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#### In the Supreme Court of Nevada

JACUZZI, INC. doing business as JACUZZI LUXURY BATH,

Petitioner,

vs.

THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT of the State of Nevada, in and for the County of Clark; and THE HONORABLE CRYSTAL ELLER, District Judge,

Respondents,

and

ROBERT ANSARA, as special administrator of the ESTATE OF SHERRY LYNN CUNNISON, deceased; ROBERT ANSARA, as special administrator of the ESTATE OF MICHAEL SMITH, deceased heir to the ESTATE OF SHERRY LYNN CUNNISON, deceased; and DEBORAH TAMANTINI, individually and heir to the Estate of SHERRY LYNN CUNNISON, deceased,

Real Parties in Interest.

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80	Plaintiffs' Appendix to Plaintiffs' Motion to Reconsider the Court's Order Granting in Part, and Denying in Part, Defendant Jacuzzi's Motion to Reconsider the Court's Order Denying Defendant's Motions in Limine Nos. 1, 4, 13, and 21	04/29/21	29 30 31	7230–7250 7251–7500 7501–7623
33	Plaintiffs' Evidentiary Hearing Brief	09/18/19	19	4585–4592
38	Plaintiffs' Evidentiary Hearing Closing Brief	11/04/19	19 20	4741–4750 4751–4805
13	Plaintiffs' Motion for Reconsideration Re: Plaintiffs' Renewed Motion to Strike Defendant Jacuzzi, Inc.'s Answer and Motion for Clarification Regarding the Scope of the Forensic Computer Search	05/15/19	6	1319–1347
22	Plaintiffs' Motion to Expand Scope of Evidentiary Hearing	08/09/19	8 9	1974–2000 2001–2045
79	Plaintiffs' Motion to Reconsider the Court's Order Granting in Part, and Denying in Part, Defendant Jacuzzi's Motion to Reconsider the Court's Order Denying Defendant's Motions in Limine Nos. 1, 4, 13, and 21	04/29/21	29	7196–7229
7	Plaintiffs' Renewed Motion to Strike Defendant Jacuzzi, Inc. d/b/a Jacuzzi Luxury Bath's Answer for Repeated, Continuous and Blatant Discovery Abuses on Order Shortening Time	01/10/19	1 2	76–250 251–435

43	Plaintiffs' Reply Defendant Jacuzzi Inc. Doing Business ad Jacuzzi Luxury Bath's Evidentiary Hearing Closing Brief	12/31/19	25 26	6179–6250 6251–6257
29	Plaintiffs' Reply in Support of Motion to Expand Scope of Evidentiary Hearing	08/21/19	16 17	3884–4000 4001–4010
86	Plaintiffs' Reply in Support of Plaintiffs' Motion to Reconsider the Court's Order Granting in Part, and Denying in Part, Defendant Jacuzzi's Motion to Reconsider the Court's Order Denying Defendant's Motions in Limine Nos. 1, 4, 13, and 21 and Opposition to Jacuzzi's Countermotion to Clarify Issues that the Jury Must Determine, Applicable Burdens of Proof, and Phases of Trial and FirstStreet for Boomers and Beyond, Inc. and AITHR Dealer, Inc.'s Joinder Thereto	06/01/21	32	7803–7858
9	Plaintiffs' Reply in Support of Plaintiffs' Renewed Motion to Strike Defendant Jacuzzi, Inc. d/b/a Jacuzzi Luxury Bath's Answer for Repeated, Continuous and Blatant Discovery Abuses on Order Shortening Time	01/29/19	4 5	922–1000 1001–1213
17	Plaintiffs' Reply in Support of Their Motion for Reconsideration Re: Plaintiffs' Renewed Motion to Strike Defendant Jacuzzi, Inc.'s Answer and Motion for Clarification Regarding the Scope of the Forensic Computer Search	06/14/19	8	1779–1790
67	Plaintiffs' Reply to: (1) Defendant Jacuzzi, Inc. dba Jacuzzi Luxury Bath's Brief Responding to Plaintiffs' Request for Inflammatory, Irrelevant, Unsubstantiated, or Otherwise Inappropriate Jury Instructions; and (2) Defendant FirstStreet For Boomers & Beyond, Inc., AITHR Dealer, Inc., and Hale Benton's Objections to Plaintiffs' Demand for Certain Jury Instructions and Rulings on Motions in Limine Based on Court Striking Jacuzzi's	11/10/20	28	6906–6923

	Answer Re: Liability			
63	Plaintiffs' Response to Defendant Jacuzzi Inc. d/b/a Jacuzzi Luxury Bath's Objections to Plaintiff's [sic] Proposed "Order Striking Defendant Jacuzzi Inc., d/b/a Jacuzzi Luxury Bath's Answer as to Liability Only" Submitted October 9, 2020	10/20/20	27	6713–6750
56	Plaintiffs' Response to Defendant Jacuzzi's Notice of Waiver of Phase 2 Hearing and Request to Have Phase 2 of Evidentiary Hearing Vacated	09/21/20	27	6562–6572
25	Plaintiffs' Supplement to Motion to Expand Scope of Evidentiary Hearing	08/20/19	9	2242–2244
30	Recorder's Transcript of Evidentiary Hearing – Day 1	09/16/19	17	4011–4193
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32	Recorder's Transcript of Evidentiary Hearing – Day 3	09/18/19	18 19	4437–4500 4501–4584
36	Recorder's Transcript of Evidentiary Hearing – Day 4	10/01/19	19	4596–4736
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52	Recorder's Transcript of Pending Motions	06/29/20	27	6509–6549

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10	Transcript of All Pending Motions	02/04/19	5 6	1214–1250 1251–1315
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74	Transcript of Proceedings: Jury Instructions	12/21/20	29	7119–7171
68	Transcript of Proceedings: Motion to Strike	11/19/20	28 29	6924–7000 7001–7010
71	Transcript of Proceedings: Motions in Limine: Jacuzzi's Nos. 1, 4, 13, 16, and 21/First Street's No. 4; Jury Instructions	12/07/20	29	7050–7115

#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that on October 5, 2021, I submitted the foregoing "Petitioner's Appendix" for filing via the Court's eFlex electronic filing system. Electronic notification will be sent to the following:

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I further certify that I served a copy of this document by mailing a true and correct copy thereof, postage prepaid, at Las Vegas, Nevada, addressed as follows:

The Honorable Crystal Eller DISTRICT COURT JUDGE – DEPT. 19 200 Lewis Avenue Las Vegas, Nevada 89155

Respondent

/s/ Jessie M. Helm
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### **FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

Breach of Implied Warranty of Merchantability as to as to Jacuzzi Inc., doing business as Jacuzzi Luxury Bath, First Street for Boomers & Beyond, Inc., AITHR Dealer, Inc., and Homeclick, LLC

- 70. That Plaintiffs incorporate by reference each and every allegation previously made in this Complaint, as if fully set forth herein.
- 71. Defendants JACUZZI INC., doing business as JACUZZI LUXURY BATH, FIRST STREET FOR BOOMERS & BEYOND, INC., AITHR DEALER, INC., and HOMECLICK, LLC, and/or ROE/DOE Defendants, breached the implied warranty of merchantability, and their breach of warranty was the proximate and legal cause of the failure of the walk-in bathtub.
  - 72. Plaintiffs sustained injuries and damages as a result of Defendants' breach.

### **PUNITIVE DAMAGES**

As to Jacuzzi Inc., doing business as Jacuzzi Luxury Bath, First Street for Boomers & Beyond, Inc., AITHR Dealer, Inc., and Homeclick, LLC

- 73. That Plaintiffs incorporate by reference each and every allegation previously made in this Complaint, as if fully set forth herein.
- 74. The Defendants JACUZZI INC., doing business as JACUZZI LUXURY BATH, FIRST STREET FOR BOOMERS & BEYOND, INC., AITHR DEALER, INC., and HOMECLICK, LLC, and/or ROE/DOE Defendants, knew or should have known of the subject product's defect which rendered it unreasonably dangerous at the time of placing the subject product into the stream of commerce and failed to undertake measures to prohibit it from entering into the stream of commerce and into the hands of users in the State of Nevada, including warnings of the risks for product failure, proper use and maintenance of the product and proper inspection of the product for potential hazards and/or defects.

	75.	Defendants conduct was wrongful because Defendants engaged in oppression, malice
and v	with a	conscious disregard toward individuals like SHERRY who purchased and used the walk-ir
batht	tub and	l said conduct was despicable.

- 76. Specifically, Defendants market the walk-in tub to elderly individuals like SHERRY who are weak, feeble and at a significant risk for falling down.
- 77. Defendants advertise that millions of Americans with mobility concerns know that simply taking a bath can be a hazardous experience.
- 78. Defendants advertise that the solution to having a hazardous experience while taking a bath is the Jacuzzi Walk-in Tub.
- 79. Defendants advertise that those who purchase a walk-in tub can feel safe and feel better with every bath.
- 80. Defendants advertise that the Jacuzzi bathtub is an industry leader with regard to safety of those who use the walk-in tub.
- 81. Defendants advertise that the unique bathtubs can make the user's experience a pain and stress reducing pleasure.
- 82. Defendants advertise that the tall tub walls allow neck-deep immersion and the same full body soak as in a natural hot spring or regular hot tub.
- 83. Defendants advertise that getting out of the tub is easy like getting out of a chair and that it is nothing like climbing up from the bottom of the user's old tub.
- 84. Despite knowing that the users of the Jacuzzi walk-in bathtub are weak, feeble and at a significant risk for falling down, Defendants did nothing to plan for the foreseeable event of having a user like SHERRY fall down inside the walk-in bathtub.
- 85. Defendants did not use reasonable care in the design of the bathtub by providing a safe way for users who fell while using the Jacuzzi walk-in bathtub to safely exit the bathtub.

- 86. Defendants knew of the heightened risk of having users like SHERRY fall down inside the Jacuzzi walk-in bathtub, and have difficulties getting back up or out of the bathtub, but did nothing to alleviate that risk.
- 87. Defendants knew of the heightened risk of having users like SHERRY fall down inside the Jacuzzi walk-in bathtub, and have difficulties getting back up or out of the bathtub, but did nothing to mitigate that risk.
- 88. Defendants knew of the heightened risk of having users like SHERRY fall down inside the Jacuzzi walk-in bathtub, and have difficulties getting back up or out of the bathtub, but did nothing to reduce that risk.
- 89. In fact, Defendants knew of alternative designs for a walk-in bathtub that were much safer to users like SHERRY who were at a substantial risk of falling down inside the Jacuzzi walk-in bathtub and were unable to get back up or out of the bathtub but chose against implementing alternative designs for increased profitability.
- 90. Because of Defendants conscious choices to put profits before safety, the Jacuzzi walk-in bathtub is a deathtrap for nearly any elderly person who happens to fall down inside the bathtub because there are no grab bars positioned in a way that someone can get back up if they fall down and because the door opens inward and traps the elderly person inside the bathtub.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs respectfully pray that Judgment be entered as set forth below

- 1. General damages for Plaintiffs pain, suffering, disfigurement, emotional distress, shock and agony in an amount in excess of \$10,000.00;
  - 2. Compensatory damages in an amount in excess of \$10,000.00;
  - 3. Special damages for Plaintiffs medical expenses in an amount to be proven at trial;
  - 4. For punitive damages in excess of \$10,000.00;

- 5. For reasonable attorney's fees, pre-judgment interest and costs of incurred herein;
- 6. For such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper in the premises.

DATED this 31st day of January, 2017.

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Pursuant to NRCP 5(b), I hereby certify that I am an employee of CLOWARD HICKS & BRASIER PLLC and that on the 31st day of January, 2017, I caused the foregoing **THIRD** 

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15	Estate of SHERRY LYNN CUNNISON, Deceased,	DAMAGES
16	Plaintiffs,	
17	vs.	
18	FIRST STREET FOR BOOMERS &	
19	BEYOND, INC.; AITHR DEALER, INC.; HALE BENTON, individually; HOMECLICK,	
20	LLC; JACUZZI INC. doing business as JACUZZI LUXURY BATH; BESTWAY	
21	BUILDING & REMODELING, INC.; WILLIAM BUDD, individually and as	
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Defendants.

Defendant Jacuzzi Inc., by and through its attorneys, Snell & Wilmer L.L.P., moves this

Court for an order dismissing Plaintiffs' punitive damages claim against Jacuzzi Inc. in the above-

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captioned dispute because Plaintiffs fail to adequately state why they are entitled to such relief.

This motion is based upon the memorandum of points and authorities attached hereto, the declaration submitted herewith, the papers and pleadings of record herein and any oral argument by counsel in this matter.

DATED this \_\_\_\_\_\_day of June, 2016.

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### **NOTICE OF MOTION**

ALL PARTIES AND THEIR RESPECTIVE COUNSEL TO:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the undersigned will bring the foregoing Motion on for hearing in Department 1 of the above-entitled Court on the <u>02</u> day of <u>AUGUST</u>, a.m./p.m., or as soon thereafter as counsel may be heard.

DATED this \_\_\_\_\_\_ day of June, 2016.

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### **MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES**

### I.

### Introduction

This product liability case arises out of injuries that Sherry Lynn Cunnison allegedly suffered while using a walk-in bathtub installed in her home in Las Vegas, Nevada. Plaintiffs allege that Jacuzzi Inc. manufactured, designed, or distributed the allegedly defective walk-in bathtub. Plaintiffs also sued First Street for Boomers & Beyond, Inc., Aithr Dealer, Inc., Hale Benton, Homeclick, LLC, Bestway Building & Remodeling, Inc., William Budd, and Budd's Plumbing, alleging that each was the retailer, manufacturer, supplier, or installer of the subject bathtub. Plaintiffs' Second Amended Complaint contains allegations for several causes of action as well as a conclusory claim for punitive damages against all defendants. Significantly, nothing in Plaintiffs' Second Amended Complaint states what possible basis there could be for such a request for relief. While Nevada is a notice pleading jurisdiction, plaintiffs must still state the basis for a claim for relief, including prayers for punitive damages. Plaintiffs' Second Amended Complaint fails to do this and instead merely demands punitive damages, without explaining how Jacuzzi Inc. allegedly acted in malice, oppression, or fraud. This is insufficient as a matter of law, as Jacuzzi Inc. cannot be on notice as to what conduct could possibly support such a request. Accordingly, Jacuzzi Inc. also seeks an order dismissing Plaintiffs' punitive damages request.

#### II.

### **Statements of Facts**

Plaintiffs allege that on February 19, 2014, Sherry Lynn Cunnison was using a walk-in bathtub installed in her home at 3881 Sedgewick Court, Las Vegas, Nevada. Cunnison attempted to drain the bathtub, but the drain would not release the water. Without first draining the water from the bathtub, the bathtub's door would not open and Cunnison was unable to exit the bathtub. On February 21, 2014, a well-being check was performed and Cunnison was found

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See Pls.' Second Amended Compl. ¶¶ 13-19, 24.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> See id. at  $\P$  24.

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in the bathtub.<sup>4</sup> Cunnison later died at the hospital.<sup>5</sup> Plaintiffs are the surviving heirs of Cunnison and allege causes of action against all defendants for negligence and strict product liability for defective design, manufacture, or failure to warn, claiming that the defendants' actions were the cause of Cunnison's death.<sup>6</sup> Plaintiffs also make cursory demand for punitive damages.<sup>7</sup>

#### III.

### Argument

### The pleading standard for punitive damages requires Plaintiffs to allege the basis for their request for punitive damages.

A defendant is entitled to dismissal of a claim when a plaintiff fails to state a claim upon which relief can be granted.<sup>8</sup> Thus, "[d]ismissal is proper where the allegations are insufficient to establish the elements of a claim for relief." This Court should dismiss Plaintiffs' claim for punitive damages because Plaintiffs have not alleged sufficient facts to sustain a punitive damages claim against a corporate defendant.

The concept of punitive damages rests upon a presumed public policy to punish a wrongdoer for his act and to deter others from acting in a similar fashion.<sup>10</sup> Punitive damages are designed not to reward the victim, but to punish the wrongdoer and deter fraudulent, malicious, or oppressive conduct. 11 A plaintiff is never entitled to punitive damages as a matter of right; their allowance or denial rests entirely in the discretion of the trier of fact.<sup>12</sup>

Consistent with that public policy, Nevada courts have historically disfavored punitive damages claims and, for that reason, impose rigorous pleading and proof requirements. Indeed,

See id. at  $\P$  25.

See id. at ¶ 30.

See id. at ¶¶ 1, 3-5, 28-47.

See id. at 10:1.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> NRCP 12(b)(5).

Stockmeier v. State, Dep't of Corrections, 122 Nev. 385, 389, 135 P.3d 220, 223 (2006), abrogated on other grounds by Buzz Stew, LLC v. City of North Las Vegas, 181 P. 3d 670, 672 (Nev. 2008).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Nevada Cement Co. v. Lemler, 89 Nev. 447, 452, 514 P.2d 1180, 1183 (1973); Ace Truck & Equip. Rentals, Inc. v. Kahn, 103 Nev. 503, 506, 746 P.2d 132, 134 (1987).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> Turnbow v. State Dep't of Human Resources, 109 Nev. 493, 496, 853 P.2d 97, 99 (1993).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> Evans v. Dean Witter Reynolds, Inc., 116 Nev. 598, 612, 5 P.3d 1043, 1052 (2000).

in 1995, the Nevada Legislature concurred by setting rigorous proof and pleading requirements.<sup>13</sup> Under NRS 42.005, punitive damages may be awarded "where it is proven by clear and convincing evidence that the defendant has been guilty of oppression, fraud or malice, express or implied." Section 42.001 narrowly defines the oppression, fraud and malice required to support a punitive damages claim as follows:

- 2. 'Fraud' means an intentional misrepresentation, deception or concealment of a material fact known to the person with the intent to deprive another person of his rights or property or to otherwise injure another person.
- 3. 'Malice, express or implied' means conduct which is intended to injure a person or despicable conduct which is engaged in with a conscious disregard of the rights or safety of others.
- 4. 'Oppression' means despicable conduct that subjects a person to cruel and unjust hardship with conscious disregard of the rights of the person.

In order to plead a claim, a plaintiff must set out in their pleading "allegations sufficient to make out the elements of a right to relief." Thus, to sustain any claim for punitive damages, Plaintiffs are required to allege facts in their pleading that indicate Jacuzzi Inc. acted with fraud, oppression, or malice. For claims based in fraud, plaintiff must meet the heightened standard of NRCP 9(b). Moreover, in order to sustain a punitive damages claim against a corporation, a plaintiff must demonstrate that an "officer, director or managing agent of the corporation" had "knowledge, authorize[ed], or ratif[ied]" the conduct warranting punitive damages. But as the Court can see from Plaintiffs' Second Amended Complaint, Plaintiffs have pled nothing at all supporting their demand for punitive damages.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> Edgar v. Wagner, 101 Nev. 226, 227, 699 P.2d 110, 111 (1985); NRCP 8(a)(1).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> NRS § 42.005. See also Edgar, 101 Nev. at 227, 699 P.2d at 111; NRCP 8(a)(1).

at p. 403 (1969)) ("[t]he circumstances that must be detailed include averments to the time, the place, the identity of the parties involved, and the nature of the fraud or mistake."); see also Vess v. Ciba-Geigy Corp., 317 F.3d 1097, 1103-04 (9th Cir. 2003) ("In that event, the claim is said to be 'grounded in fraud' or to 'sound in fraud,' and the pleading of that claim as a whole must satisfy the particularity requirement of Rule 9(b).").

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> Grieves, 157 Cal.App.3d 159, 167 (Cal. App. 1984); see also Frantz v. Johnson, 999 P.2d 351, 360 n.8 (Nev. 2000) ("a corporation is liable for damages committed by an agent employed in a managerial capacity acting within the scope of employment as a matter of law").

In consideration of such pleading requirements, NRCP 12(b)(5), provides grounds for dismissal of a claim if the claimant fails to state a claim upon which relief can be granted. Simply stated, if the claimant can prove no set of facts that, if accepted by the trier of fact, would entitle it to relief, then dismissal of its claim is appropriate.

## B. Plaintiffs' Second Amended Complaint fails to plead facts sufficient to sustain a punitive damages claim against a corporate defendant such as Jacuzzi Inc.

Plaintiffs' Second Amended Complaint does not set forth sufficient allegations to make out the elements of a punitive damages claim. Plaintiffs fail to set forth any facts regarding what Jacuzzi Inc. supposedly knew about the alleged dangers of the subject bathtub, how Jacuzzi Inc. knew of those alleged dangers, or what Jacuzzi Inc. did or did not do despite that knowledge. Rather, Plaintiffs' claim for punitive damages is nothing but a naked demand. Plaintiffs' Second Amended Complaint contains no particularized allegations to support their request.

Even construing Plaintiffs' allegations in the light most favorable to them, it is impossible to construct a set of facts that could provide them with punitive damages based on Jacuzzi Inc.'s supposed malice, oppression, or fraudulent conduct. Plaintiffs do not even include a conclusory allegation (which would itself be insufficient) that Jacuzzi Inc. acted in malice, oppression, or fraud. Moreover, Plaintiffs fail to identify a single officer, director, or managing agent of Jacuzzi Inc., who allegedly authorized or ratified any wrongful conduct. As the Second Amended Complaint now stands, there are no facts pled that would put Jacuzzi Inc.—or any other defendant—on notice of the specific nature of the acts it allegedly committed that warrant it being punished with an award of punitive damages. Accordingly, Plaintiffs' punitive damages claim should be dismissed for failure to state a claim.

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IV.

### Conclusion

In sum, Plaintiffs' request for punitive damages fails to comply with NRCP 8. Plaintiffs have no substantive or factual allegations backing up why they would be entitled to such damages or how Jacuzzi Inc. acted with malice, oppression, or fraud. Accordingly, Jacuzzi Inc. respectfully requests that the Court grant its motion and dismiss Plaintiffs' punitive damages claims.

DATED this \_\_\_\_\_day of June, 2016.

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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, the undersigned, declare under penalty of perjury, that I am over the age of eighteen (18) years, and I am not a party to, nor interested in, this action. On this date, I caused to be served a true and correct copy of the foregoing DEFENDANT JACUZZI INC.'S MOTION TO

### **DISMISS PUNITIVE DAMAGES** by the method indicated below:

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# NOTICE TO TAKE VIDEOTAPED DEPOSITION(S) OF 30(b)(6) FOR JACUZZI

TO: ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND THEIR COUNSEL OF RECORD

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on November 13, 2017 at 10:00 a.m., Plaintiff will take the videotaped deposition of the Person Most Knowledgeable for Defendant, JACUZZI LUXURY BATH, doing business as JACUZZI INC (hereinafter known as Defendant or Jacuzzi) at the Richard Harris Law Firm, located at 801 South Fourth Street, Las Vegas, Nevada 89101, pursuant to Rules 26 and 30(b)(6) of the Rules of Civil Procedure, upon oral examination, before a Notary Public, or before some other officer authorized by law to administer oaths.

Oral examination will continue from day to day until completed. You are invited to attend and cross-examine.

ITEMS TO BE PRODUCED – AND SUBJECTS TO BE COVERED – See Exhibit A, attached hereto.

DATED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of October, 2017

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#### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Pursuant to Nevada Rule of Civil Procedure 5(b), I hereby certify that I am an employee of THE RICHARD HARRIS LAW FIRM and that on the limit day of 2017, I caused the foregoing NOTICE TO TAKE VIDEOTAPED DEPOSITION(S) OF 30(b)(6) FOR JACUZZI to be served as follows:

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#### **EXHIBIT A**

Items on which examination is sought. PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the video-taped 1.

oral deposition of Defendant(s) will be taken through the person or persons designated by Defendant(s) to testify concerning matters shown on the attached list of items on which examination is sought. You are notified that the party giving this notice wishes to examine the witness or witnesses so designated by Defendant(s) on the matters shown on the attached list of items on which examination is sought.

- 2. Items to be brought to the deposition. You are further notified that the person or persons designated by Defendant(s) are to bring with them the items in the attached list of items to be brought to the deposition.
- 3. Time and place. The deposition will be taken at the Richard Harris Law Firm at the time and date of November 13, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. The deposition will continue thereafter, until completed.
- 4. Your designation of persons. Pursuant to NRCP 30(b)(6) Defendant(s) is/are hereby notified to designate the person or persons to testify on behalf of the deponent organization. Defendant(s) is/are further notified that the witness or witnesses so designated by them must be prepared to testify to matters known or reasonably available to Defendant(s). The designation should be served on the undersigned deposing attorney on a reasonable date before the date of the deposition. If Defendant'(s)' organization so desires, Defendant(s) may designate the separate matters on which each person designated by Defendant(s) will testify. To expedite the questioning of witnesses by their separate subject matters, the designation:
  - (A) should be by name and job title or other description and specify the separate matters on which each will testify; and
  - (B) should be served on the undersigned deposing attorney on a reasonable date before the date of the deposition.
- 5. Defendant(s), not individuals, being deposed. Pursuant to the provision of NRCP 30(b)(6) the rules of civil procedure, is/are on notice that it is Defendant(s) being deposed, not individual officers, employees or agents of Defendant(s). Defendant(s) has/have a duty to prepare their designated witness or witnesses to testify on not only the information personally known by their designated witness, but also on all the information known by Defendant(s) through its officers, employees, and agents. The designated witness should be able to answer with reasonable particularity, everything Defendant(s) knows/know on the Matters on Which Examination is sought, unlimited by how little the designed witness or other individual officer, employees, and agents personally know.

6. Duty mandated by rules. Pursuant to NRCP 30(b)(6) Defendant(s) is/are on notice that Defendant(s) must search for, and inform itself, of all matters known or reasonably available, and who in Defendant'(s)' organization has the information. If no one single person has the information requested, Defendant(s) must produce at the deposition the number of witnesses needed to testify on all the matters requested in the list of items on which examination is sought.

#### LIST OF ITEMS THE ORGANIZATION IS TO BRING TO ITS DEPOSITION

The following list does not require attorney/client privileged matter to be produced, and each item should be understood to include the phrase "except for attorney/client privileged matter."

# Defendant(s) IS/ARE REQUIRED TO BRING TO THE DEPOSITION:

- 1. Any written policies or Defendant'(s)' regulations or procedures, that have not yet already been produced, and which were in place <u>before</u> the incident at issue, that were intended to guard against or prevent the type of incident which is the subject matter of this lawsuit, i.e. that of an individual in a Jacuzzi walk in tub.
- 2. Any written policies or Defendant'(s)' regulations or procedures, that have not yet already been produced, and which were in place after the incident at issue, that were intended to guard against or prevent the type of incident which is the subject matter of this lawsuit, i.e. that of an individual in a Jacuzzi walk in tub.
- 3. Any documents, electronically stored information (ESI) or tangible items created by Defendant(s) as a result of the incident, and documents, electronically stored information (ESI), known to Defendant that were created by Defendant(s) or any of the witnesses (both those being offered for the deposition of Defendant(s), and also those being deposed as an individual witness on the date of this deposition of Defendant(s) in which any witness being deposed on this date describes any events the witness observed at the scene of the incident in the 24 hours before or in the 24 hours after the incident), that have not yet already been produced. This includes, among other things, any incident reports, notes, or other memoranda made by the witness or by others, that have not yet already been produced. This shall include documents created in the 24 hour period before the incident and after the incident as a result of the defect alleged in Plaintiff's Complaint, or Amendments thereto, that have not yet already been produced.
- 4. Any documents, electronically stored information (ESI) or tangible items created by, or in the possession of either Defendant(s) or any of the witnesses being offered for this deposition of Defendant(s), and also those being deposed as an individual witness on the date of this noticed deposition of Defendant(s) --- which either the witness being deposed or Defendant(s) believes might refresh the memory of the Rule 30(b)(6) designee(s) being deposed on the date of this deposition, that have not yet already been produced. (Please note this is intended to obtain documents that the Rule 30(b)(6) designee(s) may reference in their deposition to aid in the testimony process.) This shall include documents related to the incident alleged in Plaintiff's Complaint or

Amendments thereto, including but not limited to safety manuals, incident reports, witness statements and any other document that was create as a result of the incident, or had to do with safety in relation to prevention of the incident, and such documents that have been produced thus far by Defendant(s) that the Rule 30(b)(6) designee(s) may rely upon in providing their testimony, that have not yet already been produced.

Note: because this is a deposition of the corporation, we expect the corporation to specifically inquire of personnel at the scene whether they took photographs on their digital telephones or other personal digital devices, if the items have not yet already been produced.

- 5. All safety manuals of Defendant(s) with any warnings or instructions for the product used by Plaintiff, *if the items have not yet already been produced*. To include manuals dealing with safety related the use of the Jacuzzi tub.
- 6. All safety materials or instructions claimed by Defendant(s) to have been given or shown to the Plaintiff, if the items have not yet already been produced.
- 7. All daily logs and reports created as a result of the incident by personnel of Defendant(s) on the site or physically conducting operations on the premises for the 48 hours before, the day of the incident, and the 48 hours after the incident, which were created as a result of the incident, if the items have not yet already been produced.
- 8. All daily logs and reports created as a result of the incident created by any employee or agent of Defendant(s), in response to the incident at issue, or anything dealing with the incident at issue or any issues related to the incident at issue, if the items have not yet already been produced.
- All incident reports and investigation reports prepared before this lawsuit was started with respect to falls on any Jacuzzi walk-in tub whether similar to the model used by Plaintiff or not.
- 10. All non-privileged e-mails, which contain references to the incident, premises, products, contractors, or actions of persons involved in the events which are the subject matter of the lawsuit and which are:
  - (A) to or from the witnesses being deposed on the date of this deposition, whether or not as designated witnesses for this deposition,
  - (B) to or from those of Jacuzzi's officers, employees, and agents who were on the premises at the time of the incident, or the supervisor of such persons, and
  - (C) or to or from Defendant'(s)' safety personnel, premises maintenance personnel, or the insurers of Defendant(s), if the items have not yet already been produced.

#### LIST OF TOPICS ON WHICH EXAMINATION IS SOUGHT

NOTICE: in this list, "premises' means the area where the incident took place, and "incident" means the incident occurring on or about February 27, 2014, that is the subject of this litigation.

#### EXAMINATION WILL BE SOUGHT ON THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS.

1. Defendant'(s)' understanding of the incident and injury in this case, and events involved therewith on that date.

NOTE: Plaintiff is not seeking to obtain scientific or medical opinions, rather is simply trying to learn of Defendant'(s)' understanding of basic facts pursuant to: United States EEOC v. Caesars Entm't, Inc, 237 F.R.D. 428 (D. Nev. 2006); Taylor v. Shaw, 2007 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 16305 (D. Nev. Mar. 5, 2007); Great Am. Ins. Co. of N.Y. v. Vegas Constr. Co., 251 F.R.D. 534 (D. Nev. 2008).

- 2. Who are the witnesses known to Defendant(s), to the incident, injury, and events involved, and what they know, as currently known by Defendant(s).
- 3. Incident reports of the incident.
- 4. On the date of the incident and to the date of the deposition: who was the person in charge of safety of persons purchasing Jacuzzi products, what he/she did and learned on the day of the injury, and facts that he/she has subsequently learned regarding the incident and injury of Plaintiff.
- 5. The incident and its causes, including Defendant'(s)' position on what caused the incident, and the facts supporting that position.

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- 6. Defendant'(s)' position on what Plaintiff did carelessly or wrongfully that contributed to cause the injuries that Plaintiff received, and the facts supporting that position, as set forth in Defendant'(s)' Answer and any Amendments thereto.
- NOTE: Plaintiff is not seeking to obtain scientific or medical opinions, rather is simply trying to learn of Defendant'(s)' understanding of basic facts pursuant to: United States EEOC v. Caesars Entm't, Inc, 237 F.R.D. 428 (D. Nev. 2006); Taylor v. Shaw, 2007 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 16305 (D. Nev. Mar. 5, 2007); Great Am. Ins. Co. of N.Y. v. Vegas Constr. Co., 251 F.R.D. 534 (D. Nev. 2008).

7. Defendant'(s)' position on what any person or entity other than Defendant(s) or Plaintiff did carelessly or wrongfully that contributed to cause the injuries that Plaintiff received, and the facts supporting that position.

NOTE: Plaintiff is not seeking to obtain scientific or medical opinions, rather is simply trying to learn of Defendant'(s)' understanding of basic facts pursuant to: United States EEOC v. Caesars Entm't, Inc, 237 F.R.D. 428 (D. Nev. 2006); Taylor v. Shaw, 2007 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 16305 (D. Nev. Mar. 5, 2007); Great Am. Ins. Co. of N.Y. v. Vegas Constr. Co., 251 F.R.D. 534 (D. Nev. 2008).

- 8. Instructions and warnings given to Plaintiff at any time regarding Plaintiff's activities on the premises
- 9. Conversations and statements by, or to, Plaintiff regarding Plaintiff's activities, the incident, or Plaintiff's injuries
- 10. Defendant(s) system, rules and regulations for the reporting of incidents or collection of data regarding incidents involving, and the identity of all other incidents on the premises in the period from February 27, 2014, to the present date.
- 11. All inspections, not invoking attorney work-product, in the area at issue and reasonable proximity thereto (defined as any area within 100 feet of where the incident took place) after the incident and to the date of this deposition, of the premises, equipment, or processes involved in the incident.
- 12. Factual information and sources of such facts, and information supporting Defendant'(s)' affirmative defenses as set forth and reflected in Defendant'(s)' Answer and amendments thereto.

NOTE: Plaintiff is not seeking to obtain scientific or medical opinions, rather is simply trying to learn of Defendant'(s)' understanding of basic facts pursuant to: <u>United States EEOC v. Caesars Entm't, Inc.</u>, 237 F.R.D. 428 (D. Nev. 2006); <u>Taylor v. Shaw</u>, 2007 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 16305 (D. Nev. Mar. 5, 2007); <u>Great Am. Ins. Co. of N.Y. v. Vegas Constr. Co.</u>, 251 F.R.D. 534 (D. Nev. 2008).

#### GENERAL TESTIMONY

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- 13. The authenticity, existence and completeness of all documents produced in response to Plaintiff's discovery requests in this case.
- 14. Any and all document/record retention policies.
- 15. The name, address (home and work) and phone numbers (home and work) for all custodians of the documents produced in response to Plaintiff's discovery requests in this case.
- 16. Defendant's responses to Plaintiff's interrogatories in this case.
- 17. The factual basis for all denials to the allegations raised in Plaintiff's Complaint.
- 18. The factual basis for all affirmative defenses asserted in Defendants' Answer in this case.
- 19. All insurance agreements (including self-insurance fund or risk pool fund) that exist under the terms of which the person or company issuing the same may be called upon to satisfy all or part of any judgment against you which may be entered in favor of the Plaintiff in this action.
- 20. The nature of all responsive documents, communications, or things that have been withheld, in response to discovery in this case and this Notice, on the grounds of privilege or protection, including:
  - (a) A description of any documents;
  - (b) The author of any documents and his or her address (home and work) and phone number (home and work);
  - (c) The identity of the custodian of any documents and things and his or her address (home and work) and phone number (home and work);
  - (d) The date the document was created and the person(s) to whom the document or copies were transmitted; and,
  - (e) A summary of the contents of each document, communication or thing.

#### SALES AND MARKETING TESTIMONY GENERAL

- 21. Testimony regarding the policies and procedures used by Jacuzzi to advertise and sell Jacuzzi walk in tubs.
- 22. Jacuzzi, Inc.'s, sales department, generally, concerning the advertising, marketing, sale and post-sale matters concerning the identification of the consumers that would likely use Jacuzzi's walk in tubs.
- 23. Jacuzzi, Inc.'s, sales department, generally, concerning the advertising, marketing, sale and post-sale matters concerning the subject Jacuzzi design of walk in tubs.
- 24. Identification of all persons known to Defendant who trained, directed or supervised to advise end users of the safety of Jacuzzi tubs.
- 25. Identification of all persons known to Defendant who trained, directed or supervised individuals to design walk in tubs that could cause or contribute to user being trapped in tub resulting in injury or death.

#### SALE AND MARKETING WITH END USER TESTIMONY

- 26. Any and/or all conversations with Sherry Lynn Cunnison, concerning the purchase of the subject Jacuzzi, any subsequent use and maintenance on the subject Jacuzzi.
- 27. Any and/or all Sales and Marketing materials concerning the purpose and use of Jacuzzi walk in tubs.
  - a. Any policies and procedures of Defendant with regard to training or education of consumers as to the safe use walk in tubs.
  - b. The existence and location of plaintiff's discovery request.

# COMMUNICATION BETWEEN JACUZZI AND DEALERS, SELLERS AND INSTALLERS TESTIMONY

- 28. Communications between defendants concerning the elements and/or components manufactured or designed by Jacuzzi, included but not limited to, the design, changes, testing, manufacturing of said elements and components of the Jacuzzi walk-in tub.
- 29. What, if any, resources were available to Jacuzzi, Inc., to notify, research, or otherwise learn and/or disclose information to/from First Street for Boomers & Beyond, Inc.; Aithr Dealer, Inc.; Bestway Building and Remodeling; William Budd; and/ or Budds Plumbing; regarding the subject Jacuzzi design that could cause or contribute to user being trapped in tub.
- 30. Identification of all of Defendant's officers, directors, employees or other personnel who at any time prior to the purchase of Plaintiff Cunnison's tub had any communication with First Street for Boomers & Beyond, Inc.; Aithr Dealer, Inc.; Bestway Building and Remodeling; William Budd; and/ or Budds Plumbing, regarding the safety of the user of Jacuzzi walk in tubs.
- 31. All contracts, agreements and/or other documents entered into and/or exchanged between Jacuzzi, Inc. First Street for Boomers & Beyond, Inc.; Aithr Dealer, Inc.; Bestway Building and Remodeling; William Budd; and/or Budds Plumbing.
- 32. Any policies and procedures of Defendant with regard to training or supervising temporary employees or contractor as to the safety of the tub.
- 33. Any policies and procedures of Defendant with regard to training or supervising temporary employees or contractor as to the safe installation of Jacuzzi walk in tubs.
- 34. Communications with Jacuzzi, Inc, or any other entity relating to and/or concerning the subject Jacuzzi design of walk in tubs that could cause or contribute to user being trapped in tub resulting in injury or death.

#### **DESIGN OF TUB**

- 2 35. Defendant Jacuzzi's policies, procedures and practices, concerning designs, modifications, alterations, for the subject Jacuzzi design of walk in tubs.
  - 36. Identification of all of Defendant's officers, directors, employees or other personnel who participated or had any role in the planning of designs, modifications, alterations, for the subject Jacuzzi design of walk in tubs.
  - 37. Identification of all of Defendant's officers, directors, employees or other personnel who participated or had any role the planning of designs, modifications, alterations, for the subject Jacuzzi design of walk in tubs.
  - 38. Identification of all files and documents relating to the facts and circumstances of the safety of Jacuzzi walk in tub users.
  - 39. Identification of all persons known to Defendant who trained, directed or supervised individuals to design walk in tubs that could cause or contribute to user being trapped in tub resulting in injury or death.
  - 40. The engineering and design of the Jacuzzi walk-in tub and its elements.
  - 41. The all systems design technical specification and effect for the design testing and manufacturing the walk-in Jacuzzi tub.
  - 42. The organizational structure of any and all departments and individuals involved in design testing and manufacture of the Jacuzzi walk-in tubs. Any design failure mode effects and analysis or any such similar analysis for the Jacuzzi walk-in tub and components manufactured and/or designed by Jacuzzi.
  - 43. Any design work orders, billed work orders, test work orders, engineer change request, engineering change orders related to the design and manufacture of the Jacuzzi walk-in tub.
  - 44. Any and all cost benefit and/or value analysis regarding the design of the Jacuzzi walkin tub and components.
  - 45. The identification, location and contact information of persons with the most knowledge concerning the design, manufacture and/or changes to the design and manufacturing of the components of the Jacuzzi walk-in tub.

46.	The identification, location and contact information of persons with the most knowledge
	concerning the retrofit recall, service and/or otherwise fix regarding any alleged defect
	in the design of the Jacuzzi walk-in tub.

47. The cost of retrofitting, recalling, servicing or otherwise fixing the alleged defect design of the Jacuzzi walk-in tub and the components manufactured by Jacuzzi.

#### OTHER SIMILAR INCIDENTS TESTIMONY

- 48. Any and all product investigations by Jacuzzi regarding damages or injuries resulting from Jacuzzi walk-in tubs including the elements and components manufactured by Jacuzzi.
- 49. Jacuzzi's financial net worth, assets, debts and financial status including subsidiaries, partners and/or affiliations.
- 50. Testimony identifying all lawsuits, claims, dealer bulletins, complaints, incident reports or other documents where someone has alleged that a Jacuzzi Walk In tub was not properly designed contributing to injury of the user.
- 51. Testimony regarding Jacuzzi's actions related to any customer complaint, lawsuits, warranty claims or incident reports wherein it was alleged that a Jacuzzi Walk In tub was not properly designed contributing to injury of the user.
- 52. Testimony and documents regarding any lawsuits filed against Jacuzzi, Inc during the use of a Jacuzzi Walk in tub allegedly causing injury or death, including the county and state in which the action was brought or is pending, including the names of each party, the name of each party's attorney with their address and telephone number, the disposition of each lawsuit and the date and place of the occurrence complained of in each lawsuit, as well as a copy of each such complaint.
- 53. Testimony regarding the procedures used by Jacuzzi to collect, receive, record, respond, and store customer complaints, lawsuits, and incident reports.

EXHIBIT "7"

Cunnison, Ms. Sherry Lyn

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Subject: RE: Jacuzzi Deposition

Tina – Ben and I texted about this case this morning. I know he is getting ready to start trial. I suggested that you at least provide some possible dates the weeks of December 11th or 18th, so that we could at least have a date reserved for Jacuzzi's deposition, which can take place at Snell & Wilmer's Costa Mesa office. Of course, confirm with Ben. But once you have done so, please provide us with a date or two so that I can communicate that to our witnesses. Thanks. – Josh.

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From: Cools, Joshua

Sent: Wednesday, November 01, 2017 11:08 AM

To: 'Benjamin Cloward'

Cc: 'Tina Jarchow'; 'Charles Allen'; Moreno, Jorge

Subject: RE: Jacuzzi Deposition

Importance: High

Ben – I have not received any response from you regarding the emails I sent last week. You should have received our response to and objections to your deposition notice. Please let me know if you feel we need to meet and confer regarding the notice or the proposed stipulated protective order. As I previously told you, Jacuzzi will likely be designated two witnesses to address these topics and we can make them available them weeks of December 11th or 18th at our office in Costa Mesa, California. Please let me know what day you want to take the deposition so I can make sure that the witnesses hold the date. Thanks. – Josh

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From: Cools, Joshua

Sent: Monday, October 23, 2017 10:54 AM

To: 'Benjamin Cloward'

Cc: 'Tina Jarchow'; Charles Allen; Moreno, Jorge

Subject: Jacuzzi Deposition

Hi Ben – I left a voicemail for you, so feel free to call if you want to discuss this further. I'll be serving some formal objections to the 30(b)(6) deposition notice you served, but in the meantime I wanted to let you know that we will be objecting to the location of the deposition (Jacuzzi and its witnesses are located in southern California) and time. It looks like Jacuzzi will be designating two witnesses to address the topics you noticed (subject to our forthcoming objections and responses) and they are not going to be available on November 13th. The weeks of December 11th or 18th should work for us. Let me know if you have any specific dates in there that you would like to aim for and I'll confirm with our witnesses. Thanks. – Josh

Cunnison, Ms. Sherry Lyn

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DEFENDANT/CROSS-DEFENDANT JACUZZI INC.'S OBJECTIONS TO PLAINTIFFS' NOTICE TO TAKE VIDEOTAPED DEPOSITION(S) OF 30(b)(6) FOR JACUZZI

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# DEFENDANT/CROSS-DEFENDANT JACUZZI INC.'S OBJECTIONS TO PLAINTIFFS' NOTICE TO TAKE VIDEOTAPED DEPOSITION(S) OF 30(b)(6) FOR JACUZZI

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Defendant/Cross-Defendant Jacuzzi Inc. ("Jacuzzi") hereby provides the following responses and objections to Plaintiffs' Notice to Take Videotaped Deposition(s) of 30(b)(6) for Jacuzzi, Pursuant to Rules 26 and 30(b)(6) of the Rules of Civil Procedure, unilaterally scheduled for November 13, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at the offices of Richard Harris Law Firm, 801 South Fourth Street, Las Vegas, NV 89101.

# OBJECTIONS AND RESPONSES TO CATEGORIES OF TESTIMONY

Items on which examination is sought. PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the video-taped oral deposition of Defendant(s) will be taken through the person or persons designated by Defendant(s) to testify concerning matters shown on the attached list of items on which examination is sought. You are notified that the party giving this notice wishes to examine the witness or witnesses so designated by Defendant(s) on the matters shown on the attached list of items on which examination is sought.

# **RESPONSE:**

Jacuzzi incorporates by reference its objections and responses to each individual deposition topic sought by Plaintiffs, as set forth below. Jacuzzi expressly reserves the right to assert these or other objections at the time of the examination.

**Items to be brought to the deposition.** You are further notified that the person or persons designated by Defendant(s) are to bring with them the items in the attached list of items to be brought to the deposition.

#### **RESPONSE:**

Jacuzzi objects to this paragraph to the extent that the materials sought by Plaintiffs are equally available to Plaintiffs as they are to Jacuzzi. Jacuzzi has already produced the materials responsive to Plaintiffs' request as part of its disclosures and responses to Plaintiffs' requests for production. Jacuzzi incorporates by reference its objections and response to each individual category of items to be brought to the deposition, as set forth below.

**3. Time and place.** The deposition will be taken at the Richard Harris Law Firm at the time and date of November 13, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. The deposition will continue thereafter, until completed.

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Jacuzzi objects to Plaintiffs noticing the deposition for Las Vegas on November 13, 2017. As Plaintiffs are aware, Jacuzzi is a citizen of California, not Nevada. The Nevada Supreme Court has stated that the general rule is that defendants are to be deposed at its primary place of business. See Okada v. Eighth Judicial District Court, 131 Nev. Adv. Op. 83 (2015). There are no factors that would support taking the deposition in Las Vegas. Upon identification of who Jacuzzi intends to designate as its representative for this deposition, Jacuzzi will provide Plaintiffs' counsel with dates that the witness is available for deposition in southern California.

- **Your designation of persons.** Pursuant to NRCP 30(b)(6) Defendant(s) is/are hereby notified to designate the person or persons to testify on behalf of the deponent organization. Defendant(s) is/are further notified that the witness or witnesses so designated by them must be prepared to testify to matters known or reasonably available to Defendant(s). The designation \( \mathbb{P} \) should be served on the undersigned deposing attorney on a reasonable date before the date of the deposition. If Defendant'(s)' organization so desires, Defendant(s) may designate the separate matters on which each person designated by Defendant(s) will testify. To expedite the questioning of witnesses by their separate subject matters, the designation:
  - (A) should be by name and job title or other description and specify the separate matters on which each will testify; and
  - (B) should be served on the undersigned deposing attorney on a reasonable date before the date of the deposition.

#### **RESPONSE:**

Jacuzzi will designate witnesses in compliance with NRCP 30(b)(6). Jacuzzi objects to Plaintiffs' request to the extent it seeks to change or add to the obligations required by Nevada's rules of civil procedure and case law.

5. Defendant(s), not individuals, being deposed. Pursuant to the provision of NRCP 30(b)(6) the rules of civil procedure, is/are on notice that it is Defendant(s) being deposed, not individual officers, employees or agents of Defendant(s). Therefore, Defendant(s) has/have a duty to prepare their designated witness or witnesses to testify on not only the information personally known by their designated witness, but also on all the information known by Defendant(s) through its officers, employees, and agents. The designated witness should be able to answer with reasonable particularity, everything Defendant(s) knows/know on the Matters on Which Examination is sought, unlimited by how little the designed witness or other individual officer, employees, and agents personally know.

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Jacuzzi will designate witnesses in compliance with NRCP 30(b)(6). Jacuzzi objects to Plaintiffs' request to the extent it seeks to change or add to the obligations required by Nevada's rules of civil procedure and case law.

**Duty mandated by rules.** Pursuant to NRCP 30(b)(6) Defendant(s) is/are on notice that 6. Defendant(s) must search for, and inform itself, of all matters known or reasonably available, and who in Defendant'(s)' organization has the information. If no one single person has the information requested, Defendant(s) must produce at the deposition the number of witnesses needed to testify on all the matters requested in the list of items on which examination is sought.

#### **RESPONSE:**

Jacuzzi will designate witnesses in compliance with NRCP 30(b)(6). Jacuzzi objects to Plaintiffs' request to the extent it seeks to change or add to the obligations required by Nevada's rules of civil procedure and case law.

# LIST OF ITEMS THE ORGANIZATION IS TO BRING TO ITS DEPOSITION

#### Category 1

Any written policies or Defendant'(s)' regulations or procedures, that have not yet already been produced, and which were in place before the incident at issue, that were intended to guard against or prevent the type of incident which is the subject matter of this lawsuit, i.e. that of an individual in a Jacuzzi walk in tub.

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After performing a diligent search, Jacuzzi has no documents responsive to this request. Responsive documents have either already been produced or Jacuzzi has agreed to produce them upon entry of an appropriate protective order, and Jacuzzi incorporates by reference its responses to Plaintiffs' Requests for Production Nos. 6, 9, 10, and 11. Further, Jacuzzi objects to this category as confusing. The category states, in part, that it is seeking materials "intended to guard against or prevent the type of incident which is the subject matter of this lawsuit, i.e., that of an individual in a Jacuzzi walk in tub." It is unclear to Jacuzzi what is meant by guarding against an individual in a Jacuzzi® walk-in tub. Accordingly, Jacuzzi's response is based off its interpretation of this category as pertaining to documents related to individuals who became stuck in the Jacuzzi® 5229 Walk-In Bathtub in the manner it understands the decedent's incident occurred. Defendant objects to this Request as overbroad to the extent that it refers to documents not relevant to this case or Plaintiffs' vague claims of defect, which are outside the scope of Rule 26(b) and NRCP 30(b)(6).

# Category 2

Any written policies or Defendant'(s)' regulations or procedures, that have not yet already been produced, and which were in place after the incident at issue, that were intended to guard against or prevent the type of incident which is the subject matter of this lawsuit, i.e. that of an individual in a Jacuzzi walk in tub.

# **RESPONSE:**

After performing a diligent search, Jacuzzi has no documents responsive to this request. Responsive documents have either already been produced or Jacuzzi has agreed to produce them upon entry of an appropriate protective order, and Jacuzzi incorporates by reference its responses to Plaintiffs' Requests for Production Nos. 6, 9, 10, and 11. Further, Jacuzzi objects to this category as confusing. The category states, in part, that it is seeking materials "intended to guard against or prevent the type of incident which is the subject matter of this lawsuit, i.e., that of an individual in a Jacuzzi walk in tub." It is unclear to Jacuzzi what is meant by guarding against an individual in a Jacuzzi® walk-in tub. Accordingly, Jacuzzi's response is based off its interpretation of this category as pertaining to documents related to individuals who became stuck in the Jacuzzi® 5229 Walk-In Bathtub in the manner it understands the decedent's incident occurred. Defendant objects to this Request as overbroad to the extent that it refers to documents not relevant to this case or Plaintiffs' vague claims of defect, as well as documents created after the subject incident, which are outside the scope of Rule 26(b) and NRCP 30(b)(6).

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Any documents, electronically stored information (ESI) or tangible items created by Defendant(s) as a result of the incident, and documents, electronically stored information (ESI), known to Defendant that were created by Defendant(s) or any of the witnesses (both those being offered for the deposition of Defendant(s), and also those being deposed as an individual witness on the date of this deposition of Defendant(s) in which any witness being deposed on this date describes any events the witness observed at the scene of the incident in the 24 hours before or in the 24 hours after the incident), that have not yet already been produced. This includes, among other things, any incident reports, notes, or other memoranda made by the witness or by others, that have not yet already been produced. This shall include documents created in the 24 hour \$\mathbb{Q}\$ period before the incident and after the incident as a result of the defect alleged in Plaintiff's Complaint, or Amendments thereto, that have not yet already been produced.

#### **RESPONSE:**

After performing a diligent search, Jacuzzi has no documents responsive to this request. Jacuzzi objects to the category as confusing because it appears to be unrelated to this litigation. The request refers to descriptions of "any events the witness observed at the scene of the incident in the 24 hours before or in the 24 hours after the incident." Plaintiffs are aware that no employee of Jacuzzi was present when Ms. Cunnison was in the tub, was removed from the tub, or when she died. This category appears to be related to premises liability issues which are not relevant to Plaintiffs' product liability claims in this case. The category appears to seek documents protected from disclosure by the attorney work-product privilege.

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Any documents, electronically stored information (ESI) or tangible items created by, or in the possession of either Defendant(s) or any of the witnesses being offered for this deposition of Defendant(s), and also those being deposed as an individual witness on the date of this noticed deposition of Defendant(s) --- which either the witness being deposed or Defendant(s) believes might refresh the memory of the Rule 30(b)(6) designee(s) being deposed on the date of this deposition, that have not yet already been produced. (Please note this is intended to obtain documents that the Rule 30(b)(6) designee(s) may reference in their deposition to aid in the testimony process.) This shall include documents related to the incident alleged in Plaintiff's Complaint or Amendments thereto, including but not limited to safety manuals, incident reports, witness statements and any other document that was create as a result of the incident, or had to do with safety in relation to prevention of the incident, and such documents that have been produced thus far by Defendant(s) that the Rule 30(b)(6) designee(s) may rely upon in providing their testimony, that have not yet already been produced.

Note: because this is a deposition of the corporation, we expect the corporation to specifically inquire of personnel at the scene whether they took photographs on their digital telephones or other personal digital devices, if the items have not yet already been produced.

# **RESPONSE:**

Jacuzzi will perform a diligent search for any non-privileged responsive documents. Jacuzzi objects to the note following this category, to the extent it is seeking materials that are subject to the attorney work product doctrine.

#### Category 5

All safety manuals of Defendant(s) with any warnings or instructions for the product used by Plaintiff, if the items have not yet already been produced. To include manuals dealing with safety related the use of the Jacuzzi tub.

#### **RESPONSE:**

After performing a diligent search, Jacuzzi has no documents responsive to this request. Responsive documents have either already been produced or Jacuzzi has agreed to produce them upon entry of an appropriate protective order, and Jacuzzi incorporates by reference its responses to Plaintiffs' Requests for Production Nos. 6, 9, and 11.

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All safety materials or instructions claimed by Defendant(s) to have been given or shown to the Plaintiff, if the items have not yet already been produced.

#### **RESPONSE:**

After performing a diligent search, Jacuzzi has no documents responsive to this request. Responsive documents have either already been produced or Jacuzzi has agreed to produce them upon entry of an appropriate protective order, and Jacuzzi incorporates by reference its responses to Plaintiffs' Requests for Production Nos. 6, 9, and 11.

# Category 7

All daily logs and reports created as a result of the incident by personnel of Defendant(s) on the site or physically conducting operations on the premises for the 48 hours before, the day of the incident, and the 48 hours after the incident, which were created as a result of the incident, if the items have not yet already been produced.

# **RESPONSE:**

After performing a diligent search, Jacuzzi has no documents responsive to this Category. This category of materials does not appear to be related to this litigation.

#### Category 8

All daily logs and reports created as a result of the incident created by any employee or agent of Defendant(s), in response to the incident at issue, or anything dealing with the incident at issue or any issues related to the incident at issue, if the items have not yet already been produced.

#### **RESPONSE:**

After performing a diligent search, Jacuzzi has no non-privileged documents responsive to this Category. The category appears to seek documents protected from disclosure by the attorney work-product privilege. Jacuzzi did not know of the subject incident until being notified by Plaintiffs' counsel, and all documents created in response were prepared by or at the direction of counsel.

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All incident reports and investigation reports prepared before this lawsuit was started with respect to falls on any Jacuzzi walk-in tub whether similar to the model used by Plaintiff or not.

#### **RESPONSE:**

Jacuzzi objects to this category because it seeks confidential and proprietary materials that are irrelevant to the claims in this case.

# Category 10

All non-privileged e-mails, which contain references to the incident, premises, products, contractors, or actions of persons involved in the events which are the subject matter of the lawsuit and which are:

- (A) to or from the witnesses being deposed on the date of this deposition, whether or not as designated witnesses for this deposition,
- (B) to or from those of Jacuzzi's officers, employees, and agents who were on the premises at the time of the incident, or the supervisor of such persons, and
- (C) or to or from Defendant'(s)' safety personnel, premises maintenance personnel, or the insurers of Defendant(s), if the items have not yet already been produced.

#### **RESPONSE:**

After performing a diligent search, Jacuzzi has no documents responsive to this request. Jacuzzi also objects to the category as confusing because it appears to be, in part, unrelated to this litigation. For instance, subsection (B) refers to employees who were "on the premises at the time of the incident." Plaintiffs are aware that no employee of Jacuzzi was present when Ms. Cunnison was in the tub, was removed from the tub, or when she died. Parts of this category appear to be specifically related to premises liability issues which are not relevant to Plaintiffs' product liability claims in this case.

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# LIST OF TOPICS ON WHICH EXAMINATION IS SOUGHT

# Topic 1

Defendant'(s)' understanding of the incident and injury in this case, and events involved therewith on that date.

NOTE: Plaintiff is not seeking to obtain scientific or medical opinions, rather is simply trying to learn of Defendant'(s)' understanding of basic facts pursuant to: United States EEOC v. Caesars Entm't, Inc, 237 F.R.D. 428 (D. Nev. 2006); Taylor v. Shaw, 2007 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 16305 (D. Nev. Mar. 5, 2007); Great Am. Ins. Co. of N.Y. v. Vegas Constr. Co., 251 F.R.D. 534 (D. Nev. 2008).

# **RESPONSE:**

Jacuzzi will not produce a witness in response to this category. Jacuzzi did not know of the subject incident until being notified by Plaintiffs' counsel, and all information regarding the incident is through counsel and those communications are protected by the attorney client and/or work product privileges. Jacuzzi further objects to the request as an improper attempt to shift Plaintiffs' burden of proof to Jacuzzi.

#### Topic 2

Who are the witnesses known to Defendant(s), to the incident, injury, and events involved, and what they know, as currently known by Defendant(s).

#### **RESPONSE:**

Jacuzzi will not produce a witness in response to this category. Jacuzzi did not know of the subject incident until being notified by Plaintiffs' counsel, and all information regarding the incident and injuries is through counsel, and those communications are protected by the attorney client and/or work product privileges. Jacuzzi objects to the request as an improper attempt to shift Plaintiffs' burden of proof to Jacuzzi. Jacuzzi further objects to the request to the extent it is duplicative of what has already been disclosed in its initial disclosures and supplements.

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Incident reports of the incident.

#### **RESPONSE:**

While Jacuzzi has no objection to the topic per se, Jacuzzi has no incident report so it cannot produce anyone to testify regarding this topic.

#### Topic 4

On the date of the incident and to the date of the deposition: who was the person in charge of safety of persons purchasing Jacuzzi products, what he/she did and learned on the day of the injury, and facts that he/she has subsequently learned regarding the incident and injury of Plaintiff.

# **RESPONSE:**

Jacuzzi will produce someone generally familiar with Jacuzzi's safety standards and customer care as they relate to the subject model tub. Jacuzzi objects to the topic as argumentative and confusing. Specifically, Jacuzzi objects to the description of a "person in charge of safety of persons purchasing Jacuzzi projects." Further, what Jacuzzi did subsequent to \$\P\$ learning of the incident is irrelevant to Plaintiffs' claims.

#### Topic 5

The incident and its causes, including Defendant'(s)' position on what caused the incident, and the facts supporting that position.

NOTE: Plaintiff is not seeking to obtain scientific or medical opinions, rather is simply trying to learn of Defendant'(s)' understanding of basic facts pursuant to: United States EEOC v. Caesars Entm't, Inc, 237 F.R.D. 428 (D. Nev. 2006); Taylor v. Shaw, 2007 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 16305 (D. Nev. Mar. 5, 2007); Great Am. Ins. Co. of N.Y. v. Vegas Constr. Co., 251 F.R.D. 534 (D. Nev. 2008).

#### **RESPONSE:**

Jacuzzi will not produce a witness in response to this category. Jacuzzi did not know of the subject incident until being notified by Plaintiffs' counsel, and all information regarding the incident is through counsel, and those communications are protected by the attorney client and/or work product privileges. Jacuzzi objects to the request as an improper attempt to shift Plaintiffs' burden of proof to Jacuzzi.

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Defendant'(s)' position on what Plaintiff did carelessly or wrongfully that contributed to cause the injuries that Plaintiff received, and the facts supporting that position, as set forth in Defendant'(s)' Answer and any Amendments thereto.

NOTE: Plaintiff is not seeking to obtain scientific or medical opinions, rather is simply trying to learn of Defendant'(s)' understanding of basic facts pursuant to: United States EEOC v. Caesars Entm't, Inc, 237 F.R.D. 428 (D. Nev. 2006); Taylor v. Shaw, 2007 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 16305 (D. Nev. Mar. 5, 2007); Great Am. Ins. Co. of N.Y. v. Vegas Constr. Co., 251 F.R.D. 534 (D. Nev. 2008).

### **RESPONSE:**

Jacuzzi will not produce a witness in response to this category. Jacuzzi did not know of the subject incident until being notified by Plaintiffs' counsel, and all information regarding the incident and injuries is through counsel, and those communications are protected by the attorney \( \mathbb{P} \) client and/or work product privileges. Further, Jacuzzi's Answer was prepared by counsel, and contains legal defenses of which a lay witness is not qualified to answer. The category also appears to seek the premature disclosure of expert opinions.

#### Topic 7

Defendant'(s)' position on what any person or entity other than Defendant(s) or Plaintiff did carelessly or wrongfully that contributed to cause the injuries that Plaintiff received, and the facts supporting that position.

NOTE: Plaintiff is not seeking to obtain scientific or medical opinions, rather is simply trying to learn of Defendant'(s)' understanding of basic facts pursuant to: United States EEOC v. Caesars Entm't, Inc, 237 F.R.D. 428 (D. Nev. 2006); Taylor v. Shaw, 2007 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 16305 (D. Nev. Mar. 5, 2007); Great Am. Ins. Co. of N.Y. v. Vegas Constr. Co., 251 F.R.D. 534 (D. Nev.

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Jacuzzi will not produce a witness in response to this category. Jacuzzi did not know of the subject incident until being notified by Plaintiffs' counsel, and all information regarding the incident and injuries is through counsel, and those communications are protected by the attorney client and/or work product privileges. Further, Jacuzzi's Answer was prepared by counsel, and contains legal defenses of which a lay witness is not qualified to answer. Discovery is ongoing, and the extent to which other persons or entities' may have contributed to the subject incident is still under investigation. The category also appears to seek the premature disclosure of expert opinions.

# Topic 8

Instructions and warnings given to Plaintiff at any time regarding Plaintiff's activities on the premises

## **RESPONSE:**

Jacuzzi will produce a witness familiar with the warnings that accompany this tub. Jacuzzi objects to the topic as inapplicable and confusing because it suggests that Jacuzzi had \$\mathbb{Q}\$ someone present in Ms. Cunnison's house or had any direct contact with plaintiffs, providing instructions or warnings to plaintiffs. It did not.

#### Topic 9

Conversations and statements by, or to, Plaintiff regarding Plaintiff's activities, the incident, or Plaintiff's injuries.

#### Topic 10

Defendant(s) system, rules and regulations for the reporting of incidents or collection of data regarding incidents involving, and the identity of all other incidents on the premises in the period from February 27, 2014, to the present date.

# **RESPONSE:**

Jacuzzi will not produce a witness in response to topics 9 and 10 as they appear to be unrelated to this litigation. For example, Topic 9 refers to conversations with Ms. Cunnison, which there were none, and Topic 10 refers to other "incidents on the premises." Jacuzzi does not have "rules and regulations" regarding plaintiff incidents on Plaintiffs' premises, and has had no communications with plaintiffs.

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All inspections, not invoking attorney work-product, in the area at issue and reasonable proximity thereto (defined as any area within 100 feet of where the incident took place) after the incident and to the date of this deposition, of the premises, equipment, or processes involved in the incident.

### **RESPONSE:**

Jacuzzi will not produce a witness in response to this topic. All inspections have been made at the direction of counsel and with Plaintiffs' counsel and defense counsel present. The category seeks testimony protected by the attorney client privilege and work product doctrine.

#### Topic 12

Factual information and sources of such facts, and information supporting Defendant'(s)' affirmative defenses as set forth and reflected in Defendant'(s)' Answer and amendments thereto. NOTE: Plaintiff is not seeking to obtain scientific or medical opinions, rather is simply trying to learn of Defendant'(s)' understanding of basic facts pursuant to: United States EEOC v. Caesars Entm't, Inc, 237 F.R.D. 428 (D. Nev. 2006); Taylor v. Shaw, 2007 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 16305 (D. Nev. Mar. 5, 2007); Great Am. Ins. Co. of N.Y. v. Vegas Constr. Co., 251 F.R.D. 534 (D. Nev. 2008).

# **RESPONSE:**

Jacuzzi will not produce a witness in response to this category. Jacuzzi did not know of the subject incident until being notified by Plaintiffs' counsel, and all information regarding the incident and injuries is through counsel, and those communications are protected by the attorney client and/or work product privileges. Further, Jacuzzi's Answer was prepared by counsel, and contains legal defenses of which a lay witness is not qualified to answer. Discovery is ongoing, and the extent to which other persons or entities' may have contributed to the subject incident is still under investigation.

#### Topic 13

The authenticity, existence and completeness of all documents produced in response to Plaintiff's discovery requests in this case.

### **RESPONSE:**

Jacuzzi will produce a witness familiar with the documents produced in response to Plaintiff's discovery requests in this case. In agreeing to produce a witness, Jacuzzi incorporates by reference the objections contained in its responses to Plaintiffs' discovery requests in this case. Jacuzzi further objects to the extent questioning seeks to invade the attorney client privilege and work product doctrine.

#### Topic 14

Any and all document/record retention policies.

# **RESPONSE:**

Jacuzzi will not produce a witness to testify regarding this topic. Jacuzzi objects to the topic as it is irrelevant to this litigation and there is no indication of any failure on the part of Jacuzzi to retain documents pertinent to Plaintiffs' claims. Jacuzzi further objects to the extent the topic seeks confidential and proprietary information.

#### Topic 15

The name, address (home and work) and phone numbers (home and work) for all custodians of the documents produced in response to Plaintiff's discovery requests in this case.

# **RESPONSE:**

Jacuzzi will not produce a witness to testify regarding this topic. Jacuzzi objects to the topic as it is irrelevant to Plaintiffs' claims and the authenticity of Jacuzzi's documents is not in dispute. Jacuzzi further objects to the extent the topic seeks confidential and proprietary information, and information protected by privacy rights.

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Defendant's responses to Plaintiff's interrogatories in this case.

#### **RESPONSE:**

Jacuzzi will produce a witness generally familiar with Jacuzzi's responses to Plaintiffs' interrogatories in this case. In agreeing to produce a witness, Jacuzzi incorporates by reference the objections contained in its responses to Plaintiffs' interrogatories.

#### Topic 17

The factual basis for all denials to the allegations raised in Plaintiff's Complaint.

# **RESPONSE:**

Jacuzzi will produce a witness familiar with the facts supporting some denials to the allegations to Plaintiffs' complaint, to the extent that can be determined at this point in the litigation. However, Jacuzzi did not know of the subject incident until being notified by Plaintiffs' counsel, and all information regarding the incident and injuries is through counsel, and those communications are protected by the attorney client and/or work product privileges. Further, Jacuzzi's Answer was prepared by counsel, and contains legal defenses of which a lay witness is not qualified to answer. Discovery is ongoing and the facts supporting Jacuzzi's denials are still under investigation.

#### Topic 18

The factual basis for all affirmative defenses asserted in Defendants' Answer in this case.

#### **RESPONSE:**

Jacuzzi objects to this topic as duplicative of Topic 12 and incorporates its response set forth therein.

#### Topic 19

All insurance agreements (including self-insurance fund or risk pool fund) that exist under the terms of which the person or company issuing the same may be called upon to satisfy all or part of any judgment against you which may be entered in favor of the Plaintiff in this action.

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# **RESPONSE:**

Jacuzzi will produce a witness generally familiar with the insurance coverage that could be applicable to this case.

# Topic 20

The nature of all responsive documents, communications, or things that have been withheld, in response to discovery in this case and this Notice, on the grounds of privilege or protection, including:

- (a) A description of any documents;
- (b) The author of any documents and his or her address (home and work) and phone number (home and work);
- (c) The identity of the custodian of any documents and things and his or her address (home and work) and phone number (home and work);
- (d) The date the document was created and the person(s) to whom the document or copies were transmitted; and,
- (e) A summary of the contents of each document, communication or thing.

# **RESPONSE:**

Jacuzzi will not produce a witness on this topic. The withholding of documents, if any, was done based on legal objections. Jacuzzi objects to the information requested by Plaintiffs as it invades the attorney client privilege and work product doctrine.

#### Topic 21

Testimony regarding the policies and procedures used by Jacuzzi to advertise and sell Jacuzzi walk in tubs.

#### Topic 22

Jacuzzi, Inc.'s, sales department, generally, concerning the advertising, marketing, sale and post-sale matters concerning the identification of the consumers that would likely use Jacuzzi's walk in tubs.

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# Topic 23

Jacuzzi, Inc.'s, sales department, generally, concerning the advertising, marketing, sale and post-sale matters concerning the subject Jacuzzi design of walk in tubs.

#### **RESPONSE:**

In response to Topics 21 through 23, Jacuzzi will produce a witness familiar with Jacuzzi's policies and procedures relating to this subject bathtub, if any, at the time it was purchased by Ms. Cunnison. Jacuzzi objects to the topics as irrelevant because Jacuzzi has already represented to Plaintiff that it did not advertise, market, or sell the subject bathtub to Ms. Cunnison. Jacuzzi further objects to Topic 23 to the extent it seeks "post-sale matters" that are irrelevant to the subject matter of the claims presented in this action.

# Topic 24

Identification of all persons known to Defendant who trained, directed or supervised to advise end users of the safety of Jacuzzi tubs.

### **RESPONSE:**

Jacuzzi will produce a witness familiar with the warnings and instructions provided with the subject bathtub when shipped from Jacuzzi. Jacuzzi objects to the topic as confusing and ambiguous in that the sentence does not make sense. Furthermore, Plaintiffs' topic is not limited in time or scope and therefore covers information irrelevant to this litigation.

#### Topic 25

Identification of all persons known to Defendant who trained, directed or supervised individuals to design walk in tubs that could cause or contribute to user being trapped in tub resulting in injury or death.

#### **RESPONSE:**

Jacuzzi will not produce a witness in response to this topic. Jacuzzi knows of no persons who "trained, directed, or supervised individuals to design walk in tubs that could cause or contribute to user being trapped in tub resulting in injury or death."

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# Topic 26

Any and/or all conversations with Sherry Lynn Cunnison, concerning the purchase of the subject Jacuzzi, any subsequent use and maintenance on the subject Jacuzzi.

#### **RESPONSE:**

Jacuzzi will not produce a witness in response to this topic. Jacuzzi knows of no "conversations with Sherry Lynn Cunnison" and any of its employees.

# Topic 27

Any and/or all Sales and Marketing materials concerning the purpose and use of Jacuzzi walk in tubs.

- a. Any policies and procedures of Defendant with regard to training or education of consumers as to the safe use walk in tubs.
- b. The existence and location of Plaintiff's discovery request.

# **RESPONSE:**

Jacuzzi will not produce a witness to testify regarding this topic because Jacuzzi did not create the sales or marketing materials related to the subject walk in tub prior to the subject incident. Jacuzzi objects that the subparts to the topic are vague, ambiguous and unintelligible.

#### Topic 28

Communications between defendants concerning the elements and/or components manufactured or designed by Jacuzzi, included but not limited to, the design, changes, testing, manufacturing of said elements and components of the Jacuzzi walk-in tub.

#### **RESPONSE:**

Jacuzzi will produce a witness familiar with communications between defendants, if any, regarding the design, testing, and manufacturing of the subject model tub prior to the subject incident, to the extent they have any application to Plaintiffs' claims. Jacuzzi objects to the topic a confusing in use of the term "elements".

#### Topic 29

What, if any, resources were available to Jacuzzi, Inc., to notify, research, or otherwise learn and/or disclose information to/from First Street for Boomers & Beyond, Inc.; Aithr Dealer,

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Inc.; Bestway Building and Remodeling; William Budd; and/ or Budds Plumbing; regarding the subject Jacuzzi design that could cause or contribute to user being trapped in tub.

### **RESPONSE:**

Jacuzzi will not produce a witness to testify regarding this topic. Jacuzzi is not aware of any design that "could cause or contribute to user being trapped in tub." Jacuzzi objects that the Topic is vague, ambiguous and unintelligible what is being requested.

# Topic 30

Identification of all of Defendant's officers, directors, employees or other personnel who at any time prior to the purchase of Plaintiff Cunnison's tub had any communication with First Street for Boomers & Beyond, Inc.; Aithr Dealer, Inc.; Bestway Building and Remodeling; William Budd; and/ or Budds Plumbing, regarding the safety of the user of Jacuzzi walk in tubs.

#### **RESPONSE:**

Jacuzzi will produce a witness familiar with communications, if any, between Jacuzzi and the other defendants regarding safety of the subject bath tub prior to the subject incident. Jacuzzi objects to the topic because it is not limited in time or scope and therefore seeks information \( \mathbb{P} \) irrelevant to this litigation.

#### Topic 31

All contracts, agreements and/or other documents entered into and/or exchanged between Jacuzzi, Inc. First Street for Boomers & Beyond, Inc.; Aithr Dealer, Inc.; Bestway Building and Remodeling; William Budd; and/ or Budds Plumbing.

#### **RESPONSE:**

Jacuzzi will produce a witness familiar with Jacuzzi's agreement with First Street for Boomers & Beyond, Inc., as it relates to the subject bathtub. Jacuzzi objects to the topic as the written agreement speaks for itself and has already been produced to Plaintiffs. Further, Jacuzzi had no agreement or contract with any other parties.

#### Topic 32

Any policies and procedures of Defendant with regard to training or supervising temporary employees or contractor as to the safety of the tub.

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Jacuzzi will not produce a witness to testify on this topic, as it is vague, ambiguous and unintelligible. Jacuzzi objects to the topic as vague in its use of the term "safety of the tub." However, as noted in response to other topics, Jacuzzi will produce someone familiar with the design of the subject model tub.

#### Topic 33

Any policies and procedures of Defendant with regard to training or supervising temporary employees or contractor as to the safe installation of Jacuzzi walk in tubs.

#### **RESPONSE:**

Jacuzzi will produce a witness familiar with policies and procedures relating to installation of the subject tub. Jacuzzi objects to the topic as vague in its use of the term "safe installation." No one was injured in the installation of the subject tub and there is no indication that it was installed improperly. The topic is not relevant to any issue in this action.

#### Topic 34

Communications with Jacuzzi, Inc, or any other entity relating to and/or concerning the subject Jacuzzi design of walk in tubs that could cause or contribute to user being trapped in tub resulting in injury or death.

#### **RESPONSE:**

Jacuzzi will not produce a witness to testify regarding this topic. Jacuzzi objects to the topic as it seeks communications with itself, which is incoherent. Jacuzzi is also unaware of any design "that could cause or contribute to user being trapped in tub resulting in injury or death."

#### Topic 35

Defendant Jacuzzi's policies, procedures and practices, concerning designs, modifications, alterations, for the subject Jacuzzi design of walk in tubs.

#### **RESPONSE:**

Jacuzzi will produce a witness to testify regarding the design of the subject model tub prior to the subject incident. Jacuzzi objects to the topic as overbroad and seeking irrelevant information because the request is not limited in time or scope.

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Identification of all of Defendant's officers, directors, employees or other personnel who participated or had any role in the planning of designs, modifications, alterations, for the subject Jacuzzi design of walk in tubs.

#### Topic 37

Identification of all of Defendant's officers, directors, employees or other personnel who participated or had any role the planning of designs, modifications, alterations, for the subject Jacuzzi design of walk in tubs.

#### **RESPONSE:**

In response to Topics 36 and 37, Jacuzzi will produce a witness to testify regarding the design of the subject model tub, insofar as it pertains to Plaintiffs' claims in this case. Jacuzzi objects to the topics as overbroad because they are not limited in time or scope, seeking testimony that is irrelevant to this litigation. Jacuzzi further objects to the topic as overbroad and unduly burdensome because the design and development of any product is an evolutionary process. Accordingly, Jacuzzi is unable to identify each and every person and department that may have been involved in the design. Since numerous individuals were involved in these activities, it is unduly burdensome for Jacuzzi to produce someone to testify as to the identity all such persons. If Plaintiffs identify specific components or aspects of design that are the subject of their inquiry in advance of the deposition, Jacuzzi will endeavor to produce someone that knows the names of key person(s) involved in the design and design verification of those specific components.

#### Topic 38

Identification of all files and documents relating to the facts and circumstances of the safety of Jacuzzi walk in tub users.

#### **RESPONSE:**

Jacuzzi will not produce a witness to testify regarding this topic. Jacuzzi objects to the topic as it is too vague and overbroad to determine what Plaintiffs are actually seeking. The topic seeks information irrelevant to the claims in this action. To the extent that Plaintiffs are seeking

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testimony related to the design of the subject model bathtub, Jacuzzi has already agreed to produce a witness to testify as to that topic.

#### Topic 39

Identification of all persons known to Defendant who trained, directed or supervised individuals to design walk in tubs that could cause or contribute to user being trapped in tub resulting in injury or death.

#### **RESPONSE:**

Jacuzzi will not produce a witness to testify regarding this topic. Jacuzzi is not aware of any design that "could cause or contribute to user being trapped in tub."

#### Topic 40

The engineering and design of the Jacuzzi walk-in tub and its elements.

#### **RESPONSE:**

Jacuzzi will produce a witness to testify regarding the engineering and design of the subject model Jacuzzi tub.

#### Topic 41

The all systems design technical specification and effect for the design testing and manufacturing the walk-in Jacuzzi tub.

#### **RESPONSE:**

Jacuzzi will produce a witness to testify regarding the technical specifications, testing, and manufacturing of the subject model tub, insofar as they relate to Plaintiffs' claims. Jacuzzi objects to the topic as vague and confusing in use of "all systems design technical specification and effect for the design testing and manufacturing" which is incoherent.

#### Topic 42

The organizational structure of any and all departments and individuals involved in design testing and manufacture of the Jacuzzi walk-in tubs. Any design failure mode effects and analysis or any such similar analysis for the Jacuzzi walk-in tub and components manufactured and/or designed by Jacuzzi.

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#### **RESPONSE:**

Jacuzzi will produce a witness to testify regarding the general organizational structure related to the design, testing, and manufacture of the subject model tub. Jacuzzi objects to request because it is not limited in time or scope and is therefore seeking information irrelevant to this litigation. Jacuzzi further objects to the second sentence of the topic as vague because it is incoherent.

#### Topic 43

Any design work orders, billed work orders, test work orders, engineer change request, engineering change orders related to the design and manufacture of the Jacuzzi walk-in tub.

#### **RESPONSE:**

Jacuzzi will produce a witness to testify regarding design work orders, billed work orders, test work orders, engineer change requests, and engineering changes, if any, related to the subject model tub and Jacuzzi's understanding of the claims in this action.

#### Topic 44

Any and all cost benefit and/or value analysis regarding the design of the Jacuzzi walk-in tub and components.

#### **RESPONSE:**

Jacuzzi will produce a witness to testify regarding the cost benefit or value analysis, if any, regarding the design of the subject model tub. This testimony will be limited to the design criticisms identified by Plaintiffs, i.e., the size of the tub, the design of the door, and the placement of grab bars.

#### Topic 45

The identification, location and contact information of persons with the most knowledge concerning the design, manufacture and/or changes to the design and manufacturing of the components of the Jacuzzi walk-in tub.

#### **RESPONSE:**

Jacuzzi will produce a witness consistent with its response to topics 36 and 37.

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#### Topic 46

The identification, location and contact information of persons with the most knowledge concerning the retrofit recall, service and/or otherwise fix regarding any alleged defect in the design of the Jacuzzi walk-in tub.

#### Topic 47

The cost of retrofitting, recalling, servicing or otherwise fixing the alleged defect design of the Jacuzzi walk-in tub and the components manufactured by Jacuzzi.

#### **RESPONSE:**

In response to Topics 46 and 47, Jacuzzi will not produce a witness to testify regarding these topics as there have been no recall, service or fix regarding the vague and unsubstantiated defect allegations plaintiffs have alleged. The topic is overly broad without limitation in scope, time or issues relevant to the claims in this action.

#### Topic 48

Any and all product investigations by Jacuzzi regarding damages or injuries resulting from Jacuzzi walk-in tubs including the elements and components manufactured by Jacuzzi.

#### **RESPONSE:**

Jacuzzi will produce a witness to testify generally regarding investigations by Jacuzzi into other similar incidents of injury or damage, if any, prior to the incident that is the subject of this action. This response is limited to injury claims made prior to the subject incident involving the subject Jacuzzi® Walk-In Bathtub model that are similar to the vague claims that have been asserted in this action. Jacuzzi objects to the topic because it is not limited in time or scope and therefore seeks testimony that is irrelevant to this litigation.

#### Topic 49

Jacuzzi's financial net worth, assets, debts and financial status including subsidiaries, partners and/or affiliations.

#### **RESPONSE:**

Jacuzzi will not produce a witness to testify as to this topic. Jacuzzi objects to the topic as harassing and that the topic is seeking irrelevant testimony. Plaintiffs have demonstrated no facts

supporting their claim for punitive damages and any testimony regarding Jacuzzi's financial status is irrelevant to their claims as it is unrelated to the adequacy of the bathtub design. Jacuzzi further objects to this topic of testimony as it seeks the disclosure of confidential and proprietary information, including commercially sensitive information that could cause harm to Jacuzzi if disclosed publicly, without any corresponding benefit to the Plaintiffs.

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Testimony identifying all lawsuits, claims, dealer bulletins, complaints, incident reports or other documents where someone has alleged that a Jacuzzi Walk In tub was not properly designed contributing to injury of the user.

#### Topic 51

Testimony regarding Jacuzzi's actions related to any customer complaint, lawsuits, warranty claims or incident reports wherein it was alleged that a Jacuzzi Walk In tub was not properly designed contributing to injury of the user.

#### **RESPONSE:**

In response to Topics 50 and 51, Jacuzzi will produce a witness to testify generally regarding lawsuits, claims, dealer bulletins, complaints, or incident reports related to other similar incidents of injury or damage, if any, prior to the incident that is the subject of this action. This response is limited to injury claims made prior to the subject incident and to the subject Jacuzzi® Walk-In Bathtub model that are similar to the vague claims that have been asserted in this action. Jacuzzi objects to the topic because it is not limited in time or scope and therefore seeks testimony that is irrelevant to this litigation.

#### Topic 52

Testimony and documents regarding any lawsuits filed against Jacuzzi, Inc during the use of a Jacuzzi Walk in tub allegedly causing injury or death, including the county and state in which the action was brought or is pending, including the names of each party, the name of each party's attorney with their address and telephone number, the disposition of each lawsuit and the date and place of the occurrence complained of in each lawsuit, as well as a copy of each such complaint.

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Jacuzzi will not produce a witness to testify regarding this topic because Jacuzzi is unaware of any lawsuits (other than those filed by Plaintiffs' attorney) involving claims of injury similar to the vague claims that have been asserted in this action, alleging that the subject model tub "caus[ed] injury or death." Jacuzzi objects to the topic as overbroad because it is not limited in time or scope, thereby seeking information that is irrelevant to this litigation.

#### Topic 53

Testimony regarding the procedures used by Jacuzzi to collect, receive, record, respond, and store customer complaints, lawsuits, and incident reports.

#### **RESPONSE:**

Jacuzzi will produce a witness to testify regarding this topic that is familiar with Jacuzzi's procedures for handling customer complaints, lawsuits, and incident reports.

DATED this 31st day of October, 2017.

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#### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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3	(18) years, and I am not a party to, nor interested in, this action. On this date, I caused to be							
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6	DEPOSITION(S) OF 30(b)(6) FOR JACU	<b>ZZI</b> by the method indicated below, addressed to						
7	the following:							
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1.4	LYNN CUNNISON, Deceased; MICHAEL									
14	SMITH individually, and heir to the Estate of	AMENDED NOTICE TO TAKE								
15	SHERRY LYNN CUNNISON, Deceased; and DEBORAH TAMANTINI individually,	VIDEOTAPED DEPOSITION(S) OF 30(b)(6) FOR JACUZZI								
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22	HALE BENTON, Individually,									
	HOMECLICK, LLC.; JACUZZI LUXURY BATH, doing business as JACUZZI INC;									
23	BESTWAY BUILDING & REMODELING,									
24	INC.; WILLIAM BUDD, Individually and as									
25	BUDDS PLUMBING; DOES 1 through 20; ROE CORPORATIONS 1 through 20; DOE									
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## AMENDED NOTICE TO TAKE VIDEOTAPED DEPOSITION(S) OF 30(b)(6) FOR JACUZZI

#### TO: ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND THEIR COUNSEL OF RECORD:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on December 19, 2017 at 10:00 a.m., Plaintiff will take the videotaped deposition of the Person Most Knowledgeable for Defendant, JACUZZI LUXURY BATH, doing business as JACUZZI INC (hereinafter known as Defendant or Jacuzzi) at the Snell & Wilmer, located at 600 Anton Boulevard #1400, Costa Mesa, California 92626, pursuant to Rules 26 and 30(b)(6) of the Rules of Civil Procedure, upon oral examination, before a Notary Public, or before some other officer authorized by law to administer oaths.

Oral examination will continue from day to day until completed. You are invited to attend and cross-examine.

### <u>ITEMS TO BE PRODUCED – AND SUBJECTS TO BE COVERED – See Exhibit</u>

#### A, attached hereto.

DATED this 14th day of November, 2017.

#### **RICHARD HARRIS LAW FIRM**

By: /s/ Benjamin P. Cloward

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#### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

2 Pursuant to Nevada Rule of Civil Procedure 5(b), I hereby certify that I am an employee of THE RICHARD HARRIS LAW FIRM and that on the 14th day of November, 2017, I caused 3 the foregoing AMENDED NOTICE TO TAKE VIDEOTAPED DEPOSITION(S) OF 30(b)(6) FOR JACUZZI to be served as follows:

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#### **EXHIBIT A**

1. Items on which examination is sought. PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the video-taped oral deposition of Defendant(s) will be taken through the person or persons designated by Defendant(s) to testify concerning matters shown on the attached list of items on which examination is sought. You are notified that the party giving this notice wishes to examine the witness or witnesses so designated by Defendant(s) on the matters shown on the attached list of items on which examination is sought.

- 2. Items to be brought to the deposition. You are further notified that the person or persons designated by Defendant(s) are to bring with them the items in the attached list of items to be brought to the deposition.
- 3. Time and place. The deposition will be taken at the Richard Harris Law Firm at the time and date of December 19, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. The deposition will continue thereafter, until completed.
- 4. Your designation of persons. Pursuant to NRCP 30(b)(6) Defendant(s) is/are hereby notified to designate the person or persons to testify on behalf of the deponent organization. Defendant(s) is/are further notified that the witness or witnesses so designated by them must be prepared to testify to matters known or reasonably available to Defendant(s). The designation should be served on the undersigned deposing attorney on a reasonable date before the date of the deposition. If Defendant'(s)' organization so desires, Defendant(s) may designate the separate matters on which each person designated by Defendant(s) will testify. To expedite the questioning of witnesses by their separate subject matters, the designation:
  - (A) should be by name and job title or other description and specify the separate matters on which each will testify; and
  - (B) should be served on the undersigned deposing attorney on a reasonable date before the date of the deposition.
- 5. Defendant(s), not individuals, being deposed. Pursuant to the provision of NRCP 30(b)(6) the rules of civil procedure, is/are on notice that it is Defendant(s) being deposed, not individual officers, employees or agents of Defendant(s). Therefore, Defendant(s) has/have a duty to prepare their designated witness or witnesses to testify on not only the information personally known by their designated witness, but also on all the information known by Defendant(s) through its officers, employees, and agents. The designated witness should be able to answer with reasonable particularity, everything Defendant(s) knows/know on the Matters on Which Examination is sought, unlimited by how little the designed witness or other individual officer, employees, and agents personally know.
- 6. Duty mandated by rules. Pursuant to NRCP 30(b)(6) Defendant(s) is/are on notice that Defendant(s) must search for, and inform itself, of all matters known or reasonably

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available, and who in Defendant'(s)' organization has the information. If no one single person has the information requested, Defendant(s) must produce at the deposition the number of witnesses needed to testify on all the matters requested in the list of items on which examination is sought.

#### LIST OF ITEMS THE ORGANIZATION IS TO BRING TO ITS DEPOSITION

The following list does not require attorney/client privileged matter to be produced, and each item should be understood to include the phrase "except for attorney/client privileged matter."

#### Defendant(s) IS/ARE REQUIRED TO BRING TO THE DEPOSITION:

- 1. Any written policies or Defendant'(s)' regulations or procedures, *that have not yet already been produced*, and *which were in place <u>before</u> the incident at issue*, that were intended to guard against or prevent the type of incident which is the subject matter of this lawsuit, i.e. that of an individual in a Jacuzzi walk in tub.
- 2. Any written policies or Defendant'(s)' regulations or procedures, that have not yet already been produced, and which were in place after the incident at issue, that were intended to guard against or prevent the type of incident which is the subject matter of this lawsuit, i.e. that of an individual in a Jacuzzi walk in tub.
- 3. Any documents, electronically stored information (ESI) or tangible items created by Defendant(s) as a result of the incident, and documents, electronically stored information (ESI), known to Defendant that were created by Defendant(s) or any of the witnesses (both those being offered for the deposition of Defendant(s), and also those being deposed as an individual witness on the date of this deposition of Defendant(s) in which any witness being deposed on this date describes any events the witness observed at the scene of the incident in the 24 hours before or in the 24 hours after the incident), that have not yet already been produced. This includes, among other things, any incident reports, notes, or other memoranda made by the witness or by others, that have not yet already been produced. This shall include documents created in the 24 hour period before the incident and after the incident as a result of the defect alleged in Plaintiff's Complaint, or Amendments thereto, that have not yet already been produced.
- Any documents, electronically stored information (ESI) or tangible items created by, or in the possession of either Defendant(s) or any of the witnesses being offered for this deposition of Defendant(s), and also those being deposed as an individual witness on the date of this noticed deposition of Defendant(s) --- which either the witness being deposed or Defendant(s) believes might refresh the memory of the Rule 30(b)(6) designee(s) being deposed on the date of this deposition, *that have not yet already been produced*. (Please note this is intended to obtain documents that the Rule 30(b)(6) designee(s) may reference in their deposition to aid in the testimony process.) This shall include documents related to the incident alleged in Plaintiff's Complaint or Amendments thereto, including but not limited to safety manuals, incident reports, witness statements and any other document that was create as a result of the incident, or

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had to do with safety in relation to prevention of the incident, and such documents that have been produced thus far by Defendant(s) that the Rule 30(b)(6) designee(s) may rely upon in providing their testimony, that have not yet already been produced.

Note: because this is a deposition of the corporation, we expect the corporation to specifically inquire of personnel at the scene whether they took photographs on their digital telephones or other personal digital devices, if the items have not yet already been produced.

- 5. All safety manuals of Defendant(s) with any warnings or instructions for the product used by Plaintiff, *if the items have not yet already been produced*. To include manuals dealing with safety related the use of the Jacuzzi tub.
- 6. All safety materials or instructions claimed by Defendant(s) to have been given or shown to the Plaintiff, if the items have not yet already been produced.
- 7. All daily logs and reports created as a result of the incident by personnel of Defendant(s) on the site or physically conducting operations on the premises for the 48 hours before, the day of the incident, and the 48 hours after the incident, which were created as a result of the incident, if the items have not yet already been produced.
- 8. All daily logs and reports created as a result of the incident created by any employee or agent of Defendant(s), in response to the incident at issue, or anything dealing with the incident at issue or any issues related to the incident at issue, if the items have not yet already been produced.
- 9. All incident reports and investigation reports prepared before this lawsuit was started with respect to falls on any Jacuzzi walk-in tub whether similar to the model used by Plaintiff or not.
- 10. All non-privileged e-mails, which contain references to the incident, premises, products, contractors, or actions of persons involved in the events which are the subject matter of the lawsuit and which are:
  - (A) to or from the witnesses being deposed on the date of this deposition, whether or not as designated witnesses for this deposition,
  - (B) to or from those of Jacuzzi's officers, employees, and agents who were on the premises at the time of the incident, or the supervisor of such persons, and (C) or to or from Defendant'(s)' safety personnel, premises maintenance personnel, or the insurers of Defendant(s), if the items have not yet already been produced.

#### LIST OF TOPICS ON WHICH EXAMINATION IS SOUGHT

NOTICE: in this list, "premises' means the area where the incident took place, and "incident" means the incident occurring on or about February 27, 2014, that is the subject of this litigation.

#### EXAMINATION WILL BE SOUGHT ON THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS

1. Defendant'(s)' understanding of the incident and injury in this case, and events involved therewith on that date.

NOTE: Plaintiff is not seeking to obtain scientific or medical opinions, rather is simply trying to learn of Defendant'(s)' understanding of basic facts pursuant to: *United States EEOC v. Caesars Entm't, Inc*, 237 F.R.D. 428 (D. Nev. 2006); *Taylor v. Shaw*, 2007 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 16305 (D. Nev. Mar. 5, 2007); *Great Am. Ins. Co. of N.Y. v. Vegas Constr. Co.*, 251 F.R.D. 534 (D. Nev. 2008).

- 2. Who are the witnesses known to Defendant(s), to the incident, injury, and events involved, and what they know, as currently known by Defendant(s).
- 3. Incident reports of the incident.
- 4. On the date of the incident and to the date of the deposition: who was the person in charge of safety of persons purchasing Jacuzzi products, what he/she did and learned on the day of the injury, and facts that he/she has subsequently learned regarding the incident and injury of Plaintiff.
- 5. The incident and its causes, including Defendant'(s)' position on what caused the incident, and the facts supporting that position.

NOTE: Plaintiff is not seeking to obtain scientific or medical opinions, rather is simply trying to learn of Defendant'(s)' understanding of basic facts pursuant to: *United States EEOC v. Caesars Entm't, Inc*, 237 F.R.D. 428 (D. Nev. 2006); *Taylor v. Shaw*, 2007 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 16305 (D. Nev. Mar. 5, 2007); *Great Am. Ins. Co. of N.Y. v. Vegas Constr. Co.*, 251 F.R.D. 534 (D. Nev. 2008).

- 6. Defendant'(s)' position on what Plaintiff did carelessly or wrongfully that contributed to cause the injuries that Plaintiff received, and the facts supporting that position, as set forth in Defendant'(s)' Answer and any Amendments thereto.
- NOTE: Plaintiff is not seeking to obtain scientific or medical opinions, rather is simply trying to learn of Defendant'(s)' understanding of basic facts pursuant to: *United States EEOC v. Caesars Entm't, Inc*, 237 F.R.D. 428 (D. Nev. 2006); *Taylor v. Shaw*, 2007 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 16305 (D. Nev. Mar. 5, 2007); *Great Am. Ins. Co. of N.Y. v. Vegas Constr. Co.*, 251 F.R.D. 534 (D. Nev. 2008).
- 7. Defendant'(s)' position on what any person or entity other than Defendant(s) or Plaintiff did carelessly or wrongfully that contributed to cause the injuries that Plaintiff received, and the facts supporting that position.

NOTE: Plaintiff is not seeking to obtain scientific or medical opinions, rather is simply trying to learn of Defendant'(s)' understanding of basic facts pursuant to: *United States EEOC v. Caesars* 

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- Instructions and warnings given to Plaintiff at any time regarding Plaintiff's activities on 8. the premises
- 9. Conversations and statements by, or to, Plaintiff regarding Plaintiff's activities, the incident, or Plaintiff's injuries
- 10. Defendant(s) system, rules and regulations for the reporting of incidents or collection of data regarding incidents involving, and the identity of all other incidents on the premises in the period from February 27, 2014, to the present date.
- All inspections, not invoking attorney work-product, in the area at issue and reasonable 11. proximity thereto (defined as any area within 100 feet of where the incident took place) after the incident and to the date of this deposition, of the premises, equipment, or processes involved in the incident.
- 12. Factual information and sources of such facts, and information supporting Defendant'(s)' affirmative defenses as set forth and reflected in Defendant'(s)' Answer and amendments thereto.

NOTE: Plaintiff is not seeking to obtain scientific or medical opinions, rather is simply trying to learn of Defendant'(s)' understanding of basic facts pursuant to: United States EEOC v. Caesars Entm't, Inc, 237 F.R.D. 428 (D. Nev. 2006); Taylor v. Shaw, 2007 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 16305 (D. Nev. Mar. 5, 2007); Great Am. Ins. Co. of N.Y. v. Vegas Constr. Co., 251 F.R.D. 534 (D. Nev. 2008).

#### GENERAL TESTIMONY

- 13. The authenticity, existence and completeness of all documents produced in response to Plaintiff's discovery requests in this case.
- 14. Any and all document/record retention policies.
  - 15. The name, address (home and work) and phone numbers (home and work) for all custodians of the documents produced in response to Plaintiff's discovery requests in this case.
  - 16. Defendant's responses to Plaintiff's interrogatories in this case.
- 17. The factual basis for all denials to the allegations raised in Plaintiff's Complaint.
- 18. The factual basis for all affirmative defenses asserted in Defendants' Answer in this case.

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- 19. All insurance agreements (including self-insurance fund or risk pool fund) that exist under the terms of which the person or company issuing the same may be called upon to satisfy all or part of any judgment against you which may be entered in favor of the Plaintiff in this action.
- 20. The nature of all responsive documents, communications, or things that have been withheld, in response to discovery in this case and this Notice, on the grounds of privilege or protection, including:
  - (a) A description of any documents;
  - The author of any documents and his or her address (home and work) and phone (b) number (home and work);
  - The identity of the custodian of any documents and things and his or her address (c) (home and work) and phone number (home and work);
  - The date the document was created and the person(s) to whom the document or (d) copies were transmitted; and,
  - A summary of the contents of each document, communication or thing. (e)

#### SALES AND MARKETING TESTIMONY GENERAL

- 21. Testimony regarding the policies and procedures used by Jacuzzi to advertise and sell Jacuzzi walk in tubs.
- 22. Jacuzzi, Inc.'s, sales department, generally, concerning the advertising, marketing, sale and post-sale matters concerning the identification of the consumers that would likely use Jacuzzi's walk in tubs.
- 23. Jacuzzi, Inc.'s, sales department, generally, concerning the advertising, marketing, sale and post-sale matters concerning the subject Jacuzzi design of walk in tubs.
- 24. Identification of all persons known to Defendant who trained, directed or supervised to advise end users of the safety of Jacuzzi tubs.
- 25. Identification of all persons known to Defendant who trained, directed or supervised individuals to design walk in tubs that could cause or contribute to user being trapped in tub resulting in injury or death.

#### SALE AND MARKETING WITH END USER TESTIMONY

26. Any and/or all conversations with Sherry Lynn Cunnison, concerning the purchase of the subject Jacuzzi, any subsequent use and maintenance on the subject Jacuzzi.

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- 27. Any and/or all Sales and Marketing materials concerning the purpose and use of Jacuzzi walk in tubs.
  - Any policies and procedures of Defendant with regard to training or a. education of consumers as to the safe use walk in tubs.
  - The existence and location of plaintiff's discovery request. b.

#### COMMUNICATION BETWEEN JACUZZI AND DEALERS, SELLERS AND **INSTALLERS TESTIMONY**

- 28. Communications between defendants concerning the elements and/or components manufactured or designed by Jacuzzi, included but not limited to, the design, changes, testing, manufacturing of said elements and components of the Jacuzzi walk-in tub.
- 29. What, if any, resources were available to Jacuzzi, Inc., to notify, research, or otherwise learn and/or disclose information to/from First Street for Boomers & Beyond, Inc.; Aithr Dealer, Inc.; Bestway Building and Remodeling; William Budd; and/ or Budds Plumbing; regarding the subject Jacuzzi design that could cause or contribute to user being trapped in tub.
- 30. Identification of all of Defendant's officers, directors, employees or other personnel who at any time prior to the purchase of Plaintiff Cunnison's tub had any communication with First Street for Boomers & Beyond, Inc.; Aithr Dealer, Inc.; Bestway Building and Remodeling; William Budd; and/ or Budds Plumbing, regarding the safety of the user of Jacuzzi walk in tubs.
- 31. All contracts, agreements and/or other documents entered into and/or exchanged between Jacuzzi, Inc. First Street for Boomers & Beyond, Inc.; Aithr Dealer, Inc.; Bestway Building and Remodeling; William Budd; and/ or Budds Plumbing.
- Any policies and procedures of Defendant with regard to training or supervising 32. temporary employees or contractor as to the safety of the tub.
- 33. Any policies and procedures of Defendant with regard to training or supervising temporary employees or contractor as to the safe installation of Jacuzzi walk in tubs.
- 34. Communications with Jacuzzi, Inc, or any other entity relating to and/or concerning the subject Jacuzzi design of walk in tubs that could cause or contribute to user being trapped in tub resulting in injury or death.

#### **DESIGN OF TUB**

Defendant Jacuzzi's policies, procedures and practices, concerning designs, 35. modifications, alterations, for the subject Jacuzzi design of walk in tubs.

- 36. Identification of all of Defendant's officers, directors, employees or other personnel who participated or had any role in the planning of designs, modifications, alterations, for the subject Jacuzzi design of walk in tubs.
- 37. Identification of all of Defendant's officers, directors, employees or other personnel who participated or had any role the planning of designs, modifications, alterations, for the subject Jacuzzi design of walk in tubs.
- 38. Identification of all files and documents relating to the facts and circumstances of the safety of Jacuzzi walk in tub users.
- 39. Identification of all persons known to Defendant who trained, directed or supervised individuals to design walk in tubs that could cause or contribute to user being trapped in tub resulting in injury or death.
- 40. The engineering and design of the Jacuzzi walk-in tub and its elements.
- 41. The all systems design technical specification and effect for the design testing and manufacturing the walk-in Jacuzzi tub.
- 42. The organizational structure of any and all departments and individuals involved in design testing and manufacture of the Jacuzzi walk-in tubs. Any design failure mode effects and analysis or any such similar analysis for the Jacuzzi walk-in tub and components manufactured and/or designed by Jacuzzi.
- 43. Any design work orders, billed work orders, test work orders, engineer change request, engineering change orders related to the design and manufacture of the Jacuzzi walk-in tub.
- 44. Any and all cost benefit and/or value analysis regarding the design of the Jacuzzi walkin tub and components.
- 45. The identification, location and contact information of persons with the most knowledge concerning the design, manufacture and/or changes to the design and manufacturing of the components of the Jacuzzi walk-in tub.
- 46. The identification, location and contact information of persons with the most knowledge concerning the retrofit recall, service and/or otherwise fix regarding any alleged defect in the design of the Jacuzzi walk-in tub.
- 47. The cost of retrofitting, recalling, servicing or otherwise fixing the alleged defect design of the Jacuzzi walk-in tub and the components manufactured by Jacuzzi.

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#### OTHER SIMILAR INCIDENTS TESTIMONY

- 48. Any and all product investigations by Jacuzzi regarding damages or injuries resulting from Jacuzzi walk-in tubs including the elements and components manufactured by Jacuzzi.
- 49. Jacuzzi's financial net worth, assets, debts and financial status including subsidiaries, partners and/or affiliations.
- 50. Testimony identifying all lawsuits, claims, dealer bulletins, complaints, incident reports or other documents where someone has alleged that a Jacuzzi Walk In tub was not properly designed contributing to injury of the user.
- 51. Testimony regarding Jacuzzi's actions related to any customer complaint, lawsuits, warranty claims or incident reports wherein it was alleged that a Jacuzzi Walk In tub was not properly designed contributing to injury of the user.
- 52. Testimony and documents regarding any lawsuits filed against Jacuzzi, Inc during the use of a Jacuzzi Walk in tub allegedly causing injury or death, including the county and state in which the action was brought or is pending, including the names of each party, the name of each party's attorney with their address and telephone number, the disposition of each lawsuit and the date and place of the occurrence complained of in each lawsuit, as well as a copy of each such complaint.
- 53. Testimony regarding the procedures used by Jacuzzi to collect, receive, record, respond, and store customer complaints, lawsuits, and incident reports.

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Case No.: A-16-731244-C

Dept. No.: II

**DEFENDANT/CROSS-DEFENDANT** JACUZZI INC.'S OBJECTIONS TO PLAINTIFFS' AMENDED NOTICE TO TAKE VIDEOTAPED DEPOSITION(S) OF 30(b)(6) FOR JACUZZI

Date of Deposition: 12/19/2017 Time of Deposition: 10:00 a.m.

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# DEFENDANT/CROSS-DEFENDANT JACUZZI INC.'S OBJECTIONS TO PLAINTIFFS' AMENDED NOTICE TO TAKE VIDEOTAPED DEPOSITION(S) OF 30(b)(6) FOR JACUZZI

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Defendant/Cross-Defendant Jacuzzi Inc. ("Jacuzzi") hereby provides the following responses and objections to Plaintiffs' Amended Notice to Take Videotaped Deposition(s) of 30(b)(6) for Jacuzzi, Pursuant to Rules 26 and 30(b)(6) of the Rules of Civil Procedure, scheduled for December 19, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at the offices of Snell & Wilmer L.L.P., 600 Anton Boulevard, Ste. 1400, Costa Mesa, California 92626.

#### OBJECTIONS AND RESPONSES TO CATEGORIES OF TESTIMONY

1. Items on which examination is sought. PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the video-taped oral deposition of Defendant(s) will be taken through the person or persons designated by Defendant(s) to testify concerning matters shown on the attached list of items on which examination is sought. You are notified that the party giving this notice wishes to examine the witness or witnesses so designated by Defendant(s) on the matters shown on the attached list of items on which examination is sought.

#### **RESPONSE:**

Jacuzzi incorporates by reference its objections and responses to each individual deposition topic sought by Plaintiffs, as set forth below. Jacuzzi expressly reserves the right to assert these or other objections at the time of the examination.

**2. Items to be brought to the deposition.** You are further notified that the person or persons designated by Defendant(s) are to bring with them the items in the attached list of items to be brought to the deposition.

#### **RESPONSE:**

Jacuzzi objects to this paragraph to the extent that the materials sought by Plaintiffs are equally available to Plaintiffs as they are to Jacuzzi. Jacuzzi has already produced the materials responsive to Plaintiffs' request as part of its disclosures and responses to Plaintiffs' requests for production. Jacuzzi incorporates by reference its objections and response to each individual category of items to be brought to the deposition, as set forth below.

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**3. Time and place.** The deposition will be taken at the Richard Harris Law Firm at the time and date of December 19, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. The deposition will continue thereafter, until completed.

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This appears to be a typographical error, as the location of the deposition listed in this section is inconsistent with the actual deposition notice. The parties have agreed for the deposition to take place for December 19, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at the offices of Snell & Wilmer L.L.P., 600 Anton Boulevard, Ste. 1400, Costa Mesa, California 92626.

- 4. **Your designation of persons.** Pursuant to NRCP 30(b)(6) Defendant(s) is/are hereby notified to designate the person or persons to testify on behalf of the deponent organization. Defendant(s) is/are further notified that the witness or witnesses so designated by them must be prepared to testify to matters known or reasonably available to Defendant(s). The designation should be served on the undersigned deposing attorney on a reasonable date before the date of the deposition. If Defendant'(s)' organization so desires, Defendant(s) may designate the separate matters on which each person designated by Defendant(s) will testify. To expedite the \$\P\$ questioning of witnesses by their separate subject matters, the designation:
  - (A) should be by name and job title or other description and specify the separate matters on which each will testify; and
  - (B) should be served on the undersigned deposing attorney on a reasonable date before the date of the deposition.

#### **RESPONSE:**

Jacuzzi will designate witnesses in compliance with NRCP 30(b)(6) and subject to the responses and objections contained herein. Jacuzzi objects to Plaintiffs' request to the extent it seeks to change or add to the obligations required by Nevada's rules of civil procedure and case law.

5. Defendant(s), not individuals, being deposed. Pursuant to the provision of NRCP 30(b)(6) the rules of civil procedure, is/are on notice that it is Defendant(s) being deposed, not individual officers, employees or agents of Defendant(s). Therefore, Defendant(s) has/have a duty to prepare their designated witness or witnesses to testify on not only the information personally known by their designated witness, but also on all the information known by Defendant(s) through its officers, employees, and agents. The designated witness should be able to answer with reasonable particularity, everything Defendant(s) knows/know on the Matters on Which Examination is sought, unlimited by how little the designed witness or other individual officer, employees, and agents personally know.

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Jacuzzi will designate witnesses in compliance with NRCP 30(b)(6). Jacuzzi objects to Plaintiffs' request to the extent it seeks to change or add to the obligations required by Nevada's rules of civil procedure and case law.

**Duty mandated by rules.** Pursuant to NRCP 30(b)(6) Defendant(s) is/are on notice that Defendant(s) must search for, and inform itself, of all matters known or reasonably available, and who in Defendant'(s)' organization has the information. If no one single person has the information requested, Defendant(s) must produce at the deposition the number of witnesses needed to testify on all the matters requested in the list of items on which examination is sought.

#### **RESPONSE:**

Jacuzzi will designate witnesses in compliance with NRCP 30(b)(6). Jacuzzi objects to Plaintiffs' request to the extent it seeks to change or add to the obligations required by Nevada's rules of civil procedure and case law.

### <u>LIST OF ITEMS THE ORGANIZATION IS TO BRING TO ITS DEP</u>OSITION Category 1

Any written policies or Defendant'(s)' regulations or procedures, that have not yet already been produced, and which were in place before the incident at issue, that were intended to guard against or prevent the type of incident which is the subject matter of this lawsuit, i.e. that of an individual in a Jacuzzi walk in tub.

#### **RESPONSE:**

After performing a diligent search, Jacuzzi has no documents responsive to this request. Responsive documents have either already been produced or Jacuzzi has agreed to produce them upon entry of an appropriate protective order, and Jacuzzi incorporates by reference its responses to Plaintiffs' Requests for Production Nos. 6, 9, 10, and 11. Further, Jacuzzi objects to this category as confusing. The category states, in part, that it is seeking materials "intended to guard against or prevent the type of incident which is the subject matter of this lawsuit, i.e., that of an individual in a Jacuzzi walk in tub." It is unclear to Jacuzzi what is meant by guarding against an individual in a Jacuzzi® walk-in tub. Accordingly, Jacuzzi's response is based off its interpretation of this category as pertaining to documents related to individuals who became stuck in the Jacuzzi® 5229 Walk-In Bathtub in the manner it understands the decedent's incident occurred. Defendant objects to this Request as overbroad to the extent that it refers to documents not relevant to this case or Plaintiffs' vague claims of defect, which are outside the scope of Rule 26(b) and NRCP 30(b)(6).

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Any written policies or Defendant'(s)' regulations or procedures, that have not yet already been produced, and which were in place after the incident at issue, that were intended a to guard against or prevent the type of incident which is the subject matter of this lawsuit, i.e. that  $\mathbf R$ of an individual in a Jacuzzi walk in tub.

#### **RESPONSE:**

After performing a diligent search, Jacuzzi has no documents responsive to this request. Responsive documents have either already been produced or Jacuzzi has agreed to produce them upon entry of an appropriate protective order, and Jacuzzi incorporates by reference its responses to Plaintiffs' Requests for Production Nos. 6, 9, 10, and 11. Further, Jacuzzi objects to this category as confusing. The category states, in part, that it is seeking materials "intended to guard against or prevent the type of incident which is the subject matter of this lawsuit, i.e., that of an individual in a Jacuzzi walk in tub." It is unclear to Jacuzzi what is meant by guarding against an individual in a Jacuzzi® walk-in tub. Accordingly, Jacuzzi's response is based off its interpretation of this category as pertaining to documents related to individuals who became stuck in the Jacuzzi® 5229 Walk-In Bathtub in the manner it understands the decedent's incident occurred. Defendant objects to this Request as overbroad to the extent that it refers to documents not relevant to this case or Plaintiffs' vague claims of defect, as well as documents created after the subject incident, which are outside the scope of Rule 26(b) and NRCP 30(b)(6).

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Any documents, electronically stored information (ESI) or tangible items created by Defendant(s) as a result of the incident, and documents, electronically stored information (ESI), known to Defendant that were created by Defendant(s) or any of the witnesses (both those being offered for the deposition of Defendant(s), and also those being deposed as an individual witness on the date of this deposition of Defendant(s) in which any witness being deposed on this date describes any events the witness observed at the scene of the incident in the 24 hours before or in the 24 hours after the incident), that have not yet already been produced. This includes, among other things, any incident reports, notes, or other memoranda made by the witness or by others, that have not yet already been produced. This shall include documents created in the 24 hour period before the incident and after the incident as a result of the defect alleged in Plaintiff's Complaint, or Amendments thereto, that have not yet already been produced.

#### **RESPONSE:**

After performing a diligent search, Jacuzzi has no documents responsive to this request. Jacuzzi objects to the category as confusing because it appears to be unrelated to this litigation. The request refers to descriptions of "any events the witness observed at the scene of the incident in the 24 hours before or in the 24 hours after the incident." Plaintiffs are aware that no employee of Jacuzzi was present when Ms. Cunnison was in the tub, was removed from the tub, or when she died. This category appears to be related to premises liability issues which are not relevant to Plaintiffs' product liability claims in this case. The category appears to seek documents protected from disclosure by the attorney work-product privilege.

#### Category 4

Any documents, electronically stored information (ESI) or tangible items created by, or in the possession of either Defendant(s) or any of the witnesses being offered for this deposition of Defendant(s), and also those being deposed as an individual witness on the date of this noticed deposition of Defendant(s) --- which either the witness being deposed or Defendant(s) believes

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might refresh the memory of the Rule 30(b)(6) designee(s) being deposed on the date of this deposition, that have not yet already been produced. (Please note this is intended to obtain documents that the Rule 30(b)(6) designee(s) may reference in their deposition to aid in the testimony process.) This shall include documents related to the incident alleged in Plaintiff's Complaint or Amendments thereto, including but not limited to safety manuals, incident reports, witness statements and any other document that was create as a result of the incident, or had to do with safety in relation to prevention of the incident, and such documents that have been produced thus far by Defendant(s) that the Rule 30(b)(6) designee(s) may rely upon in providing their testimony, that have not yet already been produced.

Note: because this is a deposition of the corporation, we expect the corporation to specifically inquire of personnel at the scene whether they took photographs on their digital telephones or other personal digital devices, if the items have not yet already been produced.

#### **RESPONSE:**

Jacuzzi will perform a diligent search for any non-privileged responsive documents. Jacuzzi objects to the note following this category, to the extent it is seeking materials that are subject to the attorney work product doctrine.

#### Category 5

All safety manuals of Defendant(s) with any warnings or instructions for the product used by Plaintiff, if the items have not yet already been produced. To include manuals dealing with safety related the use of the Jacuzzi tub.

#### **RESPONSE:**

After performing a diligent search, Jacuzzi has no documents responsive to this request. Responsive documents have either already been produced or Jacuzzi has agreed to produce them upon entry of an appropriate protective order, and Jacuzzi incorporates by reference its responses to Plaintiffs' Requests for Production Nos. 6, 9, and 11.

#### Category 6

All safety materials or instructions claimed by Defendant(s) to have been given or shown to the Plaintiff, if the items have not yet already been produced.

#### **RESPONSE:**

After performing a diligent search, Jacuzzi has no documents responsive to this request. Responsive documents have either already been produced or Jacuzzi has agreed to produce them upon entry of an appropriate protective order, and Jacuzzi incorporates by reference its responses to Plaintiffs' Requests for Production Nos. 6, 9, and 11.

#### Category 7

All daily logs and reports created as a result of the incident by personnel of Defendant(s) on the site or physically conducting operations on the premises for the 48 hours before, the day of the incident, and the 48 hours after the incident, which were created as a result of the incident, if the items have not yet already been produced.

#### **RESPONSE:**

After performing a diligent search, Jacuzzi has no documents responsive to this Category.

This category of materials does not appear to be related to this litigation.

#### **Category 8**

All daily logs and reports created as a result of the incident created by any employee or agent of Defendant(s), in response to the incident at issue, or anything dealing with the incident at issue or any issues related to the incident at issue, if the items have not yet already been produced.

#### **RESPONSE:**

After performing a diligent search, Jacuzzi has no non-privileged documents responsive to this Category. The category appears to seek documents protected from disclosure by the attorney work-product privilege. Jacuzzi did not know of the subject incident until being notified by Plaintiffs' counsel, and all documents created in response were prepared by or at the direction of counsel.

#### Category 9

All incident reports and investigation reports prepared before this lawsuit was started with respect to falls on any Jacuzzi walk-in tub whether similar to the model used by Plaintiff or not.

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Jacuzzi objects to this category because it seeks confidential and proprietary materials that are irrelevant to the claims in this case.

#### Category 10

All non-privileged e-mails, which contain references to the incident, premises, products, contractors, or actions of persons involved in the events which are the subject matter of the lawsuit and which are:

- (A) to or from the witnesses being deposed on the date of this deposition, whether or not as designated witnesses for this deposition,
- (B) to or from those of Jacuzzi's officers, employees, and agents who were on the premises at the time of the incident, or the supervisor of such persons, and
- (C) or to or from Defendant'(s)' safety personnel, premises maintenance personnel, or the insurers of Defendant(s), if the items have not yet already been produced.

#### **RESPONSE:**

After performing a diligent search, Jacuzzi has no documents responsive to this request. Jacuzzi also objects to the category as confusing because it appears to be, in part, unrelated to this litigation. For instance, subsection (B) refers to employees who were "on the premises at the time of the incident." Plaintiffs are aware that no employee of Jacuzzi was present when Ms. Cunnison was in the tub, was removed from the tub, or when she died. Parts of this category appear to be specifically related to premises liability issues which are not relevant to Plaintiffs' product liability claims in this case.

#### LIST OF TOPICS ON WHICH EXAMINATION IS SOUGHT

#### Topic 1

Defendant'(s)' understanding of the incident and injury in this case, and events involved therewith on that date.

NOTE: Plaintiff is not seeking to obtain scientific or medical opinions, rather is simply trying to learn of Defendant'(s)' understanding of basic facts pursuant to: United States EEOC v. Caesars Entm't, Inc, 237 F.R.D. 428 (D. Nev. 2006); Taylor v. Shaw, 2007 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 16305 (D. Nev. Mar. 5, 2007); Great Am. Ins. Co. of N.Y. v. Vegas Constr. Co., 251 F.R.D. 534 (D. Nev. 2008).

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Jacuzzi will not produce a witness in response to this category. Jacuzzi did not know of the subject incident until being notified by Plaintiffs' counsel, and all information regarding the incident is through counsel and those communications are protected by the attorney client and/or work product privileges. Jacuzzi further objects to the request as an improper attempt to shift Plaintiffs' burden of proof to Jacuzzi.

#### Topic 2

Who are the witnesses known to Defendant(s), to the incident, injury, and events involved, and what they know, as currently known by Defendant(s).

#### **RESPONSE:**

Jacuzzi will not produce a witness in response to this category. Jacuzzi did not know of the subject incident until being notified by Plaintiffs' counsel, and all information regarding the incident and injuries is through counsel, and those communications are protected by the attorney client and/or work product privileges. Jacuzzi objects to the request as an improper attempt to shift Plaintiffs' burden of proof to Jacuzzi. Jacuzzi further objects to the request to the extent it is duplicative of what has already been disclosed in its initial disclosures and supplements.

#### Topic 3

Incident reports of the incident.

#### **RESPONSE:**

While Jacuzzi has no objection to the topic per se, Jacuzzi has no incident report so it cannot produce anyone to testify regarding this topic.

#### Topic 4

On the date of the incident and to the date of the deposition: who was the person in charge of safety of persons purchasing Jacuzzi products, what he/she did and learned on the day

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of the injury, and facts that he/she has subsequently learned regarding the incident and injury of Plaintiff.

#### **RESPONSE:**

Jacuzzi will produce someone generally familiar with Jacuzzi's safety standards and customer care as they relate to the subject model tub. Jacuzzi objects to the topic as argumentative and confusing. Specifically, Jacuzzi objects to the description of a "person in charge of safety of persons purchasing Jacuzzi projects." Further, what Jacuzzi did subsequent to learning of the incident is irrelevant to Plaintiffs' claims.

#### Topic 5

The incident and its causes, including Defendant'(s)' position on what caused the incident, and the facts supporting that position.

NOTE: Plaintiff is not seeking to obtain scientific or medical opinions, rather is simply trying to learn of Defendant'(s)' understanding of basic facts pursuant to: United States EEOC v. Caesars Entm't, Inc, 237 F.R.D. 428 (D. Nev. 2006); Taylor v. Shaw, 2007 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 16305 (D. & Nev. Mar. 5, 2007); Great Am. Ins. Co. of N.Y. v. Vegas Constr. Co., 251 F.R.D. 534 (D. Nev. \$\frac{1}{2}\$) 2008).

#### **RESPONSE:**

Jacuzzi will not produce a witness in response to this category. Jacuzzi did not know of the subject incident until being notified by Plaintiffs' counsel, and all information regarding the incident is through counsel, and those communications are protected by the attorney client and/or work product privileges. Jacuzzi objects to the request as an improper attempt to shift Plaintiffs' burden of proof to Jacuzzi.

#### Topic 6

Defendant'(s)' position on what Plaintiff did carelessly or wrongfully that contributed to cause the injuries that Plaintiff received, and the facts supporting that position, as set forth in Defendant'(s)' Answer and any Amendments thereto.

NOTE: Plaintiff is not seeking to obtain scientific or medical opinions, rather is simply trying to learn of Defendant'(s)' understanding of basic facts pursuant to: United States EEOC v. Caesars Entm't, Inc, 237 F.R.D. 428 (D. Nev. 2006); Taylor v. Shaw, 2007 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 16305 (D. Nev. Mar. 5, 2007); Great Am. Ins. Co. of N.Y. v. Vegas Constr. Co., 251 F.R.D. 534 (D. Nev. 2008).

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Jacuzzi will not produce a witness in response to this category. Jacuzzi did not know of the subject incident until being notified by Plaintiffs' counsel, and all information regarding the incident and injuries is through counsel, and those communications are protected by the attorney client and/or work product privileges. Further, Jacuzzi's Answer was prepared by counsel, and contains legal defenses of which a lay witness is not qualified to answer. The category also appears to seek the premature disclosure of expert opinions.

#### Topic 7

Defendant'(s)' position on what any person or entity other than Defendant(s) or Plaintiff did carelessly or wrongfully that contributed to cause the injuries that Plaintiff received, and the facts supporting that position.

NOTE: Plaintiff is not seeking to obtain scientific or medical opinions, rather is simply trying to learn of Defendant'(s)' understanding of basic facts pursuant to: United States EEOC v. Caesars Entm't, Inc, 237 F.R.D. 428 (D. Nev. 2006); Taylor v. Shaw, 2007 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 16305 (D. Nev. Mar. 5, 2007); Great Am. Ins. Co. of N.Y. v. Vegas Constr. Co., 251 F.R.D. 534 (D. Nev. 2008).

#### **RESPONSE:**

Jacuzzi will not produce a witness in response to this category. Jacuzzi did not know of the subject incident until being notified by Plaintiffs' counsel, and all information regarding the incident and injuries is through counsel, and those communications are protected by the attorney client and/or work product privileges. Further, Jacuzzi's Answer was prepared by counsel, and contains legal defenses of which a lay witness is not qualified to answer. Discovery is ongoing, and the extent to which other persons or entities' may have contributed to the subject incident is still under investigation. The category also appears to seek the premature disclosure of expert opinions.

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Instructions and warnings given to Plaintiff at any time regarding Plaintiff's activities on the premises

#### **RESPONSE:**

Jacuzzi will produce a witness familiar with the warnings that accompany this tub. Jacuzzi objects to the topic as inapplicable and confusing because it suggests that Jacuzzi had someone present in Ms. Cunnison's house or had any direct contact with plaintiffs, providing instructions or warnings to plaintiffs. It did not.

#### Topic 9

Conversations and statements by, or to, Plaintiff regarding Plaintiff's activities, the incident, or Plaintiff's injuries.

#### Topic 10

Defendant(s) system, rules and regulations for the reporting of incidents or collection of data regarding incidents involving, and the identity of all other incidents on the premises in the period from February 27, 2014, to the present date.

#### **RESPONSE:**

Jacuzzi will not produce a witness in response to topics 9 and 10 as they appear to be unrelated to this litigation. For example, Topic 9 refers to conversations with Ms. Cunnison, which there were none, and Topic 10 refers to other "incidents on the premises." Jacuzzi does not have "rules and regulations" regarding plaintiff incidents on Plaintiffs' premises, and has had no communications with plaintiffs.

#### Topic 11

All inspections, not invoking attorney work-product, in the area at issue and reasonable proximity thereto (defined as any area within 100 feet of where the incident took place) after the incident and to the date of this deposition, of the premises, equipment, or processes involved in the incident.

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Jacuzzi will not produce a witness in response to this topic. All inspections have been made at the direction of counsel and with Plaintiffs' counsel and defense counsel present. The category seeks testimony protected by the attorney client privilege and work product doctrine.

#### Topic 12

Factual information and sources of such facts, and information supporting Defendant'(s)' affirmative defenses as set forth and reflected in Defendant'(s)' Answer and amendments thereto. NOTE: Plaintiff is not seeking to obtain scientific or medical opinions, rather is simply trying to learn of Defendant'(s)' understanding of basic facts pursuant to: <u>United States EEOC v. Caesars Entm't, Inc</u>, 237 F.R.D. 428 (D. Nev. 2006); <u>Taylor v. Shaw</u>, 2007 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 16305 (D. Nev. Mar. 5, 2007); <u>Great Am. Ins. Co. of N.Y. v. Vegas Constr. Co.</u>, 251 F.R.D. 534 (D. Nev. 2008).

#### **RESPONSE:**

Jacuzzi will not produce a witness in response to this category. Jacuzzi did not know of the subject incident until being notified by Plaintiffs' counsel, and all information regarding the incident and injuries is through counsel, and those communications are protected by the attorney client and/or work product privileges. Further, Jacuzzi's Answer was prepared by counsel, and contains legal defenses of which a lay witness is not qualified to answer. Discovery is ongoing, and the extent to which other persons or entities' may have contributed to the subject incident is still under investigation.

#### Topic 13

The authenticity, existence and completeness of all documents produced in response to Plaintiff's discovery requests in this case.

#### **RESPONSE:**

Jacuzzi will produce a witness familiar with the documents produced in response to Plaintiff's discovery requests in this case. In agreeing to produce a witness, Jacuzzi incorporates by reference the objections contained in its responses to Plaintiffs' discovery requests in this case.

Jacuzzi further objects to the extent questioning seeks to invade the attorney client privilege and work product doctrine.

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Any and all document/record retention policies.

#### **RESPONSE:**

Jacuzzi will not produce a witness to testify regarding this topic. Jacuzzi objects to the topic as it is irrelevant to this litigation and there is no indication of any failure on the part of Jacuzzi to retain documents pertinent to Plaintiffs' claims. Jacuzzi further objects to the extent the topic seeks confidential and proprietary information.

#### Topic 15

The name, address (home and work) and phone numbers (home and work) for all custodians of the documents produced in response to Plaintiff's discovery requests in this case.

#### **RESPONSE:**

Jacuzzi will not produce a witness to testify regarding this topic. Jacuzzi objects to the topic as it is irrelevant to Plaintiffs' claims and the authenticity of Jacuzzi's documents is not in \$\mathbb{Q}\$ Jacuzzi further objects to the extent the topic seeks confidential and proprietary information, and information protected by privacy rights.

#### Topic 16

Defendant's responses to Plaintiff's interrogatories in this case.

#### **RESPONSE:**

Jacuzzi will produce a witness generally familiar with Jacuzzi's responses to Plaintiffs' interrogatories in this case. In agreeing to produce a witness, Jacuzzi incorporates by reference the objections contained in its responses to Plaintiffs' interrogatories.

#### Topic 17

The factual basis for all denials to the allegations raised in Plaintiff's Complaint.

#### **RESPONSE:**

Jacuzzi will produce a witness familiar with the facts supporting some denials to the allegations to Plaintiffs' complaint, to the extent that can be determined at this point in the litigation. However, Jacuzzi did not know of the subject incident until being notified by Plaintiffs' counsel, and all information regarding the incident and injuries is through counsel, and those communications are protected by the attorney client and/or work product privileges. Further, Jacuzzi's Answer was prepared by counsel, and contains legal defenses of which a lay witness is not qualified to answer. Discovery is ongoing and the facts supporting Jacuzzi's denials are still under investigation.

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The factual basis for all affirmative defenses asserted in Defendants' Answer in this case.

#### **RESPONSE:**

Jacuzzi objects to this topic as duplicative of Topic 12 and incorporates its response set forth therein.

#### Topic 19

All insurance agreements (including self-insurance fund or risk pool fund) that exist under the terms of which the person or company issuing the same may be called upon to satisfy all or part of any judgment against you which may be entered in favor of the Plaintiff in this action.

#### **RESPONSE:**

Jacuzzi will produce a witness generally familiar with the insurance coverage that could be applicable to this case.

#### Topic 20

The nature of all responsive documents, communications, or things that have been withheld, in response to discovery in this case and this Notice, on the grounds of privilege or protection, including:

- (a) A description of any documents;
- (b) The author of any documents and his or her address (home and work) and phone number (home and work);
- (c) The identity of the custodian of any documents and things and his or her address (home and work) and phone number (home and work);

- (d) The date the document was created and the person(s) to whom the document or copies were transmitted; and,
- (e) A summary of the contents of each document, communication or thing.

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Jacuzzi will not produce a witness on this topic. The withholding of documents, if any, was done based on legal objections. Jacuzzi objects to the information requested by Plaintiffs as it invades the attorney client privilege and work product doctrine.

#### Topic 21

Testimony regarding the policies and procedures used by Jacuzzi to advertise and sell Jacuzzi walk in tubs.

#### Topic 22

Jacuzzi, Inc.'s, sales department, generally, concerning the advertising, marketing, sale and post-sale matters concerning the identification of the consumers that would likely use Jacuzzi's walk in tubs.

#### Topic 23

Jacuzzi, Inc.'s, sales department, generally, concerning the advertising, marketing, sale and post-sale matters concerning the subject Jacuzzi design of walk in tubs.

#### **RESPONSE:**

In response to Topics 21 through 23, Jacuzzi will produce a witness familiar with Jacuzzi's policies and procedures relating to this subject bathtub, if any, at the time it was purchased by Ms. Cunnison. Jacuzzi objects to the topics as irrelevant because Jacuzzi has already represented to Plaintiff that it did not advertise, market, or sell the subject bathtub to Ms. Cunnison. Jacuzzi further objects to Topic 23 to the extent it seeks "post-sale matters" that are irrelevant to the subject matter of the claims presented in this action.

#### Topic 24

Identification of all persons known to Defendant who trained, directed or supervised to advise end users of the safety of Jacuzzi tubs.

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Jacuzzi will produce a witness familiar with the warnings and instructions provided with the subject bathtub when shipped from Jacuzzi. Jacuzzi objects to the topic as confusing and ambiguous in that the sentence does not make sense. Furthermore, Plaintiffs' topic is not limited in time or scope and therefore covers information irrelevant to this litigation.

#### Topic 25

Identification of all persons known to Defendant who trained, directed or supervised individuals to design walk in tubs that could cause or contribute to user being trapped in tub resulting in injury or death.

#### **RESPONSE:**

Jacuzzi will not produce a witness in response to this topic. Jacuzzi knows of no persons who "trained, directed, or supervised individuals to design walk in tubs that could cause or contribute to user being trapped in tub resulting in injury or death."

#### Topic 26

Any and/or all conversations with Sherry Lynn Cunnison, concerning the purchase of the subject Jacuzzi, any subsequent use and maintenance on the subject Jacuzzi.

#### **RESPONSE:**

Jacuzzi will not produce a witness in response to this topic. Jacuzzi knows of no "conversations with Sherry Lynn Cunnison" and any of its employees.

#### Topic 27

Any and/or all Sales and Marketing materials concerning the purpose and use of Jacuzzi walk in tubs.

- a. Any policies and procedures of Defendant with regard to training or education of consumers as to the safe use walk in tubs.
- b. The existence and location of Plaintiff's discovery request.
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Jacuzzi will not produce a witness to testify regarding this topic because Jacuzzi did not create the sales or marketing materials related to the subject walk in tub prior to the subject incident. Jacuzzi objects that the subparts to the topic are vague, ambiguous and unintelligible.

#### Topic 28

Communications between defendants concerning the elements and/or components manufactured or designed by Jacuzzi, included but not limited to, the design, changes, testing, manufacturing of said elements and components of the Jacuzzi walk-in tub.

#### **RESPONSE:**

Jacuzzi will produce a witness familiar with communications between defendants, if any, regarding the design, testing, and manufacturing of the subject model tub prior to the subject incident, to the extent they have any application to Plaintiffs' claims. Jacuzzi objects to the topic a confusing in use of the term "elements".

#### Topic 29

What, if any, resources were available to Jacuzzi, Inc., to notify, research, or otherwise learn and/or disclose information to/from First Street for Boomers & Beyond, Inc.; Aithr Dealer, Inc.; Bestway Building and Remodeling; William Budd; and/ or Budds Plumbing; regarding the subject Jacuzzi design that could cause or contribute to user being trapped in tub.

#### **RESPONSE:**

Jacuzzi will not produce a witness to testify regarding this topic. Jacuzzi is not aware of any design that "could cause or contribute to user being trapped in tub." Jacuzzi objects that the Topic is vague, ambiguous and unintelligible what is being requested.

#### Topic 30

Identification of all of Defendant's officers, directors, employees or other personnel who at any time prior to the purchase of Plaintiff Cunnison's tub had any communication with First Street for Boomers & Beyond, Inc.; Aithr Dealer, Inc.; Bestway Building and Remodeling; William Budd; and/ or Budds Plumbing, regarding the safety of the user of Jacuzzi walk in tubs.

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Jacuzzi will produce a witness familiar with communications, if any, between Jacuzzi and the other defendants regarding safety of the subject bath tub prior to the subject incident. Jacuzzi objects to the topic because it is not limited in time or scope and therefore seeks information irrelevant to this litigation.

#### Topic 31

All contracts, agreements and/or other documents entered into and/or exchanged between Jacuzzi, Inc. First Street for Boomers & Beyond, Inc.; Aithr Dealer, Inc.; Bestway Building and Remodeling; William Budd; and/ or Budds Plumbing.

#### **RESPONSE:**

Jacuzzi will produce a witness familiar with Jacuzzi's agreement with First Street for Boomers & Beyond, Inc., as it relates to the subject bathtub. Jacuzzi objects to the topic as the written agreement speaks for itself and has already been produced to Plaintiffs. Further, Jacuzzi had no agreement or contract with any other parties.

#### Topic 32

Any policies and procedures of Defendant with regard to training or supervising temporary employees or contractor as to the safety of the tub.

#### **RESPONSE:**

Jacuzzi will not produce a witness to testify on this topic, as it is vague, ambiguous and unintelligible. Jacuzzi objects to the topic as vague in its use of the term "safety of the tub." However, as noted in response to other topics, Jacuzzi will produce someone familiar with the design of the subject model tub.

#### Topic 33

Any policies and procedures of Defendant with regard to training or supervising temporary employees or contractor as to the safe installation of Jacuzzi walk in tubs.

#### **RESPONSE:**

Jacuzzi will produce a witness familiar with policies and procedures relating to installation of the subject tub. Jacuzzi objects to the topic as vague in its use of the term "safe

installation." No one was injured in the installation of the subject tub and there is no indication that it was installed improperly. The topic is not relevant to any issue in this action.

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Communications with Jacuzzi, Inc., or any other entity relating to and/or concerning the subject Jacuzzi design of walk in tubs that could cause or contribute to user being trapped in tub resulting in injury or death.

#### **RESPONSE:**

Jacuzzi will not produce a witness to testify regarding this topic. Jacuzzi objects to the topic as it seeks communications with itself, which is incoherent. Jacuzzi is also unaware of any design "that could cause or contribute to user being trapped in tub resulting in injury or death."

#### Topic 35

Defendant Jacuzzi's policies, procedures and practices, concerning designs, modifications, alterations, for the subject Jacuzzi design of walk in tubs.

#### **RESPONSE:**

Jacuzzi will produce a witness to testify regarding the design of the subject model tub prior to the subject incident. Jacuzzi objects to the topic as overbroad and seeking irrelevant information because the request is not limited in time or scope.

#### Topic 36

Identification of all of Defendant's officers, directors, employees or other personnel who participated or had any role in the planning of designs, modifications, alterations, for the subject Jacuzzi design of walk in tubs.

#### Topic 37

Identification of all of Defendant's officers, directors, employees or other personnel who participated or had any role the planning of designs, modifications, alterations, for the subject Jacuzzi design of walk in tubs.

#### **RESPONSE:**

In response to Topics 36 and 37, Jacuzzi will produce a witness to testify regarding the design of the subject model tub, insofar as it pertains to Plaintiffs' claims in this case. Jacuzzi

objects to the topics as overbroad because they are not limited in time or scope, seeking testimony that is irrelevant to this litigation. Jacuzzi further objects to the topic as overbroad and unduly burdensome because the design and development of any product is an evolutionary process. Accordingly, Jacuzzi is unable to identify each and every person and department that may have been involved in the design. Since numerous individuals were involved in these activities, it is unduly burdensome for Jacuzzi to produce someone to testify as to the identity all such persons. If Plaintiffs identify specific components or aspects of design that are the subject of their inquiry in advance of the deposition, Jacuzzi will endeavor to produce someone that knows the names of key person(s) involved in the design and design verification of those specific components.

#### Topic 38

Identification of all files and documents relating to the facts and circumstances of the safety of Jacuzzi walk in tub users.

#### **RESPONSE:**

Jacuzzi will not produce a witness to testify regarding this topic. Jacuzzi objects to the topic as it is too vague and overbroad to determine what Plaintiffs are actually seeking. The topic seeks information irrelevant to the claims in this action. To the extent that Plaintiffs are seeking testimony related to the design of the subject model bathtub, Jacuzzi has already agreed to produce a witness to testify as to that topic.

#### Topic 39

Identification of all persons known to Defendant who trained, directed or supervised individuals to design walk in tubs that could cause or contribute to user being trapped in tub resulting in injury or death.

#### **RESPONSE:**

Jacuzzi will not produce a witness to testify regarding this topic. Jacuzzi is not aware of any design that "could cause or contribute to user being trapped in tub."

#### Topic 40

The engineering and design of the Jacuzzi walk-in tub and its elements.

#### Topic 41

The all systems design technical specification and effect for the design testing and manufacturing the walk-in Jacuzzi tub.

Jacuzzi will produce a witness to testify regarding the engineering and design of the

#### **RESPONSE:**

Jacuzzi will produce a witness to testify regarding the technical specifications, testing, and manufacturing of the subject model tub, insofar as they relate to Plaintiffs' claims. Jacuzzi objects to the topic as vague and confusing in use of "all systems design technical specification and effect for the design testing and manufacturing" which is incoherent.

#### Topic 42

The organizational structure of any and all departments and individuals involved in design testing and manufacture of the Jacuzzi walk-in tubs. Any design failure mode effects and analysis or any such similar analysis for the Jacuzzi walk-in tub and components manufactured and/or designed by Jacuzzi.

#### **RESPONSE:**

Jacuzzi will produce a witness to testify regarding the general organizational structure related to the design, testing, and manufacture of the subject model tub. Jacuzzi objects to request because it is not limited in time or scope and is therefore seeking information irrelevant to this litigation. Jacuzzi further objects to the second sentence of the topic as vague because it is incoherent.

#### Topic 43

Any design work orders, billed work orders, test work orders, engineer change request, engineering change orders related to the design and manufacture of the Jacuzzi walk-in tub.

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Jacuzzi will produce a witness to testify regarding design work orders, billed work orders, test work orders, engineer change requests, and engineering changes, if any, related to the subject model tub and Jacuzzi's understanding of the claims in this action.

#### Topic 44

Any and all cost benefit and/or value analysis regarding the design of the Jacuzzi walk-in tub and components.

#### **RESPONSE:**

Jacuzzi will produce a witness to testify regarding the cost benefit or value analysis, if any, regarding the design of the subject model tub. This testimony will be limited to the design criticisms identified by Plaintiffs, i.e., the size of the tub, the design of the door, and the placement of grab bars.

#### Topic 45

The identification, location and contact information of persons with the most knowledge concerning the design, manufacture and/or changes to the design and manufacturing of the components of the Jacuzzi walk-in tub.

#### **RESPONSE:**

Jacuzzi will produce a witness consistent with its response to topics 36 and 37.

#### Topic 46

The identification, location and contact information of persons with the most knowledge concerning the retrofit recall, service and/or otherwise fix regarding any alleged defect in the design of the Jacuzzi walk-in tub.

#### Topic 47

The cost of retrofitting, recalling, servicing or otherwise fixing the alleged defect design of the Jacuzzi walk-in tub and the components manufactured by Jacuzzi.

#### **RESPONSE:**

In response to Topics 46 and 47, Jacuzzi will not produce a witness to testify regarding these topics as there have been no recall, service or fix regarding the vague and unsubstantiated defect allegations plaintiffs have alleged. The topic is overly broad without limitation in scope, time or issues relevant to the claims in this action.

#### Topic 48

Any and all product investigations by Jacuzzi regarding damages or injuries resulting from Jacuzzi walk-in tubs including the elements and components manufactured by Jacuzzi.

#### **RESPONSE:**

Jacuzzi will produce a witness to testify generally regarding investigations by Jacuzzi into other similar incidents of injury or damage, if any, prior to the incident that is the subject of this action. This response is limited to injury claims made prior to the subject incident involving the subject Jacuzzi® Walk-In Bathtub model that are similar to the vague claims that have been asserted in this action. Jacuzzi objects to the topic because it is not limited in time or scope and therefore seeks testimony that is irrelevant to this litigation.

#### Topic 49

Jacuzzi's financial net worth, assets, debts and financial status including subsidiaries partners and/or affiliations.

#### **RESPONSE:**

Jacuzzi will not produce a witness to testify as to this topic. Jacuzzi objects to the topic as harassing and that the topic is seeking irrelevant testimony. Plaintiffs have demonstrated no facts supporting their claim for punitive damages and any testimony regarding Jacuzzi's financial status is irrelevant to their claims as it is unrelated to the adequacy of the bathtub design. Jacuzzi further objects to this topic of testimony as it seeks the disclosure of confidential and proprietary information, including commercially sensitive information that could cause harm to Jacuzzi if disclosed publicly, without any corresponding benefit to the Plaintiffs.

#### Topic 50

Testimony identifying all lawsuits, claims, dealer bulletins, complaints, incident reports or other documents where someone has alleged that a Jacuzzi Walk In tub was not properly designed contributing to injury of the user.

### Topic 51

Testimony regarding Jacuzzi's actions related to any customer complaint, lawsuits, warranty claims or incident reports wherein it was alleged that a Jacuzzi Walk In tub was not properly designed contributing to injury of the user.

#### **RESPONSE:**

In response to Topics 50 and 51, Jacuzzi will produce a witness to testify generally regarding lawsuits, claims, dealer bulletins, complaints, or incident reports related to other similar incidents of injury or damage, if any, prior to the incident that is the subject of this action. This response is limited to injury claims made prior to the subject incident and to the subject Jacuzzi® Walk-In Bathtub model that are similar to the vague claims that have been asserted in this action. Jacuzzi objects to the topic because it is not limited in time or scope and therefore seeks testimony that is irrelevant to this litigation.

#### Topic 52

Testimony and documents regarding any lawsuits filed against Jacuzzi, Inc during the use of a Jacuzzi Walk in tub allegedly causing injury or death, including the county and state in which the action was brought or is pending, including the names of each party, the name of each party's attorney with their address and telephone number, the disposition of each lawsuit and the date and place of the occurrence complained of in each lawsuit, as well as a copy of each such complaint.

#### **RESPONSE:**

Jacuzzi will not produce a witness to testify regarding this topic because Jacuzzi is unaware of any lawsuits (other than those filed by Plaintiffs' attorney) involving claims of injury similar to the vague claims that have been asserted in this action, alleging that the subject model tub "caus[ed] injury or death." Jacuzzi objects to the topic as overbroad because it is not limited in time or scope, thereby seeking information that is irrelevant to this litigation.

#### Topic 53

Testimony regarding the procedures used by Jacuzzi to collect, receive, record, respond, and store customer complaints, lawsuits, and incident reports.

Jacuzzi will produce a witness to testify regarding this topic that is familiar with Jacuzzi's procedures for handling customer complaints, lawsuits, and incident reports.

DATED this 7th day of December, 2017.

#### SNELL & WILMER L.L.P.

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#### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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I, the undersigned, declare under penalt	ey of perjury, that I am over the age of eighteen			
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JACUZZI INC.'S OBJECTIONS TO PLAINTIFFS' AMENDED NOTICE TO TAKE				
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## SECOND AMENDED NOTICE TO TAKE VIDEOTAPED DEPOSITION(S) OF 30(b)(6) FOR JACUZZI

#### TO: ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND THEIR COUNSEL OF RECORD:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on January 11, 2018 at 10:00 a.m., Plaintiff will take the videotaped deposition of the Person Most Knowledgeable for Defendant, JACUZZI LUXURY BATH, doing business as JACUZZI INC (hereinafter known as Defendant or Jacuzzi) at the Snell & Wilmer, located at 600 Anton Boulevard #1400, Costa Mesa, California 92626, pursuant to Rules 26 and 30(b)(6) of the Rules of Civil Procedure, upon oral examination, before a Notary Public, or before some other officer authorized by law to administer oaths.

Oral examination will continue from day to day until completed. You are invited to attend and cross-examine.

# <u>ITEMS TO BE PRODUCED – AND SUBJECTS TO BE COVERED – See Exhibit A, attached hereto.</u>

DATED this  $18^{th}$  day of December, 2017.

#### RICHARD HARRIS LAW FIRM

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#### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Pursuant to Nevada Rule of Civil Procedure 5(b), I hereby certify that I am an employee of THE RICHARD HARRIS LAW FIRM and that on the 18th day of December, 2017, I caused foregoing **AMENDED** NOTICE TO TAKE **VIDEOTAPED SECOND DEPOSITION(S) OF 30(b)(6) FOR JACUZZI** to be served as follows:

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#### **EXHIBIT A**

1. Items on which examination is sought. PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the video-taped oral deposition of Defendant(s) will be taken through the person or persons designated by Defendant(s) to testify concerning matters shown on the attached list of items on which examination is sought. You are notified that the party giving this notice wishes to examine the witness or witnesses so designated by Defendant(s) on the matters shown on the attached list of items on which examination is sought.

- 2. Items to be brought to the deposition. You are further notified that the person or persons designated by Defendant(s) are to bring with them the items in the attached list of items to be brought to the deposition.
- 3. Time and place. The deposition will be taken at the Snell & Wilmer, located at 600 Anton Boulevard #1400, Costa Mesa, California 92626 at the time and date listed in the notice.
- 4. Your designation of persons. Pursuant to NRCP 30(b)(6) Defendant(s) is/are hereby notified to designate the person or persons to testify on behalf of the deponent organization. Defendant(s) is/are further notified that the witness or witnesses so designated by them must be prepared to testify to matters known or reasonably available to Defendant(s). The designation should be served on the undersigned deposing attorney on a reasonable date before the date of the deposition. If Defendant'(s)' organization so desires, Defendant(s) may designate the separate matters on which each person designated by Defendant(s) will testify. To expedite the questioning of witnesses by their separate subject matters, the designation:
  - (A) should be by name and job title or other description and specify the separate matters on which each will testify; and
  - (B) should be served on the undersigned deposing attorney on a reasonable date before the date of the deposition.
- 5. Defendant(s), not individuals, being deposed. Pursuant to the provision of NRCP 30(b)(6) the rules of civil procedure, is/are on notice that it is Defendant(s) being deposed, not individual officers, employees or agents of Defendant(s). Therefore, Defendant(s) has/have a duty to prepare their designated witness or witnesses to testify on not only the information personally known by their designated witness, but also on all the information known by Defendant(s) through its officers, employees, and agents. The designated witness should be able to answer with reasonable particularity, everything Defendant(s) knows/know on the Matters on Which Examination is sought, unlimited by how little the designed witness or other individual officer, employees, and agents personally know.
- 6. Duty mandated by rules. Pursuant to NRCP 30(b)(6) Defendant(s) is/are on notice that Defendant(s) must search for, and inform itself, of all matters known or reasonably

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available, and who in Defendant'(s)' organization has the information. If no one single person has the information requested, Defendant(s) must produce at the deposition the number of witnesses needed to testify on all the matters requested in the list of items on which examination is sought.

#### LIST OF ITEMS THE ORGANIZATION IS TO BRING TO ITS DEPOSITION

The following list does not require attorney/client privileged matter to be produced, and each item should be understood to include the phrase "except for attorney/client privileged matter."

#### Defendant(s) IS/ARE REQUIRED TO BRING TO THE DEPOSITION:

- 1. Any written policies or Defendant'(s)' regulations or procedures, that have not yet already been produced, and which were in place before the incident at issue, that were intended to guard against or prevent the type of incident which is the subject matter of this lawsuit, i.e. that of an individual in a Jacuzzi walk in tub.
- Any written policies or Defendant'(s)' regulations or procedures, that have not yet 2. already been produced, and which were in place after the incident at issue, that were intended to guard against or prevent the type of incident which is the subject matter of this lawsuit, i.e. that of an individual in a Jacuzzi walk in tub.
- 3. Any documents, electronically stored information (ESI) or tangible items created by Defendant(s) as a result of the incident, and documents, electronically stored information (ESI), known to Defendant that were created by Defendant(s) or any of the witnesses (both those being offered for the deposition of Defendant(s), and also those being deposed as an individual witness on the date of this deposition of Defendant(s) in which any witness being deposed on this date describes any events the witness observed at the scene of the incident in the 24 hours before or in the 24 hours after the incident), that have not yet already been produced. This includes, among other things, any incident reports, notes, or other memoranda made by the witness or by others, that have not yet already been produced. This shall include documents created in the 24 hour period before the incident and after the incident as a result of the defect alleged in Plaintiff's Complaint, or Amendments thereto, that have not yet already been produced.
- Any documents, electronically stored information (ESI) or tangible items created by, or in the possession of either Defendant(s) or any of the witnesses being offered for this deposition of Defendant(s), and also those being deposed as an individual witness on the date of this noticed deposition of Defendant(s) --- which either the witness being deposed or Defendant(s) believes might refresh the memory of the Rule 30(b)(6) designee(s) being deposed on the date of this deposition, that have not yet already been produced. (Please note this is intended to obtain documents that the Rule 30(b)(6) designee(s) may reference in their deposition to aid in the testimony process.) This shall include documents related to the incident alleged in Plaintiff's Complaint or Amendments thereto, including but not limited to safety manuals, incident reports, witness statements and any other document that was create as a result of the incident, or

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had to do with safety in relation to prevention of the incident, and such documents that have been produced thus far by Defendant(s) that the Rule 30(b)(6) designee(s) may rely upon in providing their testimony, that have not yet already been produced.

Note: because this is a deposition of the corporation, we expect the corporation to specifically inquire of personnel at the scene whether they took photographs on their digital telephones or other personal digital devices, if the items have not yet already been produced.

- 5. All safety manuals of Defendant(s) with any warnings or instructions for the product used by Plaintiff, *if the items have not yet already been produced*. To include manuals dealing with safety related the use of the Jacuzzi tub.
- 6. All safety materials or instructions claimed by Defendant(s) to have been given or shown to the Plaintiff, if the items have not yet already been produced.
- 7. All daily logs and reports created as a result of the incident by personnel of Defendant(s) on the site or physically conducting operations on the premises for the 48 hours before, the day of the incident, and the 48 hours after the incident, which were created as a result of the incident, if the items have not yet already been produced.
- 8. All daily logs and reports created as a result of the incident created by any employee or agent of Defendant(s), in response to the incident at issue, or anything dealing with the incident at issue or any issues related to the incident at issue, if the items have not yet already been produced.
- 9. All incident reports and investigation reports prepared before this lawsuit was started with respect to falls on any Jacuzzi walk-in tub whether similar to the model used by Plaintiff or not.
- 10. All non-privileged e-mails, which contain references to the incident, premises, products, contractors, or actions of persons involved in the events which are the subject matter of the lawsuit and which are:
  - (A) to or from the witnesses being deposed on the date of this deposition, whether or not as designated witnesses for this deposition,
  - (B) to or from those of Jacuzzi's officers, employees, and agents who were on the premises at the time of the incident, or the supervisor of such persons, and (C) or to or from Defendant'(s)' safety personnel, premises maintenance personnel, or the insurers of Defendant(s), if the items have not yet already been produced.

#### LIST OF TOPICS ON WHICH EXAMINATION IS SOUGHT

NOTICE: in this list, "premises' means the area where the incident took place, and "incident" means the incident occurring on or about February 27, 2014, that is the subject of this litigation.

#### **EXAMINATION WILL BE SOUGHT ON THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS**

1. Defendant'(s)' understanding of the incident and injury in this case, and events involved therewith on that date.

NOTE: Plaintiff is not seeking to obtain scientific or medical opinions, rather is simply trying to learn of Defendant'(s)' understanding of basic facts pursuant to: *United States EEOC v. Caesars Entm't, Inc*, 237 F.R.D. 428 (D. Nev. 2006); *Taylor v. Shaw*, 2007 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 16305 (D. Nev. Mar. 5, 2007); *Great Am. Ins. Co. of N.Y. v. Vegas Constr. Co.*, 251 F.R.D. 534 (D. Nev. 2008).

- 2. Who are the witnesses known to Defendant(s), to the incident, injury, and events involved, and what they know, as currently known by Defendant(s).
- 3. Incident reports of the incident.
- 4. On the date of the incident and to the date of the deposition: who was the person in charge of safety of persons purchasing Jacuzzi products, what he/she did and learned on the day of the injury, and facts that he/she has subsequently learned regarding the incident and injury of Plaintiff.
- 5. The incident and its causes, including Defendant'(s)' position on what caused the incident, and the facts supporting that position.

NOTE: Plaintiff is not seeking to obtain scientific or medical opinions, rather is simply trying to learn of Defendant'(s)' understanding of basic facts pursuant to: *United States EEOC v. Caesars Entm't, Inc*, 237 F.R.D. 428 (D. Nev. 2006); *Taylor v. Shaw*, 2007 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 16305 (D. Nev. Mar. 5, 2007); *Great Am. Ins. Co. of N.Y. v. Vegas Constr. Co.*, 251 F.R.D. 534 (D. Nev. 2008).

- 6. Defendant'(s)' position on what Plaintiff did carelessly or wrongfully that contributed to cause the injuries that Plaintiff received, and the facts supporting that position, as set forth in Defendant'(s)' Answer and any Amendments thereto.
- NOTE: Plaintiff is not seeking to obtain scientific or medical opinions, rather is simply trying to learn of Defendant'(s)' understanding of basic facts pursuant to: *United States EEOC v. Caesars Entm't, Inc*, 237 F.R.D. 428 (D. Nev. 2006); *Taylor v. Shaw*, 2007 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 16305 (D. Nev. Mar. 5, 2007); *Great Am. Ins. Co. of N.Y. v. Vegas Constr. Co.*, 251 F.R.D. 534 (D. Nev. 2008).
- 7. Defendant'(s)' position on what any person or entity other than Defendant(s) or Plaintiff did carelessly or wrongfully that contributed to cause the injuries that Plaintiff received, and the facts supporting that position.

NOTE: Plaintiff is not seeking to obtain scientific or medical opinions, rather is simply trying to learn of Defendant'(s)' understanding of basic facts pursuant to: *United States EEOC v. Caesars* 

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- Instructions and warnings given to Plaintiff at any time regarding Plaintiff's activities on 8. the premises
- 9. Conversations and statements by, or to, Plaintiff regarding Plaintiff's activities, the incident, or Plaintiff's injuries
- 10. Defendant(s) system, rules and regulations for the reporting of incidents or collection of data regarding incidents involving, and the identity of all other incidents on the premises in the period from February 27, 2014, to the present date.
- All inspections, not invoking attorney work-product, in the area at issue and reasonable 11. proximity thereto (defined as any area within 100 feet of where the incident took place) after the incident and to the date of this deposition, of the premises, equipment, or processes involved in the incident.
- 12. Factual information and sources of such facts, and information supporting Defendant'(s)' affirmative defenses as set forth and reflected in Defendant'(s)' Answer and amendments thereto.

NOTE: Plaintiff is not seeking to obtain scientific or medical opinions, rather is simply trying to learn of Defendant'(s)' understanding of basic facts pursuant to: United States EEOC v. Caesars Entm't, Inc, 237 F.R.D. 428 (D. Nev. 2006); Taylor v. Shaw, 2007 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 16305 (D. Nev. Mar. 5, 2007); Great Am. Ins. Co. of N.Y. v. Vegas Constr. Co., 251 F.R.D. 534 (D. Nev. 2008).

#### GENERAL TESTIMONY

- 13. The authenticity, existence and completeness of all documents produced in response to Plaintiff's discovery requests in this case.
- 14. Any and all document/record retention policies.
- 15. The name, address (home and work) and phone numbers (home and work) for all custodians of the documents produced in response to Plaintiff's discovery requests in this case.
- 16. Defendant's responses to Plaintiff's interrogatories in this case.
- 17. The factual basis for all denials to the allegations raised in Plaintiff's Complaint.
- 18. The factual basis for all affirmative defenses asserted in Defendants' Answer in this case.

- 19. All insurance agreements (including self-insurance fund or risk pool fund) that exist under the terms of which the person or company issuing the same may be called upon to satisfy all or part of any judgment against you which may be entered in favor of the Plaintiff in this action.
- 20. The nature of all responsive documents, communications, or things that have been withheld, in response to discovery in this case and this Notice, on the grounds of privilege or protection, including:
  - (a) A description of any documents;
  - (b) The author of any documents and his or her address (home and work) and phone number (home and work);
  - (c) The identity of the custodian of any documents and things and his or her address (home and work) and phone number (home and work);
  - (d) The date the document was created and the person(s) to whom the document or copies were transmitted; and,
  - (e) A summary of the contents of each document, communication or thing.

#### SALES AND MARKETING TESTIMONY GENERAL

- 21. Testimony regarding the policies and procedures used by Jacuzzi to advertise and sell Jacuzzi walk in tubs.
- 22. Jacuzzi, Inc.'s, sales department, generally, concerning the advertising, marketing, sale and post-sale matters concerning the identification of the consumers that would likely use Jacuzzi's walk in tubs.
- 23. Jacuzzi, Inc.'s, sales department, generally, concerning the advertising, marketing, sale and post-sale matters concerning the subject Jacuzzi design of walk in tubs.
- 24. Identification of all persons known to Defendant who trained, directed or supervised to advise end users of the safety of Jacuzzi tubs.
- 25. Identification of all persons known to Defendant who trained, directed or supervised individuals to design walk in tubs that could cause or contribute to user being trapped in tub resulting in injury or death.

#### SALE AND MARKETING WITH END USER TESTIMONY

26. Any and/or all conversations with Sherry Lynn Cunnison, concerning the purchase of the subject Jacuzzi, any subsequent use and maintenance on the subject Jacuzzi.

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- 27. Any and/or all Sales and Marketing materials concerning the purpose and use of Jacuzzi walk in tubs.
  - Any policies and procedures of Defendant with regard to training or a. education of consumers as to the safe use walk in tubs.
  - The existence and location of plaintiff's discovery request. b.

#### COMMUNICATION BETWEEN JACUZZI AND DEALERS, SELLERS AND **INSTALLERS TESTIMONY**

- 28. Communications between defendants concerning the elements and/or components manufactured or designed by Jacuzzi, included but not limited to, the design, changes, testing, manufacturing of said elements and components of the Jacuzzi walk-in tub.
- 29. What, if any, resources were available to Jacuzzi, Inc., to notify, research, or otherwise learn and/or disclose information to/from First Street for Boomers & Beyond, Inc.; Aithr Dealer, Inc.; Bestway Building and Remodeling; William Budd; and/ or Budds Plumbing; regarding the subject Jacuzzi design that could cause or contribute to user being trapped in tub.
- 30. Identification of all of Defendant's officers, directors, employees or other personnel who at any time prior to the purchase of Plaintiff Cunnison's tub had any communication with First Street for Boomers & Beyond, Inc.; Aithr Dealer, Inc.; Bestway Building and Remodeling; William Budd; and/ or Budds Plumbing, regarding the safety of the user of Jacuzzi walk in tubs.
- 31. All contracts, agreements and/or other documents entered into and/or exchanged between Jacuzzi, Inc. First Street for Boomers & Beyond, Inc.; Aithr Dealer, Inc.; Bestway Building and Remodeling; William Budd; and/ or Budds Plumbing.
- 20 Any policies and procedures of Defendant with regard to training or supervising 32. temporary employees or contractor as to the safety of the tub. 21
  - 33. Any policies and procedures of Defendant with regard to training or supervising temporary employees or contractor as to the safe installation of Jacuzzi walk in tubs.
  - 34. Communications with Jacuzzi, Inc, or any other entity relating to and/or concerning the subject Jacuzzi design of walk in tubs that could cause or contribute to user being trapped in tub resulting in injury or death.

#### **DESIGN OF TUB**

Defendant Jacuzzi's policies, procedures and practices, concerning designs, 35. modifications, alterations, for the subject Jacuzzi design of walk in tubs.

- 36. Identification of all of Defendant's officers, directors, employees or other personnel who participated or had any role in the planning of designs, modifications, alterations, for the subject Jacuzzi design of walk in tubs.
- 37. Identification of all of Defendant's officers, directors, employees or other personnel who participated or had any role the planning of designs, modifications, alterations, for the subject Jacuzzi design of walk in tubs.
- 38. Identification of all files and documents relating to the facts and circumstances of the safety of Jacuzzi walk in tub users.
- 39. Identification of all persons known to Defendant who trained, directed or supervised individuals to design walk in tubs that could cause or contribute to user being trapped in tub resulting in injury or death.
- 40. The engineering and design of the Jacuzzi walk-in tub and its elements.
- 41. The all systems design technical specification and effect for the design testing and manufacturing the walk-in Jacuzzi tub.
- 42. The organizational structure of any and all departments and individuals involved in design testing and manufacture of the Jacuzzi walk-in tubs. Any design failure mode effects and analysis or any such similar analysis for the Jacuzzi walk-in tub and components manufactured and/or designed by Jacuzzi.
- 43. Any design work orders, billed work orders, test work orders, engineer change request, engineering change orders related to the design and manufacture of the Jacuzzi walk-in tub.
- 44. Any and all cost benefit and/or value analysis regarding the design of the Jacuzzi walkin tub and components.
- 45. The identification, location and contact information of persons with the most knowledge concerning the design, manufacture and/or changes to the design and manufacturing of the components of the Jacuzzi walk-in tub.
- 46. The identification, location and contact information of persons with the most knowledge concerning the retrofit recall, service and/or otherwise fix regarding any alleged defect in the design of the Jacuzzi walk-in tub.
- 47. The cost of retrofitting, recalling, servicing or otherwise fixing the alleged defect design of the Jacuzzi walk-in tub and the components manufactured by Jacuzzi.

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#### OTHER SIMILAR INCIDENTS TESTIMONY

- 48. Any and all product investigations by Jacuzzi regarding damages or injuries resulting from Jacuzzi walk-in tubs including the elements and components manufactured by Jacuzzi.
- 49. Jacuzzi's financial net worth, assets, debts and financial status including subsidiaries, partners and/or affiliations.
- 50. Testimony identifying all lawsuits, claims, dealer bulletins, complaints, incident reports or other documents where someone has alleged that a Jacuzzi Walk In tub was not properly designed contributing to injury of the user.
- 51. Testimony regarding Jacuzzi's actions related to any customer complaint, lawsuits, warranty claims or incident reports wherein it was alleged that a Jacuzzi Walk In tub was not properly designed contributing to injury of the user.
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- 53. Testimony regarding the procedures used by Jacuzzi to collect, receive, record, respond, and store customer complaints, lawsuits, and incident reports.

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## SECOND AMENDED NOTICE TO TAKE VIDEOTAPED DEPOSITION(S) OF 30(b)(6) FOR JACUZZI

#### TO: ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND THEIR COUNSEL OF RECORD:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on February 15, 2018 at 10:00 a.m., Plaintiff will take the videotaped deposition of the Person Most Knowledgeable for Defendant, JACUZZI LUXURY BATH, doing business as JACUZZI INC (hereinafter known as Defendant or Jacuzzi) at the Snell & Wilmer, located at 600 Anton Boulevard #1400, Costa Mesa, California 92626, pursuant to Rules 26 and 30(b)(6) of the Rules of Civil Procedure, upon oral examination, before a Notary Public, or before some other officer authorized by law to administer oaths.

Oral examination will continue from day to day until completed. You are invited to attend and cross-examine.

# <u>ITEMS TO BE PRODUCED – AND SUBJECTS TO BE COVERED – See Exhibit A, attached hereto.</u>

DATED this 19th day of January, 2018.

#### RICHARD HARRIS LAW FIRM

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#### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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Pursuant to Nevada Rule of Civil Procedure 5(b), I hereby certify that I am an employee of THE RICHARD HARRIS LAW FIRM and that on the 19th day of January, 2018, I caused the foregoing THIRD AMENDED NOTICE TO TAKE VIDEOTAPED DEPOSITION(S) OF 30(b)(6) FOR JACUZZI to be served as follows:

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#### **EXHIBIT A**

1. Items on which examination is sought. PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the video-taped oral deposition of Defendant(s) will be taken through the person or persons designated by Defendant(s) to testify concerning matters shown on the attached list of items on which examination is sought. You are notified that the party giving this notice wishes to examine the witness or witnesses so designated by Defendant(s) on the matters shown on the attached list of items on which examination is sought.

- 2. Items to be brought to the deposition. You are further notified that the person or persons designated by Defendant(s) are to bring with them the items in the attached list of items to be brought to the deposition.
- 3. Time and place. The deposition will be taken at the Snell & Wilmer, located at 600 Anton Boulevard #1400, Costa Mesa, California 92626 at the time and date listed in the notice.
- 4. Your designation of persons. Pursuant to NRCP 30(b)(6) Defendant(s) is/are hereby notified to designate the person or persons to testify on behalf of the deponent organization. Defendant(s) is/are further notified that the witness or witnesses so designated by them must be prepared to testify to matters known or reasonably available to Defendant(s). The designation should be served on the undersigned deposing attorney on a reasonable date before the date of the deposition. If Defendant'(s)' organization so desires, Defendant(s) may designate the separate matters on which each person designated by Defendant(s) will testify. To expedite the questioning of witnesses by their separate subject matters, the designation:
  - (A) should be by name and job title or other description and specify the separate matters on which each will testify; and
  - (B) should be served on the undersigned deposing attorney on a reasonable date before the date of the deposition.
- 5. Defendant(s), not individuals, being deposed. Pursuant to the provision of NRCP 30(b)(6) the rules of civil procedure, is/are on notice that it is Defendant(s) being deposed, not individual officers, employees or agents of Defendant(s). Therefore, Defendant(s) has/have a duty to prepare their designated witness or witnesses to testify on not only the information personally known by their designated witness, but also on all the information known by Defendant(s) through its officers, employees, and agents. The designated witness should be able to answer with reasonable particularity, everything Defendant(s) knows/know on the Matters on Which Examination is sought, unlimited by how little the designed witness or other individual officer, employees, and agents personally know.
- 6. Duty mandated by rules. Pursuant to NRCP 30(b)(6) Defendant(s) is/are on notice that Defendant(s) must search for, and inform itself, of all matters known or reasonably

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available, and who in Defendant'(s)' organization has the information. If no one single person has the information requested, Defendant(s) must produce at the deposition the number of witnesses needed to testify on all the matters requested in the list of items on which examination is sought.

#### LIST OF ITEMS THE ORGANIZATION IS TO BRING TO ITS DEPOSITION

The following list does not require attorney/client privileged matter to be produced, and each item should be understood to include the phrase "except for attorney/client privileged matter."

#### Defendant(s) IS/ARE REQUIRED TO BRING TO THE DEPOSITION:

- 1. Any written policies or Defendant'(s)' regulations or procedures, that have not yet already been produced, and which were in place before the incident at issue, that were intended to guard against or prevent the type of incident which is the subject matter of this lawsuit, i.e. *preventing* an individual *from falling inside of* a Jacuzzi walk in tub or instructing how an individual should extricate themselves after falling inside of a Jacuzzi walk in tub.
- 2. Any written policies or Defendant'(s)' regulations or procedures, that have not yet already been produced, and which were in place after the incident at issue, that were intended to guard against or prevent the type of incident which is the subject matter of this lawsuit, i.e. preventing an individual from falling inside of a Jacuzzi walk in tub or instructing how an individual should extricate themselves after falling inside of a Jacuzzi walk in tub.
- Any documents, electronically stored information (ESI) or tangible items created by 3. Defendant(s) as a result of the incident, and documents, electronically stored information (ESI), known to Defendant that were created by Defendant(s) or any of the witnesses (both those being offered for the deposition of Defendant(s), and also those being deposed as an individual witness on the date of this deposition of Defendant(s) in which any witness being deposed on this date describes any events the witness observed at the scene of the incident, or describe accounts of the event involving Plaintiff that were created after Defendant became aware of either the personal injury or death of the Plaintiff in this case, that have not yet already been produced. This includes, among other things, any incident reports, notes, or other memoranda made by the persons knowledgeable of this incident or by others, that have not yet already been produced. This shall include documents created after the incident as a result of the defect alleged in Plaintiff's Complaint, or Amendments thereto, that have not yet already been produced. This request seeks internal reports, emails or correspondence among employees, agents or contractors of Defendant that were generated as a result of this incident.
- Any documents, electronically stored information (ESI) or tangible items created by, or 4. in the possession of either Defendant(s) or any of the witnesses being offered for this deposition of Defendant(s), and also those being deposed as an individual witness on the

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date of this noticed deposition of Defendant(s) --- which either the witness being deposed or Defendant(s) believes might refresh the memory of the Rule 30(b)(6) designee(s) being deposed on the date of this deposition, that have not yet already been produced. (Please note this is intended to obtain documents that the Rule 30(b)(6) designee(s) may reference in their deposition to aid in the testimony process.) This shall include documents related to the incident alleged in Plaintiff's Complaint or Amendments thereto, including but not limited to safety manuals, incident reports, witness statements and any other document that was create as a result of the incident, or had to do with safety in relation to prevention of the incident, and such documents that have been produced thus far by Defendant(s) that the Rule 30(b)(6) designee(s) may rely upon in providing their testimony, that have not yet already been produced.

Note: because this is a deposition of the corporation, we expect the corporation to specifically inquire of personnel, *employees*, *experts or agents who inspected the subject Jacuzzi tub prior to litigation commencing to ascertain* whether they took photographs on their digital telephones or other personal digital devices, if the items have not yet already been produced.

- 5. All safety manuals of Defendant(s) with any warnings or instructions for the product used by Plaintiff, *if the items have not yet already been produced*. To include manuals dealing with safety related the use of the Jacuzzi tub.
- 6. All safety materials or instructions claimed by Defendant(s) to have been given or shown to the Plaintiff, if the items have not yet already been produced.
- 7. All daily logs and reports, or documents created as a result of becoming aware of the incident whether the information was supplied by Plaintiff's representatives or any other source of information.
- 8. Withdrawn as duplicative of Number 7.
- 9. All incident reports and investigation reports prepared before this lawsuit was started with respect to falls *by anyone using any* Jacuzzi walk-in tub *model* whether *the model is* similar to the model used by Plaintiff or not.

Note: This seeks any incident reports for falls occurring either while using or while entering or exiting any of the Jacuzzi products, whether they be the walk-in style or not.

- 10. All non-privileged e-mails, which contain references to the incident, premises, products, contractors, or actions of persons involved in the events which are the subject matter of the lawsuit and which are:
  - (A) to or from the witnesses being deposed on the date of this deposition, whether or not as designated witnesses for this deposition,
  - (B) to or from those of Jacuzzi's officers, employees, and agents who *inspected* the premises at any point after the incident, or the supervisor of such persons, and

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(C) or to or from Defendant'(s)' safety personnel, premises maintenance personnel, or the insurers of Defendant(s), if the items have not yet already been produced.

#### LIST OF TOPICS ON WHICH EXAMINATION IS SOUGHT

NOTICE: in this list, "premises' means the area where the incident took place, and "incident" means the incident occurring on or about February 27, 2014, that is the subject of this litigation.

#### EXAMINATION WILL BE SOUGHT ON THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS

1. Defendant'(s)' understanding of the incident and injury in this case, and events involved therewith on that date.

NOTE: Plaintiff is not seeking to obtain scientific or medical opinions, rather is simply trying to learn of Defendant'(s)' understanding of basic facts pursuant to: *United States EEOC v. Caesars Entm't, Inc*, 237 F.R.D. 428 (D. Nev. 2006); *Taylor v. Shaw*, 2007 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 16305 (D. Nev. Mar. 5, 2007); *Great Am. Ins. Co. of N.Y. v. Vegas Constr. Co.*, 251 F.R.D. 534 (D. Nev. 2008).

2. Who are the witnesses known to Defendant(s), to the incident, injury, and events involved, and what they know, as currently known by Defendant(s).

NOTE: This seeks witnesses that are known to Defendant and were discovered even after the Complaint was filed. This is not simply confined to witnesses that may have observed the Plaintiff's use of the subject tub, but also witnesses who may have knowledge about any aspect of this incident.

- 3. Incident reports of the incident.
- 4. On the date of the incident and to the date of the deposition: who was the person in charge of safety of persons purchasing Jacuzzi products, what he/she did and learned on the day of the injury, and facts that he/she has subsequently learned regarding the incident and injury of Plaintiff.
- 5. The incident as further defined as the Plaintiff slipping off of the seat and falling into the bottom of the Jacuzzi walk in tub and being unable to get out of the tub afterwards and its causes, including Defendant'(s)' position on what caused the incident, and the facts supporting that position.

NOTE: Plaintiff is not seeking to obtain scientific or medical opinions, rather is simply trying to learn of Defendant'(s)' understanding of basic facts pursuant to: *United States EEOC v. Caesars Entm't, Inc*, 237 F.R.D. 428 (D. Nev. 2006); *Taylor v. Shaw*, 2007 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 16305 (D. Nev. Mar. 5, 2007); *Great Am. Ins. Co. of N.Y. v. Vegas Constr. Co.*, 251 F.R.D. 534 (D. Nev. 2008).

6. Defendant'(s)' position on what Plaintiff did carelessly or wrongfully that contributed to cause the injuries that Plaintiff received, and the facts supporting that position, as set forth in Defendant'(s)' Answer and any Amendments thereto.

NOTE: Plaintiff is not seeking to obtain scientific or medical opinions, rather is simply trying to learn of Defendant'(s)' understanding of basic facts pursuant to: *United States EEOC v. Caesars Entm't, Inc*, 237 F.R.D. 428 (D. Nev. 2006); *Taylor v. Shaw*, 2007 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 16305 (D. Nev. Mar. 5, 2007); *Great Am. Ins. Co. of N.Y. v. Vegas Constr. Co.*, 251 F.R.D. 534 (D. Nev. 2008).

7. Defendant'(s)' position on what any person or entity other than Defendant(s) or Plaintiff did carelessly or wrongfully that contributed to cause the injuries that Plaintiff received, and the facts supporting that position.

NOTE: Plaintiff seeks to know the factual basis for each alleged affirmative defense. Even if a fact is conveyed to a corporation by the attorney, that does not automatically protect the document pursuant to attorney-client or other privileges. To the contrary, Plaintiff asserts she is entitled to know the facts that are conveyed even by the attorneys retained by Jacuzzi.

NOTE: Plaintiff is not seeking to obtain scientific or medical opinions, rather is simply trying to learn of Defendant'(s)' understanding of basic facts pursuant to: *United States EEOC v. Caesars Entm't, Inc*, 237 F.R.D. 428 (D. Nev. 2006); *Taylor v. Shaw*, 2007 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 16305 (D. Nev. Mar. 5, 2007); *Great Am. Ins. Co. of N.Y. v. Vegas Constr. Co.*, 251 F.R.D. 534 (D. Nev. 2008).

- 8. Instructions and warnings known by Defendants that are either given or supposed to be given to end users like Plaintiff at any time regarding the proper and safe use of the Jacuzzi walk in tub model at issue in this case.
- 9. Conversations and statements known by Defendants that are given or supposed to be given to end users like Plaintiff regarding the proper and safe use of the Jacuzzi walk in tub model at issue in this case.
- 10. Defendant(s) system, rules and regulations for the reporting of incidents or collection of data regarding incidents involving any Jacuzzi products whether they be the walk in models or not, and the identity of all other incidents involving slips and falls while using or while exiting or entering any Jacuzzi products.
- 11. All inspections, not invoking attorney work-product, in the area at issue and reasonable proximity thereto (defined as *any inspection of the bathroom where the Jacuzzi tub at issue was installed*) after the incident and to the date of this deposition, of the premises, equipment, or processes involved in the incident.

NOTE: This includes inspections conducted after suit was filed or before suit was filed of either the bathroom or of the Jacuzzi tub itself.

12. Factual information and sources of such facts, and information supporting Defendant'(s)' affirmative defenses as set forth and reflected in Defendant'(s)' Answer and amendments thereto.

NOTE: Plaintiff is not seeking to obtain scientific or medical opinions, rather is simply trying to learn of Defendant'(s)' understanding of basic facts pursuant to: *United States EEOC v. Caesars Entm't, Inc*, 237 F.R.D. 428 (D. Nev. 2006); *Taylor v. Shaw*, 2007 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 16305 (D. Nev. Mar. 5, 2007); *Great Am. Ins. Co. of N.Y. v. Vegas Constr. Co.*, 251 F.R.D. 534 (D. Nev. 2008). The case authority cited above imposes an obligation upon the deponent to be prepared to discuss the topics identified in the instant notice and discussion of facts, even if conveyed by a party's legal counsel, is an appropriate topic of discussion.

#### **GENERAL TESTIMONY**

- 13. The authenticity, existence and completeness of all documents produced in response to Plaintiff's discovery requests in this case.
- 14. Any and all document/record retention policies regarding preservation of incidents involving the personal injury or death of an end user of any of Jacuzzi's products whether they be the walk in model or not.
- 15. The name, address (home and work) and phone numbers (home and work) for all custodians of the documents produced in response to Plaintiff's discovery requests in this case.
- 16. Defendant's responses to Plaintiff's interrogatories in this case.
- 17. The factual basis for all denials to the allegations raised in Plaintiff's Complaint.
- 18. Withdrawn as duplicative of Topic 12.
- 19. All insurance agreements (including self-insurance fund or risk pool fund) that exist under the terms of which the person or company issuing the same may be called upon to satisfy all or part of any judgment against you which may be entered in favor of the Plaintiff in this action.
- 20. The nature of all responsive documents, communications, or things that have been withheld, in response to discovery in this case and this Notice, on the grounds of privilege or protection, including:
  - (a) A description of any documents;
  - (b) The author of any documents and his or her address (home and work) and phone number (home and work);

(c)	The identity of the custodian of any documents and things and his or her address (home and work) and phone number (home and work);
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- (d) The date the document was created and the person(s) to whom the document or copies were transmitted; and,
- (e) A summary of the contents of each document, communication or thing.

NOTE: Unless and until Defendant produces a privilege log, Plaintiff will seek to obtain testimony regarding these topics and sub-topics.

#### SALES AND MARKETING TESTIMONY GENERAL

- 21. Testimony regarding the policies and procedures used by Jacuzzi to advertise and sell Jacuzzi walk in tubs.
- 22. Jacuzzi, Inc.'s, sales department, generally, concerning the advertising, marketing, sale and post-sale matters concerning the identification of the consumers that would likely use Jacuzzi's walk in tubs.
- 23. Jacuzzi, Inc.'s, sales department, generally, concerning the advertising, marketing, sale and post-sale matters concerning the subject Jacuzzi design of walk in tubs.
- 24. Identification of all persons known to Defendant who trained, directed or supervised to advise end users of the safety of Jacuzzi tubs.
- 25. Identification of all persons known to Defendant who trained, directed or supervised individuals to design the walk in tubs models manufactured by Jacuzzi including any discussion, training or planning regarding the potential that an end user could become unable to remove themselves from a tub after falling inside the tub while either entering, using or exiting the tub.

NOTE: This topic is intended to identify those individuals who were involved in the design of the walk in tubs.

#### SALE AND MARKETING WITH END USER TESTIMONY

- 26. Any and/or all conversations with Sherry Lynn Cunnison, concerning the purchase of the subject Jacuzzi, any subsequent use and maintenance on the subject Jacuzzi.
- 27. Any and/or all Sales and Marketing materials concerning the purpose and use of Jacuzzi walk in tubs.
  - a. Any policies and procedures of Defendant with regard to training or education of consumers as to the safe use walk in tubs.
  - b. The existence and location of plaintiff's discovery request.

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### COMMUNICATION BETWEEN JACUZZI AND DEALERS, SELLERS AND INSTALLERS TESTIMONY

- 28. Communications between defendants concerning the elements and/or components manufactured or designed by Jacuzzi, included but not limited to, the design, changes, testing, manufacturing of said elements and components of the Jacuzzi walk-in tub.
- 29. What, if any, resources were available to Jacuzzi, Inc., to notify, research, or otherwise learn and/or disclose information to/from First Street for Boomers & Beyond, Inc.; Aithr Dealer, Inc.; Bestway Building and Remodeling; William Budd; and/ or Budds Plumbing; regarding the subject Jacuzzi walk in tub and specifically with regard to the potential that an end user could become unable to remove themselves from a tub after falling inside the tub while either entering, using or exiting the tub.
- 30. Identification of all of Defendant's officers, directors, employees or other personnel who at any time prior to the purchase of Plaintiff Cunnison's tub had any communication with First Street for Boomers & Beyond, Inc.; Aithr Dealer, Inc.; Bestway Building and Remodeling; William Budd; and/ or Budds Plumbing, regarding the safety of the user of Jacuzzi walk in tubs.

NOTE: Plaintiff is attempting to ascertain whether certain information is provided to the distributors, installers, salesforce, marketing companies or any other company involved in the chain of distribution and whether any materials are intended by Defendant to be produced to the end user by any other entity other than Defendant itself.

- 31. All contracts, agreements and/or other documents entered into and/or exchanged between Jacuzzi, Inc. First Street for Boomers & Beyond, Inc.; Aithr Dealer, Inc.; Bestway Building and Remodeling; William Budd; and/or Budds Plumbing.
- 32. Any policies and procedures of Defendant with regard to training or supervising temporary employees or contractor as to *education of the end user of the* safety *features or proper use* of the tub.
- 33. Any policies and procedures of Defendant with regard to training or supervising temporary employees or contractor as to the safe installation of Jacuzzi walk in tubs *to ensure that the tubs are properly installed*.
- 34. Communications with Jacuzzi, Inc, or any other entity relating to and/or concerning the subject Jacuzzi design of walk in tubs with regard to the potential that an end user could become unable to remove themselves from a tub after falling inside the tub while either entering, using or exiting the tub.

#### **DESIGN OF TUB**

- 35. Defendant Jacuzzi's policies, procedures and practices, concerning designs, modifications, alterations, for the subject Jacuzzi design of walk in tubs.
- 36. Identification of all of Defendant's officers, directors, employees or other personnel who participated or had any role in the planning of designs, modifications, alterations, for the subject Jacuzzi design of walk in tubs.
- 37. Identification of all of Defendant's officers, directors, employees or other personnel who participated or had any role the planning of designs, modifications, alterations, for the subject Jacuzzi design of walk in tubs.
- 38. Identification of all files and documents relating to the facts and circumstances of the safety of Jacuzzi walk in tub users.
- 39. Identification of all persons known to Defendant who trained, directed or supervised individuals to design walk in tubs with regard to the potential that an end user could become unable to remove themselves from a tub after falling inside the tub while either entering, using or exiting the tub.
- 40. The engineering and design of the Jacuzzi walk-in tub and its elements.
- 41. All systems designs *and* technical specifications *Defendants had in effect* for the design testing and manufacturing *of* the walk-in Jacuzzi tub *at issue or similar models*.
- 42. The organizational structure of any and all departments and individuals involved in design testing and manufacture of the Jacuzzi walk-in tubs. Any design failure models **Defendant had in effect and any** analysis for the Jacuzzi walk-in tub and components manufactured and/or designed by Jacuzzi.
- 43. Any design work orders, billed work orders, test work orders, engineer change request, engineering change orders related to the design and manufacture of the Jacuzzi walk-in tub.
- 44. Any and all cost benefit and/or value analysis regarding the design of the Jacuzzi walkin tub and components.
- 45. The identification, location and contact information of persons with the most knowledge concerning the design, manufacture and/or changes to the design and manufacturing of the components of the Jacuzzi walk-in tub.
- 46. The identification, location and contact information of persons with the most knowledge concerning the retrofit recall, service and/or otherwise fix regarding any alleged defect in the design of the Jacuzzi walk-in tub.

47. The cost of retrofitting, recalling, servicing or otherwise fixing the alleged defect design of the Jacuzzi walk-in tub and the components manufactured by Jacuzzi.

NOTE: TOPICS 35-47 request among other things a witness knowledgeable to discuss the design of an inward door entrance as opposed to an outward door entrance; design of the seat pan and angulation of the seat pan; design of the seat height; design of the control reach for the end user; design of the placement of the grab bars; design of the drain location and operation; design of the standing surface including the slip resistance of the surface; design of the width of the tub; and design of the overall tub dimensions.

#### **OTHER SIMILAR INCIDENTS TESTIMONY**

48. Any and all product investigations by Jacuzzi regarding damages or injuries resulting from Jacuzzi walk-in tubs including the elements and components manufactured by Jacuzzi.

NOTE: Plaintiff seeks to obtain information regarding prior incidents involving slips and falls while using or while exiting or entering any Jacuzzi products including not only the fall itself but also the inability of an end user to remove themselves after having had fallen inside the tub.

- 49. Jacuzzi's financial net worth, assets, debts and financial status including subsidiaries, partners and/or affiliations.
- 50. Testimony identifying all lawsuits, claims, dealer bulletins, complaints, incident reports or other documents where someone has alleged that a Jacuzzi Walk In tub was not properly designed contributing to injury of the user.

NOTE: Plaintiff seeks to obtain information regarding prior incidents involving slips and falls while using or while exiting or entering any Jacuzzi products including not only the fall itself but also the inability of an end user to remove themselves after having had fallen inside the tub.

51. Testimony regarding Jacuzzi's actions related to any customer complaint, lawsuits, warranty claims or incident reports wherein it was alleged that a Jacuzzi Walk In tub was not properly designed contributing to injury of the user.

NOTE: Plaintiff seeks to obtain any information related to a claim made by an end user that a Jacuzzi product was unsafe.

52. Testimony and documents regarding any lawsuits filed against Jacuzzi, Inc during the use of a Jacuzzi Walk in tub allegedly causing injury or death, including the county and state in which the action was brought or is pending, including the names of each party, the name of each party's attorney with their address and telephone number, the

disposition of each lawsuit and the date and place of the occurrence complained of in each lawsuit, as well as a copy of each such complaint.

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### FOURTH AMENDED NOTICE TO TAKE VIDEOTAPED DEPOSITION(S) OF 30(b)(6) FOR JACUZZI

#### TO: ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND THEIR COUNSEL OF RECORD:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on March 22, 2018 at 10:00 a.m., Plaintiff will take the videotaped deposition of the Person Most Knowledgeable for Defendant, JACUZZI LUXURY BATH, doing business as JACUZZI INC (hereinafter known as Defendant or Jacuzzi) at the Snell & Wilmer, located at 600 Anton Boulevard #1400, Costa Mesa, California 92626, pursuant to Rules 26 and 30(b)(6) of the Rules of Civil Procedure, upon oral examination, before a Notary Public, or before some other officer authorized by law to administer oaths.

Oral examination will continue from day to day until completed. You are invited to attend and cross-examine.

## <u>ITEMS TO BE PRODUCED – AND SUBJECTS TO BE COVERED – See Exhibit A, attached hereto.</u>

DATED this <u>22<sup>nd</sup></u> day of February, 2018.

#### RICHARD HARRIS LAW FIRM

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#### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

2 Pursuant to Nevada Rule of Civil Procedure 5(b), I hereby certify that I am an employee of THE RICHARD HARRIS LAW FIRM and that on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of February, 2018, I caused 3 the foregoing THIRD AMENDED NOTICE TO TAKE VIDEOTAPED DEPOSITION(S) 5 OF 30(b)(6) FOR JACUZZI to be served as follows:

> pursuant to N.E.F.C.R. 9 by serving it via electronic service [X]

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#### **EXHIBIT A**

1. Items on which examination is sought. PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the video-taped oral deposition of Defendant(s) will be taken through the person or persons designated by Defendant(s) to testify concerning matters shown on the attached list of items on which examination is sought. You are notified that the party giving this notice wishes to examine the witness or witnesses so designated by Defendant(s) on the matters shown on the attached list of items on which examination is sought.

- 2. Items to be brought to the deposition. You are further notified that the person or persons designated by Defendant(s) are to bring with them the items in the attached list of items to be brought to the deposition.
- 3. Time and place. The deposition will be taken at the Snell & Wilmer, located at 600 Anton Boulevard #1400, Costa Mesa, California 92626 at the time and date listed in the notice.
- 4. Your designation of persons. Pursuant to NRCP 30(b)(6) Defendant(s) is/are hereby notified to designate the person or persons to testify on behalf of the deponent organization. Defendant(s) is/are further notified that the witness or witnesses so designated by them must be prepared to testify to matters known or reasonably available to Defendant(s). The designation should be served on the undersigned deposing attorney on a reasonable date before the date of the deposition. If Defendant'(s)' organization so desires, Defendant(s) may designate the separate matters on which each person designated by Defendant(s) will testify. To expedite the questioning of witnesses by their separate subject matters, the designation:
  - (A) should be by name and job title or other description and specify the separate matters on which each will testify; and
  - (B) should be served on the undersigned deposing attorney on a reasonable date before the date of the deposition.
- 5. Defendant(s), not individuals, being deposed. Pursuant to the provision of NRCP 30(b)(6) the rules of civil procedure, is/are on notice that it is Defendant(s) being deposed, not individual officers, employees or agents of Defendant(s). Defendant(s) has/have a duty to prepare their designated witness or witnesses to testify on not only the information personally known by their designated witness, but also on all the information known by Defendant(s) through its officers, employees, and agents. The designated witness should be able to answer with reasonable particularity, everything Defendant(s) knows/know on the Matters on Which Examination is sought, unlimited by how little the designed witness or other individual officer, employees, and agents personally know.
- Duty mandated by rules. Pursuant to NRCP 30(b)(6) Defendant(s) is/are on notice that 6. Defendant(s) must search for, and inform itself, of all matters known or reasonably

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available, and who in Defendant'(s)' organization has the information. If no one single person has the information requested, Defendant(s) must produce at the deposition the number of witnesses needed to testify on all the matters requested in the list of items on which examination is sought.

#### LIST OF ITEMS THE ORGANIZATION IS TO BRING TO ITS DEPOSITION

The following list does not require attorney/client privileged matter to be produced, and each item should be understood to include the phrase "except for attorney/client privileged matter."

#### Defendant(s) IS/ARE REQUIRED TO BRING TO THE DEPOSITION:

- 1. Any written policies or Defendant'(s)' regulations or procedures, that have not yet already been produced, and which were in place <u>before</u> the incident at issue, that were intended to guard against or prevent the type of incident which is the subject matter of this lawsuit, i.e. preventing an individual from falling inside of a Jacuzzi walk in tub or instructing how an individual should extricate themselves after falling inside of a Jacuzzi walk in tub.
- 2. Any written policies or Defendant'(s)' regulations or procedures, that have not yet already been produced, and which were in place after the incident at issue, that were intended to guard against or prevent the type of incident which is the subject matter of this lawsuit, i.e. preventing an individual from falling inside of a Jacuzzi walk in tub or instructing how an individual should extricate themselves after falling inside of a Jacuzzi walk in tub.
- Any documents, electronically stored information (ESI) or tangible items created by 3. Defendant(s) as a result of the incident, and documents, electronically stored information (ESI), known to Defendant that were created by Defendant(s) or any of the witnesses (both those being offered for the deposition of Defendant(s), and also those being deposed as an individual witness on the date of this deposition of Defendant(s) in which any witness being deposed on this date describes any events the witness observed at the scene of the incident, or describe accounts of the event involving Plaintiff that were created after Defendant became aware of either the personal injury or death of the Plaintiff in this case, that have not yet already been produced. This includes, among other things, any incident reports, notes, or other memoranda made by the persons knowledgeable of this incident or by others, that have not yet already been produced. This shall include documents created after the incident as a result of the defect alleged in Plaintiff's Complaint, or Amendments thereto, that have not yet already been produced. This request seeks internal reports, emails or correspondence among employees, agents or contractors of Defendant that were generated as a result of this incident.
- 4. Any documents, electronically stored information (ESI) or tangible items created by, or in the possession of either Defendant(s) or any of the witnesses being offered for this deposition of Defendant(s), and also those being deposed as an individual witness on the

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date of this noticed deposition of Defendant(s) --- which either the witness being deposed or Defendant(s) believes might refresh the memory of the Rule 30(b)(6) designee(s) being deposed on the date of this deposition, that have not yet already been produced. (Please note this is intended to obtain documents that the Rule 30(b)(6) designee(s) may reference in their deposition to aid in the testimony process.) This shall include documents related to the incident alleged in Plaintiff's Complaint or Amendments thereto, including but not limited to safety manuals, incident reports, witness statements and any other document that was create as a result of the incident, or had to do with safety in relation to prevention of the incident, and such documents that have been produced thus far by Defendant(s) that the Rule 30(b)(6) designee(s) may rely upon in providing their testimony, that have not yet already been produced.

Note: because this is a deposition of the corporation, we expect the corporation to specifically inquire of personnel, *employees*, *experts or agents who inspected the subject Jacuzzi tub prior to litigation commencing to ascertain* whether they took photographs on their digital telephones or other personal digital devices, if the items have not yet already been produced.

- 5. All safety manuals of Defendant(s) with any warnings or instructions for the product used by Plaintiff, *if the items have not yet already been produced*. To include manuals dealing with safety related the use of the Jacuzzi tub.
- 6. All safety materials or instructions claimed by Defendant(s) to have been given or shown to the Plaintiff, if the items have not yet already been produced.
- 7. All daily logs and reports, or documents created as a result of becoming aware of the incident whether the information was supplied by Plaintiff's representatives or any other source of information.
- 8. Withdrawn as duplicative of Number 7.
- 9. All incident reports and investigation reports prepared before this lawsuit was started with respect to falls *by anyone using any* Jacuzzi walk-in tub *model* whether *the model is* similar to the model used by Plaintiff or not.

Note: This seeks any incident reports for falls occurring either while using or while entering or exiting any of the Jacuzzi products, whether they be the walk-in style or not.

- 10. All non-privileged e-mails, which contain references to the incident, premises, products, contractors, or actions of persons involved in the events which are the subject matter of the lawsuit and which are:
  - (A) to or from the witnesses being deposed on the date of this deposition, whether or not as designated witnesses for this deposition,
  - (B) to or from those of Jacuzzi's officers, employees, and agents who *inspected* the premises at any point after the incident, or the supervisor of such persons, and

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(C) or to or from Defendant'(s)' safety personnel, premises maintenance personnel, or the insurers of Defendant(s), if the items have not yet already been produced.

#### LIST OF TOPICS ON WHICH EXAMINATION IS SOUGHT

NOTICE: in this list, "premises' means the area where the incident took place, and "incident" means the incident occurring on or about February 27, 2014, that is the subject of this litigation.

#### EXAMINATION WILL BE SOUGHT ON THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS

1. Defendant'(s)' understanding of the incident and injury in this case, and events involved therewith on that date.

NOTE: Plaintiff is not seeking to obtain scientific or medical opinions, rather is simply trying to learn of Defendant'(s)' understanding of basic facts pursuant to: *United States EEOC v. Caesars Entm't, Inc*, 237 F.R.D. 428 (D. Nev. 2006); *Taylor v. Shaw*, 2007 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 16305 (D. Nev. Mar. 5, 2007); *Great Am. Ins. Co. of N.Y. v. Vegas Constr. Co.*, 251 F.R.D. 534 (D. Nev. 2008).

2. Who are the witnesses known to Defendant(s), to the incident, injury, and events involved, and what they know, as currently known by Defendant(s).

NOTE: This seeks witnesses that are known to Defendant and were discovered even after the Complaint was filed. This is not simply confined to witnesses that may have observed the Plaintiff's use of the subject tub, but also witnesses who may have knowledge about any aspect of this incident.

- 3. Incident reports of the incident.
- 4. On the date of the incident and to the date of the deposition: who was the person in charge of safety of persons purchasing Jacuzzi products, what he/she did and learned on the day of the injury, and facts that he/she has subsequently learned regarding the incident and injury of Plaintiff.
- 5. The incident as further defined as the Plaintiff slipping off of the seat and falling into the bottom of the Jacuzzi walk in tub and being unable to get out of the tub afterwards and its causes, including Defendant'(s)' position on what caused the incident, and the facts supporting that position.

NOTE: Plaintiff is not seeking to obtain scientific or medical opinions, rather is simply trying to learn of Defendant'(s)' understanding of basic facts pursuant to: *United States EEOC v. Caesars Entm't, Inc*, 237 F.R.D. 428 (D. Nev. 2006); *Taylor v. Shaw*, 2007 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 16305 (D. Nev. Mar. 5, 2007); *Great Am. Ins. Co. of N.Y. v. Vegas Constr. Co.*, 251 F.R.D. 534 (D. Nev. 2008).

6. Defendant'(s)' position on what Plaintiff did carelessly or wrongfully that contributed to cause the injuries that Plaintiff received, and the facts supporting that position, as set forth in Defendant'(s)' Answer and any Amendments thereto.

NOTE: Plaintiff is not seeking to obtain scientific or medical opinions, rather is simply trying to learn of Defendant'(s)' understanding of basic facts pursuant to: *United States EEOC v. Caesars Entm't, Inc*, 237 F.R.D. 428 (D. Nev. 2006); *Taylor v. Shaw*, 2007 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 16305 (D. Nev. Mar. 5, 2007); *Great Am. Ins. Co. of N.Y. v. Vegas Constr. Co.*, 251 F.R.D. 534 (D. Nev. 2008).

7. Defendant'(s)' position on what any person or entity other than Defendant(s) or Plaintiff did carelessly or wrongfully that contributed to cause the injuries that Plaintiff received, and the facts supporting that position.

NOTE: Plaintiff seeks to know the factual basis for each alleged affirmative defense. Even if a fact is conveyed to a corporation by the attorney, that does not automatically protect the document pursuant to attorney-client or other privileges. To the contrary, Plaintiff asserts she is entitled to know the facts that are conveyed even by the attorneys retained by Jacuzzi.

NOTE: Plaintiff is not seeking to obtain scientific or medical opinions, rather is simply trying to learn of Defendant'(s)' understanding of basic facts pursuant to: *United States EEOC v. Caesars Entm't, Inc*, 237 F.R.D. 428 (D. Nev. 2006); *Taylor v. Shaw*, 2007 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 16305 (D. Nev. Mar. 5, 2007); *Great Am. Ins. Co. of N.Y. v. Vegas Constr. Co.*, 251 F.R.D. 534 (D. Nev. 2008).

- 8. Instructions and warnings known by Defendants that are either given or supposed to be given to end users like Plaintiff at any time regarding the proper and safe use of the Jacuzzi walk in tub model at issue in this case.
- 9. Conversations and statements known by Defendants that are given or supposed to be given to end users like Plaintiff regarding the proper and safe use of the Jacuzzi walk in tub model at issue in this case.
- 10. Defendant(s) system, rules and regulations for the reporting of incidents or collection of data regarding incidents involving any Jacuzzi products whether they be the walk in models or not, and the identity of all other incidents involving slips and falls while using or while exiting or entering any Jacuzzi products.
- 11. All inspections, not invoking attorney work-product, in the area at issue and reasonable proximity thereto (defined as *any inspection of the bathroom where the Jacuzzi tub at issue was installed*) after the incident and to the date of this deposition, of the premises, equipment, or processes involved in the incident.

NOTE: This includes inspections conducted after suit was filed or before suit was filed of either the bathroom or of the Jacuzzi tub itself.

12. Factual information and sources of such facts, and information supporting Defendant'(s)' affirmative defenses as set forth and reflected in Defendant'(s)' Answer and amendments thereto.

NOTE: Plaintiff is not seeking to obtain scientific or medical opinions, rather is simply trying to learn of Defendant'(s)' understanding of basic facts pursuant to: *United States EEOC v. Caesars Entm't, Inc*, 237 F.R.D. 428 (D. Nev. 2006); *Taylor v. Shaw*, 2007 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 16305 (D. Nev. Mar. 5, 2007); *Great Am. Ins. Co. of N.Y. v. Vegas Constr. Co.*, 251 F.R.D. 534 (D. Nev. 2008). The case authority cited above imposes an obligation upon the deponent to be prepared to discuss the topics identified in the instant notice and discussion of facts, even if conveyed by a party's legal counsel, is an appropriate topic of discussion.

#### **GENERAL TESTIMONY**

- 13. The authenticity, existence and completeness of all documents produced in response to Plaintiff's discovery requests in this case.
- 14. Any and all document/record retention policies regarding preservation of incidents involving the personal injury or death of an end user of any of Jacuzzi's products whether they be the walk in model or not.
- 15. The name, address (home and work) and phone numbers (home and work) for all custodians of the documents produced in response to Plaintiff's discovery requests in this case.
- 16. Defendant's responses to Plaintiff's interrogatories in this case.
- 17. The factual basis for all denials to the allegations raised in Plaintiff's Complaint.
- 18. Withdrawn as duplicative of Topic 12.
- 19. All insurance agreements (including self-insurance fund or risk pool fund) that exist under the terms of which the person or company issuing the same may be called upon to satisfy all or part of any judgment against you which may be entered in favor of the Plaintiff in this action.
- 20. The nature of all responsive documents, communications, or things that have been withheld, in response to discovery in this case and this Notice, on the grounds of privilege or protection, including:
  - (a) A description of any documents;
  - (b) The author of any documents and his or her address (home and work) and phone number (home and work);

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1 2		(c)	The identity of the custodian of any documents and things and his or her address (home and work) and phone number (home and work);		
3		(d)	The date the document was created and the person(s) to whom the document or copies were transmitted; and,		
5 6		(e)	A summary of the contents of each document, communication or thing.		
7	1		ess and until Defendant produces a privilege log, Plaintiff will seek to obtain garding these topics and sub-topics.		
9		SALI	ES AND MARKETING TESTIMONY GENERAL		
10	21. Testimony regarding the policies and procedures used by Jacuzzi to advertise and sell Jacuzzi walk in tubs.				
11 12	22.	Jacuz	zzi, Inc.'s, sales department, generally, concerning the advertising, marketing, sale		
12			ost-sale matters concerning the identification of the consumers that would likely		

use Jacuzzi's walk in tubs.

- 23. Jacuzzi, Inc.'s, sales department, generally, concerning the advertising, marketing, sale and post-sale matters concerning the subject Jacuzzi design of walk in tubs.
- 24. Identification of all persons known to Defendant who trained, directed or supervised to advise end users of the safety of Jacuzzi tubs.
- 25. Identification of all persons known to Defendant who trained, directed or supervised individuals to design the walk in tubs models manufactured by Jacuzzi including any discussion, training or planning regarding the potential that an end user could become unable to remove themselves from a tub after falling inside the tub while either entering, using or exiting the tub.

NOTE: This topic is intended to identify those individuals who were involved in the design of the walk in tubs.

#### SALE AND MARKETING WITH END USER TESTIMONY

- 26. Any and/or all conversations with Sherry Lynn Cunnison, concerning the purchase of the subject Jacuzzi, any subsequent use and maintenance on the subject Jacuzzi.
- 27. Any and/or all Sales and Marketing materials concerning the purpose and use of Jacuzzi walk in tubs.
  - a. Any policies and procedures of Defendant with regard to training or education of consumers as to the safe use walk in tubs.
  - b. The existence and location of plaintiff's discovery request.

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### COMMUNICATION BETWEEN JACUZZI AND DEALERS, SELLERS AND INSTALLERS TESTIMONY

- 28. Communications between defendants concerning the elements and/or components manufactured or designed by Jacuzzi, included but not limited to, the design, changes, testing, manufacturing of said elements and components of the Jacuzzi walk-in tub.
- 29. What, if any, resources were available to Jacuzzi, Inc., to notify, research, or otherwise learn and/or disclose information to/from First Street for Boomers & Beyond, Inc.; Aithr Dealer, Inc.; Bestway Building and Remodeling; William Budd; and/ or Budds Plumbing; regarding the subject Jacuzzi walk in tub and specifically with regard to the potential that an end user could become unable to remove themselves from a tub after falling inside the tub while either entering, using or exiting the tub.
- 30. Identification of all of Defendant's officers, directors, employees or other personnel who at any time prior to the purchase of Plaintiff Cunnison's tub had any communication with First Street for Boomers & Beyond, Inc.; Aithr Dealer, Inc.; Bestway Building and Remodeling; William Budd; and/ or Budds Plumbing, regarding the safety of the user of Jacuzzi walk in tubs.

NOTE: Plaintiff is attempting to ascertain whether certain information is provided to the distributors, installers, salesforce, marketing companies or any other company involved in the chain of distribution and whether any materials are intended by Defendant to be produced to the end user by any other entity other than Defendant itself.

- 31. All contracts, agreements and/or other documents entered into and/or exchanged between Jacuzzi, Inc. First Street for Boomers & Beyond, Inc.; Aithr Dealer, Inc.; Bestway Building and Remodeling; William Budd; and/or Budds Plumbing.
- 32. Any policies and procedures of Defendant with regard to training or supervising temporary employees or contractor as to *education of the end user of the* safety *features or proper use* of the tub.
- 33. Any policies and procedures of Defendant with regard to training or supervising temporary employees or contractor as to the safe installation of Jacuzzi walk in tubs *to ensure that the tubs are properly installed*.
- 34. Communications with Jacuzzi, Inc, or any other entity relating to and/or concerning the subject Jacuzzi design of walk in tubs with regard to the potential that an end user could become unable to remove themselves from a tub after falling inside the tub while either entering, using or exiting the tub.

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#### **DESIGN OF TUB**

- 35. Defendant Jacuzzi's policies, procedures and practices, concerning designs, modifications, alterations, for the subject Jacuzzi design of walk in tubs.
- 36. Identification of all of Defendant's officers, directors, employees or other personnel who participated or had any role in the planning of designs, modifications, alterations, for the subject Jacuzzi design of walk in tubs.
- 37. Identification of all of Defendant's officers, directors, employees or other personnel who participated or had any role the planning of designs, modifications, alterations, for the subject Jacuzzi design of walk in tubs.
- 38. Identification of all files and documents relating to the facts and circumstances of the safety of Jacuzzi walk in tub users.
- 39. Identification of all persons known to Defendant who trained, directed or supervised individuals to design walk in tubs with regard to the potential that an end user could become unable to remove themselves from a tub after falling inside the tub while either entering, using or exiting the tub.
- 40. The engineering and design of the Jacuzzi walk-in tub and its elements.
- 41. All systems designs *and* technical specifications *Defendants had in effect* for the design testing and manufacturing *of* the walk-in Jacuzzi tub *at issue or similar models*.
- 42. The organizational structure of any and all departments and individuals involved in design testing and manufacture of the Jacuzzi walk-in tubs. Any design failure models **Defendant had in effect and any** analysis for the Jacuzzi walk-in tub and components manufactured and/or designed by Jacuzzi.
- 43. Any design work orders, billed work orders, test work orders, engineer change request, engineering change orders related to the design and manufacture of the Jacuzzi walk-in tub.
- 44. Any and all cost benefit and/or value analysis regarding the design of the Jacuzzi walkin tub and components.
- 45. The identification, location and contact information of persons with the most knowledge concerning the design, manufacture and/or changes to the design and manufacturing of the components of the Jacuzzi walk-in tub.
- 46. The identification, location and contact information of persons with the most knowledge concerning the retrofit recall, service and/or otherwise fix regarding any alleged defect in the design of the Jacuzzi walk-in tub.

47. The cost of retrofitting, recalling, servicing or otherwise fixing the alleged defect design of the Jacuzzi walk-in tub and the components manufactured by Jacuzzi.

NOTE: TOPICS 35-47 request among other things a witness knowledgeable to discuss the design of an inward door entrance as opposed to an outward door entrance; design of the seat pan and angulation of the seat pan; design of the seat height; design of the control reach for the end user; design of the placement of the grab bars; design of the drain location and operation; design of the standing surface including the slip resistance of the surface; design of the width of the tub; and design of the overall tub dimensions.

#### **OTHER SIMILAR INCIDENTS TESTIMONY**

48. Any and all product investigations by Jacuzzi regarding damages or injuries resulting from Jacuzzi walk-in tubs including the elements and components manufactured by Jacuzzi.

NOTE: Plaintiff seeks to obtain information regarding prior incidents involving slips and falls while using or while exiting or entering any Jacuzzi products including not only the fall itself but also the inability of an end user to remove themselves after having had fallen inside the tub.

- 49. Jacuzzi's financial net worth, assets, debts and financial status including subsidiaries, partners and/or affiliations.
- 50. Testimony identifying all lawsuits, claims, dealer bulletins, complaints, incident reports or other documents where someone has alleged that a Jacuzzi Walk In tub was not properly designed contributing to injury of the user.

NOTE: Plaintiff seeks to obtain information regarding prior incidents involving slips and falls while using or while exiting or entering any Jacuzzi products including not only the fall itself but also the inability of an end user to remove themselves after having had fallen inside the tub.

- 51. Testimony regarding Jacuzzi's actions related to any customer complaint, lawsuits, warranty claims or incident reports wherein it was alleged that a Jacuzzi Walk In tub was not properly designed contributing to injury of the user.
- NOTE: Plaintiff seeks to obtain any information related to a claim made by an end user that a Jacuzzi product was unsafe.
- 52. Testimony and documents regarding any lawsuits filed against Jacuzzi, Inc during the use of a Jacuzzi Walk in tub allegedly causing injury or death, including the county and state in which the action was brought or is pending, including the names of each party, the name of each party's attorney with their address and telephone number, the

disposition of each lawsuit and the date and place of the occurrence complained of in each lawsuit, as well as a copy of each such complaint.

NOTE: Plaintiff seeks to obtain any information related to a claim made by an end user that a Jacuzzi product was unsafe.

53. Testimony regarding the procedures used by Jacuzzi to collect, receive, record, respond, and store customer complaints, lawsuits, and incident reports.

EXHIBIT "14"

#### **Nicole Griffin**

Sent:

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To: Benjamin Cloward

Cc: Charles Allen PC (callen@charlesallenlawfirm.com); Nicole Griffin; Moreno, Jorge

**Subject:** RE: Cunnison

Ben – We need to postpone Jacuzzi's 30b6 deposition. We have searched the current customer care system based on the expanded scope of your claims and your proposed search terms and have not identified any relevant claims. However, Jacuzzi does have a legacy system that we are going to search as well before we can definitively say that there are no relevant claims based on the new search terms. It is unlikely that this is going to be completed before next week. Additionally, while I initially anticipated getting you the privilege log this week, we will get that to you next week as well. In light of needing to move the deposition, I realize that this will likely involve extending discovery deadlines, including our current trial setting. We can take the lead on putting together a stipulation to that effect. Please let me know what your availability is for the depositions in early April and I'll confirm the dates with the Jacuzzi witnesses. Give me a call if you would like to discuss this. Thanks. – Josh

**From:** Benjamin Cloward [mailto:Benjamin@richardharrislaw.com]

Sent: Wednesday, March 14, 2018 9:08 AM

To: Cools, Joshua

Cc: Charles Allen PC (callen@charlesallenlawfirm.com); Nicole Griffin

Subject: RE: Cunnison

Thanks Josh. As you know the depo is next week. Hoping to get them sooner than later.

Best,

Ben

----Original Message----

From: Cools, Joshua [mailto:jcools@swlaw.com] Sent: Wednesday, March 14, 2018 8:53 AM

To: Benjamin Cloward <Benjamin@richardharrislaw.com>

Subject: Re: Cunnison

Ben - You should have all the PO documents. We will be producing the privilege log for the internal communications this week. I will get the status of "other incident" documents and get back to you. - Josh

Sent from my iPad

On Mar 14, 2018, at 8:26 AM, Benjamin Cloward

<Benjamin@richardharrislaw.com<mailto:Benjamin@richardharrislaw.com<>> wrote:

Hi Josh,

We are still waiting to get all of the documents. We will need everything with adequate time to prepare for the depositions.

Can you please let us know the status of obtaining the documents?

Thank you,

Ben

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## EXHIBIT "15"

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15	heir to the Estate of SHERRY LYNN CUNNISON, Deceased,	DEPOSITION(S) OF 30(b)(6) FOR
16 17	Plaintiffs,	JACUZZI
18	vs.	Date of Deposition: May 24, 2018 Time of Deposition: 10:00 a.m.
19	FIRST STREET FOR BOOMERS & BEYOND, INC.; AITHR DEALER, INC.;	•
20	HALE BENTON, individually; HOMECLICK, LLC; JACUZZI INC., doing business as	
21	JACUZZI LUXURY BATH; BESTWAY BUILDING & REMODELING, INC.;	
22	WILLIAM BUDD, individually and as BUDDS PLUMBING; DOES 1 through 20;	
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24	MANUFACTURERS 1 through 20; DOE 20 INSTALLERS 1 through 20; DOE CONTRACTORS 1 through 20; and DOE 21	
25	SUBCONTRACTORS 1 through 20, and DOE 21 SUBCONTRACTORS 1 through 20, inclusive,	
26	Defendants.	
27	AND ALL RELATED CLAIMS.	
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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Defendant/Cross-Defendant Jacuzzi Inc. ("Jacuzzi") hereby provides the following responses and objections to Plaintiffs' Fifth Amended Notice to Take Videotaped Deposition(s) of 30(b)(6) for Jacuzzi, Pursuant to Rules 26 and 30(b)(6) of the Rules of Civil Procedure, scheduled for May 24, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at the offices of Snell & Wilmer L.L.P., 600 Anton Boulevard, Suite 1400, Costa Mesa, California 92626.

#### OBJECTIONS AND RESPONSES TO CATEGORIES OF TESTIMONY

1. Items on which examination is sought. PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the video-taped oral deposition of Defendant(s) will be taken through the person or persons designated by Defendant(s) to testify concerning matters shown on the attached list of items on which examination is sought. You are notified that the party giving this notice wishes to examine the witness or witnesses so designated by Defendant(s) on the matters shown on the attached list of items on which examination is sought.

#### **RESPONSE:**

Jacuzzi incorporates by reference its objections and responses to each individual deposition topic sought by Plaintiffs, as set forth below. Jacuzzi expressly reserves the right to assert these or other objections at the time of the examination.

**Items to be brought to the deposition.** You are further notified that the person or 2. persons designated by Defendant(s) are to bring with them the items in the attached list of items to be brought to the deposition.

#### **RESPONSE:**

Jacuzzi objects to this paragraph to the extent that the materials sought by Plaintiffs are equally available to Plaintiffs as they are to Jacuzzi. Jacuzzi has already produced materials responsive to Plaintiffs' request as part of its disclosures and responses to Plaintiffs' requests for production. Jacuzzi incorporates by reference its objections and response to each individual category of items to be brought to the deposition, as set forth below.

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**3. Time and place.** The deposition will be taken at the Snell & Wilmer, located at 600 Anton Boulevard, #1400, Costa Mesa, California 92626 at the time and date listed on the notice.

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Jacuzzi objects to the date and time of the deposition, as it has been agreed among counsel that the deposition will be taken at a later date, to be agreed upon by the parties.

- 4. Your designation of persons. Pursuant to NRCP 30(b)(6) Defendant(s) is/are hereby notified to designate the person or persons to testify on behalf of the deponent organization. Defendant(s) is/are further notified that the witness or witnesses so designated by them must be prepared to testify to matters known or reasonably available to Defendant(s). The designation should be served on the undersigned deposing attorney on a reasonable date before the date of the deposition. If Defendant'(s)' organization so desires, Defendant(s) may designate the separate matters on which each person designated by Defendant(s) will testify. To expedite the questioning of witnesses by their separate subject matters, the designation:
  - (A) should be by name and job title or other description and specify the separate matters 🛱 on which each will testify; and
  - (B) should be served on the undersigned deposing attorney on a reasonable date before the date of the deposition.

#### **RESPONSE:**

Jacuzzi will designate witnesses in compliance with NRCP 30(b)(6) and subject to the responses and objections contained herein. Jacuzzi objects to Plaintiffs' request to the extent it seeks to change or add to the obligations required by Nevada's rules of civil procedure and case law.

5. **Defendant(s)**, **not individuals**, **being deposed**. Pursuant to the provision of NRCP 30(b)(6) the rules of civil procedure, is/are on notice that it is Defendant(s) being deposed, not individual officers, employees or agents of Defendant(s). Therefore, Defendant(s) has/have a duty to prepare their designated witness or witnesses to testify on not only the information personally known by their designated witness, but also on all the information known by

Defendant(s) through its officers, employees, and agents. The designated witness should be able to answer with reasonable particularity, everything Defendant(s) knows/know on the Matters on Which Examination is sought, unlimited by how little the designed witness or other individual officer, employees, and agents personally know.

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Jacuzzi will designate witnesses in compliance with NRCP 30(b)(6). Jacuzzi objects to Plaintiffs' request to the extent it seeks to change or add to the obligations required by Nevada's rules of civil procedure and case law.

6. **Duty mandated by rules.** Pursuant to NRCP 30(b)(6) Defendant(s) is/are on notice that Defendant(s) must search for, and inform itself, of all matters known or reasonably available, and who in Defendant'(s)' organization has the information. If no one single person has the information requested, Defendant(s) must produce at the deposition the number of witnesses needed to testify on all the matters requested in the list of items on which examination is sought.

#### **RESPONSE:**

Jacuzzi will designate witnesses in compliance with NRCP 30(b)(6). Jacuzzi objects to Plaintiffs' request to the extent it seeks to change or add to the obligations required by Nevada's rules of civil procedure and case law.

#### LIST OF ITEMS THE ORGANIZATION IS TO BRING TO ITS DEPOSITION

#### Category 1

Any written policies or Defendant'(s)' regulations or procedures, that have not yet already been produced, and which were in place before the incident at issue, that were intended to guard against or prevent the type of incident which is the subject matter of this lawsuit, i.e. preventing an individual from falling inside of a Jacuzzi walk in tub or instructing how an individual should extricate themselves after falling inside of a Jacuzzi walk in tub.

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After performing a diligent search, Jacuzzi has no additional documents responsive to this request. Responsive documents have already been produced and Jacuzzi incorporates by reference its responses to Plaintiffs' Requests for Production Nos. 6, 9, 10, and 11. Defendant further objects to this Request as overbroad to the extent that it refers to documents not relevant to this case or Plaintiffs' defect claims, and which are outside the scope of Rule 26(b) and NRCP 30(b)(6).

#### **Category 2**

Any written policies or Defendant'(s)' regulations or procedures, that have not yet already been produced, and which were in place after the incident at issue, that were intended to guard against or prevent the type of incident which is the subject matter of this lawsuit, i.e. preventing an individual from falling inside of a Jacuzzi walk in tub or instructing how an individual should extricate themselves after falling inside of a Jacuzzi walk in tub.

#### **RESPONSE:**

After performing a diligent search, Jacuzzi has no additional documents responsive to this request. Responsive documents have already been produced and Jacuzzi incorporates by reference its responses to Plaintiffs' Requests for Production Nos. 6, 9, 10, and 11. Defendant further objects to this Request as overbroad to the extent that it refers to documents not relevant to this case or Plaintiffs' defect claims, and which are outside the scope of Rule 26(b) and NRCP 30(b)(6).

#### Category 3

Any documents, electronically stored information (ESI) or tangible items created by Defendant(s) as a result of the incident, and documents, electronically stored information (ESI), known to Defendant that were created by Defendant(s) or any of the witnesses (both those being offered for the deposition of Defendant(s), and also those being deposed as an individual witness on the date of this deposition of Defendant(s) in which any witness being deposed on this date describes any events the witness observed at the scene of the incident, or describe accounts of the event involving Plaintiff that were created after Defendant became aware of either the personal

injury or death of the Plaintiff in this case, that have not yet already been produced. This includes, among other things, any incident reports, notes, or other memoranda made by the persons knowledgeable of this incident or by others, that have not yet already been produced. This shall include documents created after the incident as a result of the defect alleged in Plaintiff's Complaint, or Amendments thereto, that have not yet already been produced. This request seeks internal reports, emails or correspondence among employees, agents or contractors of Defendant that were generated as a result of this incident.

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After performing a diligent search, Jacuzzi has no documents responsive to this request that are not subject to the attorney-client privilege or work product doctrine. A privilege log is being prepared and will be produced for all privileged documents, covering the time span of when Jacuzzi was made aware of the incident up until Plaintiff filed suit. Jacuzzi further objects to the request as confusing, compound, and, in part, non-sensical.

#### Category 4

Any documents, electronically stored information (ESI) or tangible items created by, or in the possession of either Defendant(s) or any of the witnesses being offered for this deposition of Defendant(s), and also those being deposed as an individual witness on the date of this noticed deposition of Defendant(s) --- which either the witness being deposed or Defendant(s) believes might refresh the memory of the Rule 30(b)(6) designee(s) being deposed on the date of this deposition, that have not yet already been produced. (Please note this is intended to obtain documents that the Rule 30(b)(6) designee(s) may reference in their deposition to aid in the testimony process.) This shall include documents related to the incident alleged in Plaintiff's Complaint or Amendments thereto, including but not limited to safety manuals, incident reports, witness statements and any other document that was create as a result of the incident, or had to do with safety in relation to prevention of the incident, and such documents that have been produced thus far by Defendant(s) that the Rule 30(b)(6) designee(s) may rely upon in providing their testimony, that have not yet already been produced.

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Note: Because this is a deposition of the corporation, we expect the corporation to specifically inquire of personnel, employees, experts or agents who inspected the subject Jacuzzi tub prior to litigation commencing to ascertain whether they took photographs on their digital telephones or other personal digital devices, if the items have not yet already been produced.

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Jacuzzi will perform a diligent search for any non-privileged responsive documents. Jacuzzi objects to this category, to the extent it is seeking materials that are subject to the attorney client privilege and/or attorney work product doctrine and refers Plaintiffs to Jacuzzi's privilege log, pending production.

Jacuzzi further objects to Plaintiffs' "Note" because it seeks documents that are subject to the work product doctrine and attorney client privilege. The inspection was done at the direction and under the supervisions of Jacuzzi's in-house and outside counsel. Further, the inspection was done for product identification in anticipation of litigation when Plaintiffs' indicated they were going to destroy evidence in this case and gave Jacuzzi 60 days to inspect the property.

#### Category 5

All safety manuals of Defendant(s) with any warnings or instructions for the product used by Plaintiff, if the items have not yet already been produced. To include manuals dealing with safety related the use of the Jacuzzi tub.

#### **RESPONSE:**

After performing a diligent search, Jacuzzi has no documents responsive to this request. Responsive documents have either already been produced or Jacuzzi has agreed to produce them upon entry of an appropriate protective order, and Jacuzzi incorporates by reference its responses to Plaintiffs' Requests for Production Nos. 6, 9, and 11.

#### Category 6

All safety materials or instructions claimed by Defendant(s) to have been given or shown to the Plaintiff, if the items have not yet already been produced.

#### **RESPONSE:**

After performing a diligent search, Jacuzzi has no documents responsive to this request. Responsive documents have either already been produced or Jacuzzi has agreed to produce them

upon entry of an appropriate protective order, and Jacuzzi incorporates by reference its responses to Plaintiffs' Requests for Production Nos. 6, 9, and 11.

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All daily logs and reports, or documents created as a result of becoming aware of the incident whether the information was supplied by Plaintiff's representatives or any other source of information.

#### **RESPONSE:**

After performing a diligent search, Jacuzzi has no non-privileged documents responsive to this Category and directs Plaintiffs to its privilege log, pending production. Jacuzzi further objects that the topic is vague and ambiguous.

#### Category 8

Withdrawn as duplicative of Number 7.

#### Category 9

All incident reports and investigation reports prepared before this lawsuit was started with respect to falls by anyone using any Jacuzzi walk-in tub model whether the model is similar to \(\frac{\pi}{2}\) the model used by Plaintiff or not.

Note: This seeks any incident reports for falls occurring either while using or while entering or exiting any of the Jacuzzi products, whether they be the walk-in style or not.

#### **RESPONSE:**

Jacuzzi objects to this category because it is overbroad and vague because, in part, it is not limited in time or scope and seeks materials that are irrelevant to the claims and product in this case. Jacuzzi further objects because the category seeks personal identification information of individual claimants or employees which violates their privacy. Jacuzzi will produce information regarding the subject tub and substantially similar tubs, and incidents or complaints similar to those alleged by Plaintiffs, for a period of 5 years prior to the subject incident, if any.

Jacuzzi further objects because the request and the following "Note" are inherently contradictory, making the request confusing. Regardless, Jacuzzi will not be producing any documents in response to the note.

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All non-privileged e-mails, which contain references to the incident, premises, products, contractors, or actions of persons involved in the events which are the subject matter of the lawsuit and which are:

- (A) to or from the witnesses being deposed on the date of this deposition, whether or not as designated witnesses for this deposition,
- (B) to or from those of Jacuzzi's officers, employees, and agents who *inspected* the premises at any point after the incident, or the supervisor of such persons, and (C) or to or from Defendant'(s)' safety personnel, premises maintenance personnel, or the insurers of Defendant(s), if the items have not yet already been produced.

#### **RESPONSE:**

Jacuzzi has no responsive documents.

#### LIST OF TOPICS ON WHICH EXAMINATION IS SOUGHT

NOTICE: In this list, "premises' means the area where the incident took place, and "incident" means the incident occurring on or about February 27, 2014, that is the subject of this litigation.

#### EXAMINATION WILL BE SOUGHT ON THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS

#### Topic 1

Defendant'(s)' understanding of the incident and injury in this case, and events involved therewith on that date.

Note: Plaintiff is not seeking to obtain scientific or medical opinions, rather is simply trying to learn of Defendant'(s)' understanding of basic facts pursuant to: United States EEOC v. Caesars Entm't, Inc, 237 F.R.D. 428 (D. Nev. 2006); Taylor v. Shaw, 2007 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 16305 (D. Nev. Mar. 5, 2007); Great Am. Ins. Co. of N.Y. v. Vegas Constr. Co., 251 F.R.D. 534 (D. Nev. 2008).

#### **RESPONSE:**

Jacuzzi will produce a witness that is generally familiar the incident in this case. Jacuzzi nonetheless objects to the topic to the extent it seeks communications that are protected by the attorney client and/or work product privileges. Jacuzzi further objects to the request as abusive and an improper attempt to shift Plaintiffs' burden of proof to Jacuzzi—Jacuzzi did not know of the subject incident until being notified by Plaintiffs' counsel and Plaintiffs' counsel is privy to all the information about the incident in Jacuzzi's possession.

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Who are the witnesses known to Defendant(s), to the incident, injury, and events involved, and what they know, as currently known by Defendant(s).

NOTE: This seeks witnesses that are known to Defendant and were discovered even after the Complaint was filed. This is not simply confined to witnesses that may have observed the Plaintiff's use of the subject tub, but also witnesses who may have knowledge about any aspect of this incident.

# **RESPONSE:**

Jacuzzi will not be producing a witness to testify regarding this topic, as it has already been provided to Plaintiffs in Jacuzzi's initial disclosures and supplements. Any information available in the form of deposition testimony is equally available to Plaintiffs. Further, Jacuzzi objects to the request as confusing.

#### Topic 3

Incident reports of the incident.

# **RESPONSE:**

While Jacuzzi has no objection to the topic per se, Jacuzzi has no incident report so it cannot produce anyone to testify regarding this topic.

#### Topic 4

On the date of the incident and to the date of the deposition: who was the person in charge of safety of persons purchasing Jacuzzi products, what he/she did and learned on the day of the injury, and facts that he/she has subsequently learned regarding the incident and injury of Plaintiff.

### **RESPONSE:**

Jacuzzi will produce someone generally familiar with Jacuzzi's safety standards and customer care as they relate to the subject model tub. Jacuzzi objects to the topic as argumentative and confusing. Specifically, Jacuzzi objects to the description of a "person in

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charge of safety of persons purchasing Jacuzzi projects." Further, what Jacuzzi did subsequent to learning of the incident is irrelevant to Plaintiffs' claims.

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The incident as further defined as the Plaintiff slipping off of the seat and falling into the bottom of the Jacuzzi walk in tub and being unable to get out of the tub afterwards and its causes, including Defendant'(s)' position on what caused the incident, and the facts supporting that position.

NOTE: Plaintiff is not seeking to obtain scientific or medical opinions, rather is simply trying to learn of Defendant'(s)' understanding of basic facts pursuant to: United States EEOC v. Caesars Entm't, Inc. 237 F.R.D. 428 (D. Nev. 2006); Taylor v. Shaw, 2007 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 16305 (D. Nev. Mar. 5, 2007); Great Am. Ins. Co. of N.Y. v. Vegas Constr. Co., 251 F.R.D. 534 (D. Nev. 2008).

# **RESPONSE:**

Jacuzzi will produce a witness that is generally familiar the incident in this case. Jacuzzi nonetheless objects to the topic to the extent it seeks communications that are protected by the attorney client and/or work product privileges. Jacuzzi further objects to the request as abusive & and an improper attempt to shift Plaintiffs' burden of proof to Jacuzzi—Jacuzzi did not know of \$\mathbb{Q}\$ the subject incident until being notified by Plaintiffs' counsel and Plaintiffs' counsel is privy to all the information about the incident in Jacuzzi's possession. Jacuzzi further objects to this request as an attempt to prematurely obtain expert testimony. Finally, Jacuzzi objects to this request as vague and ambiguous.

# Topic 6

Defendant'(s)' position on what Plaintiff did carelessly or wrongfully that contributed to cause the injuries that Plaintiff received, and the facts supporting that position, as set forth in Defendant'(s)' Answer and any Amendments thereto.

NOTE: Plaintiff is not seeking to obtain scientific or medical opinions, rather is simply trying to learn of Defendant'(s)' understanding of basic facts pursuant to: United States EEOC v. Caesars Entm't, Inc, 237 F.R.D. 428 (D. Nev. 2006); Taylor v. Shaw, 2007 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 16305 (D. Nev. Mar. 5, 2007); Great Am. Ins. Co. of N.Y. v. Vegas Constr. Co., 251 F.R.D. 534 (D. Nev. 2008).

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# **RESPONSE:**

Jacuzzi will not produce a witness in response to this category. Jacuzzi did not know of the subject incident until being notified by Plaintiffs' counsel, and all information regarding the incident and injuries is through counsel, and those communications are protected by the attorney client and/or work product privileges. Further, Jacuzzi's Answer was prepared by counsel, and contains legal defenses of which a lay witness is not qualified to answer. The category also appears to seek the premature disclosure of expert opinions.

# Topic 7

Defendant'(s)' position on what any person or entity other than Defendant(s) or Plaintiff did carelessly or wrongfully that contributed to cause the injuries that Plaintiff received, and the facts supporting that position.

NOTE: Plaintiff seeks to know the factual basis for each alleged affirmative defense. Even if a fact is conveyed to a corporation by the attorney, that does not automatically protect the document pursuant to attorney-client or other privileges. To the contrary, Plaintiff asserts she is entitled to know the facts that are conveyed even by the attorneys retained by Jacuzzi.

NOTE: Plaintiff is not seeking to obtain scientific or medical opinions, rather is simply trying to learn of Defendant'(s)' understanding of basic facts pursuant to: United States EEOC v. Caesars Entm't, Inc, 237 F.R.D. 428 (D. Nev. 2006); Taylor v. Shaw, 2007 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 16305 (D. Nev. Mar. 5, 2007); Great Am. Ins. Co. of N.Y. v. Vegas Constr. Co., 251 F.R.D. 534 (D. Nev. 2008).

#### **RESPONSE:**

Jacuzzi will produce a witness that is generally familiar the facts related to Jacuzzi's position about what other persons did to cause or contribute to these injuries, to the extent they do not call for legal analysis. Jacuzzi nonetheless objects to the topic to the extent it seeks communications that are protected by the attorney client and/or work product privileges. Jacuzzi further objects to the request as abusive and an improper attempt to shift Plaintiffs' burden of proof to Jacuzzi—Jacuzzi did not know of the subject incident until being notified by Plaintiffs' counsel and Plaintiffs' counsel is privy to all the information about the incident in Jacuzzi's possession. Jacuzzi further objects to this request as an attempt to prematurely obtain expert testimony. Finally, Jacuzzi objects to this request as vague and ambiguous, including but not limited to Plaintiffs' insertion of the Note, which conflicts with what is requested by the topic.

Instructions and warnings known by Defendants that are either given or supposed to be given to end users like Plaintiff at any time regarding the proper and safe use of the Jacuzzi walk in tub model at issue in this case.

# **RESPONSE:**

Jacuzzi will produce a witness familiar with the instructions and warnings that accompany this tub.

# Topic 9

Conversations and statements known by Defendants that are given or supposed to be given to end users like Plaintiff regarding the proper and safe use of the Jacuzzi walk in tub model at issue in this case.

# **RESPONSE:**

Jacuzzi will produce a witness familiar with the written warnings and instructions that accompany this tub. Jacuzzi objects to the topic as confusing in its use of the terms conversations and statement . . . given or supposed to be given."

# Topic 10

Defendant(s) system, rules and regulations for the reporting of incidents or collection of data regarding incidents involving any Jacuzzi products whether they be the walk in models or not, and the identity of all other incidents involving slips and falls while using or while exiting or entering any Jacuzzi products.

#### **RESPONSE:**

Jacuzzi will produce a witness familiar with the reporting of incidents and collection of data regarding incidents at the time of the subject incident and the identity of other incidents, if any, involving slip and falls while using the subject Jacuzzi® Walk-In Bathtub model prior to the subject incident. Jacuzzi objects to this topic as overbroad because it is not limited in time or scope and seeks information not relevant to this case or Plaintiffs' defect claims.

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All inspections, not invoking attorney work-product, in the area at issue and reasonable proximity thereto (defined as *any inspection of the bathroom where the Jacuzzi tub at issue was installed*) after the incident and to the date of this deposition, of the premises, equipment, or processes involved in the incident.

NOTE: This includes inspections conducted after suit was filed or before suit was filed of either the information or of the Jacuzzi tub itself.

### **RESPONSE:**

Jacuzzi will produce a witness who can confirm that a product identification inspection of the tub was conducted in June 2014 for the purposes of product identification. Additionally, expert inspections were conducted after the tub was removed from the premises. Any other information about the inspection is not responsive to this request because it is attorney work product.

# Topic 12

Factual information and sources of such facts, and information supporting Defendant'(s)' affirmative defenses as set forth and reflected in Defendant'(s)' Answer and amendments thereto.

NOTE: Plaintiff is not seeking to obtain scientific or medical opinions, rather is simply trying to learn of Defendant'(s)' understanding of basic facts pursuant to: United States EEOC v. Caesars Entm't, Inc, 237 F.R.D. 428 (D. Nev. 2006); Taylor v. Shaw, 2007 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 16305 (D. Nev. Mar. 5, 2007); Great Am. Ins. Co. of N.Y. v. Vegas Constr. Co., 251 F.R.D. 534 (D. Nev. 2008). The case authority cited above imposes an obligation upon the deponent to be prepared to discuss the topics identified in the instant notice and discussion of facts, even if conveyed by a party's legal counsel, is an appropriate topic of discussion.

### **RESPONSE:**

Jacuzzi will produce a witness that is generally familiar the factual basis for its affirmative defenses and answer, to the extent that the testimony does not call for legal opinions or analysis. Jacuzzi nonetheless objects to the topic to the extent it seeks communications that are protected by the attorney client and/or work product privileges. Jacuzzi further objects to the request as abusive and an improper attempt to shift Plaintiffs' burden of proof to Jacuzzi—Jacuzzi did not know of the subject incident until being notified by Plaintiffs' counsel and Plaintiffs' counsel is

privy to all the information about the incident in Jacuzzi's possession. Jacuzzi further objects to this request as an attempt to prematurely obtain expert testimony.

#### GENERAL TESTIMONY

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The authenticity, existence and completeness of all documents produced in response to Plaintiff's discovery requests in this case.

#### **RESPONSE:**

Jacuzzi will produce a witness familiar with the documents produced in response to Plaintiff's discovery requests in this case. In agreeing to produce a witness, Jacuzzi incorporates by reference the objections contained in its responses to Plaintiffs' discovery requests in this case. Jacuzzi further objects to the extent questioning seeks to invade the attorney client privilege and work product doctrine.

# Topic 14

Any and all document/record retention policies regarding preservation of incidents involving the personal injury or death of an end user of any of Jacuzzi's products whether they \( \mathbb{R} \) be the walk in model or not.

# **RESPONSE:**

Jacuzzi objects to this topic as overbroad because it is not limited in time or scope and seeks information not relevant to this case or Plaintiffs' defect claims. Jacuzzi will produce a witness generally familiar with retention of information pertaining to incidents involving injury or death, such as the subject incident, involving walk-in bath tubs.

### Topic 15

The name, address (home and work) and phone numbers (home and work) for all custodians of the documents produced in response to Plaintiff's discovery requests in this case.

### **RESPONSE:**

Jacuzzi will not produce a witness to testify regarding this topic. Jacuzzi objects to the topic as it is irrelevant to Plaintiffs' claims and the authenticity of Jacuzzi's documents is not in dispute. Jacuzzi further objects to the extent the topic seeks confidential and proprietary information, and information protected by privacy rights.

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Defendant's responses to Plaintiff's interrogatories in this case.

# **RESPONSE:**

Jacuzzi will produce a witness generally familiar with Jacuzzi's responses to Plaintiffs' interrogatories in this case. In agreeing to produce a witness, Jacuzzi incorporates by reference the objections contained in its responses to Plaintiffs' interrogatories. Jacuzzi further objects to the Topic to the extent the questioning seeks to invade the attorney client privilege and work product doctrine.

# Topic 17

The factual basis for all denials to the allegations raised in Plaintiff's Complaint.

# **RESPONSE:**

Jacuzzi will produce a witness familiar with the facts supporting some denials to the allegations to Plaintiffs' complaint, to the extent that can be determined at this point in the \$\mathbb{Q}\$ litigation. However, Jacuzzi did not know of the subject incident until being notified by Plaintiffs' counsel, and all information regarding the incident and injuries is through counsel, and those communications are protected by the attorney client and/or work product privileges. Further, Jacuzzi's Answer was prepared by counsel, and contains legal defenses of which a lay witness is not qualified to answer. Discovery is ongoing and the facts supporting Jacuzzi's denials are still under investigation.

### Topic 18

Withdrawn as duplicative of Topic 12.

### Topic 19

All insurance agreements (including self-insurance fund or risk pool fund) that exist under the terms of which the person or company issuing the same may be called upon to satisfy all or part of any judgment against you which may be entered in favor of the Plaintiff in this action.

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Jacuzzi will produce a witness generally familiar with the insurance coverage that could be applicable to this case.

# Topic 20

The nature of all responsive documents, communications, or things that have been withheld, in response to discovery in this case and this Notice, on the grounds of privilege or protection, including:

- (a) A description of any documents;
- (b) The author of any documents and his or her address (home and work) and phone number (home and work);
- (c) The identity of the custodian of any documents and things and his or her address (home and work) and phone number (home and work);
- (d) The date the document was created and the person(s) to whom the document or copies were transmitted; and,
- (e) A summary of the contents of each document, communication or thing.

NOTE: Unless and until Defendant produces a privilege log, Plaintiff will seek to obtain testimony regarding these topics and sub-topics.

#### **RESPONSE:**

Jacuzzi will not produce a witness as to this topic and directs Plaintiffs to Jacuzzi's privilege log, production pending. Jacuzzi further objects to the extent the questioning seeks to invade the attorney client privilege and work product doctrine.

#### SALES AND MARKETING TESTIMONY GENERAL

#### Topic 21

Testimony regarding the policies and procedures used by Jacuzzi to advertise and sell Jacuzzi walk in tubs.

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Jacuzzi, Inc.'s, sales department, generally, concerning the advertising, marketing, sale and post-sale matters concerning the identification of the consumers that would likely use Jacuzzi's walk in tubs.

#### Topic 23

Jacuzzi, Inc.'s, sales department, generally, concerning the advertising, marketing, sale and post-sale matters concerning the subject Jacuzzi design of walk in tubs.

### **RESPONSE:**

In response to Topics 21 through 23, Jacuzzi will produce a witness familiar with Jacuzzi's advertising and marketing policies and procedures relating to this subject bathtub, if any, at the time it was purchased by Ms. Cunnison. Jacuzzi objects to the topics as irrelevant because Jacuzzi has already represented to Plaintiff that it did not advertise, market, or sell the subject bathtub to Ms. Cunnison. Jacuzzi further objects to Topics 22 and 23 to the extent they seek "post-sale matters" that are irrelevant to the subject matter of the claims presented in this action.

# Topic 24

Identification of all persons known to Defendant who trained, directed or supervised to advise end users of the safety of Jacuzzi tubs.

### **RESPONSE:**

Jacuzzi will produce a witness familiar with the warnings and instructions provided with the subject bathtub when shipped from Jacuzzi. Jacuzzi objects to the topic as confusing and ambiguous in that the sentence does not make sense. Furthermore, Plaintiffs' topic is not limited in time or scope and therefore covers information irrelevant to this litigation.

### Topic 25

Identification of all persons known to Defendant who trained, directed or supervised individuals to design the walk in tubs models manufactured by Jacuzzi including any discussion, training or planning regarding the potential that an end user could become unable

to remove themselves from a tub after falling inside the tub while either entering, using or exiting the tub.

NOTE: This topic is intended to identify those individuals who were involved in the design of the walk in tubs.

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Jacuzzi will produce a witness familiar with who was involved in the design of the subject Jacuzzi® Walk-In Bathtub model.

# SALE AND MARKETING WITH END USER TESTIMONY

# Topic 26

Any and/or all conversations with Sherry Lynn Cunnison, concerning the purchase of the subject Jacuzzi, any subsequent use and maintenance on the subject Jacuzzi.

### **RESPONSE:**

Jacuzzi will not produce a witness in response to this topic. Jacuzzi knows of no "conversations with Sherry Lynn Cunnison" and any of its employees.

# Topic 27

Any and/or all Sales and Marketing materials concerning the purpose and use of Jacuzzi walk in tubs.

- a. Any policies and procedures of Defendant with regard to training or education of consumers as to the safe use walk in tubs.
- b. The existence and location of plaintiff's discovery request.

# **RESPONSE:**

Jacuzzi will not produce a witness to testify regarding this topic because Jacuzzi did not create the sales or marketing materials related to the subject walk in tub prior to the subject incident. Jacuzzi objects that the subparts to the topic are vague, ambiguous and unintelligible. Jacuzzi further objects to this topic as overbroad because it is not limited in time or scope and seeks information not relevant to this case or Plaintiffs' defect claims.

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# COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN JACUZZI AND DEALERS, SELLERS AND INSTALLERS TESTIMONY

# Topic 28

Communications between defendants concerning the elements and/or components manufactured or designed by Jacuzzi, included but not limited to, the design, changes, testing, manufacturing of said elements and components of the Jacuzzi walk-in tub.

# **RESPONSE:**

Jacuzzi will produce a witness familiar with communications between defendants, if any, regarding the design, testing, and manufacturing of the subject model tub prior to the subject incident, to the extent they have any application to Plaintiffs' claims. Jacuzzi objects to the topic a confusing in use of the term "elements".

# Topic 29

What, if any, resources were available to Jacuzzi, Inc., to notify, research, or otherwise learn and/or disclose information to/from First Street for Boomers & Beyond, Inc.; Aithr Dealer, Inc.; Bestway Building and Remodeling; William Budd; and/ or Budds Plumbing; regarding the subject Jacuzzi walk in tub and specifically with regard to the potential that an end user could become unable to remove themselves from a tub after falling inside the tub while either entering, using or exiting the tub.

### **RESPONSE:**

Jacuzzi will produce a witness generally familiar with the resources it is aware of, if any, that were available to Jacuzzi at the time the subject Jacuzzi® Walk-In Bathtub model was designed. Jacuzzi objects to this request as vague and ambiguous.

### Topic 30

Identification of all of Defendant's officers, directors, employees or other personnel who at any time prior to the purchase of Plaintiff Cunnison's tub had any communication with First Street for Boomers & Beyond, Inc.; Aithr Dealer, Inc.; Bestway Building and Remodeling; William Budd; and/ or Budds Plumbing, regarding the safety of the user of Jacuzzi walk in tubs.

NOTE: Plaintiff is attempting to ascertain whether certain information is provided to the distributors, installers, salesforce, marketing companies or any other company involved in the chain of distribution and whether any materials are intended by Defendant to be produced to the end user by any other entity other than Defendant itself.

#### **RESPONSE:**

Jacuzzi will produce a witness generally familiar with communications, if any, between Jacuzzi and the other defendants regarding safety of the subject Jacuzzi® Walk-In Bathtub model prior to the subject incident. Jacuzzi objects to the topic because it is not limited in time or scope and therefore seeks information irrelevant to this litigation or Plaintiffs' defect claims.

#### Topic 31

All contracts, agreements and/or other documents entered into and/or exchanged between Jacuzzi, Inc. First Street for Boomers & Beyond, Inc.; Aithr Dealer, Inc.; Bestway Building and Remodeling; William Budd; and/ or Budds Plumbing.

#### **RESPONSE:**

Jacuzzi will produce a witness generally familiar with the agreements entered into or exchanged with other defendants that relate to the subject incident. Jacuzzi objects to the topic because it is not limited in time or scope and therefore seeks information irrelevant to this litigation or Plaintiffs' defect claims.

### Topic 32

Any policies and procedures of Defendant with regard to training or supervising temporary employees or contractor as to *education of the end user of the* safety *features or proper use* of the tub.

# **RESPONSE:**

Jacuzzi will produce a witness familiar with the instructions and warnings that accompany the subject Jacuzzi® Walk-In Bathtub model. Jacuzzi objects to the topic as confusing and vague and ambiguous.

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Any policies and procedures of Defendant with regard to training or supervising temporary employees or contractor as to the safe installation of Jacuzzi walk in tubs to ensure that the tubs are properly installed.

### **RESPONSE:**

Jacuzzi will produce a witness familiar with policies and procedures relating to installation of the subject Jacuzzi® Walk-In Bathtub model. Jacuzzi objects to the topic as vague in its use of the term "safe installation." No one was injured in the installation of the subject tub and there is no indication that it was installed improperly. The topic is not relevant to any issue in this action.

# Topic 34

Communications with Jacuzzi, Inc, or any other entity relating to and/or concerning the subject Jacuzzi design of walk in tubs with regard to the potential that an end user could become unable to remove themselves from a tub after falling inside the tub while either entering, using or exiting the tub.

#### **RESPONSE:**

Jacuzzi will not produce a witness to testify regarding this topic. Jacuzzi objects to the topic as it seeks communications with itself, which is incoherent. As indicated in response to other topics, Jacuzzi will produce a witness to address the design of the subject tub.

# **DESIGN OF TUB**

# Topic 35

Defendant Jacuzzi's policies, procedures and practices, concerning designs, modifications, alterations, for the subject Jacuzzi design of walk in tubs.

# **RESPONSE:**

Jacuzzi will produce a witness to testify regarding the design of the subject model tub prior to the subject incident. Jacuzzi objects to the topic as overbroad and seeking irrelevant information because the request is not limited in time or scope.

Identification of all of Defendant's officers, directors, employees or other personnel who participated or had any role in the planning of designs, modifications, alterations, for the subject Jacuzzi design of walk in tubs.

# Topic 37

Identification of all of Defendant's officers, directors, employees or other personnel who participated or had any role the planning of designs, modifications, alterations, for the subject Jacuzzi design of walk in tubs.

# **RESPONSE:**

In response to Topics 36 and 37, Jacuzzi will produce a witness to testify regarding the design of the subject model tub, insofar as it pertains to Plaintiffs' claims in this case. Jacuzzi objects to the topics as overbroad because they are not limited in time or scope, seeking testimony that is irrelevant to this litigation. Jacuzzi further objects to the topics as overbroad and unduly burdensome because the design and development of any product is an evolutionary process. Accordingly, Jacuzzi is unable to identify each and every person and department that may have been involved in the design. Since numerous individuals were involved in these activities, it is unduly burdensome for Jacuzzi to produce someone to testify as to the identity all such persons. If Plaintiffs identify specific components or aspects of design that are the subject of their inquiry in advance of the deposition, Jacuzzi will endeavor to produce someone that knows the names of key person(s) involved in the design and design verification of those specific components.

# Topic 38

Identification of all files and documents relating to the facts and circumstances of the safety of Jacuzzi walk in tub users.

### **RESPONSE:**

Jacuzzi will not produce a witness to testify regarding this topic. Jacuzzi objects to the topic as it is too vague and overbroad to determine what Plaintiffs are actually seeking. The topic seeks information irrelevant to the claims in this action. To the extent that Plaintiffs are seeking

testimony related to the design of the subject model bathtub, Jacuzzi has already agreed to produce a witness to testify as to that topic.

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Identification of all persons known to Defendant who trained, directed or supervised individuals to design walk in tubs with regard to the potential that an end user could become unable to remove themselves from a tub after falling inside the tub while either entering, using or exiting the tub.

### **RESPONSE:**

Jacuzzi will produce a witness to testify regarding the design of the subject Jacuzzi® Walk-In Bathtub model. Jacuzzi objects to the topic because it is not limited in time or scope and therefore seeks information irrelevant to this litigation or Plaintiffs' defect claims.

#### Topic 40

The engineering and design of the Jacuzzi walk-in tub and its elements.

# **RESPONSE:**

Jacuzzi will produce a witness to testify regarding the engineering and design of the subject model Jacuzzi tub.

### Topic 41

All systems designs *and* technical specifications *Defendants had in effect* for the design testing and manufacturing of the walk-in Jacuzzi tub at issue or similar models.

# **RESPONSE:**

Jacuzzi will produce a witness to testify regarding the technical specifications, testing, and manufacturing of the subject Jacuzzi® Walk-In Bathtub model and similar models, insofar as they relate to Plaintiffs' claims.

### Topic 42

The organizational structure of any and all departments and individuals involved in design testing and manufacture of the Jacuzzi walk-in tubs. Any design failure models Defendant had in effect and any analysis for the Jacuzzi walk-in tub and components manufactured and/or designed by Jacuzzi.

Jacuzzi will produce a witness to testify regarding the general organizational structure related to the design, testing, and manufacture of the subject Jacuzzi® Walk-In Bathtub model.

# Topic 43

Any design work orders, billed work orders, test work orders, engineer change request, engineering change orders related to the design and manufacture of the Jacuzzi walk-in tub.

# **RESPONSE:**

Jacuzzi will produce a witness to testify regarding design work orders, billed work orders, test work orders, engineer change requests, and engineering changes, if any, related to the subject model tub and Jacuzzi's understanding of the claims in this action.

# Topic 44

Any and all cost benefit and/or value analysis regarding the design of the Jacuzzi walk-in tub and components.

# **RESPONSE:**

Jacuzzi will produce a witness to testify regarding the cost benefit or value analysis, if any, regarding the design of the subject model tub. This testimony will be limited to the design criticisms identified by Plaintiffs, i.e., the size of the tub, the design of the door, and the placement of grab bars.

#### Topic 45

The identification, location and contact information of persons with the most knowledge concerning the design, manufacture and/or changes to the design and manufacturing of the components of the Jacuzzi walk-in tub.

#### **RESPONSE:**

Jacuzzi will produce a witness consistent with its response to topics 36 and 37.

# Topic 46

The identification, location and contact information of persons with the most knowledge concerning the retrofit recall, service and/or otherwise fix regarding any alleged defect in the design of the Jacuzzi walk-in tub.

The cost of retrofitting, recalling, servicing or otherwise fixing the alleged defect design of the Jacuzzi walk-in tub and the components manufactured by Jacuzzi.

NOTE: Topics 35-47 request among other things a witness knowledgeable to discuss the design of an inward door entrance as opposed to an outward door entrance; design of the seat pan and angulation of the seat pan; design of the seat height; design of the control reach for the end user; design of the placement of the grab bars; design of the drain location and operation; design of the standing surface including the slip resistance of the surface; design of the width of the tub; and design of the overall tub dimensions.

### **RESPONSE:**

In response to Topics 46 and 47, Jacuzzi will not produce a witness to testify regarding these topics as there have been no recall, service or fix regarding the vague and unsubstantiated defect allegations plaintiffs have alleged. The topic is overly broad without limitation in scope, time or issues relevant to the claims in this action.

# OTHER SIMILAR INCIDENTS TESTIMONY

# Topic 48

Any and all product investigations by Jacuzzi regarding damages or injuries resulting from Jacuzzi walk-in tubs including the elements and components manufactured by Jacuzzi.

NOTE: Plaintiffs seek to obtain information regarding prior incidents involving slips and falls while using or while exiting or entering any Jacuzzi products including not only the fall itself but also the inability of an end user to remove themselves after having had fallen inside the tub.

### **RESPONSE:**

Jacuzzi will produce a witness to testify generally regarding investigations by Jacuzzi into other similar incidents of injury or damage, if any, prior to the incident that is the subject of this action. This response is limited to injury claims made for a period of 5 years prior to the subject incident and involving the subject Jacuzzi® Walk-In Bathtub model or similar models and involving claims similar to Plaintiffs' claims in this action. Jacuzzi objects to the topic because it is not limited in time and therefore seeks testimony that is irrelevant to this litigation. Finally, Jacuzzi objects to this request because the "Note" is inconsistent with the topic, making the entire topic confusing.

Jacuzzi's financial net worth, assets, debts and financial status including subsidiaries, partners and/or affiliations.

# **RESPONSE:**

Jacuzzi will not produce a witness to testify as to this topic. Jacuzzi objects to the topic as harassing and that the topic is seeking irrelevant testimony. Plaintiffs have demonstrated no facts supporting their claim for punitive damages and any testimony regarding Jacuzzi's financial status is irrelevant to their claims as it is unrelated to the adequacy of the bathtub design. Jacuzzi further objects to this topic of testimony as it seeks the disclosure of confidential and proprietary information, including commercially sensitive information that could cause harm to Jacuzzi if disclosed publicly, without any corresponding benefit to Plaintiffs.

#### Topic 50

Testimony identifying all lawsuits, claims, dealer bulletins, complaints, incident reports or other documents where someone has alleged that a Jacuzzi Walk In tub was not properly designed contributing to injury of the user.

NOTE: Plaintiffs seek to obtain information regarding prior incidents involving slips and falls while using or while exiting or entering any Jacuzzi products including not only the fall itself but also the inability of an end user to remove themselves after having had fallen inside the tub.

### **RESPONSE:**

Jacuzzi will produce a witness to testify generally regarding lawsuits, claims, dealer bulletins, complaints, or incident reports related to other substantially similar incidents of injury or damage as Ms. Cunnison's, if any, prior to the incident that is the subject of this action. This response is limited to injury claims made during the five years prior to the subject incident and to the subject Jacuzzi® Walk-In Bathtub and similar tubs. Jacuzzi objects to the topic because it is not limited in time and therefore seeks testimony that is irrelevant to this litigation. Finally, Jacuzzi objects to this request because the "Note" is inconsistent with the topic, making the entire topic confusing.

Testimony regarding Jacuzzi's actions related to any customer complaint, lawsuits, warranty claims or incident reports wherein it was alleged that a Jacuzzi Walk In tub was not properly designed contributing to injury of the user.

NOTE: Plaintiffs seek to obtain any information related to a claim made by an end user that a Jacuzzi product was unsafe.

#### **RESPONSE:**

In response to Topic 51, Jacuzzi will produce a witness to testify generally regarding lawsuits, claims, dealer bulletins, complaints, or incident reports related to other substantially similar incidents of injury or damage as Ms. Cunnison's, if any, prior to the incident that is the subject of this action. This response is limited to injury claims made for five years prior to the subject incident and to the subject Jacuzzi® Walk-In Bathtub and similar tubs. Jacuzzi objects to the topic because it is not limited in time therefore seeks testimony that is irrelevant to this litigation. Finally, Jacuzzi objects to this request because the "Note" is inconsistent with the topic, making the entire topic confusing.

# Topic 52

Testimony and documents regarding any lawsuits filed against Jacuzzi, Inc during the use of a Jacuzzi Walk in tub allegedly causing injury or death, including the county and state in which the action was brought or is pending, including the names of each party, the name of each party's attorney with their address and telephone number, the disposition of each lawsuit and the date and place of the occurrence complained of in each lawsuit, as well as a copy of each such complaint.

NOTE: Plaintiffs seek to obtain any information related to a claim made by an end user that a Jacuzzi product was unsafe.

### **RESPONSE:**

Jacuzzi will produce a witness to testify regarding lawsuits, if any, involving claims of injury similar to the claims that have been asserted in this action, alleging that the subject model tub "caus[ed] injury or death." This response is limited to a period of five years prior to the subject incident and to the subject Jacuzzi® Walk-In Bathtub and similar tubs. Jacuzzi objects to

the topic as overbroad because it is not limited in time or scope, thereby seeking information that is irrelevant to this litigation. Finally, Jacuzzi objects to this request because the "Note" is inconsistent with the topic, making the entire topic confusing.

# Topic 53

Testimony regarding the procedures used by Jacuzzi to collect, receive, record, respond, and store customer complaints, lawsuits, and incident reports.

# **RESPONSE:**

Jacuzzi will produce a witness to testify regarding this topic that is familiar with Jacuzzi's procedures for handling customer complaints, lawsuits, and incident reports.

DATED this 17<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2018.

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#### **Product Details**

Product Jacuzzi Walk-In Tub

Description

**Product Home Maintenance and Structures** 

Category

Product Type Plumbing & Bath

Product Code Hot Tubs or Home Spas (698)

Manufacturer Jacuzzi Luxury Bath

/ Importer /



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Private Labeler
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**Brand Name** 

Model Name LW45 or Number

Serial Number BDPK7

**UPC** Code

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Manufacturer

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Purchase Date 4/3/2016 This date is an estimate

Incident Details

Incident Description

Dear Gentlemen,

Ser # BDPK7, model: LW45, Job: 16198

Subj: DeathTrap - Jacuzzi Walk-In Tub.

On April 3, 2016, I signed a contract for installation of a Walk-In Tub. The agent was [REDACTED]. The Fairbanks construction Co. of Ocala Fl., installed the unit 4-1-2016. I was advised never to use the tub without the 911 alert system in reach. On July 18, 2016, after finally receiving the 911 alert, I decided to try the Walk-In Tub.

After 30 minutes the tub filled with 50 gal. of water. I opened the air jets at my back. At that moment, I was thrushed forward, landed on my knees and my head was underwater. I was in panic and tried frantically to get a hold of the bar to pull myself up. I could have drowned. The Alert 911 would have been totally useless out of reach. The Walk-In Tub is a death trap.

The tape demonstration and brochures given by the agent [REDACTED] do not compare to the tub installed. The Tub is an old model. The new models (copies encl.) require 30 gal of water and are half the size which was actually installed. It takes 30 min. to fill the tub with 50 gallons. The shower head is barely in trickle mode and does not work properly. Numerous calls to the agent, the Fairbanks Construction Co., and [REDACTED], installation supervisor, [REDACTED]; were not returned. [REDACTED] of the Fairbanks Co, was rude, who returned the phone call stated "you got what you ordered, you do not get another tub!"

The agent [REDACTED], did not return any of my calls. Details re: water capacity was not disclosed and the publications were misrepresented.

I am a senior citizen, 85 yrs. + and a victim of exploitation of the elderly. I live on

fixed income and invested \$15,500.- of my savings for health reasons, because my net worth does not qualify me for a senior establishment.

I live alone and after my experience of almost drowning, I have not used the tub since. I cannot afford the loss of \$15,500.-.

I would appreciate your help desperately. I have enclosed copies and documents for your review.

I look forward to your reply and a resolution of an exchange to my problem within the next 2 weeks.

Please contact me at your earliest at above address or by phone at [REDACTED]. Please, please help!

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Sincerely, [REDACTED]
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Incident Date 7/18/2016
Incident Unspecified

Location

Victims Involved

Injury Injury→Injury, Level of care not known

Information

My Unspecified

Relationship to the Victim

Gender Unknown

Victim's Age Unspecified When Incident Occurred

Additional Details

Submitter has N/A

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Product was N/A

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     Individually and as BUDDS
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     DOE CORPORATIONS 1 THROUGH 20;
     DOE EMPLOYEES 1 through 20;
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     DOE 20 INSTALLERS 1 through 20; *
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     and DOE 21 SUBCONTRACTORS 1
     through 20, inclusive,
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                      ORAL AND VIDEO DEPOSITION OF
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                              LEONARD BAIZE
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                           DECEMBER 18, 2018
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ORAL DEPOSITION OF LEONARD BAIZE, produced as a witness duly sworn by me at the instance of the Plaintiffs, taken in the above-styled and numbered cause on December 18, 2018, from 9:58 a.m. to 11:03 a.m., before STACY AMY BAKLIK, CSR, Certified Shorthand Reporter No. 2680 in and for the State of Texas, at the La Quinta Inn & Suites, 2220 Highway 62 South, Orange, Texas, pursuant to the Nevada Rules of Civil Procedure and the provisions stated on the record or attached therein.

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              MR. GOODHART: Phil Goodhart on behalf of First
     Street and AITHR Dealer.
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              MR. COOLS: Josh Cools on behalf of Jacuzzi, Inc.
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              MS. LLEWELLYN: Brittany Llewellyn on behalf of
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     Jacuzzi, Inc.
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              THE COURT REPORTER:
                                   Stipulations?
              MR. ALLEN: This is going to be for evidentiary use.
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     So, put our objections on the table, right, and try to get it
             If you've got a specific objection, lay it out.
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     fixed.
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     try to fix it. Will that work?
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              MR. GOODHART:
                            Okay.
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              MR. COOLS:
                         Yes.
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                             LEONARD BAIZE,
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     having been first duly sworn to testify the truth, the whole
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     truth, and nothing but the truth, testified as follows:
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                              EXAMINATION
     BY MR. ALLEN:
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              Would you introduce yourself, please.
              I'm Leonard Baize, lifetime resident of Jefferson
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and Orange Counties. After I got out of the Navy, I worked

here all my life and retired approximately 15 years ago and

still retired. I'm waiting for a day off, though.

VIDEOGRAPHER: It's 9:58. We are on the record.

MR. ALLEN: I'm Charles Allen. I represent

Ms. Cunnison's family, plaintiffs.

in your tub?

- A. Near as I remember, that's exactly the seat.
- Q. Okay. All right. Now, why don't you tell the jury about what happened the first time you used the tub.
- A. I had to place some catalogues that I had and some other things on the floor in order to step up. I stepped up on my right leg and put my left leg into the tub with the door all the way open. Then I grabbed ahold of the window, the windowsill, which was right on the other side in my bathroom and kind of pulled myself, was able to stabilize myself when I stepped up with my right foot to get it in.

  Now, I couldn't close the door, but I'm tall enough that I could kind of wiggle my left foot around the door and then kind of swing my leg behind it. And then holding the door as shut as I could get it I kept going until I could sit down.

  Once I could sit down, I got the door closed.

We filled the tub. We turned it on. And the Jacuzzi felt okay, but every time I tried to sit back, my body sealed to the back of the tub. And the jets that were coming in on my back would overflow the tub copious amounts of water in my bathroom and my bedroom.

So, the wife and I decided this wasn't going to get it and I was going to get out; and getting out was just as much trouble as getting in, if not more. Somehow that door managed to scratch me on my lower abdomen all the way across.

1	Q. So, you don't have any reason to think that that
2	date is wrong?
3	A. No, I don't have any reason to think it's wrong.
4	Q. And that's about so, when you used the tub was
5	about two and a half weeks after the tub was installed,
6	right?
7	A. No. There was two months for the thing to get
8	fixed. Now, if we get hold of the guy that did it and he
9	remembers it better, which I doubt, he's about as old as I
10	am I don't remember exact dates. If you have a point,
11	sir, I'll be able to respond to it if you explain it.
12	Q. After the incident, did you have any contact with
13	Jacuzzi?
14	A. I never had contact with Jacuzzi.
15	MR. COOLS: Those are all my questions. Thank you.
16	MR. ALLEN: Thank you for your time, sir.
17	VIDEOGRAPHER: It's 11:03. We are off the record.
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               I, STACY AMY BAKLIK, Certified Shorthand Reporter
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in and for the State of Texas, hereby certify to the
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     following:
               That the witness, LEONARD BAIZE, was duly sworn by
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     the officer and that the transcript of the oral deposition is
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     a true record of the testimony given by the witness;
               That the examination and signature of the witness
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     to the deposition transcript was waived by the witness and
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     agreement of the parties at the time of the deposition;
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               That the original deposition was delivered to Mr.
     Benjamin P. Cloward;
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               Mr. Allen - 30 minutes
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               Mr. Goodhart - 27 minutes
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               Mr. Cools - 8 minutes
               That $274.00 is the deposition officer's charges to
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               MR. PHILIP GOODHART, Attorney for Defendant;
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               MR. JOSHUA COOLS, Attorney for Defendant.
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      REMODELING, INC.; WILLIAM
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10 witness at the instance of the DEFENDANT, and duly
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12 on the 25th day of October, 2018, from 9:40 a.m. to
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13 2:49 p.m., before Morgan Veletzuy, CSR in and for the
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14 State of Texas, recorded by machine shorthand, at the
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15 offices of ATA Associates, 1301 Gemini Street, Houston,
16 Texas 77058, pursuant to the Nevada Rules of Civil
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17 Procedure and the provisions stated on the record or
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18 attached hereto; that the deposition shall be read and
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4 EXHIBITS 41-63 Photos and video red and 55	4 EXAMINATION
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6 EXHIBIT 64 Technical 56 7 EXHIBIT 65 Size and weight 59	6 Q. Sir, could you please state your name for the
Smith/Cunnison	7 record?
8 EXHIBIT 66 Tub photographs reach 59	
9	8 A. My name is Robert James Swint, S-W-I-N-T.
EXHIBIT 67 Inspection photographs 59 10 Rimkus	9 Q. Thank you. And you're aware you've been
11 EXHIBIT 68 Human factor measurements 60	10 identified as an expert in the Ansara v. Jacuzzi matter?
12 EXHIBIT 69 Measurements Stacy 62 Crawford 9/17/17	11 A. Yes.
13	12 Q. When were you retained in this case?
EXHIBIT 70 Excerpts of photographs 67	13 A. We were initially contacted in 8/7/17. We
14 EXHIBIT 71 Test subject evaluation 68	14 started our case file in 8/24/2017.
15	Q. And what were you told about the case at the
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17 EXHIBIT 74 Test protocols 70	17 A. Initially we were told that Charles Allen
18 EXHIBIT 75 Test data sheets Houston 75 19 EXHIBIT 76 Houston tub test protocols 76	18 contacted us regarding the use of an analysis, hazard
Data sheet subjects	19 analysis on this tub relative to the problem that he had
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23 EXHIBIT 79 Houston testing 78	Q. And so when you say "his client," are you
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4	4 knew I had in human factors and analysis.
EXHIBIT 82 Tub seat angle 80	5 Q. Okay. And have you finished your work in this
5	6 case?
EXHIBIT 83 New tub evaluation 80 6 Spreadsheet	7 A. I think that the answer, we have produced
6 Spreadsheet 7 EXHIBIT 84 Surface friction 80	8 and created quite a lot of information. As we see the
Measurements	_
8	9 experts, your human factors people and others, take our
EXHIBIT 85 FARO scan images 81	10 data and dissect it or do things with it, I would expect
9 EXHIBIT 86 Tub labels 81	11 that we will relate to what they have to say and deal
EXHIBIT 86 Tub labels 81	12 with that occasion. But I don't have I think we've
EXHIBIT 87 Notes 82	13 done 90 percent of what I expected to do.
11	MR. ALLEN: And I'll let you know.
12	15 A. There may be there may be other things.
12	16 Q. (BY MR. COOLS) Okay. And it sounds like, you
14	17 know, except for rebutting potential rebuttal
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14 15 16	18 opinions as to the defendants' experts, you're
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13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25	18 opinions as to the defendants' experts, you're 19 representing that you believe that you're finished with 20 your work in the case; is that correct? 21 A. Well, we have an attorney that will have to 22 tell me that, but right now I think that's pretty close.

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#### Page 110 1 So we had a range that doesn't surprise me, 1 Therefore, if you want people to operate and be in that, 2 but is really not a representation of a person in a tub 2 you have to recognize that feature and make sure it's 3 safe to be able to use the other components of the tub 3 with the kind of materials, water and oils and soaps. I 4 think your test is by far the better test. And we 4 in its operations. 5 didn't try to do additional testing here in Houston Q. Let me ask this a different way. 6 because we had your test data which seemed to be very Are you going to testify that the tub is 7 well done. 7 too slippery? 8 A. No. I'm going to say that you have to Q. So you're not critical of Jacuzzi's coefficient 9 of friction test? At least in terms of how it was 9 compensate that slipperiness with a proper design so 10 performed or the data itself? 10 that you have proper handholds so that you can stand up A. No. It appears that it was done 11 safely, move around safely, as well as not have to have 12 professionally. 12 extended stressful reach to get to the tub controls. 13 Q. Okay. But you will -- will you be -- well, let That's just opening yourself up to disaster. 14 me strike that. 14 Q. Okay. 15 15 THE WITNESS: Our lunch is here it looks Will you be offering an opinion as to a 16 defect in the slipperiness or the coefficient of 16 like. You guys want --17 friction of the tub surface? 17 MR. COOLS: Okay. Let's take a break. A. It is a factor that needs to be understood and 18 (Break taken from 12:50 p.m. to 1:17 p.m.) 19 recognized in the usage and design of this tub. When 19 MR. COOLS: We are back on the record. 20 you have -- like you're sitting on ice, you don't want 20 Q. (BY MR. COOLS) And we just spoke about the 21 to be moving forward on an ice cube to fall off the end 21 surface friction measurements and then the technical 22 of the ice cube. What we're talking about is a surface. 22 research. And you indicated that the materials you 23 Your numbers are less than .1, which means coefficient 23 reviewed for that technical research is the stuff that 24 of friction on ice is about .1 to .2 kind of numbers. 24 we discussed when we were going through your file 25 We are very slippery. 25 materials?

Page 111 So therefore when you start talking about

2 movements in the tub to get you out of a controlled

- 3 balanced sitting position with your back and your legs
- 4 and everything sort of locked in place, you're risking
- 5 falling. You're risking slipping. That needs to be
- 6 looked at and designed into such things as to reach for
- 7 the controls. When you have as many inches as there
- 8 shows to be necessary to get to the controls requiring
- 9 you to move your body forward, repositioning your body,
- 10 taking it out of a stabilized position, that creates a
- 11 significant hazard, especially on a slippery surface.
- Q. So my question though is: Are you going to
- 13 offer an opinion that the coefficiency of friction
- 14 should have been something other than what it is in this
- 15 tub?

- 16 A. It is what it is. And because of what it is,
- 17 it should be compensated for by the correct design so
- 18 that you don't have a person unable to control their
- 19 stable position.
- Q. So you'll offer design criticisms as to other
- 21 aspects of the tub, you're not critical of the
- 22 coefficiency of friction itself?
- A. It is a number. With that number it is part of
- 24 what human factors design says, hey, we know what the
- 25 feature and the characteristic of the tub is.

- A. That is correct. 1
- 2 Q. And I'm just going to repeat the question that
- 3 Phil asked off the record.
- Right now your file for the Smith and
- 5 Cunnison cases is the same; is that correct?
- 7 MR. GOODHART: Is that a "yes"? Sorry.
- 8 THE WITNESS: I'm sorry?
- MR. GOODHART: Yes? 9
- 10 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir. Yes.
- 11 Q. (BY MR. COOLS) Okay. So let's move into the
- summary of opinions. And your first opinion there is
- 13 that the Jacuzzi walk-in tub involved in this lawsuit
- 14 should have been designed to be safely used by
- 15 individuals that would foreseeably use the unit?
- 16 A. That is correct.
- 17 Q. And I believe earlier you also said that in
- 18 terms of your defect theories that they're defective as
- 19 to certain parties or certain users. Is that a fair
- 20 summary?
- 21 A. That is correct.
- 22 Q. Okay. So what specific foreseeable users are
- 23 you talking about in terms of this particular opinion?
- 24 A. We talk about -- let's talk about age first. I
- 25 think you read earlier into the record from the human

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       Q. And just to be clear for the record, you're
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                                                                   That the amount of time used by each party at the
 2 referring to your notes as to these individual reports
                                                               3 deposition is as follows:
 3 that are contained in the --
                                                                      Mr. Charles Allen - (0h0m)
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       A. In my notes.
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                                                                      Mr. Joshua Cools - (4h16m)
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       Q. -- what we've marked as 87?
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                                                                      Mr. Philip Goodhart - (0h0m)
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       A. Yeah. Under Item 20.
                                                                   I further certify that I am neither counsel for,
                                                               8 related to, nor employed by any of the parties or
 7
       Q. Okay.
                                                               9 attorneys in the action in which this proceeding was
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             MR. COOLS: Let's go ahead and break here
                                                              10 taken, and further that I am not financially or
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             THE WITNESS: Okay.
                                                              11 otherwise interested in the outcome of the action.
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             MR. COOLS: It's 10 to 3:00. And we'll
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4	SHERRY LYNN CUNNISON, Deceased;
4	MICHAEL SMITH individually, and heir to the Estate of SHERRY LYNN CUNNISON,
5	Deceased; and DEBORAH TAMANTINI
6	individually, and heir to the Estate of SHERRY LYNN CUNNISON,
O	Deceased,
7	Plaintiffs,
8	vs. CASE NO. A-16-731244-C DEPT. NO.
J	FIRST STREET FOR BOOMERS &
9	BEYOND, INC.; AITHR DEALER, INC.; HALE BENTON, Individually, HOMECLICK,
10	LLC.; JACUZZI LUXURY BATH, d/b/a
	JACUZZI, INC.; BESTWAY BUILDING &
11	REMODELING, INC.; WILLIAM BUDD, Individually and as BUDDS PLUMBING;
12	DOES 1 through 20; ROE CORPORATIONS
13	1 through 20; DOE EMPLOYEES 1 through 20; DOE MANUFACTURERS 1 through 20; DOE
13	20 INSTALLERS 1 through 20; DOE
14	CONTRACTORS 1 through 20; and DOE 21
15	SUBCONTRACTORS 1 through 20, inclusive,
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18	VIDEOTAPED DEPOSITION OF DAVID MODENA
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l	In-House Counsel for First Street for Boomers	19	
20	and Beyond, Inc. and AITHR Dealer, Inc.	20	
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22	By: JOSHUA D. COOLS, ESQ. 3883 Howard Hughes Parkway, Suite 1100	22	
"	Las Vegas, Nevada 89159	23	
23	Attorney for Defendant Jacuzzi Brands, LLC		
24	Also Present:	24	
25	Laura Cooney, Videographer	25	
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1	THE VIDEOGRAPHER: This is the beginning of	1	A Dave's good.
2	disc number 1 in the videotaped deposition of David Modena.	2	Q Dave, I appreciate that. My name is Ben, and I
3	We are on the record on December 11, 2018, at 10:31 a.m.	3	represent the plaintiffs. As I'm sure you're aware, this is
4	Counsel have agreed to waive the usual videographer's	4	what's called a Rule 30(b)(6) deposition. And what that
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5	introduction.	5	means is you've been designated as kind of the corporate
6	Would you please introduce yourselves,	6	spokesperson to speak on behalf of the companies designated
7	starting with Plaintiff's Counsel, and the court reporter	7	in the notice. Are you aware of that?
8	will please swear in the witness.	8	A Yes.
9	MR. CLOWARD: My name is Ben Cloward, and I	9	Q Okay. And so I always like to just give a couple
10	represent the plaintiff.	10	admonitions. I'm sure you've been deposed before.
11	MR. GOODHART: This is Philip Goodhart, and I	11	A Not not no, I don't think so.
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12	represent First Street and AITHR Dealers.	12	Q First time?
13	MS. HACKNEY: Stacy Hackney, counsel for	13	A Probably so. I don't I can't recall to this
14	AITHR Dealer and First Street.	14	level, yes so, no.
15	MR. COOLS: Joshua Cools, counsel for	15	Q Hopefully it will be a decent experience for you.
16	Jacuzzi, Inc.	16	A It's going to be.
17	DAVID MODENA,	17	Q Try not to make it too rough on you. But as the
ı			designee, the corporate designee, because you're speaking on
18	having been duly sworn, testified as follows:	18	
19	DIRECT EXAMINATION	19	behalf of the company, at times I may ask a question and
20	BY MR. CLOWARD:	20	maybe you have a personal opinion about a specific topic,
21	Q Good to go. How are you today, sir?	21	but you know that the company does it a different way, I
22	A Very good. Thanks.	22	mean no disrespect by this at all, I'm not interested to
23	Q What what do you prefer to be called?	23	know your personal opinion, because your testimony is
24		24	binding on the company. You know, that's what I'm
1 44	A Just call me Dave.	44	DITIOTING OIL THE COMPANY. TOU KNOW, CHAC'S WHAT I'M
ı	O Oleans	25	interested in
25	Q Okay.	25	interested in.

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Page 103 Page 102 going anywhere. least 10 during this time of this event we're talking about, So is it fair to say that Home -- Home Living 2 the Cunnison situation. There were -- I would have to go 3 Solutions was kind of like the First Street before First back and look and see exactly how many we still had. But we had most of them in place at the time. As time went on, if 5 In fact, they came to us to see if we could help the dealer was not doing a good job, we would -- we would them with their marketing because they're not a marketing stop that relationship and take that territory ourself. 7 company. 7 Okay. Let me just see if I nail this part down, 8 Okay. So American Home Design is a dealer, 8 see if I understand it. So just let's use this 4- -- 423. Q 9 though? The top you had Jacuzzi. Bottom left is First Street. 10 Yes. They were at the time. Bottom right would be one of the dealers, which, at the time 11 All right. You said there were -the agreement started in, approximately, September of 2011, there were 13 dealers. At the time this incident took 12 I think there were 13 when we started this program 13 with Jacuzzi, in setting up our own dealer network and place, at the first of 2014, there were at least still 10 14 working with Jacuzzi exclusively, and then we covered the dealers. country, with the exception of the -- ourself being a dealer 15 Give or take one or two. It may have been 14. I 16 for those states in the middle of the country, and we can don't know -- I want to -- we can -- we can be very precise, 17 define that for you at a later date if you'd like to know if you'd like exactly how many there were, but most of them 18 who those were at the time. were still in place at this time. They were still part of 19 Q Yeah. Your testimony today is, is that there are 19 the program. We probably had not, you know, stopped but still, I think you said, 10 to 12? maybe one or two at the time, by that time. 21 Not now. Not now. There are no dealers now. We 21 Okay. Fair enough. Now, the two that you recall 22 are the only -- AITHR Dealer is the only company that's 22 as you sit here today are American Home Design, based out of 23 doing Jacuzzi tubs for us, that's still doing our tub the Nashville, Home Safety Bath, based out of California, 23 24 and that's Ken Jenkins. program. 25 At that time -- at the time there were probably at 25 A Uh-huh. Page 104 Page 105 As you sit here today, are there any others that OBR 1 0 1 Α 2 you can recall? 2 And are these construction companies? 3 Absolutely. The two that I told you I recalled 3 These are home improvement companies. These are was those that were already doing business with Jacuzzi companies that know how to sell and install home 5 prior to our relationship. improvement. They do siding, windows, typically the type of 6 Q Okay. dealers we dealt with go into homes and sell and close and 7 That's the two that were mentioned to you. install. Α 8 They -- they were already doing business with them, so 8 Gotcha. Okay. 9 that's how we got access to them, their information, their Airtite, one word, A-i-r-t-i-t-e. OBR. Fairbanks. Home Safety. American Home Design. Beldon. 10 knowledge of them being pretty good partners, competent I'm trying to think of the one up in New York that we 11 enough to be a part of our dealer network. But, no, we 12 had -- we had -- I can name a bunch of them for you, if just -- didn't last very long. I'm forgetting. Did I say 13 you'd like. There's -- I mean, do you want me to name --13 Atlas? Did I say Atlas? 14 Hold on a second. Yeah, I do. Just one moment. Huh-uh. 15 Thank you very much. Atlas. I'm trying to think of the one in New 16 York. Can't think of their name. They didn't last long. This may not be a hundred percent complete, but I 16 17 17 Shoot. can give you most of them, many of them. I'm getting older. 18 0 Okay. Yeah, if you have those names, that would 18 Beldon was one of our largest ones. They had, 19 be great. like, 27 percent of the country. They were their first 20 Fairbanks. Fairbanks Construction. dealer. Hausner. American Home Design. Atlas. OBR. 21 Airtite. Fairbanks. There was a guy in Georgia. He may Okav. have been gone by then. Tub Doctor, Tub Doctor was one. 22 Α Beldon, B-e-l-d-o-n. Hausner, H-a-u-s-n-e-r. OBR. 22 23 23 They were in Georgia. They didn't last long. He may not 24 O-B, as in boy. have been around at this point in time. There's one up in Α

New York. I just can't think of their name.

Okay.

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## 1 MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2019 AT 11:18 A.M. 2 3 THE COURT: All right. Ansara versus First Street 4 for Boomers, 731244. 5 MR. CLOWARD: Good morning, Your Honor. 6 Cloward for the Cunnison family. May we have a moment to 7 set up? 8 THE COURT: Yes. You may. 9 MR. CLOWARD: Thank you. 10 [Pause in proceedings] 11 MR. GOODHART: Your Honor, do you plan to hear the 12 motion involving Jacuzzi first or First Street? So we can -- so counsel can set up on the defense side. 13 14 THE COURT: You know what? I want to do First I think that's the easier one. 15 Street first. MR. GOODHART: 16 Okay. 17 THE COURT: Or the less complicated one, I think. 18 Let's put it that way. 19 MR. GOODHART: Thank you, Your Honor. 20 THE COURT: None of these were easy. 21 [Pause in proceedings] 22 THE COURT: Mr. Cloward, you're first. your Motion to Strike. 23 24 MR. CLOWARD: Yes, Your Honor.

THE COURT: Let's go ahead and deal with Motion to

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Strike First Street.
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MR. CLOWARD: Sounds good. Your Honor, I've always been impressed with the Court's preparation. I'm sure that the Court has read everything. I would just like to start --

THE COURT: Well, most everything.

MR. CLOWARD: -- and ask if the Court has anything in particular that it would like addressed?

THE COURT: There are several things that come to mind --

MR. CLOWARD: Okay.

THE COURT: -- but I'd like to hear argument first.

MR. CLOWARD: Certainly.

THE COURT: These are my notes. So --

MR. CLOWARD: Well, Your Honor, I think this kind of boils down to an NRCP 37(a)(3) evasive and incomplete disclosure. The rule specifically states that evasive or incomplete disclosure is essentially treated as a failure to disclose, Answer, or respond. And, in this case, we have requested vital information from both parties. And I'm going to limit my discussion to First Street because that's how the Court's indicated it wanted to do that.

But one of the important issues has been other dealers and has been marketing and has been other

incidents. At the very first of the litigation, there was a document that was produced, it was called the Manufacturing Agreement. Now, that document was a document entered into between Frist Street and Jacuzzi and it set forth the duties and responsibilities of each party. And, in that document, it specifically identified that First Street had a, quote: Network of other dealers.

So, based on the language of the document that they had provided to us, we sent discovery and said: Hey, identify the dealers that you've identified in this case. And the response was: AITHR is the only one. We burn off at a year of discovery, or half a year, whatever it is, months, and months, and months of discovery where we could have been investigating this. We could have been seeking out these dealers. And the purpose that we wanted to find the dealers was to identify other potential claimants.

As the Court understands, this is a product liability case. And, so, subsequent or prior similar incidents are relevant in the analysis, both for different reasons. So, we needed that information to find other dealers that may have relevant information in this case. That is one issue.

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them, First Street is copied in the form of one of the emails. Excuse me. First Street on one and, then, Aging in the Home on the other. And the specific pages for those is \frac{\alpha}{5}
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JACUZZI2969. These documents are essentially the 10 --

additional incidents that the Commissioner compelled

papers, saying: Hey, look, they haven't even produced

Commissioner compelled Jacuzzi to turn over. Well, the

response is: We don't have any. Well, Judge Scotti, look

no further than these documents where, on at least two of

JACUZZI2930, where Ashley.Davidson@Aihrremodlers.com is

I -- and her position is Aging in the Home remodeler so

she's a, you know, employee there, is on that document.

And, then, further, on page JACUZZI002985, there is --

looks like Simone.Robertson@FirstStreetOnline.com

[phonetic] and Kathy.Yates@FirstStreetOnline.com

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And, so, you know, that's kind of a problem. First Street says: We don't have any notice of that, we don't have any knowledge of those things, we only know of the three that we turned over. They did turn over three lawsuits that have been filed. Two of them, I represent the plaintiffs on. I mean -- you know? And, the other one, I looked it up, I had a friend in that state pull it up and it is true, it's a -- it's like a flood-type of a property damage type of a claim so it's not an injury claim but they still identified that. And that goes against their argument that -- on one hand they're saying: Judge, we didn't turn these things over because they weren't incident reports. Well, then, why did you turn over the lawsuit that had to do with property damage? know? On one hand you're saying we didn't turn it over but, then, on the other hand you did.

And during -- and, additionally, on one hand they're saying: Well, we didn't turn over these -- anything prior because only -- you know, the information you requested was subsequent. But when we ask for the dealers, which were prior, they say: Well, we're only turning over things that are subsequent.

I mean, you know, the purpose of discovery is to ascertain the truth. I can affirmatively represent to the Court that I have spent more case -- more time on this case

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than any other case in my career. And I feel like about 70 percent of that is chasing my tail based on things that they indicate. They'll tell me one thing, I'll go and track it down and it turns out to be something completely different.
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Now, both Jacuzzi and First Street have, in their Oppositions, essentially accused us of changing the allegations of our Complaint. Well, that's very interesting. And, in my Reply, I think I did a very exhaustive job pointing out the changes in the Complaints, the amendments, that didn't have anything to do with changing allegations.

THE COURT: Well, plus, that was back in June of 2017. There was a lot of time for discovery after that.

MR. CLOWARD: Yeah. And we've attempted -- you know, we put that in our deposition notices on the slipperiness. We've put -- and the other thing is, Your Honor, when you look at the subsequent incidents that Commissioner Bulla turned over -- asked them -- compelled them to turn over -- again, this is 2945 through 2969, all of these, with the exception of two of them, deal with the slipperiness issues.

Specifically, on page 2927, the Complaint: It is a complaint of slippery floor. That's -- and I won't provide the name of the individual but that's the page

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JACUZZI2938. Per daughter's homeowner, her dad has slipped twice on this tub. Page 2949: She slipped and hurt her back. Page 2970, Ms. Blank -- and I won't provide the -- say that in open court out of privacy considerations, said that we were -- she said, quote: He slipped from the seat and broke his toe. On page JACUZZI2972: The seat was slippery.
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THE COURT: You know, I got all these. The cases involving slipperiness: The *Smith* litigation; Charles Wharf [phonetic]; May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2014 claim; May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015 claim; March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015 claim; May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015 claim; this Sprout claim. Those are all the claims. I know which claims involve slippery --

MR. CLOWARD: Okay.

THE COURT: -- slipping.

MR. CLOWARD: I knew that you would be prepared so I'll move on from that. I'll move on from that.

But the point of it is is that if this didn't involve slipperiness issues, why are we agreeing on that for the search terms and why are those documents being produced? So, I think that that's a very disingenuous argument made by both, criticizing us that our allegations are moving.

And, then, the other thing with regard to First Street was that Jerre Chopper's letters were e-mailed

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directly to Dave Modena. So, not only did Ms. Chopper specifically write a letter to Stacy Hackney, corporate counsel for Aging in the Home and for First Street, but Jacuzzi corporate representatives — or corporate folks, emailed two of the letters directly to Dave Modena. So, Dave Modena had first—hand knowledge of these complaints. So, you know, First Street, in their Opposition they say: Well, we didn't have the chance to prepare him and we addressed the topics that should have led to that preparation. But he wouldn't have had to be prepared on this issue because he had first—hand knowledge of it. And, so, that's another concern is how can they say, well, you know, this was a preparation issue when he's getting these e-mails directly from Jacuzzi's corporate folks?

So, Your Honor, I know that you've done a nice job
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THE COURT: There's so much information here, though.

MR. CLOWARD: I know. It's very fact-intensive. It really is. And I tried to do a good job citing to every record so that the Court didn't have to take my word for anything. But, at the end of the day, I think that this boils down, it's as simple as this. NRCP 37(a)(3) indicates that an evasive or incomplete disclosure is a -- is --should be treated as a failure to disclose answer or

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respond. And, in this case, both parties have very carefully, and very deliberately, and very methodically, if you just take the words that they've put in their Oppositions, they've -- the reasons that we didn't produce this, or this, or this, or this, was because of this, or this, or this, or this, was because of this, or this, or this. How about you just turn over the information and, then, we fight it out in Motions in Limine whether it comes in or not? But, instead, the way that this discovery has gone is they'll represent one thing and, then, I find another.
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And I will affirmatively represent to the Court, I found out yesterday, yesterday, of another lawsuit. And I am in the process of determining whether or not that is relevant to the facts in this case. And that was yesterday. And none of that has been disclosed by either of these two parties. So, it's like every time I turn around, I find something else and that's not fair. It's not fair to my clients, it's not fair to me. We've spent a tremendous amount of money providing supplemental information to our experts.

And the fact that our experts -- here's the prejudice. The fact that our experts have had to formulate opinions in this case based on incomplete information and now they're going to have to go back and determine whether or not this additional information changes their opinions.

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            MR. CLOWARD: Yes, Your Honor.
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            MR. CLOWARD: Correct.
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            THE COURT: -- that were in a prior -- a notice a
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            MR. CLOWARD: They were both -- they were separate
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            MR. CLOWARD: -- of e-mails. And that was
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            MR. CLOWARD: No. It was within the Jacuzzi
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THE COURT: How are you doing today?

MR. GOODHART: I'm doing well. How are you?

THE COURT: Doing well. All right. Good way for
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MR. GOODHART: Wonderful way to start off the day.

First off, Your Honor, I guess I got to clear up several things here. Mr. Cloward has made numerous articles -- or arguments. I would hazard to guess that 80 percent of those arguments dealt with Jacuzzi, not with First Street. First Street is not Jacuzzi; Jacuzzi is not First Street. First Street marketed the tubs. First Street advertised the tubs. Jacuzzi manufactured the tubs and they designed the tubs. There is a Marketing Agreement in place between Jacuzzi and First Street. There are terms of that Marketing Agreement that Mr. Cloward has addressed in a comment that we're on. However, there is a dispute as to exactly what those words mean, as most manufacturing agreement contracts are.

I hypothesize that the most prudent thing would have been to take a 30(b)(6) deposition of First Street on: What does this mean? And that could have been done day two of the litigation. But it wasn't done. The 30(b)(6) deposition of the First Street representative, Mr. Modena, did not take place until December the 11<sup>th</sup>, a little bit over a month ago, Your Honor.

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was going off on these different trails. Well, those trails were created by Jacuzzi and is discovery Jacuzzi. These trails -- and he made specific reference to the dealers. Mr. Cloward did not ask any information in a discovery question to First Street about dealers until September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018, a little bit more than three months ago. That's not a year of going down rabbit trails. That question could have been asked through discovery at any point in time. Why Mr. Cloward waited until the end of
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Now, Mr. Cloward seemed to confuse First Street

and Jacuzzi again by arguing that Frist Street has sent him

over a year, I think is what he said. Well over a year, he

down these rabbit trails by our discovery responses for

First Street responded to that interrogatory.

THE COURT: So, if you don't mind?

September 2018 to ask that question, I don't know.

MR. GOODHART: Sure.

THE COURT: What about NRCP 16.1? Once the Fourth Amended Complaint was filed, would that have triggered any responsibility by First Street to provide the dealer information or dealer documents?

MR. GOODHART: We don't think it did, Your Honor, because this is a case about Ms. Cunnison.

THE COURT: About what? I'm sorry.

MR. GOODHART: Ms. Cunnison. She's the plaintiff.

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She was injured in this part. In this particular
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Aging in the Home Remodeling, was the dealer. They have a
relationship with Jacuzzi and the dealer was identified.
And the dealer is in fact a defendant in this litigation.
The dealer would have been the one that actually sold the
tub to Ms. Cunnison and the dealer would have also been the
one that arranged for another company to actually install
the tub.
          Those other companies that actually install the
tubs were defendants in this litigation, but they've been
since dismissed by the plaintiff when their initial
hypothesis that the tub didn't drain properly or there was
something wrong with the installation with the tub did not
bear out and they have been dismissed from this litigation.
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So, Mr. Cloward spent a tremendous amount of time early in this litigation chasing those rabbit holes, nothing to do with First Street, noting to do with AITHR.

So, this case, from First Street and AITHR's perspective, deals with the sale of this particular tub to Ms. Cunnison in the state of Nevada. AITHR is the only dealer of First Street that sells tubs, or has tubs, or has a dealership relationship in the state of Nevada.

Interestingly enough, what Mr. -- again, the question about dealers, when it was asked -- first off, it

was objected to as being broad in time. So, what time limit are you talking about? And when it was responded, it was responded in such a way as this case. This case deals with Ms. Cunnison, the sale of a tub in Nevada. What relevance, from First Street's perspective, because that's who was propounded upon, First Street, what relevance would the tale of a sub [sic] in Baton Rouge, Florida -- or Baton Rouge, Louisiana have on the sale of a tub in Nevada? So, it was objected to. We did, however, provide the information that within Nevada and as to this case, it would have been AITHR.

During Mr. Modena's deposition, Mr. Cloward asked a completely different question. He asked for a wide-open range of: Well, when this contract was entered into, the Manufacturing Agreement, how many different dealers did you end up creating over the years? And Mr. Modena gave him that answer. We didn't try to hide anything from him. We can only answer the discovery questions that are asked of us. If we object to a discovery question, we object to a discovery question. That's exactly what has been happening here since the first discovery responses were provided to Mr. Cloward in early September. And, then, there was subsequent discovery requests by Mr. Cloward in September and November and we responded to them, we objected to them.

We have had, by my count, two discovery dispute

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conferences with Mr. Cloward. I know in his Reply, he says there's been six or seven. I don't want to get into he said/she said.
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Nevertheless, we First Street, made it clear of what we were objecting to. We made it clear that we would be providing certain documentation. And we made it very clear that we were not going to provide the documentation that he was seeking without going to the Discovery Commissioner. That's what should have been done here, Your Honor. When he found out, when Mr. Cloward found out in October of 2018, that we would only produce these, we agreed to disagree -- and we agreed to disagree on the record in Mr. Modena's deposition, the next step would have been to brought -- bring a motion before the Discovery Commissioner. Not one single motion has been brought against First Street or AITHR in front of the Discovery Commissioner.

Mr. Cloward knows exactly what to do with the Discovery Commissioner because I think Jacuzzi's been in front of him three, four, five different times, at least. And the Discovery Commissioner has issued rulings and Jacuzzi complies with those rulings. If plaintiffs had brought a motion before the Discovery Commissioner and the Discovery Commissioner had said, Mr. Goodhart, I think you're wrong, I think you need to produce those documents,

then I could have either appealed it to Your Honor or I would have produced those documents.

What plaintiff is doing right now to First Street and AITHR is essentially telling this Court: You know what, Your Honor, we don't need the Discovery Commissioner. We don't need her to listen to these things because you and I will talk, we will agree to disagree, and then you know what, I'm going to wait until the last minute and a month before trial and I'm going to ask for a case terminating sanction and strike your Answer. We don't need the Discovery Commissioner for anything.

Mr. Cloward and I, I believe, have a very good relationship. In fact, he called me up, I think on Thursday, asking for an extra day to extend his Reply. And we had a very nice conversation. I was a little surprised to see that conversation appear in the Reply but nevertheless it did.

THE COURT: No one gave me the extra day. But that's okay.

MR. GOODHART: Well, Your Honor, again, I believe we do have a very professional relationship and I responded to the phone call because of the voicemail message that Mr. Cloward had left for me, asking to respond to his phone call.

THE COURT: Okay.

MR. GOODHART: In any event, First Street has not tried to hide the ball on anything. It's been above the board with everything in this case that has been asked for and everything we need to do under 16.1. Again, this is a case about an injury that took place in a walk-in tub as a result of possibly a slip and fall on the floor or possibly a slip off of the seat. I'm still not sure of what they're pursuing. But nevertheless, that's the information that we have.

So, again, First Street and AITHR -- First Street does the advertising, the marketing. Okay? AITHR would have sold the tub to her. AITHR actually had the individual [indiscernible] and go out to the house and do the sales presentation. We don't manufacture the tub. So, any issues dealing with an installation, we will learn about. Any issues dealing with a manufacturing problem, they go to the manufacturer, Jacuzzi. And that's what we've been advising Mr. Cloward on throughout this litigation.

Mr. Cloward brought up this Jerre Chopper. Very interesting young lady. It was a very entertaining deposition. But what's concerning to me about what Mr. Cloward's represented to this Court is that the word death trap was used in communications Ms. Chopper had. And that concerns me because, yes, that terminology and concerns

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about the safety of tub were used in e-mails to Jacuzzi, they were used in letters directed to Jacuzzi, but they were not used in any communication or e-mail directly by Ms. Chopper or her lawyers to First Street. Exhibit 19 of plaintiffs' moving papers reflect this. And I went through this in a lot of detail in the brief.

The first letter from her lawyer essentially says: We're not going to pay the \$9,700 we owe. The second letter from the lawyer to Ms. Chopper says: Yeah, we talked to First Street or AITHR and they want you to pay. Then, First Street writes Ms. Chopper and says: It's time to pay, you have a contract, please pay. Nothing at all about any dangers, concerns, or anything with the tub. Then, on December the 4<sup>th</sup>, 2012, Ms. Chopper produces a letter that is unsigned to First Street. It's a two-page It has one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 paragraphs to it. spends the entire first page talking about: I don't want to pay. I don't like this tub. It wasn't installed right. It wasn't installed timely. Why did it have to come up from over here when there's -- somebody else you could buy it from here? It's just not right for me. I used it once and it just didn't live up to what I thought it would be.

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   concern she may have, not about slipping and falling but
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   about being able to get out of a tub with an inward opening
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   door because it's full of water. And the water is designed
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   to seal the door so of course you can't get out.
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            THE COURT: You -- you're making good points.
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            MR. GOODHART:
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long to drain. And, then, she comes up with a

THE COURT: -- rather than discovery.

MR. GOODHART: So, Mr. Cloward claims that that
letter should have been produced by us. How would we know
that that letter needs to be produced by us? It doesn't
deal with slipperiness. There's really nothing in there
about safety because nobody has been injured. It has to
deal with: I don't want to pay for my tub. So, are we now
obligated to produce every single letter that we have with

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every single customer who doesn't want to pay because they have buyer's remorse?
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THE COURT: Yeah. I mean, I don't know if the scope of the request might have been too broad at one point. But I do recall a request for all customer complaints pertaining to this particular Jacuzzi walk-in tub.

MR. GOODHART: All customer complaints where an incident had occurred pertaining to this tub. And we produced every single notation report that we had that predated Ms. Cunnison's death. Conversations I've had with Mr. Cloward has said: I am not producing records that postdated that. However, I will produce records where there was an incident of somebody being injured that we became aware of --

THE COURT: All right.

 $$\operatorname{MR.}$$  GOODHART: -- that postdated her death and I did that.

THE COURT: Thanks for emphasizing that distinction.

MR. GOODHART: So, I did not produce records where slipperiness was discussed and I let Mr. Cloward know that. So, we agreed to disagree. He said I was wrong and I said I'm sorry, I think I'm right, let's talk to the Discovery Commissioner about that. We've never talked to the

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Discovery Commissioner. We've never been before the Discovery Commissioner. Mr. Cloward is going to say: Well, we had a front row seat with Jacuzzi's disputes with the Discovery Commissioner. Well, yeah, those are Jacuzzi's disputes with the Discovery Commissioner. Do you think I've done something wrong? Let's go talk to the Discovery Commissioner and she can make that decision. And, then, we can take the appropriate steps and maybe bring it before Your Honor. But we haven't been there yet. We haven't gotten there yet. We have had absolutely no discovery disputes before the Discovery Commissioner, let alone the year and a half of discovery disputes and motions before the Discovery Commissioner that's been set forth in their affidavits.
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So, Your Honor, going back to -- again, the information, and the e-mails, and the documentation that First Street will receive will relate to installation issues. You chipped my wall. It doesn't look right. It doesn't look good. Yes, there are some complaints -- and I'll represent to the Court, there are some complaints saying: My tub seems slippery. All of this postdated this incident. And I have not produced those and I've told Mr. Cloward that. If Your Honor were to tell me, Mr. Goodhart, you're wrong, you got to produce them within the next 30 days, then the next 30 days, I'm going to produce them.

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But I haven't been ordered to do so yet by the Court or the Discovery Commissioner.
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THE COURT: Well, maybe indirectly. Because I thought the Motion to Strike went to the Discovery Commissioner initially and, then, it came to me.

MR. GOODHART: No. No.

THE COURT: Is that -- no?

MR. GOODHART: What happened was, my understanding -- and I could be wrong. Mr. Cloward will correct me, of course --

THE COURT: All right.

MR. GOODHART: -- is that initially, the Motion to Strike on Order Shortening Time was filed with the Discovery Commissioner. Motion to Strike the Answer. And the Discovery Commissioner said: I don't do Motions to Strike.

THE COURT: Yeah. No. That's what I meant. She didn't hear it.

MR. GOODHART: Right. But Mr. Cloward knew that the Discovery Commissioner wasn't going to hear a Motion to Strike because of a discovery dispute conference between Jacuzzi and Mr. Cloward many months ago where Mr. Cloward did ask for terminating sanctions and a Motion to Strike and she specifically told him: If it gets down to terminating sanctions and a Motion to Strike, I'm not going

to hear that. That's up to the judge to decide. So, he knew many, many, many months ago the Discovery Commissioner would not hear a Motion to Strike an Answer.

THE COURT: Yeah. I know. She's done that two times in the past where she's referred it to me and I struck Answers --

MR. GOODHART: Right.

THE COURT: -- because she wasn't -- didn't think that she should go that far.

MR. GOODHART: But, Your Honor, what I'm talking about, the discovery dispute conferences with the Discovery Commissioner, that's what she's there for. I object to something. Plaintiffs think I haven't produced something that I should be producing. We have a conversation and I said -- told plaintiff my position, he tells me his position. Sometimes we'll agree, sometimes I'll disagree. We agreed to disagree. Next step, let's go to the Discovery Commissioner and see who's right. Instead of: You know what, I'm not even going to bother with the Discovery Commissioner, I'm going to go straight for the jugular and I'm going to get your Answer stricken. That's what's happened here.

Now, again, Jacuzzi is in a little bit different of a position. That's why I think it's very important for this Court and plaintiff when they're arguing, not to

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   Throughout his Motion, throughout his argument, he is
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   throwing in Jacuzzi's issues and, then, lumping them on top
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   brief as well, trying to find case law that's going to help
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   Young that dealt with a willful creation of evidence.
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            THE COURT: Yeah.
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            THE COURT: Well, that's a pretty well-known case,
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            MR. GOODHART: But let's kind of -- the three
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   things in Bahena that plaintiffs cited in their Reply were:
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conflate the two, which is exactly what has happened here.

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MR. GOODHART: At one of the Discovery Commissioner's hearings, the Discovery Commissioner ordered Goodyear to specify which documents were responsive to which requests for production of documents. I haven't been ordered by the Discovery Commissioner to do anything. Goodyear failed to comply with that order. The Discovery Commissioner then ordered a PMK depo for the authenticity of documents to be done by a certain date. That -- I haven't been ordered to do that. Goodyear failed to comply with that order. They were also ordered to verify their answers in interrogatories. They failed to comply with that order and their Answer was stricken. They had three strikes, three orders they failed to comply with, and it was stricken. How many orders has First Street failed to comply with? Zero. How many orders has AITHR failed to comply with? How many Motions to Compel have been Zero. filed and served on counsel for First Street? Zero. many Motions to Compel have been filed and served on AITHR by counsel? Zero. And here we are asking for terminating sanctions.

I don't know if Your Honor has any other questions?

THE COURT: Nope. You're good. Thank you.

MR. GOODHART: All right. Thank you.

THE COURT: All right. Looks like we'll have time

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for a reply. Wait. Yes. Go ahead. Were you joining?

MS. GOODWIN: No. I'm with Phil's office.
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THE COURT: Great. All right. We're probably going to have to take a lunch break in here before we get to the Jacuzzi motion, guys. Just letting you know if you wanted to stay and it's fine or go take your break now.

But I got to give a staff lunch. So -- but let's finish up the argument on this one.

MR. GOODHART: That's fine, Your Honor. No problem at all.

THE COURT: All right.

MR. CLOWARD: Thank you, Your Honor. I'm kind of addressing the issues that were raised by First Street in reverse chronological order.

THE COURT: Right.

MR. CLOWARD: Regarding the discovery, you know, no motions have been filed. You know, that's a disingenuous argument. We submitted the Motion to Compel the e-mails. The Discovery Commissioner returned it because she wanted more specificity as to when we needed the issue resolved. In the interim, I provided that to counsel and said: Hey, we're going to resubmit this, sure wish that you guys would comply. And, then, they turned over the e-mails so we never refiled the motion. We attempted to file the motion. They knew that we attempted

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submit it to the Discovery Commissioner first and she specifically referred both matters to Your Honorable Court. And, so, we did attempt to go to the Commissioner first on these issues.

And, then, regarding the -- this matter, we did

to file the motion because I provided that to them.

Now, with regard to -- I don't want there to be any acknowledgement or concession on my behalf that what Mr. Goodhart has represented regarding e-mails and incidents. He is, in my view, is merging two separate and distinct issues. While it is true that Mr. Goodhart and I had a good faith discussion about e-mails and the production of e-mails with regard to advertising, that was very limited to the production of e-mails and advertising in his -- and the view -- that the opinion that we kind of came to that was their position was: We're not going to produce marketing e-mails after her death because how could she possibly have relied on those issues? And I said: I mean, I could kind of see that. That makes sense. If she's passed away, she's obviously not going to be picking up Baby Boomers and Beyond advertisement and relying on that. So, that makes sense. That was the extent of the discussion.

To somehow now morph that into, hey, we agreed universally that we were only going to provide incidents

before this, that is not true. And I want to take a firm stand on that. That is not the case. I never agreed to that. There was never any limitation to that. So, I want to be very clear on that.

Now, with regard to the communications, that the ultimate issue that we have with Jerre Chopper's complaints is -- and I find this difficult to understand how First Street can stand before the Court and say: Look, this was all about the sales. The very first thing that she says in her December 4, 2012 letter is:

Your letter of November 29 regarding the above is received. You claim to have no knowledge of any defect in the tub.

End quote.

So, after her first letter, Stacy Hackney then sends her a letter. Stacy Hackney is corporate counsel, sends her a letter and says: Hey, it looks like you're only complaining about the contract here. We don't -- you know, it doesn't have anything to do with the defect.

Well, she sets the record straight in the very next correspondence that she sends. And that's the first thing that she says. Sentence 1 is Stacy -- Ms. Hackney, you claim to have no issue with -- no knowledge of any defect. And, then, she sets forth what the defects were.

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produced, that's -- I have a hard time with that.

-- this is a big ask. This is a big ask. But I am asking for Your Honor to obtain a transcript of today's proceedings and review what was just represented to you in open court. Because what was represented to you in open court was that the reason that First Street did not turn over the dealers was because it was -- they objected and limited it to just Ms. Cunnison. Also, they objected and limited it to just Nevada. Those were the reasons that were given as to why all dealers were not provided. let me read into the record -- and, you know, so that the Court doesn't have to rely on my representation of what counsel for First Street said. That's why I'm asking for the Court to review that so that you don't have to rely on me, Judge. But this is what the interrogatory requested. And I'm going to cite from the record. It's page 9 of my Motion, of Plaintiffs' Motion, and it says, quote:

Interrogatory number 1: In the Manufacturing Agreement between First Street and Jacuzzi, Bates stamped as JACUZZI001588 through JACUZZI001606, the document indicates that First Street desired Jacuzzi to manufacture walk-in tubs and other bath products for its first -- or for First Street and its network of dealers and distributors. Dash. Please list all

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The Answer, quote: Objection. This interrogatory is overbroad with respect to time frame. Without waiving said objections, the only dealer or distributor within the network of First Street is AITHR. As First Street's discovery on this issue is ongoing, defendant reserves the right to amend and/or supplement this response as additional information becomes known.

Nowhere did First Street say: Hey, look, we're only providing you Las Vegas. Hey, we're only providing you Ms. Cunnison's. None of that.

And any objection regarding the time with regard to the scope of the operative time, they can't make an objection to say: We didn't know when you're talking I specifically referenced the Manufacturing Agreement that you cited to.

THE COURT: Yeah. Didn't they at least -- they tried to limit it in their response. I mean, they used the word is. Right? Is is present tense. They -- now, I'm not saying, you know, that they were reasonable or unreasonable in their limitation but they did say, you know, the only dealer is, as present tense. So, it is ambiguous. I don't know if it's intentionally evasive.

MR. CLOWARD: Well --

THE COURT: I don't know if I could even draw that conclusion. But it seems to me there might be an argument there that they were trying to say, we're not going to focus on the dealers that were perhaps in the relevant time period, which they should've focused on when the incident took place, but we're just going to focus on now. Perhaps that's what they were thinking or trying to do. I don't know if that — that probably wouldn't have been the right thing to do under the circumstances. But it sounds like you didn't challenge that after they gave us that response.

MR. CLOWARD: Well, I am challenging it now. And

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THE COURT: Right. Right.

MR. CLOWARD: And, certainly, I sought the questions at the deposition of Dave Modena. But, I guess, what is the purpose of, you know, 37(a)(3) when it talks about elusive discovery tactics?

THE COURT: Yeah.

MR. CLOWARD: I mean, is it our job as attorneys to try and craft and artfully respond in ways that preclude issues so that the other side doesn't have those? I mean, is that our job --

THE COURT: Yeah.

MR. CLOWARD: -- or is it our job to turn everything over?

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            THE COURT: It did smack us some swift dealing
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   there. But I'll -- I'm going to consider that further.
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            MR. CLOWARD: Okay. And the only other thing,
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   Your Honor, is I believe that it was affirmatively stated
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            THE COURT: No. I got it. I appreciate that.
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   Thank you for responding to my questions.
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            MR. CLOWARD: Okay.
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            THE COURT: You have good argument. I wish I had
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            MR. CLOWARD: No problem.
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            THE COURT: -- and we'll come back. What do I
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            THE COURT: At 1?
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            THE COURT: Which is important for the people
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            MR. CLOWARD: Okay.
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            THE COURT: All right?
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            MR. CLOWARD: Fair enough.
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            THE COURT: But let's come -- so, why don't you
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   come back at, let's say 1:15. Does that work for
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            MR. CLOWARD: Fair enough. Yeah.
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            MR. GOODHART: Yes, Your Honor.
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            THE COURT: So, we're -- okay.
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            MR. CLOWARD: Thank you.
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            THE COURT: Thank you. All right. Court is in
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            MR. GOODHART: Your Honor, are we done with First
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            THE COURT: Thank you. I'm taking it under
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   advisement. I want to look at the transcript and study
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            MR. GOODHART: All right. Thank you, Your Honor.
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            THE COURT: All right. Under advisement.
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            MR. CLOWARD: Your Honor, may I obtain these
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            THE COURT: Let me know when you're all set up,
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            MR. CLOWARD: We're ready. I am.
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   and hear from you.
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            MR. CLOWARD: Thank you.
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   exhaustively sets forth the issues and I can tell that the
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   were asked, so I'm not going to go into the granular
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   details of the discovery dispute.
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            THE COURT: Okay.
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            MR. CLOWARD: I just wanted to point out one
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   thing. You know, Jacuzzi is essentially in violation --
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