#### IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

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CLA PROPERTIES LLC, A CALIFORNIA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY,

Appellant,

VS.

SHAWN BIDSAL, AN INDIVIDUAL,

Respondent.

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Claimant.

CLA PROPERTIES, LLC, a California limited liability company,

Respondent.

Reference #:1260005736

Arbitrator: Hon. David T. Wall (Ret.)

### CLAIMANT SHAWN BIDSAL'S BRIEF REGARDING THE TESTIMONY OF DAVID LEGRAND, ESQ.

COMES NOW Claimant SHAWN BIDSAL, an individual ("Bidsal"), by and through his attorneys of record, SMITH & SHAPIRO, PLLC and GERRARD COX LARSEN, and hereby files Bidsal's Brief Regarding the Testimony of David LeGrand, Esq.

I.

#### PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

During the present arbitration, issues arose with the respect to David LeGrand, Esq.'s ("LeGrand") anticipated testimony. Those issues are as follows:

(1) Who has the authority to waive the Attorney-Client privilege for Green Valley Commerce, LLC when there are two managers that are deadlocked on the decision and two owners that are deadlocked on the decision?

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- (2) Has there been a waiver of the Attorney-Client privilege that protects communications between LeGrand and his client, particularly those communications between LeGrand and the Client's manager, Mr. Bidsal?
- (3) Does the Arbitrator have the authority to compel LeGrand to testify, when LeGrand has stated his intention not to testify due to concerns about violating either the Attorney-Client Privilege or the Nevada Rules of Professional Conduct ("<u>RPC</u>")?
- (4) Have the parties waived conflict of interest issues with respect to LeGrand?

On May 21, 2021, through previously undisclosed counsel, Rob Bare, Esq., Respondent submitted CLA Properties, LLC's Brief Re: (1) Waiver of the Attorney-Client Privilege; and (2) Compelling the Testimony of David LeGrand, Esq. (the "Bare Brief"). The Bare Brief only addresses two of these issues: (1) waiver of the attorney-client privilege and (2) whether LeGrand can be compelled to testify. The Bare Brief does not even attempt to address the very serious conflict of interest issue, which obviously cannot be decided by the arbitrator as the arbitrator lacks any jurisdiction to decide the issue. Obviously, CLA chose to ignore the conflict of interest issue because it is impossible to reconcile LeGrand's absolute and existing conflict of interest, which creates very real malpractice jeopardy for LeGrand and could impact his license to practice law in Nevada.

II.

#### STATEMENT OF FACTS

### A. <u>LEGRAND AS COUNSEL FOR GREEN VALLEY COMMERCE, LLC.</u>

The Green Valley Commerce, LLC ("<u>GVC</u>") Operating Agreement is very clear about the role that LeGrand played with respect to the representation of GVC. Article XIII, Section 1, of the GVC Operating Agreement ("<u>GVC OPAG</u>") states, "[T]his Agreement has been prepared by David G. LeGrand, Esq. (the "<u>Law Firm</u>"), as legal counsel to the Company, and: (A) The Members have been advised by the Law Firm that a conflict of interest would exist among the Members and the Company as the Law Firm is representing the Company and not any individual members..." [Arb. Ex. <sup>1</sup> 5]. (emphasis added).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> In addition to the Exhibits attached to the present Brief (which are referred to as a "Motion Exhibit" or "Mot. Ex."), reference is also made to the Arbitration Exhibits admitted into evidence in the underlying Arbitration. These will be referred to as an "Arbitration Exhibit" or "Arb. Ex."

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Additionally, Article XIII, Section 1(D) of the GVC OPAG states "[t]he Law Firm has not given any advice or made any representations to the Members with respect to any consequences of this Agreement and (E) [t]he Members have been advised that the terms and provisions of this Agreement may have tax consequences and the Members have been advised by the Law Firm to seek independent counsel with respect thereto." [Arb. Ex. 5] (emphasis added). Ironically, CLA is attempting to call LeGrand as a witness to ask him specifically about representations he allegedly made to Bidsal (Bidsal has no recollection of any representations ever occurring) about the meaning and consequences of the language in the GVC OPAG. So, the very purpose for which CLA seeks LeGrand's testimony (representations or advice by LeGrand to the Members about the language of the GVC OPAG), the GVC OPAG recites never happened.

The significance of Article XIII, Section 1(D) cannot be overstated, because this language exists to protect LeGrand from the very conflict of interest at issue. If LeGrand had given advice or made representations to the Members with respect to the meaning and consequences of the Operating Agreement, he would have created an irreconcilable conflict of interest for himself.

The Bare Brief also completely fails to recognize that Bidsal is not GVC and GVC is not Bidsal, as well as the fact that Golshani is not GVC and GVC is not Golshani. CLA clearly failed to consider that the members of a limited liability company, when acting in their personal capacity as members and for their personal benefit, cannot be acting for the limited liability company. This error is apparent throughout the Bare Brief. One such example is the statement, "Mr. Bidsal Waived Any Applicable Attorney-Client Privilege By: (1) Failing to Object to the Introduction of GVC's Purported Privileged Documents And Testimony; And (2) Subsequently Utilizing the Same in Two Separate Litigation Matters." *See* the Bare Brief at 5:14-16.

The Bare Brief raises three separate disputes between Bidsal and either Golshani and/or CLA, in its effort to somehow explain away CLA's lack of authority to act unilaterally for GVC in waiving any attorney-client privilege. First, CLA raises the present arbitration (the "Present Arbitration"). Second, CLA raises Bidsal v. Golshani (Case No. A-17-759982), which is litigation involving a completely different client of LeGrand's, that being Mission Square, LLC (the "Mission Square Litigation"). Finally, CLA raises JAMS Arbitration No. 1260004569, which is the first arbitration F:(702)318-5034

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involving GVC (the "<u>Initial Arbitration</u>"). GVC is not, and has never been, a party to the Present Arbitration, the Mission Square Litigation and/or the Initial Arbitration. In all three of these disputes, Bidsal has represented himself, in his individual capacity and has been advocating for his personal benefit and not as a representative of GVC. Likewise, the records reflect that in all three disputes, Golshani has either represented himself and/or CLA and has been advocating for his personal benefit or CLA's benefit and not as a representative of GVC.

#### 1. GVC Was Not a Party to the Initial Arbitration.

In the Initial Arbitration, the Claimant was CLA Properties, LLC ("<u>CLA</u>") in its capacity as a <u>member</u> of GVC. This fact is evidenced by CLA's Demand for Arbitration dated September 26, 2017, which states under the heading "nature of dispute" the followin: "Claimant and Respondent are the sole members of Green Valley Commerce, LLC, a Nevada limited liability company ('Green Valley'), each witha [sic] 50% membership interest." [Arb. Ex. 47 at BIDSAL003893-3897] (emphasis added).

Also, in the Demand for Arbitration in the Initial Arbitration, under the "Arbitration Provision Location," CLA highlighted Article III, Section 14.1 of the GVC Operating Agreement ("GVC OPAG"). [Arb. Ex. 47 at BIDSAL003895]. In quoting Article III, Section 14.1 CLA stated,

Dispute Resolution. [After providing for possible resolution through representatives which has taken place without success it states] [sic] [A]ny controversy, dispute or claim arising out of or rlating [sic] in any way to this Agreement or the transactions arising hereunder shall be seetled [sic] exclusively by arbitration in the City of Las Vegas, Nevada. Such arbitration shall be administered by JAMS in accordance with its then prevailing expeidted [sic] rules, by one independent and impartial arbitrator selected in accordance with such rules.

The arbitration shall be governed by the United States Arbitration Act, 9 U.S.C. § 1 et seq. The fees and expenses of JAMS and the arbitrator shall be shared equally *by the Members* and advanced by them from time to time as required; provided that at the con; clusion [sic] of the arbitration, the arbitrator shall award costs and expenses (including the costs of the arbitration [sic] previously advanced and the [sic] fees and expenses of attorneys, accounts and other experts ) to the prevailing party." (Other details follow within the section.)

<u>Id</u>. Notably, GVC was not a party to Initial Arbitration. Additionally, the Demand for Arbitration does not include either Bidsal and/or Golshani as managers of GVC. *Id*.

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#### 2. **GVC** is Not a Party in the Mission Square Litigation.

In the Mission Square Litigation, the Plaintiff is Bidsal (as an individual), Defendant is Golshani (as an individual), Counterclaimants are Golshani (as an individual) and CLA (as a limited liability company), and Counterdefendant is Bidsal (as an individual). [Golshani's Exhibit "C" at pg 21. Notably, GVC is not named as a party and none of the parties include Bidsal and/or Golshani as managers for GVC. Id.

#### GVC is Not a Party in the Present Arbitration. 3.

In the Present Arbitration, as your Honor is well aware, the parties are Bidsal (as a member of GVC) and CLA (as a member of GVC). GVC is not a party to the Present Arbitration.

#### В. LEGRAND'S PRIOR TESTIMONY.

LeGrand testified in the Mission Square Litigation via deposition on March 20, 2018. [Golshani's Exhibit "C"]. LeGrand then testified in the Initial Arbitration on May 9, 2018. [Golshani's Exhibit "E"]. However, understanding exactly what LeGrand testified about and why it did not constitute a waiver of attorney-client privilege is extremely important. While the Bare Brief makes general references and self-serving, conclusory statements regarding LeGrand's testimony, it never quotes LeGrand's actual testimony... because LeGrand's actual testimony contradicts CLA's narrative.

In the Initial Arbitration LeGrand testified that he first gave a flash drive of his GVC file to counsel for CLA, before meeting with counsel for CLA to try "...to put some of the documents together..." [Golshani's Exhibit "E" at 269:13-19]. LeGrand's production of these documents is irrelevant to the attorney-client privilege issue because his documents do not include confidential and privileged communications with his client's representatives, that the other client representative is not already a party to and certainly does not disclose communications regarding any disputed matter between the members of GVC, that was in dispute at the time of the communications. [Arb. Ex. 5]. LeGrand also testified that he did not have any present recollection, other than what was contained in the documents produced. [Golshani's Exhibit "E" at 288:1-5]. Further, LeGrand also admitted that he was simply drawing inferences from what he had written in the past, that he remembered events in generalities, but that due to the length of time that had passed, he did not

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recall specifics. [Golshani's Exhibit "E" at 288:12-19]. LeGrand then testified, "...I've been working on projects with Ben for a number of years, yes." <u>Id</u>. at 308:7-8. Finally, LeGrand testified "...Mr. Golshani had instructed that I should produce the documents." <u>Id</u>. 329:16-17.

Importantly, LeGrand never testified that he had communications with any client representative about the meaning of any language in the GVC OPAG, and if such communications did occur (which Bidsal denies), LeGrand never testified about such confidential communications. Since these are the confidential communications at issue in this case about which CLA is seeking LeGrand's testimony, if LeGrand never disclosed these alleged communications in the past then it is impossible for the attorney-client privilege to have been waived by such prior testimony. Furthermore, LeGrand's testimony that he could not recall any specific conversations outside of what is contained in the documents themselves is of paramount importance as it demonstrates that at no time did LeGrand provide any testimony that would be covered by the attorney-client privilege.

#### C. <u>LEGRAND CREATED A CONFLICT OF INTEREST FOR HIMSELF.</u>

Despite the language drafted by LeGrand and included in the GVC OPAG expressly stating that a conflict of interest would exist if LeGrand were to ever represent any individual GVC member, as he was counsel solely for the entity GVC and thus could not represent either of the members, he violated his professional conduct obligations by apparently providing legal representation and legal advice to both Golshani and CLA, (which advice was adverse to Bidsal), with respect to Golshani's attempts to purchase Bidsal's interest in GVC in 2017. This representation of CLA is evidenced by LeGrand's correspondence to Golshani dated July 28, 2017. A true and correct copy of LeGrand's July 28, 2017 correspondence to Golshani is attached hereto as *Exhibit "1"* and is incorporated herein by this reference for the limited purpose of use in this brief and not to become evidence in the arbitration. In LeGrand's July 28, 2017 correspondence, LeGrand provided legal advice to CLA in CLA's capacity as a member of his client GVC, stating "I looked over...your tax returns" and "[t]he process for the sale is exactly as you described it." *Id.* This correspondence was sent only to Golshani, and not to Bidsal. *Id.* The type of advice provided to CLA and Golshani by LeGrand is exactly the type contemplated by Article XIII of the OPAG that would cause a conflict of interest to arise, that is tax consequences and the interpretation of terms and provisions of the OPAG. [Arb. Ex. 5].

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LeGrand confirmed that he represented Golshani personally during the period of March 2018 during his limited testimony in the Present Arbitration. When counsel for CLA asked LeGrand "Did you understand that if you spoke to me to set up this deposition you were doing so as Mr. Golshani's lawyer?" LeGrand responded, "Yeah." See Present Arbitration Transcript at 1130:24-25 – 1131:1, a true and correct copy of which is attached hereto as *Exhibit* "2".

LeGrand's improper representation of CLA, while at the same time representing the personal interests of Golshani as a member of GVC, and LeGrand's improper advising of Golshani and CLA regarding how they should proceed in pursuing CLA's individual rights under the buy-sale provisions of the GVC OPAG, is further evidenced by a draft letter from LeGrand to Bidsal's counsel (the "Conflict Letter"). A true and correct copy of the Conflict Letter is attached hereto as Exhibit "3" and incorporated herein by this reference. The Conflict Letter, also dated July 28, 2017, had a subject line of "Re: Green Valley Commerce LLC ("GVC") Sale Process." Id. In the Conflict Letter, LeGrand expresses a legal opinion on behalf of one member of GVC, (CLA), against the other member of GVC, (Bidsal). Id. LeGrand also advocated on behalf of CLA and Golshani, stating that CLA rejected Bidsal's nomination of appraisers and that Golshani was prepared to open escrow to effectuate the sale of Bidsal's interest in GVC. Id. Obviously, this created an irreconcilable conflict of interest for LeGrand, which has never been waived by Bidsal or GVC. Notably, the documents produced by LeGrand do not contain a conflict-of-interest waiver signed by GVC and/or Bidsal.

Additionally, during his deposition, LeGrand testified that Golshani sent LeGrand a draft of CLA's August 3, 2017 response to Bidsal's Offer to Purchase CLA's interest in GVC and stated "He [Golshani] just asked that I look over the letter and make sure he had, you know, the language to respond appropriate to the offer from Shawn that was back in I think this July 7th." [Golshani's Exhibit "C" at 70:1-17]. When asked who drafted CLA's August 3, 2017 correspondence to Bidsal, LeGrand responded, "I think it was collaborative" between LeGrand and Golshani. [Golshani's Exhibit "C" at 70:1-23].

LeGrand himself realized the conflict that he created prior to sending the Conflict Letter to Bidsal's counsel. LeGrand was asked about the Conflict Letter in the March 2018 deposition, "[d]o

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The Conflict Letter was introduced as Exhibit "29" to David LeGrand's deposition.

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you have a recollection of why you didn't send it?" [Golshani's Exhibit "C" at 73:9-10]. LeGrand responded, "[w]ell, I had originally represented Green Valley, which had Ben as the majority capital source and Shawn as his partner. And as I evaluated this situation, it began to appear that this was going to be adversarial. So I'm not sure I have a conflict in this context, but – and I haven't represented Green Valley for years, haven't done any work with Mr. Bidsal for a couple of years now that – I think it's a couple of years. And I just felt that I should not try to take sides, one partner against another." [Golshani's Exhibit "C" at 73:9-20]. While, LeGrand doesn't admit that he had created a conflict, it is clear by his actions, that he realized he had done exactly that and was seeking to limit the damage he himself had created.

#### III.

## STATEMENT OF AUTHORITIES

## ISSUE NUMBER 1 – ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE.

#### 1. The Client Holds the Privilege.

NRS 49.045 defines "client" as "a person, including a public officer, corporation, association or other organization or entity, either public or private, who is rendered professional legal services by a lawyer, or who consults a lawyer with a view to obtaining professional legal services from the lawyer." "In a corporate context, a client corporation is not a living entity that can make decisions independently – people have to make decisions on its behalf. See Las Vegas Sands Corp. v. Eight Judicial Dist. Court of the State of Nevada, 331 P.3d 905, 130 Nev. Adv. Op. 69 (Nev. 2014).

"While the corporation can only communicate with its attorneys through human representatives, those representatives are communicating on behalf of the corporation, not on behalf of themselves, as corporate managers or directors." Id. (emphasis added). "Moreover, the court finds very convincing the language in Weintraub, which states that the privilege belongs to the corporation, can be asserted or waived only by management, and that this power transfers when control of the corporation is transferred to new management." See Las Vegas Sands Corp. v. Eighth Judicial Dist.

Court of the State of Nevada, 331 P.3d 905, 130 Nev. Adv. Op. 69 (Nev. 2014) citing Montgomery v. 26

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> As a point of clarification, LeGrand's testimony was not that he had not <u>represented</u> Bidsal in a "couple of years" but rather that he had not done any "work with Mr. Bidsal for a couple of years."

2520 St. Rose Parkway, Suite 220 Henderson, NV 89074 O:(702)318-5033 F:(702)318-5034 Entreppid Techs., L.L.C., 548 F.Supp.2d 1175 (D. Nev. 2008). The <u>Sands</u> court clearly distinguished between a human representative of a corporation acting on behalf of himself versus a human representative of a corporation acting as a corporate representative. In this instance (and in the Mission Square Litigation and the Initial Arbitration) the corporate representatives of GVC were present and active in the disputes but each has always been acting on behalf of himself and not as a corporate representative. The Bare Brief ignores this distinction in its entirety.

Given that GVC is the holder of the privilege, it is the only entity that can assert or waive the privilege. When acting as a company representative, any communications between the company representative and the company attorney are privileged communications and subject to the attorney client privilege of NRS 49.095, which provides:

A client has a privilege to refuse to disclose, and to prevent any other person from disclosing, confidential communications:

1. Between the client or the client representative and the client's lawyer...

See NRS 49.095. Bidsal, as a representative of the client (GVC), has the right to raise the privilege for communications between Bidsal and LeGrand where Bidsal was acting on behalf of GVC, and LeGrand may not disclose such communications to any third party (like the Arbitrator) as it would violate the privilege.

Under NRS 49.095, the privilege obviously applies to any communications between Bidsal and LeGrand regarding the formation of the GVC OPAG because Bidsal was communicating with LeGrand as a manager and representative of GVC about the formation of GVC. The privilege would not prevent LeGrand from disclosing any such communications to CLA, as another manager of GVC, but NRS 49.095 absolutely prevents LeGrand from disclosing such communications to the Arbitrator or any other third party. Further, CLA cannot testify about any such communications (learned through LeGrand) as they would constitute hearsay. Bidsal has unequivocally stated that he recalls no such communications ever occurring, but if they did occur, they are clearly privileged communications. Therefore, CLA must prove that the attorney-client privilege was waived by GVC in order to escape the privilege. However, since Bidsal is an equal manager to CLA and has never consented to any such waiver, a waiver is legally impossible under these circumstances. The objection asserted by Bidsal in

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the Present Arbitration is that LeGrand has failed to receive authorization from his client, GVC, prior to testifying and that such authorization is impossible as Bidsal (an equal manager) will never consent to such authorization.<sup>4</sup>

#### 2. Only the Client Can Waive the Privilege.

GVC has never been waived its attorney-client privilege for any communications between Bidsal, as a representative of GVC, and LeGrand. In the First Arbitration CLA made demands to benefit itself, and Bidsal asserted his counterclaims to benefit himself. Neither party to the Initial Arbitration was acting to benefit GVC or on behalf of GVC. The same is true for the Mission Square Litigation and for the Present Arbitration. As GVC has clearly never waived its privilege, and LeGrand admitted to representing Golshani in his March 20, 2018 deposition, LeGrand was potentially disclosing confidential information obtained during his representation of GVC on behalf of Golshani by presenting testimony in front of the court reporter. Bidsal, who was present, did not object because LeGrand never attempted to provide any testimony about privileged communications between Bidsal, as a representative of GVC, and LeGrand, as the GVC attorney, about the meaning of the buy-sale language of the GVC OPAG. LeGrand may have offered his own irrelevant opinions about the meaning of the GVC OPAG, but aside from being irrelevant, LeGrand's opinions do not implicate the attorney-client privilege unless his opinions are based upon confidential communications with either Golshani or Bidsal about the meaning of such language. However, if such opinions are provided to advocate on behalf of either Bidsal or Golshani, it would certainly create a conflict of interest for LeGrand that could jeopardize his license and subject him to a malpractice claim. Finally, it must be clearly stated that LeGrand's opinions are irrelevant in this case because it is only the intent of the parties to the GVC OPAG (Bidsal and CLA through Golshani) that can provide parol evidence about what they believed they were agreeing to when they signed the GVC OPAG, (in order to explain the ambiguous language of the GVC OPAG). LeGrand could only testify about what the parties intended if he had discussions with the parties about the meaning and interpretation of the GVC OPAG (which

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> On a separate, yet related, note, CLA states that, "Mr. Golshani and Mr. Bidsal further stipulated to using Mr. LeGrand's testimony, as well as the documents he produced, in the First GVC Arbitration that was heard by Judge Haberfeld." This statement appears to be Mr. Bare's testimony, as it is unsupported by evidence. Bidsal objects to the assertion that any such stipulation exists.

the GVC OPAG expressly recites never happened and which LeGrand has already said he could not recall), and any such testimony about such discussions would be protected by the attorney-client privilege.

As a further indication that the attorney-client privilege issue was not waived on behalf of GVC, LeGrand already testified that he simply could not recall the vast majority of communications between himself and GVC, stating, that it was fair to say that he did not have any present recollection, other than what was contained in the documents produced. [Golshani's Exhibit "E" at 288:1-5]. LeGrand also agreed that he was drawing inferences from what he had written in the past, that he remembered events in generalities, but that due to the length of time that had passed, he did not recall specifics. [Golshani's Exhibit "E" at 288:12-19]. Clearly based upon this testimony, it is highly unlikely that LeGrand would have been capable at the Initial Arbitration of recalling any attorney-client privileged communication outside of the documents he produced with the bates stamp prefix of DL00. If he could not recall such privileged information, he certainly could not have disclosed any such information during the Initial Arbitration, making it impossible for any inadvertent waiver.

CLA makes the argument that Bidsal waived the attorney-client privilege between GVC and LeGrand because he failed "to object to the February 2018 Notice of Deposition of Mr. LeGrand and the Subpoena Duces Tecum issue to Mr. LeGrand." *See* Bare Brief at pg. 7. This assertion is a convoluted misrepresentation on multiple levels. First and foremost, the February 2018 Notice of Deposition was in litigation unrelated to GVC, the Mission Square Litigation. Second, Bidsal had no reason to object to Golshani and CLA receiving documents from GVC's counsel, as CLA, as a member of GVC (and Golshani as managing member of CLA), was entitled to the documents requested. *See* [Arb. Ex. 5]. Third, if GVC had been a party to the Mission Square Litigation for which the Subpoena Duces Tecum was issued (which it was not), there would have been no need for a Subpoena Duces Tecum, as GVC would have been subject to the discovery process and would have been required to

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Although CLA makes a practice of stating the GVC OPAG and the Mission Square OPAG are "virtually identical," that assertion is patently untrue. Most notably, the members of the two operating agreements differ as do several of the key provisions of the documents. For example, the reason that the Mission Square Litigation is in the Eighth Judicial District Court is that there is no arbitration provision contained within.

produce relevant documents without the need for a subpoena. Fourth, Bidsal brought the Mission Square Litigation in his personal capacity, to benefit him as an individual and not in his capacity as manager of GVC. Clearly, Bidsal's actions with respect to the February 2018 Notice of Deposition of LeGrand and the Subpoena Duces Tecum, have no bearing on whether GVC waived the attorney-client privilege it holds with LeGrand. Most importantly, a waiver must be intentional and clearly stated. There is no evidence that Bidsal ever knowingly agreed to waive any attorney-client privilege held by GVC, and certainly nothing evidencing such a waiver has been presented in the Bare Brief.

## 3. GVC Never Waived the Attorney-Client Privilege.

Aside from arguing that there was an implied waiver of the attorney-client privilege (which as outlined next, is absurd as LeGrand could not recall any privileged communications), Golshani fails to attach anything which would constitute a waiver by GVC. Under Article IV of the Operating Agreement, the ability to make decisions on behalf of GVC is vested in the "Management" which is defined as Bidsal and Golshani. [Arb. Ex. 5, at 8-9] Thus, it would require the affirmative vote of both Bidsal and Golshani to waive the attorney-client privilege. Because Bidsal has never so voted, it is legally impossible for GVC to have waived the attorney-client privilege.

## 4. <u>LeGrand's Prior Testimony Does Not Constitute Any Type of a Waiver.</u>

One of the arguments raised by Golshani and CLA is that simply by virtue of the fact that LeGrand had his deposition taken and subsequently testified at the Arbitration hearing means that the attorney-client privilege has been waived. However, this argument ignores the fact that there are topics and questions on which LeGrand could properly testify without violating the attorney-client privilege... which is exactly what occurred. The fact that the Bare Brief fails to actually cite to any testimony from LeGrand serves to underscore that LeGrand never actually provided testimony regarding anything covered by the attorney-client privilege. The reality is that LeGrand's testimony was primarily used to authenticate the different documents which were already in evidence. As outlined above, he simply could not recall anything except what was contained in the documents themselves. [Golshani's Exhibit "E" at 288:1-19]

In summary, and in response to Issue Number 1, there has not been a waiver of attorney-client privilege between LeGrand and his client, because his client, GVC, has never waived the privilege.

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As GVC (the Client) is the only entity that is capable of waiving such a privilege and it has not done so, waiver, either in part or in total, is impossible. However, in the unlikely event that your Honor determines that a partial waiver took place, which Bidsal asserts never happened, then the waiver is only as to the documents produced by LeGrand, as LeGrand admitted that he does not have a recollection of the communications between himself and GVC absent said documents, making it impossible for him to disclose communications for which he has no memory. Therefore, any waiver that may have occurred would only be a partial waiver and limited to LeGrand's previously produced GVC file.

#### ISSUE NUMBER 3 – CONFLICT OF INTEREST.<sup>6</sup> B.

#### 1. **Conflict of Interest – Current Clients.**

Nevada Rule of Professional Conduct, Rule 1.7 addresses Conflicts of Interest for Current Clients. Rule 1.7 states:

#### **Conflict of Interest - Current Clients. Rule 1.7.**

- (a) Except as provided in paragraph (b), a lawyer shall not represent a client if the representation involves a concurrent conflict of interest. A concurrent conflict of interest exists if:
  - (1) The representation of one client will be directly adverse to another client; or
- (2) There is a significant risk that the representation of one or more clients will be materially limited by the lawyer's responsibilities to another client, a former client or a third person or by a personal interest of the lawyer.
- (b) Notwithstanding the existence of a concurrent conflict of interest under paragraph (a), a lawyer may represent a client if:
- (1) The lawyer reasonably believes that the lawyer will be able to provide competent and diligent representation to each affected client;
  - (2) The representation is not prohibited by law;
- (3) The representation does not involve the assertion of a claim by one client against another client represented by the lawyer in the same litigation or other proceeding before a tribunal; and
  - (4) Each affected client gives informed consent, confirmed in writing.
- See RPC Rule 1.7. (emphasis added).

The Nevada Supreme Court has declared that RPC 1.7 imposes a duty of loyalty on lawyers that prohibits representation of more than one client if the "representation involves a concurrent conflict of interest or a significant risk that the dual representation will materially limit the lawyer's

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Bidsal acknowledges that he is taking the issues delineated by the Arbitrator out of order, however, in order to reach reasoned conclusions as to Issue No. 2, it is essential to first address Issue No. 3.

ability to represent one or both clients." Stalk v. Mushkin, 199 P.3d 838, 125 Nev. 21 (Nev. 2009) citing Ryan v. Dist. Ct., 123 Nev. 168 P.3d 703, 710 (Nev. 2007). The duty of loyalty is based in the contractual relationship between attorney and client and correspondingly invokes the duty of confidentiality. Stalk v. Mushkin, 199 P.3d 838, 125 Nev. 21 (Nev. 2009) citing RPC 1.6 and Warmbrodt v. Blanchard, 100 Nev. 703, 707, 692 P.2d 1282, 1285 (1984) (emphasis added). "It is the 'contractual relationship creating a duty of due care upon an attorney [which is] the primary essential to a recovery for legal malpractice." (alteration in original) Stalk v. Mushkin, 199 P.3d 838, 125 Nev. 21 (Nev. 2009) quoting Ronnigen v. Hertogs, 294 Minn. 7, 199 N.W.2d 420, 421 (1972))), superseded in part by statute, NRS 42.001, as explained in Countrywide Home Loans v. Thitchener, 124 Nev. \_\_\_\_, \_\_\_, 192 P.3d 243, 253-55 (2008); Smith v. Mehaffy, 30 P.3d 727, 733 (Colo.Ct. App.2000).

In addition to RPC Rule 1.7, the Nevada Rules of Professional Conduct specifically consider instances for which an attorney is representing an organization as its client.

## Rule 1.13. Organization as Client.

- (a) A lawyer employed or retained by an organization represents the organization acting through its duly authorized constituents.
- (b) If a lawyer for an organization knows that an officer, employee or other person associated with the organization is engaged in action, intends to act or refuses to act in a matter related to the representation that is a violation of a legal obligation to the organization, or a violation of law that reasonably might be imputed to the organization, and that is likely to result in substantial injury to the organization, then the lawyer shall proceed as is reasonably necessary in the best interest of the organization. Unless the lawyer reasonably believes that it is not necessary in the best interest of the organization to do so, the lawyer shall refer the matter to higher authority in the organization, including, if warranted by the circumstances, to the highest authority that can act on behalf of the organization as determined by applicable law.
  - (c) Except as provided in paragraph (d), if
- (1) despite the lawyer's efforts in accordance with paragraph (b), the highest authority that can act on behalf of the organization insists upon or fails to address in a timely and appropriate manner an action, or a refusal to act, that is clearly a violation of law, and
- (2) the lawyer reasonably believes that the violation is reasonably certain to result in substantial injury to the organization, then the lawyer may reveal information relating to the representation whether or not Rule 1.6 permits such disclosure, but only if and to the extent the lawyer reasonably believes necessary to prevent substantial injury to the organization.

- (d) Paragraph (c) shall not apply with respect to information related to a lawyer's retention by an organization to investigate an alleged violation of law, or to defend the organization or an officer, employee or other constituent associated with the organization against a claim arising out of an alleged violation of law.
- (e) A lawyer who reasonably believes that he or she has been discharged because of the lawyer's actions taken pursuant to paragraphs (b) or (c) or who withdraws under circumstances that require or permit the lawyer to take action under either of those paragraphs, shall proceed as the lawyer reasonably believes necessary to assure that the organization's highest authority is informed of the lawyer's discharge or withdrawal.
- (f) In dealing with an organization's directors, officers, employees, members, shareholders or other constituents, a lawyer shall explain the identity of the client to the constituent and reasonably attempt to ensure that the constituent realizes that the lawyer's client is the organization rather than the constituent. In cases of multiple representation such as discussed in paragraph (g), the lawyer shall take reasonable steps to ensure that the constituent understands the fact of multiple representation.
- (g) A lawyer representing an organization may also represent any of its directors, officers, employees, members, shareholders or other constituents, subject to the provisions of Rule 1.7. If the organization's consent to the dual representation is required by Rule 1.7, the consent shall be given by an appropriate official of the organization other than the individual who is to be represented, or by the shareholders.

See RPC Rule 1.13. (emphasis added).

Under RPC 1.13, the Nevada Rules of Professional Conduct specifically detail a procedure that an attorney must follow if he/she is interested in dual representation where one client is an organization. The rule is clear, "[i]f the organization's consent to the dual representation is required by Rule 1.7, the consent shall be given by an *appropriate official of the organization other than the individual who is to be represented...*" *Id.* (emphasis added). Based on RPC 1.13, it is necessary to undertake the RPC 1.7 analysis and if RPC 1.7 applies, which it does, then the ONLY official of GVC that could provide informed written consent for LeGrand's representation of CLA and/or Golshani is Bidsal. Bidsal never provided such informed written consent because he did not and does not consent.

In the present case, LeGrand recognized that a conflict of interest would arise if he represented one of the members of GVC, given his representation of GVC, the entity. This recognition is apparent in the GVC OPAG, Article XIII, Section 1, states, "[T]his Agreement has been prepared by David G. LeGrand, Esq. (the "Law Firm"), as legal counsel to the Company, and: (A) The Members have been advised by the Law Firm that a conflict of interest would exist among the Members and the Company as the Law Firm is representing the Company and not any individual members,…" (emphasis

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any individual member of GVC, while also representing GVC itself. Despite this clear recognition, LeGrand chose to disregard this conflict of interest and provided legal counsel to CLA and Golshani, as members of GVC, on matters in which CLA and Golshani have an adverse interest to Bidsal, the other member of GVC. While, LeGrand could have sought informed consent from GVC as contemplated by RPC 1.7(b)(4), he failed to do so. In the process he violated RPC 1.7 and RPC 1.13.

2. Conflict of Interest - Former Client.

added) [Arb. Ex. 5]. LeGrand recognized the inherent conflict that "would exist" if he represented

When LeGrand realized that he had created a conflict of interest situation, he attempted to distance himself, via testimony in the Initial Arbitration, by creating a fiction that GVC was a former client, "[s]o I'm not sure I have a conflict in this context, but – and I haven't represented Green Valley for years, haven't done any work with Mr. Bidsal for a couple of years now that – I think it's a couple of years. And I just felt that I should not try to take sides, one partner against another." [Golshani's Exhibit "C" at 73:9-20]. However, even presuming that his statement was true, that he hadn't represented GVC for years, a presumption for which CLA has provided no evidence, it still does not relieve LeGrand from his obligation to GVC and/or Bidsal.

Nevada Rule of Professional Conduct, Rule 1.9 addresses Duties to Former Clients. Rule 1.9 states,

#### **Rule 1.9.** Duties to Former Clients.

- (a) A lawyer who has formerly represented a client in a matter shall not thereafter represent another person in the same or a substantially related matter in which that person's interests are materially adverse to the interests of the former client unless the former client gives informed consent, confirmed in writing.
- (b) A lawyer shall not knowingly represent a person in the same or a substantially related matter in which a firm with which the lawyer formerly was associated had previously represented a client:
  - (1) Whose interests are materially adverse to that person; and
- (2) About whom the lawyer had acquired information protected by Rules 1.6 and 1.9(c) that is material to the matter;
  - (3) Unless the former client gives informed consent, confirmed in writing.
- (c) A lawyer who has formerly represented a client in a matter or whose present or former firm has formerly represented a client in a matter shall not thereafter:
- (1) Use information relating to the representation to the disadvantage of the former client except as these Rules would permit or require with respect to a client, or when the information has become generally known; or

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(2) Reveal information relating to the representation except as these Rules would permit or require with respect to a client.

See RPC Rule 1.9. (emphasis added).

In LeGrand's attempt to distance himself from a clear conflict, he admitted two things: (1) that he represented GVC, and (2) that he took instructions for his entity clients from Bidsal, as a representative of such clients. Yet, he still elected to represent CLA and Golshani in the GVC buy/sell matter, clearly a substantially related matter, knowing that Golshani's and CLA's interest were diametrically opposed to Bidsal's and with little regard for whether Golshani's and CLA's interests were adverse to GVC's interests. Had LeGrand abided by RPC Rule 1.9 he would have obtained informed, written consent from GVC and Bidsal prior to representing Golshani or CLA, yet he did not. In failing to do so, violated RPC Rule 1.9.

#### **3.** Waiver of Conflict of Interest.

Counsel for CLA stated in the Present Arbitration, "I think we should brief whether there's been a waiver of conflict." See Present Arbitration Transcript at 1368:8-16. However, despite this request, after being given leave to do so from your Honor, CLA completely ignored the issue in the Bare Brief. Perhaps that is because the only way LeGrand could have avoided a conflict of interest was to obtain informed written consent from both Bidsal and GVC, and simply failed to do so.

As is made clear in RPC Rules 1.7 and 1.9 a current client and/or a former client can waive a potential conflict of interest with informed consent, confirmed in writing. However, there has been no evidence that LeGrand ever sought such informed, written consent, before engaging in his representation of CLA and Golshani in the GVC buy/sell matter. Thus, the conflict has clearly not been waived.

#### ISSUE NUMBER 2 – ARBITRATOR'S AUTHORITY TO COMPEL. C.

Does the Arbitrator have the authority to compel LeGrand to testify if LeGrand expresses reservations about violating either the Attorney-Client Privilege or the RPC? The State Bar of Nevada Standing Committee on Ethics and Professional Responsibility, in Formal Opinion No. 41, has provided an advisory opinion on this matter.

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Formal Opinion No. 41 states, "...the rules of ethics governing lawyers prohibits a lawyer from revealing confidential client information without the consent of the client." A true and correct copy of Formal Opinion 41 is attached hereto as Exhibit "4" and is incorporated herein by this reference. Formal Opinion 41 goes on to state, "Rule 1.6 prohibits a lawyer from volunteering any information relating to representation of a client; the attorney-client privilege prohibits a lawyer from being compelled to reveal confidential communications between a lawyer and a client. "Id. (emphasis in the original). Formal Opinion 41 goes further to state that "Rule 1.6(a) requires that ALL information relating to the representation of a client is confidential and protected from disclosure..."

Id. (emphasis in the original). "Even if the client has not requested that the information be held in confidence or does not consider it confidential." "[E]ven if the information is already generally known — or even public information. Based on this Formal Opinion, it is unclear how CLA arrived at the statement that "...the Rules of Professional Conduct would permit Mr. LeGrand to testify regarding his drafting of the Operating Agreements regardless of whether it is deemed privilege [sic]."

See Bare Brief at fn. 9. CLA fails to back up this assertion with case law or statutory reference.

Bidsal does acknowledge that RPC 1.6(b)(5) allows for a lawyer to reveal information relating to the representation of a client to the extent the lawyer believes necessary "[t]o establish a claim or defense on behalf of the lawyer in a controversy between the lawyer and the client, to establish a defense to a criminal charge or civil claim against the lawyer based upon conduct in which the client was involved, or *to respond to allegations in any proceeding concerning the lawyer's representation of the client...*" *See* RPC Rule 1.6 (emphasis added). CLA elects to read the highlighted portion of this rule as a stand-alone provision, which it is not. Clearly, LeGrand is not responding to an allegation in the present proceeding. LeGrand isn't even a party to the present proceeding; thus, his revelation of privileged and confidential information is not justified by RPC Rule 1.6(b)(5). CLA is truly stretching to apply an inapplicable provision of the RPC to LeGrand's testimony. Additionally, even if the Arbitrator were to determine that this inapplicable provision does apply to LeGrand's testimony, RPC Rule 1.6(b)(5) does not allow for the Arbitrator to compel LeGrand's testimony, but rather provides a method for a lawyer to testify if he so chooses.

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#### IV.

## **CONCLUSION**

CLA is either purposefully or ignorantly confusing Bidsal, as an individual member, with Bidsal as manager of GVC. Bidsal, the manager of GVC, is not a party to the Present Arbitration. Likewise, Bidsal, the manager of GVC, was not and is not a party to the Mission Square Litigation or the Initial Arbitration. While Bidsal acknowledges that Golshani and Bidsal are GVC's managers and they collectively have the authority to waive the attorney-client privilege to permit LeGrand to testify, the simple fact of the matter is that they have not done so, and Bidsal will never consent to such a waiver. Just because GVC could have waived the attorney-client privilege and/or could have provided informed and written consent allowing for LeGrand to represent CLA and/or Golshani does not mean that it did so. There is no evidence that the two managers have both consented to waiving any privilege. There is certainly no written consent from Bidsal or GVC permitting LeGrand to avoid the conflict created by his representation of CLA and/or Golshani against Bidsal. Despite the fact that LeGrand acknowledged that a conflict would exist if he were to represent one of the members of GVC, rather than the entity itself, there is absolutely no indication that LeGrand ever drafted a consent form or had a consent form executed before representing CLA and/or Golshani. As GVC was never party to the Initial Arbitration and/or the Mission Square Litigation, any actions taken by Bidsal and/or Golshani in those matters were done for the purpose of advancing their own individual interests and not on behalf of GVC.

DATED this 11<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2021.

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I hereby certify that I am an employee of SMITH & SHAPIRO, PLLC, and that on the 11th day of June, 2021, I served a true and correct copy of the forgoing CLAIMANT SHAWN BIDSAL'S BRIEF REGARDING THE TESTIMONY OF DAVID LEGRAND, ESQ., by electronic service through the JAMS Electronic Filing System to the following

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# **EXHIBIT 1**

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### David G. LeGrand, Esq.

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July 28, 2017

Benjamin Golshani

Via email only

Re: GVC Sale Process

Dear Ben:

I looked over the Operating Agreement and your tax returns. I believe the tax returns are constructed properly. Your increase from 70 to 73% is not problematic, just reflective of the relative changes in your capital accounts.

The process for the sale is exactly as you described it. If you do not like the offered price, you request appraisal. You select two appraisers and he gets to pick one of the two. Shawn does the same for you. You select one of his two appraisers. The median between the two appraisals is the price. The concept is that one partner buys out the other for 50% of the "equity" (difference between FMV and Cost ("COP"), plus pay an amount equal to the capital contribution.

Offering Member means the member wno offers to purchase the Membership interest(s) of the Remaining Member(s). "Remaining Members" means the Members who received an offer (from Offering Member) to sell their shares.

"COP" means "cost of purchase" as it specified in the escrow closing statement at the time of purchase of each property owned by the Company.

"Seller" means the Member that accepts the offer to sell his or its Membership Interest.

"FMV" means "fair market value" obtained as specified in section 4.2

#### Section 4.2 Purchase or Sell Procedure.

Any Member ("Offering Member") may give notice to the Remaining Member(s) that he or it is ready, willing and able to purchase the Remaining Members' Interests for a price the Offering



Member thinks is the fair market value. The terms to be all cash and close escrow within 30 days of the acceptance.

If the offered price is not acceptable to the Remaining Member(s), within 30 days of receiving the offer, the Remaining Members (or any of them) can request to establish FMV based on the following procedure. The Remaining Member(s) must provide the Offering Member the complete information of 2 MIA appraisers. The Offering Member must pick one of the appraisers to appraise the property and furnish a copy to all Members. The Offering Member also must provide the Remaining Members with the complete information of 2 MIA approved appraisers. The Remaining Members must pick one of the appraisers to appraise the property and furnish a copy to all Members. The medium of these 2 appraisals constitute the fair market value of the property which is called (FMV).

The Offering Member has the option to offer to purchase the Remaining Member's share at FMV as determined by Section 4.2,, based on the following formula.

 $(FMV - COP) \times 0.5$  plus capital contribution of the Remaining Member(s) at the time of purchasing the property minus prorated liabilities.

The Remaining Member(s) shall have 30 days within which to respond in writing to the Offering Member by either

- (i) Accepting the Offering Member's purchase offer, or,
- (ii) Rejecting the purchase offer and making a counteroffer to purchase the interest of the Offering Member based upon the same fair market value (FMV) according to the following formula.

(FMV – COP) x0.5 + capital contribution of the Offering Member(s) at the time of purchasing the property minus prorated liabilities.

The specific intent of this provision is that once the Offering Member presented his or its offer to the Remaining Members, then the Remaining Members shall either sell or buy at the same offered price (or FMV if appraisal is invoked) and according to the procedure set forth in Section 4.. In the case that the Remaining Member(s) decide to purchase, then Offering Member shall be obligated to sell his or its Member Interests to the remaining Member(s).

Yours truly,

ss/David G. LeGrand

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1	3 WITNESS: BENJAMIN GOLSHANI		3	-000-	. 1	
4			4	ARBITRATOR WALL: Okay. We're back on the		
5	EXAMINATION PAGE		5	record. Appearances for the record, please?		
6	By Mr. Lewin 996, 1073, 114	42	6	MR. GERRARD: Douglas Gerrard and Jim Shapiro on		
7			7	behalf of Shawn Bidsal. Mr. Bidsal is present.		
8			8	MR. LEWIN: Rodney Lewin, Louis Garfinkel, and		
9	WITNESS: JEFF CHAIN		9	Mr. Golshani and Spencer Lewin attending remotely on		
10			10	behalf of CLA.		
11	EXAMINATION PAGE		11	ARBITRATOR WALL: Spencer Lewin is who?		
12	By Mr. Lewin 109		12	MR. LEWIN: My assistant.		
13	By Mr. Gerrard 100	66	13	ARBITRATOR WALL: All right. We had left off		
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15	WITNESS: KASANDRA SCHINDLER		15	him out of order.		
16			16	MR. GERRARD: We took him out of order.		
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17	EXAMINATION PAGE	0.0	18	claimant had actually rested. So have you guys agreed		
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Page 990 Page 992 ARBITRATOR WALL: Then there was a motion to Mr. Main's testimony. 2 ARBITRATOR WALL: Deposition testimony? 2 reschedule it. He, through counsel, had offered to 3 MR. LEWIN: Deposition testimony. submit to written questions pursuant to -- is it 31 --ARBITRATOR WALL: Okay. NRCP 31, I think. I denied the request to basically 5 MR. LEWIN: I said whatever he does, he has to force him to be deposed again after he had indicated he 6 proceed and rest, and I don't think we have an agreement had scheduling issues and couldn't accommodate that. He 7 was subpoenaed to appear. His lawyer, about a week on that yet. 8 MR. GERRARD: Yeah, sure, Judge Wall. It's 8 before the last hearing, sent an objection to the subpoena. I left it open for about a week. No one pretty simple. I told you at the end of the last time 10 we were here, you asked Mr. Lewin who his witnesses were responded to the objection. No one -- I presumed it 11 for today and what we have left. I told you we have was -- as did Mr. Main's attorney, presumed that the 12 deposition testimony of Jim Main that we wanted to read objection was not going to be addressed by anyone and 13 into the record, but that if we ran out of time, you 13 wasn't opposed, and that's where we were. 14 know, so that there wasn't time to read it into the MR. LEWIN: So my point is is that the record, we would tell you where it was so you could read deposition -- forgetting about the subpoena issue, 15 it yourself. So essentially I told Mr. Lewin that same 16 because if he was here, he would be here. But the 17 thing. Be ready to go with your witnesses on Monday deposition by itself is incomplete. I didn't have a chance to cross-examine him with respect to -- finish my 18 morning because we're going to put that on, essentially 18 19 last, if there's time. If there's not, then we'll -examination of him, and I didn't have a chance to 20 ARBITRATOR WALL: That's the only thing you have cross-examine him with respect to what Mr. Gerrard said. 21 21 left? So the issue -- Mr. Gerrard had the ability to 22 MR. GERRARD: That's the only thing we have left. 22 subpoena him. I thought they had a subpoena issued for 23 We have the right for rebuttal, so I'm not going to say 23 him as well. Maybe my memory is mistaken. But I that we won't put anything else on, but as far as our thought I remembered that they also had a subpoena 25 case in chief, yes. issued for him. The bottom line is is the deposition is Page 991 Page 993 MR. LEWIN: First of all, I think they should put 1 incomplete and reading it would be improper, I believe. 1 on their cased and rest. If he chooses to read instead Any part of it. 3 of putting in deposition transcripts or citations, 3 ARBITRATOR WALL: Have you given Mr. Lewin the that's his choice. We have a cross-complaint, a designations of the portions that you want to read in? cross-claim, so in theory we both have rebuttal. I 5 MR. GERRARD: No. 6 thought they'd put their case on and we'd put on our 6 ARBITRATOR WALL: Are they from Mr. Lewin's 7 case and that would be the end of it. questioning or from yours? 8 Talking about Mr. Main, we object to reading any 8 MR. GERRARD: Both. Most from him. I obviously 9 part of his testimony. His deposition was not only asked like 20 minutes of questions. Most of it is 10 completed. As you remember, he, in the middle of the 10 from his own questioning. 11 deposition, announced that he had to leave at 1 o'clock 11 ARBITRATOR WALL: Okay. So that portion, of 12 or 1:15. course, there's no need for -- there's no issue about 13 ARBITRATOR WALL: Well, actually, it was closer 13 incompleteness if it's the questions you asked and the 14 to the beginning. answers you obtained. 15 MR. LEWIN: It was after a first break. I have 15 MR. LEWIN: But I wasn't finished with him. The 16 that. 16 point of the matter is that if Mr. Main says something 17 ARBITRATOR WALL: It started about 9:23 a.m. and that I know is incorrect but I want to lead him down and 18 somewhere between 11:00 and 11:15 he said he had to let him take a position -- because I believe and I think leave at 1:15. You finished with him about 1:05 and the evidence will show that Mr. Main is biased for 20 gave -- I don't know if -- gave Mr. Gerrard about 20 Mr. Bidsal, who has many, many relationships and has 21 basically ignored my client for many years. minutes. 21 22 MR. LEWIN: It was me. I didn't finish. 22 So the point being is the fact that I start with 23 the deposition. I let him testify on some issues. ARBITRATOR WALL: You stopped. 23 24 MR. LEWIN: As a matter of courtesy, I wanted to Don't get to documents or testimony that I think might

give Mr. Gerrard an opportunity to ask some questions.

contradict some of his testimony. I don't know what

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    he's talking about here.
                                                                1 let's begin with Mr. Golshani.
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            ARBITRATOR WALL: You don't even know the areas
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                                                                           Mr. Golshani, will you -- oh. Go ahead.
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     that he's talking about to know whether it's complete or
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                                                                    Whereupon,
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           MR. LEWIN: That is right.
                                                                    having first been called as a witness, was duly sworn
                                                                    and testified as follows:
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           ARBITRATOR WALL: So if you asked him questions
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    for 15 minutes on a topic, moved on to another topic --
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     especially, I suppose, if it was before 11:15 or
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    whenever he announced that he only had half a day. So I
                                                                    BY MR. LEWIN:
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     guess I can't really address it now because you can't
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                                                                       Q. Mr. Golshani, I'd like to go over a little bit of
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    address it now because we don't know what the portions
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                                                                    your background. When were you born?
12 are that are sought to be designated.
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                                                                       A. I was born in 1950.
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           MR. LEWIN: Well, maybe we can --
                                                                       Q. And that makes you 71, approximately?
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            ARBITRATOR WALL: At the first break I would ask
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                                                                       A. Yes, sir.
    if you can provide Mr. Lewin, Mr. Garfinkel with that
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                                                                       Q. And could you please explain to His Honor -- let
16 information so that -- and I suppose me, so that I can
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                                                                    me go back.
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    address that.
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                                                                           When did you come to the United States?
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           Now, I'm not going to -- if we have other
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                                                                       A. I came to the United States in 1979.
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    witnesses who are ready to go, I'm going to reserve to
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                                                                       Q. And would you outline your educational background
     them the fact that they haven't rested yet until we can
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                                                                    for us, please?
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     work out this deposition issue.
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                                                                       A. Yes. I have a BS degree and MS degree in civil
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           \ensuremath{\mathsf{MR}}. LEWIN: That seems fair, Your Honor.
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                                                                   engineering and structural engineering.
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           ARBITRATOR WALL: All right. Thanks.
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                                                                       Q. And where did you receive that degree?
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           MR. LEWIN: This is a matter of schedules.
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                                                                       A. I received it in University of Tabriz in Iran.
     Spencer tells me he can't hear anything. There's no
                                                                       Q. And since you've been to the United States, have
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     sound. Are you able to allow him to have sound?
                                                                   you had any further education?
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           ARBITRATOR WALL: Oh. All right. Hold on.
                                                                       A. Yes. I took courses in extension items that I
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    That's going to be feedback. He can't hear anything?
                                                                    needed and courses.
           MR. LEWIN: He said there's no sound. Usually
                                                                       Q. And when you came to the United States, would you
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    when I'm talking he prefers no sound.
                                                                   outline your work experience from that time?
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           ARBITRATOR WALL: Well, I mean, the main system
                                                                       A. From when I came to the United States?
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     is up, so the room audio is on. I don't know maybe if
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     it's his computer because this -- the room is not muted.
                                                                       A. I started working for consulting engineers and
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           MR. LEWIN: Okay. Let me --
                                                                    then contractors, and later on I joined the government,
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           ARBITRATOR WALL: And the volume is almost all
                                                                    City of Long Beach, and I worked there for some time
                                                                    supervising construction and designing structures and
11 the way up.
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           MR. LEWIN: So scheduling, my intention is to
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                                                                    buildings.
13 proceed with Mr. Golshani. I have a number of
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                                                                       Q. And were you doing the same type of work,
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   first-party witnesses that I've scheduled because
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     they're Zoom witnesses.
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                                                                    buildings when you were working for contractors?
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           I have Jeff Chain scheduled for 11 o'clock. I
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                                                                       A. In the Port of Long Beach?
    may want to interrupt -- my plan is to interrupt
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                                                                       Q. Before you started working for Long Beach or Los
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    Mr. Golshani if that were the case, if he is on, to take
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                                                                    Angeles, were you doing the same type of work?
19 him.
                                                                       A. About the same, yes, sir.
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            I have Ms. Schindler from JPMorgan who will be
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                                                                       Q. And English is your second language. Right?
21 about ten minutes at 1:30.
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                                                                       A. That's correct.
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           I have David LeGrand at 1:40.
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                                                                       Q. And when you did work for the City of Long Beach,
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           And we have Henry Manabat currently at 3 o'clock.
                                                                    what did you do specifically?
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    We'll push him back depending on where we are.
                                                                       A. As I said, I designed buildings. I oversaw the
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            ARBITRATOR WALL: Okay. All right. So then
                                                                   construction, supervision of the construction, and
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Page 1000 Page 998 contracts. I granted contract bidding, things like 1 Noveltex is. 2 that. A. The business of Noveltex is to -- I was 3 Q. What department in the City of Long Beach were 3 interested in environmentally friendly materials, so I you in? went into that area, and I would bring material from 5 A. I was in the department of design and Europe and from China. I went there and visited many 6 construction. mills in also Russia and picked some mills and started 7 Q. Okay. And when you worked for Los Angeles, which learning and hiring consultants as to know what to 8 department were you in? 8 order. And I -- so I ended up bringing raw fabric to A. City of Los Angeles, I worked there in the the United States, and in the United States I would dye 10 department of building and safety. and print them. So I had a design team to pick the 11 Q. Doing what? 11 designs, and we prepared fabric suitable for garment 12 A. Checking plans, checking building plans. 12 manufacturers. 13 Q. And at some point in time, did you open your own 13 Q. It's a fabric business? 14 business? 14 A. Yes, sir. 15 15 Q. Okay. What kind of fabric particularly? A. Yes. After I worked a few years in city of Long 16 Beach, I decided to work for myself. 16 A. Linen from flax. 17 Q. And what kind of business did you open? 17 Q. And you still have that business? 18 A. I joined with some of my friends who were 18 A. Yes. 19 doing -- who were doing apartment buildings, and we 19 Q. And in 20 -- let's talk about the period from would buy vacant land or tear down a building and get 2012 to 2016. Did your business require you to travel? 21 proper zoning and rebuild apartments and then subdivided 21 A. A lot of travel. 22 22 them into condominiums and sold them. Q. What kind of travel were you required to do? 23 Q. In terms of the subdivision, what was your 23 A. Well, I traveled to negotiate business and I 24 responsibility? would check the production line, and I --25 A. Well, my responsibility was to check -- the civil 25 Q. I just want to know where you were traveling and Page 999 Page 1001 engineer was doing the subdivision -- to check and read how long you were traveling. 1 1 the CC&R and see if it is done the way we want. A. You mean which countries? 3 Q. And so at some point in time, did you open up a Q. Which countries, how often would you go? How textile company? often would you be traveling out of Los Angeles for 5 A. Yes. There was a downturn in construction and 5 business during the time period from 2012 to 2016? 6 real estate, and I had friends in the textile. I had A. Well, in the 2012 to 2016, probably I would visited them a few times and I became interested, so travel overseas three, four times a year. they offered me a partnership and I accepted. And 8 Q. And did you have other businesses during that little by little I got more involved and I got same time period? 10 interested in that business. It was both fun and it was 10 A. Yes, I had other businesses. 11 11 a business, so I started doing textiles. Q. What were the other businesses? Forgetting about 12 Q. Did you ultimately open up a company called 12 businesses you had with Mr. Bidsal. 13 Noveltex? 13 A. Yes. I had other companies who were dealing with properties, purchasing property and managing them, and 14 A. Yes. I formed a company called Noveltex, 15 Incorporated. some of them were in distress situation, needed repair, 16 Q. When did you do that? so I would do the plan and I would hire contractor to 17 A. I believe it was 1993. renovate them and bring tenants. Things like that. 17 18 ARBITRATOR WALL: Can you spell the business? 18 Q. Did those other businesses require travel as 19 THE WITNESS: Pardon me? 19 well? 20 ARBITRATOR WALL: Can you spell the name of the 20 A. Yes. They were in other states like Arizona, so 21 business? 21 it required a lot of my attention. THE WITNESS: Yes. N-O-V-E-L-T-E-X and then the 22 22 Q. Now, in Noveltex in 2012, how many employees did 23 next word is I-N-C, Incorporated. 23 you have? 24 BY MR. LEWIN: 24 A. I had about 20 employees. 25 Q. Describe to us generally what the business of 25 Q. What was Noveltex's address?

Page 1002 Page 1004 A. Noveltex's address is 2801 South Main Street in 1 time ago. You know, when you have family gathering, we 2 downtown Los Angeles. 2 meet. 3 Q. And is that where CLA's office is as well? 3 Q. Now, at some point in time, did you become A. Correct. Yes. friendly with him in the United States? 5 Q. Were all of your business activities operated out A. Yes. of that Main Street address? 6 Q. And when was that? A. Sometime in 2009, 2010 we met again and we 7 A. Yes. 8 Q. In 2012, can you tell us how many different 8 started talking. properties you owned without giving a specific -- that Q. Is it fair to say before that time while you were 10 were commercial properties? in the United States you did not have any kind of real 11 A. In 2012. You know, I had invested in other 11 relationship with him, other than being family members? 12 property, I believe, in Las Vegas in 2010 and then I had 12 A. No. 13 13 some rental property, and that was about it. Q. Is that yes? 14 Q. When you say "rental property," what kind of 14 A. No. We didn't -- I know of him and probably he knew of me, but we were not in contact. 15 property was it? 16 A. It was condominiums that I would buy and rent it. 16 Q. And at a point time did you and Mr. Bidsal start 17 Q. Did you acquire any other commercial real estate 17 talking about business matters, real estate matters? 18 properties, not including the ones you had with 18 A. At one point? 19 Mr. Bidsal? 19 Q. Yes. 20 A. Yes. 20 A. It was 2010. 21 Q. Before December 31, 2016? 21 Q. And how did that come about? A. Yes. Yes. 22 22 A. Well, we met at a family gathering, and he was 23 Q. What other properties were those? 23 talking about his investment and dealing in Las Vegas, 24 A. Before 2016, I had a few properties. I had and he thought that that was a very good -- I mean, it's acquired a few properties, as I said. Mostly distressed a very good place to invest. I did have an investment Page 1005 Page 1003 in city of Phoenix, and I had been working on those. about that time also, so we had something in common, and 1 1 2 Q. And were you managing those properties, the we started talking about general business. 3 commercial properties? Q. And after that, are you able to tell us when in 4 A. Yes. 2010 this took place? 5 Q. For example, in the Phoenix property, what kind A. The meeting? 6 of property is that? Q. When you said you had a family gathering. Can 7 A. Well -you pinpoint that? 8 Q. I just want to know is it a shopping center? A. Probably was, you know, early 2010 sometime. Apartment building? Q. And after that meeting, did you do anything to 10 A. One is an office building, and the other one is a 10 further investigate real estate opportunities in Las 11 11 shopping center. Vegas? 12 A. As I said, we -- I had -- I was investing, and Q. And were you managing those properties? 12 13 A. Not personally. I have property manager, but I 13 generally when you're investing in a place, you would 14 make sure that everything is in order. research that place. I did. 15 Q. So let's talk about Mr. Bidsal. How do you know 15 Q. When was the next time that you had any 16 discussions with Mr. Bidsal about business Mr. Bidsal? 16 17 17 A. I knew Mr. Bidsal, you know, from a long time opportunities? 18 ago. We are relatives. He is my cousin. 18 A. Well, when at that family gathering, as I said, 19 Q. First cousin? he was talking about investment, and, you know, we 20 A. Yes. First cousin. started talking to each other. So at the end he told me 21 when -- I told him that I'm coming to Vegas. He said, Q. And he's related to which of your brothers and 21 22 sisters? "Next time you are there, give me a call." And you 23 know, a few months probably passed and then one time I A. His mother is my father's sister. 24 Q. And when did you first meet him? Where were you? came here with one of my friends, and I called him and

A. I met him when he was a very young boy. Long

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he happened to be here, so I -- he gave me his address.

and he were talking about investing in?

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talk or have a coffee. Things like that. A. He was telling me that the market in Las Vegas is 3 Q. And from that point on, did your relationship distressed at that time. There is a lot of with Mr. Bidsal grow in terms of friendliness? foreclosures. There are a lot of nonperforming loan A. Yes. We -- at that time we went and he showed me notes that we can buy and invest. My partners on the some of his projects, and then we talked a lot about property --7 other matters, about family and about philosophy and a 7 Q. I just want to talk about what you and Mr. Bidsal 8 lot of things, and after that we had -- we would have a 8 talked about. meeting and, yeah, it developed to a friendship. A. All right. 10 Q. Did your family and his family socialize 10 Q. So you're talking about possibly buying 11 together? 11 distressed properties and nonperforming loans. Is that it? 12 A. Yes. I introduced our family to each other and 12 13 they became very -- they hit it off. They became very 13 A. That's right. 14 good friends and we would do a lot of events, four of 14 Q. So did you and he discuss how you could invest in 15 us. We would go to different cities, places, and for distressed properties or nonperforming loans? 16 lunch, dinner. 16 A. We did discuss, yes. Q. And what was said between you and him about that? 17 Q. And what's the time period we're talking about 17 18 18 A. In term of how to do it? now? 19 A. I'm talking about mid-2010. 19 Q. Yeah. How would you go about it? 20 Q. Did there come a time in mid-2010 when you A. How do we go about it? We decided to become 21 discussed entering into a possible business relationship partners, and he told me that he has -- he has to work 22 with Mr. Bidsal? 22 on --A. Yes. 23 23 Q. I'm not going to that part yet. How would you go 24 Q. And when was that? 24 about -- what kind of investments were you going to look 25 A. I don't remember the exact time, but during all for and --Page 1007 1 of these gathering and talks, he was talking that A. Oh. We were going to invest in nonperforming 1 2 because of the -- those downturn of economy and real loan and distressed properties because we had ability 3 estate, he said that things are not doing good and -to -- if they needed construction, to take care of them. but he said he thinks that very soon it is going to be Q. So at some point in time had you and he reached over and there is going to be a return and everything an agreement as to how you would proceed with the 6 would be good, and it is a good idea to invest at that business relationship? 7 A. Yes, we did. time. 8 And he said that because of the economy, he was Q. And had you discussed how you would go about short in cash and he was looking for investor, and after locating either distressed properties or nonperforming 10 a few time -- at that time, I had a lot of liquidity on 10 loans before you made that decision? A. Yes. 11 the money -- my money and relative money. And one of 11 12 12 those incidences that, you know, he was talking about Q. And what was that discussion, please? 13 the opportunity and him wanting to participate, but he 13 A. He said that he knows a lot of brokers in Vegas was short on cash I said, "You know, I have a lot of and in other cities in California that is active and 14 15 cash, and if you like, we can work together." they bring him good deals, and he talked about buying 16 Q. Okay. I want to put some time frame here. Do 16 properties in auction. There were different companies 17 you remember when this conversation took place? 17 that were offering both properties: distressed 18 A. It was, like I said, 2010. 18 properties and nonperforming notes. Those are the 19 Q. But was it beginning? Middle? 19 things that he told me that he could do. 20 A. Middle. 20 Q. Was there a point in time when you and Mr. Bidsal 21 21 Q. Okay. And when Mr. Bidsal was talking about real agreed to the terms of your partnership and proceeding? estate opportunities, did he describe to you what he 22 A. Yes. 23 thought the real estate opportunities were? 23 Q. And can you tell us when and give us an 24 A. Yes. approximate time frame about when that was?

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I went there to visit him and say hello and, you know,

Q. What were the real estate opportunities that you

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A. Well, it was, you know, in 2010. Sometime in

Page 1010 June, July. In the summer. 2 Q. And did you and he discuss the terms of what the 3 relationship would be? 4 5 Q. And tell us what you and he agreed on in terms of 6 what the business agreement would be. 7 A. He told me that to become partner, because of the 8 economy situation, is -- cash is tight and he's short on cash, and he said that he needs to do a lot of work 10 and -- you know, to find the properties, and he told me 11 that I need to come up with 60 percent of the investment 12 and he would take care of the other 40 percent. And so 13 this was one of the agreements that we made at that 14 time 15 Q. Anything else? 16 A. Yes. 17 Q. Explain to us -- tell us whatever terms you and 18 he agreed on. 19 A. All of them? 20 O. Yes. 21 A. Well, during many meetings that we discussed, 22 he -- I agreed with that, and then I told him that I need to get, you know -- I don't mind investing more, 23

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invest more. However, he said that because he's going 1 2 to work there, the income that we get from the rent --3 net income from the rent, we divide it 50/50. And then 4 I asked -- I told him that I invest more. However, I need to get my investment back and become a part on the 6 investment. He said, "Yeah, we can arrange that." And 7 then he said that we agree that when -- beyond that rent 8 money, the net rent money, whatever earning we had, we 9 distributed according to our share of investment until 10 our capital account becomes zero. 11

but I need to get my money back. So we discussed as to

how it should happen. He was telling me I need to

# 11 Q. Did you talk about what kind of entity you would 12 be forming?

13 A. Yeah. The entity would be a limited liability 14 corporation, which is good for real estate business. 15 And then --

Q. You're telling us about what you and Mr. Bidsal agreed to. Right?

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# Q. I want you to focus on what agreements you entered into before you started buying properties.

MR. GERRARD: I'm going to have to object to the question. Obviously the question lacks foundation because it assumes that there was an agreement at this point in time, and as all we know, under the Statute of Frauds, it would have to be in writing to be an

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agreement. I object to the question because it assumes

there was some sort of agreement at that point in time.

3 I don't mind the discussion about what they were

thinking about, but when he's asking what the agreement

was and what the terms of the agreement were, then

that's objectionable under the statute of frauds.

ARBITRATOR WALL: You're talking about an oral agreement. Right?

MR. LEWIN: That's right.

10 ARBITRATOR WALL: You're talking about the 11 discussions they had?

 $\mbox{MR.}$  LEWIN:  $\mbox{And}$  what terms that they had agreed to to go forward.

ARBITRATOR WALL: Okay. But, I mean, obviously if it's before the writing takes place -- and then the writing subsumes and supercedes any discussions they had before. If you're limiting this to the discussions they had --

19 MR. GERRARD: I have no objection to what they 20 discussed. It's the "What did you agree to?" That's 21 what I have an objection to because --

MR. LEWIN: The point of this actual testimony, Your Honor, what they actually had agreed to in terms of an oral agreement and how that is consistent with the terms of the operating agreement.

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MR. GERRARD: That's objectionable, Your Honor, because under our Statute of Frauds in NRS 111.205 and 210, you cannot have an oral agreement that lasts for beyond a year, and certainly not one for the purchase of real estate. So, you know, this idea that there was some agreement, it's objectionable because under the law it cannot exist.

Having a discussion about what we might agree to in the future in a written agreement, I don't have any objection to that. But saying that you agree to it and that these were the terms, I'd absolutely have an objection to that because it's a violation of the Statute of Frauds.

MR. LEWIN: It's an oral partnership to go forward, and the purpose of that is only to show that when it was reduced in writing — to interpret the writing, what their understanding on the going-forward basis was, and that understanding and agreement between the parties tends to show the interpretation of the written agreement.

ARBITRATOR WALL: But there's a difference to me between couching it as an oral agreement that can be enforced as opposed to "Here's what we discussed as evidence of the intention of the parties at the time that the operating agreement was drafted."

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Page 1014 1 MR. LEWIN: That's the purpose of my questions. 2 ARBITRATOR WALL: On the first one I would 3 sustain the objection. When we say "What was the agreement," it's kind of a generic term in terms of what we discussed. That's the way I'm interpreting it. 6 MR. GERRARD: Can we have him phrase the question 7 "What did you discuss" instead of "What was the 8 agreement," because that would violate 111.220? 9 ARBITRATOR WALL: And I would sustain that. 10 BY MR. LEWIN: 11 Q. Mr. Golshani, did you and Mr. Bidsal discuss how 12 the LLC would be managed? 13 A. Yes. 14 Q. What was said about that between you and Mr. Bidsal? 15 16 A. What do you mean -- how the LLC was formed? 17 Q. In terms of did you and he discuss who would be

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#### Q. What other discussions did you have about how you would proceed to work together?

A. Yeah. We had discussed all of that. We agreed

that both of us would be the manager and managing the

company. Co-managers. And at that time we -- he told

day-to-day management of the property. All right? We

me that he has companies, management companies, that

manage real estate, and he will take care of the

made other -- we had other discussions.

A. Well, one of the conditions that I had -- as I said, we had extremely good relationship at that time. I told him that, you know, we are becoming partners as friends and relative, and we are going to be working and everything should be doing good. The same way we became partner, if one of the partners doesn't want to continue with the partnership, for no reason even, he should be able to do that.

And he told me that he has experience in this 12 matter and he would form the company and have -- he knows attorneys and they will write buy/sell agreement, 14 but as a partner -- any partner could offer value for the company and the other partner would be able to either buy/sell at the same property or -- same at the sale price or buy at the same valuation within certain limit of time, of course, and all that. That was my other condition.

20 Q. So you indicated that there was a discussion 21 about Mr. Bidsal would receive 50 percent of the rent 22 income?

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the manager of the LLC?

24 Q. Was there a discussion about how that was going 25 to be calculated?

A. Well, yes. We discussed that.

#### 2 Q. And tell me what you and he discussed about that.

3 A. We discussed that the best way to avoid any

dispute or any issues is we take the number from the tax

return, the net income from the tax return, and that

would be what we divide 50/50.

O. Net income from where?

R A. From rent.

Q. How would any other distributions be distributed?

10 A. And the other -- the other monies in the company

11 would be distributed pro rata the investment share.

Q. Until when?

13 A. Until all the capital are paid and we are equal 14 zero, and after that, everything else would be 50/50

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16 Q. You heard the claim that Mr. Bidsal had paid --17 that ultimately in the operating agreement the deal was

that all distributions were to be 50/50 until 18

19 substantially all the assets were sold. Was that ever

mentioned to you? 20

21 A. No.

Q. Did the 60/40 ever change to 70/30?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. And when did that take place?

We started working together, and -- and we

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started from looking at the property in California and 1 different cities. We went together and they were not

3 performing, so we would get the package, and it was

thousands of pages we divided them among ourselves and

shared the information.

Q. I'm going to come to this, but right now I just want to know when did the deal change from 60/40 to 70/30? Approximately.

A. When we were a few months working together, one day he told me, "Ben, I have put a lot of work in this, and both now and after, if you buy something, if you buy and turn a piece of property or turn a loan to a property, there is a lot of work involved, and I have companies and are expenses and all that. I thought that 60/40 is not going to cover it. I need it to be changed 70/30."

Q. Approximately in time when was this?

A. It was probably late 2010/beginning of 2011.

Q. For how many months had you and he been working together looking at properties and whatnot?

21 A. We worked from -- I mean, up to what point?

Q. At the point in time where he said, "I need 70/30

instead of 60/40," how much time had you spent 23

24 investigating properties?

A. A few months we were looking for properties and

Page Page 1020 1 had bid on properties, but we were not successful. 1 but ultimately the operating agreement -- and he's Q. All right. Okay. So going back after when you talking about discussions he had in 2011 -- beginning of 3 and Mr. Bidsal were talking about working together and 2011, which is after the operating agreement is what the terms of that relationship would be, after executed, so that's a little different. So -you -- after you agreed to the general structure of how MR. LEWIN: Your Honor, I'm only offering -- they you were going to proceed, what did you -had an understanding about how they were going to 7 MR. GERRARD: Objection to the question again. proceed and to locate properties. 8 There was no agreement as to how he was going to proceed 8 ARBITRATOR WALL: I like "understanding" better in terms of Nevada law NRS 111.220. than "agreement." 10 ARBITRATOR WALL: With that understanding that 10 BY MR. LEWIN: 11 you're talking about the discussions they had as opposed 11 Q. After you and Mr. Bidsal had the going-forward 12 to an enforceable agreement. understanding, what did you and he do in terms of trying 13 13 to locate the distressed properties or nonperforming MR. LEWIN: We're not going to claim that there 14 was an enforceable agreement until he puts up cash. At 14 loans? 15 this point is how they agreed to go forward. 15 A. He was looking and I started looking. We were 16 MR. GERRARD: Again, that's the problem. They both subscribed with the magazine that Auction.com would 17 had not agreed to go forward in a legal fashion until an 17 send every once or twice a month, and we would look at 18 agreement actually existed, and under Nevada law you their property and share the information. That was one 18 19 can't have an agreement before it's in writing. way to do it. And then he knew brokers and then I took 20 ARBITRATOR WALL: That's true. him to some properties that my brokers showed. We 21 So rephrase, please. 21 were -- these are the things that we were doing to look BY MR. LEWIN: at properties. 22 22 23 Q. In essence, through these discussions, you and 23 Q. Did you look at properties together? 24 Mr. Bidsal had agreed that as a mechanism for going 24 A. Yes. forward to try to locate properties to be possibly Q. Where did you look at properties? In what Page 1019 Page 1021 purchased. Is that correct? states? 1 1 2 A. Yes. 2 A. Well, like I said, we started from California. 3 Q. Going forward, is it true that's the We would go to city of Glendale I remember. Looked at a understanding you would have -- what you ultimately few properties over there. We went to Bakersfield and, 5 would hope to put into a formal agreement? you know, north of Los Angeles. There were many of them available even to look at those. And also we came to 6 A. We made that agreement. That's why we both 7 started spending a lot of time on that. Las Vegas to look at properties. 8 Q. So this is still in 2010. What did --Q. Where did Mr. Bidsal live at this time? 9 MR. GERRARD: Objection. Leading. A. I believe that he was living in Los Angeles, but 10 MR. LEWIN: He just said it was 2010. 10 he spent a lot of time in Las Vegas. ARBITRATOR WALL: All right. 11 11 Q. And so did you look at properties in Las Vegas? 12 BY MR. LEWIN: 12 13 Q. I'm going to term it the "going forward Q. Did you travel to Las Vegas to look at property? 14 agreement." A. Yes. We traveled together. 15 MR. GERRARD: Again, Your Honor, I object to the 15 Q. You traveled from Los Angeles with Mr. Bidsal to 16 use of the word "agreement." 16 look at properties? ARBITRATOR WALL: You can't -- here's the thing: 17 17 A. Yes. 18 If you're eliciting the testimony because you want that 18 Q. How many trips? 19 agreement orally between them enforced --A. Many trips. Probably four or five, and each trip 20 MR. LEWIN: No, I don't. 20 would be two, three days. You want me to tell them 21 ARBITRATOR WALL: -- the law of course doesn't 21 about --22 allow that. So you keep couching the questions in that 22 Q. No. We don't need to go any specifics. vein, "based on your agreement." All of that. An 23 23 When you were in Las Vegas, what did you do agreement is a little bit of a term of art. I've 24 together? already told you I'm taking this as they're discussions, 25 A. What we were doing?

Page 1022 Page 1024 1 Q. Yeah. Generally. 1 We shared the information. And we did that for many 2 A. Well, I would pick him up in my car and we came 2 properties. 3 here, and then we had those brochures that we had 3 Q. At some point in time were you introduced to together looked at in some coffee shops and made notes someone named Jeff Chain, C-H-A-I-N? and appraised them as to which one we want to look at, A. Yes, I was. and then I was driving and we would go look at the Q. And who introduced you to Mr. Chain? 7 properties one by one, and he was making notes. A. Mr. Bidsal introduced me. 8 Q. And so over what period of time were you doing 8 Q. And what did you understand Mr. Chain did for a 9 this, looking at properties? Let me break that up. 9 living? 10 At one point in time you bid at the auction to 10 A. Mr. Chain was a broker at that time and they had 11 acquire the Green Valley/Henderson note? 11 a relationship. He was very familiar with the Las Vegas 12 MR. GERRARD: Objection. Leading. area and he was familiar with the process of purchasing 13 ARBITRATOR WALL: Overruled. 13 notes and converting them to the real property. 14 BY MR. LEWIN: 14 Q. Okay. And did he have a role with respect to the 15 Q. My question is: Before that, how many properties potential acquisition of distressed properties or 16 did you look at with Mr. Bidsal? nonperforming notes with you and Mr. Bidsal? 17 A. In Las Vegas? 17 A. Yes, he did. What -- we would go to him and 18 18 share with him what we had found or what we were Q. Las Vegas or anywhere else. 19 A. So many. In Las Vegas alone I think it was over 19 interested. He would look at them. Many of them he 70, 80 that we covered. Even more. knew and he would give us recommendation as to what is a 21 Q. And now, Mr. Bidsal testified that you only 21 good deal to go into and what is not. 22 looked at a few properties together. Is that true? 22 Q. Okay. Ultimately he was -- strike that. 23 23 Skipping ahead now, was he involved in the A. No. 24 Q. You looked at 70, 80 properties alone in Las 24 acquisition of the Green Valley note and deed of trust? 25 Vegas? 25 A. Yes, he was, and he acted as our broker, and then Page 1023 Page 1025 1 MR. GERRARD: Objection. after, he was involved. 1 2 ARBITRATOR WALL: Sustained. He already kind of 2 Q. What was the name of his company? 3 said that. A. I believe Millennium. BY MR. LEWIN: Q. Can you take out Exhibit No. 3, please? Just in 5 Q. All right. You said you received materials about the binder. It's the settlement agreement for the note 6 these properties. The properties that you were purchase. 7 interested in possibly trying to invest in, what kind of 7 MR. GARFINKEL: Exhibit 3 is going to be over 8 due diligence did you do or did you understand 8 here. Mr. Bidsal was doing on those properties? 9 MR. LEWIN: It should be there. 9 10 A. Well, like I said, because it was nonperforming 10 MR. GARFINKEL: No, it's not. Here it is. THE WITNESS: Thank you. 11 loans, it came with a big package. Thousands of pages 11 12 of documents. And then so we couldn't -- whatever 12 BY MR. LEWIN: 13 property we saw, we couldn't go and look at those. Q. It says in terms of -- there's a commission paid to Millennium Commercial. Is that Mr. Chain's company? 14 First we looked at the property to see which one we are 15 interested, and then we went and we visit the property. 15 16 And after that we started looking at the loan documents, 16 Q. Do you see it says finder's fee of \$19,250? 17 environmental reports, appraisals that came with it, 17 A. That's right. 18 rent rolls. So many documents. It was so much. 18 Q. Okay. 19 We divided -- I was good at the environmental A. Let me see. 20 because I had done environmental work and I would get Q. Just at the same auction that you acquired the 21 those. I would get the one that had to do with the Green Valley note and deed of trust and distressed loan 21 22 legal description survey, which was my line of work, and package, were you also successful in bidding on another 22 23 later on I would get appraisals and then I would -- in 23 distressed property? some of them, I would read the loan docs and report to 24 A. Yes. On that same day we bought another note.

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Q. Was that the Country Club?

him and he would tell me what he saw in the loan docs.

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Page 1026 Page 1028 1 A. Yeah. Q. When the credit card is delivered to Auction.com, 2 O. Was there a broker on that deal? 2 do they actually charge the credit card or --3 A. Jeff Chain. 3 A. No. They block -- let's say if it took \$50,000 Q. Okay. Going back in time, you said that you and to bid, they block that amount from your credit. You Mr. Bidsal were investigating properties. Did you end couldn't use it. up -- talking about before the Green Valley note. Did Q. When would they charge the card, if ever? you and Mr. Bidsal bid on any other properties or notes? A. They never -- if you were not the winner of A. Yes, we did. 8 the -- of the bidding, they would just release it. If 9 Q. Would you tell us, are you talking through you were the winner, you had to immediately pay 10 Auction.com? 10 percent -- wire them 10 percent money and they would 11 A. Through Auction.com, yes. 11 release that block. 12 Q. And how many other properties did you and 12 Q. So was your credit card ever actually charged? 13 Mr. Bidsal bid on? I'm talking, again, before the Green 13 A. I don't remember it was charged, but it was 14 blocked. Sometimes I had difficulty. 15 15 Q. Was that credit card used in connection with the A. I understand. I don't know the number, but we 16 did bid on some properties, but --16 Green Valley auction? Q. In order to bid at an auction, what do you have 17 17 A. Yes. 18 to do in order to submit a bid? 18 Q. And I just want to make sure you know what I mean 19 A. In order to bid in an auction, you first need to 19 when I say Green Valley auction -quarantee, like, earnest money, couple of percent, and A. Yes. 21 send to auction. However, they would also accept credit 21 Q. -- and also the Country Club auction? 22 card. Then you need to -- you need to -- you need to 22 A. Yes. 23 send them proof of fund to prove that you would -- you 23 MR. GERRARD: Objection. Lack of foundation. are able to come up with the money if you got awarded. 24 ARBITRATOR WALL: Overruled. Auction.com --/// Page 1027 Page 1029 BY MR. LEWIN: Q. So you had to first of all put up a credit card 1 1 or something in order to be able to bid. Right? Q. At some point in time did you ask Mr. Bidsal to 3 release the card? Q. And when you and Mr. Bidsal started bidding on A. Yes. What happened, I was going to Europe, and I 5 properties, whose credit card was put up? wanted to, you know, buy ticket, and, you know, I had A. Well, like I said, he had informed me that he was some expenses that I was paying with the credit card, 7 not in a good shape financially, and I volunteered to and I realized that there is not much credit left, so I give my credit cards. It was a few hundred thousand wrote him an Email. I said, "Would you please release," dollars altogether, and he would use those credit cards because I believe that he used that credit card to bid 10 to be able to get into the bid. on other deals that he had since my limit was high. And 11 Q. Had you or Mr. Bidsal discussed through what 11 then he released some of it. entity you would be doing the bidding? 12 Q. Did Mr. Bidsal acknowledge he received the Email 12 13 A. What happened, yes. 13 from you? 14 Q. What entity did you discuss doing the bidding on 14 A. Pardon me? 15 the joint behalf? 15 Q. Did Mr. Bidsal tell you he received the Email 16 A. The name of the entity, he said that he could bid 16 from you? A. Yes. under West Coast Investment, and there is another 17 17

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25 I don't remember exactly.

A. I -- well, it was sometime in 2010 later on, but

company. I believe Real Equity. That company would act

as our agent to take care of the property, but we have

to take care of the financial and we have to take care

Q. Do you recall when you first gave Mr. Bidsal the

MR. GERRARD: No. We object obviously, but --22 23 ARBITRATOR WALL: Hold on. MR. LEWIN: It is one of our exhibits. I think on the exhibit list where the exhibits that were listed

MR. SHAPIRO: Is there a Bates stamp?

February 21, 2012, which was marked in the first

arbitration as Exhibit 40.

Q. I'd like to mark as Exhibit 203, we have an Email

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     in the first arbitration.
                                                                1 probably February or March. I don't remember.
                                                                      Q. Were you getting the packages directly?
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           ARBITRATOR WALL: Please hold on.
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           MR. SHAPIRO: Well, 203, you didn't get to 203.
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    That's a new one.
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           ARBITRATOR WALL: Let him finish. He's talking
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           MR. LEWIN: We had identified it as an exhibit, I
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    believe. Let me take a look where it is.
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                                                                   the Green Valley/Henderson package?
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           MR. GERRARD: What exhibit number was it in the
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     last arbitration?
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           ARBITRATOR WALL: You have -- is it in 196, 197,
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                                                                      A. Well, we knew that it was a loan. And when we
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                                                                   visited the property, we saw it was a business park, and
           MR. LEWIN: This would be in 198. It would be
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                                                                   there was a possibility to subdivide it into eight
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    Exhibit 40, so it's in this book.
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                                                                    saw that there was an opportunity to convert the loan to
           MR. GERRARD: It's not in the book. That's the
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    problem.
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           ARBITRATOR WALL: Hold on. 198.
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                                                                      Q. Just to put a time frame around it, when was the
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           MR. GERRARD: Which exhibit number did you say it
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                                                                   bidding at Auction.com where the Green Valley/Henderson
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    was from the past?
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            ARBITRATOR WALL: 40. So it's one of the last
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21 four or five pages. Six or eight pages in from the back
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    of 198.
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           Any objection to 40?
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           MR. GERRARD: No, but I object to 2-0 whatever it
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                                                                      Q. So do you remember -- did you wire -- put the
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    is.
                                                                    time frame again. You wired some money on May 20th.
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            MR. LEWIN: I'm not offering the entire 198.
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            ARBITRATOR WALL: I understand. We will admit
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    what's marked as Exhibit 40 within Tab 198. For us it's
                                                                      A. Yeah.
    a portion of 198. Got it?
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            (Exhibit 40 was admitted into evidence.)
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           MR. LEWIN: I'm going to show him the one page.
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                                                                   know what the witness remembers, not what Mr. Lewin
    BY MR. LEWIN:
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       Q. This is an February 21, 2012 Email. Is this the
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    Email you talked about?
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                                                                          ARBITRATOR WALL: Understood, but this is our
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                                                                   only day of testimony.
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       Q. And you had provided Mr. Bidsal with your credit
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12 cards from 2010 until this 2012 Email?
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                                                                   that question. Let's go.
       Q. And he did cause some of the funds to be
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   released. Is that correct?
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                                                                      Q. Did you go and see the Henderson property
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       A. Yeah.
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       Q. At some point in time did you become aware of the
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    Green Valley/Henderson property?
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                                                                      Q. Did you have any conversations with Jeff Chain?
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       A. Pardon me?
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        Q. At some point in time did you become aware of the
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                                                                      Q. What did Mr. Chain say?
21 Green Valley/Henderson property?
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                                                                          MR. GERRARD: Objection.
       A. That's correct.
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       O. And when was that?
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                                                                  more particularized than that.
                                                                   BY MR. LEWIN:
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       A. As I said, in one of those brochures we located
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    and we came to visit probably -- I mean, early 2011
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                                                                      Q. Did Mr. Chain offer you any advice about
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    property?
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           MR. GERRARD: Calls for hearsay.
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           ARBITRATOR WALL: That's a yes or no question.
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                                                                           ARBITRATOR WALL: So he's --
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    BY MR. LEWIN:
                                                                           ARBITRATOR WALL: He's going to testify at the
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                                                                   hearing and be subject to cross-examination regarding
       Q. Did that advice help you make a decision in terms
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    of whether or not to bid on the property?
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                                                                    the statement. Right?
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       A. Yes.
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       Q. And what was that advice?
                                                                   statement should come in. Not from this witness. This
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       A. He said --
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                                                                   witness is hearsay.
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           MR. GERRARD: Objection. Calls for hearsay.
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           MR. LEWIN: It's an exception. It's a state of
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    mind to the extent he's relying on Mr. Chain's statement
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    for the truth, because it shows what the course of
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                                                                      Q. Did you and Mr. Bidsal have a joint conversation
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    action he and Mr. Bidsal took.
                                                                   with Mr. Chain about what he thought about the Henderson
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           MR. GERRARD: If he's saying that he relied upon
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   the information, then he was relying upon the truth of
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                                                                      A. Mr. Chain?
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    the matter asserted. It's not a state of mind hearsay
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                                                                      O. Yes.
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           ARBITRATOR WALL: Why is his state of mind
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                                                                      Q. Face to face or on the telephone?
21 regarding that particular property and whatever
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                                                                      A. Face to face.
                                                                       Q. Mr. Bidsal -- after you met with Mr. Chain,
    information he learned from Mr. Chain relevant?
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           MR. LEWIN: Because we heard Mr. Bidsal said he
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                                                                   whatever his advice was, you and Mr. Bidsal decided to
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    had a business opportunity tied up. He did everything.
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                                                                   bid on the Henderson note. Is that correct?
    He found it. He did it. I'm trying to establish that
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                                                                       A. After that, yes, we decided to bid.
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    the fact is that Mr. Bidsal was not telling the truth
                                                                       Q. You heard Mr. Bidsal say that he owned and
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    when he did that. In fact, that there was a whole bunch
                                                                   controlled the Green Valley/Henderson opportunity before
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    of steps and they tied up the opportunity together.
                                                                   you even got involved. Is that true?
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           MR. GERRARD: How does that have to do with --
                                                                      A. No.
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           MR. LEWIN: That's what Mr. Bidsal testified to.
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                                                                       Q. You've been describing all the things you were
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    This was his opportunity and he let Mr. Golshani in
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                                                                   doing in connection with that opportunity. Right?
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    simply because he's a nice guy. Like he did a lot of
                                                                       A. That's right.
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    other things as a nice guy.
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                                                                       Q. And after you'd met with Mr. Chain, did you do
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           MR. GERRARD: So, Your Honor, obviously there's
                                                                   due diligence regarding the Green Valley opportunity?
10 not -- he said a state of mind exception. There's no
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                                                                       A. Yes. I -- yes.
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                                                                       Q. Is that the same kind of due diligence that you
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    such thing as a state of mind exception in the hearsay
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                                                                  described earlier?
12 rule. There's presence sense impression. There's
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    excited utterances. But again, the way he asked the
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                                                                       A. Yes.
    question was: Did you receive advice and did you rely
                                                                       Q. And did you and Mr. Bidsal have a plan if you
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    upon that advice, and then he asked what was the advice.
                                                                   were successful in obtaining the Green -- the Henderson
    That's hearsay under NRS Chapter 51 because it's being
                                                                   note and loan package, what you would do with that after
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    offered for the truth of the matter asserted. If they
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                                                                   you obtained it, you were successful in obtaining it?
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    want to bring Mr. Chain in to testify about what he
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                                                                       A. The plan was to first try to negotiate with the
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    said, then that's the witness it should come from. Not
                                                                   borrower and get the property because the loan amount
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    from this witness.
                                                                    was more than the worth of the property worth, and after
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                                                                   that we would subdivide the property and get it ready
           You know, I don't think there's any objection
22 about did you rely upon the advice you got. As soon as
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                                                                   for sale.
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    he starts asking what these out-of-court statements
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                                                                       Q. Was there a point in time when you and Mr. Bidsal
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                                                                   actually decided with proceeding with trying to obtain
    were, that's hearsay.
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           ARBITRATOR WALL: Um, is Mr. Chain going to
                                                                   the Green Valley note?
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Page 1040 Page 1038 A. Yes. 1 A. I'm sorry? 2 Q. There was a point in time where you and he 2 O. And what about increases in bids? Was that a 3 decided to try to bid on the property? 3 matter of joint --A. The increase was coming from the auction. It 5 Q. You talked about that? started from smaller increase, and after certain price 6 A. Yes. it would go -- first, let's say \$25,000 increment. 7 Q. And if you put in the 10 percent deposit on After a few it became \$50,000 increment. Then 100,000. 8 May 20th, that indicates when was the bidding? When was 8 Like that. We didn't have control how much -the actual bidding? Q. My question was really between you and 10 A. The bidding was a day earlier. 19th. 10 Mr. Bidsal, how was the decision made to make an 11 increased bid? 11 Q. All right. By the way, was the Green 12 Valley/Henderson note in default at the time that you 12 A. We were both looking at the monitor, and then 13 were bidding on it? 13 when they overbid us, we would say okay. "Let's go" --14 A. Yes. sometime he would say, sometime I would say "Let's go 15 one more higher and see what happens." Q. Did you know how much was in arrears under the 15 16 note? 16 Q. This is something that you were jointly agreeing 17 A. I -- we had information it was about 8 million 17 on --18 dollars. 18 A. Yes. 19 Q. Did you know how much were the past due payments 19 Q. -- in order to make an increase? that hadn't been paid? 20 21 A. I don't remember. 21 Q. Why was Mr. Chain there? 22 Q. Okay. Where did the bidding take place? 22 A. Mr. Chain was there to --23 A. It was in a building in Las Vegas. In those days 23 Q. Was he participating in the recommendation? 24 all the bidders would gather. 24 A. He was a part of the conversation, yes. 25 Q. And who -- did you and Mr. Bidsal also attend the 25 Q. He was there as your broker? Page 1039 Page 1041 1 bidding? 1 A. Yes. He was our broker. A. Yes. 2 Q. So when you got the successful bid for the Green 3 Q. Who else was there? Valley notes, was there a deposit that was required to A. Jeff Chain. be put up? 5 Q. And how did you bid? Was it verbal or written? A. Yes. We had to immediately send them the A. No. It was online. As I --6 6 deposit. 7 7 Q. It was online with a computer? Q. And so that deposit would be been due on 8 A. Yes. May 20th. Right? 9 Q. Okay. And were you also bidding on another A. Actually, they expected to get it the same day. There was no possibility. Probably the banks were 10 property on that same day, May 19th? closed. After the cutoff time for wiring is like 1:30. 11 A. Yes. On several properties we did. 12 Q. Was one of those the Country Club property? 12 I think it was past that, so... 13 A. Correct. 13 Q. We established that you actually put up the \$404,000? 14 Q. What's the address of that property, the Country 14 15 Club property? 15 A. Yes, I put up. 16 A. It is -- I don't remember. It's in Horizon 16 Q. What happened to Mr. Bidsal's 30 percent share? 17 A. Well, he told me that he was -- his money was 17 Ridge. 18 Q. What? tight and he asked me to pay the whole thing and he said 19 A. Horizon Ridge. he would reimburse me, and, you know, we had such a 20 Q. And was Mr. Bidsal controlling the bidding by great relationship and such a huge trust that I didn't 21 himself? I mean, was he making the decision whether to 21 hesitate. So I called my bank and arranged to pay the 22 put the bid or increase the bids or not? 22 whole thing. 23 A. Both of us were involved. 23 Q. Did he tell you that -- strike that. 24 Q. In other words, you and he would talk about what 24 Did you know before you started bidding that you 25 to bid? were going to have to put up this 10 percent if you were

Page 1042 Page 1044 the successful bidder? A. What proceeding? 2 A. You mean all by myself? 2 Q. You were successful in the bid for Green Valley. 3 Q. No, no. Were you aware that if you and 3 Did you and he talk about what to do next? Mr. Bidsal were the successful bidders, you'd have to put up a 10 percent deposit? Q. What was that discussion? 6 A. Yes. A. We had a plan, as I mentioned before, that first 7 Q. And the bidding was being done through what thing was we needed to form an LLC as we had agreed. 8 company? 8 Then the plan was that we hire an attorney to negotiate 9 with the borrower to do a deed in lieu instead of going 10 Q. My point, was it Real Equity or --10 through the foreclosure process and subdivision. These 11 A. Yeah. 11 were all in order when we started right away. 12 MR. GERRARD: Objection. Leading. 12 Q. Okay. Would you look at Exhibit 4, please? This 13 ARBITRATOR WALL: Overruled. We've already had is the articles of organization for Green Valley 13 14 that testimony out there. Commerce, LLC, which were filed on May 26, 2011. Did 15 Mr. Bidsal tell you at or about that time that you had A. They were our agent to do this. 16 BY MR. LEWIN: formed an LLC? 16 A. Yes. 17 Q. Did Mr. Bidsal tell you before you started 17 18 bidding that he couldn't come up with his 30 percent 18 Q. Did he show you this document before you actually 19 share of the deposit? put up all of your capital in terms of -- to actually 20 complete the purchase of the note? A. No. 21 Q. Only after you were successful. Right? 21 A. This document? A. Yes. 22 22 Q. Yeah. 23 23 Q. Did you also have to put up a deposit for the A. I don't think so. 24 Country Club property that you were successful at? 24 Q. Did he tell you that he had identified himself as 25 A. I did the same thing. the sole manager? Page 1043 Page 1045 Q. The deal on Country Club was the same deal as A. He didn't -- you mean before he showed me this 1 1 with respect to Green Valley. Correct? document? 3 MR. SHAPIRO: Objection. Relevance. 3 Q. That's right. 4 ARBITRATOR WALL: I don't know what the relevance A. No, he didn't. 5 at all is. Q. At what point in time did you find out that he MR. LEWIN: The relevance is they were bidding on 6 6 had designated himself as the sole manager of Green 7 two properties they ended up buying at the same auction. Valley Commerce, LLC? They had Mr. LeGrand draft both operating agreements, 8 MR. GERRARD: I'm going to object. which are identical except for the amount of capital. 9 ARBITRATOR WALL: Hold on. 10 They have the same provisions with respect to the 10 MR. GERRARD: He's misstating the evidence, 11 waterfall and that there is documents in evidence about 11 misstating the document. The document speaks for 12 the fact that Mr. Golshani was complaining about both itself. The document is clearly marked that management, 13 Country Club and Green Valley in that --Paragraph 4, is members. Doesn't say that he's the sole 14 MR. SHAPIRO: Which we objected to. manager because it was member-managed, not 15 MR. LEWIN: -- and they tie in together the fact 15 manager-managed, and it states right on there that it's 16 members. 16 that he thought that the same waterfall, same meaning to 17 17 Exhibit B was the same for both properties. MR. LEWIN: Section 5 identifies those managers 18 ARBITRATOR WALL: Yeah. Got that. I've said and there's only one named. 19 before I didn't think the Country Club portion of it in MR. GERRARD: Name and address of each manager or the operating agreement were relevant. I'm going to 20 managing member. 21 sustain the objection as to Country Club. 21 MR. LEWIN: Of each. 22 BY MR. LEWIN: 22 MR. GERRARD: It's identifying him as a managing Q. After the bidding was successful, did you and member, but it doesn't say that he's the manager. 23 23 24 Mr. Bidsal talk about what were the next steps in MR. LEWIN: No, it says each manager or managing 25 proceeding? 25 member.

Page 1046 Page 1048 1 MR. GERRARD: Correct. 1 first sentence with everything. 2 MR. LEWIN: It says each. So if there were more 2 Q. Okay. 3 than one manager -- and by the way, I call your A. And I took his word for it. attention to your trial brief that says that not only Q. Okay. Between you and Mr. Bidsal, who was going was Mr. Bidsal the sole manager, he was the sole owner. to do the negotiations with the borrower? So I'll point that out later in closing arguments. A. He was going to do it with the attorney that he 7 ARBITRATOR WALL: I'll allow the question. said he had. 8 Overrule the objection. 8 Q. Can you tell us how much time after the 9 BY MR. LEWIN: transaction was closed -- and that's, I think, June 3 10 Q. I forgot the question now. 10 when the escrow closed. How soon after that was a The question was: Did Mr. Bidsal ever tell surveyor hired? 11 12 you -- strike that. 12 A. Very soon. 13 Before you put up all of your money to buy the 13 Q. Were you involved in the selection of the 14 note, did Mr. Bidsal tell you he identified himself as 14 surveyor? the sole managing member of Green Valley? 15 A. Yes. And I knew VTN from my previous experience 16 16 with government. 17 Q. At what point in time did you find out that 17 Q. So at some point in time were you advised that 18 Mr. Bidsal was identified as the sole manager? Mr. Bidsal had hired a lawyer? 19 A. Well, I --20 MR. GERRARD: Again, you know, I'm sorry. I have Q. And who did Mr. Bidsal tell you he had hired? 20 A. I didn't know. Later on I learned that it was 21 to object. It does not say that he's the sole manager. 21 22 It's not what the document says. Mr. David LeGrand. 22 Q. And how soon after the bidding was successful for 23 ARBITRATOR WALL: So the question was at some 23 point did you find out that Mr. Bidsal was the sole 24 Green Valley did Mr. Bidsal tell you he had hired 24 Mr. LeGrand? manager? Page 1047 Page 1049 MR. LEWIN: That's correct. A. I'm sorry. I don't remember. 1 1 2 ARBITRATOR WALL: Okay. Is that strictly from 2 Q. But at some point in time were you introduced to 3 these articles of organization that you're going from? Mr. LeGrand? 4 MR. LEWIN: I'll ask him. May I ask the A. Yes. 5 question? Q. And did you meet with him? ARBITRATOR WALL: Yeah. You can ask him. 6 7 BY MR. LEWIN: O. And when was that? 8 Q. At some point in time did you find out who had A. Probably in June. Meet June of 2011. been identified as the manager of Green Valley? Q. Had you received any documents from Mr. LeGrand 9 10 A. Yes. 10 before you met with him? 11 Q. How did you find that out? 11 A. Not from him, but I received from Mr. Bidsal. Q. I see. And did -- was the op -- how many drafts 12 A. I got this document and I realized -- shall I 12 13 continue? I realized that my name is nowhere there, 13 of the operating agreement did you receive? 14 neither as a member or a manager, and I went to him and 14 A. We received the --15 I said "How come" --15 MR. GERRARD: I'm going to object it's vague 16 Q. We're not there yet. 16 based on time. 17 How did you obtain the document? 17 BY MR. LEWIN: 18 A. He gave it to me. He send it to me. 18 Q. Before you met Mr. LeGrand, how many draft 19 Q. When he gave it to you, did you have a documents had you received? 20 conversation about how come it only has his name on it? 20 A. Couple of them. 21 A. That's what I said, yes. 21 Q. Were they satisfactory? 22 22 A. Pardon me? Q. What did Mr. Bidsal say? A. Mr. Bidsal says that this is just a formality and Q. Did they conform to the understanding you had 23 my name would be there when the attorney prepares the with Mr. Bidsal? operating agreement. They would put it there in the 25 A. No, they didn't. It was not reflecting what we

Page 1050 Page 1052 had agreed to. Q. You knew that from Mr. Bidsal? 2 Q. So during the first meeting you had with 2 A. Yes. I knew he was working on deed. 3 Mr. LeGrand, was Mr. Bidsal present? 3 Q. Was that discussed in this first meeting as well A. Yes. He took me there. 5 Q. And did you, Mr. Bidsal, discuss with Mr. LeGrand A. We -- they just mentioned. about what the terms of -- what the understanding you 6 Q. So the operating agreement actually was not 7 had in terms of the going-forward relationship? signed until approximately December 12th. So did you 8 A. Yes. In detail. 8 have an understanding of why it took so long to get that 9 Q. Was it any different than what you had described operating agreement for Green Valley executed? 10 earlier as what your understanding was with Mr. Bidsal? 10 A. Well, I didn't understand. It was just a simple 11 A. No. The same thing. We both told him the same operating agreement. We had a lawyer. Everybody was 12 thing. there, but it was delayed and delayed. It was not 13 13 Q. Did you tell him about the percentage? right. 14 14 Q. Did you ask Mr. Bidsal what was taking so long? 15 Q. What did you tell him about the percentage? 15 A. Yes. I asked him and he mentioned that he was 16 A. Well, I told him exactly what happened. I said busy and he would take care of it. And then weeks 17 that the percentage of investment should be 70/30. I passed and then nothing would happen and I started 18 put the 70 percent over. I needed to get that money 18 getting anxious. 19 back when -- you know, through the money other than net 19 Q. Why were you anxious? rent, and the proceeds from the net rent we will divide A. Because I had put a huge amount of money in, 50/50. 21 about 4 million dollars in both projects, and I didn't 22 There was another discussion that we had agreed have a piece of paper to show that I was the owner. I 23 that both of us manage the property, be co-managers. 23 had shares and, you know, there was no -- I wouldn't get And he only showed one manager, and I discussed with any response, a favorable response that okay, let's sit Mr. Bidsal. He said according to Nevada law, only one down and finish this operating agreement. He would say, Page 1051 Page 1053 manager is allowed. So I discussed it with Mr. LeGrand "We'll do it. It takes time." 1 1 and I asked if that's the case. He said no. You can 2 Q. When you say 4 million dollars, are you including 3 have as many managers. So I agreed that both of us be the money that you put up as capital for Country Club? manager of that entity. A. Yes. I put 2.8 here and the rest was there. 5 And then we discussed about the buy/sell 5 Q. Did you also talk about the time it was taking to 6 agreement, and I told him factually what we have sign the operating agreement with Mr. LeGrand? 7 discussed. That I have seen people go into agreement, A. Well, at one point in time I talked to 8 and because they didn't have a buy/sell agreement, they Mr. Bidsal, and I said, "What is the hang up? Why had to go to court for years and we both want to avoid doesn't progress." 10 that. We want a buy/sell agreement that anybody can buy 10 He said, "Mr. LeGrand says because of the 11 and the other party has to either sell or buy at the 11 disparity of the capital, we need a formula to address 12 same property. And he made notes. And these were the 12 this. It's not like a straightforward thing." 13 discussions we had with him. 13 I said, "So why don't they do the formula? They 14 Q. Did you discuss with Mr. LeGrand the return of said it is complicated, so I started getting involved to 15 capital? 15 see what is what and expedite. 16 A. Yes. 16 Q. Okay. So will you take a look at Exhibit 6? 17 Q. Go ahead. What was said to LeGrand about that? 17 ARBITRATOR WALL: Make a spot where it makes 18 A. We said that we first -- we first distribute the 18 sense to take a short break. 19 rent money, the net rent money. Whatever is left we 19 MR. LEWIN: Let me get through this part. 20 distributed according to the pro rata share of the 20 ARBITRATOR WALL: Okay.

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22 before Exhibit 6.

BY MR. LEWIN:

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capital of the partners.

A. I knew that, yes.

Q. Okay. So at the time you met with Mr. LeGrand, 23 did you understand he was also working on the deed in

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MR. LEWIN: Actually, I want to go to exhibit --

Q. Well, looking at Exhibit 6, the first -- there's

a series of Emails. The first one on it is the Email

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Page 1054
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    from November 29, 2011 that says, "Ben, attached find
                                                                           MR. LEWIN: This will be a good time to take a
    the revised OPAG with right of first refusal."
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                                                                   break. Your Honor.
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           Did you receive this?
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                                                                           ARBITRATOR WALL: Off the record.
       A. I think so. Yes.
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        Q. I'd like to call your attention to -- I can set
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                                                                          (RECESS TAKEN FROM 10:44 A.M. TO 11:03 A.M.)
     it up as a separate exhibit. I'd like to go to
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    Exhibit 198 to Exhibit 26.
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                                                                    Whereupon,
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        A. 26?
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                                                                                          JEFF CHAIN,
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                                                                   having first been called as a witness, was duly sworn
           MR. LEWIN: That portion of Exhibit 198.
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            ARBITRATOR WALL: You've got to get him a
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                                                                    and testified as follows:
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    different book.
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           THE WITNESS: I go up to 193.
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           MR. GERRARD: Which number?
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           ARBITRATOR WALL: 26.
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           MR. GARFINKEL: Which is it?
                                                                   Mr. Lewin.
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           ARBITRATOR WALL: 198, and then Exhibit 26 within
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    198. He's already looked at 198 before, so that book
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                                                                   BY MR. LEWIN:
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    should be up there somewhere, because he looked at
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                                                                       Q. Good morning, Mr. Chain. Thank you for joining
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    Exhibit 40 within 198.
                                                                   us today. Would you mind telling His Honor what kind of
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            MR. GARFINKEL: The problem is I have theirs. Is
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                                                                    work you do?
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    it theirs or yours?
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                                                                       A. I'm a commercial real estate broker in Las Vegas.
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           MR. LEWIN: Here it is. I'm sorry. I'm sorry.
                                                                       Q. And how long have you been a commercial real
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           MR. GARFINKEL: Here you go.
                                                                   estate broker?
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           THE WITNESS: Thank you.
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                                                                       A. 40-plus years.
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            MR. GARFINKEL: 198.
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                                                                       Q. And you hold a license with the State of Nevada?
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    BY MR. LEWIN:
                                                                       A. I do. A broker's license.
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        Q. Exhibit 26 --
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                                                                       Q. And how long have you held that broker's license?
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            ARBITRATOR WALL: Any objection to Exhibit 26
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                                                                       A. Probably 30 years.
    within 198?
                                                                       Q. And do you have a company that you work with?
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           MR. GERRARD: No.
                                                                       A. Yes. Millennium Commercial Properties.
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            (Exhibit 26 was admitted into evidence.)
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                                                                           ARBITRATOR WALL: Hold on. Let me stop you.
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           THE WITNESS: Do you know the DL number?
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                                                                           Is your volume on as loud as it will go? Your
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           MR. GARFINKEL: Bates number.
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                                                                    computer volume.
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           MR. LEWIN: Just look for Exhibit 26.
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           THE WITNESS: I know I see 25 but --
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                                                                   BY MR. LEWIN:
           MR. GARFINKEL: Sir, just keep going. Here you
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                                                                       Q. Mr. Chain, would you keep your voice up so that
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                                                                   everyone can hear you? Try to do that?
    go.
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           THE WITNESS: Thank you.
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                                                                       A. Yes.
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                                                                       Q. Okay. We were talking about Millennium
           MR. GARFINKEL: No problem.
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    BY MR. LEWIN:
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                                                                   properties. How long have you had that business?
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       Q. Do you have that in front of you?
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                                                                       A. 25-plus years.
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                                                                       Q. And what kind of business does Millennium
        A. Yes.
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        Q. We earlier saw Mr. LeGrand had sent in a document
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                                                                    property do? Commercial properties? Residential
    with an operating agreement with right of first refusal,
                                                                    properties? Or some other --
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    and later, on this Exhibit 26, at 5:06 he sent another
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                                                                       A. It just does commercial properties.
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    version with the buy/sell agreement.
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                                                                       Q. Has that been your experience over the past 30 or
           Looking at the -- looking at Exhibit -- you
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                                                                  so years?
23 received the operating agreement with the buy/sell
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                                                                       A. Yes, it has.
    agreement. Is that correct?
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                                                                       Q. And do you know Shawn Bidsal?
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        A. At one point in time, yes.
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Page 1058 Page 1060 Q. And when did you first meet Mr. Bidsal? 1 A. I believe so, yes. 2 A. 25, 30 years ago. 2 Q. And did you have a meeting with them where they 3 Q. And do you know Ben Golshani? 3 discussed what they wanted to purchase? 5 Q. How long have you known Mr. Golshani? 5 Q. Can you tell us when the first of those meetings 6 A. It will be between 10 and 15 years. were, or have they sort of merged in your memory? 7 Q. And do you remember when you first met A. We looked at hundreds of properties back in that 8 Mr. Golshani? 8 time, so I couldn't tell you. I couldn't narrow down a 9 9 A. Some point in the late '08, '09, '07. Somewhere 10 in that range. 10 Q. Did they describe their relationship to you, what 11 11 Q. And do you remember in connection with -- have they were doing together? A. They were together a lot of times, and my 12 you ever had any conversations with Mr. Golshani and 12 13 understanding is they were going to purchase X amount of Mr. Bidsal about opportunities to buy either distressed 13 14 properties or nonperforming loans? properties, and acquired this one and another one. 15 15 Q. Now, did you recommend this Green Valley purchase A. Yes, I did. 16 Q. And do you remember when that took place? 16 to them or did they come to you with it? A. Probably '08, '09. Right after the crash 17 17 A. I was going through hundreds of properties, and 18 we would narrow them down and send them off to ones I happened. 19 Q. You were the broker regarding the -- I'm going to 19 thought made sense. do this for a time frame. You were the broker for the Q. And would you have been doing that in 2010 as 20 21 purchase of a loan package relating to Green Valley in 21 well as 2011? 22 Henderson. Do you recall? 22 A. Probably. A. Yes, I do. 23 23 Q. Was this the first purchase that they had, as far 24 MR. LEWIN: Spencer, would you put up Exhibit 3? 24 as vou know? 25 ARBITRATOR WALL: You know what? While he's 25 A. I don't know if this was first or Horizon Ridge Page 1059 Page 1061 doing that, let's try having him mute his phone and use was first, but they were relatively close together. 1 1 2 his computer audio. 2 Q. You said Horizon Ridge. Is that also known as 3 MR. LEWIN: Can you try muting your phone and 3 the Country Club property? just using the computer audio and see if that works? A. Yes. 5 THE WITNESS: Okay. Are you able to still hear 5 Q. So prior to the bidding for this Green Valley 6 note package, you said that you had referred them to me? 7 7 ARBITRATOR WALL: Is that any better? hundreds of properties? 8 THE REPORTER: Ask him to say something again. A. I probably went through hundreds. Probably sent 9 ARBITRATOR WALL: Count to ten for me. them 50. Could have been more. 10 THE WITNESS: (Complied.) 10 Q. When you sent them recommendations out, did you ARBITRATOR WALL: Okay. Go ahead. 11 send them to Mr. Bidsal, Mr. Golshani, or both of them? 11 12 BY MR. LEWIN: 12 A. I'm sure sometimes one, sometimes the other, and 13 Q. Would you please take a look at a final 13 lots of times both. settlement statement that should be on your screen Q. Regarding the -- strike that. 14 14 15 that's dated June 3rd, 2011? 15 Were some of these properties to be 16 A. I see it. potentially -- or the opportunities to purchase through 16 Q. So do you recall ever discussing this business 17 17 Auction.com? 18 opportunity with Mr. Bidsal or Mr. Golshani? 18 A. Correct. 19 A. Looking -- we were looking at a large list of 19 Q. And with respect to this Green Valley/Henderson 20 properties and then talking to Mr. Bidsal and Ben on loan package, this was a purchase of a note and security 21 numerous times back in that era, kind of finding a documents. Right? 21 22 22 A. Correct. package to purchase. 23 Q. Now, this closing took place on June 3rd, 2011. 23 Q. Did you attend the bidding for this property at Were you involved with Mr. Bidsal and Mr. Golshani in the auction with Mr. Golshani and Mr. Bidsal? 24 24 25 looking for purchase opportunities in 2010? 25 A. Yes.

Page 1062 Page 1064 Q. Was anyone else there that you recall? look on Exhibit 50 --1 2 A. It was in an auditorium. I believe it was at 2 MR. LEWIN: Spencer -- you have Exhibit 50 on 3 Cashman Field. I believe on our team we were the only 3 your screen? Yes. Here we go. BY MR. LEWIN: 5 Q. Did you observe how Mr. Golshani and Mr. Bidsal 5 Q. So if you could look at -- I'm going to refer you actually conducted the bidding? to Pages 620 through -- there's an assortment of pages 6 here. Start at 620. Would you take a look at 7 A. I believe I was typing the numbers in. They were 8 discussing the numbers. 8 Exhibit 620, and was this -- and tell us in the 9 Q. And then would you explain to His Honor how that succeeding pages what those pages are. I think they're 10 process worked? your flyers. I just want you to focus on that part. 11 11 A. Looks like an Email from myself to Shawn A. Um, they post the auction about ten days before 12 they put up a due diligence. Go through and open the 12 regarding the Green Valley commercial. 13 auction 72ish, 96 hours prior, and the bid changes every 13 MR. LEWIN: Spencer, would you scroll through the 14 five minutes. Then as it gets close to what they next page, please? Just keep scrolling, Spencer, so believe the end is, they reduce the increments down to Mr. Chain can look at what we're talking about to the 16 2 minutes and ultimately got down to 30 seconds. You end of the flyer. The last page, which is 633. 17 would submit a bid and then you could (inaudible) 17 BY MR. LEWIN: whatever quidance they had in the platform at that time. 18 18 Q. So, Mr. Chain, what are these documents that you 19 Starting at \$100,000 increments. Towards the end it 19 just looked at? would be a few thousand dollar increments. 20 A. Looks like an old marketing brochure that I would 21 Q. You were typing in the bidding by Mr. Golshani 21 have put out into various commercial listing sites. 22 and Mr. Bidsal? Q. Were you able to sell any of the buildings in the 22 23 A. I was. 23 Green Valley Center? 24 Q. And do you recall, were you getting instructions 24 A. We sold, I think, a couple of them. Possibly from one of them, both of them, or either one of them? three. We sold the pharmacy building. I think the one Page 1063 Page 1065 A. Probably either one. We were all sitting in the back. 1 1 together, so it was a very dynamic situation. Q. And at some point in time -- and I'm not going to 3 Q. Did you ever hear Mr. Bidsal or Mr. Golshani say go into this because this is sort of a separate issue, who put up the proof of funds for this bidding? but to put some perspective on this. At some point in 5 A. I don't recall. time was your company actually managing the Green Valley 6 Q. Okay. Did -- strike that. 6 Center? 7 Now, I had --A. For a short period of time we managed the Green 8 MR. LEWIN: Your Honor, there's a part of Valley Center, yes. We didn't take care of any of the Exhibit 50 in evidence but not the entire 50 that I financial sides. Just managed it from tenant showings, tenant relations. That was it. 10 wanted to display to Mr. Chain, but I was going to make 10 11 it as a separate exhibit since I wanted to put in --11 MR. LEWIN: One sec, please. 12 ARBITRATOR WALL: 50 is in evidence. BY MR. LEWIN: 12 13 MR. LEWIN: I have excerpted the pages I want. 13 Q. At the time that you began listing the properties, how many buildings were there, if you 14 ARBITRATOR WALL: Why? 50 is already in. 15 MR. LEWIN: Because -- okay. 15 recall? 16 16 MR. GARFINKEL: Which one? A. Eight or nine, I think. 17 17 Q. And did you recommend David LeGrand to Shawn MR. LEWIN: Spencer, please display Exhibit 50. 18 BY MR. LEWIN: 18 Bidsal? 19 Q. While he's doing that, Mr. Chain, after the 19 A. Yes, I did. 20 bidding was successful and title of the property was Q. Did Mr. Bidsal ever tell you that after the 21 obtained, did you list any of the properties for sale? auction that he was going to try to find another 21 22 A. At one point I had buildings on -- Country Club investor to replace Ben? 22 23 buildings listed as well as the Green Valley buildings A. Not that I recall. 23 24 24 Q. Okay. All right. 25 Q. In connection to -- and I'd like to, if we could, 25 MR. LEWIN: I have nothing else.

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           ARBITRATOR WALL: All right. Mute yours, please.
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                                                                   information about properties have started any earlier
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           MR. GERRARD: Give me one minute.
                                                                   than a few months before that?
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            ARBITRATOR WALL: Yeah.
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                                                                      A. Yes.
            Can you take down the exhibit?
                                                                      Q. Okay. How many months before that?
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            MR. LEWIN: Spencer, please remove the exhibit.
                                                                       A. Probably a year before. They were shown tens of
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                                                                    thousands in that time frame.
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    BY MR. GERRARD:
                                                                       Q. Tens of thousands of properties to these two
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       Q. Can you hear me, Mr. Chain?
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                                                                   individuals?
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                                                                       A. No. I look at buildings all day long, so I have
       A. Yes, I can.
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        Q. My name is Doug Gerrard. I represent Shawn
                                                                   no idea how many we looked at specifically related to
11 Bidsal in this matter. Is it true, sir, that you've
                                                                    that transaction or ultimately that transaction.
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    been working with Mr. Bidsal for over 30 years?
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                                                                       Q. Sure. I guess that's what I'm trying to find
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       A. I've known for Shawn for probably 30-plus years,
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                                                                   out. I'm trying to find out how much you actually
14 yes.
                                                                   remember from your own independent recollection.
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       Q. Okay. Thinking back in time -- well, first, let
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                                                                       A. It was 12 years ago, so...
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   me just ask you this: Do you actually have an
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                                                                       Q. Did you speak with Mr. Lewin about your testimony
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    independent recollection of when you first met
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                                                                   today?
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    Mr. Golshani?
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                                                                       A. I got a subpoena from him and he sent me a couple
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           I didn't hear the answer. Say it again.
                                                                   documents and that was about it. We didn't discuss much
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           ARBITRATOR WALL: Stop. Did you turn your volume
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    down?
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                                                                       Q. Did you actually have a conversation with him?
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           MR. GERRARD: Just a second, Mr. Chain.
                                                                       A. Yes, I did.
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           MR. LEWIN: Do I need to keep it up?
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                                                                       Q. Did you talk about when you first met with
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            ARBITRATOR WALL: Turn yours off.
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                                                                  Mr. Golshani and first started showing properties to
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    ///
                                                                   him?
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1 BY MR. GERRARD:
                                                                       A. He might have asked, and I probably would have
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       Q. Okay. Try that again, Mr. Chain. Do you
                                                                   given the same answer. As far as I know, the '08/'09
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    actually have an independent recollection when you first
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    met Mr. Golshani?
                                                                       Q. Do you have any actual documentation in your
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       A. No, I do not.
                                                                   files that would reflect when you first met
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       Q. When you said perhaps it could have been 2008 or
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                                                                   Mr. Golshani?
                                                                      A. I do not.
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    2009, that was just a guess, wasn't it?
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       A. Yes.
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                                                                       Q. Okay. Any Emails that you sent him with
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       Q. And in terms of the number of properties that you
                                                                   information?
   actually showed to Mr. Golshani and Mr. Bidsal, do you
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                                                                       A. Not from that time frame, no.
11 actually have a specific recollection of how many there
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                                                                       Q. Okay. Did you go back and look for Emails that
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    were?
                                                                   you sent to Mr. Golshani?
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       A. I do not. I said it was probably around 50, but
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                                                                       A. I did, and I didn't have any -- I don't have any
   I have nothing to base that number on.
                                                                   Email records from that period. I had a major computer
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       Q. And was the 50, was that actually physically
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                                                                   issue five or six years ago that wiped out a lot of that
16 going out and showing them a property or where you sent
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                                                                   stuff.
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    them information about a property?
                                                                       Q. What was the earliest you could find that you
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       A. Combination. Sometimes I would take a big list
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                                                                   sent to Mr. Golshani?
    and try to whittle it down to a smaller list and send
                                                                      A. Didn't pay attention, so I don't know.
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    them off and then ones that -- we walked a lot of
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                                                                       Q. Wasn't 2008 or 2009, was it?
21 property.
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                                                                      A. I have no records from then.
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       Q. So can you estimate how long it was from the
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                                                                       Q. Did you speak with Mr. Golshani prior to your
23 first time that you met Mr. Golshani to the time that
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                                                                   testimony today?
    this first auction took place? We know the auction was
                                                                       A. Only -- he called me probably six months ago and
     in May of 2011. Would this process of sending
                                                                   said "Can we subpoena you and will you testify," and I
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    said "I'm uncomfortable," and he said, "Subpoena. I
                                                                          MR. GERRARD: Hold on a moment, sir.
   don't have a choice."
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                                                                          ARBITRATOR WALL: Open your camera so he can see
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       Q. Did you talk about the time frame when you met
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                                                                   who he's talking to.
                                                                          MR. GERRARD: Now you can see me. I didn't
 4
   him?
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       A. I did not.
                                                                   realize I wasn't on.
                                                                   BY MR. GERRARD:
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       Q. Did you talk to him about how many properties you
7
    may have looked at before there was any auction?
                                                                      Q. I know, sir, there was a plan to market and sell
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       A. I did not.
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                                                                   the properties. We looked at documents associated with
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       Q. And did he send you any documents to review?
                                                                   that. Correct?
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       A. He did not.
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                                                                      A. Um, correct.
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       Q. You mentioned Mr. Lewin sent you some documents
                                                                       Q. But my question was really more towards when was
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   to review?
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                                                                   that plan first developed?
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       A. He did.
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                                                                       A. It was the genesis of what the properties we were
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       Q. What documents did he send you?
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                                                                   looking for were valued at properties and finding an
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       A. He sent me two things. One Email has a loan sale
                                                                   office complex or retail complex that we can divide and
16 agreement which is blank, an executive summary and terms
                                                                   sell individually.
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    and conditions from Auction.com. Didn't really mean
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                                                                      Q. Okay. So that's your understanding generally of
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    anything. And then 50 GBC properties, leases, and
                                                                   what types of properties they were looking for?
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19 advertisements that Mr. Bidsal had been marketing the
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                                                                      A. That's my understanding, yes.
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                                                                          MR. GERRARD: I don't have any other questions.
    property.
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       Q. So you were shown an exhibit a few moments ago.
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                                                                          ARBITRATOR WALL: Do you have any?
22 Exhibit 50 had some marketing materials for some of the
                                                                          MR. LEWIN: No. No further questions.
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23 properties in this Green Valley Commerce group.
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                                                                          ARBITRATOR WALL: All right, Mr. Chain. Thank
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    Correct?
                                                                   you very much. You can disconnect both of them.
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       A. Correct.
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                                                                          THE WITNESS: Both of them. Okay.
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       Q. And it showed that those marketing materials were
                                                                          ARBITRATOR WALL: All right. We're going to take
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    dated in August of 2012. Correct?
                                                                   our luncheon recess now. I'm going to try the other
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       A. Correct.
                                                                   room as well and see if that works better.
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       Q. You don't recall ever attempting to market these
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    properties prior to that, do you?
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                                                                          (RECESS TAKEN FROM 11:57 P.M. TO 12:57 P.M.)
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       A. Um, you know, it was a long time ago. I don't
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    know what date we officially started marketing.
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                                                                          ARBITRATOR WALL: Okay. So it's 1:01, so we've
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       Q. Okay. But the only documents that you've seen
                                                                   got a half hour of testimony for Mr. Golshani. Is that
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    are these documents showing a date in August of 2012.
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                                                                   right?
10 Correct?
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                                                                          MR. GARFINKEL: That's right.
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       A. Correct.
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                                                                          ARBITRATOR WALL: Mr. Golshani, do you realize
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       Q. And you don't have any independent recollection
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                                                                   you're still under oath?
13 of anything happening prior to that. Correct?
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                                                                          THE WITNESS: Yes, Your Honor.
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       A. I do not know when we started marketing.
                                                                          ARBITRATOR WALL: Is everyone ready to go?
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        Q. Okay. Do you know if there was any discussion
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                                                                          MR. GERRARD: Getting there. Yes. I'm fine.
16 during the time that the bidding was going on about what
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                                                                   All right.
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     the plan was going to be for these properties, other
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                                                                          ARBITRATOR WALL: All right. Is your other half
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     than to manage them?
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                                                                   on?
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       A. The plan was always to sell them off
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                                                                          MR. LEWIN: He said he got kicked off, but he
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    individually, as they're worth more on an individual
                                                                  doesn't have to be here for Mr. Golshani.
21 basis than as a package.
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                                                                          ARBITRATOR WALL: He shouldn't have gotten kicked
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       Q. What do you base that testimony on? Off an
                                                               22 off.
    actual recollection of them talking about that time?
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                                                                                     CONTINUED EXAMINATION
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       A. My experience as a real estate breaker.
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                                                                  BY MR. LEWIN:
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           ARBITRATOR WALL: Hold on.
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                                                                      Q. Mr. Golshani, you heard Mr. Chain testify that he
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Page 1074 Page 1076 1 first met you in 2008 or 2009. Was he mistaken about A. This is the CC&R and -- and the pertaining 2 that? 2 documents. 3 A. I think we met, you know, through Mr. Bidsal in 3 Q. Is the survey attached to these CC&Rs? 2010. I'm sorry. Or even '11. A. Yes. sir. 5 Q. He testified that several buildings --Q. Would you please take a look at the documents individual -- was the -- was the plan to sell all the beginning at Page 1411 and see if that helps you -buildings one by one or was the plan to sell some of A. No. 8 them? 8 Q. -- when the survey was completed? 9 MR. GERRARD: Objection. Leading. A. The survey was completed August 2, 2011. 10 ARBITRATOR WALL: Overruled. 10 Q. Okay. And there was a record of survey that was recorded. Is that correct? 11 A. The plan was to sell a few of them and then get 11 12 the capital back and try to reimburse the other project 12 A. Yes. 13 and see what the situation -- actual situation is for 13 Q. When was the record of survey recorded? 14 the rest. 14 A. The recordation was August -- October, I believe, 15 BY MR. LEWIN: 7 of '10 or 2011. 16 Q. You heard Mr. Bidsal testify that you did not 16 Q. You indicated that you were familiar with the 17 want to sell. He had to convince you to sell buildings. 17 subdivision process? 18 Is he telling the truth? 18 A. Yes. 19 A. No. We had discussed that long time before that. 19 Q. What is the difference between having the survey 20 Q. And you had -- at the time what was your total actually completed and the record? 21 capital investment -- let me start over. 21 A. When the surveyor does his job, he can -- he 22 At the time that any the buildings were first 22 would subdivide it and he would prepare the legal 23 listed for sale, how much money had you invested into 23 description and -- which goes into the documents, and 24 Green Valley? when you do CC&R is when you form a homeowner 25 A. In the beginning, about \$2.8 million. association, and you have some legal process to do that. Page 1075 Page 1077 ARBITRATOR WALL: Let me stop you there. Q. Were you still looking for properties with 1 1 Mr. Bidsal after the Green Valley note was filed? I want Mr. Lewin to confirm that he can hear us. 3 A. I was not interested in the loans anymore and 3 MR. S. LEWIN: Yes, I can hear you. looking for regular properties. ARBITRATOR WALL: Outstanding. Thank you. 5 Q. Now, do you know when -- there was -- do you know BY MR. LEWIN: 6 when the survey was completed? 6 Q. Now, the operating agreement -- turn to 7 A. Yes. Exhibit 5. This is the operating agreement which was 8 MR. GERRARD: Objection. Best evidence rule. signed -- everyone's testified that it was signed 9 ARBITRATOR WALL: I don't know what we have. December 2011? 10 MR. GERRARD: That's factually the point. They 10 A. Yes. 11 didn't put it in and they're asking about a document 11 Q. Before it was signed, you talked about the 12 from 12 years ago that he did not prepare and he first -- you talked about the first meeting you had with 13 doesn't -- and we don't have the actual document which Mr. LeGrand. Was there subsequent meetings? 14 would answer the question. They didn't put it into A. I don't remember with him. 15 evidence. That's why it's the best evidence rule 15 Q. All right. But at some point in time in terms of -- start over. 16 objection. 16 17 MR. LEWIN: We talked with Mr. Bidsal about it. 17 Did you have telephonic meetings with Mr. LeGrand 18 There is a document. Please look at Exhibit 7, which is 18 and Mr. Bidsal? 19 the CC&Rs. Maybe I should wait until you rule on the A. Probably, yes. 20 objection. Sorry. 20 Q. Do you remember or not? 21 ARBITRATOR WALL: If you're going to do it this A. I remember a lot of telephone calls, but if 21 way, then there is no objection pending. 22 you're talking about the conference call, my -- I don't 23 MR. LEWIN: Okay. 23 remember. Long way. 24 BY MR. LEWIN: Q. You heard Mr. Gerrard and Mr. Bidsal say that 25 Q. What is Exhibit 7, Mr. Golshani? according to Exhibit B, that the waterfall is not

Page 1080 Page 1078 triggered unless there is a sale of all or substantially A. No. 2 all of the assets or a cash offer at financing. You 2 Q. Had he told you that there was no closing 3 heard that statement? statement, would you have objected to him closing the A. Yes. deal with the borrowers unless there was a closing 5 Q. You also heard Mr. Wilcox when he testified -- go statement? A. Yes. through a scenario where he ended up with Mr. Bidsal 6 having a negative capital account -- the possibility of 7 MR. GERRARD: Objection. Question is vague and 8 a negative capital account. You heard that? 8 ambiguous as what he means by "closing statement." 9 MR. LEWIN: An escrow. A final settlement 10 MR. GERRARD: Misstates the witness's testimony. 10 statement. 11 ARBITRATOR WALL: Let's get to the question 11 ARBITRATOR WALL: A final settlement statement 12 rather than what he heard someone say. 12 for the deed in lieu? 13 BY MR. LEWIN: 13 MR. LEWIN: Right. 14 Q. Prior to signing the operating agreement, did 14 ARBITRATOR WALL: Okay. I'll overrule the anyone discuss with you the possibility of you being a objection, but there's generally not. creditor relying on Mr. Bidsal to make up any deficiency MR. LEWIN: If you don't think it's not 16 probative --17 in his capital account? 17 18 18 ARBITRATOR WALL: There's not generally a closing A. No. 19 Q. Would you have signed the operating agreement statement for a deed in lieu, but... where there were scenarios where you would end up with a MR. LEWIN: I'll withdraw the question. 20 positive capital account and Mr. Bidsal with a negative 21 BY MR. LEWIN: 22 and the only remedy was for him to pay it back? Q. Just so we can get off the operating agreement 22 right now, Mr. Gerrard asked you about Exhibit 67 and 23 A. No. 23 24 MR. GERRARD: Objection -- go ahead. I withdraw 24 having to do -- can we pull up Exhibit 67? the objection. 25 A. What about it? Page 1079 Page 1081 1 BY MR. LEWIN: Q. I just want to draw your attention to the formula 2 Q. Your answer was? in the buy/sell agreement. Refer to this Email, and can 3 A. No. you -- if you drafted it and what you mean by "I came up Q. Would you have signed the operating agreement if with." Did you come up with the formula all by yourself you thought you can only recover your capital account on or did you have some help with that? 6 the sale of the last building? A. Some help. 7 A. No, I would not. O. From whom? 8 Q. Now, in terms of getting title from the borrower, A. From Mr. Bidsal. just take a look at Exhibit 8. That's the deed in lieu Q. Have you ever heard Mr. Bidsal say that you and 10 agreement? 10 he massaged the language of the buy/sell agreement? 11 MR. SHAPIRO: Objection. He's asking if Ben ever A. All right. 11 12 Q. Did you receive that agreement before this 12 heard Shawn say something? 13 arbitration started? 13 ARBITRATOR WALL: Right. A. Yes. MR. SHAPIRO: Okay. I guess it's not hearsay 14 14 15 Q. When did you first see it? 15 because Shawn's here. 16 A. I don't remember, but fairly recently after the 16 ARBITRATOR WALL: And he's a party opponent. 17 MR. GERRARD: That only means if it's a statement 17 second arbitration. 18 Q. You mean the first arbitration? 18 against interests, so go ahead. 19 A. Yeah. Before the second. 19 A. I heard him say that. 20 Q. Did Mr. Bidsal ever tell you there was no closing 20 BY MR. LEWIN: 21 statement with respect to the transfer of title? 21 Q. Where did you hear him say that? 22 A. No. 22 A. In the first arbitration. Q. During the testimony? 23 Q. Did he ever talk to you about closing -- doing an 23 agreement with the borrowers and not getting a closing 24 24 A. During the testimony. 25 statement? 25 Q. In this very room?

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       A. Yes.
                                                               1 did they reflect your understanding of how the
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           ARBITRATOR WALL: It was in this room?
                                                               2 distributions were to be made?
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           MR. LEWIN: In this room.
                                                                      A. Well, actually, the distributions were to be made
           MR. GERRARD: Let's go off.
                                                                   pro rata based on the capital contribution.
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            (Discussion off the record.)
                                                                      Q. And distributed 70/30?
    BY MR. LEWIN:
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                                                                      A. No. At that time it was a little bit different.
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       Q. At the time Mr. Gerrard asked you that question,
                                                                   Mine was more because of the problem. A little bit
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    he asked you if you wanted to give an explanation, and
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                                                                   different.
    he said you had to answer yes or no. Right?
                                                                      Q. They were distributed 70/30?
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       A. That's right.
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                                                                      A. Yes, sir. Yes.
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       Q. So this is your explanation?
                                                                      Q. You were fine with that at the time. Right?
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       A. This is my explanation.
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                                                                      A. At the time I was fine with it. I mean, it was
           MR. GERRARD: Are you moving to admit 67?
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                                                               13 there, but I mentioned it in 2010, yeah.
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    Because it's not in evidence.
                                                                      Q. In terms of feeling comfortable with the way the
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                                                                   distributions were going to be made in the future, did
           MR. LEWIN: No, I'm not.
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                                                                  the fact that the boot was distributed 70/30 give you
           MR. GERRARD: Okay.
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    BY MR. LEWIN:
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                                                                  some reassurance?
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       Q. So I want to go to -- I'm going to skip -- well,
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                                                                      A. Yes. I looked at it and I thought it was okay.
19
   you heard Mr. Chain talk about having a couple of
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                                                                      Q. When did you receive the 2012 tax return?
     properties listed? Mr. Chain testified about listing a
                                                                      A. I believe 2012 was sent late 2013.
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    couple properties?
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                                                                      Q. Would you please turn to Exhibit 180?
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       A. Looking?
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                                                                          ARBITRATOR WALL: Does Spencer have it? Could he
23
       Q. Listing.
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                                                                   put it on the screen?
24
       A. Listing Green Valley, yes.
                                                                          MR. LEWIN: No. He doesn't have that one. I got
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       Q. Were you involved in the decision to list the
                                                                   it. No, I don't actually.
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1 properties for sale?
                                                                          MR. GARFINKEL: Want to share it with him?
                                                               1
 2
       A. Yes.
                                                                          MR. LEWIN: Yeah.
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       Q. And for the price?
                                                                          Is this the same as your No. 14?
       A. Yes.
                                                                          MR. SHAPIRO: I don't remember.
5
       Q. And the first sale was completed in 2012. Is
                                                                  BY MR. LEWIN:
                                                                      Q. Exhibit 180. When you said you had to break
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    that correct?
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       A. The first.
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                                                                   down --
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       Q. Sale?
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                                                                          MR. GERRARD: It is not the same as 14.
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       A. Yes.
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                                                                   BY MR. LEWIN:
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       Q. And what building was that?
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                                                                      Q. Mr. Golshani, is Exhibit 180 the breakdown you
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11
       A. Building C.
                                                                  just referred to?
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       Q. And we've already covered this, but just to set
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                                                                      A. Yes.
13
     this up: Were all the proceeds from the sale of
                                                               13
                                                                          MR. LEWIN: Move 180 into evidence, Your Honor.
    Building C used to purchase Greenway?
                                                                          MR. GERRARD: No objection.
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       A. Not all. A little bit left.
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                                                                          ARBITRATOR WALL: 180 will be admitted.
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       Q. And that's what we call boot?
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                                                                          (Exhibit 180 was admitted into evidence.)
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       A. Boot, yes.
                                                                  BY MR. LEWIN:
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       Q. And that boot was distributed?
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                                                                      Q. Now take a look at Exhibit 15.
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       A. It was distributed 70/30.
                                                                      A. 16, you said?
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       Q. And you're aware of that?
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                                                                      Q. 15. That is a -- Exhibit 15 is your 2012 tax
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                                                               21 return?
       A. I became aware of it, yes.
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       Q. When did you become aware of that?
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                                                                      A. Yes.
       A. When they send me the calculations, I took a look
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                                                                      Q. Do you remember when you received this?
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    at it. I --
                                                                          MR. GERRARD: Objection. Asked and answered. He
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        Q. And how did that -- so were those calculations --
                                                                   just answered that question.
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           ARBITRATOR WALL: I'll allow it.
                                                               1 or were they deposited before you saw them?
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           MR. GERRARD: Okav.
                                                                      A. They deposit the check. Generally I am -- I had
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           THE WITNESS: Answer.
                                                                  so much to do, I was not in the office, and that's why
       A. Late 2013, I believe.
                                                                  our policy was whatever check they get, they just
     BY MR. LEWIN:
                                                                   deposit. And no, I didn't see the checks.
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                                                                      Q. Mr. Bidsal said that before he ever issued
       Q. Well, if you take a look -- I just want to get
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    the date down. If you take a look at page marked
                                                                  checks, he got your consent for any checks relating to
8
     2554 --
                                                                   Green Valley. Is that true?
9
       A. Okay.
                                                                      A. No.
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       Q. -- the date is September 10, 2013?
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                                                                      Q. Did he ever seek your consent before he issued
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       A. 2544?
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                                                                  any checks to you?
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       Q. In the top right-hand corner.
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                                                                      A. No.
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           MR. SHAPIRO: It's not there.
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                                                                      Q. Or to himself?
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   BY MR. LEWIN:
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                                                                      A. No.
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       Q. 2554?
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                                                                      Q. So did you register any complaints about any
16
       A. Oh. 9/10/2013 is 2554.
                                                                  distribution to Mr. Bidsal in 2012?
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       Q. We previously looked at your Exhibit 16 where
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                                                                      A. No. I didn't.
18 your K-1 was dated August 8, 2013. When you received
                                                                      Q. Let's turn to 2013. When did you get your 2013
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    any K-1s and letters, were the tax returns ever
                                                              19
                                                                  tax return?
    accompanying them?
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                                                                      A. I got it in 2014.
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       A. I generally received tax return. I seldom got
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                                                                      Q. Take a look at Exhibit 19.
                                                                      A. 19?
22 K-1s however.
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                                                                      Q. Yes. And then also take a look at Exhibit 21.
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       Q. Okay. Now, in terms of -- in terms of the
24
    Greenway -- that was the property that the exchange was
                                                              24
                                                                      A. 21. Okay.
     done -- who located that property?
                                                                      Q. Just look at those both together.
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       A. I located the property.
                                                                      A. Okay.
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       Q. How did you locate it?
                                                                      Q. Exhibit 21 is a letter with a K-1. Right?
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       A. I was active in Auction.com on my own and was
                                                                      A. It is a K-1 for Green Valley.
    looking for properties in different cities. I found
                                                                      Q. It's dated September 9, 2014?
 5
    that.
                                                                      A. That's right.
6
       Q. And did you bring it into the partnership?
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                                                                      Q. And did the tax return accompany this letter?
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                                                                      A. I'm not sure if this was from the tax return, but
       A. Yeah. I put it in the contract under CLA
    property and we had sold -- I brought it to the Green
                                                                   tax return contains the K-1.
    Valley so we can do exchange for Building C.
                                                                      Q. Okay. So was it -- and this is for the year 2013
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       Q. Did you ask for a premium?
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                                                                  tax return. Right?
                                                                      A. Yes.
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       A. No. I didn't ask for nothing.
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       Q. The checks that were referred to in the breakdown
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                                                                      Q. Was there a building sold in 2014?
13 with respect to the sale for the boot, how did you
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                                                                      A. '14 or '13?
14 receive those checks?
                                                                      Q. '14?
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       A. Generally, all the checks goes to my office and
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                                                                      A. Yes. A building was sold in 2014.
                                                                      Q. And that was building what?
16 the accounting people get them and decide which belongs
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    to what entity and register them and deposit them.
                                                                      A. Building E.
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       Q. Would it be -- when -- all of the entities went
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                                                                          MR. LEWIN: You know, perhaps -- it's almost
   to the Noveltex office?
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                                                                  1:30, Your Honor.
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       A. Yes.
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                                                                          Spencer, is anyone in the waiting room?
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                                                                          ARBITRATOR WALL: No. We would know.
       Q. How many entities were receiving business
22 documents there in 2012?
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                                                                          MR. LEWIN: Oh, he wouldn't know. You would
23
       A. In 2012, probably three.
                                                              23
                                                                   know.
24
       Q. Okay. And then after checks -- were the checks
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                                                                          ARBITRATOR WALL: Yeah.
    deposited before you saw -- did you ever get the checks
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Page 1090 Page 1092 BY MR. LEWIN: Q. In 2013. 2 Q. Take a look at Exhibit 22. 2 A. No. 3 A. Okay. Q. Okay. In 2014 you received a tax return that 4 Q. And what is this? shows -- a 2014 -- what did it show? You can locate the 5 A. This is a closing statement for Building E. K-1 if you want for 2014. Either way, what did it show 6 Q. And this is dated November 14, 2014? about the distributions in your capital account? 7 A. November 14, 2014. A. 2014 tax return? 8 Q. Okay. Did you become concerned about 8 Q. Yeah. You can look at 21. That's your K-1, if 9 distributions -- strike that. it's easier. 10 In 2014, did you become concerned about how 10 A. Exhibit 21. That's 2013. distributions were being made? 11 11 Q. Right. We were talking about the 2013 tax return 12 A. Yes. 12 that you received in 2014. Q. So previously you testified you started making 13 13 ARBITRATOR WALL: You asked him about the 2014 14 complaints in 2013. What complaints did you make in 14 tax return. 15 2013? 15 MR. LEWIN: I'm sorry. I thought I said look at 16 A. In 2013? the tax return you received. My mistake. 16 17 0. 2013. 17 BY MR. LEWIN: 18 A. 2013 I noticed -- actually, I didn't make 18 Q. Look at the 2013 tax return that you received. 19 complaint, but in 2013 I noticed that my capital account 19 A. I have the K-1 here. is going up and Mr. Bidsal's is going down. And it Q. What was the status of your K-1 account? 21 wasn't much. 2000. And the year before it was about 21 A. It is 71.95 percent, which is almost 72 percent. the same. So I looked at the K-1s and I didn't have the 22 Q. What is Mr. Bidsal's? 23 time to sit down and get the answer. 23 A. It doesn't have it here, but generally whenever I called Mr. Bidsal and we were talking about 24 mine is over, his is under. 24 other things. I casually mentioned to him that, by the 25 Q. At some point in time did you become aware of how Page 1091 Page 1093 the sales proceeds were distributed with respect to the 1 way, this number is different. What do you think? He 2 said that, "I don't know. Should be okay, but I'll sale of Building E? 3 check." And then I pursue and forgot about it and he A. Yes. 3 forgot about it too because it wasn't much. You know? Q. When was that? 5 So I just mentioned it to him. We had a very good A. It was --6 relationship, and you know, I was sure this thing was 6 ARBITRATOR WALL: When did he become aware or 7 going to be resolved. And there was other issues too when was the sale? 8 and we resolved, so this to me wasn't --MR. LEWIN: When did he become aware. 9 Q. By the way -- when you look at your tax return 9 A. I noticed it probably end of 2014 or '15. 10 for 2013 that you received in 2014, September or later, 10 BY MR. LEWIN: 11 did you look at it right away? Did you look at it upon 11 Q. Did you -- did you begin -- did you contact 12 receipt? Mr. Bidsal in 2014 after September 9th to talk about the 13 A. No. No. As -- in those days I was extremely 13 fact that there was some problems with the way the funds 14 busy and I was running two, three different businesses were being distributed? 15 and I was traveling a lot, and there were a lot of 15 A. Because of the sale? 16 things I should learn, so I didn't have time to check Q. Or because of your K-1. 16 things, and I was relying, on the case of Green Valley, 17 17 A. After 2014, yeah. 18 100 percent on Mr. Bidsal to be very careful about this. 18 Q. I'm asking did you contact him in 2014? 19 So no, I didn't -- I wasn't waiting for them and I 19 A. In 2014, I don't remember. 20 didn't check them right away. 20 Q. But at some time you did contact him? 21 Q. Did you have an indication from anybody or any 21 22 source that Mr. Bidsal was intentionally not following 22 Q. When's the first time you recall contacting him? 23 the distribution requirements of the operating A. I contact him when I got the tax return after a 24 agreement? couple of months, and then we had a discussion in the 25 A. At what time? office and they were bringing me the report and saying

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     that we receive a check. It's 70/30 and things like
                                                                      A. Yes.
     that, which was in line with what we had. And then I
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                                                                      O. For the first time?
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     took at look at it and I realized 70/30 is only the
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                                                                      A. A couple of times.
     capital and he's not following the waterfall.
                                                                      Q. How many times did you have in 2015 those
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            So I started making calls serious and I said
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                                                                   conversations?
     about end of 2015, what do you think -- what's the
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                                                                      A. A couple of times.
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     reason you're doing it this way?
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                                                                       Q. Can you tell what was said in those
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       Q. When do you first recall speaking to Mr. Bidsal
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                                                                   conversations?
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    about this issue about the sale of building --
                                                                       A. I asked him about why there is a disparity in the
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     distributions from the sale of Building E?
                                                                    capital ratio, and first he said didn't know, and then
                                                                   he said he would look into it. And then later on he
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       A. It was about the end of 2015. In 2015.
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       Q. Why didn't you contact him before then?
                                                               12 direct me to Tina from the CPA office, which I called
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                                                                   and she answered. I told her the problem. He never
       A. Like I said, I didn't -- I was not aware that
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   every year it is becoming like this, and I was not aware
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                                                                    called me back when I called. He would not take my
     that it has become -- it is becoming more, and when
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                                                                    call. It was like that.
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     there was a sale, big numbers started adding. So that's
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                                                                       Q. When did you first raise the issue about the fact
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    why. Like I said, we were in extremely good terms. I'm
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                                                                   he was only distributing the sale proceeds 70/30 with
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                                                                    respect to the basis of the funds?
     the one who put the down payment without any payment and
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    I paid about 4 million dollars into our investment.
                                                                           MR. GERRARD: Objection. Leading. He asked him
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           MR. GERRARD: Objection. Move to strike.
                                                                    what did you talk about, and none of this was included
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    Nonresponsive.
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                                                                    in that answer, so now he's telling him what he wants
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           ARBITRATOR WALL: Hold on. There's an objection.
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                                                                    the answer to be.
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           MR. GERRARD: He answered the question. Now he's
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                                                                           ARBITRATOR WALL: He asked when. When did you
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     going off on something completely different.
                                                                    talk about the fact it was 70/30, so...
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            MR. LEWIN: The question was why didn't you call
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                                                                           MR. GERRARD: Right, but he's supplying the
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    him earlier, and I think he's explaining.
                                                                    information that he wants it to be about when the
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           MR. GERRARD: I don't think that was the
                                                                   witness never testified about that.
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    question.
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                                                                           ARBITRATOR WALL: He has to an extent. I'll
    BY MR. LEWIN:
                                                                   overrule that.
                                                                  BY MR. LEWIN:
       Q. The bottom line is -- you've seen the first
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   communications that we've seen are in January 2016 that
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                                                                      Q. When did you talk to Mr. Bidsal about the fact
7
    refer to December 2015. Is that the first time it was
                                                                    that the distributions of the sale he was distributing
8
    in writing?
                                                                    the costs on a 70/30 basis but the gains on a 50/50
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       A. I think so. Probably in 2015 I sent an Email.
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                                                                   basis?
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       Q. If you were concerned about the way monies were
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                                                                      A. It was end of 2015 and then in 2016.
11 being distributed, why didn't you ask him earlier?
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                                                                           MR. LEWIN: Your Honor, if I could have a moment.
       A. Because of trust. I didn't scrutinize to see
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                                                                   I want to make sure that -- I want to make sure that
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    what has happened. You know? Can I talk about what --
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                                                                    Spencer alerted the witnesses to the new...
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       Q. You can tell kind of what your mindset was and
                                                                           ARBITRATOR WALL: Do you want to break and go off
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   how and when you made complaints about distributions.
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                                                                    the record?
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       A. So what I'm trying to say, at those dates, there
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                                                                           MR. LEWIN: I'll send him a text.
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    was such a good relationship with Shawn, and I have so
                                                                           Maybe we should take a couple-minute break. He
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    much trust. As example, I was saying he had my money
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                                                                    says he's done it.
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    without me having any paper with him. If something
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                                                                           ARBITRATOR WALL: Let's go off the record.
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    happened to him, I cannot easily prove that that money
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    was mine. I trusted him. That trust continued and I
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                                                                           (RECESS TAKEN FROM 1:42 P.M. TO 1:50 P.M.)
22 thought that could take care of it. I had a lot on my
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    plate, so I didn't scrutinize.
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                                                                           ARBITRATOR WALL: We're going to take a break
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       Q. When you did contact Mr. Bidsal, it was verbally.
                                                                    from Mr. Golshani. Is that right?
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   Right?
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                                                                           MR. LEWIN: Yes.
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           MR. GARFINKEL: Who do we have on here?
                                                                   me some information about interest he earned during the
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           MR. LEWIN: The first one is Kasandra Schindler.
                                                                    years 2017, '18, and '19. Correct?
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            ARBITRATOR WALL: Ms. Schindler, can you hear me?
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                                                                       A. Yes.
            THE WITNESS: Yes.
                                                                       Q. Did you do that?
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            ARBITRATOR WALL: All right. Good afternoon.
                                                                       A. Yes.
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     I'm David Wall. Can you raise your right hand, please.
                                                                       Q. First of all, can you tell me what the average --
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                                                                    what kind of accounts does Mr. Golshani have at
     Whereupon,
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                      KASANDRA SCHINDLER,
                                                                8
                                                                    JPMorgan?
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                                                                           MR. GERRARD: I'm going to object. This is a
    having first been called as a witness, was duly sworn
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     and testified as follows:
                                                                    clear violation of the best evidence rule, and it's a
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            ARBITRATOR WALL: Mr. Lewin.
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                                                                    clear violation as to the disclosure obligations under
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                           EXAMINATION
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                                                                    this arbitration. They have disclosed no documents, no
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                                                                    bank statements of any kind from JPMorgan Chase, nothing
    BY MR. LEWIN:
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        Q. Ms. Schindler, thank you very much for joining us
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                                                                    that would allow this witness to be able to testify or
     this afternoon. Sorry to have kept you waiting. Would
                                                                    authenticate it as a record or a business record.
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     you please state your occupation?
                                                                           What they're trying to do is substitute her
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           ARBITRATOR WALL: Hold on. Let's do this. Is it
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                                                                    testimony for their failure to provide the actual
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                                                                    documents that they were absolutely required to disclose
    Kasandra, K-A-S-A-N-D-R-A?
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           THE WITNESS: Yes.
                                                                    if they were going to try to use it as evidence. It's
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           ARBITRATOR WALL: Last name S-C-H-I-N-D-L-E-R?
                                                                    inappropriate for them to try to use this witness to
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           THE WITNESS: Yes.
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                                                                    bypass their obligation to produce the actual documents
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           ARBITRATOR WALL: All right. Thank you.
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                                                                    that we have no ability to even cross-examine on or
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    BY MR. LEWIN:
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                                                                    question during depositions because it simply was never
24
       Q. Would you please state your occupation?
                                                               24
                                                                    disclosed.
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        A. I'm a financial advisor with JPMorgan.
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                                                                           So we brought this up once before in motions in
                                                  Page 1099
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       Q. Do you know Ben Golshani?
                                                                    limine when they were claiming that they wanted to use
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 2
        A. Yes.
                                                                    this witness. We made it very clear we were going to
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        Q. In what capacity do you know him?
                                                                    object at the trial. Your Honor said that you were
        A. It's hard to hear you. I'm going to put on my
                                                                    going to wait until trial to decide the issue.
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     ear pods and see if that helps.
                                                                           To sum up one more time: They've not disclosed
           ARBITRATOR WALL: Keep your voice up because this
                                                                    any documents from JPMorgan Chase. None. They did not
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     is where the sound is coming from.
                                                                    disclose this witness at the beginning of the case
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            THE WITNESS: I'm going to see if I can hear you
                                                                    either. So basically what we have is them trying to put
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    a little bit better.
                                                                    on testimony with no documents, even though she
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    BY MR. LEWIN:
                                                                    absolutely had to review documents in order to arrive at
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       Q. So can you hear me better now?
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                                                                    the testimony she's about to give you. That's a
       A. Yes.
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                                                                    violation of the best evidence rule.
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        O. Okav. Thank you.
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                                                                           MR. LEWIN: I think she can testify as to what
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                                                                    kind of accounts he has and during that time, what --
            In what capacity do you know Mr. Golshani?
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        A. As a client of the firm.
                                                                    the applicable interest rate that he was receiving as an
16
        Q. And do you handle his account?
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                                                                    average, which is what I asked her to testify about.
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        A. I do.
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                                                                           ARBITRATOR WALL: What about the records that she
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        Q. And where do you work?
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                                                                    relied on?
19
       A. JPMorgan in Newport Beach.
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                                                                           MR. LEWIN: Well, I don't think that the records
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        Q. Is that a bank?
                                                                   have to be made as an exhibit for her to give her
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       A. It is.
                                                               21
                                                                    testimony.
22
        Q. And your title is what?
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                                                                           ARBITRATOR WALL: She can just --
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        A. Financial advisor.
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                                                                           MR. LEWIN: Mr. Golshani can testify about what
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        Q. And in connection with Mr. Golshani, I asked you
                                                                    interest he received. I was trying to do it through a
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    before today to look into his account so you could tell
                                                                    third-party witness.
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            MR. GERRARD: It's going to be the same objection
                                                                   Mr. Golshani's personal holdings, etc.) if she's
     even if Mr. Golshani tries to testify about it because
                                                                   presented as a witness."
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     they had their opportunity to produce the records. They
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                                                                          Okay. So where we are is you intend to have her
    did not produce the records. This witness does not have
                                                                    testify about holdings or accounts of Mr. Golshani and
     independent knowledge of what his account balances are
                                                                    interest earned thereon?
    without reviewing the records. She just testified that
                                                                          MR. LEWIN: That's correct.
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    she looked at the records to be able to arrive at the
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                                                                          ARBITRATOR WALL: Okay. Without having ever
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     information she's about to give us, and those records
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                                                                   disclosed those records?
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                                                                          MR. LEWIN: Correct.
     themselves constitute hearsay. Her testimony
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    constitutes hearsay. The only way to get around that
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                                                                          ARBITRATOR WALL: Well, that would violate a
11 hearsay would for them to claim it's a business record.
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                                                                   number of evidentiary rules, in addition to disclosure
12 But if it is, then we're entitled to the record. That's
                                                                   requirements. So I'm sustaining the objection to the
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                                                                   last question. I don't know what else you intend to get
    the purpose of the business -- sorry -- of the best
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    evidence rule.
                                                                    from her.
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            ARBITRATOR WALL: So February 25th was the date
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                                                                          MR. LEWIN: Okay.
16 that claimants filed a motion in limine to exclude late
                                                                   BY MR. LEWIN:
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    and improperly disclosed witnesses and improperly
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                                                                      Q. Let me try -- during the year 2018, what was the
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    disclosed documents. There was an opposition filed on
                                                                   highest interest rate that was available for savings
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    March 3rd, and one of the issues was with respect to
                                                                   accounts at JPMorgan Bank?
    Ms. Schindler. And I noted in the order from
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                                                                          MR. GERRARD: Same objection, Your Honor.
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    approximately March 4th or 5th of 2021 -- I basically
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                                                                          ARBITRATOR WALL: We don't care about that one.
                                                                          You may answer. Ms. Schindler, when there's an
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    said the following, and I will read from the order.
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            "Ms. Schindler from JPMorgan Chase Bank was
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                                                                   objection you're doing the right thing and waiting until
                                                                    I jump in. So you may answer that question.
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    designated in Respondents' third supplement on
     February 16th, 2021 to testify, quote, about funds on
                                                                       A. 2 and a quarter percent.
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                                                                  BY MR. LEWIN:
    hand controlled by Ben Golshani and available to
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    complete the purchase of the Bidsal membership interest
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                                                                      Q. How about for 2019? Same question.
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    as well as interest earned thereon, as well as bank
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    records as necessary."
                                                                      Q. What about for 2019?
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           That came from the third supplemental
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                                                                          ARBITRATOR WALL: Ms. Schindler, let me ask: Are
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            The order goes on to say, "Claimant argues that
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                                                                   you referring to a document?
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    no records from Chase Bank have been disclosed in this
                                                                          THE WITNESS: Yes.
    case such that Schindler would be qualified to
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                                                                          ARBITRATOR WALL: What's the document?
10 authenticate bank records in a position with Chase Bank.
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                                                                          THE WITNESS: Year-end statement.
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11 Claimant also notes that she may be Mr. Golshani's
                                                                          ARBITRATOR WALL: Year-end statement of what?
                                                                          THE WITNESS: Of Mr. Golshani.
12 personal banker and therefore would have become known to
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13 Respondent long before she was disclosed as a witness.
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                                                                          MR. GERRARD: Again, Your Honor, I'd move to
   In response, Respondent does not address those issues,
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                                                                   strike the testimony.
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     saying only that Schindler is, quote, offered to testify
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    about funds on hand and available to Ben Golshani (and
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     thus CLA) and the interest rate earned on those funds."
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                                                                   BY MR. LEWIN:
                                                                       Q. Are you able to testify about the available
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            The order goes on to say, "Given the fact that
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19 Ms. Schindler was identified with contact information
                                                                   interest rates in 2017, '18, and 19?
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    prior to the close of discovery, it is the determination
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                                                                          ARBITRATOR WALL: For who?
21 of the arbitrator that the motion in limine to exclude
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                                                                          MR. LEWIN: For the bank, without looking --
22 her as a witness is hereby denied without prejudice,
                                                                   without reference to Mr. Golshani's accounts.
23 reserving to Claimant the right to object to the nature
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                                                                          ARBITRATOR WALL: Wouldn't be relevant.
    of her testimony (attempting to authenticate records not
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                                                                          MR. LEWIN: All right.
    previously disclosed, lack of relevance in
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                                                                          Ms. Schindler, I don't think we have anything
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    further then. Thank you for coming.
                                                                           MR. LEWIN: I think it's inappropriate for Mr.
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           ARBITRATOR WALL: Thank you very much.
                                                                   Gerrard to basically threaten him with a Bar complaint
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           THE WITNESS: Thank you.
                                                                   if he testifies.
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           MR. LEWIN: Do we have Mr. LeGrand?
                                                                           MR. GERRARD: It's not a threat. It's my
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           MR. GERRARD: Not yet.
                                                                   obligation to let Mr. LeGrand know of my concerns. It's
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           MR. LEWIN: He told me he was in the waiting
                                                                   not a threat. It's exactly what we anticipate is a
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                                                                    problem. I need to conduct voir dire so I can see the
    room.
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           ARBITRATOR WALL: No. She popped up in the
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                                                                    extent of that before any questions are asked so
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                                                                    Mr. LeGrand is fully advised of the position that we
    waiting room.
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           MR. LEWIN: I'm going to call him.
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                                                                   have as it relates to this.
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           THE WITNESS: We'll go off the record.
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                                                                           ARBITRATOR WALL: I mean, any time an attorney
                                                                    testifies regarding client communications, there's
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           (Discussion off the record.)
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           ARBITRATOR WALL: Mr. LeGrand, can you hear me?
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                                                                    generally a waiver somewhere along the line or an
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           THE WITNESS: Yes, I can.
                                                                    exception to the Rules of Professional Conduct that
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    Whereupon,
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                      DAVID LEGRAND, ESQ.,
                                                                           MR. GARFINKEL: Your Honor, may I speak? Mr.
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    having first been called as a witness, was duly sworn
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                                                                   LeGrand's deposition was taken in the litigation.
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    and testified as follows:
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                                                                           MR. SHAPIRO: No.
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           MR. GERRARD: Your Honor, before we proceed, I
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                                                                           MR. GARFINKEL: Yes.
    have to raise an objection about Mr. LeGrand testifying
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    at all, and I think voir dire is going to be
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                                                                           MR. GARFINKEL: I'm talking.
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    appropriate. Mr. LeGrand has not only attorney/client
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                                                                           ARBITRATOR WALL: Stop. Stop. This litigation
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    privilege obligations to the entity Green Valley
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                                                                   was me. In the litigation was he deposed?
    Commerce, but also has ethical responsibilities under
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                                                                           MR. GARFINKEL: No, he was not.
    our Rules of Professional Conduct 1.4, 1.7, and 1.13.
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                                                                           ARBITRATOR WALL: Okay. That's what they were
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           ARBITRATOR WALL: Nevada code?
                                                                    trying to say.
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           MR. GERRARD: Yes. Nevada Rules of Professional
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    Conduct. I don't know how he would possibly testify in
                                                                    state court, and also the first arbitration --
    a proceeding and take a position adverse to that of his
                                                                           ARBITRATOR WALL: I don't care about the
   client. It's obvious he's had communications with
                                                                   Mission --
6 Mr. Golshani and Mr. Lewin without ever notifying his
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                                                                           MR. GARFINKEL: He also testified at the first
                                                                    arbitration. He was the drafter of the Green Valley
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   client of those communications. There are serious
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    issues that are raised by his willingness to appear,
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                                                                    operating agreement. It says that in there.
    which will likely have to result in a Bar complaint. I
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                                                                           ARBITRATOR WALL: I understand.
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    want to do voir dire before any questions are asked him
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11 so I can determine what the extent of the
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                                                                    understand why Mr. Lewin is making those objections,
                                                                    because I think he's right. All of a sudden, after
12 confidentiality problems are and the attorney/client
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    privilege breaches.
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                                                                    years, now they're objecting?
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           MR. LEWIN: Your Honor, these objections are a
                                                                           ARBITRATOR WALL: What I was saying is I don't
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    thinly veiled attempt to intimidate the witness. If he
                                                                    consider litigation for Mission Square to be a waiver in
    was going to bring up these objections, he should have
                                                                    this action. I don't consider his testimony before
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    done so before. He's saying he's violating ethical
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                                                                    Judge Haberfeld to necessarily be a waiver. The issues
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    obligations and a Bar complaint. He testified without
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    objection in the first arbitration.
                                                                    know, what is at issue, which is sort of how the Nevada
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           ARBITRATOR WALL: I don't see that as a waiver.
                                                                    Supreme Court look at attorney/client waivers for
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           MR. LEWIN: The bottom line is that he did work
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                                                                    purposes of testifying, they're ostensibly and
                                                                    potentially different. I haven't read his testimony
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   for Green Valley.
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                                                                    previously to know whether the issue of a waiver was
           MR. GERRARD: I don't want to hear Mr. Lewin's --
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           ARBITRATOR WALL: It's not an offer of proof
                                                                    explored or not.
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    right now, so...
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                                                                           MR. GARFINKEL: Never was.
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           MR. LEWIN: Your Honor, with respect to the
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    waiver --
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                                                                           THE WITNESS: Very good.
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           ARBITRATOR WALL: There's two waivers going on.
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    I was saying "waiver" in terms of waiving
                                                                           MR. LEWIN: I apologize, Your Honor, if I
     attorney/client privilege to allow him to testify to
                                                                    overstepped before, but the bottom line is that
     communications; and secondarily, the waiver and estoppel
                                                                    Mr. LeGrand testified, as they well know. They have his
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    kind of thing by having him say if he's testified
                                                                    deposition that he represented Green Valley Commerce.
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    before, then there's a waiver on the issue of whether he
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                                                                    He had meetings. He had meetings with Mr. Bidsal on
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                                                                    behalf of Green Valley Commerce that he billed Green
     can testify.
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            MR. LEWIN: There's actually two matters. First
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                                                                    Valley Commerce. He had meetings with both Ben and
   of all, he testified -- his deposition was taken in both
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                                                                    Shawn regarding the operating agreement, and there's
                                                                    written communications. And to the extent that his
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    the Mission Square case and the arbitration. The
                                                                    testimony about what he reviewed with both of them --
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     testimony itself, once there's a waiver of an
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    attorney/client privilege -- if there was one, by the
                                                                    understand they are both managers. They both -- both of
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     way, and I'm not agreeing there was one to waiver --
                                                                    them or either of them can waiver the privilege.
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    it's gone.
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                                                                           MR. GERRARD: No. No.
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           ARBITRATOR WALL: Not for all purposes, no. I
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                                                                           ARBITRATOR WALL: I don't think Mr. Golshani
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                                                                    could waive the privilege with respect to discussions
    disagree.
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           MR. LEWIN: If he testifies about the drafting of
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                                                                    that the lawyer had with Mr. Bidsal.
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     the operating agreement or communications that he's had
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                                                                           MR. LEWIN: It depends what capacity Mr. Bidsal
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     regarding that and has produced documents concerning
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                                                                    is here for. Remember Mr. LeGrand is going to say the
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     this which were produced both in a deposition in -- Mr.
                                                                    client was Green Valley, and that's been billed and that
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                                                                    is what he considered the client. That's what he said
     Shapiro took his deposition.
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           MR. SHAPIRO: No.
                                                                    in his deposition and at the first arbitration.
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            MR. LEWIN: You were present during his
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                                                                           ARBITRATOR WALL: Mr. Gerrard.
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                                                                           MR. GERRARD: Sure. It's very straightforward,
     deposition.
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                                                                    Judge. NRCP 1.13. That's the rule that deals with an
           MR. SHAPIRO: I was present but didn't Notice it.
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           MR. GARFINKEL: They got all the documents --
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                                                                    organization as a client. It clearly states that if a
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            ARBITRATOR WALL: One at a time for her.
                                                                    lawyer represents an entity as a client, that that is
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           MR. LEWIN: That horse is out of the barn, I
                                                                    the client. And then Subpart G of that rule states that
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     submit. So it doesn't -- I don't think you can waiver
                                                                    if the lawyer representing that organization also wants
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     the attorney/client privilege here and assert it here on
                                                                    to represent any of its officers, directors, employees
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     the same subject matter.
                                                                    or members -- that word is used, members -- that the
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            ARBITRATOR WALL: I don't know it's the same
                                                                    organization's consent to that dual representation is
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     subject matter. If the same subject matter is the Green
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                                                                    required by Rule 1.7.
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    Valley transaction, that's a little narrower than
                                                                           ARBITRATOR WALL: Okay.
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    discussions with respect to different provisions which
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                                                                           MR. GERRARD: That has never occurred here, and
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    may or may not have been an issue in his prior
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                                                                    Mr. LeGrand has been acting on behalf of one of the
     testimony. I haven't seen his prior testimony.
                                                                    members of this entity adversely to not only the client,
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            MR. LEWIN: Understand that he was -- and I think
                                                                    because he's about to give testimony or they're going to
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    he'll testify he considered his client to be --
                                                                    try to elicit testimony that's inconsistent with what
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           MR. GERRARD: I don't want to hear Mr. Lewin
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                                                                    his client, the company, did. In other words, the
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     speaking for Mr. --
                                                                    company took a certain position. They filed tax
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           MR. LEWIN: After you threaten him and you
                                                                    returns. They took all the actions that they did that
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     complain about me telling him?
                                                                    you've already heard testimony about based upon their
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           ARBITRATOR WALL: Do I get to speak or do you
                                                                    understanding of the operating agreement, and now
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    want to take control? Do you want to sit here?
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                                                                    they're trying to bring in Mr. LeGrand after the fact to
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                                                                    take a position that's inconsistent with the one taken
           MR. LEWIN: I apologize, Your Honor.
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            ARBITRATOR WALL: Mr. LeGrand, can you hear me?
                                                                    by the entity, which is his client, and under Rule 1.7,
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    I'm going to mute my own microphone for a moment. All
                                                                    they cannot do that.
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Mr. LeGrand cannot take a position inconsistent with that of his client, nor can he be prepping or 3 speaking with one of the members to the exclusion of the other member without the other member's consent. That's very clear under Rule 1.7. Rule 1.7 deals with the conflict of interest that arises when there's a concurrent conflict of interest. And a concurrent 7 8 conflict of interest is defined as the representation of one client that will be directly adverse to another 10 client.

11 And here he's been representing Mr. Golshani 12 individually and speaking with Mr. Golshani and his 13 lawyers individually without to consent of the 14 company -- because that consent would have to come from 15 both managers, not just one -- and he's been divulging, 16 apparently, attorney/client privilege communications. 17 Because as long as he is just speaking with 18 Mr. Golshani, he's okay. The minute they try to bring 19 that to Your Honor, it's a breach of the attorney/client privilege.

20 21 So the problem is he has an irreconcilable 22 conflict of interest. He did not get the consent of the 23 entity to be able to speak with Mr. Golshani 24 individually, to discuss this case with just Mr. Golshani and his lawyers without notifying

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Mr. Bidsal of what it was that was the issue, No. 1. No. 2, he does not have the right to take any position that's inconsistent with his client, which is the company, which is exactly what they're trying to put him on for.

No. 3, he's never obtained any waiver of a conflict or obtained the consent of either the client or Mr. Bidsal. Both of those -- all three of those are violations of 1.7. Now as to the attorney/client privilege issue specifically, that's, of course, dealt with in NRS Chapter 49. NRS Chapter 49.115 states in the exceptions -- these are the exceptions to the attorney/client privilege. And if you could bring that up, Your Honor, that would probably be easier for you to see it. I'm specifically looking at exception No. 5.

MR. LEWIN: What are you looking at? MR. GERRARD: NRS 49.115. No. 5 is the one at issue. There is no privilege as to a communication relevant to a matter of common interest between two or more clients if the communication was made by any of them to a lawyer retained or a consultant in common when offered in an action between any of them.

23 MR. SHAPIRO: Any of the clients.

24 MR. GERRARD: I'm sorry. Right. So again --25

MR. GARFINKEL: Green Valley is not a party.

MR. GERRARD: Yeah. Here we have an

irreconcilable conflict of interest, and there's no way

3 they can get around the attorney/client privilege

because this is a communication which is a matter of

common interest between two or more clients. 6 MR. SHAPIRO: No. The client was Green Valley.

He was very clear in his testimony. Green Valley is not

8 a party.

MR. GERRARD: Exactly. So the exception does not apply, and he has never gotten the consent of the entity. So, Judge, this is the problem that we have with Mr. LeGrand. Somewhere along the line he thought

it was appropriate for him to start having

communications with Mr. Golshani and Mr. Golshani's

lawyers and apparently discussing communications he had 15

with Mr. Bidsal, which he does not have the right to do.

They're privileged. Mr. Bidsal has never waived any

privilege, and the client could not waive the privilege

19 because it would require the consent of both of the

parties that are managers. And so -- that has not 21

happened. That's very clear, so I have very grave concerns about this witness providing testimony with the

23 irreconcilable conflict of interest that exists.

ARBITRATOR WALL: Why wouldn't this have been raised as soon as Mr. LeGrand was Noticed as a witness?

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MR. GERRARD: We didn't raise it because he 1 hadn't done anything to violate it. Unless or until 3 Mr. LeGrand decides he's going to appear, he's the one that needed to object to the Subpoena. He has an absolute obligation, a fiduciary duty to my client and the entity to preserve that privilege and not violate his ethical responsibilities, and we had to wait to see if he was actually going to decide to appear. Not only is he appearing, he's obviously had communications.

MR. SHAPIRO: Not only that, the issues in the prior arbitration didn't have the same inherit conflict. When the arbitration was first filed, the extent and scope of this arbitration was a little unknown. It gets narrowed down as the process goes by. And as it has been narrowed down, most of those issues that he could testify to are eliminated. It's irrelevant. The only remaining issues he can testify to involve an inherit conflict that didn't exist in any of the prior existing proceedings.

ARBITRATOR WALL: Why not?

MR. SHAPIRO: The issue was who was the drafter of specific language. That's not privileged. There was discussion about where that language came from. That was it. There wasn't discussion about what it meant. That wasn't what David LeGrand's testimony was used for.

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Page 1118 Obviously the intent of the parties, that's what the Court is supposed to interpret. It didn't get into any

3 issues that were privileged.

In this case he's going to try and come in and take a position that's contrary to his client and

6 contrary to the actions of Green Valley Commerce over 7

the years, and that's where the conflict comes in.

8 ARBITRATOR WALL: Mr. Lewin.

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MR. LEWIN: First of all, there's no conflict that exists to the extent he represented Green Valley. 11 He worked with both Mr. Bidsal and Mr. Golshani in 12 creating the operating agreement. They've listed as exhibits in their own exhibit list all kinds of communications between him and Mr. LeGrand and Mr. Bidsal and Mr. Golshani.

ARBITRATOR WALL: For me that doesn't waive the attorney/client privilege for any other conversations they had.

MR. LEWIN: The claim here is in essence that Mr. Bidsal is his client and he's going to testify --

ARBITRATOR WALL: No. Green Valley Commerce, LLC is the client, and he can't testify without the consent of Green Valley Commerce to protected communications by the managers, and the consent is not unilaterally Mr. Golshani's to waive consent.

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MR. GARFINKEL: The first litigation -- I disagree with Mr. Shapiro. The first litigation ultimately involved -- the first arbitration involved what the Green Valley operating agreement said and what it meant, and that's what Judge Haberfeld did. He had to interpret the operating agreement.

Similarly, you have to interpret the operating agreement in this case. What you're dealing with now is Exhibit B. It's no different from the first one. 10 Mr. LeGrand testified about the drafting process and 11 what the intent was because he communicated with 12 Mr. Golshani and Mr. Bidsal, and that's what the first 13 arbitration was about. That's what Judge Haberfeld had 14 to do. He had to interpret the contract. He said it was ambiguous.

16 The bottom line is he listened to the testimony 17 of Mr. LeGrand and that's how he ruled. It's no 18 different here. What's funny is they identified 19 Mr. LeGrand as a witness. So did we. They knew he was 20 going to be testifying. They've put into all kinds of 21 Emails that deal with the drafting process. They're 22 trying to be creative and keep him from testifying, but 23 it's no different from the first arbitration. He was 24 brought in to testify about what the intent was of the parties in the drafting of the agreement. It's no

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2 MR. SHAPIRO: He never testified --

3 ARBITRATOR WALL: Wait, wait, wait, wait, wait.

One at a time.

MR. LEWIN: The documents we intend to question him about are documents produced by him in the first 7 litigation.

ARBITRATOR WALL: "Him" being? MR. LEWIN: Mr. LeGrand. Mr. Shapiro knows about it. They're documents we disclosed. Documents on our witness list. And who is to say that one manager can assert privilege for Green Valley but the other one  $% \left( 1\right) =\left( 1\right) \left( 1\right) +\left( 1\right) \left( 1\right) \left( 1\right) +\left( 1\right) \left( 1\right) \left( 1\right) \left( 1\right) +\left( 1\right) \left( 1\right$ can't waive it? Do they need consensus to assert the privilege? Again, his testimony is not against Green Valley. Green Valley is not a party here. His testimony and the idea of whatever Mr. Bidsal does is somehow convoluted into the action of the LLC -- if he does something as a manager that is not in accordance with the operating agreement, that's not contrary to Green Valley. The action is against him to try to address improper distributions that he's made and try to come to the purchase price. He is the drafter of the agreement. He had meetings with both of them. He had

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waived when he produced the documents we intend to ask 1 him about.

discussions with both of them. I don't think there's an

issue of privilege here. If there was, it certainly was

ARBITRATOR WALL: I don't know that that constitutes a waiver.

MR. GERRARD: It's really straightforward. When you read the rule, he must get the consent of the client to waive the conflict. He hasn't done that. He could never do it because one manager acting alone can't do it. In fact, if you're asking for a waiver, the waiver can't be given by the party that intends to use the information against the other party. That's what the rule says.

So there's just no way that he could have ever obtained the waiver of the conflict of interest. It just can't happen. And his conflict doesn't go away. It's irreconcilable because what he's done, he had communications clearly with representatives of the client. Those communications are privileged. They can't go to a third party. What they're saying is, in essence, because he was involved in communications that both Mr. Bidsal and Mr. Golshani were there for, that that somehow waives the privilege. Of course it doesn't. It's as soon as that information is tried to be communicated to a third party like Your Honor that the privilege must be invoked.

Page 1122 Page 1124 So that's the problem. The rules are very clear, ARRITRATOR WALL: Which one? and Rule 1.7 demonstrates that there is an A. 49.115 Section 5 talks about communications 3 irreconcilable conflict of interest. He doesn't have 3 between two or more clients. the consent. ARBITRATOR WALL: The client is Green Valley. 5 Then you get to Rule 1.4Al. 1.4Al is another 5 MR. LEWIN: So that rule doesn't apply because 6 clear violation of his ethical responsibility. It says that rule applies when you have two clients and a lawyer 7 that the attorney has a -- quote, the lawyer shall, one, 7 is representing both of them and now one is against the 8 promptly inform the client of any decision or 8 other. That's not the case here. 9 circumstances with respect to which the client's 9 ARBITRATOR WALL: That would be an exception. 10 informed consent is required by these rules. That circumstance you just described is what subsection 11 These rules include 1.7, and in fact it's very 11 5 of 49.115 is about. 12 specific when you look at 1.7 and 1.13 that he must 12 MR. LEWIN: That's not what we have here. 13 obtain the informed consent of the client. Guess what? 13 MR. GERRARD: That's what I was saying. 14 There's never been a disclosure to Mr. Bidsal that Mr. 14 MR. LEWIN: Mr. Bidsal was not a client. This 15 LeGrand was having conversations with the attorneys for operating agreement was drafted and there's a waiver 15 16 Mr. Golshani. Never. They have never disclosed -- he that Mr. Garfinkel was pointing out. There's a waiver 17 has never disclosed to my client that he had been in here on Section 1 on Article 13 of Page 20, but this 18 contacted by them and they wanted him to give has to do with legal counsel to the company. 18 19 information about communications that he had had with a 19 MR. GERRARD: That's not -- sorry. 20 representative of his client. That's never happened. 20 MR. LEWIN: He is trying to convolute the fact he 21 Nor has he ever asked for that consent to be able to 21 may have had conversations with a co-manager, and as a 22 have those communications, and he's not allowed to do 22 lawyer that restricts his ability to testify about that. That's a violation of the privilege. conversations about what he did in terms of drafting 23 23 24 That's the problem. There's nowhere for them to this agreement and what conversations he's had with both go with this because Mr. LeGrand has not fulfilled his of them together and all kinds of things. It doesn't Page 1123 Page 1125 hold water that Mr. LeGrand is unable to testify. ethical duties under the Rules of Professional Conduct 1 1 On top of which, as I mentioned before, the to his client and certainly not to a representative of 2 3 the client in the form of Mr. Bidsal, who is also a documents that -- some of the documents I intend on manager of the company. asking questions about, including this -- the operating 5 He would have to receive that disclosure he was agreement, has been disclosed and has been disclosed 6 having a communication at all and obtain his consent, both in his prior deposition, in the arbitration hearing, and he's been -- should be allowed to testify 7 and once that consent was given, that still wouldn't 8 change the privilege issue. about those here. It's quite common when you have 9 MR. LEWIN: Can I -people talking about the interpretation of an agreement 10 ARBITRATOR WALL: No. to have the drafter of the agreement testify about it. 11 That is neither for or against the interest of the MR. SHAPIRO: I want to go to this whole thing 11 12 about consent. When you think about it, who has to give 12 company. It is what it is. 13 consent? Green Valley Commerce. That is the client. 13 I want to correct Mr. Gerrard. He said it's How does Green Valley consent? According to the never been disclosed that Mr. LeGrand has had 14 15 operating agreement, there's a majority vote. And 15 conversations with Mr. Golshani. In the first there's an arbitration dispute if they can't get a 16 16 arbitration and in his deposition he testified about the 17 17 fact that Mr. Golshani had contacted him after he majority vote. We're here under that arbitration 18 clause. 50/50 ownership. You can't get an affirmative received Mr. Bidsal's offer and had communications with 19 vote of the managers or members of that company to waive him. Those documents were disclosed, actually, in the 20 a privilege. It can't be. When you look at the first arbitration and he testified about them. So Mr. 21 operating agreement, unless Shawn agreed to provide 21 Gerrard is wrong when he says the fact that Mr. Golshani 22 consent, it doesn't exist. 22 has never had conversations with him, never been 23 23 disclosed or known is untrue. ARBITRATOR WALL: Mr. Lewin.

that Mr. Gerrard talks about --

MR. LEWIN: I want to point out that the rule

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Lastly, it's not coincidental that in his first

arbitration -- in the proceeding, Mr. LeGrand testified

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    about how Mr. Bidsal contacted him shortly before his
                                                                   Commerce, LLC that the attorney/client privilege has
    deposition and asked him if he wanted to do legal work
                                                                   been waived such that you can discuss conversations that
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    for him.
                                                                    you had with Mr. Golshani and conversations that you had
           ARBITRATOR WALL: Well, that doesn't matter.
                                                                    with Mr. Bidsal. I don't want to know the substance of
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           MR. SHAPIRO: I want to follow up on what Rod
                                                                    the conversations. Do you understand where I'm going?
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    said. It is true Mr. LeGrand did disclose he had
                                                                           THE WITNESS: Um, well, I do understand where
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    conversations directly with Ben. In fact, he wrote an
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    adversarial letter to me that he didn't send because he
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                                                                    with Bar action, I'm going to decline to testify until I
                                                                    have had the opportunity to consult independent legal
    said, "Wait a second. I think I've got a conflict."
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    And he never sent the letter. In his testimony he said,
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                                                                    counsel.
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    "I started to realize I was getting into a conflict
                                                                           ARBITRATOR WALL: Okay. The client is Green
12 situation. I didn't want anything to do with it."
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                                                                    Valley Commerce, LLC. Right?
           Mr. LeGrand is acknowledging himself there's some
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                                                                           THE WITNESS: Yes. But, you know, entity
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   conflict issues and we're asserting it. The issues
                                                                    privilege is a little bit different than an individual
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    didn't arise because -- I mean, look, if it was the same
                                                                    privilege, and Mr. Golshani, as the major funder and a
16 issues in the first arbitration and the second
                                                                    co-manager in principal, has waived any privilege.
17 arbitration, we wouldn't be here. Right? This would be
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                                                                           ARBITRATOR WALL: Do you believe that waiver
18 resolved. We're here because the issues are different.
                                                                    extends to conversations that you had with Mr. Bidsal?
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    The issues of conflict didn't come up in the first one.
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                                                                           THE WITNESS: Well, of course it does. That's
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    It is coming up now. The problem is what LeGrand
                                                                    how entity privilege works. As between the members
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    thought when he drafted the document is irrelevant
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                                                                    there is no privilege to Mr. Bidsal or to Mr. Golshani.
22 because the document needs to be what the intent of the
                                                                    I am free to disclose to either of -- my understanding
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    parties were and LeGrand is not a party. The only
                                                                    of the Nevada ethics are that I'm free to disclose to
    testimony he can give is based upon conversations he had
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                                                                    either member anything that the other member or manager
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    that are protected by the privilege.
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           ARBITRATOR WALL: Is he a Nevada lawyer?
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           MR. LEWIN: Yes.
                                                                    The question is whether you can disclose communications
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           MR. GERRARD: Yes.
                                                                    by either member to someone else without each member's
           MR. LEWIN: Testimony would be about what
                                                                    consent and/or waiver of the privilege.
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    conversations he had with both.
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                                                                    that, so I'm going to consult with either Bar counsel or
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           ARBITRATOR WALL: I'm concerned about not only
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    the invocation of the privilege. Frankly, I'm concerned
                                                                    independent legal counsel.
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    on behalf of the lawyer. I'm going to start by taking
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                                                                           ARBITRATOR WALL: All right. All right.
    him on voir dire on these issues to lay some foundation
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    for it, and then I'll let both counsel inquire without
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    getting into the substance of the communications. Fair
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    enough?
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           All right, Mr. LeGrand, this is David Wall. I
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                                                                    BY MR. LEWIN:
    appreciate your patience. Can you hear me all right?
                                                                       Q. Mr. LeGrand, you gave your deposition in --
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           THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.
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                                                                           ARBITRATOR WALL: You might want to look in there
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           ARBITRATOR WALL: There's been a fair amount of
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                                                                    and speak as loud as you can.
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    discussion outside your presence. There's certain
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    issues that I want to reach by way of sort of a
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                                                                           ARBITRATOR WALL: Okay.
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    quasi-voir dire. All right?
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           First of all, the issue that has come up was one
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                                                                       Q. Mr. LeGrand, you did your deposition in front of
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    of privilege. Your client, as I understood it, is Green
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                                                                   Mr. Shapiro and Mr. Garfinkel. Right?
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    Valley Commerce, LLC. Is that right?
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                                                                       A. Yes, sir.
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           THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.
                                                                       Q. And did Mr. Shapiro raise the issue of
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           ARBITRATOR WALL: Tell me if and how you believe
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                                                                   attorney/client privilege?
    as the lawyer or former lawyer for Green Valley
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                                                                       A. No, sir.
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Page 1130 Page 1132 Q. And you produced your entire file in that at some point in the future. All right? 2 deposition. Right? 2 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir. Thank you. 3 A. I'm sorry. 3 ARBITRATOR WALL: I'm not going to put him in Q. You produced your entire file in that deposition. that spot. Right? You produced your entire file in that 5 MR. LEWIN: I understand. I'm not quarrelling 6 deposition. Is that right? with that, but I am quarrelling with the waiting and 6 7 A. I did. sandbagging and waiting until we get to this hearing 8 Q. That was pursuant to a Subpoena issued by Mr. 8 when we know that we have this day to finish the hearing 9 Garfinkel. Right? and tomorrow is closing arguments. 10 A. Yes. 10 ARBITRATOR WALL: There's been a little bit of 11 Q. And Mr. Shapiro never objected to that Subpoena, 11 that on both sides frankly.  $\ensuremath{\mathsf{MR}}\xspace.$  GARFINKEL: If they filed a motion in limine 12 did he? 12 13 13 before, why wouldn't they do it for something as A. Not to my knowledge. 14 Q. And you had conversations with -- regarding this 14 important as this? operating agreement, without telling us the substance of 15 ARBITRATOR WALL: Well, they filed a motion in the discussions, with Mr. Bidsal and Mr. Golshani in limine, and you still brought the witness and had them 16 17 both of their presences. Right? reading documents nobody had ever seen. So I think 18 we're on a level playing field, frankly. A. Yes. 18 19 Q. And since the first arbitration, has any MR. LEWIN: There's a little bit of difference. representative of Mr. Bidsal contacted you and told you Ms. Schindler's testimony is a minute part of the case. that you should not talk to Mr. Golshani or any of his 21 ARBITRATOR WALL: I don't know what it's going to 21 be. 22 representatives? 22 23 23 A. No, sir. MR. LEWIN: Mr. LeGrand, who is the drafter of 24 Q. Did you understand if you spoke to me to set up 24 the agreement and testified before is a major part of this deposition you were doing so as Mr. Golshani's our case. Page 1133 Page 1131 1 lawyer? ARBITRATOR WALL: Understood. I'm not going to 1 2 A. Yeah. make him testify now. 3 Q. And during the arbitration proceeding that you 3 MR. LEWIN: I know that. I don't know how we also testified in with respect to Judge Haberfeld, did proceed. 5 Mr. Shapiro or his other associated lawyer ever raise 5 ARBITRATOR WALL: My inclination would be that we 6 the attorney/client privilege? finish everything but Mr. LeGrand. That Mr. LeGrand has 7 A. No, sir. the opportunity, if somebody still wants to call him as 8 MR. LEWIN: Anything else? a witness, to seek independent counsel on that. 9 MR. GARFINKEL: (Moved head.) Honestly, I would probably want --10 MR. LEWIN: I don't think I have anything else. 10 MR. SHAPIRO: Some briefing, Your Honor? 11 ARBITRATOR WALL: I don't know if you need to 11 ARBITRATOR WALL: -- briefing on this issue in 12 question him because he said he's not going to question addition to, you know, the position that Mr. LeGrand is 13 him. going to take. We may brief it and I might say, "He can 14 MR. GERRARD: If he's not going to testify, testify," and he might say "I'm not going to." 15 there's no reason to. I've got questions if he is. 15 MR. LEWIN: I have a different possible solution. 16 ARBITRATOR WALL: I'm not going to put 16 I'm not sure that I want to use it to the exclusion. 17 Mr. LeGrand in that position to somehow direct him to 17 Under the rules I think that you are able to take 18 give up his right to speak to independent counsel or Bar testimony by way of prior depositions even though they 19 counsel or whoever he wants, to tell you the truth. We may have not been taken in this case, prior deposition can figure out what to do with respect to the closing of testimony about matters relating to -- that may have 21 this hearing, but I'm certainly not going to put him in some bearing on this case. I think the rules -- by the 22 that position. way -- the way I read the rules -- and I have to admit 23 that I may not be the most expert on that -- you have So all right. Mr. LeGrand, you are free to log off at this time and we will contact you -- someone will flexibility in that regard as to how you take testimony 25 contact you if it becomes necessary to have you testify and to what extent you determine you want to apply the

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    rules of evidence.
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           ARBITRATOR WALL: It's a little different here
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    because it's not simply the JAM rules because it also
                                                                    we're going to find a waiver by way of prior testimony.
    says it's administered by JAMs -- originally said, I
                                                                    I don't think you can say -- in other words --
    think, they're expedited rules, but we stipulated out of
                                                                           ARBITRATOR WALL: I haven't seen it.
    that to the comprehensive rules. But it also says it's
                                                                           MR. LEWIN: I have. I know which questions I was
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    governed by the federal authority, so...
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                                                                    going to ask him.
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           MR. LEWIN: Well, let me just say --
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           ARBITRATOR WALL: It doesn't say governed by
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    the -- administered by JAMs but governed by the Federal
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                                                                    disadvantage because unless they finish with their
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    Arbitration Act.
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                                                                    cross-examination of him, with reserving the right to
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           MR. LEWIN: There's an issue about how the
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                                                                   bring him back if we need to if Mr. LeGrand is not able
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    federal arbitration rule is going to play with that.
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                                                                    to testify, that's one issue. I don't want to put him
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    I'm just not prepared to talk about that.
                                                                    on unprepared to testify about areas that I didn't
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           ARBITRATOR WALL: Got it.
                                                                    think I had to cover because I do -- from his prior
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           MR. LEWIN: We briefed that in the appeal to some
                                                                    testimony, not from my conversations with him. I knew
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    extent, which set of rules apply. We came here to
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                                                                    what his prior testimony was. I knew what he was going
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    finish this up. Mr. Golshani -- I can't finish
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    Mr. Golshani's testimony until I know what's happening
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    with Mr. LeGrand.
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           ARBITRATOR WALL: Why?
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                                                                    going to admit there's a typo? Is he going to say
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           MR. GERRARD: Why?
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                                                                    there's not?
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           MR. LEWIN: Because Mr. LeGrand's not going to be
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                                                                           ARBITRATOR WALL: I don't know if I agree with
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    able to testify. I had matters that I expected
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    Mr. LeGrand to testify to that I wouldn't necessarily
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                                                                           MR. GERRARD: Judge, I'm sorry. I just have to
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    need Mr. Golshani to testify to. In order to prepare
                                                                    respond. Obviously this insinuation that this is
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2 Mr. Golshani to testify about that stuff, he's not
                                                                    sandbagging is ridiculous. We did not know whether
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    prepared to testify because I didn't need him.
                                                                    Mr. LeGrand was going to come and appear and testify or
    Mr. Golshani -- the issue really is the threat of the
                                                                    not until he does it. He has an ethical responsibility
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    complaint is really what scared him off.
                                                                    to preserve the privilege and he has also ethical
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           ARBITRATOR WALL: Well, look. I would have
                                                                    responsibilities under the Rules of Professional
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                                                                    Conduct. It's not my job to call him up and say, "This
    brought it up with him before he testified. It was
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    clear to me that there's an issue here that I wanted to
                                                                    is what your duties are. What are you planning on
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    make sure before the attorney testified that there was a
                                                                    doing?" It's his job to preserve those -- you know,
    waiver of privilege. So it was going to come up if --
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                                                                    those rights that belong to the client, and we've
11 you know, sua sponte from me one way or another, so --
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                                                                    already gone through that whole argument. I'm not going
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    just because I have to satisfy myself that there's been
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                                                                    to make it again about why the privilege exists. They
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    a waiver any time an attorney testifies.
                                                                    don't have to agree, but it cannot be waived. It cannot
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                                                                    be waived unless they've asked that specific question
           MR. LEWIN: Here's where we are. We're supposed
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    to be finished with Mr. Golshani and have Mr. Manabat.
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                                                                    before, and they haven't.
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    We're supposed to be finished with these people today
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    and have closing tomorrow. Closing is not going to
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                                                                    never been about what David LeGrand drafted or didn't
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    happen without Mr. LeGrand.
                                                                    draft. We have those documents. We have them. We can
           ARBITRATOR WALL: Correct. So we have tomorrow
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                                                                    see exactly what he did, and his testimony about what
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    afternoon.
                                                                    those things mean is what they want, and that testimony
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           MR. LEWIN: If we had -- if Mr. Bidsal's counsel
                                                                    isn't relevant because it doesn't matter what he thinks
22 had raised this issue in a timely fashion, we could have
                                                                    it means. It only matters what Mr. Bidsal and
23 maybe even postponed these hearings until we figured
                                                                    Mr. Golshani thought that it meant. It's their intent.
    this out or briefed it so we wouldn't be doing it at the
                                                                    It's their contract.
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last minute. We spent a lot of money coming up here and

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Mr. LeGrand, his testimony about what it means is

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     completely 100 percent irrelevant unless he testifies
                                                                    which is part of what this arbitration is about. There
     that he gained that understanding of the intent by
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    divulging a privileged communication with my client.
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                                                                    So in terms of logistics and timing of the essence --
    That's the whole point. He cannot testify about
                                                                           MR. LEWIN: Just to respond to Mr. Gerrard. I
     communications he had with a client representative. He
                                                                    love this guy. "I'm not going to repeat the arguments"
     can't do it. It hasn't been waived. Mr. Bidsal has
                                                                    and then he goes on for ten minutes with the argument.
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    never waived it and the entity has never waived it, and
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                                                                           First of all, his duty as a lawyer and as a
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    it's never been raised to be waived. It has to be
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                                                                    responsible litigant in this arbitration would have been
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    waived in writing, according to the rules.
                                                                    to advise us that this was going to be their position.
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            Counsel keeps arguing that it just can be
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    magically erased because some questions were asked to
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    him about who drafted the document before. That doesn't
                                                                    to call, when they were coming. If he would have
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    require divulging an attorney/client communication. For
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                                                                    advised us then, we could have chewed some of this up
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    him to say who drafted the document is for him to say
                                                                    then and not taken up Mr. LeGrand's time. We could have
     what he saw happen. Not what my client thought that the
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                                                                    told him not to appear, No. 1.
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    document meant or what Mr. Golshani thought that the
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    document meant. Those are very different things.
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                                                                    members having the attorney/client relationship.
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                                                                           ARBITRATOR WALL: Look, you preserve everything.
            And so, you know, I take great exception to this
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    idea that we're sandbagging. We didn't know if they
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    were going to call him. We're not sandbagging anything.
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   We didn't know -- just because they put him on a witness
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                                                                    anyway. So in terms of --
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   list? They put a lot of names on the list that haven't
                                                                           MR. LEWIN: I prefer it in writing.
23 been called. We don't know what's going to happen until
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                                                                           ARBITRATOR WALL: In terms of finishing, I mean,
    it happens. We don't know that he's going to breach his
                                                                    we now have -- we haven't spent as much time on this as
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    obligations to the client until it happens. I warned
                                                                    Mr. LeGrand's testimony would have taken if he had
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    him at the beginning, as it's my responsibility under
                                                                    testified. We also now probably have tomorrow afternoon
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    the ethical rules to do. That's exactly what we did.
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                                                                    if we need additional witness testimony, so I am not
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            This idea that we should somehow keep the matter
                                                                    really concerned about a timing issue.
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    open, I don't think we should, but if Your Honor wants
                                                                           MR. LEWIN: I'm just concerned about -- I can
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     to and wants briefing on it, happy to do that, but I
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                                                                   have Mr. Golshani testify, but again, I want to
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    would submit that that briefing shouldn't be provided
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    until or unless the attorney has said that he's willing
                                                                           ARBITRATOR WALL: What time is Mr. Manabat?
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     to testify. I think we can give him whatever amount of
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                                                                           MR. GARFINKEL: I need to talk to Mr. Lewin about
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     time Your Honor thinks is a reasonable amount of time
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     for him to decide whether he's willing to testify, and
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                                                                           ARBITRATOR WALL: Was he 3 o'clock?
                                                                           MR. GARFINKEL: He was supposed to be at
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    then if he is, we can brief that issue. But I don't
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    know why we would want to brief the issue --
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                                                                    3 o'clock.
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           ARBITRATOR WALL: What's the status of your
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                                                                           MR. SHAPIRO: Do we need to take a break right
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    appeal?
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            MR. LEWIN: They're --
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                                                                           ARBITRATOR WALL: We can take do that. Let's
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            MR. SHAPIRO: Still in briefing.
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                                                                    take a break. We'll be in recess.
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           MR. GARFINKEL: Their brief is due. His client's
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    brief is due relatively soon.
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           MR. LEWIN: They had a motion for an extension.
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            MR. SHAPIRO: End of May.
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                                                                           ARBITRATOR WALL: All right. Mr. Golshani, you
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           MR. GERRARD: Reply brief.
                                                                    realize you're still under oath?
           MR. SHAPIRO: We filed opening brief and they
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                                                                           THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.
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                                                                           ARBITRATOR WALL: All right.
    file one and we file one and then they get the final.
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           ARBITRATOR WALL: Just from a logistical
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     standpoint, let's say I decided on a purchase price,
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                                                                           MR. LEWIN: By the way, one more comment before
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    we leave the issue. The issue with Mr. LeGrand, why
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    wouldn't that apply to Mr. Main? Just a thought. I'll
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                                                                      Q. And why not?
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     address that in our brief.
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                                                                      A. I didn't think of that.
                      CONTINUED EXAMINATION
                                                                       Q. Did you try to reach Mr. Main to talk to him
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    BY MR. LEWIN:
                                                                   about the issue about -- you were talking with
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                                                                   Mr. Bidsal about?
       Q. Okay. So we were talking about the -- you began
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    to speak to Mr. Bidsal about the way the profits were
                                                                      A. After Mr. Bidsal sent me his offer and then I
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    being distributed. Do you remember that?
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                                                                   talked to him about this distribution and he said "Talk
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                                                                   to Mr. Main, " after that I called him, yes.
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        Q. Before you began writing, did you have
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                                                                       Q. You called Mr. Main on the issue of whether or
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    communications with him about that issue, about whether
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                                                                   not Mr. Bidsal was distributing money properly?
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    or not he was following the operating agreement?
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                                                                       A. Well, I told him about that capital issue and he
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       A. Before I wrote a letter to him?
                                                                   wanted to check into it and he put me on hold, even, and
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       Q. Before you wrote the Email.
                                                                   we had a long conversation and talk and all that, and he
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                                                                    told me that -- I asked him "Okay. In your opinion,
       A. Yes. I had the talk.
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       Q. How many times?
                                                                   what's the problem?" He said because Mr. Bidsal is
       A. A couple of times.
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                                                                   over-distributing to himself.
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       Q. And can you relay the conversations -- I think
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                                                                       Q. So when was this conversation?
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   you said he said he was going to check?
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                                                                      A. It was in June of 2017. June, July 2017.
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                                                                       Q. Was it before or after Mr. Bidsal had made an
       A. Yes.
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       Q. I think that's where we left off. Did he ever
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                                                                   offer to you?
22 come back to you and talk to you about that issue other
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                                                                      A. No. After he made the offer.
                                                                       Q. Did you ever tell Mr. Bidsal what Mr. Main said?
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    than to tell you to contact Danielle Pena?
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       A. Yes.
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       Q. Danielle Pena is who?
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                                                                      Q. When did you tell him?
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                                                                      A. Sometime after that.
       A. Mr. James Main, the CPA, assistant.
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       Q. She's a CPA also. Right?
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                                                                      Q. What did he say?
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       A. Yeah, probably.
                                                                      A. He said he would talk to him to see what the
       Q. You called her and she never called you back?
                                                                  issue is.
       A. That's correct. One time he responded to the
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                                                                       Q. Did you attempt to contact Mr. Main thereafter?
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   call and I discussed that. She said she would check on
                                                                       A. Yes. I contact -- I tried to contact by phone,
    it, and then she didn't call me back. I didn't call her
                                                                   by Email, and there is Emails that I have sent. There
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    back. She never took my call.
                                                                    is record of those.
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       Q. Going back to the conversation you had with
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                                                                       Q. Now, did Mr. Bidsal ever send you the tax returns
10 Mr. Bidsal, you said that after you weren't getting
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                                                                   to review before they were filed?
   satisfaction with the CPAs, did you have further verbal
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                                                                       A. Would you repeat?
12 conversation with him?
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                                                                       Q. Did Mr. Bidsal ever send you any of the tax
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       A. Yeah. I continued writing letters.
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                                                                   returns for Green Valley before they were filed?
       Q. And why did you turn -- why did you start writing
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                                                                          MR. GERRARD: Objection. Lack of foundation. I
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   about the issue?
                                                                   think it calls for speculation, but I'm saying lack of
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       A. Because I thought maybe that would be more
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                                                                    foundation because I don't know whether or not --
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                                                                          MR. LEWIN: I'll rephrase.
    effective and more official.
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       Q. Did you ever threaten -- during this time period,
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                                                                   BY MR. LEWIN:
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    did you ever threaten Mr. Bidsal that you were going to
                                                                      Q. Did you ever receive any of the tax returns
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    file a lawsuit or arbitration or anything like that?
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                                                                   before they were filed?
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       A. No, not at all. Why would I do that? No.
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                                                                      A. No.
                                                                          MR. GERRARD: Same objection. I think that calls
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       Q. Did you hire an accountant to perform an audit?
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                                                                   for speculation unless he knew when they were filed.
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       Q. Even during the first arbitration did you hire an
                                                                   BY MR. LEWIN:
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    accountant to do an audit of the distribution?
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                                                                       Q. As drafts?
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Page 1146 Page 1148 1 Q. Would it be the first quarter of 2017? A. No. 2 Q. By the way, had you received the 2019 tax return? 2 A. Probably, yeah. 3 A. Very late, yes. 3 Q. And was your money allocated for other projects? Q. And was that a draft or was that the final? A. Yes. I was thinking of getting involved in other 5 A. I think it was a draft. projects. 6 Q. Did Mr. Bidsal tell you whether or not the 2019 6 Q. Keep your voice up, please. 7 tax return has been filed? A. Sure. 8 A. I don't remember if he told me. 8 Q. Take a look at Exhibit 37, please. 9 Q. All right. We're going to move on to something MR. GARFINKEL: Hold on. 10 else. Before we do, I wanted to understand something. 10 BY MR. LEWIN: 11 Earlier -- earlier when you said that you noticed that 11 Q. 37 is Mr. Bidsal's offer to purchase membership 12 your name was not listed as a manager, that -- on the 12 interest dated July 7, 2017. 13 articles of organization for Green Valley, that you 13 A. Okay. 14 questioned Mr. Bidsal about that and he said, "Don't 14 Q. So how did you feel about this offer when you worry." Later you testified that Mr. Bidsal told you received it? 16 that the law only allowed one manager. 16 A. Well, I was surprised that he didn't talk to me 17 Can you explain those two pieces for me? 17 about it, and I called him a few times, but I couldn't 18 A. Before we even bid on the properties we had meet contact him. I couldn't talk to him. And then when I 18 19 on co-management. And then after we bought, he said sat down and, you know, thought about it, I thought 20 that it is not legal in state of Nevada to have two "This was our agreement and the gentleman wants out, so 21 managers. He changed his opinion. And then when we no problem." Later on when he called, I said, "I understand. You know, and I don't even want to know 22 went and talked to the attorney, the attorney said, no, 22 23 you could. So we did put two managers -- co-management 23 what is the reason, but sure. We can take care of it." 24 Q. So under the operating agreement, how much time managers. 25 Q. I want to go to 2017. At any time in 2017 did did you have to respond to this offer? Page 1147 Page 1149 1 Mr. Bidsal contact you about possibly going into another A. From what I remember, 30 days. 1 deal with him? Q. And then how -- and how soon after you responded 3 A. From what I remember, yes. one way or the other did the transaction have to close? Q. And when was this? A. Another 30 days. Q. And the terms of the deal was all cash? A. It was a few months after -- before he made his 5 6 offer. He said there are other deals and all that, and A. All cash. 7 I told him I have other projects and my money is tied up Q. Okay. Did it cross your mind that Mr. Bidsal is 8 there and I was not interested. making an offer of 5 million dollars because he felt you 9 Q. What was your health like at that point? were not in a position to buy him out? 10 A. My health? I had heart issues for years, and in 10 A. It passed my mind, yes. 11 2017 it started to deteriorate and become worse. Some 11 Q. The property in Green Valley had been listed at some time within the 12-month period for how much? 12 days I was good and some days I was very miserable. 13 Q. Did you discuss those issues with Mr. Bidsal 13 A. For a higher price. before this offer came in? 14 14 Q. What was the price? 15 A. Yes. 15 A. I believe 6.3 million. 16 Q. Okay. 16 Q. And had you received an offer on the Greenway 17 A. He was very well aware of it. property independent of the Henderson property? 18 Q. In terms of -- can you pinpoint -- you said it 18 A. Yes, we did. 19 was a few months before the offer. The offer was dated 19 Q. And how much was that offer? 20 July 7th. Can you give us a more -- better estimation 20 A. I think it was like 1.6, 1.7. 21 as to when you had that conversation? Q. And so what steps did you take to evaluate 21 22 22 whether or not Mr. Bidsal's fair market value of 5 A. About him saying... 23 million dollars should be accepted? Q. Are you interested in doing another deal with 23

A. I don't remember. I can't pin down.

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him?

A. Well, I was involved with the properties, and I

thought that it would be a good idea to appraise the

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    property, this one, the Green Valley. So I wrote him a
                                                                   information about the purchase price when you asked for
2 letter. I said I would like to get access. At such a
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                                                                   that meeting?
3 date I would like to appraise, and he said that's okay.
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                                                                      A. Yes, I assume so.
4 And this probably was listed with another -- with a
                                                                      Q. And what did you think about that?
    broker, with a lady whose name I believe was Danielle.
                                                                      A. I didn't -- what do you mean?
    And at the date I was there and she was waiting for us,
                                                                       Q. Well, you were asking him for his opinion. Why
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    and we did the appraisal and I left.
                                                                   were you asking him for that opinion?
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       Q. It was no secret that you had an appraisal done.
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                                                                       A. Because he's -- he was very familiar and he
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    Right?
                                                                   offered that 5 million. I was wondering that according
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                                                                    to the formula, what, in his opinion -- what -- you
       A. No.
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       Q. And of course -- Mr. Bidsal, did you ask him if
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                                                                   know, I needed to know what I would be dealing with.
12 he had done an appraisal before he made the offer? Did
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                                                                       Q. And was there a discussion at that meeting about
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    vou ask him?
                                                                   how the formula would work?
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       A. No, I didn't.
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                                                                      A. A little bit, yeah.
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                                                                       Q. Did you discuss what the COP would be?
       Q. Did you do anything else to try to evaluate the
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   Bidsal offer?
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                                                                       A. He told me what he thinks the COP would be, yes.
       A. I don't remember.
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                                                                 He had Mr. Henry calculate it, and he brought it in the
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       Q. Did you meet with him?
                                                                  room and he said he is the one who has calculated it and
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       A. Yes. I met with him.
                                                                   this is the calculation.
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                                                                      Q. Mr. Henry is -- Mr. Henry who?
       Q. Do you remember where you met with him?
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       A. I met with him in his office late July.
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                                                                      Q. He was Mr. Bidsal's --
       Q. Okay. And why did you meet with him?
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       A. Well, I was thinking, you know, I still had to
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                                                                      A. Employee.
    proceed, and I called him and I said, "You have made
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                                                                       Q. Take a look at Exhibit 111, would you please,
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    this offer. How do you calculate it if you want to buy
                                                                   which is a document entitled "Green Valley Commerce
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    me out? How much money I would get? And if I want to
                                                                   Equity Balances Computation as of June 30, 2017."
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    buy you out, how much money I should pay you?"
                                                                       A. That's right.
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           He said he would do it, and a couple of weeks
                                                                       Q. You said that Mr. Henry brought in the document.
    passed, and I believe I sent an Email, "Hey, you were
                                                                   What is this? Is this the document?
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    supposed to send me these."
                                                                      A. This is the document, yes.
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           He said, "Come to my office and we discuss it."
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                                                                      Q. So tell me, did you and Mr. Bidsal discuss this
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                                                                   document?
       O. His office where?
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       A. His office is in -- in the valley.
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       Q. In Los Angeles?
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                                                                       Q. So I see that -- so it says -- so can you run us
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       A. I think so.
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                                                                   through this document?
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       Q. How long did you meet with him for?
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                                                                       A. From top to bottom?
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       A. I think about an hour.
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                                                                       Q. Well, first of all let me ask you: Did you and
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       Q. And did you -- so you were -- you said you were
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                                                                   Mr. Bidsal discuss this document top to bottom?
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    looking to find out if he bought you, what --
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                                                                      A. Yes. He was familiar with it.
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       A. What we would both be paid. I wanted to see what
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                                                                          MR. GARFINKEL: Speak up. Speak up.
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    my options are.
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                                                                          THE WITNESS: Okay. I'm sorry.
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                                                                          MR. LEWIN: Let's slide down a dash. I want to
       Q. Are you asking him because since he made the
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    offer he would have already figured that out?
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                                                                   make sure the court reporter and His Honor can hear you.
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       A. Yes.
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                                                                          By the way, I want to admit Exhibit 111 in
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           MR. GERRARD: Objection. Leading.
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                                                                   evidence.
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           ARBITRATOR WALL: Sustained.
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                                                                          MR. GERRARD: I don't know if there's been enough
22 BY MR. LEWIN:
                                                                   foundation laid yet, so I'm obviously going to still
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       Q. Why did you want to want to find out -- strike
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                                                                   object.
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    that.
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                                                                          ARBITRATOR WALL: 111 is in.
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           Did you think that Mr. Bidsal would have any
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                                                                          MR. SHAPIRO: It came in March 19th.
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Page 1154 Page 1156 BY MR. LEWIN: 1 mattered more. 2 O. Tell me what Mr. Bidsal said about this document 2 Q. So what did you do after that meeting next in 3 and what you said about this document during this 3 conjunction with considering Mr. Bidsal's buyout? approximately one-hour meeting. A. I accumulated this information. I went down and 5 A. What he said -- actually, the document shows on sat down and thought about it and decided that I would the top there are the cost of each building, how much we buy the property -- I would buy his share instead of him sold and the cost and the net. And then on the right buying mine, according to our purchasing agreement. So 8 side he shows how much it is receiving and how much is 8 we prepared a letter to that effect. his share and how much is CLA share. On the bottom it Q. I'm not there yet. I just wanted to know what 10 said acquisition costs of Green Valley as to how much we 10 you did next. 11 bought. The COP. He considered whatever it was in the 11 A. That's what I did. Q. Did you do any further investigation about this? 12 first escrow, which is 4,049,250. This is what he got. 12 13 4,000,049. And then he put how much he contributed and 13 A. Probably I did. I --14 how much is my contribution. And then from that he 14 Q. Did you ask Mr. Bidsal what the condition of the deducted the money that the company received back for 15 15 property was? 16 the sale of the three building and he came up with a 16 A. No, not at that time. 17 total of 859,000 and he divided by 70 and 30. And then 17 Q. Did you know what the amount of cash was on hand? he got each share of each partner as to the amount that 18 A. I did know what was cash on hand. 18 19 was remaining, meaning on the initial cost minus 19 Q. Was that discussed during the meeting? 20 whatever he sold, and this is whatever is -- this is A. I believe it was. And you know, I was buying his 21 about cost of sold. And then the rest of the formula is 21 share and I was looking at the underlying asset also. 22 5 million minus this, plus the capital contribution of Q. He was buying your share? 22 23 23 each person. And then --A. Yeah. 24 Q. Go on. 24 Q. So the -- did you prepare funds? Strike that. 25 A. By the same token, he reduced the capital 25 Did you have another meeting with Mr. Bidsal Page 1155 Page 1157 1 contribution of each person for the amount of the money before you sent your August 3rd letter? 1 A. I don't think so. I don't know. that was distributed to them because of the sale. 3 Q. All right. Was there any discussion at this 3 Q. Just take a look at Exhibit 38. Do you have that one-hour meeting about the fact that you claimed he had in front of you? 5 over-distributed money to himself? A. Yes. 6 A. We discussed that and he told me that, you know, 6 Q. This is your letter electing to buy Mr. Bidsal. Right? it's a buyout and this is the way he wants to handle it, 8 and, you know, he told me, "Ben, you can buy or you can 8 A. That's right. 9 sell. Use this and I am okay with both of them." Q. So you say in this letter, "We will contact you 10 Q. When he said -- in essence he was telling you --10 regarding the setting up of the escrow." 11 11 he told you that you can buy or sell, did you understand Why did you say that? Why did you say that? 12 he was saying forget about the over-distributions? 12 A. Well, about the escrow, the sale would be cash in 13 A. That's --13 escrow, so I knew that we need to have an escrow, and I 14 MR. GERRARD: Once again, leading. said I would contact to take care of that. 15 ARBITRATOR WALL: Yeah. Can we keep that to a 15 Q. Did Mr. Bidsal ever cooperate and set up an 16 minimum? 16 escrow with you? 17 17 MR. LEWIN: Yes, Your Honor. A. At the time that I sent the offer? Q. No. Did Mr. Bidsal ever cooperate with you to 18 BY MR. LEWIN: 18 19 Q. Did you tell Mr. Bidsal that you were -- whether 19 set up an escrow to consummate the purchase? or not you were willing to buy or sell at these prices 20 A. You know, I waited some time, and then he -- you 21 without considering the over-distributions at that time? know, he said that he didn't want to sell, and I waited 21 A. I said, "Let's sit down and talk 22 more and we had a meeting, and after that I --23 over-distribution." 23 Q. Okay. 24 Q. Was it a friendly conversation? 24 A. Because it came later.

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A. Yes. To me it was a business, but our friendship

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Q. I'm going to get to the meeting. Did he contact

Page 1158 Page 1160 you about setting up the escrow? Yes or no. same date that I'm on that it was on this same date, and 2 A. No. 2 there are some other conditions. Not conditions, but 3 Q. All right. Fine. You said that you waited and 3 information that things would be kept the same. then you had another meeting with Mr. Bidsal. How soon Q. Did you prepare your funds to -- did you prepare after did the other meeting take place? your funds to buy Mr. Bidsal's interest? 6 A. A few days later. I mean, when I send the offer, A. Yes. Actually, before that, I had prepared the 6 7 he called me and he said that we need to talk. There is funds to be able to purchase his share. 8 a problem on that, and at that time I was very sick. 8 Q. During that meeting, when you were talking about When actually I send this offer, I was extremely sick 9 the second meeting, was there any further discussion 10 and I had somebody else helping me, and I was under 10 about the improper distribution or distribution of money 11 medication to be able to function. So later on he 11 you felt he had done wrong? 12 called me and I said, "I don't feel good. In a couple A. Well, we discussed that, and then I felt that 12 13 of days let's meet," and then we went to a place. things are not going the way they're supposed to be, and 13 14 Q. That's fine. Let's focus on the question. We I told him that I can let go of the distribution and don't need to know every little detail. let's finish this thing. He said he would think about 15 16 it. Later on he didn't answer, which I thought he A. Sorry. 16 17 Q. You had another meeting. Where was that meeting 17 wouldn't. 18 at? 18 Q. During the meeting he told you he wanted 19 A. We met at a coffee shop. 19 6.3 million. Was he going to go back and think about it 20 Q. What took place at that meeting in terms of the some more? Was that the way the meeting was left? 20 21 purchasing his interest? 21 A. No. When he told me, I didn't -- you know, I had 22 A. On that meeting, you know, we discuss it and he a very bad feeling, and I wasn't feeling good and I 22 23 indicated that he doesn't want to sell it at that price, 23 don't know if anybody here knows about atrial 24 and I said, "You yourself told me that you would sell fibrillation. It's where your heart, upper chamber 25 it." beats, and it was about 200, and I kind of left to take Page 1161 Page 1159 He said, "No, but if you want to buy it from me, some medication. So that's where it stopped. 1 1 you have to raise the price." I couldn't sell at that 2 Q. Did you ask him during the second meeting why 3 price. As we're talking, he mention something about he -- if you paid 6.3 million, why he offered 5 million? 6.3 million, and then he told me that "If you go to MR. GERRARD: Objection. Leading. He was asked court, it's going to be very difficult and your ability what was discussed in the meeting. He doesn't have to is not one-tenth of me" and things on that line, and I 6 ask specific questions that are leading. 7 7 ARBITRATOR WALL: Overruled. really didn't expect to have things like that, to have 8 such a conversation. So we left. That was what 8 It's kind of a yes or no question. 9 happened in the meeting. BY MR. LEWIN: 10 Q. Okay. So in your letter you say -- I'm talking 10 Q. Yes or no? 11 about your letter on August 3rd, Exhibit 38. You say, 11 A. Can you ask... 12 "I trust there has not been any distribution of the cash 12 Q. The question was: Did you ask Mr. Bidsal at the 13 on hand that I have not approved of either before or second meeting why he wanted 6.3 million if his offer 14 after July 7, 2017, nor should there be any such was 5 million? 15 distributions, nor should any agreements be entered into 15 A. Yes. 16 including any sale agreements without CLA's written 16 O. Tell me what was said. 17 consent." 17 A. Because he thinks that's the value. That's how 18 Why did you put that in the letter? it should be done, and he had some other theories I didn't think was relevant. 19 A. Because to tell him that, you know, not to make 20 distribution. I had counter to buy his share, the same 20 Q. All right. Did you attempt to call Jim Main? 21 way it was at that date. I didn't want it to be Let's take a look at Exhibit 112. Also look at 113. So 21 22 reduced. I informed him of that. My date of sale is 22 look at them both together. Pardon me. 114. 23 23 ARBITRATOR WALL: 112, 113, and 114? this. 24 Q. What do you mean the same as it was on this date? 24 MR. LEWIN: No, 112 and 114. 25 A. Whatever money was in the account, to be at the 25 ///

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    BY MR. LEWIN:
                                                                       A. COP as defined by the operating agreement, the
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        Q. 112 is your Email to Mr. Main telling him you and
                                                                    purchase of the property which we had bought, as it
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    Shawn were in the process of buy/sell and you wanted to
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                                                                    shows in the escrow closing statement, which is the cost
                                                                    of the loan plus the fee, minus, you know, 250 or so
                                                                    became 4,048,960 or so. I think that's the -- the COP.
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        A. Yes.
        Q. 114 is his follow -- is a follow-up. Correct?
                                                                       Q. That was your opinion at the time?
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                                                                       A. Yes. And --
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        Q. It's a follow up on July 21st. And he said,
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                                                                       Q. Has that opinion changed since then?
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     "I'll call you back." Did he ever call you back?
                                                                       A. My opinion -- actually, there was these
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        A. No. No, he didn't call me back.
                                                                    discussions later on that some of the properties have
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            MR. LEWIN: I move to admit 112 and 114 into
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                                                                    been sold, so that's why COP should be reduced, and I am
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    evidence, Your Honor.
                                                                    okay with that too. But either way is okay and I think
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           MR. GERRARD: No objection.
                                                                    the results would be about the same. However, if we
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           ARBITRATOR WALL: 112 and 114 will be admitted.
                                                                    consider COP to be exactly like the operating agreement
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            (Exhibits 112 and 114 were admitted into
                                                                    at 4,000,048, then the capital contribution, which is
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    evidence.)
                                                                    the last part of the formula, would be whatever
    BY MR. LEWIN:
                                                                   operating statement says that it is at the time of the
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       O. Please take a look at Exhibit 39.
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                                                                    purchase.
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                                                                           So for example, for Mr. Bidsal it would be 1.215.
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        Q. Exhibit 39 is an Email from Mr. Shapiro where
                                                                    If they want to take another time like a buyout, that's
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   Mr. Golshani is saying he wants to do an appraisal. Is
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                                                                    okay too. However, everything should be at that time,
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    that correct?
                                                                    which they about -- observe that. They should take
                                                                    $4,000,048, deduct the cost of the building that was
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       A. Yes.
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       Q. And you received this document?
                                                               24 sold, and deduct from the capital contribution whatever
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        A. Yes.
                                                                    capital that he received, and I would agree with that
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        Q. Again I see it's your Main Street address. All
                                                                   result also.
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    of your communications regarding Green Valley go to your
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                                                                       Q. You're saying that there's the -- you're saying
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     Main Street address?
                                                                    the second theory that you're talking about, you're
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       A. Yes.
                                                                    saying reduce the -- take away the sale and the
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           MR. LEWIN: Move to admit Exhibit 39 into
                                                                    purchases and reduce the unreturned capital?
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    evidence.
                                                                       A. That's right.
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           MR. GERRARD: Isn't it already in?
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                                                                           If I may say something?
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           ARBITRATOR WALL: It's not.
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                                                                       Q. That's fine.
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           MR. GERRARD: Let me take a look here. I'm
                                                                           By the way, at any time before the conclusion of
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     sorry. We have no objection.
                                                                    the first arbitration, did Mr. Bidsal ever tell you what
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           ARBITRATOR WALL: 39 will be in.
                                                                   he calculated to be his purchase price no matter what
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            (Exhibit 39 was admitted into evidence.)
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                                                                   numbers he put in? Has he ever given you a number?
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    BY MR. LEWIN:
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                                                                       A. The only time that he gave me some number was the
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        Q. Now, at the time when you made your offer, how
                                                                    one that I was in his office, but when I offered, he
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   did you believe -- strike that.
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                                                                    didn't accept.
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           At the time that you made your offer, what did
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                                                                       Q. So even when he started this arbitration, before
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    you think COP was that was set forth on Henry's equity
                                                                    we got his answer to interrogatories, had he ever
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    analysis?
                                                                    disclosed to you what his calculation of the purchase
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           MR. GERRARD: Objection. Leading.
                                                                    price would be?
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            MR. LEWIN: I'll rephrase it.
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                                                                       A. I haven't seen.
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           ARBITRATOR WALL: Thank you.
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                                                                       Q. All right. You said you put aside the money.
                                                                   Have you received interest on that money?
22 BY MR. LEWIN:
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        Q. When you made your election to buy Mr. Bidsal's
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                                                                       A. On my -- yes, I have.
    interest instead of selling, what did you believe the
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                                                                       Q. Can you tell us what the highest amount of
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    COP was that would be plugged into the formula?
                                                                   interest rate you've received?
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Page 1166 Page 1168 MR. GERRARD: Same objection, Your Honor. This stipulating to those to begin with. is again best evidence rule. Mr. Golshani had all the 2 ARBITRATOR WALL: You told him that you weren't 3 opportunity in the world to produce whatever bank 3 stipulating to those? statements would reflect that there actually, No. 1, is MR. GERRARD: We said we were not going to money set aside; and No. 2, that there was interest stipulate to those documents way at the beginning when earned on that money and neither of those things have we were having our conference about what documents we 7 occurred. could and could not stipulate to. That's where 8 ARBITRATOR WALL: Mr. Lewin. 8 everything broke down, because Mr. Lewin just thought 9 MR. LEWIN: I think he can testify from his that we should stipulate to all those documents. We 10 personal knowledge what interest -- without having to said, No. 1, we don't think most of them are relevant; 11 refer to any documents as to what interest he earned in No. 2, you've never done anything to lay the proper 12 the bank account. He can testify about what interest foundation of these throughout the course of the 13 13 he's earned. litigation. 14 ARBITRATOR WALL: Where would he get the 14 ARBITRATOR WALL: I don't know what documents 15 information, other than from the documents themselves? you're talking about. 16 MR. LEWIN: From his own personal knowledge. 16 MR. LEWIN: I believe the order was that might 17 Just like Mr. Bidsal when he said that he paid taxes on 17 call for me to testify, so we'd take it up at the time. 18 money. We didn't have his tax returns, which he refused ARBITRATOR WALL: Well, specifically I said, 18 19 to produce. Mr. Golshani can say "I received interest "Claimant's motion in limine to exclude the testimony not at a higher rate than this." of" -- I might have said Lewis. That's a typo that 21 ARBITRATOR WALL: I'm going to sustain the 21 appeared in the final order. I apologize -- "Lewin is hereby granted, reserving to Respondent the right to 22 objection. 23 seek leave of the Arbitrator to present a specific and BY MR. LEWIN: 24 Q. Did you send Mr. Bidsal any money before the particularized application for the testimony of arbitration No. 1? Mr. Lewin, including the precise purpose of such Page 1167 Page 1169 A. Send. No, I didn't. testimony, authority supporting its admissibility, and 1 2 O. Take a look at Exhibit No. 40. the ability of Mr. Lewin to then continue as an advocate 3 ARBITRATOR WALL: Number what? for Respondent whether issues of attorney/client 4 MR. LEWIN: Number 40. privilege are implicated and the basis for any 5 ARBITRATOR WALL: Pick a spot where it makes limitation on Claimant's right of cross-examination 6 sense to take a little break. 6 thereupon." 7 MR. LEWIN: Okay. 7 That's what I said. 8 BY MR. LEWIN: 8 MR. LEWIN: I interpret that as the issue really 9 Q. Did you authorize -is these are just letters between counsel and what my 10 MR. LEWIN: Let me do it differently. I have a 10 testimony, if I had to give it, would be. I sent this 11 series of documents that rather than ask him about it 11 letter -- I got this letter in the ordinary course of 12 just to lay foundation, they're all communications 12 business. And some of the communications are 13 between myself and Mr. Shapiro, and maybe we can take a 13 communications from me to Mr. Shapiro and vice versa, break and I can talk about whether or not they'll and I think we're both there as representing the client. 14 15 stipulate to putting in the documents. And I don't think that waives any attorney/client 16 ARBITRATOR WALL: That's fine. Whatever you privilege and foundation and that it shouldn't 17 17 disqualify me from testifying because it's testifying as want. 18 MR. GERRARD: We've already covered this in a to a foundational significant issue. 19 motion in limine. We already filed a motion in limine 19 MR. GERRARD: Not to be difficult, Mr. Lewin, but 20 with respect to whether Mr. Lewin would be permitted to the problem is a lot of those letters have hearsay in 21 testify in the trial and Your Honor already ruled that them. You're making statements of fact about what you

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22 he wasn't able to, and obviously we're not -- he'd have

That was the whole point of -- we told him we weren't

23 to lay a foundation for these documents and he hasn't

24 done that and he can't do that unless he testifies.

think the facts are, and we don't agree with those

facts. We don't think that the foundation has been laid

for those facts, so we're not going to allow letters to

come in where you're saying things that we don't think

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    is correct and then trying to get it in through your
                                                                           MR. GERRARD: Just so I don't forget, we want to
2 letter. That's the whole point. That why I said
                                                                   move to admit Exhibit 67, which Mr. Golshani testified
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     there's never been foundation laid for these things and
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                                                                    about earlier today and is not in evidence right now.
    we're not willing to stipulate to them. We're happy to
                                                                           MR. LEWIN: I object to Exhibit 67. His
     address them one at a time if we have to.
                                                                    testimony was on that was to get the information because
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           You know, for instance, your first letter that
                                                                    we were refused to get cross-examination of him.
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    you just were making reference to talks about how you
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                                                                           MR. GERRARD: He said, "Did you get this," and he
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     say "My client has the money to do this, that, and the
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                                                                    said yes, and then he wanted to know what happened after
    other." Well, we don't agree with that. Why would we
                                                                    that and that's what he just testified to.
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     agree to let that letter come into evidence? We don't
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                                                                           ARBITRATOR WALL: 67 I'm going to admit.
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     think there's evidence that's ever been presented to us
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                                                                           (Exhibit 67 was admitted into evidence.)
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    during this case that your client had the money to close
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                                                                           MR. SHAPIRO: Just to be clear, you said 117 as
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    this purchase. That's exactly the point, is that we
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    don't think that even if you got on the stand it would
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                                                                           ARBITRATOR WALL: It isn't. 118's in.
     still be admissible. You can authenticate the letter,
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                                                                           MR. SHAPIRO: Okay. Thank you. I just want to
16 but it's still hearsay because you're making a hearsay
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                                                                    make sure I'm on the same --
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    statement based on out-of-court documents.
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                                                                           ARBITRATOR WALL: I just remembered.
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           MR. LEWIN: It's to give notice to open escrow.
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           MR. GERRARD: It's difficult, Judge, because I
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                                                                    facts that relate to Exhibit 117. I want to put it on
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    mean, without addressing them one at a time, it's really
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                                                                    the record.
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    hard to say --
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                                                                           MR. SHAPIRO: We can put the stipulation on the
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           ARBITRATOR WALL: I haven't seen them. I don't
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                                                                   record. I don't want to talk about 117 because 117 is
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    know which ones you're talking about. I haven't gone
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                                                                    not coming in.
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     through these, so I don't know which ones you're seeking
                                                                           MR. LEWIN: The issue of whether it comes in or
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     to get -- I don't know what limitations there would be
                                                                    not is not your decision. We don't need it in if we
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    on Cross because I don't know what's in the letters. If
                                                                    have a stipulation. The stipulation it is agreed that
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                                                                    Mr. Golshani -- Mr. Bidsal demanded as of the date --
    you seek to authenticate a letter that you wrote that
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    has facts A, B, C, D, and E, and A, B, C, and D you
                                                                    elected to buy Mr. Bidsal's interest instead of sell,
     learned from someone else, including your client, I'm
                                                                    that Mr. Golshani demanded Mr. Bidsal not make any
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    not sure that doesn't --
                                                                    future distributions. Mr. Bidsal did not agree and he
           MR. GERRARD: Waives privilege.
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                                                                    refused to cease making distributions.
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           ARBITRATOR WALL: -- waive the privilege. And
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     that's pretty much what I want to protect against when I
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                                                                    what we're willing to stipulate to, Rod, is very simple.
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     wrote the order.
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           MR. LEWIN: We'll take a break and I'll look at
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                                                                    should have been made after the date that he made his
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                                                                    offer. Our client does not agree with that position
   it.
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           ARBITRATOR WALL: All right. Great.
                                                                   because his argument is that the transactions never
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           MR. GERRARD: We're getting almost to 4 o'clock.
                                                                    closed and so distributions were made after that date as
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   I don't know how much longer Mr. Lewin has. Are we
                                                                    a result of that. That's what we're willing to
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    going to be cross-examining tonight or are we -- what's
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                                                                    stipulate to.
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     the...
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                                                                           ARBITRATOR WALL: And the evidence of the
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           MR. LEWIN: I probably have -- I'm closing in. I
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                                                                    distributions is already in here?
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    have another half hour.
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           ARBITRATOR WALL: Off the record.
                                                                    the record of what actually has happened.
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            (RECESS TAKEN FROM 3:58 P.M. TO 4:17 P.M.)
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                                                                   that set of facts, so we don't need it in.
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                                                               22 BY MR. LEWIN:
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                                                                       Q. Okay. Mr. Golshani, take a look at Exhibit 118,
           ARBITRATOR WALL: So 123 is admitted by
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                                                                   please. We have 118 in evidence. Right?
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    stipulation. Right?
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            (Exhibit 123 was admitted into evidence.)
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                                                                           MR. GERRARD: It's already in.
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Page 1174 Page 1176 BY MR. LEWIN: Q. Not to say you had any duty to do so, but is 2 Q. We don't have to go to 118. Let's go to 125. there a reason you didn't send Mr. Bidsal some money? 3 3 A. Okav. Q. This is a letter to you by -- dated December 26, O. What was the reason? 2017. Did you send this letter to Mr. Bidsal? A. The reason is that on the -- when I made the 6 offer, I sent him an Email and said "I have the money." 7 I showed him proof of the funds and I asked him to open Q. Did he ever respond to this acknowledging that he 8 had received it? 8 escrow. 9 A. I don't think so. I didn't see any. 9 He said that "No, we cannot open escrow because 10 Q. The purpose of sending this letter -- your we have a problem." And you know, he mentioned things I purpose in sending this letter was to -- well, in the 11 don't remember correctly and vividly. So he didn't want 12 second paragraph you're talking about over-distribution to open escrow. I tried to open escrow myself but no 13 again. You made a demand that he return the funds? escrow would entertain that without both parties be 14 A. That's right. available and sign. 15 Q. Did Mr. Bidsal ever return the funds as you 15 Q. Now, you also -- you heard Mr. Bidsal testifying demanded in this letter? 16 that you were complaining about him receiving 17 A. No, he didn't. 17 reimbursement for his expenses. First of all, did you 18 MR. LEWIN: Move to admit Exhibit 125. ever complain about him being reimbursed for his 18 19 MR. GERRARD: No objection. 19 expenses? 20 ARBITRATOR WALL: 125 will be admitted. 20 A. No. 21 (Exhibit 125 was admitted into evidence.) 21 Q. He was getting a disproportionate interest in the 22 rents, 50/50, because he was performing -- doing some BY MR. LEWIN: 23 Q. Mr. Golshani, we mentioned before that we had the 23 work. What was he doing? 24 first arbitration in this room before Judge Haberfeld. A. He was supposed to manage the property, lease, 24 Do you remember that? repair, write the leasing agreement, find tenants, Page 1175 Page 1177 market. 1 A. Yes. 1 2 Q. After that you heard Mr. Gerety talk about the 2 Q. Right after the property was purchased, who was 3 fact that you never delivered any money to Mr. Bidsal. managing the property? Did you in fact try to deliver money to Mr. Bidsal after A. At that time, America Nevada was managing. the first arbitration? 5 Q. And then after that, who managed the property 6 A. No. 6 after that? 7 Q. Okay. And you also heard Mr. Bidsal testify that A. I believe for a short period Mr. Jeff Chain did. 8 he is ready to sell. Has he ever told you that he is 8 Q. And American Nevada and Millennium got paid fees 9 ready to sell? for property managing. Correct? 10 A. No. 10 A. Yes. 11 Q. Well, did he tell you he was ready to sell for 5 11 Q. Did you complain to Mr. Bidsal about paying fees 12 million dollars fair market value? to American Nevada or Millennium since he was supposed 13 to be doing it in order to get 50 percent of the Q. Did Mr. Bidsal ever tell you he was ready to sell 14 14 profits? 15 based on the 5 million dollars fair market value? 15 A. Probably I should. But I just thought I 16 16 shouldn't. 17 Q. He did indicate he would sell 6.3 million. 17 Q. Now, when Mr. Gerety testified, Mr. Gerrard asked 18 Right? him was he hired to find offsets for the purchase price. 19 A. Yes. He told me that if I want to buy I have to When did you hire Mr. Gerety? 20 20 A. Why? pay. 21 Q. And so did Mr. Bidsal ever say after the first 21 O. When. 22 arbitration or in the judgment that followed that that 22 A. Last summer. Summer of 2020. 23 he would like -- that he would perform pursuant to Judge 23 Q. And who gave Mr. Gerety his assignment, you or 24 Haberfeld's order? 24 the lawyers? 25 A. No. 25 A. The attorneys gave him the assignment.

Page 1178 Page 1180 Q. Were you looking for Mr. Gerety to cheat 1 BY MR. LEWIN: 2 Mr. Bidsal? 2 Q. Do you understand what a cost segregation study 3 3 A. No. A. I have an idea. Q. Were you looking for him to make up some claims where you're trying to reduce the purchase price? 5 Q. Did you and Mr. Bidsal discuss having a cost 6 A. No. No. segregation study? 7 Q. What were you hoping that he would do? 7 A. Yes, we did. 8 A. I was hoping that --8 Q. What did you and Mr. Bidsal discuss about having MR. GERRARD: Hang on a sec. Lack of foundation. a cost segregation study done? 10 There's no foundation that Mr. Golshani ever spoke with 10 A. It was Mr. Bidsal's idea. I asked him what was 11 Mr. Gerety to give him any assignment. 11 the purpose. He said it's going to help us save on the 12 ARBITRATOR WALL: He testified just the opposite 12 tax payment, and he went ahead and did the cost 13 a minute ago, that the attorneys gave Mr. Gerety segregation study. That's what he told me. 13 14 instructions, not Mr. Golshani. 14 Q. Now, the cost segregation study is dated what 15 MR. LEWIN: The question is what was he hoping 15 date? 16 Mr. Gerety would find out. He doesn't have to have the 16 A. I believe it was 2013 sometime. 17 communications. 17 Q. Well, you have it right in front of you. 18 MR. GERRARD: His hopes, if he never communicated A. I don't see a date. Maybe inside. 18 19 them to Mr. Gerety, is completely irrelevant. Q. It's on the first page. 20 MR. LEWIN: Sort of. If you don't think it's 20 A. March 15, 2013. 21 probative, then I won't pursue it. 21 Q. Now, there had been previously a tax allocation 22 done by Mr. Bidsal. Is that correct? ARBITRATOR WALL: I don't think it's probative. 22 23 MR. LEWIN: Now I'm not going to ask him 23 A. It was the cost of each building in 2011. Yes. questions about management issues that relate to change 24 Q. Take a look at Exhibit 12. This is the 2011 tax 24 over management. That all relates to the reasons why return. Page 1179 Page 1181 changing over management would be going to the whole A. Uh-huh. I'm sorry. That's the wrong exhibit. 1 1 2 management issue. Q. I'm referring to Exhibit -- you know, I'm going 3 MR. GERRARD: Bifurcated issue. to pass on that. I'm not going to address that issue MR. LEWIN: I just want to make sure the claim is right now. 5 not made and I need to cover that. What I do want to talk to you about, you heard Mr. Wilcox's testimony regarding his calculations of 6 ARBITRATOR WALL: Correct. 6 7 BY MR. LEWIN: COP. Is that correct? 8 Q. Take a look at Exhibit 95, will you, please? A. Correct. 9 Q. And on the cost segregation study, what is the 10 Q. When was the first -- this is the 2011 general total amount of the costs? When Mr. Wilcox came up with 11 ledger. Right? the COP of \$3,967,182. Correct? 12 A. That's correct. 12 A. That's right. 13 Q. When was the first time that you saw this general 13 Q. Did you do some analysis to figure out how he got 14 ledger? to that number? 15 A. I believe I first saw it when Jim Main produced. 15 A. Yes. 16 Q. The documents produced by Mr. Jim Main's office? 16 Q. So if you take -- let's take a look at the 17 A. Yes. 17 Exhibit 95. 18 Q. Also take a look at Exhibit 18, the cost 18 ARBITRATOR WALL: The general ledger? 19 segregation study. 19 MR. LEWIN: The general ledger. 20 A. Okay. I don't have it. 20 BY MR. LEWIN: 21 MR. GARFINKEL: Is it over there? Q. I'm also going to ask you to look at Exhibit 97, 21 22 THE WITNESS: Yeah. 22 which is the trial balance worksheet that was produced 23 by Mr. Main. Keep going back on those. MR. GARFINKEL: Here you go. 23 24 THE WITNESS: Hold on. MR. GERRARD: We object to Exhibit 97 being used. 25 It's not in evidence. There's no foundation this 25 ///

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     witness prepared this document.
                                                                1 Trial Balance Worksheet. Nothing else. It's a business
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           MR. LEWIN: This is a document that, No. 1, was
                                                                2 record of Green Valley.
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    produced by the company accountant. No. 2, the -- it's
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                                                                           MR. GERRARD: Except it doesn't appear in any of
     their own exhibits offered to -- their own exhibits
                                                                    Green Valley's records. So again, the point is this
                                                                    document has not been authenticated. We don't know who
     identify exhibits as "all documents," and it's No. --
    it's No. 80, which is "all documents disclosed by either
                                                                    prepared it. We don't know why it was prepared. We
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    party." That's their exhibit.
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           MR. GERRARD: Sure. We reserve the right to use
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                                                                    represent or where they came from, and that's why it's
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    other exhibits that have been disclosed, but that
                                                                    not admissible. That's why we're objecting to it.
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    doesn't change whether this exhibit is admissible.
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                                                                           ARBITRATOR WALL: All right. I'm going to admit
11 There's no foundation that's been laid for it by
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                                                                    97 over the objection of Claimants. As to the
12 personal knowledge, and it's hearsay unless Mr. Main's
                                                                    information it contains, though, I mean, you know, some
13 here to testify about it, how he prepared it, and what
                                                                    of this goes to weight rather than admissibility. I
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                                                                    don't know where it came from. I don't know where the
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            ARBITRATOR WALL: It's a document prepared by
                                                                    numbers came from.
16 Mr. Main's office?
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                                                                           (Exhibit 97 was admitted into evidence.)
           MR. GARFINKEL: The custodian of records for
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18 Clifton Larsen Allen did in fact execute an affidavit
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                                                                    don't know where it came from --
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    when the documents were produced and basically
                                                                           ARBITRATOR WALL: I know it came from the other
     established that they were business records kept in the
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    ordinary course. So why shouldn't this be able to come
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                                                                    exhibit the affidavit from the custodian of records
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           MR. GERRARD: That affidavit has not been
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                                                                    establishing that those are the business records.
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    admitted as an exhibit.
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           MR. GARFINKEL: It was provided to you.
                                                                    the document in is different from vouching for the
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            MR. GERRARD: It doesn't change anything,
                                                                    actual numbers that are in there that someone
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    Mr. Garfinkel. Wanted to call you Garfield. I'm sorry.
                                                                    calculated, because I don't have any foundation for
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    This is still a document that we have no foundation for.
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                                                                    that.
     We don't know how it was prepared or why it was prepared
                                                                           MR. LEWIN: All right.
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     or what the purpose of preparing it was.
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                                                                           ARBITRATOR WALL: All right.
           ARBITRATOR WALL: Why are you trying to offer it?
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                                                                   BY MR. LEWIN:
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           MR. LEWIN: What's going to happen is
                                                                       Q. Turning to Exhibit 95 -- why don't you go through
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    Mr. Golshani is going to show that the numbers tied into
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                                                                    your calculations of how Mr. Wilcox's COP cost
    this document tie into the general ledger and then tie
                                                                    segregation study -- what the cost was arrived at.
10 into Mr. Wilcox's establishment of the COP, and some of
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                                                                           ARBITRATOR WALL: Say that again.
11 those numbers on the general ledger, which Mr. -- which
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                                                                           MR. LEWIN: I said I want him to explain to you
12 is in evidence and which is -- it's a record of Green
                                                                    how he has analyzed how Mr. Wilcox's COP and the cost of
13 Valley, show that there's a capital contribution
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                                                                    the buildings on the cost segregation study were arrived
14 payback, and so that has to do with whether -- the
                                                                    at using these documents.
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    capital contributions that have been returned to the
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                                                                           MR. GERRARD: So I'm not sure, Judge, why we're
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    parties. So he goes through to match up the records to
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                                                                    trying to analyze Mr. Wilcox's testimony. They already
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    establish how that was calculated. The numbers match
                                                                    had their expert who testified after Mr. Wilcox to be
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    up. I think that's what he's used to match up the
                                                                    able to testify about whatever things that they thought
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    numbers.
                                                                    Mr. Wilcox had or hadn't done differently. What we have
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            ARBITRATOR WALL: Who prepared 97?
                                                                    now is the fact that we had a month delay, which gave
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           MR. SHAPIRO: Clifton Larsen Allen.
                                                                    them a chance to go back and read through the record and
           MR. GERRARD: We know they produced it. We don't
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                                                                    try to figure out where he's trying to change testimony,
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23 know they prepared it because there's never been any
                                                                    and this analysis that he supposedly prepared is
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    testimony about it. That's the whole point.
                                                                    something that he did in the last 30 days after the last
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            MR. LEWIN: It's a Green Valley Commerce, LLC
                                                                   hearing had concluded and has nothing to do with any
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    personal knowledge that he had at the time. It's not
                                                                           MR. LEWIN: I'm saying the issue was to do with
    like he's testifying he performed this analysis when he
                                                                    Mr. Bidsal denying that this was a general ledger that
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    got this document. They're trying to use him as an
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                                                                    was created by Green Valley, and our intention is to
     expert.
                                                                    show, by tying the numbers together, that not only is
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            MR. LEWIN: No. What's happening is Mr. Bidsal
                                                                    that general ledger contrary to what Mr. Bidsal said,
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     took an oath and he swore he knew nothing about this
                                                                    something that was performed by his company, but also
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     document --
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            ARBITRATOR WALL: What document?
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                                                                    capital, the reason why the COP was reduced from
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                                                                    4,000,049 to something less and tie it in with the
           MR. LEWIN: This general ledger.
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            ARBITRATOR WALL: Okay.
                                                                    worksheet where they add in the cost of the survey and
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           MR. LEWIN: He said it's done by American Nevada.
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                                                                    some capitalized expenses. That's how all those numbers
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    And the bottom line --
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                                                                    come together.
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           MR. GERRARD: What does that have to do with the
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                                                                           ARBITRATOR WALL: My recollection of the
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    analysis --
                                                                    discussion regarding the general ledger was 311,000 or
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            MR. LEWIN: This actually shows that all these
                                                                    so and whether it was treated correctly as interest.
    numbers tie into the cost segregation study and
                                                                    Remember that?
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    Mr. Wilcox's testimony showing that -- and the reason
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                                                                          MR. LEWIN: Yeah, I remember that. That was one
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     that he doesn't want -- the reason why he doesn't want
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                                                                   number.
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     it to come in is because there's entries in this --
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                                                                           ARBITRATOR WALL: I don't recall -- when was this
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           MR. GERRARD: This is already in evidence.
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                                                                    analysis done?
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           MR. GARFINKEL: Let him finish, Doug.
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                                                                           MR. LEWIN: So the -- originally even Mr. Bidsal
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           ARBITRATOR WALL: You know what? Pushing me.
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                                                                    testified and he and Mr. Golshani both agreed that the
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    That's my job. Okay?
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                                                                    COP was 4,000,049 and some change. That number was
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           MR. GARFINKEL: Sorry, Your Honor.
                                                                    reduced in the cost segregation study to the 3,967,000.
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            ARBITRATOR WALL: Here's what we're going to do.
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                                                                           ARBITRATOR WALL: Right.
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1 It's going to start with 500. The next time somebody
                                                                           MR. LEWIN: How did we get to that number? We
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                                                                    talked about this -- Mr. Wilcox about where's the
    talks over somebody else, and I'm going to now -- from
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    now on designate who has the floor to speak, and we're
                                                                    missing $92,000. Nobody could really pin it down. When
    going to start at 500 sanction, and then it's going to
                                                                    you look at the worksheet and Exhibit 95, you'll see on
     go up from there each successive time no matter who gets
                                                                    Exhibit 95 that there are -- there's funds that are a
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    hit. Because that's got to stop. Everybody is better
                                                                    return of capital. So those funds plus -- those funds
     than that. All right?
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                                                                    plus the capitalized cost on the worksheet make up the
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            So I understand it's the end of the day. I
                                                                    difference between the original cost of the note and
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    understand there's a lot of things going on. I
                                                                    what was on the cost segregation study. And that's what
    understand we had technical difficulties. I get all of
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                                                                    we're getting at. It's to show how these numbers tie
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     it. But it's got to stop.
                                                                    together. And the cost segregation study says that
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           Mr. Lewin, do you understand?
                                                                    these numbers on the cost segregation study were given
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           MR. LEWIN: I understand.
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                                                                    by Mr. Bidsal. It says so right on the document.
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           ARBITRATOR WALL: Mr. Garfinkel, you understand?
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           MR. GARFINKEL: Absolutely.
                                                                    Mr. Golshani through Mr. Wilcox's conclusions, the
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           ARBITRATOR WALL: Mr. Shapiro, you understand?
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                                                                    numbers he used, the cost segregation report numbers,
           MR. SHAPIRO: I understand.
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                                                                    and the general ledger?
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           ARBITRATOR WALL: Mr. Gerrard, you understand?
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                                                                           MR. LEWIN: No. I want to walk him through --
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           MR. GERRARD: Absolutely.
                                                                    Wilcox used the cost segregation study numbers.
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           ARBITRATOR WALL: All right. Everyone's on
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                                                                           ARBITRATOR WALL: Okay.
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                                                                           MR. LEWIN: Mr. Gerety did.
    notice.
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           All right. Finish. Mr. Gerrard, I think you
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                                                                           ARBITRATOR WALL: Right.
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                                                                           MR. LEWIN: So what I want to do is with
    were interrupted.
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           MR. LEWIN: I was interrupted.
                                                               24 Mr. Golshani walk us through how the 4,000,049 --
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            ARBITRATOR WALL: Finish.
                                                                    284,000, whatever it is, on the cost of the note, the
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    COP came to be reduced to the 3,000,009, and he can do
                                                                           ARBITRATOR WALL: Because he hasn't made that --
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    it by going through these documents.
                                                                    I apologize for interrupting. He hasn't really made
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           ARBITRATOR WALL: Mr. Gerrard.
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                                                                    that analysis until just now. Right? It wasn't
           MR. GERRARD: My turn? Okay. This document,
                                                                    contemporaneous.
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    Exhibit 95, is already in evidence.
                                                                           MR. LEWIN: No. He has done it when analyzing
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           ARBITRATOR WALL: Right.
                                                                    the documents after hearing Mr. Wilcox's testimony.
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           MR. GERRARD: This Exhibit 18 cost segregation
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    study is already in evidence.
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                                                                           ARBITRATOR WALL: Right.
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           ARBITRATOR WALL: Right.
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                                                                           MR. LEWIN: He's able to show where the money is
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           MR. GERRARD: There's been no foundation of any
                                                                    missing from. Or where it ends up. It ends up in a
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    kind laid that Mr. Golshani at any time had any part in
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                                                                    return of capital that Mr. Wilcox hasn't taken into
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    preparing either of these two documents.
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           ARBITRATOR WALL: Correct.
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           MR. GERRARD: He has no personal knowledge of how
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                                                                    argument can be made -- I get what you're saying. I
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    they were prepared or where the numbers came from or
                                                                    think the argument can be made without Mr. Golshani
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                                                                    walking me through it because he really wasn't involved
    where the information came from. What they're trying to
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    do is make an argument based upon documents that are
                                                                    in the preparation of any of those documents. The
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                                                                    documents are there. The numbers are there. The
    here. They could just argue to the Court. They don't
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    have to have Mr. Golshani walk through the documents
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    that he has no personal knowledge of any kind about how
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                                                                           MR. LEWIN: Okay. All right. I have one more
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    the documents were prepared or where the numbers came
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                                                                    area to cover. I'd like to take five minutes and talk
22 from. There's no evidence that contradicts what
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                                                                   about it with Mr. Golshani and see where we want to go
23 Mr. Bidsal said about who prepared Exhibit No. 95.
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                                                                    with that. Is that okay? It's almost 5 o'clock. He's
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    None.
                                                                   not going to go into Cross anyway.
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           So again, this whole idea that we're going to
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                                                                           ARBITRATOR WALL: I know. Okay. All right.
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    waste the time in this arbitration to have Mr. Golshani
                                                                   We'll take five minutes.
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    trying to prepare the argument between the last
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    arbitration and now and try to walk through and come up
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    with some explanation for things that they want to try
    to explain when he had no personal knowledge of how
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                                                                           MR. LEWIN: Your Honor, I have three new
    either of these documents were prepared is completely
                                                                    documents to talk about. The first --
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                                                                           ARBITRATOR WALL: What do you mean "new"?
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    inappropriate. They laid no foundation for how he would
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    have ever known or that he'd ever performed this
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                                                                           MR. LEWIN: They're not on our exhibit list.
    analysis at the time or that he'd ever received one of
                                                                           MR. SHAPIRO: Is that what you Emailed to us?
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    these documents and thought "Oh, I need to figure out
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                                                                           MR. LEWIN: No. Well, they might be. I Emailed
    where this number came from" and did some analysis.
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                                                                   you some audit documents which are a little bit
                                                                    different. This one is -- here, Doug. For reference,
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    This is just an argument being made through examination
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    of somebody who has no ability to testify about these
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                                                                    I'd like to mark this as 203. These are documents --
                                                                    this is Bates stamped CLA_Bidsal 0003646 through 49.
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    documents.
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           ARBITRATOR WALL: Mr. Lewin, anything else?
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                                                                           Which one did I give you? Okay. Here you go.
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           MR. LEWIN: He's walking through to aid to
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                                                                   And that document has some red markings on it which
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    Court -- the arbitrator in order to be able to look at
                                                                    Mr. Golshani will testify about. The next one to
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    these numbers and point to the evidence and do it.
                                                                    discuss along with that document is a document marked
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           ARBITRATOR WALL: But the foundation. What's the
                                                                    204, which is CLA Bidsal 2372 through 2374.
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    foundation for Mr. Golshani to walk me through that as
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                                                                           ARBITRATOR WALL: You gave me 203.
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    opposed to -- the documents are in -- you guys making
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                                                                           MR. LEWIN: Here's 204.
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    the argument "Here's where this number comes from. It
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                                                                   a part of the general ledger. This was supposed to be
    comes from here"?
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           MR. LEWIN: I agree we can do that. I can walk
                                                                    testified about by Mr. Manabat.
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    through it --
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                                                                           ARBITRATOR WALL: Didn't I just deny admission of
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    what you marked as 204?
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           MR. LEWIN: No.
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           ARBITRATOR WALL: It's the trial balance
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    worksheet that --
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           MR. LEWIN: 97.
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           ARBITRATOR WALL: 97. That's what I already
                                                                   to put these numbers together, and then he independently
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                                                                   verified these numbers himself to cross reference what
    admitted.
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           MR. LEWIN: That's right.
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                                                                   they are.
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                                                                          ARBITRATOR WALL: The actual numbers in these
           ARBITRATOR WALL: Why do I need this? It's the
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    same Bates numbers as --
                                                                   documents haven't changed. But just the red stamps
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           MR. LEWIN: Yes, but it's -- let me make an offer
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                                                                   everywhere. And those were done by Mr. Golshani or by
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    of proof.
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                                                                   Mr. Manabat?
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           ARBITRATOR WALL: All right.
                                                                          MR. LEWIN: Mr. Manabat with Mr. Golshani, and
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           MR. GERRARD: Before we do that, I'm going to
                                                                   Mr. Golshani then independently verified those.
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                                                                          ARBITRATOR WALL: When?
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    object to all of these because --
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           ARBITRATOR WALL: Hold on before you do that.
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                                                                          MR. LEWIN: To prepare for today.
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    I'm sorry to interrupt.
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           Was there a 205? I didn't get that one yet.
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           All right. So let's let Mr. Lewin address these
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                                                                   created some other documents that I produced to counsel,
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                                                                   but those would be subject to him being here. For
    first.
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           (Exhibits 203, 204, and 205 were marked.)
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                                                                   example, if you look at the --
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           MR. LEWIN: Mr. Bidsal testified that the 2011
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    general ledger was not prepared by his office. What
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                                                                          MR. LEWIN: If you look at the document on 203,
    Mr. Golshani has done is to go through with these
                                                                   if you look at the category 4406, that says
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    documents and mark up the corresponding numbers so
                                                                   "Contributions."
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                                                                          ARBITRATOR WALL: On?
1 you -- and by the way, this Document 203 is a document
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                                                                          MR. LEWIN: On 203. 5,000. It's got the
   that Mr. Golshani found in the production from Mr. Main.
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    By the way, the Bates stamp CLA_Bidsal reflects it was a
                                                                   cross-reference REF03. If you look at the trial balance
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    document produced by Mr. Main. Mr. Golshani will
                                                                   worksheet, it says at 3600, it says contributions record
    testify that this 203 is a general ledger that he
                                                                   management company's financials, and it shows it's the
6 believes was prepared by American Nevada, and he'll be
                                                                   5,000 with the cross-reference of REF03.
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    able to explain how he's able to show that essentially
                                                                          ARBITRATOR WALL: Right. So Mr. Manabat actually
    showing the designation on the upper left-hand corner
                                                                   prepared the red -- put the red stamps on here or
9 because he's reviewed other documents from American
                                                                   Mr. Golshani?
10 Nevada.
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                                                                          MR. LEWIN: Mr. Manabat put the red on, and then
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           And that the general ledger in 205 corresponds
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                                                                   Mr. Golshani independently went through one by one to
12 with the entries in the general ledger that Mr. Bidsal
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                                                                   verify that they're correct.
13 claims had -- pardon me -- 204. 204, which is the trial
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                                                                          ARBITRATOR WALL: Okay. And what's 205?
14 balance worksheet, ties into the general ledger those
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   corresponding entries of each. And that also in the
                                                                   Mr. -- let me explain it this way: Mr. Bidsal produced
                                                                   a link to the QuickBooks records for the 2011 general
16 trial balance worksheet there are references to
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    information from the property management company and
                                                                   ledger. From that link you can go in and manipulate the
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    that those tie into -- that information ties into -- on
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                                                                   general ledger to get certain reports out of it. Those
19 the worksheet ties into 203.
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           So the point of that is to show that
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                                                                          ARBITRATOR WALL: When you say "manipulate," you
21 Mr. Bidsal -- where the genesis of Exhibit 95 comes
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                                                                   just mean electronically generate reports?
22 really, and it was generated by Mr. Bidsal's office and
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                                                                          MR. LEWIN: That's a better -- electronically
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    that did not come from American Nevada.
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                                                                   generate reports.
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           ARBITRATOR WALL: So the items in red on 203,
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                                                                          ARBITRATOR WALL: All right.
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    204, and 205 were added by Mr. Golshani?
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                                                                          MR. LEWIN: So Mr. Manabat and Mr. Golshani were
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Page 1198 Page 1200 able to generate this report, which shows in part the -testify about where these numbers came from. He's trying to say what he thinks is the explanation for this a portion of the general ledger that has to do with capital contributions, and that's cross-referenced to 3 3 stuff. the -- that is cross-referenced to the worksheet as That's not the way we do it under the law. We 5 well. have to actually lay foundation by someone with personal 6 ARBITRATOR WALL: Okay. So 204, other than the knowledge, not someone is guessing 15 years after the 7 red stamps, the document without the red stamps is fact or 10 years after the fact about what they think 8 already in at 97. Right? 8 happened or trying to create some sort of an explanation 9 MR. LEWIN: Yes, sir. 10 ARBITRATOR WALL: What about 203 and 205? Are 10 Now, as far as Mr. Manabat goes, Mr. Manabat has 11 those documents without the red stamps already in? Are 11 not been disclosed as an expert witness, but that's what 12 they already either admitted into evidence or are they they just tried to use him as. They disclosed an 13 on the list? expert. He's already testified. They know he's already 13 14 MR. LEWIN: No. They're neither -- well, they testified. So now they're trying to get some expert 15 are on the list to the extent that they -- Mr. Bidsal testimony in in a different way. So they have 16 disclosed as part of his disclosure -- he identified all Mr. Manabat go and actually create Exhibit 205. Look at 17 of Mr. Main's records as being disclosed as part of his the date at the top left-hand corner. This was printed 18 disclosure in this case, and that would also be covered 18 two days ago or six days ago. Seven days ago -by -- I thought it was Exhibit 80 where they identified 19 19 ARBITRATOR WALL: A week ago. 20 that they reserved the right to produce any document 20 MR. GERRARD: -- by Mr. Manabat using apparently 21 that was disclosed. 21 the QuickBooks records that they have access to to try 22 ARBITRATOR WALL: Right. 22 to create a record for them to come up with some 23 MR. LEWIN: Mr. Golshani testified that he was 23 explanation for something that they don't have any 24 searching through Mr. Main's records and came upon the knowledge of. Mr. Manabat didn't work for the company 25 general ledger. It has in the upper right-hand corner back when these numbers were prepared. He worked at the Page 1201 Page 1199 1 ANC, and he then looked back at his documents that he company from September 2015 until 2020 when he was 1 had received as part of the due diligence from American 2 fired. 3 Nevada when they were looking at the possibility of 3 So for him to be guessing about where these buying the note and saw the same designation. So he numbers came from back in 2011 when they were created, will testify, based on that, this is a general ledger there's no basis for that. He's not an expert. He has 6 produced by American Nevada, who was managing the 6 no personal knowledge. 7 7 property and was given to Mr. Main as part -- by Mr. Golshani is not an expert and he has no 8 Mr. Bidsal as the part of doing business. That's the personal knowledge. There's been no foundation laid for 9 testimony that he would offer. why these documents were prepared or where the 10 MR. GERRARD: Is it my turn now, Judge? 10 information came from. It's just pure speculation. 11 ARBITRATOR WALL: Yes, sir. 11 They're wanting to come up with something that they 12 MR. GERRARD: That was the most ridiculous bunch 12 never bothered to get their expert prepared for or to 13 of testimony by Mr. Lewin. There's no foundation for testify about, and they're trying to figure out a way to anything he just said. There's no -- first of all, get it in, and Your Honor just told them that some of 14 15 let's take these one at a time. the exhibits that they wanted to put it were not 16 admissible, so now they've come back with a new set and Exhibit 203 is a document that has never been 16 17 disclosed in this case. It was produced, although it's 17 they're trying to do the same thing again. 18 been modified, but it was produced originally by CLA, 18 They still haven't solved the foundation problem. 19 but we have no foundation. It's pure speculation as to where these numbers came 20 ARBITRATOR WALL: CLA meaning the accounting 20 from. We have no foundation for where they came from. 21 firm? Just because they might have been on a document that was MR. GERRARD: CLA the accounting firm. We have 22 produced by CLA doesn't mean that CLA prepared them. 23 no foundation for these numbers, where they came from, 23 And by CLA I'm talking about the accounting firm.

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the documents that they looked at to get this, and what

Mr. Lewin is trying to do is testify. He's trying to

That doesn't mean that this document which is

Exhibit 203 was prepared by Clifton Larsen Allen just

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because -- you know, accountants receive documents from third-party sources and put them in their file. We 3 don't know what this is. We don't know whether it was prepared by Clifton Larsen Allen. We don't know who gave it to them. We don't know what the numbers are or where they came from. There's no foundation for any of 7 that.

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It's just pure speculation and guesswork on the part of counsel because he's the one that just testified, and I was biting my tongue while he was doing it because he said he was going to make an offer of 12 proof. But proof of what? There's no proof. There's no evidence. There's no testimony about where these numbers came from. They're just pulling documents out and trying to create explanations for them.

Now, listen, if they had disclosed the documents on time and put them in as part of the exhibits and they wanted to make an argument based upon them, that would be one thing. But they can't get them into evidence without proper foundation because otherwise they're 21 hearsay. There's no evidence saying that this is a business record of Clifton Larsen Allen that they prepared and that that's where the numbers came from. There's just an affidavit saying "This was in our file." So there's no foundation for any of this stuff,

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and one of these reports was clearly prepared in anticipation of today.

ARBITRATOR WALL: All of them were. The red

portion. MR. GERRARD: The red portion, yeah. But Exhibit 205 is actually a report that was generated a week ago. It's never ever been disclosed. Never been disclosed and there's no foundation for it, and that's what they wanted to use Mr. Manabat for, was to use him 10 as an expert, apparently, to go back and say, "Well, I 11 prepared this from the QuickBooks information. This is 12 what it means." He wasn't even here in 2011. He didn't 13 work for the company. He doesn't know where the numbers came from that were put into those QuickBooks originally. He's got no personal knowledge. He would 16 never be able to testify to it, and neither can Mr. Golshani because he doesn't have any personal knowledge of it either. None of these documents are admissible.

20 MR. LEWIN: My turn? 21 ARBITRATOR WALL: Yes.

22 MR. LEWIN: First of all, when we receive --23 first of all, it's not expert testimony. It doesn't

take expert testimony to generate a report out of

25 QuickBooks if you know how to use QuickBooks. It's not Page 1204

expert testimony to make a demonstrative exhibit that

says the number on Document A matches up to Document B.

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down and -- it's a demonstrative exhibit, more or less.

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6 No. 2, so none of what Mr. Gerrard just said is relevant because we're not -- the numbers are the 8 numbers. And the numbers are the numbers and all that these documents show is that there was a co-relationship between the general ledger report and the trial report and the other document which was -- which we believe --11 12 which Mr. Golshani -- it may go to weight, but it will show -- he will testify that this general ledger 203 is 13 on the same form and looks like it's from American Nevada. That was given -- this was a general ledger for the time period when American Nevada was the property

All the red markings are doing -- as I said, they give us a link to an electronic document. We can generate a report. Fine. We didn't know that Mr. Bidsal, by the way, was going to swear under oath that the 2011 general ledger was not prepared by him, was prepared by -- he thinks was American Nevada. He's the -- ultimately he was the person in charge of the accounting. He would know who generated the reports.

manager, according to Mr. Bidsal.

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He authorized delivery of these things to Jim Main's office. He's the person responsible and he's the person

3 who got up and said -- attempting to disclaim any

responsibility for it or ownership of it, the 2011

5 general ledger.

So now this effort is to show that despite what he said, that the general ledger ties in to all kinds of other documents, including the tax returns that were filed under his supervision, and that these records are essentially demonstrative records to show that they tie in. That's not expert testimony. I could do it myself if I took the time to match up the various things. And we all could.

These are documents that Mr. -- the issue is 203 is a document that was produced by Mr. Main with an affidavit. These are business records. They're admissible. I think everything else goes to weight. Mr. Golshani was just going to walk through these documents. I wasn't trying to give testimony. He was just going to walk through and explain how they relate

to each other. MR. GERRARD: Is it my turn? It's my objection, so I'm supposed to get the last say on this. ARBITRATOR WALL: All right.

MR. GERRARD: So listen, you heard Mr. Lewin say

Page 1206 it looks like it was prepared by ANC. That's exactly the problem. He has no idea who prepared this. It's 3 pure speculation. Pure, unadulterated speculation by Mr. Lewin, and of course Mr. Manabat is trying to testify as an expert because remember, if he doesn't have personal knowledge under NRS Chapter 50, he can't 7 testify. And 49 and 50. He cannot testify about 8 something he has no personal knowledge of. He just prepared a report based upon numbers that he had no 10 personal knowledge of, so of course it's never going to 11 come into evidence because, No. 1, it's a report that 12 was generated a week ago and was never disclosed in this 13 case. Ever. That last exhibit. Never disclosed, ever, 14 and it was prepared in anticipation of this testimony 15 today, and Mr. Manabat can't testify about it because he 16 didn't generate the numbers and he didn't put the 17 numbers in and he didn't work there when the 2011 18 general ledger information was prepared. He didn't work

Mr. Golshani can't testify about it because he 21 has no personal knowledge of it either. How is he supposed to testify to lay the foundation of where these numbers came from? And the two reports that supposedly came from -- the two reports that he's saying came from the records of Clifton Larsen Allen, again, there's no

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Page 1207 foundation for those numbers. We don't know where they 1 2 came from. We don't know who prepared them, and that's 3 the whole point.

4 They're trying to attribute to Mr. Bidsal 5 information that Mr. Bidsal has clearly testified did 6 not come from him. It's something that he didn't 7 prepare. They don't like that answer. This is all an 8 effort to try to attack the credibility of Mr. Bidsal as 9 it relates to those numbers, but these documents are not admissible on their face. There's no foundation. They 10 11 never produced them, and if it's a demonstrative 12 exhibit, they have to produce that too, and they never 13 produced any demonstrative exhibit at the outset of this 14 case. Let's call a spade a spade.

What this is is they had a month between the last arbitration hearing and today to go back, read through the whole transcript, and try to figure out ways that they could try to get around testimony that they didn't like. That's where they created this stuff. Nobody has any personal knowledge of any of it that's been offered 21 as a witness. I mean, there's no possible way under the 22 rules of evidence that this comes into evidence. 23 There's no foundation. It's pure speculation. And even if they came in, they couldn't tie the numbers to

anything because they don't know where the numbers came

21 22 this. 23 MR. LEWIN: No.

ARBITRATOR WALL: Never produced during the litigation at all?

Page 1208 from. They're just speculating about where the numbers 2 came from.

3 So again, Your Honor, I think the objection is obvious, but lack of foundation, speculation, and they're trying to create new exhibits the day before we're supposed to have our closing argument. The first time we've ever seen this new document that they 8 generated that they want a witness to testify about who was never disclosed as an expert. 10

ARBITRATOR WALL: All right. Thank you. 205 is not going to be admitted. That's a document that was prepared a week ago by Mr. Manabat, has never been disclosed to anyone at any time. All right. So that's out.

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204, the underlying document without the red stamps I just admitted, I think, as No. 97. The red references for virtually every entry on it has never been disclosed. It was -- at this point there's insufficient foundation to admit that document. And, I mean, if Mr. -- I don't know when Mr. Manabat worked there, if he originally did these, and whether he has personal knowledge of any of these numbers. So I'm not foreclosing the possibility that you could lay a foundation. As it stands now, there's insufficient foundation.

Page 1209 203, I just don't know its genesis, and I don't 1 think anybody does. And in addition to that, I am 3 uncomfortable with new demonstrative exhibits the last -- what was supposed to be the last day -- the last afternoon of presentation of evidence being offered without any notice. So these aren't the ones you said you Emailed to Mr. Shapiro; is that right? 8 MR. LEWIN: Those were -- can I respond briefly? 9

ARBITRATOR WALL: Sure.

10 MR. LEWIN: The issue is not that anyone created 11 these numbers. All that was done -- all that was done was that a report was generated using Mr. Bidsal's 13 OuickBooks.

ARBITRATOR WALL: Understood.

MR. LEWIN: There's no creation of numbers here. And then you have -- so the numbers --ARBITRATOR WALL: 205 has never -- they've never

seen until five minutes ago. MR. LEWIN: 205 was a report generated from his QuickBooks.

ARBITRATOR WALL: Right. But they've never seen

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           MR. LEWIN: No. Our issue is that this is
                                                                1 BY MR. LEWIN:
     impeachment of rebuttal documents generated because of
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                                                                       Q. Mr. Golshani, when you were talking about COP and
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    Mr. Bidsal's false testimony at the last set of hearings
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                                                                    two ways of addressing COP and you said you wanted to
     that American Nevada was the creator of Exhibit 95, the
                                                                    explain something and I didn't let you explain, so
     2011 general ledger that is in the general ledger of
                                                                    forgive me. Tell the judge what you wanted to explain
    Green Valley Commerce. So in effect, anyone who can
                                                                    in terms of how you're willing to deduct from the COP
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     operate a QuickBooks account can go to a QuickBooks
                                                                    the properties that have been sold and properties that
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     record and ask if you have the facility to generate a
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                                                                    have been bought, and you also had an explanation.
    report. It's not making numbers. It's generating a
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                                                                           THE WITNESS: May I?
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     report from his own general ledger.
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                                                                           ARBITRATOR WALL: Yeah.
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            So just on the issue that these are numbers that
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                                                                           THE WITNESS: As I said, the COP, according to
12 are actually generated by Mr. Golshani or Mr. Bidsal,
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                                                                    operating agreement, should be whatever is under the
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    all they are are reports. All they are are
                                                                    escrow closing, which is 4,048,000. And if they want
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    cross-referencing reports. I guess I could take the
                                                                    to -- if we want to accept that as the formula, the
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     time -- it's a cross-referencing numbers in the report,
                                                                    numbers to be plugged in at the same time of escrow
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    which is basically a review.
                                                                    closing, both of the number, meaning the capital and
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           So I think that the foundation is sufficient to
                                                                    COP, should be entered at the same time. So if the COP
18 be able to -- to be able to admit the documents -- admit
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                                                                    is 4,000,048, capital account should be, naturally,
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    the documents having to show that the numbers on the
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     trial worksheet are found on the general ledger or found
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                                                                           Now, if we go and say that COP should be at the
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    on the other ledger.
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                                                                    time of the buyout, then we reduce the cost of the sold
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                                                                   building, but at the same time we need to reduce from
           The other ledger, having to do with 203, this is
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23 a document that was produced by the company's
                                                               23
                                                                    the capital account the cost of sold building and
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    accountants. Whether it's in their files and were
                                                                    whatever money Mr. Bidsal has received under his capital
     produced as a business record, and this is -- the issue
                                                                    contribution. Not the profit, but the capital
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1 here is do these -- does this ledger, regardless of
                                                                    contribution. Then both of them is acceptable.
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    where it came from -- because the weight that you would
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                                                                           What I'm trying to say, Your Honor, it's not fair
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    have to give it is if Mr. Bidsal didn't produce this
                                                                    to take the capital contribution at the time of
    general ledger, who did? By process of elimination, you
                                                                    purchase, which is 1.2 million, and then have the cost
    can take it and be able to take it and derive that it
                                                                    of COP at the time of buyout. Both of them should be at
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    would be the property manager at the time in 2011, which
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                                                                    the same time.
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    would be American Nevada. And then they cross-reference
                                                                           ARBITRATOR WALL: Okay.
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     and was actually used by the company's accountant.
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                                                                    BY MR. LEWIN:
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            So I don't think the numbers are generated like
                                                                       Q. So you're saying the capital has to reflect the
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    inputted. They don't have to be inputted to draft a
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                                                                    return capital. Is that correct?
     report. That doesn't take expert testimony. All he did
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                                                                       A. Return capital. Yeah. Whatever capital that
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    was generate a report.
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                                                                    Mr. Bidsal seems to be deducting from there.
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            ARBITRATOR WALL: Okay.
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                                                                           MR. LEWIN: I have nothing further.
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            THE WITNESS: It's the same as the one that's
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                                                                           ARBITRATOR WALL: All right. So we'll begin
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     Bates stamped. This is the same one.
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                                                                    tomorrow at 1:00 with your questions for Mr. Golshani?
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           MR. LEWIN: Hold on.
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                                                                           MR. GERRARD: (Moved head.)
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            ARBITRATOR WALL: All right. I think you've made
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                                                                           ARBITRATOR WALL: Can we agree on a time when
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    your record. So I'm not going to admit 203, 204, 205.
                                                                    Mr. Manabat should be available?
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           Do you have additional questions for
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                                                                           MR. GARFINKEL: Your Honor, I don't know if he's
                                                                    going to be available tomorrow. Medical issue. I don't
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    Mr. Golshani?
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           MR. LEWIN: No, Your Honor.
                                                                   know if he'll be available. We'll see by tomorrow
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           ARBITRATOR WALL: All right.
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                                                                   morning if he'll make himself available.
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           THE WITNESS: No.
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                                                                           MR. GERRARD: Well, are we finishing then
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           MR. LEWIN: He reminded me about something.
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                                                                    tomorrow?
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                                                                           ARBITRATOR WALL: Well, except for Mr. LeGrand,
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                                                                             HEALTH INFORMATION PRIVACY & SECURITY: CAUTIONARY NOTICE
     that was my hope.
                                                                       2 Litigation Services is committed to compliance with applicable federal
 2
             MR. GARFINKEL: You know, believe me, I
                                                                       3 and state laws and regulations ("Privacy Laws") governing the
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     understand. Otherwise we should have taken him today.
                                                                       4 protection and security of patient health information. Notice is
     We had him scheduled for today and we had time to take
                                                                       5 herebygiven to all parties that transcripts of depositions and legal
     him today.
                                                                       6 proceedings, and transcript exhibits, may contain patient health
 6
             MR. LEWIN: We thought he would be available. In
                                                                       7 information that is protected from unauthorized access, use and
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     the last break -- we actually called him and said we'll
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     schedule for tomorrow, and we got a late call just at
                                                                       8 disclosure by Privacy Laws. Litigation Services requires that access,
                                                                       9 maintenance, use, and disclosure (including but not limited to
     the last break told us he may not be available. We'll
                                                                      10 electronic database maintenance and access, storage, distribution/
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     try to track that down.
                                                                      11 dissemination and communication) of transcripts/exhibits containing
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             ARBITRATOR WALL: Okay. And you are going to
                                                                      12 patient information be performed in compliance with Privacy Laws.
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     meet and confer on the two Main deposition designations?
             MR. GERRARD: I already sent them to him.
                                                                      13 No transcript or exhibit containing protected patient health
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                                                                      14 information may be further disclosed except as permitted by Privacy
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             MR. LEWIN: Do you have a hard copy?
                                                                      15 Laws. Litigation Services expects that all parties, parties'
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             MR. GERRARD: Hard copy of what?
                                                                      16 attorneys, and their HIPAA Business Associates and Subcontractors will
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             MR. LEWIN: The Email you sent me, did you have a
                                                                         make every reasonable effort to protect and secure patient health
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     printout?
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                                                                      18 information, and to comply with applicable Privacy Law mandates,
             MR. GERRARD: No. I had my secretary type it.
                                                                      19 including but not limited to restrictions on access, storage, use, and
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             ARBITRATOR WALL: Off.
                                                                      20 disclosure (sharing) of transcripts and transcript exhibits, and
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             (The proceedings were suspended at 5:39 p.m.)
                                                                      21 applying "minimum necessary" standards where appropriate. It is
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                                                                      22 recommended that your office review its policies regarding sharing of
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                                                                      23 transcripts and exhibits - including access, storage, use, and
                                                                      24 disclosure - for compliance with Privacy Laws.
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     COUNTY OF CLARK )
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## **EXHIBIT 3**

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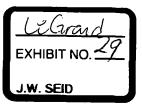
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Via email only

Re: Green Valley Commerce LLC ("GVC") Sale Process



Dear Jim: Please be advised that I have reviewed your correspondence to Mr. Benjamin Golshani and Cla Properties, LLC with respect to the nomination of appraisers by Mr. Bidsal.

With respect to the GVC process, I draw your attention to the following paragraph at the end of Section 4.2 of the GVC Operating Agreement:

The specific intent of this provision is that once the Offering Member presented his or its offer to the Remaining Members, then the Remaining Members shall either sell or buy at the same offered price (or FMV if appraisal is invoked) and according to the procedure set forth in Section 4... In the case that the Remaining Member(s) decide to purchase, then Offering Member shall be obligated to sell his or its Member Interests to the remaining Member(s).

I believe that this paragraph makes it abundantly clear that when CLA Properties through its Manager Benjamin Golshani gave notice that it would purchase the interest of Mr. Bidsal on the terms offered by Mr. Bidsal that there is no requirement for an appraisal. The price has been established in accordance with the Operating Agreement.

That the price has already been established is further demonstrated by the prior provision in Section 4.2:

If the offered price is not acceptable to the Remaining Member(s), within 30 days of receiving the offer, the Remaining Members (or any of them) can request to establish FMV based on the following procedure. The Remaining Member(s) must provide the Offering Member the complete information of 2 MIA appraisers. The Offering Member must pick one of the appraisers to appraise the property and furnish a copy to all Members. The Offering Member also must provide the Remaining Members with the complete information of 2 MIA approved appraisers. The Remaining Members must pick one of the appraisers to appraise the property and furnish a copy to all Members. The medium of these 2 appraisals constitute the fair market value of the property which is called (FMV).

The foregoing paragraph reinforces that it was CLA Properties as the "Remaining

Member" who had the right to request an appraisal process. Having established his offer, the Operating Agreement language does not grant Mr. Bidsal as the "Offering Member" the right to now request an appraisal and FMV process. The entire concept of these provisions was a "dutch auction", whereby either party could make an offer at which the other party could either buy or sell, and if the offeree did not accept the price but was willing to sell, then the FMV appraisal process could be invoked.

Therefore, the request for CLA Properties as the Remaining Member to nominate two appraisers and agree to one of the appraisers nominated by Mr. Bidsal is rejected. There is no appraisal process and CLA Properties has a binding agreement for the purchase of Mr. Bidsal's interest in GVC. Mr. Golshani has provided draft escrow instructions is prepared to open escrow in accordance with the Operating Agreement.

Yours truly,

ss/David G. LeGrand

cc: Benjamin Golshani

## EXHIBIT 4

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### STATE BAR OF NEVADA

## STANDING COMMITTEE ON ETHICS AND PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

Formal Opinion No. 41<sup>1</sup> *Issued on June 24, 2009* 

### QUESTION

Confidentiality – What types of information about a client does Rule 1.6 restrict the lawyer from revealing?

### **ANSWER**

ALL information relating to the representation of the client.

### DISCUSSION

It is well known by both lawyers and clients that the rules of ethics governing lawyers prohibits a lawyer from revealing confidential client information without the consent of the client. This "confidentiality rule" is at the heart of the lawyer-client relationship<sup>2</sup> and has been embodied in the written rules of ethics since 1908.<sup>3</sup> The current Nevada rule is Rule 1.6 of the Nevada Rules of Professional Conduct. The general rule of confidentially is contained in Rule 1.6(a):

Rule 1.6. Confidentiality of Information.

(a) A lawyer shall not reveal information relating to representation of a client unless the client gives informed consent, the disclosure is impliedly authorized in order to carry out the representation, or the disclosure is permitted by paragraphs (b) and (c).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>This opinion is issued by the Standing Committee on Ethics and Professional Responsibility of the State Bar of Nevada, pursuant to S.C.R. 225. It is advisory only. It is not binding upon the courts, the State Bar of Nevada, its board of governors, any persons or tribunals charged with regulatory responsibilities, or any member of the State Bar.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>GEOFFREY C. HAZARD & W. WILLIAM HODES, THE LAW GOVERNING LAWYERS, §9.2 (3d ed. 2005).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>1908 ABA Canons of Ethics, Canon 6; 1969 ABA Mode Code, DR 4-101; and 1983 ABA Model Rules of Professional Conduct, Rule 1.6.

Rule 1.6(a) imposes a duty on all lawyers not to reveal information relating to the representation of their clients to anyone unless there is an applicable exception.<sup>4</sup>

The information protected by the lawyer's ethical confidentiality duty under Rule 1.6 is much broader than privileged information protected by the attorney-client privilege under NRS 49.185. Comment [3] to ABA Model Rule 1.6 provides:

The principle of client-lawyer confidentiality is given effect by related bodies of law: the attorney-client privilege, the work product doctrine and the rule of confidentiality established in professional ethics. The attorney-client privilege and work-product doctrine apply in judicial and other proceedings in which a lawyer may be called as a witness or otherwise required to produce evidence concerning a client. The rule of client-lawyer confidentiality applies in situations other than those where evidence is sought from the lawyer through compulsion of law.6

Rule 1.6 prohibits a lawyer from <u>volunteering any</u> information <u>relating to</u> <u>representation of a client</u>; the attorney-client privilege prohibits a lawyer from being <u>compelled</u> to reveal <u>confidential communications</u> between a lawyer and a client.<sup>7</sup>

In contrast to predecessor Rule DR 4-1018, the language of Rule 1.6(a) has three remarkable omissions from the historical rule of confidentiality.

The first is the omission of the qualifier "confidential" between "reveal" and

 $<sup>^4</sup>$ McKay v. Bd. of Co. Comm'rs, 103 Nev. 490, 746 P.2d 124 (1987); Todd v. State, 113 Nev. 18, 931 P.2d 721 (1977).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup>Eighth Judicial Dist. Court v. County of Clark, 116 Nev. 1200, 14 P.3d 1266 (2000)(Agosti, Shearing, Leavitt dissent).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup>Cited approvingly by *McKay v. Bd. of Co. Comm'rs*, 103 Nev. 490, 746 P.2d 124 (1987).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup>GEOFFREY C. HAZARD & W. WILLIAM HODES, THE LAW GOVERNING LAWYERS, §9.2 (3d ed. 2005).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup>This Rule was in effect in Nevada until 1986.

"information". As a result, <u>all</u> information relating to the representation of the client is thereby made confidential. Rule DR 4-101 protected the client from the lawyer's disclosure of "secrets", defined as: (1) information that the client "has requested to be held inviolate"; and (2) information that would be "embarrassing" or "likely to be detrimental" if revealed. 11

The second remarkable aspect of Rule 1.6(a) is that the confidential information need <u>not</u> be information that is "adverse" to the client. Rule DR 4-101(B)(3) did not prohibit the disclosure of nonadverse client information. 12

The final remarkable omission from Rule 1.6 is an exception for information already generally known or public. This element is contained in the Restatement's definition of "confidential client information", but omitted from Rule 1.6.13

Thus, the language of Rule 1.6(a) is so broad that it is – at least on its face – without limitation. Rule 1.6(a) requires that <u>ALL</u> information relating to the representation of a client is confidential and protected from disclosure. Even the mere identity of a client is protected by Rule 1.6.<sup>14</sup> The Rule applies:

- 1. Even if the client has not requested that the information be held in confidence or does not consider it confidential. Thus, it operates automatically;<sup>15</sup>
- 2. Even though the information is not protected by the attorney-client

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup>Lawyer Disciplinary Bd. v. McGraw, 461 S.E.2d 850 (W. Va. 1995).

 $<sup>^{10}</sup>$ Geoffrey C. Hazard & W. William Hodes, The Law Governing Lawyers,  $\S 9.15$  (3d ed. 2005).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup>GEOFFREY C. HAZARD & W. WILLIAM HODES, THE LAW GOVERNING LAWYERS, §9.15 (3d ed. 2005). In fact, the Washington State Bar revised Model Rule 1.6 so that its Rule 1.6 reads: "A lawyer shall not reveal confidences or secrets relating to representation of a client..." *In re Disciplinary Proceedings Against Schafer*, 66 P.3d 1036 (2003).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup>CHARLES W. WOLFRAM, MODERN LEGAL ETHICS §6.7.6, n. 92 (1986).

 $<sup>^{13}\</sup>mathrm{RESTATEMENT}$  (Third) Of the Law Governing Lawyers § 59 (2001).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup>In re Advisory Opinion No. 544 of the New Jersey Supreme Court, 511 A.2d 609 (1986).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup>GEOFFREY C. HAZARD & W. WILLIAM HODES, THE LAW GOVERNING LAWYERS, §9.15 (3d ed. 2005); In re Advisory Opinion No. 544 of the New Jersey Supreme Court, 511 A.2d 609 (1986).

privilege;16

- 3. Regardless of <u>when</u> the lawyer learned of the information even before or after the representation;<sup>17</sup>
- 4. Even if the information is <u>not</u> embarrassing or detrimental to client;<sup>18</sup>
- 5. Whatever the <u>source</u> of the information; *i.e.*, whether the lawyer acquired the information in a confidential communication from the client or from a third person or accidentally; <sup>19</sup> and
- 6. (In contrast to the attorney-client privilege) even if the information is already generally known or even public information.<sup>20</sup>

By a literal reading of Rule 1.6, even a laudatory comment about a client or the client's achievement may violate the letter of the Rule. However, the Committee believes that the absolute wording of Rule 1.6 is not literally meant to make every disclosure of the most innocuous bit of client information an ethical violation; but rather it is intended to strongly caution the lawyer to give consideration to the rule of client confidentiality – and whether the informed consent of the client should be obtained – whenever the lawyer makes any verbal, written or electronic communication relating to the client.<sup>21</sup> For example, a lawyer advising his or her spouse that the lawyer will be traveling overnight to a distant city to defend the deposition of Client A in case A vs. B, is technically the revelation of "information relating to representation of a client" without client consent.<sup>22</sup> The Committee suggests that common sense should be a part of Rule 1.6 and the lawyer

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup>See Eighth Judicial Dist. Court v. County of Clark, 116 Nev. 1200, 14 P.3d 1266 (2000)(Agosti, Shearing, Leavitt dissent)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup>CHARLES W. WOLFRAM, MODERN LEGAL ETHICS §6.7.2, at 298 (1986).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup>CHARLES W. WOLFRAM, MODERN LEGAL ETHICS §6.7.2, at 298 and §6.7.3, at 305 (1986); *In re Advisory Opinion No. 544 of the New Jersey Supreme Court*, 511 A.2d 609 (1986).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup>Comment [3] to ABA Model 1.6; Restatement 3<sup>rd</sup>, The Law Governing Lawyers, §59 Cmt b; *In re Advisory Opinion No. 544 of the New Jersey Supreme Court*, 511 A.2d 609 (1986).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup>GEOFFREY C. HAZARD & W. WILLIAM HODES, THE LAW GOVERNING LAWYERS, §9.15 (3d ed. 2005); *Lawyer Disciplinary Bd. v. McGraw*, 461 S.E.2d 850 (W. Va. 1995); Ariz. Ethics Op. 2000-11 (2000).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup>See GEOFFREY C. HAZARD & W. WILLIAM HODES, THE LAW GOVERNING LAWYERS, §9.15 (3d ed. 2005).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup>CHARLES W. WOLFRAM, MODERN LEGAL ETHICS §6.7.3, at 301 (1986).

should not be disciplined for a harmless disclosure.

The following are examples of common situations which raise issues under Rule 1.6(a) in the absence of client consent. They are offered – not as examples of Rule 1.6 violations *per se* – but as "food for thought" for all lawyers before communicating any information related to the representation of a client:

- 1. Phoning a client when the client is not at home and leaving a message about the representation on client's answering machine or discussing the matter with the roommate, or spouse of the client;<sup>23</sup>
- 2. Submitting a copy of the lawyer's client billing statements in support of an application for fees, such as a post-judgment motion or at the end of a probate;<sup>24</sup>
- 3. Submitting a client list (revealing the identity of the client) to a bank to support the lawyer's loan application;<sup>25</sup>
- 4. Listing some clients in a law firm brochure (revealing the identity of the clients);<sup>26</sup>
- 5. Processing a credit card payment (revealing the identity of the client) to the credit card company;<sup>27</sup>
- 6. Telling a story to friends about a recent trial without revealing the identity of the client or any other fact not contained in the public record of the case;<sup>28</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup>People v. Hohertz, 102 P.3d 1019 (Colo, 2004).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup>There are generally two types of lawyer billing statements: (1) general "for services rendered" invoices that do not reveal the detail of the work performed; and (2) itemized statements that give a detailed description of all work performed by the lawyer on a date-by-date basis. For purposes of Rule 1.6, the difference does not matter. Even a general balance due invoice contains "information relating to representation of a client", including the fact that the client *is* a client, the client's address, the previous balance due to the lawyer, the amount of payments made by the client to the lawyer and the total billed to the client for the billing period.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>25</sup>III. Ethics Op. 97-1 (1997).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>26</sup>Iowa Ethics Op. 97-4 (1997).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>27</sup>Utah Ethics Op. 97-06 (1997).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>28</sup>GEOFFREY C. HAZARD & W. WILLIAM HODES, THE LAW GOVERNING LAWYERS, §9.15 (3d ed. 2005).

- 7. A lawyer taking a client file or batch of discovery documents to the local photocopy shop for copying;<sup>29</sup>
- 8. A law firm employing an outside computer tech support person to trouble shoot the firm's computer system;<sup>30</sup>
- 9. The auditing of insurance defense attorney billing statements by an insurance company auditor;<sup>31</sup>
- 10. A request for attorney billing statements by a homeowner to the lawyer for the homeowner's association;
- 11. A request for attorney billing statements by a disgruntled shareholder of a corporation represented by the lawyer in litigation;

- 12. A request for attorney billing statements under the Open Records Act<sup>32</sup> to a public entity represented by outside counsel;<sup>33</sup> and
- 13. The law firm's listing of its "best" clients in Martindale-Hubbell.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>29</sup>ABA Formal Opinion 08-451 (2008).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>30</sup>ABA Formal Opinion 08-451 (2008).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>31</sup>D.C. Bar Ethics Op. 290 (1999); Amy S. Moats, *A Bermuda Triangle in Tripartite Relationship: Ethical Dilemas Raised by Insurers' Billing and Litigation Management Guidelines*, 105 W. Va. L. Rev. 525 n.58 (Winter 2003).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>32</sup>Chapter 239 of NRS.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>33</sup>Nevada's Open Records Act allows any person to inspect all public records which are not declared by law to be confidential. NRS 239.010. Where a request is made to a public body under the Nevada Open Records Act for inspection or copies of the billing statements of the public body's outside counsel, there is no question that mere invoices by the lawyer to the public body – without detailed descriptions of the work performed – contain "information relating to representation of a client". On the one hand, the lawyer may not allow an Open Records act inspection of the lawyer's billing statements. On the other hand, the public body is not governed by the Nevada Rules of Professional Responsibility. The public body must allow inspection of the lawyer's billing statements except to the extent that they are privileged under Nevada's attorney-client privilege statutes. NRS 49.035 – 49.115.

### **CONCLUSION**

In view of the unrestricted language of Rule 1.6, all lawyers should pause and think before revealing <u>any</u> information relating to the representation of a client unless the client has given informed consent.

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22	CLA PROPERTIES, LLC, a California	CLIENT PRIVILEGE; AND (2) COMPELLING THE TESTIMONY OF DAVID LEGRAND,
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Pursuant to the Arbitrator's Order, Respondent/Counterclaimant CLA,<sup>1</sup> through its undersigned counsel hereby submits its Supplemental Brief Re: (1) Waiver of the Attorney-Client Privilege; and (2) Compelling the Testimony of David LeGrand, Esq. (the "Supplemental Brief").

### 1. Background

CLA seeks to question Mr. LeGrand regarding the GVC Operating Agreement. CLA, in its Brief, explained why, even if the information that CLA seeks to question Mr. LeGrand about could be considered privileged, the privilege has been waived. This is because, among other things, Mr. Bidsal—GVC's co-manager along with Mr. Golshani—failed to object to a Notice of Deposition and Subpoena Duces Tecum issued to Mr. LeGrand which specifically sought information and testimony relating to GVC's Operating Agreement. Indeed, Mr. LeGrand produced his entire file relating to the GVC Operating Agreement, including drafts and emails received from Mr. Bidsal and Mr. Golshani. Mr. LeGrand later testified regarding the same. Both CLA and Mr. Bidsal have used Mr. LeGrand's documents and testimony in arguing their respective cases.

### 2. No privilege attaches to any of the documents attached to the Brief.

The exhibits to CLA's Brief relate, in part, to CLA's production of documents obtained from Mr. LeGrand in response to the Subpoena Duces Tecum in the Mission Square Litigation. This same information was also used in the First GVC Arbitration. The Brief's exhibits also include transcripts of Mr. LeGrand's—unobjected to—testimony in the Mission Square Litigation and the First GVC Arbitration, as well as Judge Haberfeld's decision and other court pleadings demonstrating that Mr. LeGrand's documents and testimony were used in the proceedings.

Although these exhibits are voluminous, they were all previously disclosed and are fair game in questioning Mr. LeGrand. As the Nevada Supreme Court stated in <u>Wardleigh v. Second Judicial Dist. Court</u>,<sup>2</sup> a partial disclosure of a privileged communication waives the privilege for entire the subject matter of that communication. Here, given the breadth of disclosures regarding

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Capitalized terms that are not defined herein were previously defined in CLA Properties, LLC's Brief Re: (1) Waiver of the Attorney-Client Privilege; and (2) Compelling the Testimony of David LeGrand, Esq. (the "Brief").

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 111 Nev. 345, 354-55, 891 P.2d 1180, 1186 (1995)

1	the GVC Operating Agreement, no aspect of Mr. LeGrand's drafting of said Operating Agreement
2	remains privileged.
3	3. Documents that CLA plans to specifically reference at the August 2021 Hearing.
4	At the hearing on June 25, 2021, CLA's counsel intended to reference certain documents
5	contained in the exhibits to highlight how the questions CLA seeks to ask Mr. LeGrand in this
6	matter about the GVC Operating Agreement overlap with prior litigation between Mr. Bidsal and
7	CLA. The parties ultimately agreed, however, that the specific documents should be indicated
8	ahead of the hearing.
9	As a result, this Supplemental Brief lists the documents that CLA's counsel intends to
10	specifically reference at the hearing on August 5, 2021. However, CLA reserves all rights to
11	specifically reference other documents, pleadings and/or testimony in rebutting any arguments
12	made by Mr. Bidsal.
13	Accordingly, the documents that CLA plans to specifically reference at the August 5 <sup>th</sup>
14	hearing (and primarily pertaining to the arguments contained in Section B of the Brief) are as
15	follows:
16 17	Ex. A: Notice of Deposition of David LeGrand and Subpoena Duces Tecum in the Mission Square Litigation;
18 19	<b>Ex B:</b> Benjamin Golshani and CLA Properties, LLC's Second Supplemental NRCP 16.1 Disclosures in the Mission Square Litigation, e.g., Bates Nos. DL 00002, DL 00022, DL 00031, DL 00032, DL 00059, DL 00085, DL 00086, DL 00109, DL 00137, DL 00197, DL 00198, DL 00258, DL 00259, DL 00288, DL 00321 and DL 00351;
<ul><li>20</li><li>21</li></ul>	<b>Ex. C:</b> Deposition transcript for Mr. LeGrand taken on March 20, 2018, in the Mission Square Litigation, Pages 3-7, 31, 48, and 91; <sup>3</sup>
<ul><li>22</li><li>23</li></ul>	<b>Ex. E:</b> Transcript of the May 9, 2018, Proceedings in the First GVC Arbitration, Page 296;
24	<b>Ex. F:</b> Final Award in the First GVC Arbitration issued by Judge Haberfeld on April 5, 2019.
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<ul><li>27</li><li>28</li></ul>	<sup>3</sup> Pages 3-7 of the Mr. LeGrand's deposition transcript lists 39 exhibits relating to the drafting of the GVC Operating Agreement provided by Mr. LeGrand, including drafts, as well as documents provided by Mr. Bidsal.

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These exhibits relate to the issues as to whether any privilege exists, Mr. Bidsal's failure to object to the Notice of Deposition and Subpoena Duces Tecum, and Mr. LeGrand providing documents and testimony regarding the GVC Operating Agreements and his interpretation of the same. Although CLA is reserving its full argument regarding these documents for the hearing, CLA provides the following context for these documents.

For example, Paragraph 11 of Judge Haberfeld's Final Award (Ex. F) states, in part:

In a dispute between litigating partners or other parties, the testimony of third-party witnesses becomes important. This is especially so, when the third-party witness is unbiased and the <u>drafting lawyer was jointly representing the contracting parties</u> with the preparation of the underlying contract at suit. <u>David LeGrand was that lawyer[.]</u>

(Emphasis added.)<sup>4</sup>

Mr. Bidsal bears the burden of demonstrating that the communications CLA seeks to question Mr. LeGrand about are privileged and, further, that the privilege has not been waived. Judge Haberfeld found that, based upon the evidence presented, Mr. LeGrand jointly represented Mr. Bidsal and Mr. Golshani in regard to drafting the GVC Operating Agreement.

In addition, during Mr. LeGrand's deposition, Mr. Bidsal's counsel questions Mr. LeGrand as follows:

- Q. Okay. It seems that you're aware that the arbitration and the lawsuit both kind of center around this language in section 4 of the operating agreement is that accurate?
- A. Yes.
- Q. Did you have any discussions with Mr. Garfinkel about section 4 of the operating agreements and how it should be interpreted or how you interpreted it?

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Although not directly relevant to this briefing, the Final Award also determined that Mr. Bidsal was the principal drafter of the GVC Operating Agreement and thus Mr. Bidsal bears the risk of any ambiguity or inconsistency in a disputed provision. (See Ex. F Paragraph 17.)

A. Yes, especially when he looked at the draft of the letter that I prepared to go to you, and you know, he asked basically the same question he asked me today, is this your interpretation. My answer was yes.

(Ex. C at 91:9-21.)

This passage demonstrates that Mr. Bidsal not only failed to object to CLA's discovery requests to Mr. LeGrand, but he also actively participated in questioning Mr. LeGrand about the GVC Operating Agreement. Mr. LeGrand acknowledges disclosing his interpretation of the GVC Operating Agreement.

Even if Arbitrator ultimately determines that privilege applies, and that Mr. LeGrand's disclosure of his entire GVC file and subsequent testimony only waived privileged communications regarding Section 4 (and not the entire GVC Operating Agreement), Mr. LeGrand's testimony should still be permitted. Exhibit B to the GVC Operating Agreement—which is at issue in this Arbitration—falls within the subject matter of Section 4.5

Section 4 references Membership Interest (and the definition of Membership Interest in Article I of the GVC Operating Agreement specifically references Exhibit B) and capital contributions. Only Exhibit B contains the relevant information for each of these categories. As such, Exhibit B provides CLA's and Mr. Bidsal's respective membership interest and their capital contributions to GVC. Therefore, Exhibit B to the GVC Operating Agreement is a necessary component to Section 4 and Mr. LeGrand should be permitted to testify regarding the same.

### 4. Conclusion.

The Arbitrator should rule that Mr. Bidsal has waived any applicable attorney-client privilege (assuming that Mr. Bidsal is even able to establish that the communications he objects to

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> In this regard, Mr. LeGrand's deposition transcript repeatedly reflects discussions of Mr. Bidsal's and CLA's capital contributions, which are reflected in Exhibit B to the GVC Operating Agreement. (See, e.g., Ex. C at 46, 47, 49, 50, 67, 114 and 124.)

1 are privileged). In addition, CLA again asserts that it should be awarded its fees and costs in having 2 to respond to this issue. Mr. LeGrand was identified as a witness by both sides from the very outset 3 of this Arbitration. If there was a legitimate claim of privilege (which, respectfully, there is not) 4 this should have been raised when Mr. LeGrand was initially disclosed as a witness, not on the last 5 day of testimony when the order of witnesses and evidence had long been planned and disclosed. 6 Dated this 9<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2021. 7 LAW OFFICE OF ROB BARE 8 9 /s/ Rob Bare ROB BARE, ESO. 10 Nevada Bar No. 4914 150 Las Vegas Blvd N, #1812 11 Las Vegas, NV 89101 Tel: (702) 909-7732 12 Email: RobBare32@gmail.com 13 Special Appearance for Respondent/Counterclaimant 14 CLA Properties, LLC 15 LOUIS E. GARFINKEL, ESQ. 16 Nevada Bar No. 3416 17 GLENN M. MACHADO, ESQ. Nevada Bar No. 7802 18 **REISMAN SOROKAC** 8965 S. Eastern Ave, Suite 382 19 Las Vegas, Nevada 89123 Tel: (702) 727-6258/Fax: (702) 446-6756 20 Email: lgarfinkel@rsnvlaw.com 21 and 22 RODNEY T. LEWIN, ESQ. 23 California Bar No. 71664 Law Offices of Rodney T. Lewin, APC 24 8665 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 210 Beverly Hills, CA 90211 25 Tel: (310) 659-6771/Fax: (310) 659-7354 Email: rod@rtlewin.com 26 Attorneys for Respondent/Counterclaimant CLA 27 Properties, LLC 28

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### <u>CLAIMANT SHAWN BIDSAL'S SUPPLEMENTAL BRIEF</u> <u>REGARDING THE TESTIMONY OF DAVID LEGRAND, ESQ.</u>

COMES NOW Claimant SHAWN BIDSAL, an individual ("<u>Bidsal</u>"), by and through his attorneys of record, SMITH & SHAPIRO, PLLC and GERRARD COX LARSEN, and hereby files Bidsal's Supplemental Brief Regarding the Testimony of David LeGrand, Esq. ("<u>LeGrand</u>").

I.

### PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

On the final day of the arbitration in this matter, CLA Properties, LLC ("<u>CLA</u>") attempted to call attorney, David LeGrand, Esq., as its final witness. LeGrand had acted as the attorney for Green Valley Commerce, LLC ("<u>GVC</u>" or "<u>Company</u>") at the time the Operating Agreement for GVC was drafted. The GVC Operating Agreement, at Article XIII, Section 1, acknowledges (i) that LeGrand was legal counsel to the Company and that he was not representing any of the individual members, (ii) that he "has not given any advice or made any representations to the Members" related to the

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consequences of the Operating Agreement, and (iii) that LeGrand would have a conflict of interest if he represented any of the individual members. See Joint Exhibit 5 at page BIDSAL000020. Later, LeGrand represented both CLA and its principal Benjamin Golshani ("Golshani") against the interests of Bidsal and by taking an adverse position to Bidsal. This representation was taken without the consent of Bidsal. Bidsal's attorneys objected to LeGrand testifying on the basis that only the *intent* of the parties to the Operating Agreement (regarding the meaning of the Operating Agreement) was at issue, and the only way LeGrand could testify regarding the intent of Mr. Bidsal would be to disclose privileged communications between LeGrand and Mr. Bidsal during which Mr. Bidsal communicated to LeGrand his intent and understanding of the language of the Operating Agreement. Any such communications are clearly subject to the attorney-client privilege of NRS 49.095. Mr. Bidsal does not believe any such communications ever occurred and LeGrand's interpretation of the Operating Agreement is irrelevant, as he is not a party to the agreement, unless he had communications with the Bidsal and Golshani about their intent and understanding prior to them executing the Operating Agreement. If LeGrand had such communications, those communications would certainly be relevant, but they would be privileged pursuant to NRS 49.095 as they would have been discussions between and attorney and representatives of the client (GVC).

As a result, Bidsal objected to LeGrand testifying on the basis of attorney-client privilege and also affirmatively stated that LeGrand has a conflict of interest which has never been waived by Bidsal. Upon Bidsal's objection, CLA requested permission to brief the issues raised by Bidsal, and the Arbitrator permitted briefing on these issues and identified specific issues to be briefed, including:

- 1. Who has the authority to waive the attorney-client privilege for GVC when there are two managers that are deadlocked on the decision and two owners that are deadlocked on the decision.
- Has there been a waiver of the attorney-client privilege that protects communications between LeGrand and his client, particularly those communications between LeGrand and the client's manager, Bidsal.
- 3. Does the Arbitrator have the authority to compel LeGrand to testify, when LeGrand has stated his intention not to testify due to concerns about violating either the attorney-client privilege or the Nevada Rules of Professional Conduct ("<u>RPC</u>")?

### 4. Has Bidsal waived LeGrand's conflict of interest.

Both parties submitted briefs as directed by the Arbitrator; however, CLA's brief ("<u>CLA Brief</u>") only addressed Issue No. 2 identified above. The CLA Brief argued that because LeGrand had produced his entire file in another litigation matter involving Bidsal and Golshani, this somehow waived any privilege for communications he had with Bidsal about the meaning and consequences of the Operating Agreement. Importantly, the CLA Brief failed to identify any testimony of LeGrand divulging any communications with Mr. Bidsal about the meaning of the Operating Agreement, which Mr. Bidsal did not object to resulting in a waiver of any privilege. The CLA Brief did not even attempt to address the conflict issue and violations of the RPC.

At the hearing to decide these issues, which occurred on June 25, 2021, CLA's counsel attempted to make arguments that a waiver of the privilege had occurred based upon specific instances or testimony or conduct that were not referenced at any place in the CLA Brief. CLA's counsel argued the instances they were relying upon could be found in the hundreds of pages of exhibits attached to the CLA Brief, but acknowledged what they intended to rely upon as evidence for their waiver argument had not been specifically referenced in the CLA Brief. The Arbitrator gave CLA an additional two weeks to submit a supplemental brief that specifically referenced the evidence CLA intended to rely upon for its argument that the attorney-client privilege had been waived. The Arbitrator expressly stated that no new legal arguments could be raised in the supplemental brief.

On July 9, 2021, CLA submitted its Supplemental Brief Re: (1) Waiver of the Attorney-Client Privilege; and (2) Compelling the Testimony of David LeGrand, Esq. (the "*CLA Supplemental Brief*"). The CLA Supplemental Brief identified various pages of five exhibits (Exhibits A, B, C, E, and F to the CLA Brief) as the evidentiary support for CLA's argument that GVC's attorney-client privilege had been waived; however, none of the referenced documents support CLA's position that the privilege was waived for confidential communications between Bidsal, as a representative of GVC, and LeGrand.

What the CLA Supplemental Brief does make clear is the real reason CLA is seeking LeGrand's testimony. CLA simply wants LeGrand to testify about the meaning of the Operating Agreement language, which is what the Arbitrator is to decide. In other words, LeGrand is not going

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to be testifying about what Bidsal told him Bidsal was intending through the language used in the Operating Agreement, but merely what LeGrand thinks the language means. Not only is this completely irrelevant unless LeGrand shared his opinions with Bidsal prior to the Operating Agreement being signed (which would be privileged), but the Operating Agreement drafted by LeGrand specifically states that LeGrand never made any such representations to the Members about what the consequences of the Operating Agreement language would be. See Id.

The CLA Supplemental Brief also quoted findings from the first arbitration to argue that Judge Haberfeld decided LeGrand was actually representing CLA and Bidsal instead of GVC. Not only was this not an issue in the first arbitration, it is completely contradicted by the plain language of the GVC Operating Agreement, which states that LeGrand did not represent the individual members of GVC but only GVC. See Id.

In short, the CLA Supplemental Brief provided no evidence that Bidsal ever failed to object (waived the attorney-client privilege through inaction) to LeGrand testifying about communications between Bidsal and LeGrand prior to the Operating Agreement being signed in which the meaning and consequences of the Operating Agreement language was discussed. There is nothing in LeGrand's file suggesting any such communications ever occurred and LeGrand has never testified about any such communications. As a result, the argument that a waiver occurred through Bidsal's inaction must fail.

Likewise, the CLA Supplemental Brief provided no evidence that Bidsal ever consented, as a manager, to waive GVC's attorney-client privilege, and Golshani lacked the authority to do so on his own.

II.

### STATEMENT OF FACTS

### LEGRAND AS COUNSEL FOR GREEN VALLEY COMMERCE, LLC.

The CLA Supplemental Brief reinforces the role that LeGrand played with respect to the drafting of the GVC Operating Agreement: that LeGrand was counsel for GVC and prepared the drafts of the Operating Agreement that were circulated, but did not give any advice on the consequences of the terms of the Operating Agreement.

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The CLA Supplemental Brief cites to the Final Award language in JAMS Arbitration Number 1260004569 (the "First Arbitration") by emphasizing the following language:

> In a dispute between *litigating partners* or other parties, the testimony of third-party witnesses becomes important. This is especially so, when the third-party witness is unbiased and the drafting lawyer was jointly representing the contracting parties with the preparation of the underlying contract at suit. David LeGrand was that lawyer...

(See CLA Brief Ex. F at pg.6) (emphasis added).

The conclusion that CLA drew from this excerpt is both incorrect and unsupported by the record of the First Arbitration. CLA concluded that "Judge Haberfeld found that, based upon the evidence presented, Mr. LeGrand jointly represented Mr. Bidsal and Mr. Golshani in regard to drafting the GVC Operating Agreement." See CLA Brief at 4:15-16. However, that statement is not accurate because the issue of who LeGrand represented was never before Judge Haberfeld. LeGrand did not represent Bidsal and/or CLA, the *litigating partners* to the First Arbitration, with respect to the drafting of the GVC OPAG. LeGrand was, by the arbitrator's finding, a third-party witness. If LeGrand were the lawyer of one or two of the litigating partners, he certainly would not have been considered a thirdparty witness. Likewise, in accordance with the arbitrator's Final Award in the First Arbitration, LeGrand represented the party that contracted his services to draft the GVC Operating Agreement. As CLA has not attached any retainer agreement, we must look to the GVC Operating Agreement itself and other documents cited by the CLA Supplemental Brief to determine who LeGrand represented.

The GVC Operating Agreement specifically states:

This Agreement has been prepared by David G. LeGrand (the "Law Firm), as legal counsel to the Company, and ... [t]he Members have been advised by the Law Firm that a conflict of interest would exist among the members and the Company as the Law Firm is representing the Company and not any individual members."

See Joint Exhibit 5 at page BIDSAL000020 (emphasis added). This language was drafted by LeGrand to protect himself against the conflict that would exist if he were representing all of the individual members that may have had divergent interests. Moreover, this language does not indicate that any Company privilege was being waived by LeGrand's testimony.

The CLA Brief also cited two of LeGrand's invoices at Exhibit "B", DL 197 and 258 which describe who LeGrand was representing. The two LeGrand invoices state at the top of each invoice

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the client names. In the case of the two invoices cited, the client names are "Green Valley Commerce, LLC and Country Club, LLC," which is consistent with Article XIII, Section 1, of the GVC OPAG. See Id. It is also consistent with LeGrand's own testimony in prior matters, which will be addressed below. As such, the only actual evidence presented in the CLA Supplemental Brief makes it clear that LeGrand represented GVC.

#### GVC WAS NOT A PARTY TO THE FIRST ARBITRATION. В.

In the First Arbitration, GVC was not a party, if it was, then its attorney wouldn't be a thirdparty witness, because GVC wouldn't have been a third-party. Thus, the CLA Brief, perhaps inadvertently, supports Bidsal's assertion that LeGrand was counsel for GVC throughout the period that the GVC Operating Agreement was being drafted and executed.

More importantly, as GVC wasn't a party or even a witness to the First Arbitration and the CLA Brief and the CLA Supplemental Brief contain no written waiver of GVC's attorney-client privilege with LeGrand, the cited language from the First Arbitration can't possibly constitute a wavier by GVC of an attorney-client privilege. As was emphasized in Shawn Bidsal's Brief Regarding the Testimony of David LeGrand, Esq. (the "Bidsal Brief"), Bidsal is not GVC and GVC is not Bidsal. Bidsal cannot waive GVC's privileges if he is acting on his own behalf and not as the Manager of GVC. In the First Arbitration, Bidsal always purported to be representing himself, Shawn Bidsal, an individual, and not as a manager or a member of any entity, to include GVC. See Ex. J to the CLA Brief

#### C. GVC IS NOT A PARTY IN THE MISSION SQUARE LITIGATION.

The CLA Supplemental Brief then pointed to documents in the Mission Square Litigation, specifically a Notice of Deposition and Subpoena Duces Tecum issued to LeGrand in the Mission Square Litigation (the "Notice & Subpoena"). See Exhibit A to the CLA Brief. Once again, GVC is neither a party to the Mission Square Litigation, nor a named witness in the Mission Square Litigation. Neither the Notice of Deposition nor the Subpoena Duces Tecum provide notice to GVC, nor GVC's counsel of these documents being served. *Id.* The only party to be provided notice was Bidsal's personal counsel, Smith & Shapiro, PLLC, "Attorneys for Plaintiff / Counterdefendant Shawn Bidwell [sic]". Id. Thus, GVC was not even provided with the Notice & Subpoena, much less afforded the

opportunity to object thereto. Nevertheless, there was nothing to object to with respect to the subpoena itself because CLA, as a member and Golshani as a manager, had the complete right to see LeGrand's file.

### D. WARDLEIGH v. SECOND JUDICIAL DIST. COURT.

CLA cited the case of *Wardleigh v. Second Judicial Dist Court*, 891 P.2d. 1180, 111 Nev. 345 (1995) for the assertion that "...a partial disclosure of a privileged communication waives the privilege for the entire the [sic] subject matter of that communication." *See* CLA Supplemental Brief at 2:22-24. However, the CLA Supplemental Brief purposely leaves out key and relevant portions of the *Wardleigh* decision.

In <u>Wardleigh</u> two homeowners in a homeowners' association were alleging construction defects on their homes. The two homeowners invoked the attorney-client privilege as a barrier to discovery of prior litigation discovery files, association minutes and the taking of the homeowner's association counsel's deposition. The *Wardleigh* court had to determine whether the homeowners were clients of the attorney for which the privilege was being claimed. The *Wardleigh* court stated, "[t]o the extent that the attorney-client relationship involving homeowners is alleged to exist <u>merely because of their membership</u> in the Association, no such relationship exists." *Id.* (emphasis added). Wardleigh also cited *Upjohn Co. v. United States*, 449 U.S. 383, 389-97, 101 S. Ct. 677, 682-86, 66 L.Ed.2d 584 (1981) stating "[t]hus relevant facts known by a corporate employee of any status in the corporation would be discoverable even if such facts were related to the corporate attorney as part of the employee's communication with counsel. The communication itself, however, would remain privileged. *Id.* at 395-96, 101 S.Ct at 685-86. *Id.* This is precisely the situation that exists in this case.

Bidsal and CLA do not have an attorney-client relationship with LeGrand merely because LeGrand represented the Company in which Bidsal and CLA held a membership interest. In Wardleigh, the homeowners did not have an attorney-client relationship with the homeowner's association ("HOA") attorney merely because they were part of the HOA. No attorney-client relationship existed between the homeowners and the HOA counsel in Wardleigh and no attorney-client relationship existed between the GVC members (in their capacity as members) and LeGrand in

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the present matter. Likewise, the *Wardleigh* court found that the homeowners themselves could not protect (on the basis of privilege) information which the requesting party had an equal right to see as being part of the same organization, but that production does not impact the privilege. Likewise, Bidsal has no right to claim the attorney-client privilege protects Company information (such as LeGrand's file and information about the formation of the Company) from being provided to Golshani, another manager of the Company, or from CLA, another member of the Company; however, such disclosure to the other manager and member of the Company does not waive any privilege between the Company and its attorney, LeGrand. The communications remain privileged from being disclosed outside of the Company.

Wardleigh citing United States v. Jones, 696 F.2d 1069, 1072 (4th Cir. 1982) went on to state that "...where a party seeks an advantage in litigation by revealing part of a privileged communication, the party shall be deemed to have waived the entire attorney-client privilege as it relates to the subject matter of that which was partially disclosed. <u>Id</u>. (emphasis added). Neither Bidsal nor GVC has revealed any privileged communications between Bidsal and LeGrand in an effort to "seek an advantage in litigation." This should be quite obvious since GVC isn't a party to this arbitration or to any other proceeding identified by CLA. GVC isn't a party to Mission Square, GVC wasn't a party to the First Arbitration and GVC isn't a party to this Arbitration and therefore cannot be construed to have waived an attorney-client privilege. While CLA and/or Golshani could have added GVC as a party to these matters, they did not and neither did Bidsal. Additionally, Golshani and CLA subpoenaed and noticed the deposition of LeGrand in the Mission Square matter, not Bidsal. Clearly Bidsal was not the individual who sought LeGrand's testimony and/or documents and thus was not seeking an advantage by revealing privileged communications, as he was never seeking the communications in the first place. Golshani and CLA sought the communications in Mission Square to use as a sword against Bidsal, ignoring GVC's interests entirely and now want to use that same sword as a shield against Bidsal' s concern about the members of GVC usurping GVC's interest in its attorney-client privilege.

In the present matter, *Wardleigh* is inapplicable because GVC never participated in any of the prior litigation for which its privilege may have been jeopardized by CLA and Golshani. CLA and

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Golshani had the right to all information about the Company, and LeGrand producing his file to another manager and member of the Company does not waive any privilege. Only when CLA attempted to cause LeGrand to disclose attorney-client privileged information through LeGrand's testimony in this arbitration, did Bidsal's counsel remind LeGrand of his duty to protect attorneyclient privileged information and remind LeGrand of a potential conflict of interest in LeGrand's representation of GVC and Golshani/CLA individually.

#### Ε. CLA'S REFERENCED DOCUMENTS.

CLA referenced several documents purportedly to support its assertion that Bidsal waived GVC's attorney-client privilege with respect to LeGrand. Each of the documents referenced is addressed below:

#### 1. Exhibit A – Notice of Deposition of LeGrand and Subpoena Duces Tecum.

As previously noted, this Notice & Subpoena were issued by Golshani and CLA in the Mission Square litigation. Further, it was entirely appropriate for CLA to obtain documents from LeGrand as the privilege does not prevent Golshani, as a manager, or CLA, as a member, from obtaining LeGrand's records, including those that are privileged. However, the privilege does prevent CLA, Golshani or LeGrand from disclosing any such privileged communications (obtained from LeGrand) to any third party, such as the Arbitrator.

GVC is not a party, nor a witness, to the Mission Square Litigation. GVC received no notice of this Notice & Subpoena. Bidsal, knowing the requested documents, if in existence, would go to CLA (a member of GVC) and Golshani (a manager of GVC), found no reason to remind LeGrand (a seasoned attorney) of the responsibilities of his attorney-client relationship to GVC, given that any documents produced were going to be given to parties authorized to have them and the production does not waive any privilege. Nothing about this subpoena or the production in response thereto to Company representative, results in any waiver of the attorney-client privilege. Upjohn Co. v. United States, 449 U.S. 383 at 389-97.

#### 2. Exhibit B – Golshani/CLA's Second Supplemental Disclosures in Mission Square.

At the risk of pointing out the obvious, Golshani and CLA's second supplemental disclosures were revealed by Golshani and CLA, not Bidsal. Thus, any attorney-client privileged

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documents that were disclosed in this exhibit were as a result of Golshani's and/or CLA's actions and were not disclosed by Bidsal to use as a sword in the Mission Square litigation; once again, litigation to which GVC was neither a party nor a witness. Neither GVC nor counsel for GVC, received notice of these disclosures and once again these disclosures only went to parties authorized to receive the documents, Bidsal, Golshani and CLA. The disclosure of the Company's privileged communications to other Company representatives does not result in a waiver of the privilege. *Upjohn Co. v. United States*, 449 U.S. 383 at 389-97.

### 3. <u>Exhibit C – LeGrand Deposition Transcript – Mission Square.</u>

On March 20, 2018, pursuant to the Notice & Subpoena issued by CLA and Golshani, CLA and Golshani called LeGrand to provide deposition testimony in the Mission Square litigation, litigation to which GVC is neither a party nor a witness. GVC was neither present at the deposition, nor did it have counsel representing it at the deposition.

In this transcript LeGrand stated, "[i]n our first conversation, it was that I was going to represent the company, and Shawn [Bidsal], to my understanding, at the beginning was the majority owner." See CLA Brief Ex. C at 23:6-8. LeGrand clarified later in the deposition, "I believe I was engaged to represent Green Valley Commerce." Id. at 26:9-10. From the very outset, according to LeGrand, he only represented GVC. While the transcript does discuss communications between LeGrand and the members of the Company in reference to the formation of GVC and completing the Operating Agreement, it does not ever reference or discuss any communications between Bidsal and LeGrand regarding the meaning of any specific language of the Operating Agreement or regarding what Bidsal's intent was in relation to any specific language. Additionally, at the point that counsel for CLA and Golshani brought up a potential conflict of interest, CLA Brief Ex. C at 72:3, LeGrand immediately recognized the conflict and stated, "[w]ell, I had originally represented Green Valley which had Ben [Golshani] as the majority capital source and Shawn [Bidsal] as his partner. And as I evaluated this situation, it began to appear that this was going to be adversarial. So I'm not sure I have an actual conflict in this context, but -- and I haven't represented Green Valley for years, haven't done any work with Mr. Bidsal for couple of years now that – I think it's a couple of years. And I just felt that I should not try to take sides, one partner against another... I just decided the better part of

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discretion is to not further engage." See CLA Brief Ex. C at 73:11-24. Despite the fact, that LeGrand
as counsel for GVC, identified a conflict-of-interest in testifying on behalf of Golshani, counsel for
CLA and Golshani persisted in questioning LeGrand, ignoring the fact that LeGrand had asserted the
privilege and conflict on behalf of the Company. Indeed, Mr. James Shapiro ("Shapiro"), counsel for
Bidsal, did object to this line of questioning. Counsel for CLA and Golshani asked "Okay. And ir
your estimation this was the correct interpretation of that provision: am I right?" Shapiro stated, "I'm
going to object to the question." See CLA Brief Ex. C at 75:10-15. To compound matters, at the time
of this deposition LeGrand admitted that he was counsel for CLA and Golshani in this same matter
Shapiro asked, "Are you still representing CLA Properties?" LeGrand responded, "Yeah." See CLA
Brief Ex. C at 94:2-3. This response clearly highlights the conflict of interest that existed not only a
this deposition, but presently. In fact, LeGrand admitted that he was hired and paid by CLA in the
summer of 2017.

LeGrand: When I was going over and reviewing and sending Ben the

summary. That was the last.

Shapiro: So late July, early August?

**LeGrand**: Yeah.

Shapiro: Okay. Did you get paid for that work?

LeGrand: I think so.

See CLA Brief Ex. C at 94:4-11.

Additionally, LeGrand admitted that he represented Golshani, as well as CLA.

Shapiro: Did Ben ask you to represent him at any point in July or

August of 2017?

LeGrand: I've been representing Ben on various matters for three or

four years, maybe more. I'm not sure.

Shapiro: So it wasn't even a discussion that came up?

LeGrand: Yeah. It was just continuing course of conduct.

See CLA Brief Ex. C at 135:20-25 - 136:1. LeGrand represented CLA and Golshani in the GVC

matter without ever informing Bidsal of the conflict of interest.

Shapiro: Did you ever call Shawn and let him know that Ben was

talking to you about his issue?

LeGrand: No.

**Shapiro**: Why not?

LeGrand: Never occurred to me.

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**Shapiro**: All right, now, going back to DL 358, the reason that you

helped Ben draft this was because you were representing

Ben in a number of different items at that point?

LeGrand: Off and on over the last few years, yes.

See CLA Brief Ex. C at 136:18-22 & 137:21-25.

These exchanges highlight the conflict of interest that was identified by LeGrand earlier in the deposition, a deposition called by CLA and Golshani. These excerpts also highlight the fact that neither Bidsal, nor GVC waived the conflict of interest. Both the conflict issue identified by LeGrand himself and Bidsal's objections to the line of questioning regarding LeGrand's interpretation of the GVC Operating Agreement were ignored by CLA and now, despite these identified issues, CLA wants to pretend that this is the first time these issues were raised, ignore GVC's rights, and use the privileged information it requested as a member of the Company, as a sword against Bidsal. Simply put, this deposition transcript not only proves that Bidsal did not waive GVC's attorney-client privilege with LeGrand but indicates with little doubt that LeGrand has a conflict of interest in his representation of both CLA and Golshani that was never waived by Bidsal or GVC.

#### 4. Exhibit E – May 9, 2018 First Arbitration Transcript, Page 296.

The First Arbitration was brought by CLA as claimant against Bidsal. GVC was neither a party to, nor a witness in, the First Arbitration. Regardless, page 296 of the transcript contains no waiver by GVC of an attorney-client privilege, permitting for LeGrand to testify in this matter. While there is language in the record that LeGrand states "And I don't recall any objection from Shawn to this approach." This language is not in reference to the attorney-client privilege or a waiver of conflict of interest. To put the line into context the pertinent parts of the exchange are included below:

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**Lewin:** And this was the last – was the is the last time that you edited

this – this Green Valley agreement?

**LeGrand**: I don't know.

**Lewin**: And the language in the -- the language in this – in this – on

this – on this about the specific intent, if you would take a look at that language on specific intent, in that section.?

**LeGrand**: Yes.

**Lewin**: And does that – does that language reflect your – your then

understanding of what the intent of this provision was?

**LeGrand**: Yes.

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**Lewin**: And that's why you kept that language in there; right

**LeGrand**: Well, let me say - I want to try to be expressly clear about

this. Ben and Shawn tended to deal at the strategic levels more than tactical. And getting focus on tactical, it was – I have clients that we go line by line through documents. And I have other clients that kind of just go for the highlights. So when you say "their intent," yes, in general. I was trying to create that which the two of them were agreeing to in the direction that I was being given at the time. *And I don't recall any objection from Shawn to this approach.* Ben was

pushing for this approach.

See CLA Brief Ex. E at 295:10-25 - 296: 1-20. (emphasis added).

To be clear the lack of objection had virtually nothing to do with attorney-client privilege and/or waiver of a conflict of interest. GVC was not present at the First Arbitration to object. While Bidsal was present, he was present only in his personal capacity. Likewise, the testimony above was not related to the meaning of any final version of the GVC Operating Agreement, but was instead related to the process of arriving at the final version of the Operating Agreement. Again, the transcript does not include any testimony by LeGrand about his communications (alleged) with Bidsal discussing the meaning of any language of the Operating Agreement. It simply discusses what LeGrand intended with the language, which is completely irrelevant if he did not discuss the meaning with Bidsal.

## 5. <u>Exhibit F – Final Award in First Arbitration</u>.

In Exhibit F to the CLA Brief, at page 2, the arbitrator stated, "Mr. Bidsal has been represented by Smith & Shapiro, PLLC and James E. Shapiro, of that firm...". The arbitrator does

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not indicate that GVC was represented in the First Arbitration, as it was neither a party, nor was it represented. Additionally, the First Arbitration found that "...LeGrand testified that he had performed legal work for Mr. Golshani for a number of years, including during August 2017..." The findings of the First Arbitration go to show that LeGrand represented Golshani, in August 2017 at the height of the dispute between the two members, thus clearly indicating a conflict of interest for which no written waiver exists from either Bidsal and/or GVC. The Final Award in the First Arbitration includes no language indicating that Golshani, acting alone, could waive an attorney-client privilege belonging to GVC, and there is nothing from the First Arbitration indicating that Bidsal waived any privilege belonging to GVC or the clear conflict of interest between LeGrand, GVC and Golshani.

A careful examination of the identified exhibits shows no waiver of any attorney-client privilege and no waiver of the absolute conflict in having the Company attorney also represent one of the members against the other. However, these documents do clearly establish that LeGrand created a conflict of interest for himself when he voluntarily represented Golshani and CLA in matters adverse to Bidsal, related to GVC. A conflict that required a written waiver from Bidsal. CLA has presented no such conflict waiver.

## III.

## STATEMENT OF AUTHORITIES

### A. ISSUE NUMBER 1 – ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE

### 1. The Company Holds the Privilege.

CLA has provided no authority contradicting what is clearly established through the Bidsal Brief (citing to NRS 49.045 and 49.095) – that GVC is the holder of the attorney-client privilege at issue and that this privilege can only be waived by the managers of the Company, meaning Golshani and Bidsal acting unanimously. *See* Joint Trial Exhibit 5 at Article IV. Bidsal has never agreed to any waiver of the Company's attorney-client privilege, and Golshani cannot waive it acting alone.

## 2. Burden of Proof

In a statement unsupported by any legal authority, the CLA Supplemental Brief stated, "Mr. Bidsal bears the burden of demonstrating that the communications CLA seeks to question Mr.

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LeGrand about are privileged and, further, that the privilege has not be waived." *See* CLA Supplemental Brief at 4:12-14. This assertion is false.

According to Canarelli v. Eighth Judicial Dist. Court of State, 464 P.3d 14 (Nev. 2020) the Nevada Supreme Court citing Ralls v. United States, 52 F.3d 23, 225 (9th Cir. 1995) states, "[t]he party asserting the privilege has the burden to prove that the material is in fact privileged." Bidsal has already established that any communications (which Bidsal does not believe exist) between himself, as a representative of the Company, and LeGrand, as the Company's attorney, about the meaning of the language to be used in the Operating Agreement, would be privileged as a matter of law under NRS 49.095. The communications, if they occurred, were not intended to be disclosed to any third party and were in furtherance of the rendition of legal services to the Company, and thus the communications are confidential under NRS 49.055. The communications, if they exist, were between the Company attorney and the Company representative, as defined in NRS 49.045 and 49.075. Thus, the communications were privileged and there has been no authority to the contrary. Bidsal has also stated in his declaration that at no time has he ever consented to waive the Company's attorney-client privilege, and as a co-equal manager his consent would be necessary for any such waiver. Thus, Bidsal has satisfied any requirements to assert the privilege. The privilege is not waived by disclosure of the privileged information to another Company representative, such as Golshani or CLA. Thus, the burden to establish a waiver in the absence of Bidsal having consented to such, now shifts to CLA.

In the past, LeGrand may have offered his own opinions about what he considers the meaning of the GVC Operating Agreement to be, but unless such opinions were shared by Bidsal prior to Bidsal executing the Operating Agreement, they are completely irrelevant. The CLA Supplemental Brief suggested that this is the true purpose for CLA asking to use LeGrand as a witness. CLA wants LeGrand to testify about what LeGrand thinks the Operating Agreement language means, as if this has any relevance at all. LeGrand is not a party to the Operating Agreement and his opinions mean nothing unless they were shared with Bidsal and Bidsal agreed with his opinions. There is no evidence any such conversations ever occurred between LeGrand and Bidsal. Nevertheless, even if such conversations had occurred, not only would they be privileged but the Rules of Professional Conduct clearly create a conflict for LeGrand and prevent him from taking the side of one member against

another member, when LeGrand represented in the Operating Agreement that he only represented the Company. Requiring LeGrand to testify under such conditions would jeopardize his license to practice law and subject him to a malpractice claim.

### IV.

## **CONCLUSION**

CLA is once again making arguments that are directly contrary to the express language of the GVC Operating Agreement. The Operating Agreement expressly states that LeGrand only represented GVC and expressly states that he was not representing the Members of GVC. CLA argues exactly the opposite, that LeGrand represented CLA and Bidsal. The Operating Agreement expressly states that LeGrand never made any representations to the members about the meaning of the Operating Agreement language or its consequences and that the members were told to hire their own counsel to advise them about the meaning of the language. CLA argues exactly the opposite, that LeGrand discussed with the members the meaning of the Operating Agreement language. Yet, CLA has never identified a single conversation that occurred between LeGrand and Bidsal prior to execution of the Operating Agreement where the language of the Agreement was discussed. In the absence of any such conversation, LeGrand's testimony about the meaning of the Operating Agreement and intent of the parties is irrelevant and in violation of NRS 50.025 as LeGrand would have no personal knowledge of what Bidsal intended or of what Bidsal believed the language meant.

CLA is either purposefully or ignorantly confusing Bidsal, as an individual member, with Bidsal as manager of GVC. Bidsal, the manager of GVC, is not a party to the Present Arbitration. Likewise, Bidsal, the manager of GVC, was not and is not a party to the Mission Square Litigation or the First Arbitration. While Bidsal acknowledges that Golshani and Bidsal are GVC's managers and they collectively have the authority to waive the attorney-client privilege to permit LeGrand to testify, the simple fact of the matter is that they have not done so, and Bidsal will never consent to such a waiver. Just because GVC *could* waive the attorney-client privilege and/or could provide informed and written consent allowing for LeGrand to represent CLA and/or Golshani does not mean that it did so. There is no evidence that the two managers have both consented to waiving any privilege. There

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is no evidence that LeGrand has ever disclosed to any third party the contents of any privileged communications between himself and Bidsal regarding the meaning of the Operating Agreement language that resulted in a waiver of the privilege for these communications. There is certainly no written consent from Bidsal or GVC permitting LeGrand to avoid the conflict created by his representation of CLA and/or Golshani against Bidsal. The documents referenced by CLA as "proof" that Bidsal waived the attorney-client privilege are really nothing more than documents that were disclosed by the Company attorney to a Company manager and member, which does not waive the Company's privilege.

DATED this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of July, 2021.

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## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I am an employee of SMITH & SHAPIRO, PLLC, and that on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of July, 2021, I served a true and correct copy of the forgoing CLAIMANT SHAWN BIDSAL'S SUPPLEMENTAL BRIEF REGARDING THE TESTIMONY OF DAVID LEGRAND, ESQ.by electronic service through the JAMS Electronic Filing System to the following

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## **EXHIBIT 253**

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CLA PROPERTIES, LLC,		
Respondents.		

On March 17, 2021, the Arbitration Hearing commenced in this matter and continued through March 19, 2021. The Hearing resumed on April 26 and 27, 2021.

On April 26, 2021, Respondent called attorney David LeGrand to testify during Respondent's case-in-chief. Prior to his testimony, counsel for Claimant Shawn Bidsal objected on the record, indicating that LeGrand was counsel for Green Valley Commerce (GVC), of which the two parties herein were each 50% owners or members at all relevant periods. Claimant objected to any testimony from LeGrand regarding any communications between LeGrand and Claimant (acting in his role as a manager for GVC), citing to the fact that such communications would be privileged. Claimant also noted that LeGrand had a conflict of interest in testifying in favor of one manager over another when he has a legal duty to both as counsel for GVC. The

foregoing objections were made in LeGrand's presence.<sup>1</sup> Thereafter, argument ensued outside LeGrand's presence. When LeGrand returned to the Hearing, he indicated that he was no longer comfortable testifying at the Hearing until he had the opportunity to discuss his potential testimony with independent counsel and/or State Bar counsel.

On April 27, 2021, Respondent stated its intention to recall LeGrand to testify, but asked that the Arbitrator resolve issues regarding attorney-client privilege and conflict of interest prior to LeGrand testifying. The parties agreed to brief certain issues, including:

- 1. Whether any existing attorney-client privilege belonging to GVC (or Bidsal, in his position as a manager and member) has been waived either in prior proceedings between the parties or in this proceeding;
  - a. Whether Respondent CLA Properties (or its principal, Benjamin Golshani) could waive the privilege for GVC;
- 2. Whether any potential conflict of interest of LeGrand has been waived by Claimant;
- 3. Whether the Arbitrator could compel LeGrand to testify if he chose not to testify given a potential conflict of interest.

Pursuant to a briefing schedule set by the Arbitrator, Respondent filed a timely brief on May 21, 2021 and Claimant filed a timely brief on June 11, 2021. A hearing by videoconference was conducted on June 25, 2021. Participating were the Arbitrator, David T. Wall, Claimant Shawn Bidsal with counsel James E. Shapiro Esq., and Douglas D. Gerrard, Esq., and Respondent representative Benjamin Golshani with counsel Louis E. Garfinkel, Esq., Rodney T. Lewin, Esq. and Rob Bare, Esq.<sup>2</sup> During this hearing, Respondent sought to address specific instances of

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> With the consent of the parties and the Arbitrator, LeGrand was one of the witnesses who testified at the Hearing remotely, via the Zoom videoconference platform.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Retired Judge Bare associated as additional counsel of record for Respondent in this matter on or about May 21, 2021. After oral disclosures were made regarding Judge Bare by the Arbitrator, the Claimant, after being offered the

potential waiver of the attorney-client privilege set forth in certain documents attached as exhibits. These specific instances were not set forth with any particularity in the briefing. Claimant requested that Respondent identify these instances in supplemental briefing, so as to afford Claimant the opportunity to cogently address them. The matter was continued by the Arbitrator for further briefing. Respondent filed a timely supplemental brief on July 9, 2021 and Claimant filed a timely supplemental brief on July 23, 2021.

The parties reconvened for a hearing by videoconference on August 5, 2021. Participating again were the Arbitrator, David T. Wall, Claimant Shawn Bidsal with counsel James E. Shapiro Esq., and Douglas D. Gerrard, Esq., and Respondent representative Benjamin Golshani with counsel Louis E. Garfinkel, Esq., Rodney T. Lewin, Esq. and Rob Bare, Esq.

## Attorney-Client Privilege

LeGrand was counsel for GVC during the period in 2011 when the entity was formed, and he drafted the Operating Agreement (OA) that is at issue in this matter. At all material times herein, GVC was made up of two equal members (Bidsal and CLA Properties). In this circumstance, the attorney-client privilege is held by GVC, and it can only be waived by management. See, Las Vegas Sands Corp. v. Eighth Judicial District Court, 130 Nev. 643, 651, 331 P.3d 905 (2014). Given the ownership structure of GVC, counsel for Respondent at the hearing conceded that the privilege could only be waived by both Claimant and Respondent, collectively. Under NRS 49.095, the privilege applies to any communication between Bidsal (in his role as a manager and member of GVC) and LeGrand. The privilege would not prevent LeGrand from disclosing these communications to Golshani (as the sole representative of CLA,

opportunity to discuss the matter with counsel, waived any conflict and waived any right to have the Arbitrator file a formal Disclosure form as to new counsel.

acting in its role as a manager and member of GVC), but would prevent disclosure to any third party.

Claimant contends that he has never waived the attorney-client privilege as it pertains to conversations between Claimant (in his role as a manager and member of GVC) and LeGrand. He states that he recalls no conversations with LeGrand during the relevant time periods regarding his intent with respect to the relevant portions of the GVC Operating Agreement. Even if such conversations existed, Claimant's position is that he has not waived the privileged nature of those conversations such that LeGrand could testify about them at the Hearing.

Respondent contends that Claimant, in prior proceedings between the parties and during the pendency of the instant proceedings, waived any applicable privilege. Further, Respondent alleges that pursuant to <u>Wardleigh v. Second Judicial District Court</u>, 111 Nev. 345, 891 P.2d 1180 (1995), an "at-issue" waiver of the attorney-client privilege has occurred based upon positions Claimant has taken in the instant litigation.

Respondent includes the deposition of LeGrand in prior litigation between the parties over a similar Operating Agreement (the "Mission Square" litigation). There, pursuant to a deposition subpoena *duces tecum*, LeGrand (without objection from Bidsal) was asked to produce his entire file of his representation of these parties. This action does not implicate a waiver of the attorney-client privilege, as LeGrand's file in representing GVC would be available to Respondent as a manager and member of GVC. LeGrand subsequently testified in a deposition, which was used in a prior Arbitration Hearing in this matter before Hon. Stephen E. Haberfeld, Ret. In this deposition testimony, LeGrand testified that he had no specific recollection of conversations with either Bidsal or Golshani during the preparation of the Operating Agreement in 2011, and that he could only draw inferences from the drafts of the Operating Agreement he'd written. LeGrand's

testimony did not include the disclosure of any attorney-client protected communications from Bidsal in his role as manager and member of GVC. Further, the disclosure of LeGrand's file on GVC also did not reveal any attorney-client protected communication from Bidsal in his role with GVC. As such, it is the determination of the Arbitrator that LeGrand's participation in the prior litigation (both in the Mission Square case and in the prior Arbitration before Judge Haberfeld), did not include the disclosure of any attorney-client protected communications with Bidsal, and as such cannot support a conclusion that Bidsal effectively waived the attorney-client privilege as to those communications.

Respondent also directs the Arbitrator's attention to <u>Wardleigh</u>, <u>supra</u>, as support for a contention that Bidsal has effectively waived the privilege in these proceedings. <u>Wardleigh</u> describes an implied waiver of the attorney-client privilege under certain circumstances in litigation based on positions taken by the holder of the privilege. In <u>Wardleigh</u>, the Nevada Supreme Court described this implied waiver in pertinent part as follows:

In other words, where a party seeks an advantage in litigation by revealing part of a privileged communication, the party shall be deemed to have waived the entire attorney-client privilege as it relates to the subject matter of that which was partially disclosed. United States v. Jones, 696 F.2d 1069, 1072 (4<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1982).

. . .

Therefore, at-issue waiver occurs when the holder of the privilege pleads a claim or defense in such a way that eventually he or she will be forced to draw upon the privileged communication at trial in order to prevail, and such a waiver does not violate the policies underlying the privilege. <u>Developments in the Law – Privileged Communications</u>, 98 Harv.L.Rev. 1450, 1637 (1985). Generally,

[p]lacing-at-issue waiver can be justified as an application of the "anticipatory waiver" principle: an allegation, like a pre-trial disclosure, merely anticipates a waiver that will occur at trial. When the party asserting the privilege bears the burden of proof on an issue and can meet that burden only by introducing evidence of a privileged nature, waiver is clearly warranted ... [b]ut when the burden of proof does not lie with the party asserting the privilege, waiver is warranted only once a party indicates an intention of relying upon privileged evidence during trial. This analysis provides a simple rule of thumb for determining whether an allegation creates unfairness that calls for waiver.

<u>Developments in the Law – Privileged Communications</u>, 98 Harv.L.Rev. 1450, 1639 (1985).

Wardleigh, 111 Nev. at 354, 355.

Here, Respondent claims that by placing the interpretation of the Operating Agreement provisions at issue, Claimant has thereby waived any privilege with respect to this communication with LeGrand on this issue. After citing to <u>Wardleigh</u>, Respondent states as follows:

Mr. Bidsal, by offering a contrary interpretation to Exhibit B's waterfall distribution, has put communications with GVC (through Mr. LeGrand) at issue.

. . .

In other words, this dispute is all about GVC and concerns GVC's members and managers. Although Mr. Bidsal is asserting that his interpretation of the waterfall distribution under Article V and Exhibit B is the correct one – this putting his interpretation **at issue** – he is refusing to permit Mr. LeGrand to testify regarding this issue. Nevada law, however, finds a waiver under such circumstances because it is manifestly unfair to CLA for Mr. Bidsal to assert a contrary interpretation of the GVC Operating Agreement and then use his authority, as GVC's co-manager, to block Mr. LeGrand from testifying regarding the same.

CLA Properties, LLC's Brief Re: (1) Waiver of the Attorney-Client Privilege; and (2) Compelling the Testimony of David LeGrand, Esq., May 21, 2021, p.11, 12 (emphasis supplied).

Respondent's contention that by placing the interpretation of the Operating Agreement provisions "at issue," Claimant has impliedly waived the attorney-client privilege under Wardleigh, is fundamentally incorrect. Claimant has not revealed a portion of a privileged communication, and has not pled a claim or defense requiring the introduction of privileged material in order to prevail. The prerequisites for an at-issue waiver, as described in Wardleigh, are not present in the instant matter. As the Wardleigh Court stated, merely placing the interpretation of a contractual provision at issue does not constitute a waiver of the privilege:

Fairness should not simply dictate that because pleadings raise issues implicating a privileged communication, the privilege regarding those issues is waived. Rather, fairness should dictate that where litigants raise issues that will compel the litigants to necessarily rely upon privileged information at trial to defend those issues, the privilege as it relates only to those issues should be waived.

Id. at 356.

As set forth above, it is the determination of the Arbitrator that Claimants have not acted in this litigation to trigger an at-issue waiver of the attorney-client privilege under <u>Wardleigh</u>. As set forth above, it is also the determination of the Arbitrator that Respondent has failed to sufficiently establish any waiver of the attorney-client privilege by Claimant as it relates to his communications with LeGrand. It is important to once again note LeGrand's prior sworn testimony indicating that he did not recall the substance of specific communications with Bidsal during the relevant time periods.

## Conflict of Interest

Prior to LeGrand's testimony, Claimant raised an issue of LeGrand's potential conflict of interest in testifying in favor of one manager over another.

The Operating Agreement for GVC states as follows:

This Agreement has been prepared by David G. LeGrand (the "Law Firm"), as legal counsel to the Company, and ... [t]he Members have been advised by the Law Firm that a conflict of interest would exist among the members and the Company as the Law Firm is representing the Company and not any individual members.

GVC Operating Agreement, Exhibit 5.

Notably, the OA also states that LeGrand "has not given any advice or made any representations to the Members with respect to any consequences" of the OA. Evidence has been presented by Claimants that LeGrand may have represented Respondent CLA (and or CLA representative Golshani) individually at points in time relevant to these proceedings. In briefing on this issue, Claimant has raised potential violations of Nevada's Rules of Professional Conduct by LeGrand, if in fact he represented the individual interest of one member of GVC against the interests of another member of GVC.

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It is not within the authority of the Arbitrator to determine whether LeGrand has violated

any ethical rule in this matter. At the request (or acquiescence) of Respondent, one of the topics

to be briefed for this ruling was whether any waiver of a conflict of interest has taken place. No

evidence has been presented establishing a waiver of any potential conflict of interest for LeGrand.

Additionally, given LeGrand's stated concern regarding testifying at the Arbitration

Hearing after Claimant stated his position on LeGrand's conflict of interest, the Arbitrator directed

the parties to brief whether the Arbitrator could compel LeGrand to testify in spite of LeGrand's

concerns. No such authority has been presented, and as such it is the determination of the

Arbitrator that LeGrand cannot be compelled to testify if he harbors concerns that his testimony

would potentially run afoul of Nevada's Rules of Professional Conduct.

**Arbitration Hearing** 

During a Status Teleconference on August 10, 2021, the parties agreed that the Arbitration

Hearing in this matter will be resumed on September 29 and 30, 2021, by Zoom videoconference.

It has been agreed that any additional testimony will take place on September 29 and closing

arguments will take place on September 30. Respondents have indicated that the only potential

witnesses will be Claimant Bidsal, Respondent representative Golshani and Mr. LeGrand (to

provide testimony consistent with the instant Order). Both remaining sessions shall begin at 9:00

a.m.

Dated: September 10, 2021

Hon. David T. Wall (Ret.)

Arbitrator

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## **EXHIBIT 254**

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12	CLA PROPERTIES, LLC, a California limited liability company,	
13	Respondent.	
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## CLAIMANT SHAWN BIDSAL'S APPLICATION FOR AWARD OF ATTORNEY FEES AND COSTS

COMES NOW Claimant SHAWN BIDSAL, an individual ("<u>Bidsal</u>"), by and through his attorneys of record, SMITH & SHAPIRO, PLLC and GERRARD COX LARSEN, and hereby files his Application for Award of Attorneys' Fees (the "<u>Application</u>"). This Application is made and based upon the pleadings and papers on file herein, the attached Memorandum of Points and Authorities, the attached declarations and exhibits, and any oral argument your Honor may wish to entertain in the premises.

Dated this 11th day November, 2021.

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MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

I.

## **PREFATORY STATEMENT**

On or about October 20, 2021, the Arbitrator entered an Interim Award. Pursuant to the Interim Award, Bidsal was declared to be the prevailing party. Consequently, as prevailing party, Bidsal now submits the following Application, seeking to recover attorney's fees in the amount of \$446,875.00 and costs in the amount of \$155,502.88, plus the attorneys' fees and costs incurred in reviewing any opposition to the Application, preparing a reply thereto, and participating in any hearings regarding the same. As the Arbitrator is well acquainted with the facts of this case, Bidsal shall limit his recitation of facts to those only relevant to the present Application.

II.

## PROCEDURAL HISTORY

## A. THE FIRST ARBITRATION.

On September 26, 2017, CLA Properties, LLC ("<u>CLA</u>") filed JAMS Arbitration No. 1260004569 (the "<u>First Arbitration</u>"). In the First Arbitration, CLA, as claimant, asked the arbitrator for determination of the fair market value (FMV) and which member had the right to buy the other member's share of Green Valley Commerce, LLC ("<u>GVC</u>").

On or about April 5, 2019, a final award was issued in the First Arbitration in favor of CLA (the "*Final Award*"). The arbitrator in the First Arbitration determined that, when calculating the purchase price, the FMV would be \$5,000,000.00, but did not set a price for the purchase of Bidsal's membership interest in GVC. Instead, the arbitrator set the sale to commence within "...ten (10) days of the issuance of this Final Award..." and at "a price computed in accordance with the contractual formula set forth in Section 4.2 of the Green Valley Operating Agreement, with the 'FMV' portion of the formula fixed as Five Million Dollars and No Cents (\$5,000,000.00)..."

On or about May 21, 2019, CLA filed a Petition for Confirmation of Arbitration Award and Entry of Judgment with the Eighth Judicial District Court, Clark County, Nevada. On or about July 15, 2019, Bidsal filed a countermotion to vacate the final award in the First Arbitration in Eighth Judicial District Court. Bidsal's Countermotion to Vacate the final award in the First Arbitration

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was denied on December 6, 2019. On January 9, 2020, Bidsal filed a Notice of Appeal of the denial of the Motion to Vacate the final award in the First Arbitration (the "Appeal"). The Appeal remains pending.

To be clear, the forgoing is included in the present Application simply to give context. Claimant is not seeking to recover any attorney's fees or costs incurred as a result of the First Arbitration or the resulting Appeal.

#### В. THE SECOND ARBITRATION.

#### 1. **CLA's Changing Pleadings.**

On February 7, 2020, while the Appeal was pending, Bidsal filed the instant Demand for Arbitration to ascertain the purchase price for Bidsal's interest in GVC (the "Second **Arbitration**") as CLA refused to disclose to Bidsal what it intended to pay to purchase his interest. On or about March 4, 2020, Respondence CLA filed its Answer and Counterclaim, wherein CLA sought to enforce a very one-sided interpretation of the GVC formula at issue, as well as sought to claw back distributions that had been previously made to Bidsal in an attempt to reduce the amount it would need to pay Bidsal to purchase his interest in GVC. CLA also asserted claims against Bidsal for breach of fiduciary duty and mismanagement of the properties at issue. Finally, in its Counterclaim, CLA asked the Arbitrator to find that Bidsal was not entitled to any distributions after the date that CLA contended the sale should have taken place, and that Bidsal was likewise not entitled to be compensated for his services in managing the property after the date that the sale should have taken place. Thus, by its Counterclaim, CLA placed Bidsal's management of the properties, as well as his compensation for management of the properties, at issue in the Arbitration.

CLA filed its First Amended Answer and Counterclaim on or about June 2, 2020, its Second Amended Answer and Counterclaim on or about July 31, 2020, its Third Amended Answer and Counterclaim on or about November 2, 2020, and its Fourth Amended Answer and Counterclaim on or about January 19, 2021. In its Fourth Amended Answer and Counterclaim, CLA asserted that the sale of Bidsal's interest in GVC should have closed by September 2, 2017, and therefore, Bidsal is not entitled to any distributions after September 2, 2017, but at the same time, Bidsal was not entitled to be compensated for managing the properties after September 2, 2017. CLA also sought O:(702)318-5033 F:(702)318-5034

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to reduce the purchase price owed by CLA to Bidsal through a very one-sided interpretation of the GVC formula at issue, and attempted to claim as many offsets to that purchase price as they could While CLA ultimately dropped its breach of fiduciary duty and conceivably create. mismanagement claims, the reality is that these were issues that were in play for a significant amount of time during the Arbitration, thereby requiring Bidsal to prepare to defend against these claims (even though the defense was ultimately not needed at the Arbitration).

#### 2. **CLA's Numerous Motions.**

In addition to CLA's constantly moving goal posts, the Second Arbitration was hotly contested, as evidenced by the more than thirteen (13) different motions which Bidsal either was forced to file or respond to, including CLA's Motion to Remove Bidsal as Manager, and the six (6) days the arbitration took over a 6-month period.

#### CLA's Motion to Remove Bidsal as Manager – The First CLA Motion. a.

Beginning on May 20, 2020, CLA began its barrage of motion practice starting with Respondent's Motion to Resolve Member Dispute Re Which Manager Should be Day to Day Manager and Memorandum of Points and Authorities and Declarations of Benjamin Golshani and Rodney T. Lewin in Support Thereof (the "Motion to Remove"). Bidsal opposed CLA's Motion to Remove on June 10, 2020. In the Motion to Remove, CLA asserted that it was the "inchoate owner" of GVC, an allegation that forced Bidsal to take two contradictory stances: (1) to argue and prove that he was still an owner of GVC, and (2) to diligently pursue what his management efforts on behalf of GVC amounted to in the event that CLA's argument that it was the "inchoate owner" of GVC was sustained by the Arbitrator. These two arguments lead to significant fees and costs being incurred in order to properly prepare for multiple defenses.

The Arbitrator ruled on CLA's Motion to Remove on July 20, 2020, deciding, "...that Respondent's Motion to Resolve Member Dispute Re: Which Manager Should be Day to Day Manager is hereby DENIED WITHOUT PREJUDICE."

#### b. Bidsal's Property Management Expert.

Because CLA asserted, in its Motion to Remove, that CLA was the inchoate owner of GVC, Bidsal was forced to acknowledge that CLA was likely to bring the same argument

up during the Arbitration hearing. While Bidsal has always asserted that he is a member of GVC until and unless the sale between the members is effectuated, Bidsal had to acknowledge the possibility that the Arbitration could result in a determination that would assess a sale date for his share of GVC that was sometime in the past. Further, given the fact that CLA was also asserting that Bidsal was liable due to an alleged failure to properly maintain the properties, it became clear that Bidsal would need a real estate management expert to refute these allegations/arguments, which is exactly what Bidsal did when he employed the services of Frank Gatski. But for CLA's assertion that it was the inchoate owner of Green Valley, and its initial claims that Bidsal was somehow mismanaging the properties, Bidsal would not have been required to assess the value of his management services and/or hire an expert witness to make such an assessment.

## 3. <u>CLA's First Motion to Compel – The Second CLA Motion.</u>

On July 16, 2020, CLA continued its barrage of motion filing with CLA Properties, LLC's Motion to Compel Answers to First Set of Interrogatories to Shawn Bidsal (the "First Motion to Compel"). Bidsal was required to respond to the First Motion to Compel and did so, in opposition, on July 24, 2020. In the Arbitrator's August 3, 2020 decision, he granted Bidsal's request for an extension of discovery. The Arbitrator did grant the First Motion to Compel stating, "The Motion to Compel is GRANTED to the extent it requested that Claimant be directed to respond, although Claimant has not opposed that request.\(^{1}\)" The statement of the Arbitrator made it clear that Bidsal never opposed what the First Motion to Compel was seeking, and thus the motion could have been avoided by CLA engaging in a good faith effort to resolve the matter without Arbitrator intervention or motion practice. The Arbitrator did not award fees or costs to any party as a result of CLA's First Motion to Compel.

## 4. CLA's Second Motion to Compel – The Third CLA Motion.

On October 7, 2020, CLA filed its Motion to Compel Further Responses to First Set of Interrogatories to Shawn Bidsal and for Production of Documents (the "<u>Second Motion to Compel"</u>"). In the Second Motion to Compel CLA asked the Arbitrator to hear the Motion to Compel on shortened time and on an emergency basis. The Arbitrator gave Bidsal until October 19, 2020 to file a response. The emergency request required Bidsal's counsel to cease working on other

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matters, in order to respond to CLA's Second Motion to Compel. CLA's Second Motion to Compel requested an order for Bidsal to supplement his responses to Interrogatory Numbers 1-10 and his response to Request for Production Number 1. The Arbitrator granted the Second Motion to Compel in part and denied it in part stating, "...the Motion is GRANTED as to Interrogatory 10 and DENIED in all other respects." This ruling indicated that 10 out of 11 of Bidsal's discovery responses were compliant. Additionally, in the Second Motion to Compel, Respondent stated "Given the timing of the upcoming discovery and other deadlines there's no time to further meet and confer with Bidsal." Respondent admitted that it had elected to avoid meeting or conferring with Bidsal to resolve the issues, prior to filing the Second Motion to Compel. Had Respondent bothered to meet and confer with Bidsal regarding the one outstanding discovery matter, the Second Motion to Compel would never have been necessary. The Arbitrator did not award fees or costs to any party as a result of CLA's Second Motion to Compel.

#### 5. CLA's Motion to Continue Proceedings – the Fourth CLA Motion.

On November 5, 2020, CLA filed Respondent and Counter-Claimant's Motion to Continue Proceedings (the "*Motion to Continue*"). In the Motion to Continue, CLA admitted to scheduling and then cancelling two depositions mere days prior to the depositions, thus requiring Bidsal's counsel to prepare for the initially scheduled depositions and for the rescheduled depositions. Bidsal opposed the Motion to Continue on November 11, 2020. On November 12, 2020, after Bidsal's opposition had been filed, counsel for CLA submitted, what the Arbitrator described as "...a somewhat unexpected and robust discovery and trial schedule for an unrelated Ventura County, California, case..." The Arbitrator granted the Motion to Continue stating, "...the Arbitrator is persuaded that Respondent's counsel's trial commitments necessitate the instant continuance." Bidsal had no knowledge of this trial commitment prior to the filing of his opposition. Had Respondent's counsel been forthcoming with their scheduling conflict and conveyed the dilemma to Claimant's counsel and/or appropriately scheduled the depositions around their trial schedule, the Motion to Continue would have been unnecessary; saving all parties both time and money in dual preparation for the depositions and in responding to the Motion to Continue.

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#### CLA's Motion for Leave to File 4th Amended Answer – the Fifth CLA Motion. 6.

On January 19, 2021, CLA filed Respondent and Counter-Claimant's Motion for Leave to File Fourth Amended Answer and Counterclaim (the "Motion for Leave to Amend"). Bidsal opposed the Motion for Leave to Amend on January 29, 2021, as being untimely. The Arbitrator granted CLA's Motion for Leave to Amend on February 4, 2021. CLA's Fourth Amended Answer and Counterclaim was filed on February 19, 2021, requiring Bidsal to file an Answer to the Fourth Amended Answer and Counterclaim, which Bidsal did on March 5, 2021.

#### 7. CLA's Motion to Compel Main Deposition – the Sixth CLA Motion.

On January 26, 2021, CLA filed CLA Properties, LLC's Emergency Motion for Order Compelling the Completion of the Deposition of Jim Main, CPA (the "Main Motion to Compel'). On January 27, 2021, the Arbitrator directed that any responsive brief be filed on or before February 2, 2021. Once again, the emergency status asserted by CLA required Bidsal's counsel to cease working on other matters, in order to respond to CLA's Main Motion to Compel. Bidsal opposed the Main Motion to Compel on January 29, 2021. On February 4, 2021, the Arbitrator decided, "...the Arbitrator cannot order Main to appear for another deposition. Respondent has cited no authority for the proposition that by voluntarily appearing for a first session, Main has submitted himself to the jurisdiction of the Arbitrator." Ultimately the Arbitrator denied the Main Motion to Compel.

#### 8. **CLA's Motion for Orders – the Seventh CLA Motion**

On February 5, 2021, CLA filed CLA Properties, LLC's Motion for Orders (1) Compelling Claimant to Restore/Add CLA to All Green Valley Bank Accounts, (2) Provide CLA With Keys to All of Green Valley Properties; and (3) Prohibiting Distributions to the Members Until the Sale of the Membership Interest In Issue in this Arbitration is Consumated [sic] and the Membership Interest is Conveyed (the "Motion for Orders"). Bidsal opposed the Motion for Orders on February 5, 2021, which actually requested orders from the Arbitrator on **eight** separate matters.

On February 22, 2021, the Arbitrator issued a decision on CLA's Motion for Orders. As to CLA's request for an order for production of all documents regarding to a bank transfer to Bank of F:(702)318-5034

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America from CIT, the Arbitrator stated, "This request appears to now be deemed MOOT. Based on the information provided herein, no evidence establishes that Respondent has been denied any right to inspect the books and records of GV..."

As to CLA's request for an order for Golshani to be added as a signatory on all of the GVC bank accounts, the Arbitrator stated, "From the documents provided with Claimant's Opposition to the instant Motion, it appears that this has already occurred on or about February 19, 2021, and as such this request is deemed MOOT."

As to CLA's request for an order that CLA be provided online access to GVC's bank accounts, the Arbitrator stated, "Respondent has failed to establish how the Operating Agreement requires online access and/or the production of necessary passwords or passcodes as a predicate for relief."

As to CLA's request for an order that Bidsal produce a duplicate set of keys to the GVC properties, the Arbitrator stated, "...Respondent does not provide a basis for that 'right' in the Operating Agreement or otherwise."

As to CLA's request for a moratorium on the distribution of any Green Valley funds to Claimant or Respondent, the Arbitrator stated, "During the Preliminary Arbitration Teleconference on April 30, 2020, counsel entered into an agreement that neither party would receive distributions from GV during the pendency of the related appeal before the Nevada Supreme Court."

As to CLA's request for an order directing that all funds derived from business conducted by GVC be deposited into GVC's accounts, the Arbitrator stated, "Respondent's Motion is not clear as to what relief is being requested in this section. There is no evidence of any funds belonging to GV being misappropriated in the transfer from the CIT Bank accounts to the Bank of America accounts."

As to CLA's request for an order prohibiting the parties from encumbering GVC's properties or assets, the Arbitrator stated, "There is no evidence suggesting that any party has placed liens or encumbered (or attempted or intended to encumber) the properties or assets of GV in violation of the Operating Agreement or any applicable law."

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As to CLA's request for an order directing Claimant shall continue to issue payments on behalf of Green Valley, the Arbitrator stated, "Again, it is unclear the type of relief Respondent is seeking in this section of the Motion. There is no allegation presented by Respondent that Claimant has failed to 'issue payments on behalf of Green Valley." As a result of these eight individual findings the Arbitrator denied without prejudice all but requests 1 and 2, which were denied as moot. There was no award of fees and costs related to the Motion for Orders.

## 9. <u>CLA's Motion in Limine - Taxes – the Eighth CLA Motion.</u>

On March 5, 2021, CLA filed CLA's Motion in Limine Regarding Bidsal's Evidence re Taxes (the "<u>Motion in Limine Re Taxes</u>"). Bidsal opposed the Motion in Limine – Taxes on March 11, 2021. The Arbitrator elected to hear the Motion in Limine Re Taxes on the first day of the Arbitration hearing, March 17, 2021. In hearing this motion, the Arbitrator stated, "I'm going to deny the motion as a blanket prohibition of any information regarding taxes."

## 10. <u>CLA's Motion in Limine – Tender – the Ninth CLA Motion.</u>

Also on March 5, 2021, CLA filed CLA Properties, LLC's Motion in Limine Re Failure to Tender ("Motion in Limine Re Tender"). Bidsal opposed the Motion in Limine Re Tender on March 11, 2021. The Arbitrator elected to hear the Motion in Limine Re Tender on the first day of the Arbitration hearing, March 17, 2021. In hearing this motion, the Arbitrator stated "I'm going to deny the motion on this basis. I think it is as [Bidsal's counsel] states, more of a dispositive motion on a claim within the amended demand for arbitration as opposed to a motion in limine."

## 11. CLA's Motion to Withdraw Exhibit – the Tenth CLA Motion.

On March 26, 2021, CLA filed CLA's Motion to Withdraw Exhibit 188 (the "<u>Motion to Withdraw Exhibit</u>"). Bidsal opposed the Motion to Withdraw Exhibit on March 31, 2021. On April 5, 2021, the Arbitrator granted the Motion to Withdraw Exhibit, while reserving to both parties the right to seek admission of the exhibit for any other purpose during the remainder of the Arbitration hearing.

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## 12. CLA's Motion Re: David LeGrand – the Eleventh CLA Motion.

On May 21, 2021, based on CLA's attorney's insistence and demand to brief whether or not LeGrand's should testify, CLA filed CLA Properties, LLC's Brief Re: (1) Waiver of the Attorney-Client Privilege; and (2) Compelling the Testimony of David LeGrand, Esq. (the "LeGrand Motion"). The LeGrand Motion was drafted by a third attorney hired by CLA, Rob Bare, Esq. Bidsal opposed the LeGrand Motion on June 11, 2021. During a remote zoom videoconference meeting attended by all the attorneys, including the newly hired attorney, Rob Bare, CLA's attorneys requested for another postponement of the hearing so that CLA could further brief their position in the LeGrand motion (second motion by CLA on the issue of LeGrands testimony). Ultimately, on September 10, 2021, the Arbitrator stated, "It is not within the authority of the Arbitrator to determine whether LeGrand has violated any ethical rule in this matter." The Arbitrator went on to state, "No evidence has been presented establishing a waiver of any potential conflict of interest for LeGrand." The final determination being, "...it is the determination of the Arbitrator that LeGrand cannot be compelled to testify if he harbors concerns that his testimony would potentially run afoul of Nevada's Rules of Professional Conduct."

## 13. The Arbitration Hearings.

The Arbitration Hearing lasted a total of six days, the first five of which were in person, and spanned a period of more than six (6) months. The first three days were on March 17, 18, and 19, 2021. When it became clear that the parties would be unable to complete the examination of witnesses within that time period, the Arbitration was continued to April 26, and 27, 2021, with the intention of completing the Arbitration by April 27, 2021.

However, at CLA's insistence, the Arbitration was continued again in order to allow CLA to file its Motion re: David LeGrand, which was ultimately denied (see above). This briefing schedule caused a significant delay in concluding the Arbitration, which did not occur until September 29, 2021. However, even then, Bidsal was required to prepare for two more days of witnesses and closing arguments.

The long delays between hearing dates forced Bidsal and his counsel to spend time going over trial transcriptions, Exhibits, witness outlines, and other preparation which would not have

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been required if the Arbitration had been able to be completed in a timely manner. The fact that Bidsal and his counsel had to do this twice only exacerbated the situation and further forced Bidsal to run up significant legal fees.

On or about October 20, 2021, the Arbitrator filed an Interim Award. In the Interim Award, the Arbitrator declared that Bidsal was the prevailing party, and that Bidsal was entitled to an award of attorneys' fees and costs. Bidsal was given until close of business on November 5, 2021 (which was extended until November 12, 2021) within which to file an application for attorneys' fees and costs.

### III.

### STATEMENT OF AUTHORITIES

#### A. CLAIMANT IS ENTITLED TO AN AWARD OF ATTORNEY FEES UNDER THE OPERATING AGREEMENT

Article III, Section 14.1 of the Operating Agreement for GVC states as follows:

The fees and expenses of JAMS and the arbitrator shall be shared equally by the Members and advanced by them from time to time as required; provided that at the conclusion of the arbitration, the arbitrator shall award costs and expenses (including the costs of the arbitration previously advanced and the fees and expenses of attorneys, accountants and other experts) to the prevailing party. (emphasis added).

The Arbitrator previously found that an award of attorney's fees and costs was warranted under these circumstances, and the only question left is how much is to be awarded.

As is set forth above, CLA's actions, in filing numerous different motions, the vast majority of which were either denied or could have been avoided if CLA would have attempted in good faith to resolve the issues directly with Bidsal prior to filing the motions, forced Bidsal to incur substantially more in legal fees and costs that he would have otherwise incurred. Likewise, the Arbitration hearing was continued in order to allow CLA to file extensive briefing on its request that the Arbitrator compel David LeGrand to testify in the Arbitration. This briefing occurred not once but twice as CLA attempted to reference evidence at the first hearing on this issue which had not been properly cited to in its first round of briefing. The result was the Arbitrator permitted a second round of briefing on this issue to give CLA a second chance to properly brief the issue.

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Accordingly, at CLA's insistence, the Arbitration hearing was ultimately continued more than five months, from April 27<sup>th</sup> to September 29<sup>th</sup>. This significant delay forced Bidal and his attorney's to incur a substantial amount of time thoroughly reviewing the trial transcript, Exhibits, witness outlines, and notes to prepare for final witnesses and for a closing summary of the evidence, all of which could have been avoided if the Arbitration had been allowed to be completed on April 27. 2021.

The same holds true of CLA's shifting goal posts. As outlined above, CLA initially asserted claims against Bidsal that required Bidsal to engage the services of a real estate expert, only to abandon these claims after Bidsal had already incurred the costs associated with his real estate expert.

What should and could have been a straight-forward arbitration was turned on its head by CLA's litigation strategy, which it pursued notwithstanding the fact that much of the delay and expense could have been avoided if CLA had taken a different approach. Having forced Bidsal to defend against its ever-changing claims and overly aggressive motion strategy, CLA must now pay the fees, costs and expenses incurred by Bidsal.

## В. CLAIMAINT SHOULD BE AWARDED THE FULL \$446,875.00 IN ATTORNEY'S

#### 1. Legal Standard for Determining a Reasonable Attorney's Fee.

Nevada looks to the Brunzell factors when evaluating the appropriate amount of attorneys' fees to be awarded. In Brunzell v. Golden Gate Nat'l Bank, 85 Nev. 345, 349, 455 P.2d 31, 33 (1969), the Court set forth the following four factors to be considered: "(1) the qualities of the advocate: his ability, training, education, experience, professional standing and skill; (2) the character of the work to be done: its difficulty, intricacy, importance, the time and skill required, the responsibility imposed and the prominence and character of the litigation; (3) the work actually performed by the lawyer: the skill, time and attention given to the work; and (4) the result: whether the attorney was successful and what benefits were derived.

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#### 2. Claimant's Requested Fees are Reasonable and Appropriate.

In this case, the <u>Brunzell</u> factors support the requested award of attorney's fees to the Claimant. First, litigation attorneys at Smith & Shapiro and Gerrard Cox Larsen devote the majority of their practice to real estate and business litigation matters. See true and correct copies of the Affidavits of Attorney Fees attached hereto as *Exhibits "1"* and "2" respectively. As such, the attorneys at Smith & Shapiro, PLLC and Gerrard Cox Larsen have extensive experience in litigating disputes, as well as substantial experience specifically in arbitration.

Douglas D. Gerrard of Gerrard Cox Larsen has nearly 30 years of experience as a licensed attorney in the State of Nevada and has handled hundreds of complex real estate and business litigation matters, to include arbitrations, in that time period. See Exhibit "1". James E. Shapiro of Smith & Shapiro, PLLC has over 20 years of experience as a licensed attorney in the State of Nevada and has also handled numerous real estate and complex business litigation matters, to include arbitrations, over his career. See Exhibit "2". Aimee M. Cannon, has over 10 years of experience as a licensed attorney in the State of Nevada and has handled numerous real estate and complex business litigation matters in that time period. *Id.* Certainly, CLA cannot complain about the number of lawyers working on this matter as CLA not only had Mr. Lewin and the attorneys in his office working on this matter, but also had Louis Garfinkel working on the matter and appearing, along-side Mr. Lewin, at the different hearings, and even went so far as to hire a third attorney, Rob Bare, Esq., to come into the case to address the David LeGrand issue.

Second, as is evidenced above, CLA's prolific and mostly unsuccessful motion practice caused a significant portion of the fees incurred by Claimant. Claimant's counsel was required to spend hundreds of hours in responding to CLA's motions, most of which were either unnecessary or could have been resolved without the involvement of the Arbitrator. As the forgoing, as well as the attached Affidavits of Attorney's Fees demonstrate, the attorney's fees being sought were all appropriately undertaken by the Claimant. Likewise, CLA's insistence on delaying the Arbitration so that they could file the Motion re: David LeGrand, forced Bidsal and his attorneys to spend a

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significant amount of time getting back up to speed on the case in order to complete the Arbitration, five months later.

Third, all of the attorneys' fees being requested are for work actually performed. This case required Claimant's attorneys to repeatedly engage with Respondent's attorneys over a nineteenmonth period to arrive at the purchase price for Bidsal's share of GVC. Additionally, CLA's attempt to divest Bidsal of his ownership interest in GVC, without appropriate compensation, from the time of CLA's offer to purchase to the Second Arbitration, caused Bidsal to have to prepare not only to refute the allegation that CLA was the inchoate owner of GVC from before the First Arbitration decision was delivered, but also in the alternative to value the costs of services he had been rendering to GVC during the disputed period. In doing so, Bidsal was required to secure and pay the costs for an expert witness in property management, Frank Gatski, as well as the expert testimony of Chris Wilcox. Had CLA not asserted such a disingenuous argument, these costs would never have been incurred. CLA's insistence on pursuing a litigation strategy that was largely unsuccessful and which served only to run up legal fees is the primary reason behind most of the legal fees and costs incurred by Bidsal.

Additionally, the formula within the GVC operating agreement required complex analysis of forensic accountants to analyze Cost Segregation Studies, multiple years of business taxes, disbursement records, business records, bank records and Internal Revenue Service Code to name but a sample of matters considered by expert witness Chris Wilcox from Eide Bailly.

Fourth, the results speak for themselves. Not only has Claimant prevailed in the arbitration, but due to Claimant's counsel's efforts, Claimant prevailed on the vast majority of motion practice as well.

CLA's adamant and unreasonable theory of interpretation of the sales price formula, and its failure to proffer to Bidsal any reasonable amount for his share of GVC, left Bidsal with little choice but to commence the present Arbitration. The Respondent in the present Arbitration, via unnecessary and voluminous motion practice caused the cost of this Arbitration to skyrocket. CLA's eleven motions over the nineteen months of arbitration, left Bidsal little choice but to oppose said motions to secure his rights under the GVC operating agreement. CLA, via its motion

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practice, forced Bidsal to defend against meritless accusations time and again. CLA must now pay the fees and costs, as is required by the GVC operating agreement, incurred by Bidsal. The actions forced by CLA resulted in significant expense, which in accordance with the terms of the GVC operating agreement must be borne by CLA.

All the claimant is asking the arbitrator is to be made whole on all the costs and attorney fees. When the circumstances of the instant case are considered in light of the Brunzell factors, it is clear that the requested fees are reasonable, and Claimant should recover all of such fees.

#### C. CLAIMAINT SHOULD BE AWARDED THE FULL \$155,502.88 IN COSTS.

Article III, Section 14.1 of the Operating Agreement for GVC also states that "the arbitrator shall award costs and expenses (including the costs of the arbitration previously advanced and the fees and expenses of attorneys, accountants and other experts) to the prevailing party." (Emphasis added). As the prevailing party, Bidsal is therefore entitled to recover all costs incurred in connection with the Arbitration, specifically including the fees and expenses of accountants and other experts.

Bidsal also incurred \$155,502.88 in costs which were paid either through counsel or directly by it in connection with the current Arbitration. As is set forth in the attached Memorandum of Costs, attached hereto as *Exhibit* "3" and incorporated herein by this reference, Bidsal's costs and expenses are as follows:

TOTAL	<b>.</b> \$:	155,502.88
Expert Witness Fees	.\$	94,881.30
JAMS Fees	.\$	41,066.33
Deposition / Transcript Fees	.\$	17,885.25
AT&T Teleconference Line Charges	.\$	46.20
Research / Lexis Nexis	.\$	181.15
Copies	.\$	1,342.00
Runner / Process Service Fees	.\$	100.65

Given the fact that Bidsal is the prevailing party, combined with the fact that the forgoing costs were incurred by Bidsal in connection with the Arbitration, and the fact that a substantial

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amount of these costs were incurred solely as a result of CLA's litigation strategy and moving goal posts, pursuant to Article III, Section 14.1 of GVC's Operating Agreement, CLA should be ordered to reimburse Bidsal all of the costs identified above.

IV.

## **CONCLUSION**

As noted above, the Operating Agreement provides for the prevailing party to recover all of its fees, costs and expenses. For the reasons set forth above, Claimant respectfully requests that the Arbitrator issue an Order awarding Claimant his attorney fees in the amount of \$446,875.00 and \$155,502.88 in costs.

Dated this <u>11<sup>th</sup></u> day of November, 2021.

SMITH & SHAPIRO, PLLC

/s/ James E. Shapiro James E. Shapiro, Esq. Aimee M. Cannon, Esq. 3333 E. Serene Ave., Suite 130 Henderson, NV 89074 Attorneys for Petitioner, Shawn Bidsal

## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I am an employee of SMITH & SHAPIRO, PLLC, and that on the 11th day of November, 2021, I served a true and correct copy of the forgoing CLAIMANT SHAWN BIDSAL'S APPLICATION FOR AWARD OF ATTORNEY FEES AND COSTS, by emailing a copy of the same, with Exhibits (if any), to:

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Hon. David T. Wall (Ret.)	dwall@jamsadr.com	Arbitrator

/s/ Jennifer A. Bidwell An employee of Smith & Shapiro, PLLC

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16	STATE OF NEVADA )
17	COUNTY OF CLARK ) ss:
18	<ol> <li>DOUGLAS D. GERRARD, ESQ. being duly sworn, states: that affiant is an attorney</li> </ol>
19	for the Claimant SHAWN BIDSAL, an individual ("Bidsal"), and has personal knowledge of the
20	attorney fees incurred.
21	<ol> <li>I am a duly licensed attorney in the State of Nevada and a partner with the law firm of</li> </ol>
22	Gerrard Cox Larsen, with offices located at 2450 St. Rose Parkway., Ste. #200, Henderson, NV 89074.
23	3. I have been continuously licensed, in good standing, as an attorney in the State of
24	Nevada since 1992. Since 1992, virtually all my time as an attorney has been spent on complex
25	business and real property transactions and litigation matters.
26	<ol> <li>I believe the hourly rates delineated below are justified based upon the ability, training,</li> </ol>
27	education, experience, professional standing, and skills of the attorneys. Further, I believe the
28	forgoing amounts reflect the character of the work to be done, its difficulty, intricacy, importance, the

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time, and skill required, as well as the work actually performed by the lawyer.

5. The amounts contained below constitute the amount, to the best of this affiant's knowledge and belief, that have been incurred as a result of Respondent CLA Properties, LLC's ("CLA") actions and/or inaction that resulted in Bidsal being required to file the Demand for Arbitration in the present matter.

Name of Attorney	Hourly Billing Rate	Total Hours	Total Fees
Douglas D. Gerrard, Esq.	\$450.00	307.2	\$139,365.00
TOTAL:			\$139.365.00

- 6. When considering the Brunzell factors, it is clear that the requested amount is justified.
- 7. I devote the majority of my practice to real estate and business litigation matters. I have nearly 30 years' experience as a licensed attorney in the State of Nevada and have handled hundreds of real estate and complex business litigation matters in that time period.
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#### MEMORANDUM OF COSTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

16 The amounts identified below constitute the amount that has been incurred by Claimant 17 SHAWN BIDSAL, an individual ("Bidsal") in the above captioned matter which is attributable to 18 Respondent CLA Properties, LLC's ("CLAP"). A true and correct copy of the invoices are attached 19 hereto as Exhibit "3-1". 20 21 22 Research / Lexis Nexis \$181.15 23 24 Deposition / Transcript Fees .......\$17,885.25 25 JAMS Fees .......\$41,066.33 26 27 TOTAL......\$ 155,502.88 28

DATED this 11th day of November 2021.

### SMITH & SHAPIRO, PLLC

/s/ James E. Shapiro
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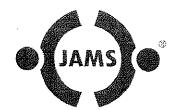
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4/14/20	Hon. David T Wall (Ret.) Review submissions from the parties, including Demand for Arbitration, Arbitration Agreement; prepare for Preliminary Arbitration Conference	0.40	\$525.00	\$210.00	2	\$105.00
4/16/20	Hon. David T Wall (Ret.) Preliminary Arbitration Conference	0.30	\$525.00	\$157.50	2	\$78.75
4/30/20	Hon. David T Wall (Ret.) Preliminary Arbitration Management Call	0.90	\$525.00	\$472.50	2	\$236.25
4/30/20	Hon. David T Wall (Ret.) Review Answer and Counterclaim from Respondents in preparation for Preliminary Arbitration Conference; Prepare Report of Preliminary Arbitration Conference and Scheduling Order	1.80	\$525.00	\$945.00	2	\$472.50
4/30/20	Case Management Fee					\$107.10
				Fees:		\$999.60
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RE: Bidsal, Shawn vs. CLA Properties, LLC

Representing: Shawn Bidsal

Neutral(s): Hon. David Wall (Ret.)

Hearing Type: ARBITRATION

Date / Time	Description	Hours	Rate/Hr.	Total Billed	Parties Billed	Your Share
			Balar	nce Forward:		(\$1,500.40)
6/17/20	Hon. David T Wall (Ret.) Review submissions from the parties, including Respondent's Motion to Resolve Member Dispute re: Which Manager Should be Day-to-Day Manager, with attached exhibits; Claimant's Opposition to Motion with attached exhibits	2.20	\$525.00	\$1,155.00	2	\$577.50
6/29/20	Hon. David T Wall (Ret.) Review submissions from the parties, including Respondent's Reply in Support of Motion to Resolve Member Dispute; prepare for hearing	1.20	\$525.00	\$630.00	2	\$315.00
6/30/20	Case Management Fee					\$107.10
				Fees:		\$999.60
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Date / Time	Description	Hours	Rate/Hr.	Total Billed	Parties Billed	Your Share
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7/1/20	Hon. David T Wall (Ret.) Hearing on Pending Motions (conducted by Zoom videoconference)	1.30	\$525.00	\$682.50	2	\$341.25
7/1/20	Hon. David T Wall (Ret.) Review submissions from the parties, including Claimant's Motion to Quash and for Protective Order; Respondent's Opposition to Motion to Quash; Claimant's Reply	1.40	\$525.00	\$735.00	2	\$367.50
7/18/20	Hon. David T Wall (Ret.) Review submissions from the parties, including Claimant's Supplemental Opposition to Respondent's Motion to Resolve Member Dispute re: Which Manager Should be Day to Day; Respondent's Supplement to Brief re: Respondent's Motion to Resolve Member Dispute re: Which Manager Should be Day to Day	1.70	\$525.00	\$892.50	2	\$446.25
7/19/20	Hon. David T Wall (Ret.) Draft Order on Respondent's Motion to Resolve Member Dispute re: Which Manager Should be Day to Day, and Claimant's Motion to Quash Subpoenas and for Protective Order	1.50	\$525.00	\$787.50	2	\$393.75
7/28/20	Hon. David T Wall (Ret.) Review submissions from the parties, including Respondent's Motion to Compel with attached exhibits; Claimant's Opposition to Motion to Compel and Countermotion for Stay of Proceedings with attached exhibits	1.20	\$525.00	\$630.00	2	\$315.00

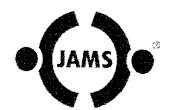
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7/31/20	Hon. David T Wall (Ret.) Review submissions from the parties, including Respondent's Reply in Support of Motion to Compel and Opposition to Motion for Stay of Proceedings	0.50	\$525.00	\$262.50	2	\$131.25
7/31/20	Case Management Fee					\$239.40
				Fees:		\$2,234.40
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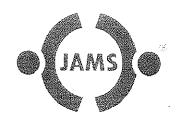
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8/3/20	Hon. David T Wall (Ret.) Prepare Order on Respondent's Motion to Compel, Claimant's Countermotion to Stay Proceedings and Amended Scheduling Order	0.60	\$525.00	\$315.00	2	\$157.50
8/3/20	Hon. David T Wall (Ret.) Conference call with counsel regarding pending Motion to Compel and Countermotion to Stay Proceedings	0.70	\$525.00	\$367,50	2	\$183.75
8/31/20	Case Management Fee					\$40.95
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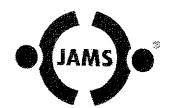
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Representing: Shawn Bidsal

Neutral(s): Hon. David Wall (Ret.)

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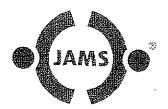
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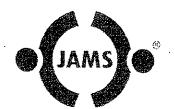
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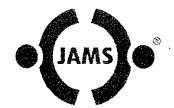
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Neutral(s): Hon. David Wall (Ret.)

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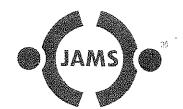
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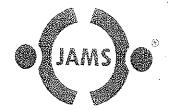
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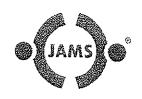
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October 20, 2021

#### NOTICE TO ALL PARTIES

RE: Bidsal, Shawn vs. CLA Properties, LLC

Reference #:1260005736

#### Dear Parties:

Hon. David T. Wall (Ret.) has rendered a decision in this matter. Invoices are enclosed to cover oustanding fees and estimated additional deposits, and once all outstanding fees have been received, JAMS can issue the decision. Fees are due by no later than October 27, 2021.

Please feel free to contact me directly at 702-835-7803 should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

/s/ Mara E. Satterthwaite, Esq. Business Manager msatterthwaite@jamsadr.com

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CLA PROPERTIES LLC, A CALIFORNIA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY,

No. 86438

Appellant,

vs.

SHAWN BIDSAL, AN INDIVIDUAL,

Respondent.

CLA PROPERTIES LLC, A CALIFORNIA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY,

Appellant,

VS.

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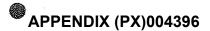
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RE:

Shawn Bidsal, an Individual

Inv.#: 4.7.2021.1

v. CLA Properties, LLC, a California limited liability company

DATE	DESCRIPTION	<u>HOURS</u>	AMOUNT	
3/15/2021	Pre-arbitration call with Jim Shapiro	0.50	\$250.00	FPG
3/16/2021	Prepare for arbitration testimony	1.50	\$750.00	FPG
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v. CLA Properties, LLC, a California limited liability company

DATE	DESCRIPTION	<u>HOURS</u>	AMOUNT	
2/16/2021	Research options on leases	1.00	\$150.00	MAF
2/15/2021	Prepare for deposition  Lease review options & financials	3.00	\$1,500.00	FPG
2/17/2021	Collect requested documents ie: engagement, retention, & service agreements, any communications, etc.	0.50	\$75.00	MAF
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9/23/2020	Zoom call w/ Shapiro, Bidsal, & Cannon	0.50	\$0.00	FPG
11/2/2020	Print & bind 1st tranche of documents for FG	2.00	\$300.00	MAF
11/6/2020	Print & bind 2 <sup>nd</sup> tranche of documents for FG	2.00	\$300.00	MAF
11/9/2020	Begin document review	1.00	\$500.00	FPG
11/12/2020	Continued document review & analysis	1.00	\$500.00	FPG
11/13/2020	Site tour of property	1.00	\$500.00	FPG
11/13/2020	Zoom call w/ Shapiro, Bidsal & Cannon	0.75	\$375.00	FPG
11/14/2020	Continued document review, analysis, & email communications	0.75	\$375.00	FPG
11/15/2020	Continued document review, research, & analysis	0.75	\$375.00	FPG



DATE:	DESCRIPTION:	HOURS	<u>AMOUNT</u>	
11/16/2020	Final analysis approved at preliminary total billable property management fees	1.50	\$750.00	FPG
11/17/2020	Began to draft declaration/report	0.50	\$250.00	FPG
11/21/2020	Continued to draft declaration/report	1.00	\$500.00	FPG
11/28/2020	Continued to draft declaration/report	0.50	\$250.00	FPG
11/29/2020	Finalized first rough draft of declaration	2.25	\$1,125.00	FPG
11/30/2020	Lease value analysis & review	7.00	\$3,500.00	FPG
11/30/2020	Create & finalize exhibits for expert report	5.00	\$750.00	MAF
12/1/2020	Final draft of expert report	2.00	\$1,000.00	FPG
12/1/2020	Final editing & proof of expert report	2.00	\$300.00	MAF
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Dear Mr. Garety:

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Enclosed please find our check no. 45889 in the amount of \$1,622.50 as payment for Expert Witness Fees for the above matter. If you should have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact this office.

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