant acknowledges that the United States Probation Office may calculate the Sentencing Guidelines differently and may rely on additional information it obtains through its investigation. The defendant also acknowledges that the Court may rely on this and other additional information as it calculates the Sentencing Guidelines range and makes other sentencing determinations, and the Court's reliance on such information shall not be grounds for the defendant to withdraw his guilty plea.

#### VII. APPLICATION OF SENTENCING STATUTES

- A. <u>Maximum Penalty</u>. The maximum penalty for Embezzlement in Connection with Health Care under 18 U.S.C. § 669 is ten years imprisonment and a fine of \$250,000, or both.
- B. <u>Factors Under 18 U.S.C.</u> § 3553. The Court must consider the factors set forth in 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a) in determining the defendant's sentence. However, the statutory maximum sentence and any statutory minimum sentence limit the Court's discretion in determining the defendant's sentence.
- C. <u>Parole Abolished</u>. The defendant acknowledges that his prison sentence cannot be shortened by early release or parole because parole has been abolished.
- D. <u>Supervised Release</u>. In addition to imprisonment and a fine, the defendant will be subject to a term of supervised release of not more than three years. Supervised release is a period of time after release from prison during which the defendant will be subject to various restrictions and requirements. If the defendant violates any condition of supervised release, the Court may order the

defendant's return to prison for all or part of the term of supervised release, which could result in the defendant serving a total term of imprisonment equal to the statutory maximum prison sentence of 10 years of imprisonment.

E. <u>Special Assessment</u>. The defendant will pay a \$100.00 special assessment per count at the time of sentencing.

## VIII. POSITIONS REGARDING SENTENCE

In light of mutual consideration, the United States will seek a sentence within the applicable sentencing guideline range as determined by the Court, unless the defendant commits any act that could result in a loss of the downward adjustment for acceptance of responsibility, in which case the United States may recommend any term up to the statutory maximum. The defendant acknowledges that the Court does not have to follow that recommendation. The defendant reserves the right to request a sentence below the Sentencing Guidelines range as determined by the Court and may seek a downward adjustment pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3553 or USSG § 4A1.3(b)(1) from any sentence the Court may impose.

The Defendant acknowledges that the Court does not have to follow this recommendation. The Defendant also acknowledges that the Court does not have to grant a downward departure based on the Defendant's substantial assistance to the United States, even if the United States chooses to file a motion pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3553(e)(1), USSG § 5K1.1, or Fed. R. Crim. P. 35. This Plea Agreement does not require the United States to file any pre- or post-sentence downward departure motion under USSG § 5K1.1 or Fed. R. Crim. P. 35. The United States

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reserves its right to defend any lawfully imposed sentence on appeal or in any postconviction litigation.

The defendant agrees that he will not seek early termination or reduction of his term of supervised release.

#### IX. RESTITUTION

In exchange for benefits received under this Plea Agreement, the defendant agrees to pay restitution in an amount determined by the Court, to be applied towards the losses the defendant caused by his participation in the offenses, whether charged or uncharged, pled to or not, and by all of his relevant conduct. 18 U.S.C. § 3663(a)(3). The defendant cannot discharge his restitution obligation through bankruptcy proceedings. The defendant acknowledges that restitution payments and obligations cannot offset or reduce the amount of any forfeiture judgment imposed in this case.

#### X. FORFEITURE

The defendant knowingly and voluntarily:

- A. Agrees to the District Court imposing the civil judicial forfeiture or the criminal forfeiture of:
  - 2007 Honda Accord EX Gray 4D Sedan, VIN 1HGCM56857A164507,
     Nevada License Plate 452WVU;
  - 2. 2011 EXP Limited 5.4L 4X4 Ford Expedition, Color: Sterling Gray Metallic, VIN 1FMJU2A53BEF36389, Nevada License Plate 929VJR;
  - 3. 14k white gold cluster stud earrings with four princess cut diamonds surrounded by 16 round diamonds;

1 4. Ladies stainless steel Breitling Lady Colt A72345 Watch with blue  $\mathbf{2}$ Mother of Pearl dial, diamond bezel (28 diamonds), Serial No. 386210; 3 5. Ladies 14k white gold ring centered with one rectangle blue Tourmaline 4 with 45 diamonds; 5 6. Ladies Tanzanite (approx. 40 carats) platinum ring with 152 brilliant 6 diamonds; 7 7. Ladies 14k white gold with violetish red Garnet surrounded by 74 8 brilliant diamonds; 9 8. Ladies platinum oval shaped bluish green Tourmaline with 92 brilliant 10 diamonds; 11 9. Ladies 14k white gold ring, pear shaped cabochon cut black opal with 12 blue play of color and 50 diamonds; 13 10. Movado Womans watch with black in color face; 14 11. Edge Watch with brown leather like wrist band; 15 12. Tag Heuer lady's Watch silver in color; 16 13. Gucci Watch gold in color; 17 14. Necklace, silver in color, with Tiffany pendant heart shaped; 18 15. Necklace, silver in color, with floral design pendant; 19 16. Bracelet gold in color with green in color stones; 20 17. Bracelet gold in color appeared to be broken at time of seizure; 21 18. Bracelet clear stone type: 22 19. Pair of Earrings with green in color stones; 2320. Metal ring, yellow in color with green in color stones;

1	21. Pair of Earrings tear drop shaped;
2	22. Pair of Earrings heart shaped;
3	23. Braided necklace, yellow in color;
4	24. Ring, silver in color with clear stones;
5	25. Pair of Earrings flower shaped;
6	26. Ring, silver in color with clear stones;
7	27. Pair of Earrings hoop shaped yellow in color;
8	28. Pair of Earrings, yellow in color with round white in color stones;
9	29. Thick Bracelet yellow in color;
10	30.Two (2) necklace like coils of wooden type beads;
11	31. Pair of Earrings, yellow in color;
12	32."L" shaped pendant yellow in color;
13	33. Three (3) rings, yellow in color: One (1) with clear type stones, Two (2)
14	with heart shaped designs;
15	34. Ring, white in color with clear stones;
16	35.Two (2) Rings yellow in color with blue in color stones;
17	36. Ring, yellow in color with green in color stone;
18	37.Ring, heart shaped with clear stones;
19	38.Two (2) Rings yellow in color with white in color stones;
20	39. Five Bracelets: Two (2) yellow in color; Two (2) yellow in color with name
21	plates on them "Lucas" and "Joshua"; One (1) yellow in color with green
22	stones;
23	40. Necklace, white in color;

- 41. Necklace, white in color with tear drop pendant;
- 42. One (1) Necklace, white in color with pink in color stone; One (1) pair of earrings with pink in color stones;
- 43. One (1) Necklace, gold in color; and One (1) Bracelet gold in color;
- 44. One (1) pendant with picture; and One (1) round pendant yellow in color;
- 45. Pair of Earrings, orange in color (all of which constitutes property);
- B. Agrees to the District Court imposing an in personam criminal forfeiture money judgment including, but not limited to, at least \$1,300,000, and that the property will be applied toward the payment of the money judgment;
- C. Agrees to the abandonment, the civil administrative forfeiture, the civil judicial forfeiture, or the criminal forfeiture of the property;
  - D. Abandons or forfeits the property to the United States;
  - E. Relinquishes all right, title, and interest in the property;
- F. Waives his right to any abandonment proceedings, any civil administrative forfeiture proceedings, any civil judicial forfeiture proceedings, or any criminal forfeiture proceedings of the property and the in personam criminal forfeiture money judgment (proceedings);
- G. Waives service of process of any and all documents filed in this action or any proceedings concerning the property and the in personam criminal forfeiture money judgment arising from the facts and circumstances of this case;

- H. Waives any further notice to him, his agents, or his attorney regarding the abandonment or the forfeiture and disposition of the property;
- I. Agrees not to file any claim, answer, petition, or other documents in any proceedings concerning the property and the in personam criminal forfeiture money judgment;
  - J. Waives the statute of limitations, the CAFRA requirements, Fed. R. Crim. P.
- 7, 11, and 32.2, all constitutional requirements, including, but not limited to, the constitutional due process requirements of any proceedings concerning the in personam criminal forfeiture money judgment;
  - K. Waives his right to a jury trial on the forfeiture of the property;
- L. Waives all constitutional, legal, and equitable defenses to the forfeiture or abandonment of the property and the in personam criminal forfeiture money judgment in any proceedings, including, but not limited to, (1) constitutional or statutory double jeopardy defenses and (2) defenses under the Excessive Fines or Cruel and Unusual Punishments Clauses of the Eighth Amendment to the United States Constitution;
- M. Agrees to the entry of an Order of Forfeiture of the property and the in personam criminal forfeiture money judgment to the United States;
  - N. Waives the right to appeal any Order of Forfeiture;
  - O. Agrees the property is forfeited to the United States;
- P. Agrees that the in personam criminal forfeiture money judgment is immediately due and payable and is subject to immediate collection by the United States;

Q. Agrees and understands the abandonment, the civil administrative

forfeiture, the civil judicial forfeiture, or the criminal forfeiture of the property and the in personam criminal forfeiture money judgment shall not be treated as satisfaction of any assessment, fine, restitution, cost of imprisonment, or any other penalty the Court may impose upon the defendant in addition to the abandonment or the forfeiture;

- R. Acknowledges that the amount of the forfeiture may differ from, and may be significantly greater than or less than, the amount of restitution; and
- S. Agrees to take all steps as requested by the United States to pass clear title of the property and of any forfeitable assets which may be used to satisfy the in personam criminal forfeiture money judgment to the United States and to testify truthfully in any judicial forfeiture proceedings. The defendant understands and agrees that the property and the in personam criminal forfeiture money judgment amount represent proceeds and/or facilitating property of illegal conduct and are forfeitable. The defendant acknowledges that failing to cooperate in full in either the forfeiture of the property or the disclosure of assets constitutes a breach of this Plea Agreement.

#### XI. FINANCIAL INFORMATION AND DISPOSITION OF ASSETS

Before or after sentencing, upon request by the Court, the United States, or the Probation Office, the defendant will provide accurate and complete financial information, submit sworn statements, and/or give depositions under oath concerning his assets and his ability to pay. The defendant will surrender assets he obtained directly or indirectly as a result of his crimes, and will release funds

and property under his control in order to pay any fine, forfeiture, or restitution in the amount of \$19,146.00 ordered by the Court.

#### XII. THE DEFENDANT'S ACKNOWLEDGMENTS AND WAIVERS

A. <u>Plea Agreement and Decision to Plead Guilty</u>. The defendant acknowledges that:

- (1) He has read this Plea Agreement and understands its terms and conditions;
- (2) He has had adequate time to discuss this case, the evidence, and this Plea Agreement with his attorney;
- (3) He has discussed the terms of this Plea Agreement with his attorney;
- (4) The representations contained in this Plea Agreement are true and correct, including the facts set forth in Section IV; and
- (5) He was not under the influence of any alcohol, drug, or medicine that would impair his ability to understand the Agreement when he considered signing this Plea Agreement and when he signed it.

The defendant understands that he alone decides whether to plead guilty or go to trial, and acknowledges that he has decided to enter his guilty plea knowing of the charges brought against him, his possible defenses, and the benefits and possible detriments of proceeding to trial. The defendant also acknowledges that he decided to plead guilty voluntarily and that no one coerced or threatened his to enter into this Plea Agreement.

B. Waiver of Appeal and Post-Conviction Proceedings. The defendant knowingly and expressly waives: (a) the right to appeal any sentence imposed within or below the applicable Sentencing Guideline range as determined by the Court; (b) the right to appeal the manner in which the Court determined that sentence on the grounds set forth in 18 U.S.C. § 3742; and (c) the right to appeal any other aspect of the conviction or sentence and any order of restitution or forfeiture.

The defendant also knowingly and expressly waives all collateral challenges, including any claims under 28 U.S.C. § 2255, to his conviction, sentence, and the procedure by which the Court adjudicated guilt and imposed sentence, except non-waivable claims of ineffective assistance of counsel.

The defendant acknowledges that the United States is not obligated or required to preserve any evidence obtained in the investigation of this case.

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#### XIII. ADDITIONAL ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

This Plea Agreement resulted from an arms-length negotiation in which both parties bargained for and received valuable benefits in exchange for valuable concessions. It constitutes the entire agreement negotiated and agreed to by the parties. No promises, agreements or conditions other than those set forth in this agreement have been made or implied by the defendant, the defendant's attorney, or the United States, and no additional promises, agreements or conditions shall have any force or effect unless set forth in writing and signed by all parties or confirmed on the record before the Court.

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## **EXHIBIT 4**

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# UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT DISTRICT OF NEVADA

FLAMINGO-PECOS SURGERY CENTER, LLC
DBA SURGERY CENTER OF SOUTHERN
NEVADA,
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Case No.: BK-S-14-18480-ABL Chapter 11

Chapter 11

Date: OST PENDING Time: OST PENDING

Debtor.

# OMNIBUS DECLARATION OF WILLIAM SMITH, M.D. IN SUPPORT OF DEBTOR'S INTERIM EMERGENCY MOTIONS AND RELATED RELIEF

I, WILLIAM SMITH, M.D. hereby declare as follows:

- 1. I am over the age of 18 and am mentally competent. I make this declaration in support of the motions and applications requesting various types of immediate relief (collectively, the "Emergency Motions") filed by Flamingo-Pecos Surgery Center, LLC dba Surgery Center of Southern Nevada ("Debtor"), debtor and debtor-in-possession in the above-captioned bankruptcy case (the "Chapter 11 Case").
- 2. I am Board President of Debtor. In the foregoing capacity, I am familiar with the Debtor's daily business, operational, and financial affairs. Except as otherwise indicated, all facts set forth in this declaration are based upon my personal knowledge of the Debtor's operations and

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finances, information learned from my review of relevant documents, and information supplied to me by other members of the Debtor's management and its business and legal advisors. If called upon to testify as to the content of this declaration, I could and would do so consistent herewith.

This declaration is filed on the same date (the "Petition Date") that the Debtor filed 3. its voluntary petition for relief under chapter 11, title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code"). This declaration provides the Court with certain background information regarding the Debtor as well as the context for the initial relief sought by the Debtor. Accordingly, the Declaration is organized into two parts: an overview of the Debtor, its business, organizational structure, and the events leading to the Chapter 11 Case, and an explanation of the relief sought in the First Day Motions.<sup>1</sup> The relief sought in the First Day Motions is critical to the Debtor's business operations, will allow for a smooth transition into Chapter 11, and will help to ensure that the Debtor is provided the opportunity to reorganize successfully.

#### Background

- Debtor is a Nevada limited liability company established in 2002. Debtor has 4. several shareholders that are listed on page 124 of the Debtor's Bankruptcy Petition. Debtor leases two surgery center locations which are located at 4275 Burnham Ave., Ste. 101, Las Vegas, Nevada 89119 and 10195 West Twain Ave, Las Vegas, Nevada 89147. These locations are not currently taking patients.
- When the two locations were fully operational, Debtor, Flamingo Surgery Center, 5. operated them as modern, family-oriented outpatient surgery centers. Debtor provided the highest quality of care in a friendly, personalized setting, for those patients whose surgical needs did not require an overnight hospital stay. Debtor's locations were Medicare approved facilities, licensed by the state of Nevada, and accredited by AAAHC (Accreditation Association of Ambulatory Health Care, Inc.).

All capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein shall have those meanings ascribed to them in the relevant Emergency Motions, all of which are being filed contemporaneously herewith.

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- Patients were referred to the Debtor by 134 physicians who specialized in Urology, 6. Pain Management, Neurosurgery, ENT, Orthopedics, General Surgery, Hand Surgery and Podiatry.
- 7. Debtor was forced to cease operations in October 2014 after significant wind down over the previous months.
- 8. Throughout approximately 2004 through summer of 2013, the Debtor was primarily managed by a sole individual. While the shareholders maintained a board in compliance with the operating agreement, the former manager of the company was relied upon to handle the business operations of the Debtor.
- 9. In or about June or July of 2013, Debtor began receiving reports from landlords and vendors that debts were going unpaid and had been for significant amounts of time. The handling of these debts was the responsibility of this former manager. When the former manager was confronted by the board, the former manager immediately resigned. The board then sought the advice of counsel to attempt to navigate through the myriad of issues that were presenting themselves and to determine what had happened.
- 10. Throughout the late summer and fall of 2013, counsel worked to assess the situation and determined that it appeared that significant breaches and embezzlement had occurred at the hands of the former manager.
- 11. The conduct of the former manager was reported Las Vegas Metropolitan Police and to the Federal Bureau of Investigation ("FBI"). After conducting an extensive investigation over the past year, the FBI has recently sought direction and permission from the Washington bureau office to proceed with a grand jury indictment of this former manager. The time frame for when the FBI will proceed is unknown.
- 12. Debtor is also involved in a breach of contract litigation in the case commonly known as JP Morgan Chase Bank NA v. Flamingo-Pecos Surgery Center LLC et al. / Case No. A-14-700424-C in the Eighth Judicial District Court. This litigation is based on a breach of contract for promissory notes/lines of credit in the approximate amount of \$1.7 Million. These agreements were entered into by the same former manager and it is alleged that he misappropriated significant

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funds from these amounts from Debtor for the former manager's personal use and to the Debtor's detriment.

- As a result of the conduct of the former manager, Debtor was forced to significantly 13. reduce costs to cover the debts incurred as a result of the former manager's improper conduct. Debtor scaled back its operations, laying-off approximately ninety (90) employees and only has five (5) remaining employees. None of these employees are currently providing any patient care and serve in part-time administrative capacities.
- 14. It is the Debtor's intention to seek a capital infusion in order to get Debtor operating again.
- 15. The Debtor's transition into Chapter 11 must be effectively organized to ensure that it will be able to operate smoothly in bankruptcy and be afforded the opportunity to successfully emerge from this Chapter 11 Case. Accordingly, it is critical that the Debtor maintain strong relationships with its customers, employees, partners, vendors, creditors, and such other parties that enable Debtor to conduct its business. To maintain and foster these relationships, it is important to minimize the distractions to the Debtor's business operations that could result from the Debtor's petitioning for Chapter 11 relief.
- I have reviewed and am generally familiar with the contents of each of the First 16. Day Motions. Based on that familiarity and information supplied to me by other members of Debtor's staff and legal advisors, I believe that the relief sought in each of the First Day Motions is necessary to enable the Debtor to operate in this Chapter 11 Case with minimal disruption or loss of productivity or value. Absent granting the relief in the First Day Motions, immediate and irreparable harm will result to the Debtor and its business.

#### **Employee Wage Motion**

Debtor employs approximately five (5) employees (collectively, the "Employees"), 17. in the ordinary course of its business. Continued service by the Employees is vital to Debtor's ongoing operations. As of the Petition Date, the Employees were owed or had accrued in their favor various sums from Debtor for wages and salaries incurred in the ordinary course of Debtor's business (collectively, the "Wage Obligations"). The total estimated amount of Wage Obligations

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that will have accrued, but remain unpaid, as of the Petition Date is approximately 4,541.55. Debtor pays its Employees on a bi-weekly payroll cycle. Debtor's last payroll was made on December 22, 2014 for the period of December 7, 2014 through December 19, 2014. The upcoming payroll for the period of December 20, 2014 through January 3, 2015 is due to be processed on or about January 9, 2015.

- 18. Debtor is required by law to withhold from certain Employees' wages amounts related to federal, state, and local income taxes, as well as social security and Medicare taxes and to remit the same to the appropriate taxing authorities. To the extent that Debtor has deducted funds from the Employees' paychecks sufficient to pay prepetition taxes, withholding taxes and FICA contributions attributable to Wage Obligations, which are due but have not been paid yet to any governmental entity, Debtor seeks authorization to continue to deduct these funds and pay them to such governmental entities in the ordinary course of business.
- 19. In addition, Debtor is required to make matching payments from its own funds on account of social security and Medicare taxes, and to pay, based on a percentage of gross payroll (and subject to state-imposed limits), additional amounts to the taxing authorities for, among other things, state and federal unemployment insurance. Debtor seeks authorization to continue to pay these funds in the ordinary course of business.
- 20. Debtor's Wage Obligations to be paid to or for the benefit of each of the Employees will not exceed \$11,725 per employee, consistent with the cap provided in Section 507(a)(4) of the Bankruptcy Code.
- 21. If Debtor is unable to take the necessary steps to ensure that wages and taxes are paid for the pay period commencing immediately prior to the Petition Date and concluding postpetition, there is a significant risk that its Employees will resign and that those Employees that remain will be discontented and demoralized.
- Continued payment of Wage Obligations, the Employee Insurance, and 22. Reimbursable Business Expenses and maintaining its workers' compensation system are essential to preserve the morale and to maintain positive relations between Debtor and its Employees. If the relief requested in the Motion is not granted, the success of Debtor's reorganization will be

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jeopardized. Thus, the relief request in this Motion is in the best interests of the Debtor, its estate, and its creditors.

#### **Utilities Motion**

- In the ordinary course of its business, Debtor incurs utility expenses for water, 23. sewer service, electricity, gas, telephone service, internet service, cable television, and waste management. These utility services are provided by various utility companies (as such term is used in section 366 of the Bankruptcy Code, collectively, the "Utility Providers") including but are not necessarily limited to NV Energy and Southwest Gas (the "Utility Service List").
- Although Debtor believes that the Utility Service List includes all of its Utility 24. Providers, Debtor reserves the right, without the need for further order of the Court, to supplement the Utility Service List if any Utility Provider has been omitted. Additionally, the listing of an entity on the Utility Service List is not an admission that such entity is a utility within the meaning of section 366 of the Bankruptcy Code, and Debtor reserves the right to contest any such characterization in the future. To the extent any of the Utility Providers identified on the Utility Service List provide services to a non-debtor entity, Debtor does not anticipate that the procedures set forth in this Motion would be applicable.
- On average, Debtor expends approximately \$6,585.39 each month on utility costs. 25. As of the Petition Date, Debtor is substantially current on its utility obligations.
- 26. Preserving utility services on an uninterrupted basis is essential to Debtor's ongoing operations and, therefore, to the success of its reorganization. Any interruption of utility services, even for a brief period of time, would disrupt Debtor's ability to continue servicing its customers, thereby negatively affecting customer relationships, revenues and profits. Such a result could jeopardize Debtor's reorganizations efforts and, ultimately, value and creditor recoveries. It is therefore critical that utility services continue uninterrupted during the Chapter 11 Case.
- 27. Debtor intends to pay its post-petition utility obligations owed to the Utility Providers in a timely manner. Debtor expects that it will have ample liquidity based upon cash flow from operations to pay post-petition obligations to the Utility Providers.

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- 28. To provide additional assurance of payment for future services to the Utility Providers that did not hold deposits from Debtor on the Petition Date (collectively, the "Other <u>Utility Providers</u>"), after entry of the order approving this Motion the Debtor will dedicate the sum of \$6,585.39, which is a sum equal to 100% of Debtor's estimated cost of its monthly utility consumption (the "Proposed Adequate Assurance"), for payments of utilities expenses in a segregated account. This will provide still further assurance of future payment, over and above Debtor's ability to pay for future utility services in the ordinary course of business based upon its cash flow from operations.
- 29. Debtor submits that the existing deposits and the Proposed Adequate Assurance provide protection well in excess of that required to grant sufficient adequate assurance to the Utility Providers.

#### **Limit Notice**

30. In the case at hand, there are in excess of 450 creditors and other parties-in-interest, and therefore the cost of full notices for each hearing would be burdensome and costly to the estate. As a result, Debtor request entry of an order limiting notice for motions, hearings and proceedings to the following: the Office of the United States Trustee; the Debtors' proposed reorganization counsel, the law firm of Larson & Zirzow, LLC (Attn: Zachariah Larson, Esq.); the top twenty (20) unsecured creditors in the Debtors' Chapter 11 Case; any official creditors' committee of unsecured creditors if one is appointed pursuant to section 1102 of the Bankruptcy Code; the Internal Revenue Service; any entity that files with the Court and serves on Debtors' counsel a request for special notice; and any party against whom direct relief is sought by motion, application or otherwise, including by way of example and not limitation, the non-debtor party to an executory contract being assumed or rejected, parties asserting an interest in property being sold, and the like.

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LARSON & ZIRZOW, LLC 810 S. Casino Center Blvd. #101 Las Vegas, Nevada 89101 I declare under penalty of perjury of the laws of the United States that these facts are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

DATED: January  $\overline{?}$ , 2015.

WILLIAM SMITH, M.D.

## **EXHIBIT 5**

# UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT DISTRICT OF NEVADA

In re:	)	
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Flamingo-Pedos Surgery	)	
Center, LLC dba Surgery	)	
Center of Southern	)	BK No. 15-13135-abl
Nevada	)	Chapter 11
	)	
Debtors-in-Possession,	)	

AUDIO TRANSCRIPTION

341 MEETING OF CREDITORS

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    Also Present:
    William D. Smith, M.D.
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     Mr. Works
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     Mohamed Iqbal
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- 3 TRUSTEE: All right. So we are back on
- 4 the record.
- 5 Dr. Smith, I'll remind you you are still
- 6 under oath.
- 7 DR. SMITH: Yes.
- 8 TRUSTEE: And we've added Mr. Works to
- 9 the mix for SI-BONE, Inc.
- 10 Mr. Iqbal, did you have more questions?
- 11 MR. IQBAL: A few more.
- 12 TRUSTEE: Okay. Go ahead.
- MR. IQBAL: And I appreciate the time and
- 14 the extra questions that you've allowed usually at
- 15 341.
- 16 TRUSTEE: Well, we're on a timeline here.
- 17 We're going to have to bail at 2:30, 2:25 because I
- 18 have a hearing, and I think Mr. Shapiro has a
- 19 hearing. So let's see what we can get through.
- MR. IQBAL: Yeah, I just have a few more.
- 21 Sir, you mentioned 30 shareholders. How
- 22 many people were on the board?
- DR. SMITH: Probably six, seven.
- MR. IQBAL: Okay. Could you tell us the
- 25 names of the individuals on the board?

- DR. SMITH: Dr. Belsky, Dr. Ng (ph),
- 2 Dr. Freedman (ph), Dr. Tadlock. He was excused.
- 3 Mr. Barnes until he was fired, and there's probably
- 4 several others I'd have to look up.
- 5 MR. IQBAL: How often did the board meet?
- 6 DR. SMITH: It was supposed to meet once
- 7 a month.
- 8 MR. IQBAL: How often did it actually
- 9 meet?
- DR. SMITH: Well, during the Barnes
- 11 tenure, it met very infrequently because he would
- 12 cancel meetings.
- MR. IQBAL: So roughly two or three a
- 14 year or --
- DR. SMITH: Perhaps. And then we've gone
- 16 back and we can't find any of the board meetings
- 17 actually that he was -- that he was at these
- 18 meetings, so a lot of documents were either
- 19 destroyed or taken away after he left. He
- 20 sabotaged a couple of computers that had some
- 21 information on, so we have a hard time getting some
- 22 of that down.
- Over the past -- you know, over the last
- 24 year of operations, the board met on sort of an
- 25 ad hoc basis. You know, sometimes a couple times,

- 1 two or three times a month, sometimes not for one,
- 2 every other month to handle what just is going on.
- 3 MR. IQBAL: Okay. So you found out about
- 4 Barnes in 2012. He gets fired in 2013. You folks
- 5 filed for bankruptcy at the very end of 2014. Did
- 6 Flamingo Pecos bring suit against Mr. Barnes?
- 7 DR. SMITH: The FBI has all the
- 8 information. They're considering criminal charges
- 9 against him. So that's the last I heard.
- MR. IQBAL: So no civil actions by
- 11 Flamingo Pecos?
- DR. SMITH: We talked about it, but we've
- 13 had word that he's -- he's actually in bankruptcy,
- 14 has no -- anything of value to sue for.
- MR. IQBAL: Okay. No civil action for
- 16 fraud?
- 17 DR. SMITH: I talked to Dr. Belsky and
- 18 she and I met three weeks ago, talked about it, you
- 19 know. Again, we're just not sure if it's worth
- 20 paying an attorney to go after things that aren't
- 21 there.
- MR. IQBAL: Okay. But in 2013, once he
- 23 got fired, no civil action was brought against him?
- DR. SMITH: Again, we went to the FBI
- 25 within six months.

- 1 MR. IQBAL: Okay. Six months after
- 2 finding out or six months after firing him?
- 3 DR. SMITH: After firing him.
- 4 MR. IQBAL: It took six months to uncover
- 5 what he did?
- 6 DR. SMITH: Well, I'm still finding stuff
- 7 out, you know, as of now. I mean, it's a very
- 8 tangled web, and I'm not an expert at this.
- 9 MR. IQBAL: Okay. After you fired him
- 10 and in that six-month interim before you went to
- 11 the FBI, did Flamingo Pecos hire anyone to look
- 12 into what Barnes did?
- DR. SMITH: No. We didn't have money to
- 14 do it. We were trying to operate, operate the
- 15 center.
- MR. IQBAL: So he gets fired. You guys
- 17 don't hire anyone to look into how much he took --
- DR. SMITH: We couldn't hire anybody. We
- 19 didn't have the money.
- 20 MR. IQBAL: Okay. And then six months
- 21 later you went to the FBI. Did you give the FBI a
- 22 number?
- DR. SMITH: A number?
- MR. IQBAL: Of how much he --
- DR. SMITH: No. We gave them all the

- 1 information we had, and they've done multiple
- 2 interviews and asked for more information.
- MR. IQBAL: When was the last time you
- 4 talked to the FBI?
- 5 DR. SMITH: Me personally it's probably
- 6 six months ago, eight months ago.
- 7 MR. IQBAL: And to the best of your
- 8 knowledge that's still an active investigation with
- 9 the FBI?
- DR. SMITH: I was told about two or three
- 11 weeks ago.
- MR. IQBAL: Now, you mentioned draws or
- distributions of 5,000 a year at that time. I'm
- 14 assuming you worked in other hospitals, with other
- 15 entities?
- DR. SMITH: Yes.
- 17 MR. IQBAL: At that time how many other
- 18 entities or hospitals did you work with?
- DR. SMITH: I'm the chief neurosurgeon at
- 20 the University Medical Center. That's probably
- 21 where I do 95 percent of my work.
- MR. IQBAL: And the accounts receivable,
- 23 is it common practice to carry two, 2.2 million,
- 24 two and a half million in ARs for an entity that
- 25 size?

- 1 DR. SMITH: Yes.
- 2 MR. IQBAL: And so the last few years,
- 3 the accounts receivable have roughly been in the
- 4 same two million range?
- DR. SMITH: I would think so, yes.
- 6 MR. IQBAL: Okay. What have you done
- 7 personally since the end of 2014 to try and recover
- 8 the accounts receivable?
- 9 DR. SMITH: I have personally done
- 10 nothing.
- 11 MR. IQBAL: Okay. What did you do in the
- 12 six months before the entity filed bankruptcy?
- DR. SMITH: Again, I have done nothing
- 14 personally, but we have a billing team, a
- 15 collection team. We had an outside company come in
- 16 and try to work the accounts. And, again, from
- 17 what they've told us that in general medical
- 18 accounts receivable go stale very quickly, so. And
- 19 that 2 to \$3 million in accounts receivable,
- 20 there's probably very little that's actually
- 21 active.
- MR. IQBAL: And how much of that did you
- 23 recover, do you think or guess?
- DR. SMITH: I think very little. It's
- 25 been diminishing return. I'm sure we can go

- 1 through the bank accounts and see.
- 2 MR. IQBAL: Okay. And are you doing any
- 3 kind of new business with any of the 30
- 4 shareholders of Flamingo now? Are you joining or
- 5 creating any new groups, surgery groups or anything
- 6 like that?
- 7 DR. SMITH: No.
- 8 MR. IQBAL: So right now you're just
- 9 employed by UMC?
- DR. SMITH: I'm not employed by UMC.
- 11 MR. IQBAL: Okay. You're an independent
- 12 contractor?
- DR. SMITH: No.
- MR. IQBAL: What are you --
- DR. SMITH: I'm a physician, and I bring
- 16 my patients there. I don't have any type of
- 17 financial (inaudible) with UMC.
- 18 MR. IQBAL: Okay. That is all I have for
- 19 now. Thank you, sir.
- DR. SMITH: Thank you.
- 21 TRUSTEE: All right. Mr. Limon?
- MR. LIMON: Just a few questions
- 23 (inaudible).
- 24 Any of the medical equipment that was at
- 25 either the Twain location or the Burnham location,

- 1 is that being used any place else at that this time
- 2 to your knowledge?
- 3 DR. SMITH: I know that a small surgical
- 4 center on Flamingo -- I can't remember the name of
- 5 it, had borrowed some equipment or leased some
- 6 equipment. And I think I got an email a while
- 7 back, a month or two back, saying that they were
- 8 going to return it back to the Burnham location.
- 9 MR. LIMON: Okay. What type of equipment
- 10 is that?
- DR. SMITH: Surgical instruments, a bed.
- 12 I don't know.
- MR. LIMON: Do you know of any other
- 14 medical equipment from either the locations that's
- 15 being used someplace else?
- DR. SMITH: Maybe. I don't know. I
- 17 don't recall.
- 18 MR. LIMON: Do you know the name of that
- 19 surgery center on Flamingo?
- DR. SMITH: I should. VIP Surgical
- 21 Center.
- MR. LIMON: Okay. That's all the
- 23 questions I have. Thank you.
- 24 TRUSTEE: Ms. Ireland.
- MS. IRELAND: Yes. I'm actually

- 1 concerned with the property of Burnham when it
- 2 might be able to be vacated.
- 3 DR. SMITH: I guess whenever (inaudible)
- 4 takes whatever remaining equipment is there, I
- 5 suppose. I don't know.
- 6 MS. IRELAND: So you said to call Tiffany
- 7 (inaudible)?
- B DR. SMITH: I think so, yeah.
- 9 MS. IRELAND: (Inaudible).
- DR. SMITH: I hope I can get them. I
- 11 just looked through my phone. The only contact I
- 12 have is her email for the (inaudible) center, which
- 13 I'm even sure is active anymore. But we can try.
- MS. IRELAND: What was her position
- 15 there?
- 16 DR. SMITH: She was the accountant and
- 17 sort of the general manager for the office for a
- 18 while.
- 19 MS. IRELAND: So they did have an
- in-house accountant?
- DR. SMITH: For a while, yeah. She did
- 22 payroll and things like that.
- MS. IRELAND: So what is the value of the
- 24 equipment that remains there? You have no idea?
- 25 DR. SMITH: I have no -- I don't even

- 1 know what's there. Like I said, I have not -- I
- 2 have personally not stepped foot in that place
- 3 since the day it closed.
- 4 MS. IRELAND: Who would be in a position
- 5 to know when (inaudible)? Are things going to be
- 6 put in storage or --
- 7 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: I think that's someone
- 8 you can work -- you can kind of work together with
- 9 the State, the Trustee. She's now in control of
- 10 the property.
- 11 MS. IRELAND: Yeah. Were there any other
- 12 finishings and fittings beyond --
- DR. SMITH: No, I mean, we had -- the
- 14 center obviously built out the place, put a lot of
- money to build out the place, but that's all chairs
- 16 and benches and things that I don't think are of
- 17 much value.
- 18 MS. IRELAND: And who were the quarantors
- 19 that you know that were not forged on the
- 20 (inaudible).
- 21 DR. SMITH: Again, I'm not certain about
- 22 that. My attorney -- I think it's my attorneys
- 23 saying that they're not -- they think that
- 24 Dr. Belsky and her husband's were not forged.
- 25 Although, you know, I'm not sure I would believe

- 1 that. I think they -- I think there was
- 2 discrepancy on all the signatures from what it
- 3 sounds like.
- 4 MS. IRELAND: So as far as you know, it's
- 5 just yourself and the Belskys.
- 6 DR. SMITH: And Dr. Garber, Jason Garber.
- 7 MS. IRELAND: Thank you.
- 8 TRUSTEE: Mr. Works, did you have any
- 9 questions?
- MR. WORKS: No questions for me.
- 11 MR. IQBAL: If I can just follow up on a
- 12 few things. Regarding Mr. Barnes, at the time that
- 13 the allegations that he was stealing money took
- 14 place, did the debtor have any insurance for
- 15 malfeasance?
- DR. SMITH: No. Malpracticing.
- 17 MR. IQBAL: I figured you had
- 18 malpractice, but.
- DR. SMITH: Unfortunately, we did not.
- 20 MR. IQBAL: On the accounts receivables,
- 21 I believe you just testified that you hired perhaps
- 22 a third-party to try to collect. Do you recall the
- 23 name of that company that tried to collect?
- DR. SMITH: I can go through my emails to
- 25 track them down, but, no, I don't recall the

- 1 company.
- 2 MR. IQBAL: Okay. If you can provide
- 3 that to Mr. Zirzow, I would appreciate it.
- 4 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: It wasn't Med HQ, was
- 5 it?
- 6 DR. SMITH: Yes.
- 7 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Well, they were on
- 8 employed post-petition as well.
- 9 DR. SMITH: Yeah.
- 10 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Were they employed
- 11 pre-petition?
- DR. SMITH: I believe so, yeah.
- MR. IQBAL: I'm sorry. It was med?
- 14 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Med HQ. There's a
- 15 retention out for them on file.
- MR. IQBAL: Do you know if the company
- 17 ever tried to sell the accounts receivable to a
- 18 third-party?
- 19 DR. SMITH: Well, the liens we were
- 20 selling to third parties to try to get some income
- 21 generation. And then as I recall we sold every one
- 22 that a lien company would buy.
- MR. IQBAL: And that was done prior to
- 24 filing the bankruptcy, wasn't it?
- DR. SMITH: Yes.

- 1 MR. IQBAL: You also indicated or
- 2 testified that the company was leasing some of its
- 3 equipment. One of them was to VIP Surgical
- 4 Centers. Do you know how much the leases -- how
- 5 much money you were getting on the lease?
- 6 DR. SMITH: I think it was a small amount
- 7 of money, but I don't recall.
- MR. IQBAL: What would be a small amount?
- 9 DR. SMITH: A couple thousand dollars
- 10 maybe.
- MR. IQBAL: A couple thousand a month.
- 12 Were they actually written agreements?
- DR. SMITH: I would assume they were, but
- 14 I...
- MR. IQBAL: And the surgical centers that
- 16 were the lessees, were their affiliated with any of
- 17 the physicians that were members or shareholders?
- 18 DR. SMITH: I don't think so. I did one
- 19 case there just hoping to get VIP to come buy us
- 20 out when we were thinking of going through
- 21 Chapter 7, but -- I mean, Chapter 11, but, you
- 22 know, it didn't work out.
- MR. IQBAL: I don't have any other
- 24 questions.
- 25 TRUSTEE: Okay. I have nothing further.

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    I'm going to go ahead and conclude the meeting. If
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    you have any issues or questions, please reach out
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    to my counsel. Okay.
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               MR. LARSON: We'll do our best to
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    cooperate. Thank you.
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               TRUSTEE: Thank you. I appreciate it.
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5	I, Kathy Hoffman, do hereby certify:		
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7	dba Surgery Center of Southern Nevada;		
8	That I thereafter transcribed said recording into a typewritten transcript and that		
9	the typewritten transcript of said proceedings are a complete, true, and accurate transcription of		
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## **EXHIBIT 6**

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                                                                        A. It's already been foreclosed on.
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- A. They sent me a statement, and the statement was put on the door. And they took possession. 2
- 3 Q. Okay. So you're no longer in that building?

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- Q. What was the basis of that foreclosure?
- 6 A. I'm not sure what you mean.
- 7 Q. Why did they foreclose on it? Were you behind --8 Was the LTD behind on payments?
  - A. Yeah, they were massively behind on payments.
- 10 Q. Do you know when the LTD stopped making payments 11 on that building?
- 12 A. About a year ago, I think. It might have been 13 longer. It was with Bank of America at the time.
- Q. At the time and now the foreclosure was actually 14 15 done by another bank; correct?
- A. Correct. 16
  - Q. Do you recall the name of the bank?
- 18 A. Northwest something.
  - Q. Did they buy the note from Bank of America?
- 2.0 A. I have no idea what they did with Bank of
- 21 America
  - Q. And the third amended disclosure statement states the foreclosure will necessitate your firm's relocation.
- You've already established that the foreclosure has 25 already happened.

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- A. We've relocated the charts. We have not yet started up a practice because at this juncture I'm
- 3 4 basically going to let this business run out and stop.
- I've already notified the board that I'm retiring on 5 6 disability and have stopped my practice.
  - Q. When you say board, sir, who do you mean?
  - A. Nevada State Medical Board.

Have you relocated?

9 Q. Got it.

> Because with respect to decisions with the LTD, you're making them; correct? You're in charge? There are no other members?

- A. No, I don't believe there are any other members.
- Q. Okay. All right.

#### So when did you actually stop your practice?

- A. Seeing patients officially I think on the 25th, 16
- 17 though I think one or two wandered in as they were
- 18 trying to get the charts out of the building before it
- was taken back. I probably wrote a couple prescriptions 19
- 20 to get people by, but certainly nothing after the 29th.
- 21 Q. 29th of February?
- 22 A. February.
  - Q. 2016, just to be clear?
- 24 A. 2016.
  - Q. All right. And when you mean charts, you mean

- patient health information, things covered under HIPAA
- or what do you mean?
- 3 A. Things covered under HIPAA.
  - Q. And those charts and the patient information where is that currently?
- 6 A. It's currently in my house in California except
- 7 for a little bit with security somebody or other who
- 8 has, I think, 550 boxes which I'm hoping are old so I
- 9 can just shred them, but I'm not sure.
- 10 Q. Of course all that stuff is protected under --
  - A. Correct.
- 12 Q. -- a number of statutes, so you have to be very careful, I'm sure. 13
  - A. Yes. Exactly.
- 15 Q. And when did you move the stuff to California?
- A. We've been doing it since --16

17 Well, as far as the office material, we started 18 moving it the weekend of my birthday. So it would have

- been -- I think my birthday was the 27th. So we started
- loading it Thursday night, a little bit on a -- I think 20
- 21 Thursday night. Then over the weekend.
- 22 Q. Okay. Besides the patient files and the charts, 23 did you have any medical equipment in there that you 24 owned or the LTD owned?
- 25 A. Yes.

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Q. What happened to that?

- A. Most of it's out of date. We didn't bother moving it. We did move four medical beds, one portable 3
- 4 ultrasound and a weight scale, one of those nice doctor
- weight scales, and blood pressure cuff on a stand, both 5 of which I donated to the school. 6
  - Q. You're talking about Boyd or Nevada School of Medicine?
- 9 A. Ohio Valley School, so they could use it for their students. 10
- 11 Q. And outside of the equipment you just mentioned,
- 12 everything else you left in the building? 13 A. Yeah. The computers if it had patient-sensitive
- 14 information were removed by the IT folks, and they're
- 15 waiting a judgment as to whether I destroy it or whether
- I need to get access to it to get patient charts, which 16
- 17 I haven't made a determination yet whether I'm going to
- 18 need them or not. So they're holding on to them under
- 19 lock and key.
- 20 Q. In the same place that has the 550 files or 21 somewhere else?
- 22 A. No. The IT people are keeping it. I think it's 23 Reliable that's keeping it under lock and key until I
- 24 see what happens.
- Q. Got it. 25

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Page 10 Page 12 So outside of the computers you just talked 1 BY MR. IOBAL: 2 about, the equipment, some of which you donated, some of 2 Q. Back on the record. 3 which is out of date and then the patient files, there's 3 It's safe to say that your office manager can't 4 really nothing else left in that building? 4 5 A. No. There was some old desks and things which we 5 A. Yes. 6 had neither the time nor any place to put it, so we just 6 Q. All right. That's fair. 7 left it. 7 Now you recently hired a PA. Have you let that 8 Q. And you picked end of February because the bank 8 PA go? 9 told you to move out by then, or you just picked that 9 A. Yes. 10 time? 10 Q. So it was a short-term contract? A. Well, it was actually a mixture of circumstances. A. There was no contract. 11 11 12 I started getting worse and my office manager started 12 Q. It was just at-will you hired them and then at getting worse and my wife started getting worse, and the the end of the month, you decided to let them go? 13 13 determination was made that between the three of us, we A. Actually, what happened was my office manager 14 14 15 did not have the capability of moving and reopening. 15 made him an offer, he didn't accept but made a Q. Okay. So and your office manager is separate counteroffer and then quit at his old job before I had a 16 16 17 than your wife. Your wife has a function at -- well, 17 chance to look at the counteroffer. And so I let him 18 had a function at the LTD. What was that function? 18 work until it became clear that I wasn't going to be 19 A. That function was basically -- well, recently has able to keep it up any longer and kept him on as long as 19 20 been to drive me everywhere because I can't drive for 20 I could, but we have no contract because he took it upon 21 more than 20 or 30 minutes at a time. It's hard for me 21 himself to kind of jump the gun. to do that, but now she's unable to do that due to a 22 Q. Okay, okay. 23 23 fracture of her ankle that has worsened. And she's also So as of this date, March 14, 2016, you have no on disability. 2.4 24 plans of practicing again? 25 Q. And that determination has been made; she's on 25 A. Don't really know, but probably not. Page 11 Page 13 disability now or applied or? 1 Q. At least right now not practicing? 1 A. The determination was made by her physicians. A. Well, certainly I told my \*malpractice company I 3 I've had no sign that the insurance company plans on 3 don't practice. I've stopped. You know, if I can find 4 fighting it, and will lose if they do in my opinion. 4 some job where I can work a couple half days, something 5 Q. So you have the doctor saying that she should be like that, then I would try that. Hard to do that. 5 Q. Right. 6 on disability, and so as far as --6 7 7 A. Three doctors. What's the process when you tell the board, 8 O. Okay. All right. 8 what's the process of getting reinstated because you were 9 So until she --9 active before? Would it just be a phone call, or would 10 And very recently when your wife was driving you 10 you have to go through an application process? 11 around, what was her official role at your LTD? 11 A. I have no clue. I'm still trying to figure out 12 A. Well, depends. She was my medical assistant, 12 the retirement rules for charts and things. though technically she's an R.N. She's not an R.N. in 13 13 Q. Right. 14 this state, was an R.N. in California, never bothered to 14 At this time you mentioned that you may look for something part-time. You're not looking right now? 15 get her R.N. transferred. But she was basically a 15 medical assistant of whatever I needed up in Ely. She 16 A. No, I'm not looking right now. 16 17 was the only person that went with me to Ely. 17 Q. Okay. All right. That's all I had on that.

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Q. Then your office manager is separate. I'm sorry

What's going on with your office manager that she

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(A brief discussion was held off the record.)

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MR. IQBAL: Sure.

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Q. And so the State of Arizona owes you 300,000 or

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A. Yes. Access is one or two or three companies

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- Access owes you 300,000? I'm not clear.
- 2 A. Neither am I.
- 3 Q. Okay. But who's owed the 300,000? The LTD?

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- 5 Q. And why is that 300,000 figure, why is that owed 6 to you?
- 7 A. It's owed to me because the State of Arizona
- 8 decided they didn't have enough money to pay their
- 9 bills, and I consulted counsel on it who told me that
- 10 other than complaining to the insurance commissioner, I really had no recourse. 11
- 12 Q. Okay.
- 13 A. Except to stop taking patients, which I did.
  - Q. Now, these patients you saw in Arizona and then you submitted the details to Access or Medicaid, and these amounts were supposed to be reimbursed by Arizona and they weren't?
- 18 A. Well, most of your statement is correct, but I 19 saw those patients both here in Nevada and Las Vegas, 20 also at Laughlin until recently, and some of them came 21 here because of the Arizona Strip. I don't know if you 2.2 know about that. The Grand Canyon runs along there, and 23 you can't really get to any other part of Arizona. So they would come here, and Access at one point was paying 2.4
- 25 me for them.

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O. Got it.

So Arizona residents, but they also came to get medical treatment up here in Nevada?

- A. Yes. And years ago I had an office in Kingman.
- Q. When did you stop seeing people at that office?
- A. I don't know the exact date. Two or three years ago. Might be longer.
- Q. That's fine.

And you were providing the same services that you provided to your other patients to these residents of Arizona that is part of this 300,000 that you're owed; correct?

- A. Correct. Including getting preauthorization for pretty much everything because they required it at that time. But that doesn't mean that authorization is not -- not a surety of being paid. It's worded somewhat differently in the contract.
- Q. Why did the arrearage get so large? Did -- let me ask that before I go on to other questions.
- 20 A. Well, at the time I had one or two PAs and an 21 anesthesiologist and me when I was at max, and I worked 22 my -- put that in a polite way. I worked very hard for 23 a very long time.
  - Q. And so the arrearage got to 300,000 before you folks tried to collect on it, or were there problems

before that time, before it got to 300,000?

A. Access has been a problem for everyone forever.

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- 3 Q. So you weren't getting paid and then it got to
- 300,000 and you said enough and you stopped? 5
  - A. Correct.
- 6 Q. And I know you mentioned in your transcript 7 previously Gordon Richardson -- I'm sorry -- Gordon 8 Richards tried to go over the 300,000.

What exactly did you folks try to do? Did you send demand letters, or did you sue the state? What did you do?

- A. Supposedly I can't really sue the State of Arizona. My office manager made numerous attempts to get paid. We made attempts both I and her, and the both of us together had a meeting with the person in charge for that area, and they didn't show up for the meetings. And we put demand letters into Phoenix and to the insurance commissioner, and then I asked Gordon and he said there's really not much that you can do.
- Q. So there's no litigation?
  - A. No.
- 22 Q. Did Gordon send any letters or anything, or was 23 it just you and your office manager?
- A. Too long ago for me to remember if Gordon 24 really -- it probably would have been her and he talking

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1 about it, not me anyway.

Q. And you said it was too long ago. Was it a 2 couple years ago when you stopped with the --3

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When did it come to 300,000 and you said enough?

- 6 A. More than a year ago.
- 7 Q. Did you have a contract with the state?
  - A. Yes.
- 9 Q. And in your opinion, I know you're not a lawyer, 10 they breached that contract?

11 A. Yes, in my interpretation they breached that 12 contract. Dr. Valbeoni (phonetic spelling) one time worked with me, stopped taking Access a couple months 13 14 ago and started taking it again. Don't know what's 15 going on with that. But obviously -- it appears obvious to me that they're preferentially treating some 16 17 providers over others.

- 18 Q. And the contract was with the State of Arizona or 19 with Access?
  - A. I don't know.
- 21 Q. Do you have a copy somewhere of the contract?
  - A. Possibly.
- 23 Q. And I guess on that point, you talked about your 24 patients' files and records with the LTD. The LTD's
  - business records and operating statements and things,

Page 18 Page 20 some of which have been filed in this action, but the have the money to pay. 2 other stuff, all the administrative stuff, do you have Q. Were they in fact bankrupt, or did they go 2 3 3 bankrupt? 4 A. I have some of it, the part that isn't on a 4 A. I don't know if they did or not. 5 computer, in cartons. I literally have hundreds of 5 Q. So you haven't personally and your LTD hasn't 6 cartons full of mostly patient records, some records of 6 filed a claim for that 300,000? 7 insurance contracts, etc. A. No. Recommendations of my attorney it would be a 8 Q. And business records? 8 waste of money. 9 A. Yeah, business records. 9 Q. And when we say entity, I mean any entity that 10 Q. Okay. And the accountant that you used for the 10 you're associated with? LTD would have some records? A. Any entity of any sort whatsoever. 11 11 12 A. Correct. 12 Q. Okay, okay. 13 Q. Do you know the name of that accountant? 13 And you didn't assign this potential claim, you A. Chris Wilcox. 14 didn't assign an interest or transfer the claim to any 14 15 Q. Chris Wilcox, okay. 15 other entity; correct? And then presumably Gordon would have some legal 16 16 A. No. 17 files associated with the LTD? 17 Q. Because your attorney said it's worthless; we 18 A. I'm sure he has records of his dealings with us, 18 can't go after it? and Kent Greene would have some records dealing with us, A. Never even occurred to me. 19 19 more than Gordon would have. 20 20 Q. Okay. Have you or any entity that you have an 21 Q. Who's Kent Greene? 21 interest in, including the LTD, written off the 2.2 A. Kent Greene is another attorney that worked with 22 receivable or used it in any kind of tax return as an 23 uncollectible debt or anything? me for many years. 23 24 A. Don't know. 24 Q. Is he based in Nevada or Arizona? 25 A. Las Vegas. 25 Q. Don't know, okay. Page 19 Page 21 Q. And he also tried to help with the State of But Chris Wilcox would know because he did the 1 1 2 Arizona and this 300,000? tax returns? 3 A. No. 3 A. Presumably, yeah. 4 Q. That one was just Gordon? 4 Q. Do you recall having a discussion with him about 5 5 the taxes and how to do the taxes involving this --A. Yes. 6 Q. And Gordon said it's going to be impossible to 6 A. Not on that particular issue, no. 7 7 get it back from them? Q. And when you did the LTD's taxes, I know that A. Correct. 8 8 it's no longer practicing, but when you did do them, you 9 Q. And they don't have to pay you, I believe, just 9 would sit down with Chris and go through the year, and quoting what you said last time "Because it's the State, 10 he would show you a return and then you would sign it? 10 11 and they don't have to pay you even though they agreed 11 How was that process? 12 to pay"? 12 A. Basically that process was he did all the --Well, he did all the work, and I'd look at it and 13 A. Correct. And that's actually true for insurance 13 14 companies too. They don't necessarily pay you what they 14 sign it. Q. But you'd kind of verify it or you trusted him? 15 agree to pay you. 15 16 Q. I know that person didn't show up when they were 16 A. A, I trusted him, and B, he would go over 17 supposed to be from Phoenix, but did anybody from the 17 everything monthly with my office manager. 18 state or Access give you any kind of explanation why 18 Q. Okay, okay. 19 So your office manager really handled the 19 they weren't paying you? 20 A. Not to me personally, no. 20 financial side, and it sounds like from her 21 Q. To anybody that worked for you, like, your office communications with Arizona, she worked on receivables 21 22 manager? 22 and sort of all of that for you?

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A. Correct. Since about '97 or '98.

Q. And her name?

A. Tammy Shaffer.

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A. Well, I'm sure she talked about it because she

told me about communications she'd had with them, but

they just basically said they were bankrupt and did not

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- Q. Now, did Tammy work just for the LTD, or did she do work for Epiphany and other entities that you were associated with?
- 4 A. She was actually a partial owner, one percent of 5 Epiphany through me because you have to have -- you 6 know, you can do it, but it has to be through a doctor. 7 She did -- long time ago when I was setting up Epiphany 8 do some work for Epiphany. Unfortunately, she didn't 9 continue doing it with Epiphany, or we wouldn't have
- 12 At this juncture I doubt very much that she would 13 be of very much help in recalling anything back then.

gotten into trouble that we did with the person that we

- Q. And just for your assistance, just like I've given you the third amended disclosure sheet, I have copies of your transcript from the first time just in case you want to reference because I'll be asking specific questions.
- 19 A. Okay.

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- 20 Q. I'm going to represent what's actually on there 21 and be truthful, but obviously you can, you know, trust but verify. You can verify anything that I'm saying. 22 23 Okay?
- 24 A. Sure.
- 25 Q. So it's right here. I don't think we need to put

- Page 24 1 Q. And when they told you that there was no time
  - left to pursue the claim, you did or didn't believe
  - 3 them?
  - 4 A. Well, I did believe them that they -- let's put
  - 5 it this way: I don't know whether they did or not. I
  - 6 received guidance from the FBI agent saying to try to be
  - 7 nice to Bank of America and see if they were nice, and
  - 8 if not, to wait until after the FBI made their
  - 9 investigation and then make a decision as to whether to 10 do anything or not.
    - Q. So then a number of months go by and they come back to you and they say too much time has elapsed?
      - A. (Nods head.)
      - Q. What did you do after that?
  - 15 A. I called them up and yell at them, and other than that, there really wasn't much I could do. 16
    - Q. Did you get an attorney to look into a claim against Bank of America?
    - A. As I said last time, I believe I had an accounting firm do -- what's the name of the accounting you do when you're looking for fraud?
  - 22 Q. Forensic accounting?
  - 23 A. Forensic accounting. And the forensic accounting agreed that fraud had taken place, but I didn't have the 24 25 cash to go after them given the amount of expense that

- would be required to do so. 1
  - 2 Q. Got it.
    - So you had a forensic accountant go through the

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- 4 Bank of America mess --
  - A. Yes.
- Q. -- with Epiphany Surgical Solutions? 6
- 7 A. Just the Epiphany Surgical Solutions part of it, 8 not the entire mess.
- 9 Q. And you just didn't have the money to pursue?
- 10 A. Yeah. I still owe them -- or at least he says I 11 owe him \$10,000 in addition to the 5, which I was -- my 12 idea of all I was going to pay for the accounting.
- 13 Q. When did he do the forensic accounting?
- 14 A. I don't recall the exact date, but shortly after
- 15 I found out about --
- 16 Q. The mess?
- A. -- the mess within three or four months, and that 17 18 was because Bank of America stalled, in my opinion, not
- giving us any records of where the checks went. They 19
- 20 would give me a record of the number of checks and
- 21 dollar amounts, but no check --
  - Q. Actual checks?
- 23 A. Actual checks, copies of the checks, saying where
- 24 it went, which of course they can't do forensic
- 25 accounting without that.

- these as an exhibit, Tom, because they were just part of 1
- the prior transcript. But this is just for your
- assistance, and if you want to verify any question that 3
- 4 I'm asking you. Okay? Is that fair?
- 5 A. Okay.
- 6 Q. So in the transcript page 64, 65 and then a small
- 7 portion of 67, you testified that Bank of America at
- 8 first told you that they would claw back money taken
- 9 from Epiphany Surgical Solutions' account?
  - A. Yes.
- 11 Q. Did they claw any of the money back?
- 12 A. No.

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- 13 Q. Why not?
- 14 A. They said that time to of told them had gone 15 past.
- 16 Q. Do you believe that's true?
- 17 A. No.
- 18 Q. You told them as soon as you found out; correct?
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- 20 Q. And how long did they take to respond to you?
- 21 A. Months.
- 22 Q. Months, okay.
- 23 Did you have people in the office following up
- 24 with them?
- 25 A. I was following up with them.

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Page 26 Page 28 1 Q. You said you were the one following up with them. 1 Q. And any others? 2 How often were you following up with them? A. Bill Smith -- no, yeah, Bill Smith I think was, 3 A. They came to my office weekly for a few weeks, 3 and I don't know if we had any other officers or not, 4 and then the guy disappeared and somebody else took his but you never get anybody to answer emails or anything 5 place. else with regard to it. I did get them to answer emails 6 Q. And I know you don't remember the exact date and 6 with regard to firing Barnes. 7 that's fine. I'm just trying to get a ballpark. You 7 Q. Okay. All right. 8 filed for BK in mid-2015. Do we have a ballpark, just 8 Now you've said that Epiphany Surgical Solutions 9 even a year, when this Bank of America nonsense was 9 right now has no assets? 10 happening? 10 A. No, it doesn't have any assets, and I'm pretty A. I hate to hazard a guess honestly. I just really sure it's not even in existence. I think I decided not 11 11 12 don't know. 12 to pay another 550 or \$600 to keep it going. I'm not 13 Q. Was it a couple years before? 13 absolutely sure of that, but I think I stopped. 14 A. Couple years. 14 Q. And at that point, did you talk to Bill Smith Q. Like 2013? 15 15 about that, or did you just not pay it? You decided A. Maybe, yeah. Maybe. I'm not really sure. yourself not to pay it? 16 16 17 That's all easily looked up. 17 A. I've been talking with Bill Smith about it for Q. Do you have the copy of the forensic accounting 18 years, so it was not as if he didn't know it was coming. 18 19 report that this gentleman did? 19 (Cell phone interruption.) THE WITNESS: Excuse me. I'm turning it 20 A. I may have an email copy of it. If not, Wilcox's 20 21 partner has it. 21 off22 Q. And the forensic accountant was associated with 22 MR. IQBAL: No problem. 23 Chris Wilcox or someone separate? 23 BY MR. IQBAL: A. They were associated at the time. I don't think 2.4 24 Q. So do you think Epiphany, at this point, it's not 25 they are anymore. in existence, but it was entitled to recover some money Page 27 Page 29 1 O. Got it. from B of A for mishandling Epiphany's accounts; 1 2 And the name of this individual? correct? 3 A. Don't remember. 3 A. I believe so, but B of A doesn't. 4 Q. Okay. But if we get the forensic accounting 4 Q. And no claim or demand letter or complaint was 5 report, that will lay out what time all of this stuff filed or sent to B of A; correct? 5 A. No. I sent a letter asking if they would 6 happened; correct? 6 7 7 A. Yes, it should. reimburse me for the amount in question. 8 O. Okay. All right. 8 Q. Okay. 9 So I have a question here that did Epiphany make 9 A. And then I received a letter back saying, no, 10 any claims against B of A; I'm guessing your answer would 10 it's too late. 11 be no because you didn't have the money to pursue B of A? 11 Q. Got it. 12 A. Correct. 12 Do you have that correspondence somewhere? 13 Q. And Epiphany didn't have the money to pursue B of 13 A. Doubt it. Q. Those kinds of business records you kept for a 14 A, and the LTD also didn't have the money to pursue B of 14 little bit of time and dumped them or? 15 A; correct? 15 A. They may be in -- office manager generally kept 16 A. Correct. 16 17 Q. Okay. Who controls Epiphany Surgical Solutions 17 stuff like that, and they may be in one of the 50,000 18 boxes I have in my garage. But I don't know if it still now? A. Epiphany Surgical Solutions, I believe, does not exists, and I wouldn't know where it was if it still 19 19 20 exist anymore. 20 does exist. 21 Q. When did it stop existing? 21 Q. And when you say garage, you mean the garage in 22 A. I think within the last year. 22 Oxnard? A. In Oxnard; correct. Takes about the area of this 23 Q. And during the last phase of Epiphany Surgical 23

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And that includes some business records, but also patient files, or the are the patient files here in Nevada?

- A. No, there are still patient files here which I'm moving over after making a determination whether or not they're still relevant or not.
  - Q. At this point in your petition, you didn't list it as a -- the B of A claim as an asset because you didn't think it was recoverable?
    - A. Correct. I didn't think it was recoverable.
  - Q. But you didn't have a formal legal determination; it was just your assessment of the situation, and based on what Tammy and what you had found out from your letters with B of A?
- 15 A. I sat down with a couple of different attorneys.
  16 Told me it would be somewhere around 20,000 plus just as
  17 a down payment to start the litigation. And with
  18 nothing from the FBI yet to corroborate it, I didn't
  19 think that it was going to be within my abilities given
  20 the state of my health.
  - Q. And I know that Chris Wilcox did the accounting for the LTD. Did he also do the books for Epiphany Surgical Solutions?
- A. No, he did not. The officers and managers, owners of the surgery center thought I had too much

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- l power, and therefore, and literally had, I think, the
- 2 last one was Dr. Belsky's accountant do the accounting
- $\ensuremath{\mathtt{3}}$   $\ensuremath{\mathtt{for}}$  the two years prior to a determination being made
- $4\,$   $\,$  that possibly Barnes was embezzling.
  - Q. So the accountant was Belsky's accountant?
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- 7 Q. Who was asleep at the wheel?
  - A. I don't want to get myself sued by Belsky's
- 9 accountant, but you can make your own judgment on that.
- 10 Q. Do you know the name of the accountant?
- 11 A. Not off the top of my head.
- 12 Q. But it was an accountant who worked for 13 Dr. Belsky?
- 14 A. And for the surgical center, yeah.
  - Q. And the surgery center?
- 16 A. Yes.
  - Q. So whichever accountant was doing the books for Epiphany Surgical Solutions was also doing the books for the surgery center on the Flamingo/Pecos surgery center?
- 20 A. If I said that, I misspoke. The books for the 21 surgery center were being done by -- by Belsky's
- 22 attorney -- not attorney -- accountant. The books for e
- 23 Epiphany were being done by Wilcox, but based on false
- 24 information sent to him from the surgery center.
  - Q. Got it. Got it.

And how did he finally determine that that

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information was false?

A. No, he didn't actually. Tammy opened the box
from Bank of America when it finally sent it with the
checks on it and started crying and came down to my
office and said that she thought embezzlement was going
on in a big way.

- Q. And this is a dramatic event. Do you remember or recall when that was?
- 10 A. It's a dramatic event when you're not having 11 spinal surgery and can't walk.
  - Q. Fair point. Fair point. So you can't remember?
  - A. I'm correct. I'm also on medications. Right now they're making my memory not particularly good.
  - Q. Okay. Does the surgery center or Epiphany Surgical Solutions -- I know Epiphany is not an existing entity, but the surgery center did they continue to use Bank of America after the mess with B of A?
  - A. They moved actually to Wells Fargo. The previous person had been working with them at B of A had moved to Wells Fargo. Barnes recommended that we move to Wells Fargo. There's some question with regard to what was going on between the two, and then subsequently, we went to Chase.
- 25 So I don't believe that Bank of America was being

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1 used by them at that time. I think Chase had bought out 2 the contracts. At that time B of A was telling us that

3 we were making money hand over fist and our credit was

 $4\,$   $\,$  excellent. Based on what I saw and meetings I had with

5 Bank of America, it looked like it was.

Q. Got it.

And that's the information that was given to Chris. He did the returns, and then afterwards you guys found out, oh, no?

- 10 A. Right, and contacted the FBI and metropolitan 11 police.
  - Q. Now, on page 67 of this transcript from the first time, you testified that there was an Epiphany entity where you kept your, quote, "private stuff"?
- A. Yeah, Epiphany Surgery Centers I just had shares, my own personal shares, and the one share that belonged to Tammy and at some point we had shares of Smith too because he never got around to formally making his own corporation. So we would just cut him a check for his portion of Kingman ASC.
- 21 Q. Was that a separate entity then?
  - A. Yes.
- Q. And what was the name of that entity?
- A. Epiphany Surgery Centers. Dates way back before Solutions.

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- A. Yeah. Neither of them are open anymore.
- 5 Q. But Surgery Centers is the one where you kept the 6 private stuff, and you just explained that private stuff 7 were your own shares from Surgery Solutions and Tammy's 8 share and Bill Smith's share?
- 9 A. Yeah -- well, part of Bill's share for Kingman 10 and my shares of all the ASCs was five or six at one point or another. 11
  - Q. You had shares in five or six ASCs, we're talking ambulatory surgery centers.

How many of the ASCs do you have shares in now?

A. None.

#### Q. What happened to those shares?

- A. I was bought out at one under protest and actually got a bit higher price after I sued them because it was ridiculously and ludicrously low priced for the shares. Recovered some of that. Kingman --
- Q. So that was the first one. Hold on. And what was the name of that one where you engaged in all the litigation, and they low balled you and you sued them?
- A. The one at Gold Ring. 3030 Gold Ring, I think it is.

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Prior to that I was bought out without any 1

2 litigation, Corral Desert. I forget where Corral Desert

3 was.

#### 4 O. California?

- 5 A. No. I think it's over in Utah. Out on the 6 border.
- 7 Q. Okay.
  - A. And then --
- 9 Q. So you talked about Corral Desert, and that was 10 amicable?
- 11 A. That was amicable.
- 12 Q. Gold Ring 3030 was not amicable?
  - A. Not amicable.
- 14 Q. And then you were about to mention Kingman?
- 15 A. Right. Kingman basically went out of business when two things occurred. One, the State of Arizona cut 16 payments to ASCs, about two-thirds. From my perception 17 18 and viewpoint the owners there overreacted because they had to pull back from that position shortly thereafter, 19
- 20 but blamed Epiphany Surgical Solutions for the State of
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- Arizona changing what they were paying for, and
- 22 therefore, fired me despite, as a management person in
- 23 Epiphany Surgical Solutions as a managing company
- 24 despite the fact that I was making roughly half of their
- 25 income per month. So they died within a year.

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- 1 Q. That doesn't make a lot of sense. What they were 2 saying?
- 3 A. They're doctors.
- 4 Q. Did you fight back when they said this is your 5 fault?
- 6 A. Sure. I pulled all my cases out. I didn't have 7 to do anything else.
  - Q. Did they actually take the shares from you, or the shares just were worthless at that point?
  - A. I have no idea what they did afterwards. They thought they were going to sell to the hospital, but I had talked to the hospital administrator who was Mormon as were the doctors who were being sent different messages about the hospital buying them out. And the hospital did exactly what they told me what they were going to do, which was not buy them out.
  - Q. So was that litigious? Was there any litigation associated with the Kingman ASC?
  - A. No.
- 20 Q. You just pulled your --
- A. Pulled my cases out. There would be nothing to 21 22 go after.
- 23 Q. All right. And then so that's three, and then there were two or three more? 24
- 25 A. Just two more, I believe. Well, actually I take

it back. Three more. It's one surgery center that 1 moved across the street from the long-term care hospital

on Flamingo to the surgery center owned by Desert 3

4 Springs Hospital. I killed it. Then I took it over and

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Q. Got it.

# Now when you say you killed it and then took it over, can you explain?

11 A. I took all their surgeons away from them pretty 12 much and all their cases, and then they shut it down. And they tried to do a GI office, and I was making 13 14 repeated offers to them to rent it or lease it or something, and I got a really good deal on it. So we

We were going to try to keep both of them opened, but two across the street from each other just didn't work out.

- Q. So at some point you acquired shares in that ASC?
- A. Right. And in all these ASCs except for the one at 3030 Gold Ring, or is it 2020 Gold Ring? Meds really do make you a little hazy. At any rate, whichever one the address is, except for that one where I was doing
- 25 maybe 10 percent of the work and owned 4.6 or something

Page 38 Page 40 percent. I take it back, 6.8 percent. 1 Q. Just recently? 2 So I was even there doing more than the A. Correct. 2 3 percentage I owned, but not enough to make them happy 3 Q. By the -because I was doing so much more at the other surgery 4 During the foreclosure? 5 center which they had to get permission from to open. 5 A. Correct. 6 So they then threw me out despite the fact that 6 Q. Okay, okay. 7 that was the agreement that had been made. They threw 7 Now that foreclosure sale took place, you got a 8 me out because I was on the board and according to them 8 notice of default and election to -- you got all the 9 not doing everything I could for the surgery center. 9 foreclosure documents; right, on that before they did the 10 Q. Okay. 10 foreclosure? A. Yes. We've been in negotiations with Bank of 11 A. So that's one, two, moved across the street to 11 the one behind Desert Springs and opened up the one on 12 America and later with them as to amending the 12 13 the west side of town. That's it. agreement, made one amendment with a gun held to my Q. That's it, okay. So that's five. head, essentially. And at that point when my health 14 14 15 And this one that was owned by Desert SPRINGS 15 further deteriorated, I gave up. that was sort of a hostile take over? Q. Was that Gordon who negotiated? 16 16 17 A. It wasn't hostile. 17 A. Which? 18 Q. You kept making offers and at some point they let 18 Q. The amendment involving the foreclosure? 19 you into the business? 19 A. No. I pretty much had no choice. They were A. The hospital didn't want to do it. There's a either going to foreclose on me, or I agreed to what 20 20 21 management company that owns the real estate for the 21 they said. I had no choice whatsoever. 2.2 hospital, and they wanted to do it. The hospital wasn't 22 Q. Did they tell you --23 too happy about it, but their parent corporation was or Do you know what the deficiency is or how much 23 you still owe them? sister corporation. I don't know which. 2.4 24 25 Q. So when you referenced private stuff, it was the 25 A. No. My best guess is that they were asking about Page 41 Page 39 shares from these five ASCs -a quarter million more than it was worth. 1 1 2 A. Five or six. Q. Did you know what the total amount that was owed 3 Q. Five or six, and then it was Tammy's share of -because there weren't payments made for a year, did you 3 4 A. She had one share of the original. 4 know what --5 Q. -- solutions. 5 A. No, I don't know. But the original place cost me 6 A. Opening it because -- yeah, Solutions -- she 6 originally over 1.2 million. The loan was, like, 700 7 didn't own in Solutions, actually. She owned the 7 and something thousand. And it was the best of the original share in -- when we initially opened the first best, and I couldn't figure out -- talking to real 8 8 9 one in Las Vegas. 9 estate professionals it was worth maybe 550 at most. 10 Q. Okay. Okay. What was that original one? 10 Q. The place, the actual property? 11 A. At the Kindred Hospital. 11 A. Right. 12 Q. What was the name of that entity? 12 Q. So they were under water about 200,000, give or A. I don't remember. Sorry. I'm on meds. The 13 13 take? 14 names kind of go. 14 A. Bank of America was. I think that the new place 15 Q. That's fine. 15 probably they're not under water. They probably bought 16 Now, this private Epiphany Surgical Centers, did it cheap is my guess. 16 17 Wilcox do the books for this private entity? 17 Q. Got it. 18 A. Yes. 18 Now, your private Epiphany entity that you 19 Q. And he did the tax returns? 19 keep -- where you kept the shares, is that still 20 A. Yes. 20 operating? 21 Q. And what's the address or the --21 A. No. 22 Does this private epiphany entity have a physical 22 Q. You closed that as well? 23 address? 23 A. There's no reason to keep it open. If it's open,

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- 1 Q. Considering all the shares that you did have, you 2 no longer have those shares and the ASCs in there, so
- 3 you really don't have anything in that private entity
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- 5 A. No.
- 6 Q. Besides your shares, did it have any other assets 7 in there?
- 8 A. No.
- 9 O. Okay.
- 10 A. It had Bill's shares. I already discussed that.
- 11 Q. Right.
- 12 A. And in Kingman for a while.
- 13 O. Did it have a bank account?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. Okay.
  - A. Kept everything separate.
- 17 Q. Is that bank account still operating or you don't
- 18 know?

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- 19 A. I don't believe that that one is open although I 20 was told that I had to close a couple, but I think that 21 was on the list. No, it's closed.
- 22 Q. And when that was closed, where was the money 23 transferred to?
- 2.4 A. At that point there really wasn't any significant 25 amount of money in it.

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- 1 A. No, we bought him out of the original -- okay, the original Kindred Surgery Center occurred because I 2
- 3 was asked by Kindred Hospital to be their medical
- director and move my practice into their building, which
- 5 I did, though I didn't become -- I was their medical
- 6 director for a while. They wanted to reopen their two
- 7 operating rooms. I told them there was no way that even
- 8 I could keep two operating rooms open in Las Vegas; that
- 9 what they should do is blow out a wall, make an entryway
- 10 and make it into a surgery center and get a bunch of
- other doctors in there. 11

Kindred originally was going to keep, like, 17 percent something like that. Then at the last minute, their attorneys because they were in trouble with other things, the government said, no, you better not go in with the doctors on anything. It might look like an illegal inducement, which it wasn't. According to my attorneys, there was no way it would be.

So they decided just to be the lessors. It was a big mistake on their part because it made a lot of money. Then they got plaza and moved over there.

- Q. That's when you started Regent?
- 23 A. That's when we bought out -- actually, we bought out Regent before we moved. Regent was trying to get the office space over there even before I was, in the

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- Q. You would have just --
- It would have come to you?
- A. Epiphany Surgery Centers?
- 4 O. Yes.
- 5 A. Yeah, I was the sole owner of Epiphany Surgery
- 6 Centers except for the 1 percent that I pretty much gave
- 7 Tammy. There was no money left.
- 8 Q. Did you pay her some percentage every year
- 9 because she owned the 1 percent?
- A. Correct. And it varied as to 1 percent because 10
- 11 it would vary depending on how many shares there was.
- 12 Q. When was the last year that you took money out of 13 the private Epiphany entity?
- 14 A. Many years ago. Don't know how many.
- 15 Q. So it hasn't been active for years?
- 16 A. Yeah, it hasn't been active for years.
- 17 Q. Now, asking about Regent. You testified that
- 18 Regent still existed, and the CEO is Tom something. But
- 19 did you ever discuss what happened with Epiphany with
- 20 Tom?

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- 21 A. No.
- 22 Q. Why not?
  - A. What for?
- 24 Q. Was it different businesses, so he wouldn't
- 25 have --

surgery center space at plaza surgery center, which is behind Desert Springs.

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Q. So you bought that property from Kindred?

4 A. No. We didn't buy the property. We bought

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- Q. The practice?
- A. The business of doing the management from -- and their percentage of ownership in from Regent as a group.
- 9 Q. Got it. Got it. Got it. 10

### So Regent is Kindred?

- A. No. Okay. Regent was one of three surgery center management companies that were brought in by the person that asked me to come and look at the building. Turned out I was last of many pain doctors they asked to do this. None of whom had the idea of doing the surgery center.
  - O. Okay.
- 18 A. It turns out that the person they hired who found me had made another agreement with Tom Allen, which none 19
- 20 of us knew about, to make him the vice president of
- 21 Regent. So he recommended it, and we took his
- 22 recommendation since he was the person whom Kindred had
- 23 hired to make a determination of what to do with the
- 24 building and who to do it with. That Regent be brought
- in. This made many people very unhappy when they found 25

Page 46 Page 48 out about it. 1 Q. Okay. Okay. Now after the mess, did you go and 2 Q. And this person was? 2 talk to Tom and Regent and see if it had happened there 3 A. I don't remember his name right now. 3 with him? 4 Q. So you bought out Regent for practice? 4 A. I received so many emails praising him to the 5 A. No. It was we that -- doctors that were there 5 skies from Regent that I didn't think that it would do 6 that bought out Regent in mass including the contract. 6 any good. 7 Q. And when you say we, you mean Epiphany Surgical 7 Q. So the forensic accountant did he go to Regent 8 Solutions? 8 and see if anything had happened back there with Barnes? 9 A. No. We I mean the doctors involved at the 9 A. Not that I'm aware of. The FBI basically told us 10 surgery center. They had to vote for it. I forget 10 to stay out of it until they finished their whether it's two-thirds or something like that, and then 11 11 investigation. 12 negotiate with Regent to get bought out. 12 Q. And they haven't told you that investigation is 13 Q. So we're talking the same doctors involved with 13 finished? the surgery center on the west side? 14 A. Correct. I tried calling them twice. 14 15 A. Right. On the east side, actually. And some of 15 Q. Recently? which we went on to the west side. A. I think the last time was a year or more ago. I 16 16 17 Q. Got it. 17 take it back. Probably less than a year ago. A little 18 So the group of doctors who got together and 18 over a year ago I talked to Agent Burris who told me bought out Regent, that was one group and then some of that these things take a long time. 19 19 those doctors were involved in the east side practice --20 20 Q. Okay. 21 A. Most. 21 A. But they were actively working the case. 22 Q. Most of those doctors were involved in the east 22 Q. Did they affirmatively tell you don't file a 23 side practice, and then some of those doctors were 23 civil action or don't investigate what happened? involved in the west side practice as well? A. Well, she was actually on the case. She didn't 24 24 25 A. Well, we actually merged the two so they ended up say anything about it afterwards. I called her, and she -- you know, they were running one institution for all had been promoted and was in New Orleans or in the 1 1 intents and purposes. It made it too difficult Midwest or somewhere. Then she told me try to get Bank 3 otherwise because who would do their cases or where? 3 of America peacefully to resolve it, and if not, 4 Q. That makes sense. That makes sense. Okay. 4 probably should wait to see what evidence we get before 5 And Barnes worked at Regent? you proceed with anything. That's been a long time ago 5 6 A. Correct. Barnes was originally hired by Regent. 6 now. 7 Q. Before he came over with the group? 7 Q. Are there any other business entities in which A. Right. you or Mary have any interest direct or indirect that 8 8 9 Q. Got it. Got it. 9 isn't in your disclosure statement? A. Everything is in disclosure statement. It was 10 A. He was not my choice. 10 11 Q. It was the surgeons involved with the --11 Shadow Mountain, which is -- I'm pretty sure I covered 12 A. Correct. 12 it. We were set up in order to attempt to take over Q. -- the east side and the west side, they voted? Shadow Mountain Surgery Center. That failed. And then 13 13 14 A. They voted to keep Barnes. 14 since it failed, nobody had any money in it but me, I 15 Q. Did you vote against? 15 used it as a holding company for my electronic health 16 records since it was my belief that they wouldn't work, A. No. 16 17 Q. You just abstained? 17 and they haven't pretty much across the country. 18 A. I didn't abstain. I basically had no choice in 18 So I think it still has maybe \$100 in the the matter. It was kind of the deal, was one package to account. It's one of the ones I was told to go close. 19 19

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Q. Got it.

And I forget what the other one was I was told to go

Q. So everything is in your disclosure statement?

One last question on Regent before we go to

close. But essentially everything is defunct.

A. Everything that I can remember, yeah.

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go for it or not.

A. Correct.

choice?

Q. So he came with the package?

A. Yeah, basically not, no.

Q. And so you voted for it because you had no

Page 50 Page 52 1 assets. BY MR. IOBAL: 2 Q. Where is your motor home currently? When you acquired Regent or when the surgeons 2 A. It's over at the Oasis RV Resort. 3 acquired Regent --3 4 A. We didn't acquire Regent. 4 Q. Which state is it registered in? 5 Q. Bought out Regent? 5 A. Nevada. 6 A. Just the portion of Regent that owned the 6 Q. And it's in driving condition and you go back and forth between California and Nevada? 7 management contract and their shares of the one surgery 7 8 8 A. No. It's sitting at the Oasis. It's not in 9 Q. Okay. Did the surgeons then get possession of 9 drivable condition. The wheels and tire -- not wheels, 10 the financial records associated with that portion of 10 but the tires need to be replaced, and the thing hasn't had anything done to it in quite a while. So just 11 11 12 A. Yeah, they did. 12 little things need fixing. 13 Q. And those records you don't have them? 13 Q. The tires and what do you mean little things? 14 14 A. The tires. I've replaced some of the batteries 15 Q. Dr. Belsky's accountant would have them since the 15 because I had to, but I haven't replaced the other accountant was doing the taxes for the surgery center? batteries. They're quite expensive. And then there are 16 16 leaks in the toilet. There's a leak in the ice maker. 17 A. The more recent stuff, but Barnes walked off with 17 18 almost everything, the computers. 18 There's little things that need to be fixed. 19 Q. Okay. He took all the financial records? 19 Q. Do you have a range or an understanding of how A. All the financial records for Epiphany and for much it would cost to fix it? 20 20 21 the surgery center. 21 A. No, I don't. 22 Q. How were the surgeons --22 Q. Have you had someone look at it and give you an How were you able to do your taxes without any of 23 23 estimate? that financial information? 24 A. No. 24 25 A. You're going to have to ask --25 Q. So some undetermined amount of work will get it Page 51 1 Q. Wilcox? back to running shape, but you don't know how much work 1 2 A. Well, actually Wilcox, it's easy enough to do or how much that would cost; correct? ours because we didn't get anything. So it was a loss. 3 A. Correct. But we had, I believe, somebody come 4 He actually put money in there and took it out 4 over and make an assessment of it last year. So they 5 had an assessor come and assess the value. illegally. 5 6 Q. Got it. Got it. 6 Q. Right. 7 And so Dr. Belsky's accountant is going to have 7 But not how much it would take to get it started to explain how they did taxes without any financial 8 8 again? information? 9 9 A. Right. And things continue to deteriorate. So 10 A. I'd like to know because he had a couple meetings 10 it will cost more than it would have then, yes. 11 with me and never mentioned any impropriety. 11 Q. Got it. Q. So your motor home where -- and if you want to You just don't have an estimate right now? 12 12 13 13 take a break, I know --A. No. 14 MR. CROWE: Let's keep going. Can we keep 14 Q. When was the last time it was driven? A. When it was moved to the Oasis. About the time 15 going, Doctor? 15 16 THE WITNESS: Let's keep going. 16 that bankruptcy started, I think. Q. In your statement of financial affairs, you list 17 MR. CROWE: We're reviewing everything we 17 18 did last time anyway. I don't know. 18 that as your primary residence. 19 You're living there? 19 Are you ready to move on at all. 20 MR. IQBAL: Yeah, yeah. I'm ready --20 A. Correct. I'm living there. 21 talking about the motor home and the different assets 21 Q. And that's your full-time residence? A. No. It's more than half, less than full-time. that I didn't ask about last time. 22 22 MR. CROWE: I'm hearing exactly what I heard 23 23 Q. Okay. 24 last time to be honest. 24 A. I have my mail delivered there. 25 25 Q. Your mail is delivered there? MR. IQBAL: Okay.

Page 54 Page 56 A. Some of it. My personal, yeah. 1 A. Storing still a few things at Lake Las Vegas, but 2 Q. Where else is your mail delivered? 2 very little. Q. When was the last time you spent a night in the 3 A. Some of it is delivered to the house at 1531 3 4 Mandalay Beach. Some of it that was going to the office 4 Lake Las Vegas residence? 5 is now going to a P.O. box. 5 A. A few weeks ago we spent a night there. We were 6 Q. Where is the P.O. box? Somewhere in Vegas? 6 there for most of the night but not the entire night, 7 A. Yeah, it's somewhere within a couple of blocks. 7 trying to move stuff. 8 Q. And your wife goes and collects the mail from 8 Q. So just to get your living situation really 9 there? 9 clear, so I don't have to ask a million questions about 10 A. Correct. 10 it, you spend most of your time at the RV at Oasis, but Q. Got it, okay. you also spend some time in the Oxnard beach house? 11 11 12 Now, how much do you pay for the -- the rent or 12 A. Correct. 13 the connections at the Oasis for the RV? 13 Q. And you spend some time in the Lake Las Vegas A. Right around 875. 14 14 house? Q. Per month? 15 15 A. Not really since the summer because the air conditioners went out. So it became uninhabitable 16 A. Yeah. 16 17 Q. And is that in the disclosure statement? 17 during the summer. 18 A. I have no idea if it is or not. 18 Q. I think we all understand that. 19 Q. So when we talk about 875, that includes the 19 A. Yeah. 20 utility hook-ups, that includes the rent for the pad and 20 Q. You didn't get the air conditioners fixed? 21 all that? 21 A. Too expensive. 2.2 A. Yeah, the utilities vary. That's close. 22 Q. Did you get a quote? 23 23 A. The last people that fixed it gave me quotes, but Q. Got it. 24 So you'd say that's the cost to maintain your 24 that was quite a while ago. I'm not up to date. The 25 more than half, less than 100 percent residence is 875, bigger ones are close to 10,000, and the smaller ones ar Page 55 Page 57 900 a month, something like that? 1 1 6 or 7,000. A. Yes. Now in the summer it's in the 900s. Q. So we're talking over 20,000 to fix the air 2 Q. And we're talking all in, just the expenses 3 conditioners? 3 4 monthly because it's an RV, it's not going to be too 4 A. Yeah, that's my best guess. 5 5 Q. When did you --When did you acquire the motor home? 6 A. Yeah, I had to spend, I think, \$1,000, something 6 7 7 A. Do we have the motor home disclosure somewhere like that, on replacing some of the batteries. because I don't remember? 8 Q. Got it. Okay. 8 9 9 And you testified just now that you haven't had MR. CROWE: It's in the schedule somewhere. 10 any maintenance done on it in some time? 10 THE WITNESS: More than ten years ago. 11 A. Other than the batteries and some work on -- what 11 Maybe 2003 maybe. Yeah, I think it was 2003. 12 do you call it -- the urine --12 MR. IQBAL: That's more than enough in terms Q. The bathroom facilities. We'll just call it 13 13 of my question. No need to be exact there. 14 that. 14 BY MR. IOBAL: 15 A. Right. 15 Q. Do you have the maintenance and service records 16 Q. Air conditioner still works? for the motor home, or are they in the motor home? 16 17 A. Yes, the air conditioner, thank God, still works. 17 A. We haven't really been keeping them that long. 18 Q. Now, you testified that it is more than 50 18 Q. Okay. percent your residence but less than 100 percent. 19 A. The motor home was used exclusively for business, 19 20 Where else do you reside? 20 and it's technically in the name of one of my partners 21 A. I go over and see my children a lot in that was my employee/partner for a few months and got 22 California. 22 indicted by the Feds, went to jail because he didn't

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them and charge the federal government.

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Q. Where do you stay when you're in California?

Q. And do you use the property in Lake Las Vegas?

A. At Mandalay Beach usually.

Page 58 Page 60 1 Q. So that was a partner? business. I'm not sure when I officially became a 2 A. Yeah, well, he would have become a partner had he 2 pilot. But I since gained my IFR rating and went up 3 stayed, but I bought him out of his contract because he 3 from a regular prop airplane to a turbo prop airplane was doing things -- and we were not in agreement how because I was using it so much for business, and it's patients were to be treated, and he thought I was 5 safer. 6 running up the expenses too high by doing urine tests on 6 Q. So you --7 them to make sure they were taking the drugs and doing 7 At some point after '97, you got your pilot's 8 blood pressures and slowing down things and apparently 8 license, and you were using the Piper? 9 not having sex with patients. So he's been spent a few 9 A. The Saratoga. 10 years in federal penitentiary. 10 Q. The Saratoga? Q. So he --11 11 A. Correct. 12 Both of you purchased the RV for business 10 12 Q. Is Ms. Tadlock a pilot? 13 years ago or 15, however long ago it was? 13 A. No, but she's had the short course for, you know, A. 2003. Yeah, his name was on it, but he 14 making an emergency landing. 14 15 relinquished it. He didn't want to pay for it anymore 15 Q. Does it need a copilot or is it just the one 16 16 person? 17 Q. How were you using it for business? You were 17 A. No, it's not big enough. It's a weight thing. I 18 using it to go to different locations, or you actually 18 think over 13,500 pounds or 12, 5000 pounds. Then you 19 had patients in the motor home? have to -- it's a determination made by the FAA whether 19 20 A. Oh, No, we didn't have patients in the motor 20 it's single pilot or two pilot. 21 home. We used it instead of having to pay for hotel 21 Q. Are there two --2.2 rooms in Kingman mostly. Once in awhile we would drive 22 A. Two seats in the front. 23 it somewhere else, but rarely. Too expensive to move 23 Q. Would she join you when you went for business it. Much more pleasant than a hotel. 24 2.4 trips? 25 Q. So then up until about a year ago, it was being 25 A. Frequently, yes. Page 61 used to move about, and then you just put it at Oasis, Q. So you use the Saratoga, which is in your 1 and basically it's not drivable right now, it's just disclosure statements, you use that to go between what? 2 3 sitting at Oasis? 3 Vegas and Kingman? 4 A. I wouldn't go as far to say it's not drivable. I 4 A. Kingman. 5 don't want to drive it too far. It needs tires, and I'd 5 Q. And Vegas and Oxnard or just Vegas and Kingman? 6 be afraid the batteries might die on me, things like A. Vegas and Kingman, Vegas and Laughlin, Vegas and 6 7 7 that. Ely and sometimes a round trip all the way around going 8 back and forth. So it needs some work on it before I go very far. 8 9 Q. Understood, understood. 9 Q. Got it. Got it. Okay. Okay. 10 When was the last drive you took in it? 10 Did you --11 A. When we moved it to Oasis. I actually had 11 What kind of ratings do you hold now? What can 12 somebody drive it for me, the person who came over to 12 you fly right now? 13 repair the batteries, because I didn't feel up to being 13 A. Nothing. I'm on too many medications. 14 able to drive it. 14 Q. Right. 15 Q. Class C; right? It's the big one. I'm sorry 15 So as far as the FAA is concerned, do you have 16 class A is the big one. 16 your pilot's license and certification? 17 A. It's a class A, diesel pusher. 17 A. No. I haven't passed a physical in years. 18 Q. So let's talk about the airplane. 18 Q. Got it. Okay. 19 19 So is it --Are you a pilot? 20 A. I was. 20 I guess that makes sense. You have to pass 21 Q. You were. 21 routine physicals to maintain your pilot's license? 22 What years were you a pilot? 22 A. Correct.

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A. I took my first lesson in '96 or '97 opinion; is

that right? Yeah, '96 or 97. It took a couple years to

get my pilot's license because I was doing it mostly for

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Q. And when was the last time you were a pilot?

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A. Several years.

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pilot some of the time with another safety pilot to not 2 being a pilot at all as I got worse.

- 3 Q. So you haven't actually flown the Saratoga in 4 awhile?
- 5 A. Oh, No. The Saratoga was sold back in 2005 or 6 2006.
- 7 Q. Okay.

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- 8 A. And I acquired the --
  - Q. The Piper?
- 10 A. Piper turbo prop.
- 11 Q. Right.

12 So I'm talking about the Piper because that's the 13 one that's in this BK. The Piper --

When was the last time you flew the Piper?

- A. A couple years. It's been on the ground so...
  - Q. Did you have your license last year in 2015?
- 17 A. No. Nor in 2014.
- 18 Q. Got it.

So you didn't renew it, or you didn't pass the --

- A. With the amount of medications I'm on, the FAA would not let me fly. It would be the equivalent of flying drunk. So there's no way I would fly by myself.
- Q. Okay. According to the third amended disclosure statement on page 20, you had income from leasing the plane in 2014?

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A. Yeah, I leased the -- okay. Icarus is the holding company for the airplane, for the previous 3 airplane, and I was paying Icarus I think it was 7 or 4 8,000 for the Saratoga, I think 10,000, and went up to 12,000 something like that for the jet prop. But I'm 5

not paying anything now because I don't have it. It's 6 7 taken apart and sitting in Washington State.

On one of the annuals, the engineers at Salt Lake over-temp'd it three times. I could prove it because there's a little card that -- there's a machine that keeps tabs of the location and the temperatures and a little card that takes record. I have two cards, so I could pull one out, put the other one in and continually run it, because I was at basically almost 100 percent business. The IRS audited me, and they gave me money back, a lot back, 5 or 6,000. So they agreed that it was used almost entirely for business, and it was.

So when I got over-temp'd, we only flew it that year for 50 hours. My normal is 250 hours when I could do it, but I couldn't do it. And paying a pilot added to my stress on the aircraft. At about 50 hours he landed, which was good, because according to Pratt & Whitney, after you over-temp that engine, you're going to have an engine failure sometime between zero hours and 50 and crash landing if you're lucky.

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1 Q. Jeez. So there was a lot there. I want to break 2 that down a little bit.

3 So when you say you leased it or you paid Icarus, 4 by you, you mean the LTD?

- 5 A. Yeah. Charles H. Tadlock, M.D., LTD is where my 6 attorneys and accountants recommend I hold it.
- 7 Q. And paid Icarus to lease the plane?
- 8 A. For business purposes.
  - Q. And up through 2014.
- 10 A. I don't know if it's 2014. It might be 2013,
- 2014, somewhere in there. 11
- 12 Q. The disclosure statement says there was income 13 from leasing in 2014.
  - A. Okay.
- 15 Q. And around that time a few years ago, you stopped actually flying it, and you hired a pilot? 16
- 17 A. Yeah. One of my former instructors for the most 18 part, yeah.
  - Q. Then the LTD was paying the pilot or was it Icarus that was paying the pilot?
- 21 A. Don't know. Don't remember. I think it was 2.2 going through -- I think paying the pilot ended up going through Tammy simply because it was easier for the pilot 23 24 to do it.
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A. Charged off -- charged off somehow or another to Icarus or about taxes or something. I don't know. You

- 4 have to look at the taxes to figure that one out.
- Q. Okay. And when did you get the Piper? 5
- A. I said already. 2006 roughly. 6 7
  - Q. Okay. What was the purchase price?
  - A. I think they were asking 690, and I got 10,000 off for letting them have the radar. So somewhere around 680.
  - Q. Did you individually purchase it, or did the LTD purchase it?
- A. I don't remember who purchased it. Icarus, I 13 think, purchased it.

15 You know, you have all this stuff in -- my memory isn't that good. So you have all the stuff in the 16 17 disclosures as to who bought what when.

- 18 Q. Okay. And the plane in 2015, last year, was not 19 operable?
  - A. No.
- 21 Q. Because you said the engineers in Salt Lake they 22 screwed it up?

23 A. They over-temp'd it, and they paid for having it 24 flown over to Arizona, somewhere Phoenix I think, and 25 taken completely apart and x-rayed and all this over

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- stuff and all the parts replaced back in and shipped the
- 2 engine back. But I have not had the money to pay for
- 3 the engine repairs and the other stuff. So I got an
- annual, if I was able to use the plane because I
- couldn't fly it. And now it's out of annual again. So
- 6 it needs another annual for another 35,000.

### Q. So when you say annual, you mean annual inspection?

- A. Annual inspection. You can't fly an airplane unless it's at the minimum looked at once a year,
- depending on what part of the FAA and FARs you're flying 11 12 under.
  - Q. And an annual inspection costs 35,000?
    - A. Uh-huh, pretty much for a turbo prop.
    - Q. And how much would it cost to fix the plane?
- A. Unanswerable question. To make a determination 16
- 17 of what you want fixed on it and what level of fixing 18 you want. I owe them, I think, about 35,000, and I
- 19 think it would be about another 35 to get it through an
- 20 annual, possibly more because I know last time -- well,
- 21 they thought that they should have overhauled the prop.
- 2.2 That's 11,000 by itself.

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#### Q. Overhaul the propeller?

- 24 A. The propeller, and then the side windows -- I
- 25 already replaced the front windows, but I haven't
  - Page 67 replaced the side windows. That's another actually
- unknowable amount because they don't make them anymore.
- 3 So you have to find them and replace them.
- 4 Q. So you don't have an actual --
  - You didn't get a specific estimate of how much it would cost to make the plane operable?
- 7 A. No, I haven't.
- 8 Q. And your best guess is somewhere in the range of 9 70,000?
- 10 A. No, I'm not --
- 11 MR. CROWE: If you look at the Schedule C,
- 12 he owed 35,000 for last year's work when he filed.
- 13 MR. IQBAL: Okay.
- 14 MR. CROWE: So he's talking about another
- 15 35,000 for this year basically.
- THE WITNESS: Yeah, every calendar year you 16
- 17 have to do it.
- 18 MR. IQBAL: Right.
- 19 BY MR. IQBAL:

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- Q. And that's the annual inspection. I'm just trying to find out how much money it would take to make
- 22 the plane operable to the point where it could, say, be
- leased out or it could provide value. That's the 23
- 24 question I'm asking.
  - A. Leased out, I don't think you could get it leased

- out for a number of reasons. To get it operable a minimum of 35, 40,000.
- 3 Q. Now, you said just now that you don't think it 4 could be leased out for a number of reasons.

#### What are those reasons?

- 6 A. Well, there are very few people who are rated in 7 that plane. Generally they buy them. They don't lease
- 8 them. They may lease them to run their corporation, but
- 9 mainly these people, you know, they have their
- 10 corporation buy it for the deduction and that. And
- there just aren't that many people who are rated on that 11 12 airplane.
  - Q. So 35 to 40K to make it operable, best guess?
  - A. Yeah, at a minimum. Most buyers would want more done to it than that.
- Q. And you haven't gotten a -- you know, had a 16 17 mechanic give you an exact detailed sheet of what needs 18 to be fixed?
  - A. They can't until they pull it apart.
- Q. And that would take 35,000 for the annual 20 inspection? 21
- 22 A. My guess is it's going to cost more than 35,000,
- 23 but, yeah, about what it cost last time. And there's
- 24 even more things that need to be fixed this time that
- 25 they said should have been fixed last time but were
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- going to give pass on because they couldn't find the parts.
- 3 Q. Got it. Okay. All right.
- 4 So you didn't make any use of the airplane, the 5
  - Piper, in 2015?
  - A. No.
    - Q. Okay. All right.

### What are your plans with the Piper?

- 9 A. I haven't made any since everything is in such a
- state of transition. 10 11 Q. And right now you don't want to make the payments
- because you said in the disclosure statement, quote, 12
- "required repairs have not been paid for." You made 13
- 14 that decisions not to make the repairs at this time;
- correct? 15
  - A. Correct.
    - O. And the reason for that?
- 18 A. One, the practice was going downhill, my health
- was going downhill and the insurance company that should 19
- 20 have been covering the costs associated with my having
- the plane down, which was a lot because I lost a day
- 22 going up or a day coming back, have not paid me a cent. 23 Q. Did someone have to tell you that it wasn't
- 24 operable, or you just knew in your own experience that 25 it's not able to fly right now?

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- A. I just told you that under FAA regulations I
- 2 forget which FAR it is, I think it's flying under FAR 90
- 3 now. You have to have an annual inspection every year;
- therefore, you cannot fly the airplane right now unless
- you get a special dispensation from the gods at the FAA
- 6 to move it from there to another place to have it looked
- at, torn apart, fixed, and they give you a statement
- 8 that the plane is in flyable condition.
- 9 Q. And where is it now?
- 10 A. In Washington State.
- 11 Q. Are you paying hanger fees to have it stored up 12
  - there?
- 13 A. I'm paying the insurance as per the judge's
- 14 instructions to me.
- 15 Q. So you're paying the insurance on the plane still? 16
- 17 A. Correct.

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- 18 Q. And are you paying hanger fees in Washington?
  - A. They haven't sent me a bill for hanger fees.
- 20 Q. And when was it transported to Washington?
- 21 A. August or September a couple years ago.
- 22 Q. In 2014?
- 23 A. Probably, yeah.
- Q. Because that's the last year that there was 24
- 25 leasing income from --

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- A. Probably would have been September. Either 1
- 2 August or September.
  - Q. They haven't --
- 4 A. Sometime in September that they over-temp'd it
- 5 three times.
- Q. So they haven't sent you a bill for the hanger 6
- 7 for over a year and a half?
- 8 A. No. They know what my condition is.
- 9 Q. Will they send you a bill later? 10
  - A. I assume I'm going to get a bill for a lot at
- 11 some point.
- Q. Typically how much does it cost? 12
  - A. I already told you.
- 14 Q. No, no. Hanger? How much does it cost to keep a 15 plane at --
- A. I doubt that they're hangaring it. It's probably 16
- 17 outside. Last time I heard they didn't put the prop on.
- So a little place like that in the middle of nowhere, 18
- \$50 a month, \$100 a month. 19
- 20 Q. All right. Now in 2014 when it was leased to the
- 21 LTD, was there a formal lease or it was just -- was
- 22 there a written lease?
  - A. Yeah, it was a written lease.
- 24 Q. Okay. You signed for both parties? You signed
- 25 for Icarus --

- A. I don't remember.
- Q. But you ultimately control the LTD and Icarus; 2
- 3 right?
- 4 A. Well, Icarus is actually owned by -- you're going
- 5 to have to discuss that with my attorneys. Icarus is
- actually owned by my family trust. So theoretically, I 6
- 7 quess, Kent Greene has the final judgment on it.
- 8 Q. Was it leased at the standard rates that anybody 9
  - would lease a turbo prop?
- 10 A. Yeah.
  - Q. Like, it was just standard across the board?
- 12 A. I guess airplanes, you know, keep up with the
- 13 King Air, half the price.
- Q. Okay. 14
  - A. It would be hard to find anything that would more effectively or cheaply transport you.
- 17 Q. So hypothetically, if the repairs are done and 18 someone pays the annual inspection fee, it would be 19 operable?
- 20 A. Right. If they pay the arrears and have it 21
  - fixed, it would be operable.
- 22 Q. Besides the LTD which leased the plane in 2014,
- 23 did any other businesses lease it?
  - A. No.
- 25 Q. It's just been your own internal businesses?

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- A. Correct.
- 2 Q. Did you make use of the plane for any personal 3
  - trips in 2014?
- 4 A. No. I'm not absolutely certain that I might not
- 5 have stopped somewhere, but I don't think I made any
- personal trips anywhere at all actually. I think under 6
- 7 the IRS regs everything that I did on it was deductible.
  - Q. As a business trip?
- A. Right. You have to go out and practice every 9
  - once in awhile too. So I had so few hours on it.
- 11 Anything that was on it above business would have been
- 12
- practice because you have to stay current. 13
  - O. Got it.
  - The third amended disclosure statement on page 21 says the hanger that houses the plane was, quote,
- "disposed of in 2014"? You sold a hanger here? 16 17 A. I don't know what year it was, but, yeah, I sold
- 18 the hanger when I was unable to work.
- 19 Q. Okay. Okay.
  - A. So I had three emergency back surgeries, one a
  - year before and two within three months of each other.
    - Q. And you made that decision to sell the hanger?
- 23 A. Yeah, because I had no -- you know, no income. I
- 24 was lucky to be able to sell it. It's a bad market for
- hangers for airplanes.

Page 74 Page 76 1 Q. Who did you sell it to? way they would do it is if I went out and rented the 2 A. Nice people that live up in Oregon or Washington. airplane myself and paid for it, and then they would 3 I don't remember their names. That's all in the 3 have supposedly pay me back. The supposedly is the bad disclosures. part because to rent one and not get paid, there's no 5 Q. But it says that it was disposed of, but I don't 5 way I could afford that at that time. 6 know if the buyers are listed. So just curious on that. 6 Q. When you say they, you're talking about the 7 So you've listed two creditors as having an interest in 7 insurance company? the plane, Jet Prop, LLC, and Citizens Bank. 8 8 A. Insurance company. 9 What is Jet Prop, LLC? 9 Q. And that's separate from the engineers that 10 A. That's the place where they did the most recent 10 screwed it in up in Salt Lake by over-tempting it? MR. CROWE: No, that's their insurance 11 annual. 11 12 Q. And that's when you mentioned previously that you 12 company. 13 still owe them for --13 THE WITNESS: That's their insurance A. Correct. 14 14 company. 15 Q. You owe them for the annual that they did? 15 MR. IQBAL: Got it. That makes sense. A. Yeah, my part of the annual. I think the 16 16 Thank you. 17 insurance company has already paid 120,000 or something 17 BY MR. IQBAL: 18 for the damage that they did, but they haven't 18 Q. So you sent letters, but haven't filed suit or 19 reimbursed me at all for the damage that they did to me 19 anything? 20 or my practice. 20 A. Sent letters, I had accountants and my staff draw 21 Q. Who's they? 21 up every hour that I lost, every day that I lost, the 22 A. The insurance company for the Salt Lake. amount of income I would have generated. The 23 Q. And when did they damage it? They damaged it in 23 accountants verified the amount of money I would have 24 2014? generated, and I have heard nothing back from them for 24 25 A. When they over-temp'd it. I think it was 2014, months. So I don't think they'll do anything unless Page 77 Page 75 legal action is taken at this point. 1 yeah. 1 2 Q. And so you have a claim against them? Q. And right now you're not going to take legal? 3 A. Yeah, I've been attempting to pursue it nicely by 3 A. No. I'm paying enough attorneys enough money as 4 sending them letters. 4 it is. 5 Q. And recently you've sent them letters as well? 5 Q. Who is Peter Terrault, T-E-R-A-U-L-T? A. I haven't sent them anything recently. It's been 6 6 A. No idea. 7 7 Q. He's listed of Ely, listed as the manager of Jet months. Q. This claim what's -- they damaged the plane. How 8 8 Prop, LLC? 9 9 much do you think they owe you? A. In Ely or in Spokane? 10 A. They damaged the plane, but they, quote, "fixed 10 Q. He's listed of Ely, listed as the manager of Jet the engine," and they admit that they owe me something 11 11 Prop, LLC? 12 for my time, but apparently, I've sent them the bill, 12 A. Really. I didn't know he was from Ely. Then it must be him. I don't know. 13 I've had my accountant check and recheck the bill, and 13 14 sent it to them and Gordon is aware of it, but I haven't 14 Q. He's the individual associated with Jet Prop, not their insurance? 15 had enough money to be wasting it on attorneys on a 15 small possibility that I'm going to get anywhere near 16 A. Not the person that I was dealing with. The 16 person I dealt with died last year when he was taking a 17 what it cost me back. 17 18 Q. How much do you think they owe you? 18 jet prop up. They lost control and crashed and he died. 19 A. Over \$100,000. Q. The name of this individual deceased? 19 20 Q. And is this claim listed in your schedules? 20 A. Give me a sec.

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MR. CROWE: I'm just objecting to the

THE WITNESS: But the person who died?

MR. IQBAL: I'm just asking about the plane.

relevance. I have no clue what this is about.

It's a significant asset.

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A. I have no idea if it is or not because I'm

probably never going to get paid it honestly. They're

going to argue it. That's -- they would argue it any

supposed to get me an airplane equivalent, but the only

way, which is why -- under the policy, they were

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                MR. CROWE: The manager of Jet Prop, LLC, I
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                                                                                THE WITNESS: Okay. Let me take a look.
    don't understand what that has --
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                                                                                Okay. So an agreement that plane insurance
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                MR. IQBAL: They may owe the estate
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                                                                    is $2,281. October, December, 2015. Yeah, that sounds
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    $100,000.
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                                                                    about right.
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                THE WITNESS: No.
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                                                                    BY MR. IQBAL:
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                MR. CROWE: Jet Prop, LLC, is where the
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                                                                       Q. So every three months it's a check for 2200?
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    plane is now. They did the annual after it was
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                                                                       A. No. It's about $64,000 a year in flight, and not
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    supposedly repaired; right?
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                                                                    in flight it's about 2281.
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                THE WITNESS: Correct. They did the annual
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                                                                       Q. So yearly you're paying -- because it's grounded
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    after Salt Lake City did the over-temping. I've said
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                                                                    you're paying 2281 yearly?
    that multiple times.
                                                                       A. Yeah, something like that or 3,000. I'm not sure
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    BY MR. IOBAL:
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                                                                    of the exact amount. It's less because it's grounded.
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       Q. And the name of the insurance company?
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                                                                       Q. I get that.
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       A. Oh, I don't remember that.
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                                                                           The money is paid to your insurance company
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       Q. Okay. All right.
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                                                                    that's covering the plane?
           So Exhibit Z to the third amended disclosure
                                                                       A. Correct.
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    statement lists plane expense 6630 and then plane
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                                                                       Q. And so they, obviously, have different levels
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    insurance 2,281.
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                                                                    depending on --
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           Is that insurance to the plane, $2,281?
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                                                                       A. How much experience.
       A. I don't know. You'll have to look.
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                                                                       Q. How much experience, how many hours the plane has
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       Q. It's not clear from Exhibit Z, so that's why I'm
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                                                                    and then obviously whether it's operable or not. And
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    asking you.
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                                                                    since you're not operating it's the lowest level
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       A. Okay. The insurance for the plane.
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                                                                    insurance?
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                MR. CROWE: Exhibit Z is your profit and
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                                                                       A. Yeah, it's the lowest level of insurance it would
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    loss from LTD. So you have some insurance listed here
                                                                    be. I have a lot of hours in it, and I kept more
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    somewhere.
                                                                   insurance on it than minimum.
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                THE WITNESS: I can tell you approximately.
                                                                       Q. Okay. Any other expenses that you have besides
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                MR. CROWE: It says plane insurance 2281.
                                                                    the insurance? And I'm not talking about the annual
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    BY MR. IQBAL:
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                                                                    inspection that you have to pay for, I'm not talking
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       Q. Is that yearly or is that monthly?
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                                                                    about the hanger fees because they haven't charged you
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       A. Yeah, that would be about right. 6,000 --
                                                                    for the hanger fees yet. Any other expenses that you
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    originally it was 21,000 a year. Then it dropped down
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                                                                    have on the plane?
    to about 6600. But since it's not in flight, it's a
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                                                                       A. Not that I'm aware of, no.
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    little bit less now.
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                                                                       Q. And you've paid taxes to the Clark County
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       Q. So when the plane is active and working,
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                                                                   assessor on the plane?
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    insurance is about 21,000 a year?
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                                                                       A. Annually?
       A. Was. Now it's dropped because I have so many
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                                                                       Q. Yeah.
    hours in it now. But they wouldn't insure me now
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                                                                       A. Yeah, I think so. I think so. Isn't it personal
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    because I'm uninsurable in it.
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                                                                    property taxes or something? Yeah. Yeah, personal
                                                                    property taxes, which -- and I think that's being paid
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       Q. You're currently paying just the 2281 on a
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    three-month basis or a yearly basis?
                                                                    too. So that would be an expense that's ongoing.
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                                                                       Q. And that's in Exhibit BB. I'm just trying to get
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       A. I'm not sure where they get the 2281. Honestly
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    I'm not.
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                                                                    a gauge of the expenses associated with the assets.
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       Q. Do you have other expenses associated with the
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                                                                           So it says Clark County assessor, 3633, does that
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    plane right now besides insurance?
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                                                                    ring a bell?
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       A. I'm sure they're charging me for the hanger and
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                                                                       A. Not really, but that's probably about right.
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   the 35,000 and interest on it and that, but the -- that
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                                                                       O. And --
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    may include the payments on it.
                                                                                MR. CROWE: I just want to again, objection,
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                MR. CROWE: The only plane expense on here
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                                                                    for the record. You're asking questions about expenses
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    is the plane insurance.
                                                                    of Charles H. Tadlock, M.D., Limited, and we've been
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    doing this now for two days in these depositions. I
                                                                    clear, so that item is under expenses, but it's a
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    don't understand where you're going with it.
                                                                     negative which means it's actually an income item. I
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                MR. IQBAL: Well, these expenses are
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                                                                     don't have any explanation for exactly that --
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    associated with the income that he's going to get --
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                                                                                 THE WITNESS: Okay. Which one --
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                MR. CROWE: The exhibit you're talking about
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                                                                                 MR. IQBAL: That's what I was asking.
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                                                                                 MR. CROWE: It's under expense, but it's a
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                MR. IQBAL: Right, it's in the disclosure
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                                                                     negative.
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    statement; right?
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                                                                                 THE WITNESS: For what year?
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                MR. CROWE: -- is for Charles H. Tadlock,
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                                                                                 MR. CROWE: 2015.
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    M.D., Limited.
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                                                                                 THE WITNESS: Oh. Oh, yeah.
                MR. IQBAL: Which is going to contribute a
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    significant portion of the disposable income that's
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                                                                     because it looks like you got paid for 45,000 for the
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    going to pay the creditors; right?
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                                                                     plane pilot. That's my question.
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                MR. CROWE: Probably not anymore.
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                MR. IQBAL: Right, but because it's in the
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                                                                     employment contract with Ely Hospital that paid for my
    disclosure statement, I'm allowed to ask questions about
                                                                     expenses going back and forth for a plane and pilot.
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    it; right?
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                                                                                 MR. IQBAL: Okay.
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                THE WITNESS: Can I go pee while you guys
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                                                                                 THE WITNESS: Okay. That's what that was
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    argue?
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                                                                     BY MR. IQBAL:
                MR. IQBAL: Off the record.
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                 (A brief discussion was held off the record.)
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                                                                        Q. So they paid you 45,000 for going back and forth?
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    BY MR. IQBAL:
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                                                                        A. Didn't matter whether it was a car or plane or
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       Q. So we're back on the record.
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                                                                     pilot or what. They were paying me a certain amount per
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           When you look at the profit and loss, it looks
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                                                                     month to get back and forth.
                                                                        Q. And you didn't have to show invoices or anything
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    like there was some money coming in for plane pilot of
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    45,600.
                                                                    because obviously the plane wasn't in use at that time;
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                MR. CROWE: It's a negative item. Please
                                                                     they were still just paying you?
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    read it carefully.
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                                                                        A. The contract was for a set amount.
                MR. IQBAL: What do you mean negative item?
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                                                                                 MR. CROWE: So when they booked it, instead
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                MR. CROWE: It's negative. Are you talking
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                                                                     of booking it under income, they booked it as an
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    about Exhibit BB?
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                                                                     adjustment to the expense.
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                MR. IQBAL: Yes.
                                                                                 MR. IQBAL: Got it. Now we're clear. Thank
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                 MR. CROWE: Okay. You see the negative
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                                                                     you.
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    there before the item?
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                                                                     BY MR. IOBAL:
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    BY MR. IOBAL:
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                                                                        Q. This contract that you had with Ely that was what
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       Q. So that's an expense that LTD paid?
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                                                                     this 45,000 is from, did you have the same contract in
                                                                     2013 and 2014 and years prior after 2006?
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       A. Yeah. I had to have a pilot.
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       Q. In 2014?
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                                                                        A. They changed slightly but not a lot.
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       A. Correct.
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                                                                        Q. So they're paying the LTD for your travel?
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       Q. And were any amounts paid for a pilot in 2015?
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                                                                        A. Previously some years ago they used to do it and
       A. In 2015? Yeah.
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                                                                     take the actual pilot and plane expense and pay it as a
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                                                                     separate item. They decided they didn't want to do that
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       Q. The plane was not in use, were you still paying a
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    pilot?
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                                                                     anymore, so they just did a lump sum. Because if it
       A. In 2015? I may have been paying back some from
                                                                     wasn't a plane or pilot, then I was spending a day
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     2014, when I was behind in 2014.
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                                                                     getting to Ely and a day getting back. So it didn't
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       Q. But after the plane was no longer in use, you
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                                                                     really matter one way or the other how they paid it.
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    stopped paying for the pilot obviously?
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                                                                     Does to me because I made less money, but...
       A. Yeah, but I was behind for a while in 2014, so I
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                                                                        Q. Got it.
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    don't know.
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                                                                            And that contract is over now?
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                                                                        A. Yes.
                MR. CROWE: Just for the record, so it's
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Page 86 Page 88 1 Q. When did it end? helps bring the patients back. She -- kind of like the 2 A. You have this already. I don't remember. Middle other assistants. She generally helps me travel. She 3 of 2015. Middle of 2014. I don't remember. 3 does medical records primarily and with scheduling MR. CROWE: I think he previously testified 5 5 Q. Was she doing this from California? it was October? 6 THE WITNESS: No. It was August. I think 6 A. No. At the time she was living here. She's 7 it was early August. 7 living there now. 8 MR. IQBAL: That's fine. That's fine. 8 Q. Right. 9 2015? 9 A. Before she was living here. 10 THE WITNESS: I'm not sure if it was 2015. 10 Q. When did she move out to California? Honestly, I don't remember if it was 2015. A. She moved out to California when my charts moved 11 11 12 MR. IQBAL: That's fine. 12 to California, but she was here as short a time ago as 13 THE WITNESS: Hold on a second. Let me 13 last week. Q. Got it. think. I don't remember. 14 14 15 MR. IQBAL: That's fine. 15 So until your charts moved to California, which was very recently, no one was occupying the house in 16 BY MR. IOBAL: 16 17 Q. You've listed a house in California in the third 17 Oxnard? 18 amended disclosure statement. 18 A. No. We were there part-time. 19 Do you own any other property in California? 19 Q. Right. 2.0 20 You mentioned that before, but nobody else? 21 Q. Do you own any other property that's not listed 21 A. No. I haven't rented it out or leased it or 22 in your disclosure statement? 22 anything else, no. Q. Okay. Is it listed with anyone as a rental 23 23 A. No. 24 Q. Okay. Is your house in California occupied by 24 property or is it for sale? 25 anyone? 25 A. No. Neither. Page 87 Page 89 A. My daughter pretty much full-time since she Q. Neither of those things, okay. 1 1 finished the University of Hawaii. My wife and I once When did you acquire the house? 2 3 in awhile. My children when they're out of school. 3 A. That's in there. More than ten years ago. 4 Q. Is your daughter paying rent? 4 Q. Okay. Okay. 5 A. Is my daughter paying rent? No, I'm paying her 5 And --6 because she's taking care of all the charts for me. A. And it wasn't me. It was actually Charles H. 6 7 7 Q. Got it. Tadlock, Mary Tadlock Qualified Residency Trust or whoever bought it. It's been in the trust for more than 8 How much are you paying her? 8 9 A. You have to look at the amounts. It's, like, 9 ten years. Never been moved out. 10 \$800 twice a month or something like that. 10 Q. So it's never been leased or rented out in the 11 Q. And since you just moved the charts over, you 11 time since you bought it? just started paying her for the charts? 12 12 A. Not once. A. No. Before that she was actually helping me by 13 13 Q. Okay. And your daughter recently moved out 14 driving me to work or working at the office. 14 there, and the plan is for her to stay in the house MR. CROWE: Dr. Tadlock, we're trying to full-time? 15 15 move this along, but be careful when you're asking these A. We haven't really decided yet. She hasn't 16 16 17 questions. Are you paying it or is the LTD paying it? 17 decided yet, but I expect not. She's planning on going 18 THE WITNESS: Okay. The LTD is paying it. 18 on to grad school. BY MR. IQBAL: Q. Has anyone appraised the house in the last three 19 19 20 Q. So is she an employee of the LTD? 20 years? 21 A. Yeah, she has been for years. 21 A. I don't think so, no. 22 Q. Your daughter? 22 Q. So there have been no appraisals, no sale value 23 A. Yeah. 23 or no appraisal of rental value or anything like that? 24 Q. And what's her formal job title? 24 25 A. Basically like my other medical assistants. She 25 Q. You've never put it up for listing?

Page 90 Page 92 1 So how often do you actually go to that house? I 2 know you mentioned once in awhile you'll go there. Last Q. And what you said in your statement of financial 2 3 affairs that your primary residence is the motor home, 3 time you stayed most of the night, but you didn't stay that's still correct? the whole night. How often do you actually go in and 5 A. That's still correct. check the house? Do you have plants? Do you have other 6 Q. Do your neighbors in California lease or rent 6 things that you need to take care of there? 7 their homes? 7 A. Yes. My wife goes there frequently especially 8 A. I would have no way of knowing. But actually I 8 because of the plants because it needs a new irrigation 9 think it's against -- to get back, I think it's against 9 system. We have an aboveground one that doesn't work 10 the regs that you do it for more than a couple weeks a 10 very well. We get in frequent arguments with year. You have to do it all of the time or none of the homeowners' association about it. 11 11 12 time almost. 12 Q. Do you have a boat there? 13 Q. Okay. The house in Lake Las Vegas, is it 13 A. No, I have a dock that's there. currently occupied by anyone outside of your infrequent Q. And you're paying a slippage fee? 14 14 15 visits? 15 A. Yeah. I think \$200 a month or something like 16 A. No. 16 17 Q. So it's basically empty? 17 Q. Why are you still paying the fee if you don't 18 A. Yeah, it's -- it's uninhabitable most of the 18 have a boat? 19 19 A. Because it's part of the homeowners' association. year. 20 Q. Because of the air conditioning? 20 Otherwise, they come after me and the house. 21 A. Correct. 21 Q. Oh, so you have to pay that fee even if you don't 22 Q. Outside of the air conditioning, which we talked 22 have a boat? 23 about, would be approximately 20,000 or more to fix, are 23 A. Correct. It's the way it is. You have the dock, there any other problems with the house? 24 24 you have to pay the fee. 25 A. Yeah, it needs to be repainted, the refrigerator 25 MR. CROWE: I think that's true down there. Page 93 and the freezer aren't working, the microwave isn't 1 THE WITNESS: It is. working. There's a lot of stuff that it needs done. BY MR. IQBAL: 3 Q. Okay. When was the last time it was occupied on Q. And have you had the house appraised, sale value 3 4 a regular basis? When did you last live there? 4 or leasing value, rental value, anything like that? 5 A. Previous to last summer. I can't tell you the 5 A. Yeah. We did have somebody assess that one, didn't we? exact date. It's been awhile because it became 6 6 7 uninhabitable over the summer. 7 MR. CROWE: Yeah, it was appraised for 8 Q. Is that when you made the decision to move 8 purposes of the plan. 9 everything primarily over to the RV in Oasis? 9 MR. IQBAL: No, that's fine. That's fine. I was just -- I understand that there was an appraisal 10 A. Well, Yeah. Primarily, everything in the house? 10 11 No. But primarily us? Yes. 11 by Bank of America with respect to the plan. I'm asking 12 Q. And have you --12 did you separately outside of that before filing the So you haven't leased or rented your home in 13 13 petition? 14 Nevada to anyone? 14 THE WITNESS: No. 15 15 A. No. It's also in a qualified personal residency MR. IQBAL: You haven't, okay. trust for more than ten years. In that case a lot more 16 THE WITNESS: Nothing. 16 17 17 than ten. BY MR. IQBAL: 18 Q. And have you ever leased that house? 18 Q. All right. Okay. 19 A. No, never. 19 Is there any other real estate that you or Mary Q. Have you ever put it for sale? 20 20 have any interest direct or indirect that's not listed? 21 A. No, I never have. 21 A. No. Nothing. 22 Q. When did you acquire that house? 22 Q. Any other properties, any other, like, IP or 23 A. I'm guessing 2002, 2003, but it's a guess. It's 23 shares in any companies or any other kind of assets that 24 well more than ten years. 24 aren't listed in the --25 Q. Got it. Okay. 25 A. Everything is pretty much defunct at this

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    juncture.
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                                                                                 MR. CROWE: I'm just trying to help the
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       Q. But everything you have is listed in the --
                                                                    witness recollect what it was. Charles And Mary Tadlock
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                                                                    Family Trust includes Palma, Flamingo Pecos Surgery
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       A. To the best of my knowledge, everything is
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                                                                    Center, which is zeroed out, Epiphany Surgery Center
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       Q. In the schedules?
                                                                     which is nothing, Speed Demon owns some vehicles; is
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       A. In the schedules.
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                                                                     that right?
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       Q. And any claims, anything that you would have
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                                                                                 THE WITNESS: True. It might be the sum
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    against anyone are listed in there?
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                                                                    total of expenses for the cars, or it may be the money
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       A. I've discussed everything with you that is
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                                                                     that we paid to the county because that sounds about
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    possible to discuss.
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                                                                    right for the money we had to pay for the county in
       Q. And they're all listed in the schedules?
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        A. I don't know if they're all listed in the
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    schedules or not. Some of it I've determined is
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                                                                    BY MR. IQBAL:
    uncollectible.
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       Q. Okay. And that stuff isn't listed?
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                                                                    holds the lien?
       A. I don't know if it's listed or not honestly.
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    It's been so long since we listed it, but you have
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                                                                                 MR. CROWE: I really can't find what it was,
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    knowledge of it.
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                                                                    but it was deducted on the schedule B when we put it on
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       Q. Okay. On page 17 of the third amended disclosure
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                                                                     Schedule C.
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    statement, you list a lien of $23,048.29 against the
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    Charles And Mary Tadlock Family Trust. What's.
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           The nature of the lien? Here, I can give you
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    page 17, so you can look at it.
                                                                     appreciate you looking into it. If you want to talk
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                MR. CROWE: Do you have a copy of the
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                                                                    about it later or have the accountant look into it.
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    schedules?
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                MR. IQBAL: Here you go. I'm just curious.
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    It's on there.
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                                                                    we'll be done. Okay. Is that fair?
                THE WITNESS: Where on here?
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                MR. IQBAL: Page 17.
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                THE WITNESS: I'm having trouble seeing it
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                                                                    BY MR. IOBAL:
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    since it's so small.
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                                                                            I just wanted to clarify a couple of things from
                MR. IQBAL: I got you. Let me...
                MR. CROWE: It should actually be on
                                                                     the first portion of the transcript, and again, pages are
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                                                                    here just in case you want to take a look.
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    schedule D.
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                MR. IQBAL: Here we go. It's the second --
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                                                                       A. Sure.
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                I'm pointing to the second column under
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                                                                        Q. You previously said that you formally offered
                                                                    Barnes shares in Epiphany as an incentive to get
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    liens, right here.
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                THE WITNESS: Charles And Mary Family Trust.
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                                                                    Epiphany going?
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    I'm assuming that was money that was taken out of the
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                                                                        A. Actually, what occurred was: The group wanted to
    trust because I couldn't work for four months at all.
                                                                    keep Barnes, and most of the group decided to buy into
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    BY MR. IQBAL:
                                                                     Epiphany and thought it was a good idea if we offered
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       Q. Who would hold the lien?
                                                                     him in addition to I think a one percent bonus for
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                MR. CROWE: Let me get the schedules so that
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                                                                     being -- for being the manager, a percentage of Epiphany
    the witness can look at it. It's on schedule D.
                                                                     to give him positive incentive to find and acquire other
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                (A brief discussion was held off the record.)
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    BY MR. IQBAL:
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                                                                        Q. And that wasn't your idea; that was the other
       Q. Back on the record.
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           We're trying to figure out the lien for
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    $23,048.29 cents on page 17 of the third amended
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    disclosure statement.
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                                                                        Q. But you weren't totally thrilled with bringing
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him on board?

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- 2 A. No, I wasn't totally thrilled. My office manager 3 didn't like him, and I trust my office manager.
  - Q. Why didn't she like him?
- 5 A. She just didn't.
- 6 Q. Okay. Now, you previously said when you told
  - Barnes he needed to come in and discuss the company's
- 8 finances, you got screamed at by the other board members
  - that you were chasing him off?
- 10 A. Actually, there's several instances of that, but 11 I'll give you one example.
- 12 Dr. Smith texted or emailed me or something that 13 he was upset that he was taking so much time off. So I
- asked Barnes politely to come in and bring in his 14
- 15 contract so we could go over how much time he was
- entitled to and so we could make sure he wasn't taking 16
- 17 more or less than he was supposed to. That same surgeon
- 18 called me back an hour later by phone and yelled at me
- 19 because I was being mean to him by asking him how much
- time he was entitled to take off. 20
- 21 O. Dr. Smith?
- 22 A. (Nods head.)
- 23 Q. That seems weird.
- 24 A. Yeah, doesn't it.
- Q. Now, previously you said Barnes claimed to the 25

1 A. Barnes took off. Individually confront him? He

- ran. At the last meeting that I can remember him 2
- 3 attending, he was arguing that we should close the east
- side and keep the west side -- no, am I getting this
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- 6 Yeah, close the west side and keep the east side 7 going, and that made no sense to me because almost all 8 the surgeons migrated to the west side. And I pointed
- 9 that out to him. And very shortly thereafter on a
- 10 Saturday he disappeared.

# Q. So you didn't get a chance to confront him yourself personally?

- A. No. He was there. He was arguing to the group, and I was arguing the opposite to the group. I think he wanted to close it because if he closed it, no one would have figured out that he was taking money.
- 17 Q. So his last board meeting when this argument was 18 going on, people didn't realize that he had taken it?
  - A. Correct.
- 20 Q. So he took off before his --
  - A. Anybody figured it all out.
- 22 Q. -- criminal activity essentially?
  - A. Well, I'm supposed to keep my mouth shut about
- 24 whether it's critical activity or whether he did it.
- 25 Q. Let's just call it activity.

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- other doctors that you were getting more than your fair
- share, but you didn't know at the time that he was
- 3 making these claims?
- 4 A. No, I found out later that he was involved or the extent at least to which he was making the claims, but
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- the other three surgeons reviewed everything and missed 7 everything. This was the time when I was having all the
- surgeries. I just had a neck surgery and facing two 8
- 9 more in my back. And so three of them including Becker
- 10 was one.
  - Q. Becker?
- A. I don't know the other two. 12
- 13 O. Smith?
- 14 A. No, it wasn't Smith. Becker and a couple of the 15 others reviewed it and couldn't find anything.
  - Q. And Barnes claim doesn't make sense; right, because he held the checkbook?
- 18 A. Correct. I made certain that I did not have it because I knew that people would try to say I was making 19
- 20 too much. I realized that there was no place that I've
- 21 ever been at that I didn't make more for them than I 22 got.
- 23 Q. Right.
- 24 Did you ever individually confront Barnes or the
- 25 other --

- A. Activity.
- 2 Q. Okay. All right.
  - Now, at the time when that was happening, did you know that he was making these acquisitions against you?
- Q. I know Tammy found out about the activity, but 6 7 how did you find out that Barnes was behind your back
  - making all these statements and --
- 8 A. When the activity came to light, several of the 9 surgeons apologized, and I heard from them that several  $% \left( 1\right) =\left( 1\right) \left( 1\right) +\left( 1\right) \left( 1\right) \left( 1\right) +\left( 1\right) \left( 1\right) \left($ 10 11 others had said things as well.
- Q. Okay. You said previously that you thought 12 13 Barnes was accusing you to deflect interest in his own 14 activities?
- A. Correct. That's what my guess is. Pretty sure 15 that's what -- I don't remember who said what, but I 16 think the investigators would concur with that. 17
  - Q. By investigators you mean the FBI?
- 19 A. Yeah.
  - Q. Did your forensic accountant have a chance to talk to Barnes?
  - A. No.
- 23 Q. He had already gone?
- 24 A. Yeah. I don't know where he is.
  - Q. To your knowledge did anyone else on the board do

Page 102 Page 104 any kind of investigation or audit? 1 THE WITNESS: Somebody at B of A who then 2 A. Three of them. Remember I talked three of them moved to -- I'm going to say it because the FBI told me 2 3 about six months before it all came to light did an 3 they moved from Bank of America to Wells Fargo. I don't investigation, but I suspect it was focused mostly on know if they moved to Chase. I can tell you that Bank 5 me, but that's just a suspicion. of America did mess around with mine and took 7,000 out 6 Q. And they found that everything was okay? 6 of one of my accounts and went to Palma to pay the 7 A. With me, yeah. 7 office building, and it suddenly disappeared one day and 8 Q. I'm saying after Barnes? 8 appeared in the Surgery Center of Southern Nevada 9 A. I assumed they looked at Barnes too. They should 9 accounts. And Barnes came to me and said so and so did 10 10 that and they're, you know, blah, blah, blah. So I think there may have been a falling out 11 Q. But you're not aware of any investigation they 11 12 did? 12 between the partners at one point. I call up B of A and 13 A. I'm aware they investigated. I don't know who 13 screamed and they put the money back. 14 they investigated. They were supposed to be 14 BY MR. IQBAL: 15 investigating. They told the group they were going to 15 Q. This was before you found out all of -investigate all the goings on at the surgery center A. Yeah. You have to realize I was going from one 16 16 17 because they felt it could be better run or whatever. 17 surgery to another. 18 Q. Right, right. 18 Q. I get that. 19 And they came back with everything is okay? 19 Prior to him accusing you and casting aspersions 20 A. Correct. 20 when you were in and out and going through the Q. And that was about six months before --21 21 surgeries, did you have a good relationship with Barnes? 22 A. To the best of my memory. It was right before I 22 A. Yeah, I thought it was okay. 23 23 Q. Were you friends or just business -went for surgery. 24 Q. Right. 24 A. Business only. 25 And when everything went down -- and look we're 25 Q. Okay. Did you feel like you knew him well? Page 103 Page 105 almost done. A. I'm surprised that he did this. I've gone over 1 1 2 When everything went down, after that did the it with the police, and they say this is the classic 3 board do a formal audit? I know that they retained pattern. They steal a little bit. Then they steal a 4 Marquis Aurbach and Jack -- his first name is Jack? 4 little bit more. That's when I was still feeling good. 5 A. Jack Wong (phonetic spelling). He got away with a little bit. Then when I really went 5 6 Q. Yeah. 6 down, he put pedal do the metal. 7 7 Q. And just took off? A. I was still on the board for all that. Q. After the Barnes mess comes to light, did they do 8 A. (Nods head.) 8 Q. Okay. And you testified before that you don't 9 any formal audit or report? 9 10 A. Not at the time that I was with the board, but 10 think he has any of that money left? 11 Jack did, you know, looked through the books. 11 A. Given the fact that he has an emperor's package Q. His own investigation? at one of the casinos we know about from an email that 12 12 A. Yeah. He told us to go to the FBI and Las Vegas came to us, which wasn't supposed to come to us, I 13 13 14 Metropolitan Police. 14 think, no, I don't think he does. Q. Did Jack figure out how much was stolen? 15 15 Q. And what percentage of the money, the three million that Barnes took, what percentage do you think 16 A. I think he estimated it pretty closely. 16 O. What was the estimate? is owed to you just roughly? 17 17 18 A. Three million, three and a half million. 18 A. 17 to 21 percent depending on the time. That's 19 Q. Wow. 19 how much I owned. 20 20 Q. So it would be Epiphany Surgical --MR. CROWE: Wow. 21 MR. IQBAL: Three and a half million stolen 21 A. In addition to that, another 350,000 for the 22 by the office manager. 22 money he took directly out of Epiphany, but I don't know 23 THE WITNESS: Yeah. With collusion by 23 if that would be included in the other amount. I don't 24 presumably the bank. 24 really know. I'm not an accountant. Some of it would 25 25 have been due to Epiphany. MR. CROWE: Somebody at B of A.

Page 106 Page 108 1 Q. Right. that three million getting stolen? 2 2 MR. CROWE: Objection. Calls for So it would be your Epiphany Surgical 3 Solutions --3 speculation. 4 A. Right. 69 percent of Epiphany Surgical Solutions 4 THE WITNESS: You know, I would say the 5 money would have been mine, and then about 20 percent 5 person who took it or people, more likely it's more than 6 call it, it fluctuated a lot, of the other money that 6 one. It wasn't me. I couldn't even write checks. 7 was stolen. Didn't want to because then I definitely would be on the 8 Q. Of Flamingo Pecos? 8 suspect list. 9 A. Flamingo Pecos. 9 MR. IQBAL: All right. Last question. 10 Q. Got it. Appreciate that. That makes sense. 10 BY MR. IQBAL: Just a couple more things. 11 11 Q. Was it an inside job, in that was someone working 12 Now, I just want to be --12 with Barnes at Epiphany or at Flamingo Pecos? 13 Do you have --13 A. In my opinion? Q. In your opinion. Do you have any knowledge or reason to think that 14 14 15 Barnes was angry at you for any reason? 15 A. I think there was somebody working with him at the bank and somebody working -- one or more somebodies 16 16 17 Q. We're you angry with him for any reason before 17 who at least looked the other way at the surgery center. 18 you found out? 18 Q. A surgeon or are we talking about a PA? 19 A. No. 19 A. No. We're talking about the people who worked at the office because there were -- he should not have been 20 Q. Were you curious why this Flamingo Pecos wasn't 20 able to do the checks without somebody noticing it. 21 making money? 21 22 A. Yeah. But he had, you know, came up with, you 22 I mean, who agreed that he can write a check out 23 know, pretty good reasons as to why and bank statements 23 for an emperor's package, who said buying baseball that looked real because they were real. They were 24 memorabilia was okay? 2.4 25 on -- it was like, you know, one of those fake emails 25 Q. Did he have authority to write checks? Page 109 that you get from Bank of America, Bank of America A. I don't remember at this point if he could do it 1 1 2 statement with Bank of America there. by himself. From my stuff he couldn't by himself. 3 Q. Wow. That's one of the reasons that Bank of America I was so 3 4 A. Okay. It wasn't like I was sleeping at the 4 pissed at because they don't have any records of him 5 wheel. Even when I was having surgery, I was still 5 doing anything. There are all these signed check at having meetings and yelling at surgeons to get their Epiphany, which he did not have signing ability. 6 6 7 crap from Bank of America. And I had a Bank of America 7 Now what he had since I was missing working, representative at my side going over the bank records. maybe they gave him more power at the surgery center 8 8 9 Q. The last thing is the relationship with the other 9 than I was aware of, but certainly not at Epiphany. I 10 surgeons. And I want to focus just Tammy opens up the 10 would have known about that because I had majority 11 statements from Bank of America, is crying, she tells 11 voting power. you, what did you do right after that? 12 12 Q. You were the only one who signed the checks at A. I don't know what order, but I called Bank of 13 13 Epiphany? 14 America to ask for the stuff, talked to one of them, 14 A. Yeah. I was the only one that was entitled to called Smith because he was the president of the board. 15 15 sign checks according to Bank of America. And I mostly left it in Smith's hands to call everybody 16 Q. And then Bill Smith had authority with respect to 16 17 else because I was having my own problems, as Smith 17 Flamingo Pecos, and you had authority with respect to 18 knew, since he was taking care of my back. 18 Flamingo Pecos? 19 Q. Before and after that event, did your 19 A. No. Actually, perhaps after we found out about 20 relationship with the surgeons change? 20 Barnes, but I don't think I ever signed any checks from 21 A. Yeah. They weren't happy that we got all the 21 Flamingo Pecos. If I do, I don't remember, and it would 22 money stolen. 22 have been after this was discovered. Before the fact I 23 Q. Did they blame you? 23 never wrote out any checks for anything because I didn't 24 A. Some of them do. 24 want to take the responsibility. If I wrote something, 25 Q. Who do you think is ultimately responsible for 25 somebody would be questioning that I was somehow

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    involved with the other entity.
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       Q. Okay.
                MR. CROWE: Is that it?
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                MR. IQBAL: That's it. Thank you, Dr.
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                THE WITNESS: You're very welcome.
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                MR. IQBAL: Off the record.
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                (The proceedings concluded at 3:29 p.m.)
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           I, Brittany J. Castrejon, a Certified Court
    Reporter licensed by the State of Nevada, do hereby
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    certify: That I reported the CONTINUED 2004 EXAM OF
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    CHARLES TADLOCK, M.D., on Monday, March 14, 2016, at
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    1:02 p.m.;
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           That prior to being deposed, the witness was duly
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    sworn by me to testify to the truth. That I thereafter
    transcribed my said stenographic notes into written
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    form, and that the typewritten transcript is a complete,
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    true and accurate transcription of my said stenographic
    notes. That the reading and signing of the transcript
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    was not requested.
           I further certify that I am not a relative,
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    employee or independent contractor of counsel or of any
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    of the parties involved in the proceeding; nor a person
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    financially interested in the proceeding; nor do I have
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    any other relationship that may reasonably cause my
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    impartiality to be question.
           IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand in my
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    office in the County of Clark, State of Nevada, this
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    27th day of March, 2016.
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                      Brittany J. Castrejon, CCR NO. 926
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# **EXHIBIT 7**

# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

District of Nevada

UNITED STA	TES OF AMERICA	) AMENDED JUDGMENT IN A CRIMINAL CASE			
	v.				
ROBERT	W. BARNES	) Case Number: 2:16-cr-00			
		USM Number: 53822-04	48		
Date of Original Judgmer	December 28, 2016  (Or Date of Last Amended Judgment)	Daniel Albregts Defendant's Attorney			
Reason for Amendment:	(Or Date of Last Amenaea Juagment)	) Beleficiant's Attorney			
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		Direct Motion to District Cot  18 U.S.C. § 3559(c)(7)	art Pursuant 28 U.S.C.	§ 2255 or	
		Modification of Restitution C	Order (18 U.S.C. § 3664)		
THE DEFENDANT:  pleaded guilty to count(s)	1 of the Information				
pleaded nolo contendere to which was accepted by the					
was found guilty on count after a plea of not guilty.	(s)				
The defendant is adjudicated g	guilty of these offenses:				
Title & Section	Nature of Offense		Offense Ended	Count	
18 U.S.C. § 669	Embezzlement in Connection with	h Health Care	2013	1	
The defendant is senter	nced as provided in pages 2 through	7 of this judgment	The sentence is impo	sed nursuant to	
the Sentencing Reform Act of		or this judgment.	The sentence is impo	sed pursuant to	
☐ The defendant has been for	ound not guilty on count(s)				
Count(s)	is are d	lismissed on the motion of the U	nited States.		
It is ordered that the dor mailing address until all fine the defendant must notify the	efendant must notify the United States is, restitution, costs, and special assessn court and United States attorney of ma	Attorney for this district within a ments imposed by this judgment a aterial changes in economic circu	30 days of any change or tre fully paid. If ordere- umstances.	of name, residence, d to pay restitution,	
		December 28, 2016			
		Date of Imposition of Judg	ment		
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		Signature of Judge			
		ANDREW P. GORDON, U	JNITED STATES DIST	RICT JUDGE	
		Name and Title of Judge			
		March 28, 2017			
		Date			

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DEPUTY UNITED STATES MARSHAL

DEFENDANT: ROBERT W. BARNES

CASE NUMBER: 2:16-cr-00090-APG-GWF-1

# **IMPRISONMENT**

	The defendant is hereby	committed to	the custody	of the Fe	ederal Bureau	of Prisons to be	e imprisoned	for a
total	term of:							

18 mo	nths
$\checkmark$	The court makes the following recommendations to the Bureau of Prisons:
Due to in Victo	the proximity of family, the court recommends the defendant be permitted to serve his term of incarceration at a facility orville.
	The defendant is remanded to the custody of the United States Marshal.
	The defendant shall surrender to the United States Marshal for this district:
	□ at a.m. □ p.m. on
	as notified by the United States Marshal.
$\checkmark$	The defendant shall surrender for service of sentence at the institution designated by the Bureau of Prisons:
	✓ by 12 p.m. on June 30, 2017 .
	as notified by the United States Marshal.
	as notified by the Probation or Pretrial Services Office.
	RETURN
I have	executed this judgment as follows:
	Defendant delivered on to
at _	with a certified copy of this judgment.
	UNITED STATES MARSHAL
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Sheet 3 — Supervised Release

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## SUPERVISED RELEASE

Upon release from imprisonment, you will be on supervised release for a term of: 3 years

## MANDATORY CONDITIONS

- 1. You must not commit another federal, state or local crime.
- 2. You must not unlawfully possess a controlled substance.
- 3. You must refrain from any unlawful use of a controlled substance. You must submit to one drug test within 15 days of release from imprisonment and at least two periodic drug tests thereafter, as determined by the court, not to exceed 104 tests annually.
  - The above drug testing condition is suspended, based on the court's determination that you pose a low risk of future substance abuse. (check if applicable)
- ▼ You must cooperate in the collection of DNA as directed by the probation officer. (check if applicable)
- You must comply with the requirements of the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act (42 U.S.C. § 16901, et seq.) as directed by the probation officer, the Bureau of Prisons, or any state sex offender registration agency in the location where you reside, work, are a student, or were convicted of a qualifying offense. (check if applicable)
- You must participate in an approved program for domestic violence. (check if applicable)

You must comply with the standard conditions that have been adopted by this court as well as with any other conditions on the attached page.

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DEFENDANT: ROBERT W. BARNES

CASE NUMBER: 2:16-cr-00090-APG-GWF-1

# STANDARD CONDITIONS OF SUPERVISION

As part of your supervised release, you must comply with the following standard conditions of supervision. These conditions are imposed because they establish the basic expectations for your behavior while on supervision and identify the minimum tools needed by probation officers to keep informed, report to the court about, and bring about improvements in your conduct and condition.

- 1. You must report to the probation office in the federal judicial district where you are authorized to reside within 72 hours of your release from imprisonment, unless the probation officer instructs you to report to a different probation office or within a different time frame.
- 2. After initially reporting to the probation office, you will receive instructions from the court or the probation officer about how and when you must report to the probation officer, and you must report to the probation officer as instructed.
- 3. You must not knowingly leave the federal judicial district where you are authorized to reside without first getting permission from the court or the probation officer.
- 4. You must answer truthfully the questions asked by your probation officer.
- 5. You must live at a place approved by the probation officer. If you plan to change where you live or anything about your living arrangements (such as the people you live with), you must notify the probation officer at least 10 days before the change. If notifying the probation officer in advance is not possible due to unanticipated circumstances, you must notify the probation officer within 72 hours of becoming aware of a change or expected change.
- 6. You must allow the probation officer to visit you at any time at your home or elsewhere, and you must permit the probation officer to take any items prohibited by the conditions of your supervision that he or she observes in plain view.
- 7. You must work full time (at least 30 hours per week) at a lawful type of employment, unless the probation officer excuses you from doing so. If you do not have full-time employment you must try to find full-time employment, unless the probation officer excuses you from doing so. If you plan to change where you work or anything about your work (such as your position or your job responsibilities), you must notify the probation officer at least 10 days before the change. If notifying the probation officer at least 10 days in advance is not possible due to unanticipated circumstances, you must notify the probation officer within 72 hours of becoming aware of a change or expected change.
- 8. You must not communicate or interact with someone you know is engaged in criminal activity. If you know someone has been convicted of a felony, you must not knowingly communicate or interact with that person without first getting the permission of the probation officer.
- 9. If you are arrested or questioned by a law enforcement officer, you must notify the probation officer within 72 hours.
- 10. You must not own, possess, or have access to a firearm, ammunition, destructive device, or dangerous weapon (i.e., anything that was designed, or was modified for, the specific purpose of causing bodily injury or death to another person such as nunchakus or tasers).
- 11. You must not act or make any agreement with a law enforcement agency to act as a confidential human source or informant without first getting the permission of the court.
- 12. If the probation officer determines that you pose a risk to another person (including an organization), the probation officer may require you to notify the person about the risk and you must comply with that instruction. The probation officer may contact the person and confirm that you have notified the person about the risk.
- 13. You must follow the instructions of the probation officer related to the conditions of supervision.

# **U.S. Probation Office Use Only**

A U.S. probation officer has instructed me on the conditions specified by the court and has provided me with a written copy of this
judgment containing these conditions. For further information regarding these conditions, see Overview of Probation and Supervised
Release Conditions, available at: www.uscourts.gov.

Defendant's Signature	Date	

Sheet 3D — Supervised Release

(NOTE: Identify Changes with Asterisks (\*))

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# SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF SUPERVISION

- 1. Gambling Addiction Treatment You shall refrain from any form of gambling and shall participate in a program for the treatment of gambling addiction, at your own expense, as approved and directed by the probation officer, based upon your ability to pay.
- 2. Debt Obligations You shall be prohibited from incurring new credit charges, opening additional lines of credit, or negotiating or consummating any financial contracts without the approval of the probation officer.
- 3. Access to Financial Information You shall provide the probation officer access to any requested financial information, including personal income tax returns, authorization for release of credit information, and any other business financial information in which you have a control or interest.
- 4. Gambling Prohibition You shall not enter, frequent, or be involved with any legal or illegal gambling establishment or activity, except for the purpose of employment, as approved and directed by the probation officer.
- 5. Warrantless Search You shall submit your person, property, residence, place of business and vehicle under your control to a search, conducted by the United States probation officer or any authorized person under the immediate and personal supervision of the probation officer, at a reasonable time and in a reasonable manner, based upon reasonable suspicion of contraband or evidence of a violation of a condition of supervision; failure to submit to a search may be grounds for revocation; the defendant shall inform any other residents that the premises may be subject to a search pursuant to this condition.

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# **CRIMINAL MONETARY PENALTIES**

The defendant must pay the following total criminal monetary penalties under the schedule of payments on Sheet 6.

тот	CALS \$	Assessment 100.00	JVTA Assessment	<u>t*</u> <u>I</u> \$		tution 0,000.00
		ntion of restitution is d	eferred until	. An A	Amended Judgment in a Criminal Ca	se (AO 245C) will be
	The defendant shall make restitution (including community restitution) to the following payees in the amount listed below.					
	If the defenda the priority or before the Un	nt makes a partial pay der or percentage pay ited States is paid.	ment, each payee shall re ment column below. Ho	eceive a wever	an approximately proportioned payme, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3664(i), all	ent, unless specified otherwise i nonfederal victims must be pai
Nar	ne of Payee		Total Loss**		<b>Restitution Ordered</b>	<b>Priority or Percentage</b>
(se	ee attached r	estitution list)			\$1,500,000.00	
TO	TALS	\$	0.00	S	\$1,500,000.00	
	Restitution a	mount ordered pursua	nt to plea agreement \$			
<b>√</b>	The defendant must pay interest on restitution and a fine of more than \$2,500, unless the restitution or fine is paid in full before the fifteenth day after the date of the judgment, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3612(f). All of the payment options on Sheet 6 may be subject to penalties for delinquency and default, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3612(g).					
	The court determined that the defendant does not have the ability to pay interest, and it is ordered that:					
	☐ the inter	est requirement is wai	ved for  fine	☐ res	stitution.	
	☐ the inter	est requirement for the	e 🗌 fine 🗎 res	stitutio	on is modified as follows:	

<sup>\*</sup> Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act of 2015, Pub. L. No. 114-22.

\*\* Findings for the total amount of losses are required under Chapters 109A, 110, 110A, and 113A of Title 18 for offenses committed on or after September 13, 1994, but before April 23, 1996.

Sheet 6 — Schedule of Payments

(NOTE: Identify Changes with Asterisks (\*))

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DEFENDANT: ROBERT W. BARNES

CASE NUMBER: 2:16-cr-00090-APG-GWF-1

# **SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS**

Hav	ving a	assessed the defendant's ability to pay, payment of the total criminal monetary penalties shall be due as follows:
A	$\checkmark$	Lump sum payment of \$1,500,100.00 due immediately, balance due
		□ not later than, or , or E, or □ F below; or
В		Payment to begin immediately (may be combined with C, D, or F below); or
C		Payment in equal (e.g., weekly, monthly, quarterly) installments of \$ over a period of (e.g., months or years), to commence (e.g., 30 or 60 days) after the date of this judgment; or
D		Payment in equal (e.g., weekly, monthly, quarterly) installments of \$ over a period of (e.g., months or years), to commence (e.g., 30 or 60 days) after release from imprisonment to a term of supervision; or
E		Payment during the term of supervised release will commence within(e.g., 30 or 60 days) after release from imprisonment. The court will set the payment plan based on an assessment of the defendant's ability to pay at that time; or
F		Special instructions regarding the payment of criminal monetary penalties:
		he court has expressly ordered otherwise, if this judgment imposes imprisonment, payment of criminal monetary penalties is due ne period of imprisonment. All criminal monetary penalties, except those payments made through the Federal Bureau of Prisons' Financial Responsibility Program, are made to the clerk of the court.  Endant shall receive credit for all payments previously made toward any criminal monetary penalties imposed.
	Join	nt and Several
	Det	fendant and Co-Defendant Names and Case Numbers (including defendant number), Total Amount, Joint and Several Amount, d corresponding payee, if appropriate.
	The	e defendant shall pay the cost of prosecution.
	The	e defendant shall pay the following court cost(s):
	The	e defendant shall forfeit the defendant's interest in the following property to the United States:
	(s	ee attached final order of forfeiture)

Payments shall be applied in the following order: (1) assessment, (2) restitution principal, (3) restitution interest, (4) fine principal, (5) fine interest, (6) community restitution, (7) JVTA assessment, (8) penalties, and (9) costs, including cost of prosecution and court costs.

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CLERK, U.S. DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEVADA
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# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

## DISTRICT OF NEVADA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	) 2:16-CR-090-APG-(GWF)
Plaintiff,	}
v.	Final Order of Forfeiture
ROBERT W. BARNES,	{
Defendant.	)

The United States District Court for the District of Nevada entered a Preliminary Order of Forfeiture pursuant to Fed. R. Crim. P. 32.2(b)(1) and (2); Title 18, United States Code, Section 981(a)(1)(C) with Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c); Title 18, United States Code, Section 982(a)(7); and Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(p) based upon the plea of guilty by defendant Robert W. Barnes to the criminal offense, forfeiting the property and imposing an in personam criminal forfeiture money judgment set forth in the Plea Agreement and the Forfeiture Allegations of the Criminal Information and shown by the United States to have the requisite nexus to the offense to which defendant Robert W. Barnes pled guilty. Criminal Information, ECF No. 4; Plea Agreement, ECF No. 6; Arraignment and Plea, ECF No. 9; Preliminary Order of Forfeiture, ECF No. 12.

This Court finds the United States of America published the notice of forfeiture in accordance with the law via the official government internet forfeiture site, www.forfeiture.gov, consecutively from June 20, 2016, through July 19, 2016, notifying all potential third parties; and notified known third parties by personal service or by regular mail and certified mail return

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receipt requested, of their right to petition the Court. Notice of Filing Proof of Publication, ECF No. 16.

On July 8, 2016, the United States Marshals Service personally served Hutchison & Steffen, LLC, as Registered Agent for Epiphany Surgical Solutions, LLC, with copies of the Preliminary Order of Forfeiture and the Notice. Notice of Filing Service of Process – Personal Service, ECF No. 14.

On July 6, 2016, the United States Marshals Service personally served William D. Smith, M.D., as Managing Member for Epiphany Surgical Solutions, LLC, with copies of the Preliminary Order of Forfeiture and the Notice. Notice of Filing Service of Process – Personal Service, ECF No. 14.

On July 6, 2016, the United States Marshals Service personally served William D. Smith, M.D., as Managing Member for Flamingo-Pecos Surgery Center, LLC, with copies of the Preliminary Order of Forfeiture and the Notice. Notice of Filing Service of Process – Personal Service, ECF No. 14.

On July 6, 2016, the United States Marshals Service personally served Charles H.

Tadlock, M.D., as Managing Member for Epiphany Surgical Solutions, LLC, with copies of the Preliminary Order of Forfeiture and the Notice. Notice of Filing Service of Process – Personal Service, ECF No. 14.

On July 6, 2016, the United States Marshals Service personally served Charles H. Tadlock, M.D., as Managing Member for Flamingo-Pecos Surgery Center, LLC, with copies of the Preliminary Order of Forfeiture and the Notice. Notice of Filing Service of Process – Personal Service, ECF No. 14.

On July 12, 2016, the United States Marshals Service personally served Gregory J.

Morris, Ltd., as Registered Agent for VIP Surgery Center LLC, with copies of the Preliminary

Order of Forfeiture and the Notice. Notice of Filing Service of Process – Personal Service, ECF

No. 14.

On July 6, 2016, the United States Marshals Service personally served Eddy H. Luh, as Managing Member for VIP Surgery Center LLC., with copies of the Preliminary Order of Forfeiture and the Notice. Notice of Filing Service of Process – Personal Service, ECF No. 14.

On July 6, 2016, the United States Marshals Service personally served Thomas C. Yee, as Managing Member for VIP Surgery Center LLC., with copies of the Preliminary Order of Forfeiture and the Notice. Notice of Filing Service of Process – Personal Service, ECF No. 14.

On July 12, 2016, the United States Marshals Service personally served Lottie Barnes, with copies of the Preliminary Order of Forfeiture and the Notice. Notice of Filing Service of Process – Personal Service, ECF No. 14.

On July 8, 2016, the United States Marshals Service personally served Michelle Barnes with copies of the Preliminary Order of Forfeiture and the Notice. Notice of Filing Service of Process – Personal Service, ECF No. 14.

On June 28, 2016, the United States Attorney's Office served Charles Tadlock, M.D., as Managing Member for Flamingo-Pecos Surgery Center, LLC and Epiphany Surgical Solutions, LLC, with copies of the Preliminary Order of Forfeiture and the Notice through regular mail and certified mail, return receipt requested. Notice of Filing Service of Process – Mailing, ECF No. 13.

This Court finds no petition was filed herein by or on behalf of any person or entity and the time for filing such petitions and claims has expired.

This Court finds no petitions are pending with regard to the property named herein and the time for presenting such petitions has expired.

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that all right, title, and interest in the property hereinafter described is condemned, forfeited, and vested in the United States of America:

 2007 Honda Accord EX Gray 4D Sedan, VIN 1HGCM56857A164507, Nevada License Plate 452WVU;

1	22. Braided necklace, yellow in color;
2	23. Ring, silver in color with clear stones;
3	24. Pair of Earrings flower shaped;
4	25. Ring, silver in color with clear stones;
5	26. Pair of Earrings hoop shaped yellow in color;
6	27. Pair of Earrings, yellow in color with round white in color stones;
7	28. Thick Bracelet yellow in color;
8	29. Pair of Earrings, yellow in color;
9	30. Three (3) rings, yellow in color: One (1) with clear type stones, Two (2) with
10	heart shaped designs;
11	31. Ring, white in color with clear stones;
12	32. Two (2) Rings yellow in color with blue in color stones;
13	33. Ring, yellow in color with green in color stone;
14	34. Ring, heart shaped with clear stones;
15	35. One (1) Ring yellow in color with white in color stones;
16	36. Five Bracelets: Two (2) yellow in color; Two (2) yellow in color with name plates
17	on them "Lucas" and "Joshua"; One (1) yellow in color with green stones;
18	37. Necklace, white in color;
19	38. Necklace, white in color with tear drop pendant;
20	39. One (1) Necklace, white in color with pink in color stone; One (1) pair of earrings
21	with pink in color stones;
22	40. One (1) round pendant yellow in color; and
23	41. Pair of Earrings, orange in color
24	(all of which constitutes property); and
25	that the United States recover from Robert W. Barnes the in personam criminal forfeiture
26	money judgment of \$1,300,000, not to be held jointly and severally liable with any codefendants,

and that the property will be applied toward the payment of the money judgment; and the forfeiture of the money judgment and the property is imposed pursuant to Fed. R. Crim. P. 32.2(b)(4)(A) and (B); Fed. R. Crim. P. 32.2(c)(2); Title 18, United States Code, Section 981(a)(1)(C) with Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c); Title 18, United States Code, Section 982(a)(7); Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(p); and Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(n)(7); that the money judgment shall be collected; and that the property and the collected amount shall be disposed of according to law. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that any and all forfeited funds, including but not limited to, currency, currency equivalents, certificates of deposit, as well as any income derived as a result of the United States of America's management of any property forfeited herein, and the proceeds from the sale of any forfeited property shall be disposed of according to law. 

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that the Clerk send copies of this Order to all counsel of record and three certified copies to the United States Attorney's Office, Attention Asset Forfeiture Unit.

DATED this 28t day of December, 2016.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

# U.S. v ROBERT W. BARNES 2:16-CR-00090-APG-GWF Restitution List

Bhatnagar Family Trust Pankaj Bhatnagar, MD	\$81,187.89
Burkhead Irrevocable Trust Daniel Burkhead, MD	\$39,587.89
Cubs Win, LLC Randall Weingarten, MD Dodd Hyer, MD	\$70,787.89
Epiphany Surgery Centers Charles Tadlock, MD	\$309,787.52
Grabow Family Trust Ryan Grabow, MD	\$22,687.89
Luong Estate Major LLC Minh Luong, DDS	\$52,587.89
Mercury Group, LLC Andrew Cash, MD	\$61,287.89
SAS Consulting LLC Scott Slavis, MD	\$31,787.89
The Julian Trust David Biesinger, DPM	\$12,287.89
Douglas Seip, MD	\$12,287.89
Fred Redfern, MD	\$12,287.89
George Gluck, MD	\$17,487.89
Howard Hack, MD	\$42,187.89
James Vahey, MD	\$61,287.89
Jason Garber, MD	\$64,287.89
John Anson, MD	\$49,987.89
Marjorie Belsky, MD	\$70,787.89
Matthew Ng, MD	\$31,787.89
Michael Valpiani, MD	\$42,187.89

Laurie Larson, MD	\$31,787.89
Larry Goldstein, MD	\$22,687.89
Ming Wei Wu, DO	\$9,687.89
Noah Levine, MD	\$22,687.89
R. Allen Byrd, PC	\$5,787.89
Sheldon Freedman, MD	\$61,287.89
Steve Becker, MD	\$42,187.89
Stuart Kaplan, MD	\$12,287.89
Terrance Kwiatkowski, MD	\$12,287.89
Timothy Wilson, DDS	\$5,787.89
T.J. O-Lee, MD	\$22,687.89
Thomas Vater, MD	\$25,287.89
William Muir, MD	\$12,287.89
William Smith, MD	\$126,687.89
TOTAL:	\$1,500,000.00

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8	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	) 2:16-cr-0090-APG-GWF
9	Plaintiff,	) )
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11	ROBERT W. BARNES,  Defendant.	ORDER CONTINUING SELF-SURRENDER DATE
12	Defendant.	) )
13	The District Court having considered the Stipulation of the parties and the circumstances	
14	surrounding this case,	
15	IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the self-surrender date for defendant BARNES currently	
16	scheduled for Friday, March 31, 2017 is vacated and same is continued to Friday, June 30, 2017, by	
17	12:00 noon.	
18	DATED this 28th day of March, 2017.	
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