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(Page 6) (Page 8) Okay. When we last were talking we were going 1 Q. Okay. 2 through your notes and what I have done, I don't know if And there is another one. 3 you recall this, but because of privilege issues they If these are in date, if these are the most 4 were produced into at two separate times in a weird 4 recent is in front, then I assume that the first call order? 5 you had is the one that is explained on page 27, Bates Correct. 6 No. 1194. Would that be right? Are you sure or not 7 (Exhibit No. 21 marked.) 7 sure? 8 Q. And we were working from two documents. What I A. I'm not sure because I can't tell from looking 9 have done, frankly at the suggestion of Mr. Spielman, is 9 at it. It doesn't have a date on here. 10 I have taken, I have taken the pages at the bottom right 10 Q. Okay. 11 hand corner of the notes and the history and put those Α. On this whole page. I can assume it's from 12 this one date range, it says 10-7-2010. 12 in order rather than trying to use Bates number, but I'm 13 still going to refer to the Bates number so everybody 13 Q. Yes. 14 can keep up. I have put 17 and 18 in the correct date 14 Α. 12:28 p.m. call completed and there's another 15 order to create Exhibit 21. 15 1:42 p.m. call completed. One was from me talking with 16 I'm going to show you Exhibit 21 and ask you to 16 her and it looks like the next one is from her calling 17 look at it and make sure you are okay with that 17 me back. 18 representation so we can use that exhibit rather than 17 Q. The short one was from her calling you back? 19 and 18? It says Ms. B called me back, so. 19 20 A. They still go backwards though in date order, 20 Okay. First, let me show you --21 so it starts most recent to. Okay. 21 MS. BAYLESS: Let's mark this as Exhibit 22 Q. Right. 22 22 23 (Exhibit 22 was marked.) 23 A. Got you. 24 Right. So it's the page numbers at the right (By Ms. Bayless) I'll hand you what's been 25 hand corner I was putting in order rather than the 25 marked as Exhibit 22. You guys want to pass this (Page 7) (Page 9) 1 dates? 1 around. I have one copy on this one. All right. This comes from your production. It's Okay. Thank you. Α. 3 got a Bates No. on the bottom right hand corner of 1277? Does that appear to be your notes again? It does. A. Okay. Q. Right? So when we were last talking, I think we had 5 6 gotten up to October of 2010. So if you could go to A. Okay. Yes, it does. 7 page 28 of 38, which is, the Bates No. is 1195 of that So do you recognize Exhibit 22 as an email that 8 page. I think we had just completed talking about this 8 you received from Anita on October 6th, 2010? 9 conversation that you had with Anita where you had It does appear, yes. 10 discussed with her the possibility of her taking over Now I assume that since this was the same day 11 for her mother as trustee. Is that your recollection of 11 that you had the conversation with her about her, the 12 where we left off? 12 possibility of her taking over for her mother that this 13 A. Could be. It was a while back. 13 didn't surprise you? 14 Okay. All right. So if you go to the next 14 MR. REED: Objection, form. 15 page which is 27 of 38 or Bates No. 1194, that seems to 15 (By Ms. Bayless) This email didn't surprise 16 be the next entry on your, in your notes, and it is the 16 you? 17 next day, I believe, October 7th; is that correct? 17 I don't know if it surprised me or not. We are A. 18 A. It's hard to tell. 18 talking about a long time ago. 19 Q. 19 Okay. I understand. When you finished your Yeah. 20 Because there is two calls it looks like at 20 conversation with Anita, did you leave it that she was 1:42 p.m. and me calling her back. 21 going to talk with her mother or was her mother going to 22 Okay. Which page are you on? 22 call you or how did you leave that? I don't recall. I would have to read through 23 25 of 38, and it's Bates No. 1192. 24 Okay. All right. 24 the notes to find out if I put that in there because it 25 A. At 10-7-2010. 25 was just so long ago.

(Page 12) (Page 10) Q. Well, at any rate, Exhibit 22 indicates she 1 Q. Okay. 2 spoke to her mother and she agreed to resign as trustee Α. Which was unusual for her. But, I mean that 3 and appoint her as trustee? 3 was the issue. A. That's what it says, yes. 4 Did you speak with Edward Jones about that? 5 Okay. Had Nelva ever spoken with you about Α. 6 resigning as trustee before you had the conversation Did you ever have any conversations with Edward 7 with Anita on October 6th that you recall? 7 Jones about unusual transactions involving --A. I don't recall. I believe that that mechanism 8 A. No. 9 was already there with Anita listed as a successor 9 0. -- Nelva's accounts? 10 trustee if Nelva should, so evidently we probably 10 A. No. Did you know that they had some concerns about 11 discussed it at some point but that would be the way it ٥. would go. 12 activity that was happening in the accounts around this 13 Q. If she wanted to resign? 13 period? 14 14 A. Correct. Α. No. Q. I guess my question wasn't clear. Did you she Q. Okay. So Carole was at the house and she got ever tell you prior to this she wanted to resign? 16 on the phone with Nelva, right? 17 I don't recall. 17 A. I guess so, if that's what it says. She said 18 Q. So she might have or she might not? 18 her daughter was there helping her out. 19 Okay. Now, I noticed that you had mentioned at A. Correct. 20 Okay. Had you ever prior to October 6th spoken 20 the beginning was it okay to talk because you expected 21 with Anita about her mother resigning as trustee? 21 there to be a caregiver there? 22 A. I don't recall if I did or did not. 22 A. Correct. Would that be the kind of thing you would have Q. You just didn't expect that caregiver to be 24 put in the notes though if it had happened? 24 Carole, right? 25 A. Typically. I didn't have any expectations. I just, I ask (Page 11) (Page 13) Q. That's kind of an important event you might 1 somebody if it's an appropriate time to talk with them. Q. Okay. So they can have whatever privacy they 2 want to record? 2 I might. I mean, I would love to say that I 3 want? 4 recorded everything that I ever had conversation, but I A. Correct. 5 don't. 5 Okay. In this conversation, apparently while Q. So, after you got this email from Anita saying 6 Carole was on the phone, you asked Nelva if she wanted 7 that her mom had agreed to resign, I assume that's why 7 to resign as trustee and that she could name anybody she 8 you made the call to Nelva on the 7th. Is that a fair 8 wanted to, right? characterization? A. I will have to read it. 10 A. It looks -- it must be. 10 Q. Okay. Go ahead. Read it. 11 Q. And this is the conversation where Carole was 11 Α. Okav. 12 at Nelva's house, right? Take a minute to read the So there is no indication in here whether Nelva 13 entry. It's kind of long? 13 said yes, I want to resign as trustee, so I assume she 14 A. Yes. It says daughter Carole was there helping 14 didn't tell you she had made a decision or you would 15 her out. 15 have indicated that, right? Q. And there appears to be some confusion in her 16 Typically I would. 17 mind about a problem that had arisen at the brokerage 17 So then later in the day, Nelva called you back 18 firm, Edward Jones, right? 18 and said she did want to make some changes to the trust. 19 A. Whose mind? 19 This is on page 35 of 38, Bates No. 1192, the bottom 20 Q. In Nelva's. You made comments here that she 20 entry, but that she wanted to make Carol and Anita 21 didn't understand why Edward Jones didn't transfer the 21 co-trustees, right? 22 funds. Do you know anything about that? 22 That's what it says, yes.

25 you discuss that further?

And there isn't any indication about a further

24 discussion of that, so were you surprised by that or did

A. Right. So my recollection was, without reading

24 these, is that she wrote a \$20,000 check or \$25,000

25 check to one of the kids as a loan and it bounced.

(Page 14) (Page 16) MR. REED: Objection, form. 1 children. I know one time Carl came by. Do you recall 2 THE WITNESS: It doesn't appear in my 2 whether you had meetings with Nelva that involved any of 3 notes we did. We may have, but it may have been 3 the children at your office? 4 something I didn't put in the notes. Yes, I did. Q. (By Ms. Bayless) Now, it says you asked her if 5 Q. Okay. What meetings were those? 6 she was being compelled to make the change and she said There was one where Carole was there with a 7 no. Why did you ask her that? caregiver, Mr. Vacek, myself, and Ms. Brunsting. A. Because Carole was at her house and that's the Q. And do you recall what the purpose of that 8 only reason. I mean. meeting was? 10 Q. Okay. As far as you knew, Carole was still 10 A. Discuss signing a change to her trust. 11 there at her house? 11 Q. Okay. And what was the change going to be? A. Uh-huh, yes. It was to place limitations on Carl's share 13 But Carole, it doesn't appear Carole was on 13 going to a child of his. 14 this conversation, at least that you knew of? Okay. And how did that meeting come about? 14 Q. 15 A. This one at 1:42. 15 What led up to that meeting? 16 Q. Right? 16 Α. I don't recall. 17 Α. No. 17 Do you recall how -- well, what were the And did you ever ask Nelva whether Anita had 18 limitations that were going to be placed on the trust, 18 compelled her to do anything? 19 Carl's portion of the trust passing to his daughter, is 19 20 A. I did not. I don't recall asking her that. 20 that correct? 21 A. Correct. 22 Q. Okay. What were the limitations that were I typically would not since she is not even in 22 Α. 23 this same city. 23 contemplated. 24 Okay. Well, you know she had interactions with 24 That it would not pass to his daughter. 25 her mother though, right? 25 And did you think that was unusual? (Page 15) (Page 17) 1 A. By phone, I'm sure. Yeah. A. Of course. 2 You don't think she ever visited her mother? And how did it come about that you even thought MR. REED: Objection, form. 3 that was being contemplated? THE WITNESS: But I don't know that she MR. REED: Objection, form. 5 was there that day. That's why I probably would not 5 THE WITNESS: I would have to look at my 6 have asked her. 6 notes, but probably either Mrs. Brunsting said something Q. (By Ms. Bayless) Okay. Well, I don't mean to 7 to me about it, concerned about what would happen to the be limiting my question to this day? 8 funds. (By Ms. Bayless) so You think there will be A. I don't know or have any indication that she 9 10 something about it in the notes? 10 ever was compelled to do anything that she did not want 11 to do. 11 Α. Maybe. 12 12 Do you know the time frame we are talking Q. By anybody? 0. 13 13 about? No. By anybody? Okay. So you say, okay, you are 14 I don't recall the time frame. It was after 15 going to draw up the document and you come by to sign 15 all the other changes had already been made, I can tell 16 them? 16 you that. 17 Okay. So after, I think it's Exhibit 6 is what Α. Correct. 18 Q. And by come by, it means go to her house, 18 everybody has been referring to as the August 10, 2010, 19 right? 19 QDB. 20 20 It was after that. A. 21 Now, I don't know how much we talked about this Q. After that. Was it after Nelva had resigned as 22 before. If I repeat something that I have said before, 22 trustee or before? 23 I have read your deposition, but I may not remember Could have been. I don't recall. Either way 24 everything that we talked about before. But did you 24 she would have to sign something, whether she was a 25 ever meet with Nelva at your office with any of the 25 trustee or not to make that change, that was nobody

(Page 18) (Page 20) 1 else's change to be made but hers. Because anytime anyone makes a change that is 2 Okay. And Carole was in your office for that 2 that drastic, I always like to have someone in there to 3 meeting? 3 make sure that we have discussed everything and the 4 repercussions of doing so, so they are not doing it 5 Was she in the meeting with Nelva? 5 haphazardly. Q. Okay. Was there a change you were notified 7 And was the caregiver in the meeting with 7 about by Anita? 8 Nelva? A. I don't recall. 9 A. Q. Okay. So looking again at page 25 of 38, which Yes, he was. 10 is Bates No. 1192, the first entry on that page is one 10 Do you remember who the caregiver was? 11 No. Little Hispanic guy. 11 from Summer Peoples indicating that she told Nelva you 12 Okay. Don't remember his name? 12 weren't going to be able to make that meeting, that you MS. CAROL BRUNSTING: Tino. 13 13 were planning to go for her to sign the documents at her 14 THE WITNESS: That's it. 14 home, right? (By Ms. Bayless) Tino. Okay. So did that 15 That's what it says, yes. That's correct. 16 document get signed? 16 Was that canceled for any other reason other 17 Α. No. 17 that a scheduling problem? Q. But it had been prepared? I have no idea. Most likely it was scheduling. 18 19 19 We typically don't make house calls. 20 And do you still have a copy of that document? 20 I can understand. All right. So the document 21 21 that it was contemplated that she would sign, which 22 22 would change Carole, would make Carole and Anita Q. Why is that? Because it wasn't signed. 23 co-trustees and change the power of attorney to Carole, So you don't keep drafts or unsigned copies in 24 those documents never were signed, were they? 25 your file? A. I don't believe so. (Page 19) (Page 21) A. I no longer work for the law firm, so I do not Q. And why is that? 2 have a copy of the document. 2 I am not sure. Q. Okay. You don't know whether they do or not? Okay. Looking at the next entry, which is 4 again a long entry. You may want to read it before we A. I do not. Q. Do you remember destroying the document when 5 start talking about it. It's on page 24 of 38, Bates 5 Nelva wouldn't sign it? 6 No. 1191. It appears from the page before that that it A. No. 7 was a call placed on October 11th of 2010, right? 8 0. Or otherwise disposing of it? 8 A. Uh-huh. I see it. Okay. So read that entry, if you would, and 10 Okay. And why is it that Nelva didn't sign it? 10 familiarize yourself with it. 11 We had a meeting to discuss the implications of 11 Α. Okay. 12 doing so and that it was pretty final if she was going So I assume when you expressed concerns to her 13 to sign it and wanted her to make sure she understood 13 about making changes so soon, you are talking about the 14 signing that document, and she said she had to think documents that did not get signed at her house? 15 about. So. 15 A. Correct. 16 Q. All right. 16 Q. On the 11th? 17 That's it. 17 That is what it appears. 18 Q. Did she ever say she didn't want to disinherit, Okay. So the same day that you had your 19 basically disinherit her granddaughter? 19 assistant call and say you weren't going to be there, 20 She didn't say anything other than I'll think 20 you called her later that day and explained you had 21 about it. 21 reservations. So does this refresh your memory about 22 Q. Okay. And you said that Al Vasek was in that 22 why those documents weren't signed? 23 meeting? A. 24 A. That's correct. And had you had any conversations with Anita 25 25 about those changes before this? Q. Why was he in that meeting?

Candace Kunz-Freed (Page 22) (Page 24) It doesn't appear other than what we just No. Due to the \$25,000 bounced check is why I 2 discussed. 2 suggested it. If those type of things were starting to Q. Okay. Now just a minute ago you made it sound 3 happen, it might be better for someone to do the 4 like, I guess, you think there was limited contact 4 financial part. 5 between Anita and her mother? 5 Q. Okay. And when the successor trustee document MR. REED: Objection, form. 6 was done that named Anita and Amy, did you have any 7 THE WITNESS: Limited contact, just 7 conversations with Amy about that before it was signed? 8 distance. I don't know if that limits contact, but she A. I don't believe I did. wasn't right there. Q. Okay. Is that common that you don't really get 10 down into those kind of details when you are doing the 10 Q. (By Ms. Bayless) Okay. In fact, she had 11 documents? 11 expressed concerns to you and you noted that earlier in 12 your notes about her mother have difficulties with 12 MR. REED: Objection, form. 13 things, so she was clearly interacting with her mother, THE WITNESS: What I looked at, if you are 14 right? 14 asking me on a normal basis what I look at. 15 (By Ms. Bayless) Yes. I assume so. 16 Okay. Well, and the fact that you suggested to 16 A. Is who is borrowing money. Right now I had 17 her that her mother could resign as trustee would 17 Carole borrowing money from mom, I had Carl borrowing indicate that you thought she had been interacting 18 money. So typically those are not going to be the enough for you to make that suggestion, right? 19 people that I recommend putting as the trustees because 19 20 MR. MENDEL: Objection, form. 20 people who are dipping into the till already should not 21 MR. REED: Objection, form. 21 be the executors or the trustees. So while normally I 22 THE WITNESS: I'm not sure that I 22 would say Carole, she's here, she's local, she was 23 suggested to Anita that her mom resign. That was always 23 borrowing money from her mom, so I suggested the two 24 an option. 24 that weren't borrowing money. That's typically how I 25 25 would go about it with a normal, any client. (By Ms. Bayless) Okay. (Page 23) (Page 25) My concerns were that she was making changes Q. What did you do to determine those two weren't continually. 2 borrowing money? (By Ms. Bayless) Okay. Regularly. I had no indication from Mrs. Brunsting that 4 they were calling and asking for money. Everything I 4 Changing her mind, yes. 5 5 knew about the kids was from Mrs. Brunsting, and how do And that's sort of a red flag for problems, 6 I give this kid money and or that kid money. And Carl 6 right? 7 A. Could be, yes. 7 needed money for medical, so obviously he was in no 8 Okay. Especially someone of that age? 8 condition to be a trustee. 9 MR. MENDEL: Objection, form. Q. Right. So did Nelva call you -- I don't know THE WITNESS: I have 98 year olds that can 10 if you will know the answer to this. But do you know if 10 11 run circles around me, so I don't use age as a gauge. 11 Nelva called you before she would make loans to her 12 Q. (By Ms. Bayless) Okay. When Anita contacted 12 children? 13 you on the 6th, she specifically said -- look back, if A. She typically did if she was making a loan, 13 14 you would, at page 28 of 36? 14 because the trust document says that money given is not 15 A. Okay. 15 an advancement on their inheritance. 16 Mr. and Mrs. Brunsting were pretty much, the time I knew 16 The middle paragraph, she talked about the 17 difficulties -- in the first paragraph, she talks about 17 them, kept everything equal with their kids. If one was 18 some of the difficulties her mother is having and then 18 getting a house because she was getting a divorce, when

19 that one got divorced, she got this. You know, that to

20 me was what I knew about them. So it was not unusual

21 for them to gift or help out their kids, and that's on

22 them. So I don't think they call me every time they did

23 that, but the trust said if you give money, it's a gift

24 and it's not an advancement. So if you are to make

25 everything equal, you need to make it a loan, so it's

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23 you suggested it?

19 in the middle paragraph you say, I went over the options

20 with Anita and suggested that if mom is willing to

Q. The things that Anita had --

21 resign that is the best option for her to accept the

22 responsibility for now. So that indicates to me that

It does appear, yes. Due to the --

Candace Kunz-Freed (Page 26) (Page 28) 1 comes out in the wash later. Correct. Q. And so they did, in your experience, trying to 2 Is this sort of the genesis of the October 25th 3 keep everything equal? 3 conference call you had with the four girls? In my experience with them, yes. What they did 5 behind closed doors, I have no idea. And it says here you asked Nelva for contact So the QBD that was done in June was to address 6 information for the children, but did you communicate 7 this issue of being able to make advancements or loans 7 with Nelva by email? 8 or whatever? I do not believe very much, mostly by phone. Q. Okay. So do you recall her giving you any A. No, I believe the QBD that was done. Q. In June of 2010? 10 contact information for the children? 10 A. I would imagine she had to so that if we were 11 A. Oh, in June, I believe so, yes. 12 going to do a conference call we would have to have Q. So if she was going to implement that, you 13 think she contacted you to get you to do paperwork or 13 phone numbers for everybody. 14 something? But as far as you were concerned, after you had 15 15 this conversation with her on October 11th, she was fine A. Correct. Q. At least as far as you know she did? 16 16 with a phone conversation with the children? 17 A. Correct. 17 A. I believe my suggestion was that they have a 18 Q. And do you know how many times she used that? 18 family meeting. I necessarily did not need to be 19 I do not. She knew she had to write it down as 19 involved. 20 a promissory note; otherwise, it was considered as an 20 Okay. All right. And is that how you thought 21 advancement. I mean not an advancement, just a 21 it was going to happen? 22 distribution or gift. 22 Probably. A. Q. And she indicated to you she prefer that it Okay. And why were you asking for this contact stay even as opposed to an unequal gift? 24 information for the children so that you could set up a 25 A. Just the time I knew her, if she called me, 25 conference call? (Page 27) (Page 29) 1 that's what she was asking about. Nothing else. A. If we are going to do a telephonic conference Q. And did you ever in your experience with Nelva 2 where no one is going to come in, they are all at 3 have a situation where she gave stock to any of her 3 different places, we had the 800 number to set it up, so 4 children while she was trustee? 4 that's what we did. A. Not that I'm aware. MS. BAYLESS: Okay. Let's go off the Q. And after -- well, for example, when Elmer 6 record for a second. 7 7 died, you would have gone through the transactions to (Off the record.) 8 figure out what was in the estate and there had not been 8 (On the record.) 9 any transfers of stock at that point to any children 9 (Exhibit 23 was marked.) (By Ms. Bayless) All right. Let's mark this 10 that you know of? 10 11 A. I would not know what they did prior to his 11 as 23. This is going to be 23. I'll show you what's 12 dying. I don't delve into people's finances. 12 been marked as Exhibit 23 and I'm mainly doing this so 13 Q. Okay. But you are not aware of any stock 13 that we are clear what everybody's email address is on 14 transfers? 14 some of these emails. But this appears to be where 15 A. I was not. 15 Summer, your assistant, asked for email contact 16 information and received it from Anita, right? 16 Q. Are you aware of any stock transfers of any 17 nature other than maybe to the decedent's trust or the 17 Α. That's correct. 18 survivor's trust or something like that? Q. And so the emails for Amy, Carole and Candy are 19 A. Not that I recall. 19 shown about middle, a little bit above middle of the 20 Q. Did Nelva ever ask you about making transfers 20 first page, right?

A. Probably.

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A. Uh-huh. That's correct.

23 you used to communicate with those three, right?

Q. All right. And so those are the emails that

Okay. And you had Anita's email address

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21 of stock to any of her children?

A. Not that I recall.

Okay. So in this conversation that is

24 explained on page 24 of 38 at the Bates No. 1191, you

25 suggested that there be some kind of family meeting?

(Page 30) (Page 32) 1 because you had been communicating at least recently (By Ms. Bayless) I'm going to hand you what has 2 with her? 2 been marked as Exhibit 24. Do you recognize that --A. Correct. She was a trustee of the irrevocable 3 well, let me give you the Bates Number. trust, so. MR. SPIELMAN: Would you give us the Bates Q. The life insurance trust? 5 Nos. for 23? A. Correct. So I already had her contact 6 MR. REED: 1355 through 1356. information. 7 MR. MENDEL: I'm sorry. 8 MS. BAYLESS: And the Bates No. for 22, do Q. Did you have occasion to deal with that very 9 much? 9 you have those, 1277? MR. MENDEL: We are talking about V and F, 10 A. No. 10 11 Q. So how do you -- do you recall how it morphed 11 Exhibit 22 was what? 12 into this being a conference call that you were involved MS. BAYLESS: 1277, and the Bates No. on 13 in as opposed to one they were having? 13 24 are 1342 through 1345. A. My suggestion to them was that they get 14 (By Ms. Bayless) So do you recognize that 14 15 together and discuss what was best for their mom as far 15 email string? 16 as handling the finances. That's about all I can recall 16 Α. 17 from it. 17 And this arises apparently because Carole had 18 18 asked what this conference call was supposed to be about 19 A. I was a little concerned that she was making 19 and Summer responded to that question by saying that it 20 changes in such a short period of time, multiple 20 was a meeting to discuss changes to your mother's trust 21 21 and if you're unable to attend, it simply means you will 22 22 have no say so in what changes are made. So is that Q. Okay. So is it safe to say that to make sure the call happened? 23 what you told Summer to say? 2.4 A. Correct. 24 A. No. 25 25 Okay. Is that how you would have said it? Q. You got involved in sort of putting it together (Page 33) (Page 31) 1 and that meant you ended up being involved in it? A. I think I restated it directly to Carole in the A. Well, that gave me a certain level of comfort 2 top email. 3 that everyone was on board of any changes and notified Q. Okay. So the very end of the string is from 4 of any changes moving forward. 4 you to Carole? Q. Okay. Was there ever any discussion about A. Correct. 6 having anyone involved in the conversation on Carl's Q. And so you are saying that the meeting is to 7 hehalf? 7 discuss what her mother's current trust documents state 8 A. No, not that I recall. 8 versus what her needs are? Q. All right. And you didn't bring it up? 9 A. Correct. A. I may have. I may not have. I don't recall. Q. Now, Carole raised exception when she got 11 It was so long ago. I mean, my understanding, he was in 11 Summer's email and said that she assumed all the say 12 the hospital in skilled nursing and so it was an added 12 belonged to her mother? 13 stressor. A. Are you asking me a question? 13 14 Q. Right. Okay. And there was certainly not any Yeah. From the bottom of this, that was her hint of having his wife involved? 15 response, bottom of the page? A. Never. 16 A. It says could you please clarify, I have no 17 O. And how about his daughter? 17 say. I assume the estate belongs to our mother. If I'm 18 18 not understanding that correctly, please let me know. 19 Q. Have you -- I think we talked about before you 19 Q. So Carole took that message to mean everybody 20 never really talked to Drina, his wife? 20 was going to get together and decide for Nelva what the 21 21 changes would be, I guess? 22 Q. Have you ever talked to Marta, his daughter? 22 A. I have no idea what Carol thought. 23 23 Q. That's how that reads, isn't it? 24 MS. BAYLESS: Let's mark this as 24. 24 A. I have no idea what Carol thought. 25 (Exhibit 24 was marked.) Q. Okay. It prompted you to make the response

(Page 34) (Page 36) 1 that this was just about whether they were meeting her 1 that means? 2 needs? A. Email sent and received. Those are the words 3 she sent one and she received one, either to or from Α. Correct. You certainly weren't suggesting that anybody 4 Carole, from Nelva, from someone, it doesn't say who. 5 but Nelva could make the changes, right? 5 I'm sorry. I didn't mean to interrupt. It was A. Correct. 6 an exchange, in other words? Q. So based on that, I'm curious as to why you A. That's what it appears to be. 8 didn't have a -- when you had the call from Anita about Q. Okay. So this is most likely referring to the 9 these issues that her mother was having and you said one email exchange that we've marked as Exhibit 24, right? 10 way to deal with this is she resigns and you become the That's what it appears to be, yes. 10 11 trustee. Why did you not stop that conversation and 11 Q. And at the end of that first entry, it says 12 received email from daughter Amy confirming Monday, 12 instead have contacted Nelva and have that conversation 13 with her? 13 2:00 p.m. appointment is okay with her. And the next 14 A. You assumed that I didn't. 14 sentence says, she also asked if they could meet 15 15 sometime before 11:00 a.m. Now that's meaning Q. Did you? 16 A. I have no idea. I don't recall. 16 everybody, right? 17 Okay. Would you think that would be normally 17 A. Correct. how you would handle that situation? Q. So she sort of --Changed the time. If it's 2:00, 11:00 a.m. 19 It depends on the situation and the time frame. 20 Until that call on October 6th, you really 20 would be better, I guess, coordinating the conference 21 hadn't had much contact with Anita, had you? 21 call. 22 22 Q. So that is not a reference to her wanting to Α. 23 Q. Had you had any contact with Carole prior to 23 talk ahead of time. Okay. that's just --24 this? MR. SPIELMAN: Can you answer that 25 MR. REED: Objection, form. 25 question? (Page 35) (Page 37) THE WITNESS: I don't recall. If she was THE WITNESS: No. That was not in lieu of 2 there with her mom when I talked to her mom. 2 a meeting with the rest of them. It was to change the MS. CAROLE BRUNSTING: The answer is no. 3 time of the conference call being proposed. (By Ms. Bayless) I mean, prior to that, had MR. SPIELMAN: Thank you. You had done a 5 you had phone conversations individually with any of the 5 head nod and Bobby understood what you had said, but it 6 children? 6 wasn't in the record. 7 A. No. THE WITNESS: Got you. 8 Q. (By Ms. Bayless) You don't recall any 8 Q. Did any of the children ever contact you about any of these things that Nelva might have been doing 9 conversations prior to the conference call with some of relating to advancements or notes or anything like that? 10 10 the people that were going to be involved, right? 11 A. No, it was Nelva. 11 Α. No. 12 Q. Okay. And none of the children ever contacted So it wasn't a preparatory conversation and 13 you about any gifts she might have been making to them 13 then a conference call? or anybody else? 14 A. 15 A. Not that I recall. And Nelva was not involved in the conference Q. Okay. All right. You had this conference call 16 16 call, right? 17 on, I believe, the 25th, right? 17 A. She was supposed to be. 18 A. That's what it says. 18 Q. So how did it happen that she was excluded or 19 Q. Well, let's see. Wait a second. Let's work up 19 wasn't involved? 20 to it. We are going out of order here. Looking at --She wasn't excluded. Everyone was sent the 800 21 let's look at page 22 of 38, which is Bates No. 1189. 21 number. Everyone was supposed to call in at a certain 22 And there are some entries there where Summer is still 22 time. Why she did not call in at a certain time, I have 23 trying to set up this conference call. And then there's 23 no idea. 24 an entry on the 13th at 10:19 that talks about an email 24 Q. Okay. And did you make any attempt to call and 25 being sent, and it says, and received. Do you know what 25 get her on the conference call? You or Summer or

(Page 38) (Page 40) 1 anybody in your office? 1 substance of what happened in the conference call is on A. I do not know if we did or did not. 2 page 20 of 38 at 1187. Read that and familiarize There is an entry on this same page 21, Bates 3 yourself with it. 4 No. 1188, on the next day, October 14th, where you did talk to Nelva, right? 5 So it seems like the resistance to changing A. Yes. No, Summer did. Nelva's trustee status came from Carole, right? Oh, Summer did. Okay. And gave her this You mean taking Nelva out as a trustee or 8 information about the conference call? whether Ms. Brunsting could reside? 8 A. Correct. Q. Right. 10 Q. And she has put here in parenthetical, that 10 A. Yes. 11 says apparently Nelva forgot she had already informed us 11 0. Did Candy say anything about that if you 12 of this and made changes to her living trust when she 12 recall? I'm sure she did. I'm don't recall what it 13 removed Carl from serving as successor trustee. So 13 Α. 14 that's in reference to her telling you again Carl was 14 was. 15 sick or telling Summer again that Carl was sick? Q. There is nothing in your notes about Candy 16 A. I have no idea what Summer's thoughts were. 16 speaking up about that, right? 17 That could be. 17 A. No. Q. Okay. But by this time you had discovered that So Carole, you say in here, did not want to 18 19 Nelva was forgetting changes that had already been made, 19 oust mom from position of trustee. She wanted a 20 right? You had had that experience with her yourself? 20 doctor's opinion before doing so and you said you 21 A. I was concerned about the frequency with what 21 thought that would be a good idea? 22 she was making changes. 22 Α. Of course. Q. And you had to tell her back when you had the 23 Q. So that's going more into the realm of 24 long conversation with her on the 11th that you had 24 capacity --25 already made changes to deal with Carl? 25 A. Correct. (Page 41) (Page 39) 1 -- rather than I just want to resign? Correct. Correct. Q. And she didn't remember that those had been 2 Α. And I assume that at any point if Nelva wanted 3 made? 4 to resign, she could have told you that? A. She said -- when I told her we had already done 5 that, she said oh, that's right. I guess. I don't 5 Δ Correct. know. I quess she didn't. Q. And she understood. You had explained to her Q. Did you ever have an encounter with her where 7 that she had the right to resign as trustee if she 8 she didn't remember that Elmer had died? wanted to, right? A. No. 9 A. Correct. 10 So there are some other entries in this time 10 Q. But she did not say she wanted to, right? 11 period where you, Summer is coordinating this conference 11 Not that I was aware. 12 call and sending emails to the kids about when that's Q. Now there is also, especially in the last 13 going to be. She says, going back to this middle entry 13 paragraph, some comments that you've made about concerns 14 on page 21 at Bates No. 1188, she said Nelva asked what 14 about making payments for Carl's care. And that Carol 15 the meeting was about and she told her it was about 15 was adamant that should be up to their mother. So from 16 changes that she was wanting you to make and to discuss 16 that can we gleam that Amy and Anita or Anita, somebody 17 it with the kids. And then she said I told CLF, that's 17 thought that she shouldn't be doing that? 18 you, right? 18 MR. REED: Objection, form. 19 A. That's correct. 19 THE WITNESS: I don't think you can gleam 20 That she will need to call Nelva five minutes 20 that. 21 or so before the conference call to remind her to call 21 (By Ms. Bayless) Okay. There is a proper way or a better way. I 22 in. Did you do that? 23 A. I don't recall. 23 shouldn't say proper. There is a better way to make Okay. The entry on the 25th, well, the date 24 distributions for medical care rather than writing 25 for it is on page 19 of 38 at Bates Stamp 1186, but the 25 checks directly to the individual because for gift tax

(Page 42) (Page 44) 1 purposes if you write it for the caregivers directly or Recommendation that, get a doctor's letter that 2 to the hospital directly, there is no gift tax. So it 2 says she's fine or a doctor's letter that says she is 3 could be just in the form of which it came. 3 not fine. Q. (By Ms. Bayless) Okay. Well, it says in here Q. Okay. So when the conversation ended on 5 the discussion became about the sister-in-law and why 5 October 25th, in your mind, the next step was going to could she not help by applying for disability or aid? 6 be getting a doctor's letter about her competence? A. And that's out of my, I mean, that's none of my A. Taking mom to the doctor and have her 8 business. 8 evaluated, not getting a letter, but having her Q. Right. But those kinds of things were not evaluated if there were concerns because I had concerns. Q. Okay. All right. From time to time, did you 10 being said by Carole, they were being said by --10 11 A. I don't know who they were being said by 11 experience Nelva being maybe fuzzy headed because she 12 because it doesn't say and I don't remember that far 12 was having oxygen issues? 13 back. A. No. 14 Q. Okay. You heard from time to time from Anita Q. Did she come --14 15 however and Amy about their feelings about Carl's wife She came with an oxygen tank to my office. She 16 wanting money. 16 was fine. She drove herself, so. 17 MR. SPIELMAN: Objection, form. 17 Q. Do you know if she drove herself every time? 18 THE WITNESS: Probably did. A. I wouldn't know. 19 Q. (By Ms. Bayless) And they didn't want their 19 Q. Why did she come that one time with Carole and 20 mother to give her money, right? 20 the caregiver? 21 MR. SPIELMAN: Objection, form. A. I have no idea. 22 THE WITNESS: I have no idea what they 22 You didn't feel like she was any different, her 23 wanted. You would have to ask them. 23 condition was any different then? 24 Q. (By Ms. Bayless) Well, didn't they tell you A. No. 25 that they didn't think their mother should be giving 25 I'm assuming she didn't drive herself that day? (Page 45) (Page 43) 1 money for Carl's care. Isn't that what this says? A. I have no idea because I didn't drive her, so. 2 MR. SPIELMAN: Objection, form. Q. Okay. But you kept saying she drove herself. THE WITNESS: No, what it says is there 3 How do you know she drove herself? A. She came by herself to my office every other 4 was a discussion about it, applying for disability and 5 the mom compelled to aid the daughter-in-law for the time except that one. 6 son's sake, so I have no idea. I'm not going to speak 6 Q. So you don't know whether a caregiver was 7 for them. 7 sitting in the car waiting? A. Typically I would know because she would say, Q. (By Ms. Bayless) All right. And there wasn't 8 9 anything that was said to you that made you think you 9 someone would tell me I have to call somebody or 10 should talk to anybody else about it or look into it any somebody is waiting on me. 10 11 further? Q. She did not though typically come in and say I 12 A. Look into what any further? 12 drove myself today, right? 13 Q. What was happening with the payments and 13 Α. No. 14 whether they were being made in the way you think they 14 So when you say --0. should be made? A. She would complain about the long hallway 16 getting down to our office. That's a long way since we 16 A. That's not my job to manage Mrs. Brunsting 17 finances. 17 moved again. 18 Okay. And where would you say your job ends? 18 Q. A long walk? 19 MR. REED: Objection, form. 19 Yes. Α. 20 THE WITNESS: To give Mrs. Brunsting So your assumption, if she was there in your 21 direction and to ensure she's making the decisions on 21 office alone, was that she drove herself? 22 her own. 22 Α. Sure. And you find that significant for what reason? (By Ms. Bayless) All right. And in order to 24 make sure that she's making the decision on her own, how Typically if people are concerned about their 25 far do you go to make that determination? 25 parents' ability, they are not going to let them drive

(Page 48) (Page 46) 1 around. Their mental capacity, they are not going to Yeah, there was. 2 let them have free reign on a car. Okay. And so at that point they went through Q. Some people --3 the process of the two doctors' letters? A. Nelva did. That's correct. A. Typically. And some people just ignore people's concern Nobody was really questioning though that he about their driving, right? 6 had capacity issues, right? A. That's probably true. A. No. 8 Q. Okay. So, I'm going to -- let's mark this as 8 I mean none of the children that you know of 9 Exhibit 25. It's Bates No. 1358. thought that that was wrong to remove him as trustee or (Exhibit 25 was marked.) 10 10 anything? Q. (By Ms. Bayless) Let me show you what we've A. No, not that I'm aware. 11 11 12 just marked as Exhibit 25. This is an email from Amy on MS. BAYLESS: Let's mark this as 26. This 13 October 30th, so five days after this conference call, 13 is Bates No. 1317. 14 saying that they have an appointment. She's made 14 (Exhibit 26 was marked.) 15 an appointment for her mother with her primary care Q. (By Ms. Bayless) I'll show you what's been 16 doctor on November 5th. And she says in here, the last 16 marked as Exhibit 26. So this is an email again from 17 sentence -- I'm looking at the bottom now at her email 17 Amy to you saying that she had gone to the doctor's 18 to you -- she says if he doesn't believe she's 18 appointment and Amy took her to the doctor's 19 appointment, right? That's what this says? 19 competent, he will make an appointment with the second 20 doctor to confirm his diagnosis. Now why was she It says I took her. Carole insisted on being 21 thinking that a second doctor was needed? Do you know? 21 there also. So it looks like they both went. 22 Q. Did you have any conversation with Amy about A. Because the trust says it requires two doctors' 23 letters if somebody is going to be taken out as a 23 this visit or is it all contained in this email? trustee. A. I don't recall having any conversations with 25 Q. All right. And this was discussed in the 25 her. (Page 47) (Page 49) 1 October 25th conference call? Okay. And Amy lives in New Braunsfel, right? A. No, it's the trust document. That was my understanding. 2 Q. So you didn't talk about it in the conference So she seems to indicate from this that he 4 didn't think she should be driving. He encouraged her 4 call? 5 to let somebody else handle her finances, but he didn't 5 A. I may have. It doesn't appear in my notes, so I don't know. 6 want to write a letter, right? Q. So if, if Nelva wasn't willing to resign, was A. That's what it says. 8 the back up plan that she was going to be removed And it says it is his opinion that at times she 8 9 because she was incompetent? 9 might be competent, but other times she is not. So had MR. SPIELMAN: Objection, form. 10 you had this experience where sometimes she seemed 10 11 THE WITNESS: There was no back up plan. 11 competent and sometimes she did not? 12 There was no plan for anything. It was just to 12 MR. REED: Objection, form. THE WITNESS: I had the experience that 13 determine whether or not anything was going on with her. 13 14 Q. (By Ms. Bayless) Okay. And you don't know 14 when I was with her, she was fine. When I spoke to her whether there was a back up plan as far as Anita 15 on the phone, short term, sometime she would remember 16 the conversations that we had and didn't remember that 16 and Amy were concerned? 17 A. No. 17 we made changes. So I guess you could surmise that. I 18 MR. SPIELMAN: Objection, form. 18 didn't think she was out of it. 19 Q. (By Ms. Bayless) Okay. Had this issue come up 19 (By Ms. Bayless) Okay. We talked about in 20 when Elmer was alive? He had dementia, didn't he? 20 your first deposition session about Nelva did not like 21 MR. SPIELMAN: Objection, form. 21 the paperwork involved with the trust? THE WITNESS: He did. 22 22 Correct. Q. (By Ms. Bayless) And so there had been actions Did you have the sense that some of that might 24 taken to remove him, when he had a capacity issue, or do 24 be it was difficult for her to understand any of those 25 you recall? 25 things?

(Page 50) (Page 52) 1 to the trust and I told her several times we had already 2 MR. REED: Objection, form. 2 done that, so it was not just solely on Carole's Q. (By Ms. Bayless) So just an impatience. You 3 suggestion. would just characterize it as impatience with paperwork? Q. Okay. You don't mention Carole's suggestion A. Yes. 5 here. You were focused at this point on your concerns Q. Have you had the experience where sometimes 6 that --7 people who don't understand something become impatient A. Correct. 8 with it? 8 -- there really needed to be an evaluation? 0. A. I may have. I don't know. A. Or that the family needed to be involved as a Q. All right. So when you got this letter, I mean 10 whole because they were all at different places. So if 10 11 this email from Amy about the doctor's appointment, did 11 something is going on with their mom, they all needed to 12 you take any action on it? 12 be aware. 13 A. I don't recall. Q. When you say they are all in different places, 14 14 what do you mean? Q. I notice in your notes at page 18, Bates No. 15 1185, that you just moved this email into these notes? We had one in Victoria, one in Houston, one in 16 New Braunsfel and one in the hospital and one in A. Sometimes that is what I would do, yes. 17 Q. Okay. Other than the email that is Exhibit 26, 17 California. 18 that was your last communication from Amy about this Q. Okay. Different physical locations? A. Yes. 19 doctor's visit or do you recall? 19 20 A. It appears that way. Okay. Now, at this point, you still had not 21 MS. BAYLESS: All right. Well, 21 heard anything from Nelva about wanting to make gifts of 22 actually -- I'm sorry. When I turned the page, I 22 stock to anybody, had you? 23 realized you had responded to Amy. So let's mark this 23 A. No. 24 as Exhibit 27. 24 MS. BAYLESS: Let's mark this 28. 25 (Exhibit 27 was marked.) 25 (Exhibit 28 was marked.) (Page 51) (Page 53) (By Ms. Bayless) All right. Exhibit 27, which (By Ms. Bayless) All right. I'll show you 2 what has been marked as Exhibit 28. And this is an 2 is Bates No. 1300, is in front of you and that appears 3 email exchange that starts, if you go to the bottom, it 3 to be your response to the update on your mom. Now you 4 say Amy and Family. Do you believe that that is in 4 starts with an email from Anita that has a date of May 5 response to Amy's email of the 7th? 5 17, 2004 on it, that is referring to apparently the A. It appears so, yes. 6 family doctor visit that happened on November 5th of Q. I notice it doesn't have her email at the 7 2010? 8 bottom, but you just started a new email responding? 8 A. How is that possible? A. Well, everyone is copied in on it, so, yeah, it 9 I don't know. I was going to ask you. 10 appears it was to Amy with copy to Candy, whoever At MR. MENDEL: What's the Bates Number? 10 11 Home at Yahoo is, Anita, Carole. So I am assuming At Q. (By Ms. Bayless) I'm sorry. This exhibit is 12 Home is Amy. 12 1361 to 1362. All right. So you don't know of a dating 13 Q. Right. I think we saw that on the page 13 problem on your computer, right, that would have caused 14 earlier. 14 that kind of an issue? 15 A. Right. 15 A. No. 16 16 Q. So you indicate in this email, you say the Okay. So maybe something on Anita's computer, 17 purpose of the conference call and the suggestion that 17 but you are not aware of --18 Ms. Brunsting be evaluated was based solely on A. I don't know who produced this, whether it was 19 conversations that I had with Ms. Brunsting, and to let 19 my firm or Anita. 20 you all know I had concerns based on those Q. Well, it's Vacek and Freed, V & F Bates Number 21 conversations. I thought from your notes the reasons 21 at the bottom, so it was your firm. 22 there was an evaluation was because Carole wanted one? A. I guess it could be. I don't know. I don't A. No. I had suggested that she go to the doctor 23 know why my computer would take a date from hers. 24 because she called and didn't remember to tell me that MR. REED: Why would it take six years to 25 Carl had encephalitis and that I needed to make changes 25 respond to that email?

(Page 54) (Page 56) Q. (By Ms. Bayless) As far as you know, it's 1 mother gift someone or let someone borrow from their 2 talking about, you don't know of any other doctor's 2 inheritance from my dad's side of the trust, right? 3 visit, right? That's what it says. A. I wasn't even at the firm in 2004, so. And you responded yes, she can to descendants. Q. Yeah. So they wouldn't have been sending 5 Please refer to Article 9 of the restated trust? anything to you in 2004? A. A. Correct. 7 Did you ever hear anything further about that 8 Q. So we have no explanation for that date issue, 8 after that question? 9 but it was basically she was wanting to know if you had A. Not that I recall. heard from him yet, the doctor, right? Q. And you did not -- Nelva didn't contacted you 10 11 about this issue either? 11 A. Correct. A. Not that I'm aware. 12 Q. And you said no, and so then she --MR. SPIELMAN: I'm sorry, Bobbie, I'm Okay. 13 13 14 lost. Are you referring to the email strings where from 14 MR. REED: If we get to a stopping point, 15 Anita to Ms. Freed that's dated November 27th of 2010 15 can we take a break? THE WITNESS: Yes, because I just finished 16 sent at 10:37 p.m. and then responded. 16 17 MS. BAYLESS: No. 17 that whole cup of coffee. 18 MR. SPIELMAN: No. Okay. Can you be a 18 MS. BAYLESS: That's fine. 19 little clearer where we are? 19 (Off the record.) 20 MS. BAYLESS: Are you looking at Bates No. 20 (Short Recess.) 21 1361 and 1362? 21 (Back on the record.) 22 22 MS. BAYLESS: Let's mark this as 29. MR. SPIELMAN: No, I don't have those with 23 23 me. (Exhibit 29 was marked.) 24 MS. BAYLESS: Okay. I passed it down. (By Ms. Bayless) I'm going to hand you what's 25 been marked as Exhibit 29. It's Bates labeled 650 and 25 No, I'm sorry. Here it is. (Page 55) (Page 57) (By Ms. Bayless) I will try to be more clear 1 651. I don't have an extra copy of this one. This 2 though. So you said you hadn't heard from this doctor 2 appears to be the information from the October 25th 3 conference call. And by information I mean what caller, and you had not, right? 4 what numbers were on the call, and how long they were on A. Correct. 5 Q. Did you ever hear from him? 5 it, right? 6 Α. That's correct. It does appear that way. 7 Q. Didn't get a letter from him or a phone call? Q. So it looks like the call, I assume 8 8 713-560-6381 is Carole's number, is that right? Α. And you didn't reach out to him, right? 9 MS. CAROLE BRUNSTING: Yes. 9 I could have, but I didn't. MS. BAYLESS: 713-560-6381. 10 10 11 Any particular reason why you didn't? 11 MS. CAROLE BRUNSTING: Yes. 12 If he said she was fine, then I had no reason 12 (By Ms. Bayless) Okay. So Carole has 13 to go and delve any further. 13 indicated that's her phone number. She was only on what Q. Well, Amy didn't say he said she was fine, 14 appears to be an hour long call for 35 minutes. Do you 15 right? He said sometimes she's competent and sometimes 15 know why that is? Why did she leave early? Do you 16 she isn't? 16 recall? 17 A. Well, if he's not willing to put something in 17 A. I don't recall. 18 writing, there's nothing I can -- talking with him is Okay. There is nothing in your notes that are 19 at page 20, Bates No. 1187 of Exhibit 21 that indicates 19 not going to change him, so. 20 Q. Okay. You needed a letter or it didn't help 20 that Carole left the conversation early, right? 21 you? A. I'm sorry. Where are you? 22 Α. Correct. I'm on page 20 of 38, Bates No. 1187. That's Okay. So after you responded on November 17th, 23 your notes from the conference call of October 25th? 24 and said that he hadn't called you, then she sent you 24 A. If it's not there, then I guess not. 25 another email and said, I have another question. Can my 25 Q. Okay. But, so everybody with the exception of

(Page 60) (Page 58) 1 Carole talked for about an hour about this, right? 1 whether or not I feel comfortable with her signing A. I assume so. 2 anything. Q. That's what the record says? 3 Q. (By Ms. Bayless) Okay. And did you at that I mean my number is not on there, but. 4 point? Okay. A. Well, if he says she's fine and he's not I don't even know how long I was on the call 6 signing anything and the family was agreeable with that, from looking at this. I put an hour, so I guess I was 7 nobody is saying anything to the contrary, I have no 8 reason to believe that she wasn't fine. on there an hour. Q. That first number is not your number, Q. Well, he said she was competent some time and 281-531-5123? 10 10 not competent other times? 11 Yes, it is. 11 Α. Again I have to then rely on my own subjective 12 Q. Okay. So that's --12 for anything forward going. 13 A. That's the main number to the law firm. That's 13 Okay. But you did not say okay, are we still 14 how the call would have been established. 14 doing the resignation. You just dropped the issue at Q. All right. So that seems like a long time to 15 that point? 16 talk about what's contained in your notes on page 20 at 16 MR. SPIELMAN: Objection, form. 17 Bates No. 1187 of Exhibit 21? You must have talked 17 THE WITNESS: It appears to be that way. about a lot of other things, right? 18 I mean this is a family that they are going to take care 19 MR. REED: Objection, form. 19 of their mother in the best way, at least that I think 20 THE WITNESS: I have no idea. I don't 20 they should. And if they are going to do that, there is 21 recall other than what's in my notes. 21 nothing left for me to do. MS. BAYLESS: Okay. Let's mark this 30, 22 22 Q. (By Ms. Bayless) Okay. Find Exhibit 27 for me 23 again in this pile. This is the email where you thanked 23 (Exhibit 30 was marked.) 24 everybody for updating you about Nelva's doctor's visit (By Ms. Bayless) I'm handing you what has been 25 and then you said if she has been evaluated by her 25 marked as Exhibit 30. This is an email. I sort of (Page 61) (Page 59) 1 physician and you as a family are comfortable with his 1 overlooked this when we were talking before. This is an 2 or her diagnosis, then you have addressed the concerns I 2 email, October 10th, from Anita to you talking about the 3 had? 3 resignation and saying that my mom thinks she has an A. Correct. 4 appointment with you at her house tomorrow, but she Q. So at that point, as far as you were concerned, 5 5 couldn't remember why. I think it's for her to sign the 6 this was a dead issue? 6 papers to resign from trustee and appoint me as trustee. 7 A. I guess so. 7 Can you please let me know if this is correct. I've got 8 some questions on the duty of the appointed trustee. 8 Q. So you weren't moving forward with the 9 Did you ever respond to this email as far as you know? resignation in lieu of trying to determine she was I don't know. 10 incapacitated at that point? 10 11 MR. SPIELMAN: Objection, form. All right. If we go back in your notes to 12 THE WITNESS: I was moving forward with 12 October 10th or October 11th, because she said she has 13 an appointment at her house tomorrow. So that's the 13 anything that anyone had asked me to do whether it be 14 Mrs. Brunsting or anyone else. October 11th meeting that you canceled? 15 Q. (By Ms. Bayless) Okay. You thought the issue 15 Okay. 16 was dead? 16 And did your cancellation of that meeting have 17 A. I don't know that I thought the issue was dead. 17 anything to do with Exhibit 30? 18 It's just I did not indicate there was anything else for MR. REED: Objection, form. 19 me to do. 19 THE WITNESS: I don't know. 20 Q. Okay. Dead is probably a bad term, but the 20 (By Ms. Bayless) Well, the documents that she ٥. issue in your mind was at an end for the moment anyway? 21 had asked you to prepare? 22 MR. SPIELMAN: Objection, form. 22 A. Who is she? THE WITNESS: The issue for me was 23 Nelva. I'm sorry. Had Anita ask you to 24 Mrs. Brunsting's capacity. And if the doctor said she's 24 prepare anything at that point? 25 fine, then I just have to rely on my own to determine A. No, I just didn't know who you were talking

(Page 62) (Page 64) 1 about. 1 make? Well, so the only person that could authorize 2 Α. And that was on the 11th. 3 you to prepare documents at that point was Nelva, right? 3 Q. Right. The same day that you were supposed to go out to her house and sign documents? So Nelva had been saying that she wanted to 5 Α. Okay. make this change where Carole and Anita were 6 But you don't recall what she was changing? co-trustees, right? I mean off the top of my head, I don't. I'm 8 8 A. I don't recall. Sorry. sorry. Q. Okay. That's all right. Look at page 24, 9 Q. Okay. But as far as you know, she did not sign 10 Bates No. 1191 which involves your notes from the phone 10 a resignation and an appointment of Anita as substitute call that you had with Nelva on October 11th after you trustee on the 11th? canceled the meeting with her? A. I would have to -- I don't recall going out 13 The one that says call to Mrs. Brunsting with 13 there. 14 Susan Vacek regarding the changes requested. 14 0. Well, the notes indicated that you canceled? 15 15 Then I'm assuming that she didn't. Q. Right? 16 16 So, going back to where we had gotten, after Α. Yes. 17 So it had not been anticipated -- well, let me 17 the conference call and the emails about the doctor's 18 ask this way. Did you anticipate when you got this 18 appointment, the next thing in your notes, the email you email from Anita Brunsting that the documents that you 19 sent on the 8th saying, my concerns have been addressed. 20 were going to Nelva's house to sign the next day were The next communication or the next thing on your 21 resignation documents, an appointment of Anita as the 21 notes after that is on the 18th. Look, if you would, at 22 substitute trustee? 22 page 16 Bates 2183. So this again is you've just copied 23 A. Could be. I really don't recall. 23 into your notes the email you sent on the 18th saying 24 Q. Had you -- so the documents that -- you don't 24 yes, she could make gifts? 25 recall what the documents were that you had prepared to Α. Yes. (Page 63) (Page 65) 1 take out to her house on October 11th? Then there is not another entry until the 29th A. I don't. 2 of November and I think you began, just copied an email Q. And since they weren't signed, you don't have 3 into your notes here where you are telling Anita that 4 them, your firm wouldn't have them anymore? 4 you have not ever gotten a call from the doctor? A. Uh-huh. That's correct. A. I don't know that anything was prepared even. 5 MS. BAYLESS: We will mark this as 31. 6 You're assuming something was prepared and I don't know 6 7 that even. 7 (Exhibit 31 was marked.) 8 (By Ms. Bayless) So Exhibit 31, what's been 8 Q. Okay. What do you believe -- do you know of anything that would have made Anita think on the 10th 9 marked as Exhibit 31 is an email string and the Bates 10 numbers are 1370 through 1372. It is an email string. 10 when she sent this email to you that her mother was on 11 the verge of signing a resignation and appointing her as 11 If you go to the second to last page, in response to 12 substitute trustee? 12 your email from the 17th saying that your concerns had A. No. I mean other that I had a scheduled 13 13 been addressed, Anita sends you an email on the 27th 14 appointment with her. I talked with Nelva on the 11th saying I'm not clear about how you want us to proceed? 15 at 10:00 or Summer did advising that I wouldn't be 15 A. November 27th. 16 there. So honestly, it was so far back I just don't 16 Yes. Amy took mom to the family doctor a few 17 even remember. And unless it's written here, I'm just 17 weeks ago and he said sometimes she clear about what's 18 not --18 going on and sometimes she isn't, but he did recommend 19 19 that she resign from the trust as trustee, so that's an Well, the documents or, I'm sorry, the notes on 20 page 24 at Bates No. 1191 from your conversation --20 indication that she hadn't resigned at least by that 21 With Ms. Vacek and Mrs. Brunsting? 21 point?

Sure.

And she said I also understand that the trust

24 language states should a trustee becomes compromise to 25 the point where they are unable to understand the

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Yes.

Okay.

You are calling about changes that she is

25 wanting to make, more changes that she's wanting to

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(Page 68) (Page 66) 1 language of the trust or the duties of the trustee, then 1 resigning Nelva signed a new appointment as successor 2 they should resign or get two doctors' notes declaring 2 trustee to name Anita as trustee and Amy as successor 3 them unable to fulfill the trustee's duties, so we don't 3 trustee. Prior to this, Anita and Amy were named as 4 necessarily have to get her declared completely mentally 4 co-trustees. So what's the significance of her signing 5 incompetent, which she isn't, but just not capable of 5 something prior to her resignation like that? handling trustee's duties. Well, if she resigns, then it defaults to the 6 So, at this point it sounds like Anita is still 7 successor trustees and they were co-trustees. One is in 8 trying to get her mother out of the trustee role? 8 New Braunsfel and one is in Victoria. Having two people 9 9 that are in two different locations, trying to manage MR. MENDEL: Objection, form. THE WITNESS: I quess you could surmise 10 and sign every check or every account that goes in and 10 11 out is difficult logistically. So typically I will 11 that or how best to handle the financial stuff so that 12 bills could be paid on time. There could be a whole 12 recommend that one or the other serve and they have to 13 litany of reasons why. 13 keep each other informed, but basically delegating 14 authority to one. 14 Q. (By Ms. Bayless) Okay. So then she says, so 15 do we need to proceed with getting two doctors' letters Q. And do you think that's -- is it possible for a 16 or are you comfortable that mom will understand what 16 trustee to delegate their fiduciary responsibilities? 17 she's doing if she resigns. And then she ask if the 17 MR. REED: Objection, form. 18 doctor ever called you. And that then prompts the 18 THE WITNESS: They can delegate authority. (By Ms. Bayless) All right. And so how does 19 response you have copied into your notes where you say 19 20 you haven't gotten a call and if he won't write a 20 that change, if at all, their fiduciary obligations on 21 letter, then you can only assume that he thinks she 21 what they've delegated --22 capable of handling the financial affairs, right? 22 MR. REED: Objection, form. 23 Correct. THE WITNESS: If you're a co-trustee, you 24 Q. And you indicated here that there is a 24 still have to do shared responsibility. In this case, 25 difference between the competency issue and resignation, 25 she was not a co-trustee, she was a successor while (Page 67) (Page 69) 1 and if she wants to resign she just needs to call you 1 Nelva was living, Amy, and only upon death then they 2 and tell you that? 2 both become co-trustees. A. (By Ms. Bayless) So there wasn't anything --And that you'll bring the documentation out for 4 nobody had to delegate anything because that got changed 5 her to sign. But did Nelva ever call you and tell you 5 first? that she wanted to resign? A. Right before. A. I don't recall. 7 So there is no, to your knowledge, at least I Then Anita responds, if you look at the first 8 don't know of any that has been produced, so if you have 9 page of Exhibit 31, and wants to know if you are going 9 any knowledge of any notes about your discussions with 10 to be in the office during the week of December 20th. 10 Nelva about her resigning as trustee between November 11 Do you recall setting up a meeting with Anita about 11 29, 2010 and December 21, 2010 when she signed those 12 this? 12 documents about the resignation, do you know where those 13 13 would be? A. I don't. 14 And there is nothing that I see in your notes 14 A. No. 15 until December 22nd where you had the meeting with Nelva Do you think it's unusual that there is nothing 16 and she resigned as trustee. Said you met with Nelva 16 in here after all of these notes that we've seen about 17 and Anita at Nelva's home? 17 this, that there is nothing in here about the 18 Those are Summer's notes. 18 resignation documents --19 19 MR. REED: Objection, form. Okay. Do you think they're inaccurate? 20 MR. REED: Objection, form. (By Ms. Bayless) And your meeting with Nelva 21 THE WITNESS: No. I'm just letting you 21 about them or discussing them with her or her discussing 22 know who put them in there. 22 them with you? 23 MS. BAYLESS: Yeah. Okay. A. Not particularly. 24 MR. REED: Objection, form. Q. Do you know, looking at Exhibit 31, and this 25 request that Anita had about whether you were going to 25 Q. (By Ms. Bayless) Now you say prior to

(Page 70) (Page 72) 1 be in during the week of the 20th, do you know whether Right. 2 you met with them during the week of December 20th prior And did you have a discussion with her about 3 to the resignation documents being signed? 3 these at the time she signed them or prior to the time I don't recall that I did, met with anyone. 4 she signed them? Did you keep any type of a calendar separate A. I would have done it at the time she signed from this notes history about meetings? 6 them. 7 Okay. So you don't think there was a prior 8 Q. And how did you keep it? 8 phone conversation? 9 Α. Outlook. A. There could have been. Q. How did you know to prepare the documents? 10 Q. Do you still have that? 10 11 A. No. I no longer work for the law firm that I 11 A. Well, that's what I'm saying. I don't know. I 12 don't recall. And there is nothing here to indicate one was at, so I have none of that. 13 Q. And that law firm doesn't exist anymore, right? 13 way or the other. 14 Q. And you don't recall meeting with just Anita That's my understanding. 14 15 about the resignation, do you? 15 Was anyone else at Nelva's home when she signed 16 this resignation? Α. 17 A. Yes. 17 Did you meet with Anita and Amy about the 18 Other than Anita? 18 resignation prior to preparing the documents? Not that I recall. I mean this was two days 19 Α. Yes 20 Who else? 20 before Christmas, so I have no idea, or three days 21 A. I believe Carl was there. I believe the 21 before Christmas. 22 caregiver was there. I believe Amy was there and I Q. The suggestion that Nelva first changed to Amy 23 believe Carole was there. 23 being the successor, I mean, Anita being the successor 24 MS. CAROLE BRUNSTING: I wasn't there. 24 trustee by herself, was that -- did that come from you? 25 THE WITNESS: I don't know. I don't think I would have to assume it did. I don't know. (Page 71) (Page 73) 1 Candace was there. 1 I don't recall. But from a logistical standpoint, it's 2 not unlike me to recommend something like that when you (By Ms. Bayless) Was the caregiver this Tino 3 have two people in two separate locations. I don't know. I believe Carl was there, so I Q. In this entry on page 16 of 38 on Bates No. 5 2183. On December 22nd, it says Anita accepted service 5 don't know who was there. A caregiver. I don't know for same. What are you talking about there? MS. CAROLE BRUNSTING: That's a lie. A. She had to sign an acceptance at the time. 8 Q. (By Ms. Bayless) Were they actually present 8 ٥. Okay. So that's what you're referring to, her when these documents were signed? acceptance document? 10 A. There were several people in the room. I don't 10 Correct. 11 recall who it was. 11 And there is no entry from Summer about setting Q. Did you have any kind of a conversation with 12 up this meeting, so do you know who set it up? 13 Nelva ahead of time explaining what these documents I don't. 13 were? 14 Q. Go to page 15, Bates No. 2182 of Exhibit 21. 15 A. I would have. 15 A. Page what? 15. 16 Q. You just saying that because that's your normal 16 Q. 17 practice? 17 Α. Okav. 18 A. Normal practice. At the bottom, it says that Summer returned 19 19 Anita Brunsting's call to see if I could help her with Q. But we don't have any evidence of that in any 20 of this, right? 20 something and she said that it was rather complicated 21 MR. REED: Objection, form. 21 and re a predeceased clause for her brother. Do you THE WITNESS: And we don't have any 22 22 recall anything about that? 23 evidence that it didn't occur either. A. It says it's from Summer, so no. 24 (By Ms. Bayless) No, I agree. We don't have 24 Q. So --25 any evidence about it at all. That's her notes.

Candace Kunz-Freed (Page 74) (Page 76) Okay. Look at the entry above. She's really 1 total from Elmer's share of the trust. Did that ever 2 asking questions about what happens if Carl dies and 2 happen that you know of? 3 what is happening with his portion of the trust? 3 Well, that was the document that was produced. What do you mean, that you prepared? So is this how we lead up to the documentation Taking Marta out, and I guess. that would disinherit Carl's daughter? So when you say produced, that means the 7 document that you prepared that didn't get sign? 8 It must have been the one that was prepared Ring a bell. That's how we got there? 9 A. that didn't get signed. 10 Q. And so why would they have wanted to disinherit 10 Q. Okay. Because I don't have a copy of that 11 Carl's daughter? document that I know of, so when you say produced? 12 MR. REED: Objection, form. It was drafted, but never signed. THE WITNESS: It doesn't matter to me what 13 Okay. So it says she also requested that a 14 they wanted. It was what Ms. Brunsting would want. I 14 provision be placed in her trust that if he predeceases 15 her, that his share will be divided among her children 16 Q. (By Ms. Bayless) All right. And so after that 16 rather than Carl's children. She will needed to sign 17 call that you got where they are asking these questions, 17 the qualified beneficiary designation as the surviving 18 how did you get from -- does this help you remember how 18 founder, and you will sign as trustee after she signs. 19 you got from this to preparing documents that would have 19 So you will sign as trustee after she signs indicates to 20 disinherited Marta? 20 me you are talking about Anita, right? 21 A. Well, if that's what she wanted then I would Where are you looking? 22 have done the documents, but she would have signed it It's the second paragraph in that top entry on 23 and understand it. So that's what prompted the long 23 page 14, Bates 2181. 24 meeting with Mr. Vacek, myself, Carole, Tino, or Tido, A. I don't know. She wasn't the trustee anymore, 25 or whatever his name is, and Ms. Brunsting to discuss 25 so the trustee would have to sign, just acknowledging (Page 75) (Page 77) 1 that. The document was prepared, but we discussed it 1 that a change was made. 2 and she didn't sign it. 2 Q. But my question is more in the context of who Q. All right. But there is no indication in here 3 this, who you are saying this to or is this an email 4 that you talked to Nelva about it, right? 4 that you sent to Anita that has just been copied into A. Not until the day she came in to sign it. 5 your notes or is this --Q. Okay. So you think that's how it happened. A. I have no idea. 7 That Anita called --Q. Okay. 8 A. Could be. 8 Α. It says it's a call from Nelva, so. -- you prepared the document, but when you But that's in a different font? 9 10 talked to Nelva about them, she didn't want to sign 10 They are all in a different font, that first 11 them? 11 part. 12 She said she needed to think about it. Q. What do you mean by that? 13 MR. REED: Just let her finish her 13 So Nelva has resigned as trustee and then if 14 question before you answer. 14 you look, notes, because it has a subject line and 15 THE WITNESS: Sorry. 15 then --(By Ms. Bayless) When you met with her about 16 16 Q. What page are you looking at? 17 it, did she give you any indication that she knew that's 17 On the next page, page 16, if you look, return 18 what the meeting was about? 18 call to Anita and then it starts the notes, it's a

19 A. Who?
20 Q. Nelva.
21 A. I don't remember.
22 Q. All right. Go, if you would, to page 14, Bates

23 No. 2181. And at the top of that page, there is an

24 entry about a phone call with Nelva and it says that

25 Nelva called you and requested that Carl be removed in

24 A. This font right here. That's the font.
25 Q. That's page 14.

It's the same thing as here.

20 one. It's a subject line.

19 different size font just on the next page, 15, in each

Q. I don't see a difference in font on page 15?

Show me what you are talking about?

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Candace Kunz-Freed (Page 78) (Page 80) A. You look right here on 15. See how it's 1 and Anita and not Carl right? 2 smaller and then larger font. A. Not that I recall. Q. So do you have an explanation for that? 3 Now when Anita became trustee, just because her That's how most of them are unless I didn't put 4 mother said make a transfer of stock to yourself of 5 a subject, unless I stuck a note in without putting a 5 Exxon shares, that didn't relieve her of her fiduciary subject. 6 obligations with regard to that transaction, would it? 7 So when you say she will need to sign the MR. REED: Objection, form. 8 qualified beneficiary designation as the surviving 8 MR. SPIELMAN: Objection, form. founder and you will sign it as trustee after she signs? THE WITNESS: I don't know. I mean, her 9 A. The trustee would sign. 10 mom could have made a gift at any time or directed her 10 11 Q. So are you having a conversation with both 11 to make a gift, but it doesn't relieve anybody of 12 fiduciary responsibility. 12 Nelva and Anita at that point? 13 A. It just says from Nelva, so I don't know why (By Ms. Bayless) All right. And if her mom 14 the discrepancy. Down below in my conversation 14 did direct her to make gifts, they needed to made in the 15 previously with the trustee acting at this point in the 15 context of the standards imposed by the trust, right? 16 same note, so. No, that's not correct. 17 Q. Did Anita ever tell you that she was planning 17 Q. Okay. Tell me how that's not correct? 18 to make transfers of stock out of the trust before she A. Because her mom can gift anything she wants to. 19 did it? 19 When her mom is not the trustee any longer, she 20 A. Not that I recall. Other than what you have 20 loses the control --21 shown on emails about her question. A. Not the direction to gifts. She can gift. 22 Q. Whether her mother could do that? 22 It's fully revocable. She can step back in, she can 23 Whether her mother could do that. 23 step out. 24 Q. But that was before she became trustee, right? 24 Q. It's not fully revocable after Elmer died? 25 Her share is fully revocable by her until she A. Correct. (Page 79) (Page 81) Q. And there has been some -- when you were 1 died. 2 questioned earlier your deposition by Anita's attorney, Q. And her share would be called what, the 3 there was a portion of that deposition devoted to 3 survivor's trust? 4 whether Anita needed to make transfers of stock just A. Sure. 5 because her mother wanted her to after she became Did you have any conversations with Anita about trustee. Do you recall that testimony? 6 how the survivor's trust works versus the decedent's A. No. 7 trust or how any of that stuff works? 8 Q. Well, let's talk about it again. 8 A. I'm sure I did. 9 Q. All right. Did you keep any kind of separate 10 notes after Anita became trustee or do we have all of 10 When Anita became trustee, Anita took over the 11 trustee's fiduciary obligation, right? 11 your notes? 12 A. This would be it. It would be under Elmer and 13 13 Nelva's records. So Nelva didn't have any fiduciary obligations 14 at that point? Q. So when did you first find out about the 15 15 transfers of stock? A. I first found out about stock issues when a 16 She was a beneficiary and she had created the

17 trust, but she was no longer a trustee and Anita had to

18 basically take on the mantle of those fiduciary

19 obligations that Nelva had before, right?

20 A. Correct.

Q. And as far as you know, Nelva didn't make any transfers of stock before she resigned, right?

23 A. Not that I was aware of.

Q. And she didn't say to you before I resign, I

25 want to be sure I get stock to Carole and Candy and Amy

17 DRIP account appeared that we thought we had already

18 shifted everything into survivor and decedent trusts,

19 not knowing that a dividend reinvestment account through

20 Chevron was missed when Elmer died.

21 Q. Okay. How did that bring the stock issues to 22 light?

3 A. So the only issues I had with stock was helping

24 Nelva getting them into the right trust.

Q. Okay. But in terms of transfers that had been

(Page 82) (Page 84) 1 made after Anita had become trustee to any of the Yes, it is just protocol. 2 children? So it's in there in case they can't give you A. That was not something that I would have 3 that permission? 4 typically discussed with her. A. Correct. Q. Okay. 5 THE WITNESS: Wow, Cory. A. The issue I remember with the stock is just 6 MR. REED: That's what I think about that 7 that there was some found that was still in somebody's 7 question. 8 name that needed to be divided between the decedent's 8 MS. BAYLESS: My goodness. You really trust and survivor's trust. 9 anticipate --10 Q. Now when Anita took over as trustee, did you 10 MR. REED: Enough of that. 11 begin to represent Anita as trustee? 11 (By Ms. Bayless) Going to page 14 at Bates No. Q. 12 2181. Q. And you, did you still consider Nelva to be 13 13 MR. MENDEL: I'm sorry. Bates label what? 14 your client also? 14 (By Ms. Bayless) 2181. There is a, in this Q. A. She was the primary beneficiary for her 15 same, these same notes that we've been looking at about 16 benefits, so yes. 16 the document that was going to take Carl's daughter out 17 Q. And did you have either of them sign any type 17 of the line of succession, there is a paragraph below 18 of joint representation letter? 18 that, that says Ms. B is having a hard time with Carl A. Nelva had already signed one initially when she 19 and his soon to be ex-wife. Where did you get the 20 signed a new power of attorney. It gave permission in 20 information that there was going to be a divorce? 21 the power of attorney for us to deal with the children. It says in my previous conversations with the 22 Q. Now what is this document, what document did 22 trustee acting at this point, so that would have been 23 Anita. 24 A. It's a general durable power of attorney. It's 24 So Anita said that they were getting a divorce? 25 about 20 some pages long and it waives conflict of I guess. I mean I don't know where else I (Page 83) (Page 85) 1 interest. 1 would have gotten it. Q. Within the power of attorney that language is Q. Okay. And you don't know anything about there 3 in there? 3 being a divorce filed or anything like that? A. Yes. A. No. Q. And had it been in the prior power of attorney? Q. Looking at page 13, Bates No. 2180, up at the A. I have no idea. I wasn't there when they 6 top. Summer is talking about having called Carole to 7 signed the prior power of attorney. 7 set up an appointment and advised that the appointment Q. And so what is the point of putting the joint 8 is for Nelva to sign QBD. This is February of 2011. Do representation language in the power of attorney? 9 you know which QBD we are talking about? A. Because of the exact situation where kid calls A. This would probably be referring to the one 10 11 up and wants to know what is going on with the parents' 11 that disinherited Carl's daughter. 12 stuff. Protocol is you call the parent and say your Q. Okay. And Carole, you said Carole was in that 13 kids are calling. Do I have permission to talk with 13 meeting, right? 14 them. But if they call and tell me their parent is sick 14 A. As I recall, she was sitting around the table, and in the hospital, I mean, unless I have something 15 yes. 16 16 like that, my hands are tied. Q. Okay. All right. On page 12, at Bates No. 17 Q. All right. So once she signed -- did you point 17 2179, you had the meeting on March 2nd, 2011, about the 18 that language out to Nelva? 18 QBD, and it says you gave her your concerns about 19 MR. REED: Objection, form. 19 cutting out her granddaughter and she didn't sign it, 20 THE WITNESS: I have no idea. 20 right? 21 Q. (By Ms. Bayless) All right. Once she signed 21 Correct. 22 that, you didn't, at that point you didn't ask for Q. And it mentioned, it here Frost as a back up 23 permission to talk to them? 23 trustee. Did you know -- do you know anything about 24 A. I always ask for permission, yes. 24 Frost refusing to act under this trust? Q. Even though you had that document? 25 A. Nope.

(Page 88) (Page 86) Q. Did you ever have any conversation with Frost 1 telephone conversations that you recall with her about 2 about the trust? 2 how things were going with Anita as trustee? A. Nope. A. I don't recall. Q. So they just got put in there? At the bottom of page 11, which is Bates No. A. It was typical to put a corporate trustee in 5 2178, it says that you referred Anita to Brett Bosker there. Frost is local. 6 per AEV recommendation? What is AEV? All right. So on March 10th, Anita called and A. Al E. Vacek. 8 apparently Summer talked to her, so she apparently is Q. Okay. And is that, what kind of attorney is concerned because the changes that were supposed to be Brett Bosker? 10 made cutting out Carl's daughter weren't sign. Is that 10 A. Divorce. And that's Susan Vacek, not me, just 11 your gist? 11 so you know. 12 A. It is. Q. Oh, you're right, that made that entry? 13 Q. The gist of what you get? And so did you have 13 Α. Yes. a conversation with Anita about that or just Summer? 14 So she took --14 0. 15 A. It looks like just Summer. 15 Susan is the one that made the referral. Α. 16 Q. And it says later in the day on the 10th, that 16 Okay. 0. Anita told Summer that she was going to bring her mother 17 A. I see her initials down there at the bottom, in to sign the QBD. Do you see that? 18 SV. 19 19 Q. Okay. Did you ever hear from Carole about any Α. Yes. 20 But did that meeting happen? 20 problems with Anita exercising control over Nelva? 21 Doesn't appear so. I don't recall. 22 Q. And that document did not get signed? 22 0. Did you ever hear from Candy about that? 23 Not that I'm aware of. Α. I don't recall. 24 Q. At that point if Anita had brought Nelva in to Did you really have any contact with Candy 25 sign that document, what would have been done, do you 25 other than that conference call on October 25th? (Page 87) (Page 89) 1 think? Other than emails? 2 MR. REED: Objection, form. Right. 2 ٥. THE WITNESS: Exactly the same thing that 3 Α. That I was copied in on? 4 was done previously. We would have sat down and talked 4 Right. 5 about it. Mr. Vacek would have been asked to come in 5 Α. No. and we would have discussed it. 6 Q. And the email -- do you recall, did the emails (By Ms. Bayless) so Is there any reason Summer 7 start up after Nelva's death? would not have been told not to make the appointment for 8 A. No. 9 her to come in? 9 Q. Before then? I have no idea. I mean, they just came. 10 MR. REED: Objection, form. 10 11 THE WITNESS: I have no reason. I don't 11 Okay. Would you say you got a lot of emails 12 know. 12 from Candy? 13 Q. (By Mr. Bayless) I haven't noticed any entries 13 Α. I was probably copied in on more than I wanted 14 in these notes from Al Vacek. Did he ever make any 14 to. Let's put it that way. entries in the notes that you know of? Okay. Did you ever suggest to Anita that it 16 would be better to not provide information to Carl's 16 A. Not typically. 17 Okay. Once Anita became trustee, other than 17 wife about the trust or to Carl about the trust? 18 this encounter where Nelva was going to come in and sign MR. SPIELMAN: Objection, form. 19 this QBD to take Carl's children out of the trust (By Ms. Bayless) Let's start with Carl's wife. 19 20 succession or trust, just beneficiary scheme, did you 20 I would never recommend that they provide 21 meet with Nelva after that if you recall? 21 information to a spouse other than a beneficiary. 22 MR. SPIELMAN: Objection, form. 22 Okay. 23 THE WITNESS: I don't remember. Like I 23 A. I wouldn't say no, don't. I just wouldn't 24 said, if I did it would be in here. recommend they do it anyway. 25 Q. (By Ms. Bayless) Did you ever have any 25 Q. Were you ever provided any information

(Page 90) (Page 92) 1 indicating what kind of disclosures were being made to 1 that? 2 Carl about any of this stuff? Α. I would agree with that. A. I don't understand the question. So in terms of how they related to each other, Did Anita ever tell you what information she 4 you really didn't see that on a day-to-day basis, did was giving Carl about the trust? 5 you? A. When Nelva was alive? Α. Q. Yes. 7 Whether there was intimidation or not A. No. But I don't believe she would have to have 8 intimidation, you wouldn't know that? given Carl any information because Nelva is the primary A. I would not. beneficiary, so she had to account to Nelva. 10 Whether there was control asserted in a certain Q. Did she ever tell you what kind of information 11 way or no control asserted, you wouldn't know that? she was giving to Nelva about the trust? No, I would not. 13 A. Not that I'm aware of. Whether there were misrepresentations made 14 Q. Did you ever help Anita prepare any accountings 14 about what, by them, not by you, but by them to their 15 for Nelva? 15 mother about what documents did, you wouldn't know that 16 A. Not that I'm aware of. We don't do accountings 16 one way or the other? 17 typically. 17 MR. MENDEL: Objection, form. 18 Q. At some point an account was set up for Nelva MR. SPIELMAN: Form. 19 and Carole were the signers on the account? 19 THE WITNESS: How would I know? 20 I would have recommended that. (By Ms. Bayless) Right. I'm just saying you 21 Q. That was your recommendation? 21 wouldn't, right? 22 22 Absolutely. A. No. Α. And do you know what kind, what was required Were there any other documents that you know of 24 for money to be spent from that account? Were there any 24 that were prepared other than this QBD about Carl's 25 requirements that you know of? 25 daughter, were there any other documents prepared that (Page 93) (Page 91) 1 you know of that Nelva did not sign? Q. No guidelines that anybody set up that you know MR. REED: Objection, form. 3 of about what would get paid from the account? THE WITNESS: Other than the funding A. No. It was to make it easier, my 4 documents that we sent her when Mr. Brunsting passed 5 recommendation is to make it easier on Nelva since she's 5 away that she gave up on doing and sent it back to us 6 and said, here, y'all take care of it, no. That would 6 not incapacitated. If she wanted to go to the store or 7 get her hair done, whatever, make a gift to the 7 be the only ones she didn't that I can recall. (By Ms. Bayless) So in terms of the structure grandkids, that she had money to do it. But the account was being funded by Anita, 9 of the trust, there were not any other documents that 10 you're aware of that she didn't sign? 10 right? 11 A. The account was being funded by the trustee of 11 A. Not that I'm aware. the trust, yes. Q. I'm going to make a suggestion. I have a 13 few -- well, first, let me cover one area and I have 13 Q. Okay. Is it safe to say that your interaction 14 with the family unit was limited? 14 some emails from the latest stuff that you sent that I 15 MR. MENDEL: Was what? 15 want to go over with, but I can get them more organized MS. BAYLESS: Limited. 16 if we take a lunch break. 16 17 MR. SPIELMAN: Objection, form. Let's talk about no contest clause for a minute. 18 MR. MENDEL: Objection, form. 18 Do you recall talking about that with Anita's attorney 19 THE WITNESS: Limited how? 19 in the last session of your deposition? 20 Q. (By Ms. Bayless) Well, you didn't socialize A. Do I recall talking about it? with this family, right? That there was a no contest clause in the 22 A. No. 22 trust? We talked, I think, about most, if not all, of 23 A. Oh, yes, there is. 24 the meetings that you had that involved anybody other In the QBD. And Anita's attorney, when he ask 25 than Nelva in this deposition. Would you agree with 25 you questions, did not bring up the fact that there is a

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1 property code provision relating to no contest clauses,
                                                             1 surprise me.
2 did he?
                                                                    Q.
                                                                         (By Ms. Bayless) You know that there is an
      A. I don't recall.
                                                             3 uphill battle in enforcing forfeiture clauses in Texas,
                MS. BAYLESS: Okay. let's mark that as
                                                             4 right?
5 32.
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                                                                    A. Again I'm not an expert.
                (Exhibit 32 was marked.)
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                                                                             MR. REED: Objection, form.
       Q. (By Ms. Bayless) I'll show you what's been
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                                                                             MR. SPIELMAN: Objection, form.
8 marked as Exhibit 32. And this is a copy of Section
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                                                                             MR. MENDEL: Objection, form.
9 112.038 of the Texas Property Code which is where the
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                                                                             THE WITNESS: Again, I'm not an expert,
10 trust code is contained, right?
                                                            10 so.
       A. It is.
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                                                                             MS. BAYLESS: Don't let the chorus of
       Q. In the property code. And I happen to have a
                                                            12 objection, form.
13 lot of copies of these for you guys because you seem to
                                                                             THE WITNESS: No, that has nothing to do
14 need to know about it.
                                                            14 with it. If you are asking me for my opinion, I am not
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                MR. SPIELMAN: Should I object to that
                                                            15 an expert in this area.
16 now?
                                                                    Q. (By Ms. Bayless) And you've never litigated a
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                MS. BAYLESS: Whenever you want to.
                                                            17 no contest clause?
       Q. (By Ms. Bayless) all right. So this is taken
                                                                    A. I have not.
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                                                                    Q. Have you ever had a no contest clause in one of
19 from the trust code and it says that a provision in a
                                                            19
20 trust that would cause a forfeiture of or void an
                                                             20 your documents litigated?
21 interest from bringing any court action, including
                                                                    A. Not that I am aware.
22 contesting a trust is enforceable unless in a court
                                                                        Now there is a Section B to this provision that
23 action determining whether the foreclosure clause should
                                                            23 says this section is not intended to and does not repeal
24 be enforced, the person who brought the action contrary
                                                             24 any law, recognizing that forfeiture clauses generally
25 to the forfeiture clause establishes by a preponderance
                                                            25 will not be construed to prevent a beneficiary from
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1 of the evidence that just cause existed for bringing the
                                                             1 seeking to compel a fiduciary to perform the fiduciary's
2 action and the action was brought and maintained in good
                                                             2 duties, seeking redress against a fiduciary for a breach
3 faith, right? Did I read that correctly?
                                                             3 of the fiduciary's duties, or seeking a judicial
       A. Yes, except for forfeiture instead of
                                                             4 construction of a will or trust, right?
5 foreclosure, but yes.
                                                                    A. I'm aware of that.
       Q. Sorry. Thanks for catching that. So you, when
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                                                                    Q. And this is contradicted by some of the
7 you provided testimony to Anita's attorney and he was
                                                             7 language in the no contest clause in the QBD and the
8 suggesting that the language contained in the QBD or the
                                                             8 trust, right?
9 trust, whichever provision we were talking about, meant
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                                                                             MR. MENDEL: Objection, form.
10 that it was enforceable no matter whether there was just
                                                                             MR. SPIELMAN: Objection, form.
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11 cause or whether the action was maintained in good
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                                                                             THE WITNESS: Okay.
12 faith, you know that not to be the law, don't you?
                                                                             MR. REED: Are you asking her is it
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                MR. MENDEL: Objection, form.
                                                            13 contradictory or are you telling her?
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                MR. SPIELMAN: Objection, form.
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                                                                             MS. BAYLESS: I'm asking.
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                THE WITNESS: I'm not an expert. It's my
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                                                                             MR. MENDEL: Objection, form.
16 understanding that this is the law.
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                                                                             MS. BAYLESS: Does it contradict some of
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           (By Ms. Bayless) All right. Have you ever
                                                            17 the language in the --
18 read the legislative history about this law?
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                                                                             MR. SPIELMAN: Objection, form.
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       A. I have not.
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                                                                             THE WITNESS: It may. I don't know.
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       Q. So would it surprise you to know that the
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                                                                             MS. BAYLESS: Okay.
21 committee discussions about this indicated this was just
                                                                             THE WITNESS: The no contest clause, the
22 a codification of prior law?
                                                            22 interim clause is very long.
23
                                                                         (By Ms. Bayless) Very long and very detailed
                MR. MENDEL: Objection, form.
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                MR. REED: Objection, form.
                                                             24 and precludes you from doing a lot of things that this
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                THE WITNESS: It would not surprise me or
                                                            25 statute says you can do, right?
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                MR. MENDEL: Objection, form.
                                                                         (By Ms. Bayless) Do you know if taxes were
2
                MR. SPIELMAN: Objection, form.
                                                              2 paid on the distributions of stock?
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                MS. BAYLESS: Is that a yes or a no?
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                                                                     Α.
                THE WITNESS: Are you asking me or are you
                                                                     Q.
                                                                         To the children, you don't know?
 4
5
   telling me?
                                                                     Α.
6
                MS. BAYLESS: I'm asking you.
                                                              6
                                                                         When you take a distribution from a trust, it
7
                MR. MENDEL: Form.
                                                              7 is a taxable event; right?
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                MR. SPIELMAN: Form.
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                                                                         No.
                                                                    Α.
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       Q. (By Ms. Bayless) Do you think that's a true
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                                                                     Q.
                                                                         Why do you say no?
                                                                         It depends on which part of the trust it was
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   statement, what I said?
                                                             10
                                                             11 from.
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                MR. MENDEL: Form.
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                                                                     Q. Okay. Explain how that would work?
                MR. SPIELMAN: Form.
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                THE WITNESS: Would you please repeat the
                                                             13
                                                                        So the decedent's trust is irrevocable. When
                                                             14 the decedent dies and anything that is distributed from
14 statement.
                MS. BAYLESS: Maybe the best thing is to
                                                                the decedent's trust is a distribution and not a gift.
16 pull out the no contest clause after we take our lunch
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                                                                     Q. Okay. And what happens in terms of tax
17 break so that these guys can practice their objection,
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                                                                consequences relating to distribution?
  form again after lunch.
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                                                                         Zero.
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                MR. JADLOSKI: Bobbie, you want to keep
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                                                                         So a trust beneficiary can receive a million
20 doing this because I can chime in with my snide comments
                                                             20 dollars and not have to pay taxes on it?
21 too.
                                                                         That's correct. As long as it doesn't run
22
                                                             22 afoul of the gift, I mean, not gift, the estate tax.
                MS. BAYLESS: No, I'm going to pull the no
                                                                     Q. The estate tax?
23 contest clause and we will look at it and compare it to
                                                             23
24 this, but I think this is a good enough time as any to
                                                             24
                                                                    Α.
                                                                        Uh-huh.
25 take a lunch break.
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                                                                         Okay. And how would it run afoul of that?
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                 (Off the record.)
                                                                     A. Well, you got trusts that have generation
2
                 (Lunch recess.)
                                                              2 skipping transferred tax provisions in them. I mean,
                 (Back on the record.)
                                                              3 there's a whole --
            (By Ms. Bayless) So we are going to move on
                                                                     Q. Okay.
5 from the no contest argument we are having since the
                                                              5
                                                                     A. In this case, in Nelva's and Elmer's case, his
6 statute says what it says and the clause says what it
                                                              6 decedent's trust, she could distribute anything she
7 says. I just have a few more things I want to ask you
                                                              7 wanted to out to the kids and it would have been gift
8
                                                              8 tax free and it would have been a distribution not a
   about.
       Do you know if there were ever any gift tax returns
                                                              9 gift. If she did it out of the survivor's trust --
  prepared relating to the stock transfers?
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                                                                     Q. Yes.
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       A. I would not. I do not know.
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                                                                    Α.
                                                                         -- it is a gift --
12
       Q. You weren't asked about whether there were any
                                                             12
                                                                     Q. Yes.
13 needed or anything like that?
                                                                         -- and the gift tax would apply.
                                                             13
14
           I'm sure people ask. I don't wait to be asked.
                                                                        All right. When you dealt with the siblings,
15 I tell them if they are making gifts over and above a
                                                             15 like on the conference call, did you sense that they got
  certain amount that it's required if I know of gifts
                                                             16 along very well?
17
   being made.
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                                                                             MR. REED: Objection, form.
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       Q. Have you ever seen any gift tax returns?
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                                                                             MR. MENDEL: Objection, form.
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       A. No, I have not.
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                                                                             THE WITNESS: As compared to what, I
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       Q. I don't mean any, but relating to this --
                                                             20 guess.
21
       A. I know what you meant. Not related to, but I
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                                                                         (By Ms. Bayless) Well, other clients that
22 have seen that before.
                                                             22 you've had?
                MR. REED: Give her that break. You are
                                                                         No, they were pretty much status quo as most
23
                                                                     A.
24 going to get an upset reporter if you don't.
                                                             24 siblings are that are adults and have different view
                THE WITNESS: I'm sorry.
                                                             25 points on different things.
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       Q. And you definitely saw different view points on
                                                                        The clients that were opened at that time.
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                                                                   A.
2 different things from these?
                                                             2
                                                                    Q.
                                                                       Okay. And so how often did you raise the
       A. Oh, sure.
                                                             3 rates? Do you recall?
                MS. BAYLESS: Okay. Let's mark this as
                                                                            MR. REED: Objection, form.
                                                                            THE WITNESS: I don't know. That was not
5 Exhibit 40.
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                THE COURT REPORTER: You're skipping the
                                                             6 within my purview. That was --
7 other numbers?
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                                                                        (By Ms. Bayless) Somebody else?
8
                                                                   A. Belonged to Mr. and Ms. Vacek, the owners of
                MS. BAYLESS: Oh, you are right. 33. I
9 don't intend to.
                                                              the firm, not myself.
                                                                        (By Ms. Bayless) Okay. I'll show you what's
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                (Exhibit 33 was marked.)
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                                                            11 been marked as Exhibit 35. And that is a fee agreement
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       Q. (By Ms. Bayless) All right. I'm going to show
12 you what's been marked as Exhibit 33, Bates No. 2054 to
                                                            12 with Anita and Amy dated December 8, 2011. And it is
13 2056. I don't have any other copies, but it is your
                                                            13 Bates No. 2061 to 2066.
14 January 27, 2011 fee agreement with Anita Brunsting,
                                                                   Α.
                                                                       Okay.
15 right, as trustee?
                                                                    Q. Are these to your knowledge the only fee
       A. Yes, that's correct.
16
                                                            16 agreements that the firm had with Anita or Amy?
17
                MS. BAYLESS: This is 34. Go ahead while
                                                            17
                                                                   A. Yes, that's correct.
18 you are at it and mark that as 35.
                                                                    Q. Okay. At some point in time, I noticed that
19
                (Exhibit 34 and 35 was marked.)
                                                            19 there was a promissory note between the two trusts. Do
20
       Q. (By Ms. Bayless) All right. Looking at
                                                            20 you remember that?
21 Exhibit 33 on the last page, the next to the last
                                                                   A. I do not.
22 paragraph, it says that the terms of this engagement are
                                                            22
                                                                   Q.
                                                                       Okay.
23 outlined above, as outlined above are guaranteed for 30
                                                                            (Exhibit 36 was marked.)
24 days from the date of this letter. That's a paragraph
                                                                        (By Ms. Bayless) I'll show you what's been
25 I'm not very familiar with. What's the purpose of that
                                                            25 marked as Exhibit 36. It is Bates No. 2141 and 2142.
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1 paragraph?
                                                             1 Do you recognize that document?
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                MR. REED: Objection, form.
                                                                   A. It looks like a promissory note.
                THE WITNESS: Occasionally you reassess
                                                                   Q. Do you remember preparing a promissory note?
4 your rates and if it's signed within that time frame,
                                                                   A. Really.
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                                                                   Q. For this --
5 the 30 days, we are engaged at that attorney rate and
6 those charges. So if there is a fee increase for some
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                                                                   A. If I did, I don't remember it. I would have to
   reason it would not be subject to that if it was signed.
                                                             7 look.
8
       Q. So if your rates went up next week?
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                                                                   Q. So you don't remember what the purpose of the
       A. It would still be at that rate.
                                                             9 note was?
       Q. (By Ms. Bayless) All right. I got you. I'll
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                                                                   A. I can look at it and see. Can I see who was it
11 show you what's marked as Exhibit 34. And that is Bates
                                                            11 from and to.
12 No. 2058 to 2060. And that appearance to be a July 27,
                                                                   O. Sure.
                                                                   A. I don't know who the maker is and who the
13 2011 fee agreement with Anita as trustee, correct?
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14
       A. Yes.
                                                            14 debtor is. Okay.
15
       Q. All right. And so what was the purpose of this
                                                                   Q. Does it bring back any memories?
16 fee agreement in July?
                                                                   A. I don't recall why it was done, but it's a loan
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                MR. REED: Objection, form.
                                                            17 from one trust to the other.
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                THE WITNESS: It looks like there was a
                                                                   Q. Okay. And I'll just tell you I went through
19 fee increase.
                                                            19 the emails about it. I didn't see an explanation for
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       Q. (By Ms. Bayless) Okay. Tell me what the
                                                            20 why it was done, just that it was done. You don't
21 procedure was. If there was a fee increase, did you
                                                            21 remember anything about it?
22 always do a new fee agreement with the new rates?
                                                                   A. I don't remember why. It's loaning money from
23
       A. That's what we typically would do, yes.
                                                            23 the decedent's trust to the survivor's trust.
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                MR. REED: Objection, form.
                                                                   Q. In February of 2012, and you don't know what
       Q. (By Ms. Bayless) For all of your clients?
                                                            25 would --
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(Page 106) (Page 108) That would have been after Mrs. Brunsting 1 and Chevron that I took against my inheritance reported 2 passed away. 2 on date of death. Right. Q. (By Ms. Bayless) Sorry. I read that wrong. Q. The only thing I can surmise is that liquidity, 4 It does how. So how were they reported, do you know? Α. 5 you know, if they needed cash and didn't want to sell She's asking me how they should be reported. stock. I don't know. Okay. And was that news to you that she had Q. Okay. I didn't see anything about it in your 7 taken some shares of stock against her inheritance? 8 notes, so I mean, I see that it was in there that you A. It's not anything that I would normally be received it. It was signed and received, but I don't involved with, so I don't remember if it was news or see anything about why it was? 10 not. 11 Requesting it to be prepared? 11 Q. You would not have been involved in the Right. 12 12 transfer of shares, you mean? 13 MR. SPIELMAN: What's the date on that? 13 A. No. 14 (By Ms. Bayless) February 29, 2012. Okay. 14 (Exhibit 38 was marked.) 15 Now at some point in time Amy told you that she had (By Ms. Bayless) All right. I'll show you 16 taken stock, a transfer of stock against her 16 what's been marked as Exhibit 38. This is another email inheritance, right? 17 that's Bates No. 2160. And it is from Anita to you. It 18 MR. SPIELMAN: Objection, form. 18 talks about info on Exxon and Chevron shares and it's 19 saying she thinks she made an error in reporting these 19 THE WITNESS: I don't know what you are 20 talking about. 20 on the list of stocks and she talks about her mother 21 MS. BAYLESS: Okay. 21 wanting to pay for Luke's first year in college and so 22 22 to save on taxes she transferred that amount to her name (Exhibit 37 was marked.) 23 (By Ms. Bayless) I'm going to show you what's 23 in the form of Exxon and Chevron stock and took it 24 been marked as Exhibit 37 and the Bates Nos. are 2156 to 24 against my inheritance. Do you see that? 25 2158. It's an email stream. It doesn't have a date for I do see it that it says that, yes. (Page 107) (Page 109) 1 some reason but this was in the documents that were When you got that, you didn't try to come up 2 produced by you. So, if you look at the page that's 2 with whether that's how it had been done or not, right? 3 Bates No. 2157, it indicates Anita saying here are the 3 Α. 4 shares of Exxon and Chevron that I took against my 4 You were just taking it at face value --5 inheritance. See that? 5 Δ Yes A. No, I'm sorry. 6 Q. -- that that's what she had done? Q. The page that is 2157 up near the top. Just 7 Α. below that, there. 8 8 Because that wasn't something you would have 0. 9 9 been involved in? MR. SPIELMAN: Bobbie, do you have an 10 extra copy of that? 10 A. No, it wouldn't. 11 MS. BAYLESS: You want to look at mine. 11 Q. No, you wouldn't have been involved in it? 12 MR. SPIELMAN: Just real quick. I believe The only way I would have been involved with 13 your first question was about Amy and now you are 13 anything with regard to stock is after Nelva died 14 reading something about Anita. I may have heard that 14 requesting what was in the trust, survivor's and 15 wrong. 15 decedent's, as of her date of death and preparing an 16 16 asset list based on that. That's all I would have done. Q. (By Ms. Bayless) Okay. I'm talking about 17 Anita. To the extent I said Amy I meant Anita? 17 So she goes on to say I reported what shares of 18 Still, my answer was the same. 18 stock were remaining in the trust, but I realize that I 19 So you recognize -- do you remember getting 19 should probably add the shares I took out back in, then 20 this email that says, here are the shares of Exxon and 20 when we distribute them, we divide by 5 and then I take Chevron that I took against my inheritance? 21 what I took against my inheritance out of my portion and 22 only take the remainder. See that. Did I read that 22 MR. REED: It says how? 23 THE WITNESS: It says how --23 right? Better than the last one. 24 MS. BAYLESS: Oh, how. 24 A. Yes. 25 THE WITNESS: -- are the shares of Exxon 25 I didn't see a response to this, so do you know

(Page 110) (Page 112) 1 if you did respond one way or the other? 1 about that process. How does that work? I don't believe it elicited a response. It A. From the signing appointment. just says --Q. Correct. How does that signing appointment get That's how she was going to do it? scheduled, first of all? Yes. So that would typically go on the calendar and Q. Did you think that would be an appropriate way 6 that's my due date to have the document prepared and 7 to do it? reviewed for that date. And then my assistant would get 8 8 it, make the appropriate amount of copies, which was MR. REED: Objection, form. 9 9 three. We always sign three originals. One for the THE WITNESS: Typically, if that was --(By Ms. Bayless) I'm sorry. If that was what? 10 trust binder, one for the originals to go in a fire safe 10 11 If that's what was done. 11 or safety deposit box, and the law firm would keep a 12 signed copy or signed original, if you will. 12 Did you ever have any contact with the 13 temporary administrator when he was acting in this case? The client would come in for the appointment. They 14 were given the documents to review prior to the attorney 14 Α. No. 15 15 coming in. If they were complicated documents, wordy, Q. Did he ever call you? 16 then that time would be shortened and I would sit down 16 Α. 17 0. Asked you for information in any form? 17 with the client and go through the document itself, make 18 Not that I'm aware. 18 sure it said what they wanted it to say and it was And how about the, there was a master appointed 19 19 appropriate, they had not changed their mind from the 20 in the Federal court that Candace filed initially? 20 time they called us and the time the document was 21 21 produced. 22 Q. You didn't talk to him either? And then we would get the notary in, sometimes I 23 A. 23 would act as a notary, and sign the document three 24 Or provide any information? 24 times. 25 25 As far as the documents that we've been talking Α. No. (Page 111) (Page 113) 1 MS. BAYLESS: Pass the witness. 1 about in this case, except for the documents that you 2 2 may have gone to Nelva Brunsting's house for, was this MR. SPIELMAN: All right. Okay. 3 3 process you just described the process that was followed MS. BAYLESS: You want to come down here. MR. SPIELMAN: No. Unless anyone has a 4 with the different trust documents that we have been 5 problem hearing me, I wouldn't want to recreate this 5 talking about in your deposition so far? 6 pile of strangeness as it is. That's correct. 7 MS. BAYLESS: The court reporter, you can Specifically that would include what has been 8 8 previously marked as Exhibit 2, which is the restatement hear. 9 THE COURT REPORTER: Yes. 9 of the Brunsting living trust, correct? 10 EXAMINATION That restatement was signed when I was not 11 BY MR. SPIELMAN: 11 there. But that would be a normal course. That's how I 12 Q. Ms. Freed, we've met throughout the course of 12 was trained. 13 your deposition and you understand that I represent Amy Q. In preparing for your deposition, did you have 14 Brunsting in this lawsuit that has been filed by Carl 14 any conversations with any of the folks that were on Brunsting and also the lawsuit that's been filed by 15 staff, as it were, at the time to see if that process 16 specifically was done with regard to the restatement? 16 Candace Curtis; correct? 17 Α. That's correct. 17 A. I did not. 18 Q. Other than in the context of your position But by the time we get to Exhibit 5, which was 19 today, you and I have never met before or worked 19 the qualified beneficiary designation from June of 2010, 20 together on any other projects? 20 the process you described is the one you followed with 21 A. Not that I'm aware. 21 respect to Ms. Brunsting? 22 Q. Me either. All right. I want to go back to 22 Α. Yes. 23 the signing process or the process that your firm or the Okay. And when you, and the same thing with 24 Exhibit 6, which is August 2010, the qualified 24 firm used when a client comes in to sign a document that 25 has been created. Can you talk to us a little bit more 25 beneficiary designation, is that correct?

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1	A. Yes.	1	MS. BAYLESS: Objection, form.
2	Q. Same process?	2	THE WITNESS: To the best of my belief,
3	A. Yes.	3	yes.
4	Q. All right. Now, when you met with Nelva	4	Q. (By Mr. Spielman) She didn't exhibit any of
5	Brunsting about Exhibit 5, did she express any confusion	5	the signs you described earlier?
6	or concern about its terms?	6	A. No.
7	A. Not that I'm aware.	7	Q. Same thing for Exhibit 6?
8	Q. Okay. And was this a document that Nelva had	8	A. Yes.
9	asked for you to prepare?	9	Q. Have you ever had an occasion in the course of
10	A. I would assume so. I don't prepare documents	10	your practice to encounter someone who did exhibit some
11	unless I'm requested by the client.	11	of the signs that you were describing just a minute or
12	Q. Same for Exhibit 6?	12	two ago?
13	A. Exhibit 6, yes.	13	A. Yes.
14	Q. You had mentioned earlier that there are some	14	Q. In those situations, what do you do?
15	things that you look for in a client when they come to	15	A. I delve further into what's going on with them.
16	do their signing as far as capacity or comprehension.	16	Q. Has there ever been a time where you have
17	Can you talk to us a little bit, again, what are some of	17	called off a signing because of concerns that you have
18	the things you're looking for to make sure that a	18	about the potential signer's capacity?
19	client, a potential signer, is competent or has the	19	A. Yes.
20	capacity to enter the documents, sign the documents the	20	Q. Would you ever allow a signing to proceed if
21	day they are in your office?	21	you had concerns that were unresolved about someone's
22	A. I typically don't run a battery of tests, if	22	capacity?
23	that's what you're asking. I assume that they're fine.	23	A. No.
24	But if there has been anything in the conversations that	24	Q. And you did not have those concerns with
25	I've had with them or if they are in front of me and	25	Ms. Brunsting with regard to either Exhibit 5 or Exhibit
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1 with her after the execution date, after that signing

- 2 appointment, you still acquired no information from her 3 that would suggest that she was being unduly influenced
- 4 or forced to sign or make any of the changes?
- MS. BAYLESS: Hang on just a second. Say

6 that again.

- 7 MR. SPIELMAN: I don't think there is a
- 8 chance. Maybe the court reporter can read that back.
- 9 COURT REPORTER READBACK: Question: So
- 10 even in those conversations you had with her after the
- 11 execution date, after that signing appointment, you
- 12 still acquired no information from her that would
- 13 suggest that she was being unduly influenced or forced
- 14 to sign or make any of the changes?
- 15 MS. BAYLESS: Okay. Objection, form.
- 16 THE WITNESS: No.
- MR. SPIELMAN: What's the objection? 17
- 18 MS. BAYLESS: It's just such a broad --
- 19 you are asking multiple questions. It's also ambiguous.
- 20 I don't know whether you are asking about, what document 21 you are asking about that she signed or didn't sign or
- 22 what encounter.
- Q. (By Mr. Spielman) Well, your file notes aren't
- 24 always clear as to which set of documents Ms. Brunsting
- 25 may have been needing reminding of, fair to say?

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 - A. Not specifically, no. Okay. So either that wasn't one of them or you
 - 3 don't recall if that was one of them?
 - A. I don't recall other than -- let me check
 - 5 something here, see what the changes were made to
 - 6 specifically that document. It may ring a bell based on
 - 7 what changes were made. Yes, actually she did. I did
 - 8 reiterate to her that we already took care of Carl's
 - issues with encephalitis.
 - Q. Okay. And those are the issues that lead to 10
 - 11 Exhibit 6, part of which was to have Amy and Anita serve
 - 12 as the trustees of Carl's personal asset trust once it
 - 13 would be formed?
 - A. Correct.
 - Q. And that's the same document, by the way, that
 - 16 sort of establishes the same protocol for Candace
 - 17 Curtis, right, that Amy and Anita would be the executors
 - 18 of the personal asset trust for Candace Curtis once it
 - 19 was formed?
 - The co-trustees, yes. 20 Α.
 - Do you have a recollection as to the decision
 - 22 behind making Amy and Anita the co-trustees of
 - 23 Ms. Curtis' trust?
 - 24 A. Vaquely.
 - 25 Okay. Can you share for us what you do

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- That would be a fair statement.
- So again, in that context we can, we have
- 3 established that at least some of the documents on some
- 4 occasions needed to be refreshed or redescribed to Ms.
- 5 Brunsting, correct?
- A. Correct.
- Okay. Whatever documents those were on
- whatever times she needed to have them reexplained to her, did she ever express regret about the actions that
- 10 she took in signing those documents?
- 11 A. No.
- 12 MR. BAYLESS: Objection, form.
- 13 Q. (By Mr. Spielman) And same set of questions 14 you asked in the context of the fact that we just can't specifically identify document to document which ones
- she needed to have her mind refreshed about? 16
- 17 A. Are you asking me --
- 18 MR. BAYLESS: Objection, form.
- 19 Q. (By Mr. Spielman) Is your earlier testimony
- 20 consistent?
- 21 A. My earlier testimony would be consistent.
- 22 Q. Now specifically, do you have a specific
- 23 recollection of ever having to redescribe to
- 24 Ms. Brunsting the August 2010 qualified beneficiary
- 25 designation?

- 1 remember about that?
- A. I believe it had to do with concerns about the
- 3 other irrevocable trust, that when gifting was done,
- 4 wanting to exercise the Crummey right to withdraw the
- 5 gift that paid for a life insurance policy and the
- borrowing of money.

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- Q. Okay. Help me understand that a little bit
- 8 better because you lost me.
- Okay. There was an irrevocable life insurance
- 10 trust that owned a life insurance policy on the life of
- 11 Elmer and Nelva, probably a second to die policy. Elmer
- 12 was to deceased. The premium still had to be paid. A
- 13 gift was made to that trust each year for the premium
- 14 payments by Mrs. Brunsting. Every time a gift was made,
- 15 the Crummey letters had to go out to each beneficiary
- 16 saying a gift was made, you have 30 days to exercise
- 17 your right to withdraw the gift, your portion, or you
- 18 forfeit or you waive it by signing. The premium, I
- 19 mean, the gift was used to make the premium payment to
- 20 the life insurance policy. When the life insurance
- 21 policy pays out, the benefit is exponential because it's
- 22 a life insurance policy and it was divided up into five.
- 23 There was a discussion at some point, I don't recall the
- 24 time frame, about Candy wanting her gift, the cash.
- Q. From the life insurance?

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- A. That was being used to pay the premium, then
- 2 everybody would have to cough up or more of a gift would
- 3 have to be made in order to pay for the life insurance
- 4 premium to continue the policy.
- 5 Q. That so issue motivated your recollection,
- 6 Nelva's decision to take Candy out of control,
- 7 Ms. Curtis out of control of her own personal asset
- 8 trust?
- 9 A. There was concern about her ability to manage
- 10 the financial stuff and deal with the financial part.
- 11 Q. And these were Nelva's concerns?
- 12 A. As I can recall, yes. She was not in charge of
- 13 that trust though.
- 14 Q. Were there any other issues discussed with
- 15 respect to Ms. Curtis and her personal circumstances, a
- 16 divorce or a break up with her husband, anything like
- 17 that as a motivating factor for the changes that were
- 18 put in place, anything like that you can recall?
- 19 A. Yes. It seems like, I didn't realize that
- 20 Candy was adopted, so I believe that information to me
- 21 came from Mrs. Brunsting in a meeting, that she was
- 22 adopted. That she had -- I don't know what had to do
- 23 anything, because for me it's irrelevant. But she made
- 24 it a point to let me know that and that she had followed
- 25 somebody out to California, was married, got divorced,
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- 1 some guy left her high and dry. So that's all I can 2 recall.
- 3 Q. And that just fit within the overall concern
- 4 that Nelva was expressing about Ms. Curtis' ability to
- 5 manage her own finances?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. Okay. So other than Carl's encephalitis, his
- 8 sickness, were there any other motivating factors that
- 9 you can recall as to why Carl was removed as his own
- 10 trustee and Amy and Anita were replaced in that position
- 11 instead?
- 12 A. No.
- 13 Q. Any issues about the discussion that was had a
- 14 little earlier about the potential of a divorce or
- 15 something like that? Some kind of discord in the
- 16 relationship between Carl and his wife, Drina?
- 17 A. I don't know that I believe that was an issue.
- 18 Q. Okay. So if that was a factor for Nelva, that
- 19 wasn't something you were aware of?
- 20 A. No.
- 21 Q. Now, you heard earlier in your deposition that
- 22 there's been some question about the authenticity of
- 23 Mrs. Brunsting's signature on some of these trust
- 24 documents. Do you recall that?
- 25 A. Yes, I do.

And you've talked to us a little bit about the

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- 2 process to where there would be three original signed
- 3 and you answered to the questions that that might
- 4 account for some discrepancies from signature to
- 5 signature and copy to copy. Do you remember that?
 - A. Yes.
 - Q. Can you flip for me to Exhibit 2 please?
- 8 A. The restatement?
 - Q. Yes. Are you there?
- 10 A. Yes, sir.
- 11 Q. To the last page where the signature pages are
- 12 or the last pages where there are signatures. There are
- 13 several of them.
- 14 A. 14-6.
- 15 Q. Yes, that's a good one. Based on your
- 16 experiences with Mrs. Brunsting, the times she would
- 17 come in and sign documents, both that you drafted and
- 18 that you served as the notary for, do you recognize that
- 19 signature as being Mrs. Brunsting to the best of your
- 20 ability to evaluate?
 - A. I was not there in '05, but comparatively it
- 22 appears to be her signature. I wouldn't question the
- 23 signature or the authenticity of it.
- 24 Q. And since that time have you heard other than
- 25 the allegations that are being made, have you come into
- 1 possession of any facts or evidence that would suggest
- 2 that this is a forged signature?
- 3 A. No
 - Q. No is your answer, no?
- 5 A. No.
- 6 Q. If I were to ask you those same exact questions
- 7 with regard to Exhibit 5, which is the June 2010, QBD,
- 8 qualified beneficiary designation, would your answers be
- 9 the same?
- 10 A. Yes, they would be the same.
- 11 Q. What about with Exhibit 6?
- 12 A. They would be the same.
- 13 Q. So Exhibit 8 is two documents, the resignation
- 14 and acceptance. With respect to the resignation that
- 15 are part of Exhibit 8, would your testimony be the same?
 - A. Yes.

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- 17 Q. We talked about in your deposition that even
- 18 though the firm for a period of time was called Vacek
- 19 and Freed, you were never actually a partner of that law 20 firm?
- 21 A. That is correct.
- Q. Do you know why your name was put on the
- 23 letterhead, so to speak, in that way?
- 24 A. For recognition for the firm.
- 25 Q. Sort of consistent with the fact that you were

(Page 130) (Page 132) 1 running the administration part of the business? 3-2. So that's page 2 of Article 3. A. The estate administration, yes. I'm sorry. 3-1 of Article 3. It's Section B, Q. All right. You went through a lot of your 3 which is labeled we may amend our trust. 4 schooling and qualifications and the history of your 5 entry into this probate and trust area of practice. I Q. Okay. One of the allegations in this lawsuit 6 don't recall if we talked about whether you had given 6 is that one of the reasons that the two qualified 7 any, have given any lecture in that capacity, any types 7 beneficiary designations we have been talking about, 8 that's Exhibit 5 and Exhibit 6, one of the reasons those of presentations? 9 documents are invalid or should not be enforced is A. Prior to this? 10 Throughout the course of, throughout the course 10 because they were executed after the death of Elmer 11 Brunsting and that amendments like those could not be 11 of your career as a lawyer, have you given, have you 12 been a lecturer or given presentations on probate 12 made after Elmer Brunsting's death. Are you aware that 13 matters? 13 that is an issue in this lawsuit? 14 A. I'm aware that has been raised, yes. To? Q. Okay. One of the section of Exhibit 2, which 15 Q. To other, as a CLE presentation or something 16 like that? 16 is reference in support of that argument for that 17 A. No. position is this Section B, we may amend our trust where Q. Have you given any type of presentations other 18 it says, well, it's Section B of that. Can you take a 18 19 than say, for example, talking to church groups or 19 second to look at Section B? 20 similar organizations for purposes of explaining the A. Yes, I see it. 21 process for anyone who might be interested in getting a 21 Q. You're aware of its terms and its content? 22 will or trust or any thing like that? 22 Correct. Α. 23 All right. Explain to me -- well, do you agree 24 Q. And I think you may have actually answered this 24 or disagree with the idea that the June, 2010 QBD is 25 question. To your knowledge, have any of the trust 25 invalid or unenforceable because of this Section B? (Page 133) (Page 131) 1 documents that you've drafted ever been subject to A. No. 2 litigation with regards to enforcement or 2 ٥. Tell me why? 3 enforceability? Because the living trust cannot be amended 4 unless it's by both parties. Upon the death of the A. No. So with respect to issues such as some of the 5 first grantor, you end up with a survivor's trust and a 6 decedent's trust. The survivor's trust is fully 6 ones that are pending in this lawsuit, a no contest was 7 drafted but it's not enforceable, things of that nature, 7 amendable and fully revokable by the surviving grantor 8 at all time. The decedent's trust can be modified by that's never come up in your practice where a no contest has been challenged in a litigation context? qualified beneficiary designation as it states here. Okay. So the difference, and is your answer 10 11 During the times that you met with Nelva, 11 the same for Exhibit 6, the August, 2010 QBD? 12 particularly with respect to Exhibit 6, which has some 12 13 no contest provisions in it, was there any specific So do I understand correctly then that the 14 discussion between you and Nelva as to why the no 14 difference between this language in Section B and the 15 contest clauses were or provisions were being included? 15 actions taken in those two qualified beneficiary 16 designations is because those qualified beneficiary 16 A. I don't recall. 17 Is this one of the things that you would have 17 designations were taken in the context of the decedent's 18 explained to her during this signing meeting, the 18 trust and the survivor's trust? 19 signature meeting? 19 A. Correct. 20 On this particular document, I don't know if I 20 Q. Thank you. would have or not. It's a voluminous document, so. May I make -- I think this may be helpful. 22 Okay. If you can look at page 3-1 of Exhibit 2 22 If your answer is not finished, certainly, go 23 please. 23 ahead. 24 That's the restatement. 24 MR. REED: We will see how helpful. 25 MS. BAYLESS: Then we will all raise an Q. Yes.

(Page 134) (Page 136) 1 objection. MR. REED: Let me just answer that for 2 THE WITNESS: So the qualified beneficiary 2 you. You have received every document that the firm in 3 designation is a QBD and its also an exercise of 3 present, past, or whatever condition as related to the 4 testamentary power of appointment which is granted in 4 Brunsting estate or family or whatever, so you got 5 the trust as well. So it is two functions in one 5 everything. 6 document. One applies to one trust and the other 6 (By Mr. Spielman) Perfect. That helps. 7 applies to the other trust. MR. REED: I do not want to respond to 8 Q. (By Mr. Spielman) So the title of both the 8 some unnecessary discovery. 9 June document and the August document, we can look to 9 MR. SPIELMAN: No, I don't want to write 10 two different parts of the rules for the decedent's 10 any. 11 trust and the survivor's trust to understand why those 11 Q. (By Mr. Spielman) I believe, you don't have to 12 turn to it, but Exhibit 35, I believe, was marked as the 12 documents are valid at least in terms of the content of 13 the restated trust? 13 fee agreement between Anita and Amy and Vacek and Freed 14 A. Correct. 14 regarding Amy and Anita being taken on as clients, as MR. REED: I don't know if that was 15 co-trustees of the living trust. Do you remember that 15 16 helpful or not. 16 document? 17 THE WITNESS: I don't know if that was 17 A. Yes. 18 helpful or not. Q. Okay. Can you tell me how it came to pass that 19 MR. BAYLESS: Obviously none of us do 19 that fee agreement was prepared? 20 either because we haven't commented. 20 A. Nelva died. 21 MR. SPIELMAN: Oh, I do. That was exactly 21 Q. So Nelva died and that required what? 22 helpful. Me engaging and acknowledging who my clients 23 Q. (By Mr. Spielman) You were answering some 23 were. Anita was the trustee, but when Nelva died, Amy 24 questions earlier about a promissory note from one trust 24 and Anita became co-trustees. 25 to the other. Do you remember that? Q. Okay. So did you reach out to them to say, hey (Page 135) (Page 137) A. I remember being asked about it, yes. 1 we need this fee agreement or did they reach out to you, Q. And then earlier today I think it was that you 2 hey, isn't Amy supposed to come on as co-trustee now? 3 mentioned that the process for loaning money to one of A. I think they called me to let me know Nelva had 4 the children would be, to also have a promissory note? 4 passed away and that prompted the new fee agreement, A Yes 5 because I had to establish who the clients were at that Q. To your recollection, did your firm ever draft, 6 time and who I was representing. 7 7 did the firm draft any promissory notes along those MR. SPIELMAN: Okay. Does anyone remember 8 lines to document loans from Nelva or from the trust to 8 which number we are on? 9 a child, to a sibling? MS. BAYLESS: I can tell you. The court A. I seem to recall a \$20,000 something being 10 reporter can tell you. 11 drafted. I don't remember to which child it was right 11 THE COURT REPORTER: 39. 12 off the top of my head. MR. SPIELMAN: Can we mark these documents 13 as Exhibit 39, Vacek & Freed, 2117 through 2121. 13 Q. Would it have been in the firm's practice to 14 have kept a document like that in its file once 14 (Exhibit 39 was marked.) 15 executed? Q. (By Mr. Spielman) There are four pages. They 16 16 look to be emails or part of an email string. Can you A. If executed, yes. 17 Now one thing I think I guess I didn't 17 look at that and let me know when you've had a chance to 18 understand when this whole process started was the 18 glance that over. 19 difference between you, Candace Freed as a former 19 A. Oh, my. There's a lot here. 20 employee and a non-partner of Vacek and Freed and what Q. Right. And specifically I would like to try to 21 we learned in the course of your deposition, so if we 21 ask you some questions about the part of the document 22 wanted documents like a promissory notes or other filed 22 that starts towards the bottom of 2119, where there is a 23 material from Vacek and Freed, the business entity, who 23 notation that says Candace Curtis wrote Dear Anita. Do 24 would we have to ask for those documents from? Would 24 you see what I'm talking about at the bottom of 2119?

A. Yes.

25 that be Al Vacek or his wife?

(Page 138) (Page 140) You had mentioned before you had been copied on 1 this email Ms. Curtis had initiated her Federal court some emails, perhaps too many than you wish to see? 2 lawsuit? 3 A. No. Yes. Do you recognize this as one such email? Is it surprising to you this email exchange Α. Yes 5 questioning why the estate hadn't been completed or And do you recognize this to be an email that 6 fully administered or the trust hadn't been fully at least appears to have been written by Candace Curtis processed was written, what, approximately two months 8 to her sister Anita? 8 after Nelva passed away? Α. Did it surprise me? 10 Okay. Do you remember receiving this email? 10 Q. Yes. 11 It's one of the many, yes. 11 Α. That somebody would --Do you recall having any initial impressions That somebody would have as -- somebody write 13 upon receiving and reviewing this email? 13 an email like that with the belief that two months was a 14 reasonable amount of time to do all of the steps you 14 Α. Yes. 15 talked about in your deposition with regard to an estate 15 Q. Okay. What were some of your initial 16 impressions? 16 and a trust like this? 17 A. She's not my client and what it says is A. It would be unreasonable for someone to have to irrelevant to me. 18 do all of that within that short of time. 19 Q. Okay. On the last page of it, 2121, if you go Q. So it would be unreasonable to have that 20 down about ten lines, you can see a phrase that say so, 20 expectation of a trustee or co-trustees, correct? 21 and then all caps, where is my money question mark? In my opinion, yes. 22 And it would make the process even more A. 22 Yes. And then it goes on to talk about insurance 23 difficult and slow it down if this is the attitude being 24 trust documents and forms about insurance. Is this 24 conveyed in an email, correct? 25 similar to what you were explaining to me earlier about I would imagine it would, yes. (Page 141) (Page 139) 1 the concerns over Candace having control of her own In your experience? 2 money or her personal asset trust, that she was just Yes. 2 Α. 3 looking for her money regardless? And that leads to the fact that once the 4 litigation gets filed a month after this email as you A. It's indicative, yes. 5 said earlier in your deposition, the process grinds to a Q. And you've seen earlier in that email where there's references to Ms. Curtis writing things like, 6 halt? 7 referring to things in context of being a fake ass A. Absolutely. qualified beneficiary designation. Did you see that? 8 And so the fact we are still involved in this 9 litigation now seven years later falls within the ground And other references to actions being evidence 10 to a halt concept you were talking about? 11 of moral turpitude, misfeasance, and mal intent, written 11 MR. BAYLESS: Objection, form. 12 as two separate words? 12 THE WITNESS: Indicative, yes. 13 Q. (By Mr. Spielman) By the way, is there Α. 14 When you were talking with Mr. Mendel earlier, 14 anything in your opinion that would make the qualified 15 you mentioned how trust litigation can be ground to a 15 beneficiary designations we have been talking about rise 16 halt or trust administration can be ground to a halt 16 to the level of being fake ass? 17 through litigation. Is the type of commentary made by 17 A. I'm not sure I know what that is. 18 Ms. Curtis in an email like this equally hampering also MS. BAYLESS: Objection, form. 19 to the administration process? (By Mr. Spielman) But you've explained earlier 19 20 20 why the two qualified beneficiary designations aren't in 21 Q. And so to the extent that distributions and the 21 violation of the restated trust? 22 settlement of the trust and the settlement of the estate 22 MR. BAYLESS: Objection. 23 had not been completed by January 23rd of 2012 when THE WITNESS: Yes. 24 these emails appeared to have been written, does it (By Mr. Spielman) One last question about that 25 surprise you at all to learn that within one month of 25 email from Candace Curtis. If that was the type of

(Page 142) (Page 144) 1 email that you were receiving from a client of yours, And subsequent to that deposition, it has been 2 the potential signer of a probate document or a trust or 2 suggested because of the pressure of that situation 3 a trust document or any document that you were drafting, 3 Mr. Brunsting was not lucid or not competent to give the 4 is that the kind of behavior that you think would be testimony that he gave that day? 5 irrational to the extent that you would be concerned 5 I'm aware of that has been -about capacity or issues like that? 6 That's the position taken? A. Yes. -- the position taken, yes. 8 8 To your knowledge, Mr. Brunsting has not been And now throughout your deposition, some of the 9 declared incompetent all day, every day. It's just lawyers and some of the parties that have asked you 10 these moments of stress or pressure that trigger his questions have used the word capacity and some have used 11 the word testamentary capacity. Do you recognize the encephalitis condition, to your understanding? distinction between those two terms? That's what position has been conveyed to me, 13 A. Yes. 13 yes. 14 14 Q. Can you explain for the jury what testamentary And that's consistent with what you had heard 15 from Nelva Brunsting during the course of Carl's capacity is? A. The ability to know who your bounty is, what 16 illnesses, that pressures and stressors can exacerbate 16 you're doing with it, and how you want to get it there. 17 his condition? That's testamentary. A. I don't know that we ever went that far. 19 Q. And is there a particular moment in time when I apologize if I misunderstood. I thought I 20 testamentary capacity needs to be determined? 20 had understood from the questioning from Ms. Bayless, 21 A. At the moment that they are making or signing 21 one of the reasons Carl was not a participant in the 22 call with the other siblings was because the 22 the document, like a will. Q. So we can apply everything you just said to 23 encephalitis might have been exacerbated by the 24 your earlier testimony about Ms. Brunsting having 24 pressures of a discussion like that? Did I not 25 testamentary capacity at the time she executed the 25 understand that correctly? (Page 143) (Page 145) 1 various documents that we're talking about today? A. Yes, I think that supposition was made. A. Yes 2 Q. All right. So I might have just taken that a And that's not inconsistent with the idea that 3 little bit too far in trying to draw the parallel. I 4 a person might have testamentary capacity on one day but 4 apologize if I did that. But that was the reason why 5 Nelva made the decision not to include Carl in the not have it on some other day? That's correct. 6 conversations you were talking about with Ms. Bayless The concept of, I think the courts call it --7 earlier today? 8 8 MR. BAYLESS: Objection, form. Lucid moment. Α. Lucid moment. 9 THE WITNESS: That was my impression, yes. 9 10 (By Mr. Spielman) Ms. Bayless had made a 10 Sorry. 11 Correct. And in fact we've even heard about 11 couple of references throughout the questioning, a 12 even Mr. Brunsting, Carl, himself, has had these moments 12 couple of comments about a scheme or a plan B or 13 of lucid intervals, versus il -- lucid, opposite of 13 something along the lines of taking action to take Nelva 14 lucid intervals. You're aware of those descriptions, 14 out of her role as trustee. Do you remember those 15 correct? 15 references? 16 16 A. Yes. Α. I'm not sure what you're referring to. I'm 17 sorry. 17 Q. Are you aware of any sort of scheme or plan B 18 So you understand that in addition to being a 18 by Amy or Anita? 19 witness in this case, the Vacek & Freed law firm and, I 19 Α. No. think, yourself individually are litigants in a lawsuit 20 MR. BAYLESS: Objection, form. originally filed by Carl Brunsting? (By Mr. Spielman) Were you involved in any 22 A. We were. 22 sort of plan or scheme to remove Nelva against her will 23 And Carl Brunsting gave a deposition in that 23 from her position as trustee? 24 case? 24 A. No.

Now these questions seem to come up in the

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A. Yes.

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1 context of the different emails and conversations that
                                                                              MS. BAYLESS: Objection, form.
2 were had about some of the cloudiness or the concerns
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                                                                              THE WITNESS: No.
 3 about writing checks and things of that nature that we
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                                                                          (By Mr. Spielman) Did that strike you as
  discussed earlier in your deposition, right?
                                                              4 something that you might expect the daughters or
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                                                                 children of an elderly parent to do?
                MR. BAYLESS: Objection, form.
                THE WITNESS: I'm not sure. I'm sorry.
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                                                                     A.
                                                                         Yes.
  You lost me on that one.
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                                                                              MR. BAYLESS: Objection, form.
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       Q. (By Mr. Spielman) All right. So earlier in
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                                                                          (By Mr. Spielman) Is that consistent with
  your deposition you were answering some questions about
                                                                 experience of your, with some of your other clients or
10 sort of the evolution of a concern about Ms. Brunsting
                                                                 the children of some of your other clients?
                                                                              MS. BAYLESS: Objection, form.
11 that you had expressed and potential changing of the
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                                                                              THE WITNESS: Yes.
   trustee status where she would resign and someone would
                                                             12
13 take over. You remember that part of your deposition?
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                                                                          (By Mr. Spielman) So not every time that a
14
                                                             14 sibling takes a parent for a mental evaluation or
       Α.
            Yes.
            And one of the suggestions that you made that I
                                                                suggest that they resign due to concerns about managing
15
16 think Carole Brunsting made was, that Mom should be,
                                                             16 finances, does that mean that there is a plan or a
   Nelva Brunsting should be examined by a doctor before
                                                                 scheme of improper means afoot?
   any of those type of steps were taken?
                                                                         No. No, of course not.
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                                                                          And would you say that happens more frequently
       Α.
            Yes.
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            At least that was your opinion?
                                                             20 than not? That there has to be some coordination to
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            Yes, it was my opinion.
                                                             21 this process out of dignity and respect for this elderly
22
            Maybe it wasn't Carole Brunsting's position,
                                                             22 parent?
  but it was at least yours?
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                                                                              MR. BAYLESS: Objection, form.
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       A.
            Yes.
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                                                                              THE WITNESS: Absolutely.
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                                                                         (By Mr. Spielman) And did I understand you
            And in your opinion you saw the family, at the
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1 very least, Amy and Anita, reacting to that
                                                              1 correct, did I understand correctly that you said that
2 recommendation, correct?
                                                              2 when you went to Nelva's house for purposes of having
                                                              3 her sign the resignation of trustee that Carl was there?
       A.
            Amy, we saw the emails, Amy took mom to the
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   doctor?
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                                                                     Q.
                                                                          And then you also said that Amy was there and
       A.
            Yes.
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                                                                Anita was there?
       Q.
            And reported back?
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                                                                     Α.
                                                                          Yes.
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                                                                          Are you certain that the three of them were
       Α.
            Yes.
            And then Anita, in fact, wrote, Do we need to
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                                                                there?
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   go to another doctor?
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                                                                          I'm almost positive, but I could be mistaken.
            No. I mean yes, she may have written that, but
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                                                                          What about Carole Brunsting?
                                                                     0.
  I don't think I said that she needed to go.
                                                                          I thought she was there as well.
13
            Right. She brought up that topic?
                                                                              MS. CAROLE BRUNSTING: I was not there. I
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       A.
            Yes.
                                                             14 didn't even know about the meeting or what was going on
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       Q. And in that same email that you have talked
                                                             15 there.
                                                                          (By Mr. Spielman) Of the children that were
16 about, I don't have the number in front of me, but
                                                             16
17 Ms. Bayless read it to you about, there was a sentence,
                                                             17 there, did any of them object to Nelva signing the
18 so we don't necessarily have to get her declared
                                                             18 resignation that day?
19 completely mentally incompetent, which she isn't, but
                                                             19
                                                                     A. Not that I'm aware.
20 just not capable of handling the trustee's duties? You
                                                                          What about Carl? Did he express any concerns
21 remember that?
                                                             21 or any reservations to you while he was in the house
22
       Α.
            Yes.
                                                             22 that day that his mom was signing the resignation?
            Did that give you the impression combined with
                                                             23 What's going on? What are you doing? Don't do this?
24 taking Mom to the doctor of a plan or a scheme to remove
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                                                                     A. I never saw Carl.
25 Nelva from her trustee position against her will?
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            It was my understanding that he was.
                                                              1 explained to them. Did she exhibit any of these
2
            Okay. Fair enough.
                                                              2 non-verbals that would indicate that she did not
                MR. REED: When you get to a spot, can we
                                                              3 understand?
   take a break?
                                                                             MR. BAYLESS: Objection, form.
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                MR. SPIELMAN: Yes. Let's take a break.
                                                                             THE WITNESS: No.
6 That might allow me to get organized and figure how far
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                                                                     Q. (By Mr. Spielman) And is that the same, if we
7
   off my outline I am.
                                                              7 went through each document she signed that you were a
8
                (Off the record.)
                                                              8 part of, would your answer be the same?
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                (Short recess.)
                                                                             MR. BAYLESS: Objection, form.
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                (Back on the record.)
                                                                             THE WITNESS: Yes.
                MR. SPIELMAN: Let's go back on and I'm
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                                                                     Q. (By Mr. Spielman) We talked about, a lot about
                                                             12 your impressions about Nelva's capacity on the day that
12 going to try and finish this up and do what I need to
13 do.
                                                             13 she signed Exhibit 5 and on the day she signed Exhibit
14
            (By Mr. Spielman) We are back from a quick
                                                             14 6. With regard to any of the other documents that Nelva
                                                             15 signed, that you were present for when she signed them,
15 break and are you ready to continue?
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       A. I am ready to continue.
                                                             16 did you ever have any issues in your mind's eye with
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            Thank you for your time. I know this has been
                                                             17 Nelva's testamentary capacity?
   a long slot and I appreciate it.
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                                                                    A. No.
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                                                                             MR. BAYLESS: Objection, form.
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            Thank you.
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            Okay. Going back to the meetings you would
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                                                                         (By Mr. Spielman) And again, that's your own
21 have had with Nelva, throughout the course of the
                                                             21 point, some of that is subjective to your own knowledge
22 relationship that you had with her as her attorney, as a
                                                             22 and based on your observations?
23 drafter of the different documents that we are talking
                                                                    A.
24 about in this case, most of which you have identified as
                                                                         Certainly no one ever came to you with
25 exhibits to your deposition, you have talked to us a lot
                                                             25 something non-subjective to suggest that Nelva lack
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1 about the things that you would say to a client like
                                                              1 testamentary capacity on the day she met with you.
2 Nelva. Are there any sort of things that you would be
                                                              2 That's correct?
 3 looking for out of the client say from a non-verbal
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                                                                             MR. BAYLESS: Objection, form.
                                                                             THE WITNESS: That would be correct. No
4 perspective to see if they are understanding what you
5 are saying?
                                                              5 one had come to me on the day that she signed the
       A.
                                                              6 document that she did not have capacity.
            Sure.
       Q. Okay. Explain those to us?
                                                                         (By Mr. Spielman) Maybe concerns were
                                                                expressed by someone after the fact, but not on the day?
       A. Well, if you're explaining something to them
                                                              8
9 and they get a blank look on their face or get irritated
10 or frustrated, if they keep asking the same question
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                                                                             MS. CAROLE BRUNSTING: How would we to
11 over and over again, you know, those kind of things
                                                             11 know? We weren't informed.
12 would, I would pick up on typically.
                                                                         (By Ms. Spielman) Are you aware of any plans
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            What about asking questions in general?
                                                             13 or schemes, do you have any evidence of plans or schemes
14
           Maybe. It just depends on the context and what
                                                             14 against Nelva beyond just the ones we talked about,
       Α.
15 we are discussing. I encourage an open relation with my
                                                             15 there being no evidence of regarding her resignation?
                                                                             MR. BAYLESS: Objection, form.
16 clients. If they are forthright and forthcoming with me
                                                             16
17 about what's going on, that's the only way I can help
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                                                                             THE WITNESS: No.
18 them.
                                                                     Q. (By Mr. Spielman) Did you see any effort to
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                                                             19 rob Nelva or deprive Nelva of the means to support
       Q. That's your general approach to these types of
20 meetings?
                                                             20 herself through the trust?
21
       A. Yes.
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                                                                    A.
                                                                         No.
22
       Q. Now specific to Nelva, did she exhibit or fail
                                                                         Did you see any evidence of anyone actually
23 to exhibit any of these qualities that you are talking
                                                             23 trying to pull the wool over the eyes of any of their
24 about, these non-verbal signals that give you the
                                                             24 siblings in terms of the amount or the type of
25 impression that the client understands what is being
                                                             25 distribution they would receive?
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                MR. BAYLESS: Objection, form.
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                                                                         Are you aware of any evidence that would
       Q. (By Mr. Spielman) Was it always Nelva's intent
                                                              3 suggest some sort of plan or scheme or misrepresentation
 4 that, and Elmer's, as far as you could tell from the
                                                              4 of fact as between one sibling to another sibling where
 5 documents, that the estate after both of them had died,
                                                              5 there was an effort to commit fraud by one group of
  would be distributed equally one fifth to each sibling,
                                                              6 siblings on another group of siblings with regard to the
7 correct?
                                                              7 trust?
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       A. That never changed.
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                                                                    Α.
                                                                         No.
       Q. And it was not anything that Nelva wanted to
                                                             9
                                                                    Q. Are you aware of any misrepresentations being
10
   change in your experience with her?
                                                             10 made to Nelva about documents that she executed in your
11
            No.
                                                             11 presence as a result of what you drafted?
12
       Q.
            That was not anything Amy wanted to change in
                                                                             MR. BAYLESS: What was the last part of
13 your experience with her?
                                                             13 that?
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                                                             14
       A. No.
                                                                         (By Mr. Spielman) As a result of what she
                                                                    Q.
            That was nothing that Anita wanted to change in
                                                             15 drafted, the documents that she drafted for Nelva which
15
                                                             16 are the same as the documents executed by Nelva, any
16 your experience with her?
17
       A.
           No.
                                                             17 misrepresentations to Nelva about those documents?
       Q. And the only thing that you're aware of that
                                                                     A. No. I'm not aware of any. I was there when
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19 could make the one fifth distribution change would be
                                                             19 she signed them. I explained them to her. That would
20 the violation of the no contest provisions by one of the
                                                             20 be all that I would be.
21 sibling; is that correct?
                                                                     Q. So even if someone outside of that signing
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                                                             22 meeting said something to Nelva about what a document
                MR. BAYLESS: Objection, form.
23
                THE WITNESS: I suppose that could happen.
                                                             23 was going to do or not going to do, that would have been
24 But no, nothing that was drafted in any way, shape, or
                                                             24 overcome by your meeting with Nelva explaining to her
25 form changed the split of one fifth per child.
                                                             25 what the words on the page meant?
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            (By Mr. Spielman) So said another way, the
                                                                             MR. BAYLESS: Objection, form.
2 threat to a child's ability to receive their one fifth
                                                              2
                                                                             THE WITNESS: Should have been, yes.
3 is no different than what has been in the documents the
                                                                         (By Mr. Spielman) Okay. And you never
4 entire time?
                                                              4 misexplained to Nelva the content of the documents that
       A. Correct.
                                                              5 she was going to sign?
       Q. And it's up to them to decide and understand
                                                              6
                                                                             MR. BAYLESS: Objection, form.
   whether their actions or conduct violate those no
                                                              7
                                                                             THE WITNESS: No.
   contest provisions and live with the consequences if
                                                                             MR. SPIELMAN: I will pass the witness.
                                                              8
   they do?
                                                             9 Thank you very much.
10
                MR. BAYLESS: Objection, form.
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                                                                             MR. MENDEL: We should tell Ms. Curtis
11
                THE WITNESS: Sure.
                                                             11 that she has the right to ask follow-up questions.
12
       Q. (By Mr. Spielman) You're aware that some of
                                                             12
                                                                             MR. REED: Did you hear that Ms. Curtis?
                                                                             MS. CANDACE CURTIS: Yes, I did. And I
13 the allegations between the siblings have to do with the
                                                             13
   legal concept of fraud? Are you aware of that?
                                                             14 don't really have any follow-up questions, but thank
15
       A. I am aware that that has been presented in the
                                                             15 you.
16 documents that have been filed, yes.
                                                             16
                                                                             MR. MENDEL: Carole, you have a right to
                                                             17 ask follow up questions.
17
       Q. And fraud, I'm not exactly sure how the
18 siblings that are alleging that mean it, but fraud
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                                                                             MS. CAROLE BRUNSTING: Yes, I do.
19 usually carries with it some misrepresentation of fact
                                                             19
                                                                                      EXAMINATION
20 with some sort of intention that it be relied on, does
                                                             20 BY MS. CAROLE BRUNSTING:
21 that track your sort of law school understanding of the
                                                                     Q. I'm going to go slower this time. Because I
22 term?
                                                             22 don't have a lot of experience doing this and I am
23
           Pretty much.
                                                             23 trying to keep my thoughts somewhat collected.
            And there is a little more to it, but that's
                                                             24
                                                                     How well did you really know my mother? How many
25 the gist of it, right? Correct?
                                                             25 years had you worked with her?
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Since 2007, I believe.

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3 well, you would know that my brother had always been on 4 there as trustee from the very beginning. And that was 5 something she was hard fast and said would never, ever 6 change. So when you talk about red flag, because you 7 said one red flag is when someone goes with a person to

Because if you knew my mother really, really

A red flag to me would have been to have my brother 10 removed so quickly. My concern with my mother because 11 she was dealing with cancer, that was something she was

8 have something signed. You gave a couple of examples.

12 spending a lot of her time going to doctors' appointment 13 and things like that. I don't think she ever really

14 grasp my brother's illness because from the time my

15 brother got sick on July 2nd until, I think he went into

16 TIRR, which was maybe in October, she only got to see 17 him twice. The first time was when he was Life Flighted

18 over to Memorial Hermann and everybody thought it was a

19 stroke and they gave him medication and he seemed to be

20 fine he was talking very coherent when we left so

21 everybody was like yeah, that's all it was. It turns

22 out that wasn't the case. But the only other time she

23 went to see him was when he was in one of the skilled

24 nursing, but he was sitting up in bed and he was able to

25 communicate. Her visit with him was extremely short.

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1 weeks or even prior to that because whenever she would

2 have her conversation with you, would be to remove my

3 brother as trustee because there was already a safety

4 net in place. I just don't ever see that happening. I

5 don't that is a discussion my mother would ever have

6 with you. Because I know how she felt about my brother

and in her mind he was going to recover. So to me

8 that's a big red flag.

MR. SPIELMAN: Objection, form. MR. REED: What's the question?

11 THE WITNESS: I'm sorry. I didn't get a

12 question.

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16

(By Ms. Carole Brunsting) What was the 14 conversation that my mother had with you to have my

15 brother removed as trustee?

I'm sorry. What was the question?

17 What conversation did my mother have with you 18 to remove my brother who had always, always been on 19 there as trustee and my mother's word that would never

20 change. What conversation did she have with you to say 21 it was a good idea to pull him off, when in my mother's

22 mind she never, she never expressed any concern or fear

23 to me that my brother would not be able to serve in his 24 capacity?

MR. MENDEL: Objection, form.

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- 1 She never seemed like she was in distressed in anyway.
- 2 She never said anything about all my God. She never got
- 3 the impression that he was anything but a person that
- 4 was recovering. A red flag to me, after I found out
- 5 about these changes, was the fact that my brother was
- 6 removed and also did you know that what started this was
- 7 in July when my brother got sick and my mother had her
- 8 diagnosis of cancer, there was a day when both of them 9 were having a procedure done that was relatively risky
- 10 because of my brother, the condition my brother was in
- 11 at the time and then my mother due to her age, they were
- 12 both going under anesthetic, so it put them at a risk.
- 13 And I just both pointed out to her, I said you are both 14 going to be in a high risk situation. Is there anything
- 15 we need to do or know about, God forbid if something
- 16 were to happen to both of you. And all she did was
- 17 Anita to contact you to make sure all the affairs were
- 18 in order. That was it. So how we got from there to
- 19 here, I've always had concerns about. And a lot of it
- 20 was because of Anita's mantra that Carl and Drina were
- 21 going to get everything or take everything if Carl
- 22 remained as trustee. So is that something you discussed
- 23 with my mother? I just don't ever see my mother as
- 24 sitting with you and saying that the best thing to do 25 knowing that my son has been only been ill for maybe six

MR. SPIELMAN: Objection form.

(By Ms. Carole Brunsting) And I was there and 3 I had this conversation with her, so I'm pretty sure I 4 know what I am talking about.

5 MR. SPIELMAN: Objection, form.

6 MR. MENDEL: Objection, form.

THE WITNESS: I still don't know what the 7

8 question is.

MR. REED: Let me see if I can just help

10 you. The question is what conversation did you have

11 with Nelva regarding the removal of Carl as trustee? Am

12 I close, Carole?

13 MS. CAROLE BRUNSTING: Yes.

14 THE WITNESS: Okay. So I don't recall the 15 exact conversation. I believe it's in my notes that she

16 called me to let me know --

17 (By Ms. Carole Brunsting) That Carl had 0. 18 encephalitis?

19 A. Yes. Encephalitis, my understanding is that it 20 deals with the brain.

21 Q. Right.

22 Okay. If somebody is in charge of your

23 finances that has reduced brain function, that's not a

24 good thing.

Q. It wasn't known at that point?

(Page 162) (Page 164) A. Okay. But you asked me about the conversation. 1 mother would have done or given it a second thought 2 She told me he had encephalitis. That's a conversation 2 other than making sure everything was in order. 3 I had with her. So at that point, that's all I knew. I 3 MR. SPIELMAN: Objection, form. 4 didn't know anything else other than encephalitis. (By Ms. Carole Brunsting) The \$25,000 check 5 that we talked about that many times. You recall the Q. So did you recommend that he be removed as the trustee? \$25,000 check my mother wrote to Carl and Drina? A. Of course. I don't remember who it was too. 8 It was to Carl and Drina so Drina could get Q. Even though there was a safety net in place. I think the next person in line was going to be Anita? 9 some bills paid and there has been some concern about my A. No. I believe if you look at the documents the 10 mother's memory about working with Edward Jones and the 10 11 only person in line was Candy because they were to serve 11 funding and my mother did call them to get, to take care 12 of the funding. And she wrote them the check, the check as co-trustees. 13 Q. Okay. There was a safety net in place, so. 13 was cashed and it did bounce. And I'm not sure, were 14 14 you involved with the funding at all? A. That's not a safety net in my recommendation. 15 When someone owes money or is trying to borrow money 16 from the trust, that is not a safety net. You asked me 16 MR. SPIELMAN: Objection, form. 17 and I'm telling you my thought processes. 17 (By Ms. Carole Brunsting) Okay. Because when Q. Okay. Because Anita told me that she was the 18 the check bounced, I got a call from Anita thinking that 18 19 one that was on there? 19 it was really funny and I wasn't really sure exactly how 20 A. That's what was done later. 20 you were involved, if you were involved with this at 21 Q. Later when? Candy had been removed and it was 21 all, but I did cover the check to make it good and the 22 Anita. Candy had been removed because she was in 22 funds did come in the next day. So it wasn't really 23 California and it was Anita that was next in line to be 23 anything about mother's memory, it was just that the 24 the trustee? 24 funds didn't come out on the day she thought they were 25 25 going to be coming in on. So there just seems to have MR. REED: What's the question? (Page 163) (Page 165) MR. SPIELMAN: Objection, form. 1 been some discussion about that. (By Ms. Carole Brunsting) Do you know who was 2 MR. SPIELMAN: Objection, form. 3 to be the next in line for Carl? Q. (By Ms. Carole Brunsting) Earlier you said MR. SPIELMAN: Objection, form. 4 something about the irrevocable trust of my father. It 5 THE WITNESS: Yes. It's in the 5 was my understanding that once my father passed away, no restatement. 6 changes could be made to the trustees, that that Q. (By Ms. Carole Brunsting) The restatement. 7 couldn't be changed and that no money could be taken out What was the date of that? 8 of that trust? 8 A. 2005. It was Carl and Amy. That was changed 9 MR. SPIELMAN: Objection, form. 10 later to be Candace, and then there is an appointment of Q. (By Ms. Carole Brunsting) I mean that was my 11 successor trustees that was done after that. I believe 11 father's understanding was no changes could be made 12 it said Carl and Candy Curtis were co-trustees. 12 because he said in his death he wanted to make sure 13 Q. I don't know if that's in here or not. 13 nothing was changed? 14 A. So, yeah, it's Exhibit -- First amendment to 14 MR. SPIELMAN: Objection, form. 15 the Restatement to the Brunsting Family Trust by Elmer 15 MR. MENDEL: Objection, form. 16 and Nelva. Carl Brunsting and Candace Curtis were to be 16 (By Ms. Carole Brunsting) So how was it 17 co-trustees and then Frost. That was your safety net. 17 possible to change the trustees on my father's trust? 18 Q. Okay. So we have Amy and Anita and we are 18 MR. MENDEL: Objection, form. 19 sitting here eight years later. I probably would have MR. REED: Do you understand the question? 19 20 preferred Candy at this point. I guess the fact that it 20 THE WITNESS: I do. 21 was just, Carl wasn't into this illness that long, and MR. REED: Okay. 22 this just all happened so quickly, it just seemed like THE WITNESS: So in the trust document, it 23 once Anita made a phone call, the calls kept coming and 23 allows the surviving founder to make an appointment of 24 coming and coming. And I don't see my mother -- I still 24 successor trustees. 25 don't honestly see my mother -- this isn't anything my MS. CAROLE BRUNSTING: My dad didn't know

(Page 166) (Page 168) 1 that. 1 about, well, he can file for disability. I mean Anita 2 MR. MENDEL: Objection, form. 2 and Amy spent a great deal of time to figure out Carl's MR. SPIELMAN: Objection, form. 3 finances for him. I could tell at that point I wasn't (By Ms. Carole Brunsting) And then also I've going to win any battle and so I went ahead and just 5 been told that you can make distributions from the dropped off. It really didn't seem like there was 6 irrevocable side and you can't make them. So which is 6 really much point to that call. 7 correct? MR. MENDEL: Objection, form. 8 8 MR. SPIELMAN: Objection, form. Α. You can. 9 0. But that's a distribution and the other is a 9 (By Ms. Carole Brunsting) And when you made gift? 10 10 the recommendation about taking my mother to a doctor, 11 even though I was the medical power of attorney. I only 11 Correct. 12 Q. If it's coming from the other side. Okay. 12 found out about this doctor's appointment when my mother 13 Because I was the only one that received a gift or 13 called me the morning of the appointment. I didn't know 14 whatever it was from the irrevocable side and I've been 14 Amy made the appointment. So Amy never let you know she 15 told that that wasn't allowed. 15 didn't let me know about the appointment. MR. MENDEL: Objection, form. 16 16 MR. SPIELMAN: Objection, form. 17 MR. REED: I think the question to be fair 17 (By Ms. Carole Brunsting) And so I went over 18 to my mother's house and she didn't want to go. She 18 is can you make one. 19 THE WITNESS: Yes. 19 wanted Amy to leave and she asked Amy to leave on 20 (By Ms. Carole Brunsting) And then is it then 20 several occasions and Amy refused to. And as far as any 21 a gift or what is it called? I don't know what it is 21 comments that Amy and Anita made on those emails, I made 22 sure -- I'm sorry if I'm bothering you -- but I made 22 then. 23 A. It's a distribution. 23 sure that I was with the nurse and the doctor the entire 24 Q. When you made the recommendation that my --24 time and at no time did Dr. White say my mother 25 well, first, let me talk about the call. There was a 25 shouldn't be handling the finances. All he did was tell (Page 167) (Page 169) 1 lot of confusion about that phone call where you wanted 1 us about his mother and their trust on his side and some 2 to try and get everybody together and I'm finding out a 2 of the things that happened. But he did indeed say my 3 mother sometimes had capacity and sometimes did not, 3 little bit more about this phone call just from with 4 some of the things we have been discussing here. I 4 depending on the level of oxygen she had. 5 never could really understand what the phone call was And this is all pretty pointless. But did Anita 6 for and I called you and you explained it was to discuss 6 ever let you know that my mother's side of the trust was 7 the changes that were going to take place in the trust 7 running out of money? 8 and I was asking if we would be able to impact the 8 Α. I don't recall if she did or not. changes at all. So was that the point of the call, so Did she ever tell you that I had to tell all 9 10 the caregivers, I had to cut their salaries because my 10 that we could discuss it as a family and voice our 11 opinions at that time. Honestly, I really didn't know 11 mother's side was running out of money. I don't want 12 what the call was about. 12 that. And then I starting going in on Sundays just to 13 MR. SPIELMAN: Objection, form. 13 save money? 14 THE WITNESS: So the purpose of the call 14 A. No, I was not aware. 15 was to get all of you together as siblings as how best One thing I did say said to Anita, that 16 to serve your mother's needs given her current 16 whatever you give to one you better give to the other. 17 situation. That is all. 17 Because I kind of had a feeling there was something 18 Q. (By Ms. Carole Brunsting) Because from the 18 going on with the money and I guess she missed all that. 19 beginning of the call, and the reason I dropped off the 19 And I guess my point is -- no, I'm going to go back to 20 call was it was more about how to prevent Carl from 20 where you made the comment I had been dipping in the 21 getting money and my concern and what I expressed in the 21 till. You said, I, when my mother, I didn't realize 22 call was I felt it was important to make sure Carl had 22 that she tried to make me a trustee, but apparently she 23 access to whatever funds they needed as far as 23 did try. But you made the recommendation because I was 24 caregivers, medical, things like that. And that's when 24 one of the ones that dipped in the till that you didn't

25 recommend that I be a trustee. What did you mean by

25 Amy took over the call and started making the comments

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1 that?
                                                             1 co-trustees?
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                MR. MENDEL: Objection, form.
                                                                    A. Yes, it does.
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                MR. SPIELMAN: Objection, form.
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                                                                    Q.
                                                                         So that was later than Exhibit 3, right?
                THE WITNESS: I believe what I said was
                                                                         Later than the first amendment, that's correct.
5 it's not recommended that people that were borrowing
                                                                         So although Carole is not here, I guess the
   money from the trust --
                                                             6 point of her having heard that Anita was already the
7
       Q. (By Ms. Carole Brunsting) What money had I
                                                             7 back up trustee is borne out by this Exhibit 4, right?
8 borrowed?
                                                                    Α.
                                                                        Yes.
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                MR. REED: Let her finish her answer.
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                                                                    Q. Okay. So there was that safety net, as I
                THE WITNESS: For them to be trustees,
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                                                            10 believe that was her term, but Anita, to the extent that
11 your mom had called me and said you needed money and
                                                            11 Carl was not in a position to serve, Anita would have
                                                            12 been the sole trustee if Nelva for whatever reason
   wanted to know how best to give that to you.
13
           (By Ms. Carole Brunsting) Do you know why I
                                                            13 didn't serve, is that right?
14 wanted that money?
                                                                    A. It appears that it would have been Anita and,
15
                                                            15 Carl Brunsting and Anita, each have the authority to
       A. No, ma'am. I don't.
16
       Q. I know I just have to ask you a question.
                                                            16 appoint his own successor in writing, if a successor
17 That's all I know is I have to ask a question. I'm just
                                                            17 co-trustee should fail or cease to serve by reason of
18 really trying my best to make it through this. The
                                                             18 death or disability for any reason, the remaining
19 reason why I ask for that $20,000 is because I was
                                                            19 successor trustee will serve alone. So yes, it would
20 spending a lot more time with my mother and I was
                                                             20 have been Anita.
21 finding out all the money she was giving to all my other
                                                                    Q. Would have been Anita. Okay. Now, why is 3
22 siblings and it just seemed like everything was becoming
                                                            22 called a First Amendment to the Restatement and 4 is
23 so diluted, and so since she knew I was doing some work
                                                             23 called Appointment Of Successor Trustees? Is there any
24 on my house she said why don't you go ahead and get a
                                                             24 reason?
25 distribution. It just goes against your inheritance. I
                                                            25
                                                                    A. Yes, because you can't amend after one of the,
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1 was borrowing any money. It was an just an advance on
                                                             1 the trust, after one of the grantors has died. Elmer
2 my inheritance. That's all it was. So I was not
                                                             2 was already gone.
3 dipping in any till. And I guess, in my opinion, you
                                                                        Okay. So Elmer was still alive when 3 was
                                                                    Q.
4 just made the assumption on Amy and Anita based on
                                                             4 signed?
5 nothing because both of them were in financial straits.
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                                                                    A. The first amendment, yes.
       You know, this is just pointless. Just take a look
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                                                                    Q.
                                                                        And he had already died when 4 was signed?
7 at the faces you make at me. Say whatever you want to
                                                             7
                                                                    A.
                                                                         Most likely, yes.
   when I leave. I really don't care any more.
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                                                                         Okay. And my only other question is if the one
9
                                                             9 way -- this may not be the only way. But a way to have
                MR. MENDEL: I don't have any questions.
                                                            10 the result be an unequal distribution among the children
10
                MS. BAYLESS: I have a couple of follow
11 up.
                                                            11 is to remove assets before Nelva's death, right?
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                THE WITNESS: Okay.
                                                                             MR. MENDEL: Objection, form.
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                MS. CAROLE BRUNSTING: No wonder my mother
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                                                                             MR. SPIELMAN: Objection, form.
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                                                                             THE WITNESS: I guess, yes, that would be
14 didn't like you.
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                (Ms. Carole Brunsting left the deposition
                                                            15 true.
16 room.)
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                                                                         (By Ms. Bayless) Okay. Gifts, distributions,
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                         EXAMINATION
                                                            17 whatever they may have been that were made prior to
18 BY MS. BAYLESS:
                                                            18 Nelva's death meant that all five kids were not getting
19
       Q. One way -- Okay. Just a couple of questions.
                                                            19 20 percent of what had been there when Nelva was alive,
20 Look, if you would, at Exhibit 4. Okay. This is an
                                                            20 right?
21 appointment of successor trustees that was done looks
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                                                                             MR. SPIELMAN: Objection, form.
                                                                             MR. MENDEL: Objection, form.
22 like in July of 2008?
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23
       A.
                                                                             MR. REED: Objection, form.
24
       Q. And it seems to indicate that, if I'm reading
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                                                                             THE WITNESS: I suppose that could be,
25 this right, that Carl and Anita would be the successor
                                                             25 yes.
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                MS. BAYLESS: Pass the witness.
                                                                          That the amount of time used by each party at
                                                              2 the deposition is as follows:
                MR. SPIELMAN: I have nothing further.
3
                MR. MENDEL: I have nothing further.
                                                                         Ms. Bobbie Bayless
                                                                                                     2 hours 40 minutes
                MR. REED: Candace, do you have any
                                                                          Mr. Neal Spielman
                                                                                                     1 hour 35 minutes
   questions?
                                                                          Ms. Carole Brunsting
                                                                                                             20 minutes
                                                                         That $____ is the deposition officer's
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                MS. CANDACE CURTIS: No. I don't.
                MR. REED: We are going to hang up now.
                                                              7 charges to the
                                                                                      for preparing the original
    We are going to end the deposition. Okay.
8
                                                              8 deposition transcript and any copies of exhibits;
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                MS. CANDACE CURTIS: Okay. Thank you.
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                                                                          That pursuant to information given to the
10
                MR. REED: Thank you.
                                                             10 deposition officer at the time said testimony was taken,
11
                MR. SPIELMAN: Before we hang up, we are
                                                             11 the following includes counsel for all parties of
12 still set to go forward with tomorrow's hearing. I know
                                                             12 record:
  you have made arrangements to call in. So I wanted to
                                                             13
                                                                      Mr. Stephen Mendell, Attorney for Anita Brunsting
14 let you know while you are still on the phone, nothing
                                                                      Ms. Bobbie Bayless, Attorney for Carl & Drina
15
  has changed about that.
                                                             15 Brunsting
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                MS. CANDACE CURTIS: Okay. Good deal. I'm
                                                                    Mr. Neal Spielman, Attorney for Amy Brunsting
17
   ready.
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                                                                      Mr. Cory Reed, Attorney for Candace Kunz-Freed
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                MR. REED: All right. Off the record.
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                                                                      Ms. Carole Brunsting, Prose Attorney
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                (Deposition ended.)
                                                                      Ms. Candace Curtis, Prose Attorney (By Phone)
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                                   HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS
                                                                otherwise interested in the outcome of the action.
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                                                                          Certified to by me, this 17th day of July,
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                                                                 2019.
   ANITA KAY BRUNSTING, et. al )
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                        JUNE 27, 2019
                                                                               Expiration Date: June 30, 2021
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            I, Jennifer Slessinger, Certified Shorthand
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12
  Reporter in and for the State of Texas, hereby certify
   to the following:
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            That the witness, CANDACE KUNZ-FREED, was duly
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   sworn by the officer and that the transcript of the oral
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   deposition is a true record of the testimony given by
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17 the witness;
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            That examination and signature of the witness
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   to the deposition transcript was waived by the witness
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20 and agreement of the parties at the time of the
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   deposition;
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            That the original deposition was delivered to
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