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1 this case. The vast majority of those are the PROCEEDINGS trial bundle that was produced, which included not 2 (The court reporter was duly sworn.) only Mr. Depp's production but The Sun's production THE COURT: All right. We're ready to 3 and everything that Ms. Heard had provided to the proceed. UK. So saying we have produced 18,000 doesn't do MS. BREDEHOFT: Thank you, Your Honor. anything here. I'll address the 58 pages in a 6 Good morning. Elaine Bredehoft, and with me on behalf of Amber Heard are Ben Rottenborn and David minute, but significantly, in response to our motion, no documents were produced. No 8 Murphy, representing Amber Heard. This is our attachments, nothing for this Court to see. 9 motion. Now, if Your Honor can go down the 10 Ben, I'll let you go -- are you going to 10 11 order -- I'm going to try to do this because I 11 announce yourself first or... THE COURT: You said something but no one 12 think this is the most efficient way to do this. 12 13 If Your Honor looks at the very first page where I 13 heard you. You're muted. 14 have the "it appearing," I have indicated here MR. CHEW: Good morning, Your Honor. I 15 that, on August 10, Your Honor entered the order. 15 apologize. Ben Chew for Plaintiff, Johnny Depp. 16 This was based on the motion to compel from July 16 THE COURT: Good morning. 17 MS. BREDEHOFT: Good morning, Your Honor. 17 10th, and significantly, it ordered the 18 re-supplementation of Interrogatory No. 16. And I 18 Your Honor, this is here on our motion 19 have set out exactly what was asked in 19 for sanctions and in limine. And let me just say 20 Interrogatory No. 16 for a reason. It asks for 20 at the beginning of this, we have about 20 21 depositions we're in the process of scheduling. We 21 specificity. How is this calculated? What -- how 22 had an extensive meet-and-confer yesterday again. 22 did you compute these damages and all efforts to 8 1 Virtually all of them will be de bene esse 1 mitigate damages? 2 depositions. They're going to be in lieu of 2 Now, all that was given in response to 3 testimony at trial. And the Court, last week, that -- and, Your Honor, I want to apologize. When 4 indicated that this is not going to be tried like I was preparing this order, I recognized how 5 the case in the UK. It's not going to be tried in voluminous the attachments were and how unwieldy, 6 the press. The issues we have raised in this and, from now on, we're going to find a better way 7 motion will significantly curtail the issues that to do that. And I apologize, because if it was 8 have taken on a life of their own, an inordinate unwieldy for me, it's definitely going to be 9 amount of time, and we're trying to pare this down 9 unwieldy for you. 10 consistent with what this Court is telling us to But, in any event, that's one of the 11 do, and that's the basis for this. Your Honor said 11 reasons why I also set out in here exactly what was 12 enough is enough, and we absolutely agree. 12 said in response to it. And it's page 3, Your

13 Let me start with -- Your Honor, I 14 submitted a proposed order yesterday, and I think 15 it might be helpful -- does Your Honor have that in 16 front of you? I submitted it yesterday morning. 17 THE COURT: Go ahead. 18 MS. BREDEHOFT: Oh, okay. I'm sorry.

19 You were on mute.

So, in any event, let me explain first of 21 all and respond to the -- Mr. Depp's explanations. 22 They said they have produced 18,000 documents in

13 Honor, of the proposed order is the supplementation 14 that we received for Interrogatory No. 16. And 15 it's very, very minimal. Just four days after 16 Ms. Heard's op-ed was first published on December 17 18, 2018, Disney announced, on December 22, 2018, 18 that it was dropping Mr. Depp from his leading role 19 as Captain Jack Sparrow in the forthcoming sixth 20 installment of the Pirates of the Caribbean 21 franchise. 22 Based on Mr. Depp's prior earnings in

1 connection with the Pirates of the Caribbean

2 franchise, Mr. Depp expects his role in the sixth

3 installment would have been worth at least 50

4 million. He provides no calculations. He doesn't

5 say what he got in any of the other earlier ones,

6 how he extrapolated that, no explanations on that,

7 no efforts to mitigate the damages. Nothing. This

8 is it. That's all he's given us after 18 months of

9 litigation and the Court ordering him to provide

10 the specificity here.

The second part of this, Your Honor,

12 that's relevant here is that the Court also granted

13 specific requests for production of documents. And

14 that's on page 2 of my proposed order, if Your

15 Honor sees, both Requests for Production No. 11 and

16 No. 12, which say "all documents and communications

17 related to your termination as the character

18 Captain Jack Sparrow in the Pirates of Caribbean

19 movie franchise," and then 12 is "all documents and

20 communications relating to any other acting roles

21 which you were not provided or which were rescinded

The plaintiff has argued here, Your

22 as a result of this." Nothing was produced.

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1 referred to this 58-page document that was

2 submitted by Edward White. I hope Your Honor

1 requires them to produce documents and give us the

business records. We would have been fine if they

gave us business records, and they would have had

6 specifically says in 4(f) that they have to provide

8 interrogatory reasonable opportunity to examine,

11 was done. There wasn't even a supplemental

12 response provided in response to any of these

15 they say, oh, we provided documents. But they

17 don't attach them is they don't exist. We asked

19 documents you provided to us that supported the

20 damages." They had to admit at the end of it, they

Now, Mr. Chew, Mr. Depp's counsel, has

18 them in the meet-and-confer, "Tell me which

9 audit, or inspect such records and to make copies,

10 compilations, abstracts or summaries. None of this

13 document requests. No response and no documents.

And you'll notice that, in their brief,

16 don't attach them, Your Honor. And the reason they

this information to afford the parties serving the

2 details so that we can go in and they can use

to sufficiently tell us which ones, but it

doesn't give Mr. White too much -- afford him too

much credibility just because he has a wonderful

last name, but in any event, the 58 pages, Your

Honor, this is not -- it's a summary created by

Mr. White, and Mr. Chew admitted this last week in

8 the hearing. It is absolutely inadmissible. It's

9 not a summary because they haven't provided the

10 underlying documentation, can't be used by our

11 experts, can't be used by their experts. There's

12 no documents out there to support any damages. And

13 we have already got the court order. It was, you

14 know, argued on July 10. The Court entered it on

15 August 10. It said you need to supplement on

16 August 14th -- by August 14 and by August 21, and

17 there's nothing. This is the extent of how this --

18 this is treated.

21 didn't have any.

19 Now, we get appropriate -- we're entitled 20 to appropriate sanctions, Your Honor, under certain

21 reasonable circumstances, and these are reasonable 22 circumstances, in our view. When you're suing for

2 Honor, gee, we have to get this from Disney, but 3 surely, they would have been communicating with 4 Disney, "Am I on for this role? Are you going to 5 be continuing me in this role?" Have they gotten 6 anything from Disney? Is there any communications 7 they have? Any indications? They're in constant 8 communication. Why don't we have one document from

9 them? 10 Then we go down, Your Honor, to the next 11 part of page 2, and that's Request for Production 12 No. 2 of the second set. And that is, "Plaintiff 13 will identify" -- this is specifically asking for 14 fees from every performance from 2010 to the 15 present, which would have helped us with the 16 calculation of the damages. They said, "Plaintiff 17 will identify non-privileged documents responsive 18 to this interrogatory relating to his fees from 19 every performance for 2010 to the present by Bates 20 number following document production in accordance 21 with Rule 4:8(f)."

Well, Your Honor, :48(f) [verbatim]

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1 \$50 million and you give that kind of a cavalier
2 response, after the Court has said you need to
3 provide the basis for your damages, Rule 4:12(b)
4 allows the Court to do -- to engage in a number of
5 different sanctions, and A through E includes
6 striking pleadings, restricting their testimony,
7 etc.

And, Your Honor, what we have asked here is the Court to -- and I have to say, on page 3, 10 Your Honor, is where I have the actual request for 11 relief on this. I said, "Order that the plaintiff 12 is precluded from introducing any evidence" -- and 13 I should have put the word "of damages" -- "beyond 14 the verbatim text of Plaintiff's August 14, 2020, 15 supplemental answer to Interrogatory No. 16," 16 because he has not provided the level of detail. 17 And we have done everything we can.

Your Honor doesn't want us to bring
19 motions. We don't want to bring motions. We have
20 no choice but to bring motions when we don't get
21 the information. Then when we get the Court's
22 relief in an order, then we have to come back in

1 brought much less any kind of hearing or anything2 from there.

4 we cited the rule specifically to you, and it's
5 Virginia Code 2:609(a)1 and 3, it's not admissible
6 if there's not a conviction. It doesn't matter,
7 you know, whether -- now, they said, Gee, we asked
8 about arrests earlier. That was before I was
9 counsel in the case. It doesn't matter whether we
10 asked for them or not. They're not admissible on
11 our side. They're not admissible on their side.

It's under our rules, Your Honor -- and

So rather than going off on a wild goose 13 chase, which they spent an inordinate amount of 14 time, both in the press and in the UK on this 15 issue, and the other two, so I'm trying to just 16 narrow this and get us through this case.

17 The second one is allegations relating to 18 the 2015 -- I'll call it the Australian dog 19 incident. What happened there, Your Honor, is 20 Mr. Depp and Ms. Heard went to Australia for some 21 filming for Mr. Depp. They brought their dogs. 22 They filled out the immigration form incorrectly.

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1 because they haven't taken it seriously.

I'm going to move on now to, Your Honor,
the motions in limine. And, again, I think the
brief that was filed in response highlights why it
is so important for us to have these rulings now.
They don't deny that they're not admissible; they
just keep claiming they're relevant. But, for
example, the first one -- and this is -- if you
look at -- Your Honor looks at page 3 again of the
proposed order, that's how I have laid this out

The first of these is the 2009 incident
13 in King County, Washington. Now, the plaintiff
14 doesn't deny that there was never charges brought,
15 there was no conviction. They just say it's
16 relevant because it shows that she is abusive.
17 When she was arrested, allegedly, for grabbing the
18 arm of her partner at that time, Tasya von Ree, she
19 was -- because it was too late in the evening -- it
20 was at the airport -- she was placed in jail
21 overnight. The magistrate determined that there
22 wasn't even sufficient evidence for charges to be

1 Ultimately, it was discovered, because of a lot of

2 press, you know, and pictures of the dogs being

3 groomed, and they came back and Australia said,

4 Hey, you didn't disclose the dogs on the

5 immigration form.

So, initially, Ms. Heard was charged with this because Mr. Depp was filming. Then, after they went through it, they did not convict. So,

9 again, no conviction. So let's just exclude it and

 $10 \,$ get rid of it now so we don't have to spend all

11 this time in these depositions on this issue.

Third one is Homeland Security. There
13 was a woman, Savannah McMillan, who was employed by

14 production companies in England and in Australia as

15 Amber Heard's assistant. She was never employed by

16 Amber Heard in the United States; however, Savannah

17 McMillan was stopped when she came to the United

18 States once because there had been an anonymous

19 claim that she was working for Ms. Heard illegally.

20 Ms. Heard wrote a letter to Homeland

21 Security. Homeland Security never did anything

22 with it. Never contacted Ms. Heard. Never did

1 anything further with Ms. McMillan. But, oh my 1 relevant what she spent that money on. And we have 2 goodness, Your Honor, probably a full day of the UK 2 got to stop this, you know, off to the third 3 trial was devoted to this issue, and they parties and the harassing. 4 identified witnesses and intend to go deep into 4 Last one is the third-party hearsay. 5 this again. Was she employed? Wasn't she? Amber Heard's mother died very young, April 1st of 6 There's no charge. There's no investigation. this year. Jennifer Howell, this person that we There's no conviction. found out from a declaration in the press is The next one, Your Honor, relates to the 8 saying, Oh, she -- you know, she was having fights 9 donations -- charitable donations to the ACLU and 9 with Elon Musk. He bought her a Tesla but it was 10 bugged. They had fights over fertility eggs. And 10 Children's Hospital. Now, they have issued --11 Mr. Depp's party has issued two different subpoenas 11 now they have subpoenaed Elon Musk and his 12 to the ACLU, one to the Children's Hospital. The 12 documents. 13 court in California said they're going to accede to This has to stop, Your Honor. They can't 14 be using hearsay from a mother who can't even be 14 you on this. 15 Your Honor said last week, we're not 15 here to deny it. 16 going to relitigate the domestic relations case. Okay. I'll stop and reserve the rest. 17 We're not going to go through all this. California 17 Thank you, Your Honor. 18 is a no-fault state, 50/50 community property. THE COURT: Mr. Chew? 18 MR. CHEW: Good morning again, Your 19 Ms. Heard -- Mr. Depp has said that Ms. Heard 19 20 was -- and they said it again in their brief, Your 20 Honor. The Court should deny all four motions --21 Honor -- Ms. Heard was motivated by money, but she 21 actually, there's six now. Ms. Bredehoft made two 22 settled for a whole lot less. But Your Honor said 22 oral motions to add to the additional four written 18 1 motions. 1 we're not getting into that. 2 Now, they want to take it one step 2 As Your Honor is well aware of 3 further and say what she did get, we want to know Plaintiff's filing four motions on one Friday 4 what she spent. In fact, in the meet-and-confer motions day, it violates Section 1.07 of the 5 yesterday, they want us to disclose how she spent Fairfax Circuit Court Practice Manual, quote, 6 every penny of what she did settle. I don't know 6 "Counsel of record in a given case may not place 7 how that can possibly be relevant nor do I think it 7 more than one two-week motion on the docket on any 8 should be relevant how much she donated to the ACLU Friday without seeking leave of the Court and with 9 or Children's Hospital, who are offended by these 9 a usual no meet-and-confer." 10 subpoenas and don't want to produce this Ms. Heard's counsel has purported to put 11 information. 11 four motions, all of which are significant, on this 12 In the UK proceeding, Your Honor, there 12 docket. Nor are any of the four motions that she 13 were documents produced by --13 has put on the docket in any way related to each THE COURT: Ms. Bredehoft, let me 14 other. The sanctions motions have no relationship 15 interrupt for one second. You have got two minutes 15 to any of the motions in limine. 16 left. If you want to save any of that time for 16 Your Honor, to hear Ms. Bredehoft, it's 17 rebuttal, you can do that or you can 17 as if last Friday's hearing on the motion to compel 18 did not occur. But it did occur and we all 18 (indiscernible).

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19 remember it.

There's no basis, Your Honor, with

21 respect for any sanctions to be imposed. As we 22 discussed last Friday, Mr. Depp produced, prior to

MS. BREDEHOFT: Thank you, Your Honor. I

20 appreciate that. Let me just sum and I'll try to

So, in any event, it can't possibly be

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21 save the rest.

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9 to that as well.

1 last Friday's hearing, detailed income statements 2 from his three loan-out companies from 2009 to 3 2015, he produced P&Ls for those entities from 2016 4 through August of 2020, he produced a summary or 5 Mr. White produced a summary of gross receipts for 6 all projects from 2009 through 2020. And Your

7 Honor addressed the remaining documents by -- and I 8 don't want to paraphrase Your Honor's ruling but to

9 say that, after Mr. White's forthcoming deposition,

10 if Ms. Heard thinks she needs more, then she can 11 ask for more.

12 Your Honor did order Mr. Depp to produce 13 portions of his tax returns sufficient to show 14 Mr. Depp's gross income from January of 2012 15 through the present date but not the supporting 16 documents. We submitted this morning to chambers, 17 Your Honor, an order that does just that. In fact, 18 Mr. Depp will be producing those documents on 19 Wednesday -- on or before Wednesday, September 20 30th. And specifically what he will be producing 21 are page 1 of forms 112 -- 1102-S for the three 22 loan-out entities: Scaramanga Bros. Production,

1 were properly filed, which they're not, so it's 2 premature. Also, as Your Honor may recall, during our calendar control conference on September 14th, 4 I raised the possibility of having all of the 5 parties' respective motions in limine dealt with 6 closer to the trial date in or about May of 2021. Ms. Bredehoft appeared amenable to that suggestion, 8 and Your Honor did not rule but appeared amenable

10 Clearly, that's a more efficient way to 11 go about resolving motions in limine on both sides. 12 So it's premature. It shouldn't be brought now 13 when we're not even at issue on the counterclaims. 14 There's simply no need to resolve any of those now, 15 even if they were properly brought.

To the extent we're going into the 17 merits, Ms. Heard's prior arrest for physically 18 assaulting her former girlfriend/partner, for which 19 Ms. Bredehoft admits she spent the night in jail, 20 is clearly relevant to Mr. Depp's truthful defense 21 that Ms. Heard was the abuser. She has a history 22 of abuse, not Mr. Depp.

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1 Inc.; LRD; and Infinitum Nihil.

So we have produced or will be producing 3 by Wednesday all of the documents that have been 4 ordered produced by this Court, and certainly 5 Mr. White will appear for deposition, and if they 6 feel, after that deposition, as Your Honor guided 7 us last Friday, that they need more, then they'll 8 ask for more.

Your Honor should deny all three motions 10 in limine as premature per the cases cited in our 11 opposition brief. Most evidentiary rulings, as 12 Your Honor is aware, particularly those relating to 13 relevancy and hearsay, like those Ms. Heard has 14 raised here, must await or should await 15 presentation of evidence in the trial context. 16 In this case, Your Honor, as Your Honor 17 is aware, trial is eight months away, and May --

18 conumences on May 17th, 2021. We're not even at 19 issue yet on Ms. Heard's belatedly filed \$100 20 million three-count counterclaims, which will be 21 heard by Your Honor on October 16th, our demurrer. So this is wildly premature, even if they 22

Ms. Heard has sought and obtained from 2 Mr. Depp evidence of all of his prior arrests, none of which had anything to do with abusing a woman. 4 In his 57 years, the only woman who has made any 5 allegation against Mr. Depp that he physically abused her is Ms. Heard. So all the arrest records that are completely unrelated are properly the 8 subject of discovery, then, certainly directly on point is.

Your Honor, with respect to the 11 \$7 million donations to charity, Ms. Heard has 12 publicly proclaimed that she gave \$7 million, the 13 proceeds of her divorce, to these two charities and 14 that money played no divorce -- money played no 15 role in the divorce, and she gave all the money to 16 charity. This is -- she's proclaimed this in the 17 press and in testimony several times. I have to 18 respectfully correct Ms. Bredehoft with respect to 19 Judge Bullock's (ph) ruling.

In California, they have something called 21 an IDC, which is an interim discovery conference at 22 which the judge gives her opinion -- preliminary

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1 opinion on where she's going so that the parties 2 can then reduce the level of disputes. She already ruled at the IDC that

4 Ms. Heard specifically put these charitable 5 donations at issue and that she would almost 6 certainly be denying the motion to quash. So, in 7 this context, granting a motion in limine at this 8 point would be inappropriate, and certainly, at 9 this time, it should be denied without prejudice.

With respect to Ms. Howell, we're really 11 getting into the weeds here. Ms. Bredehoft has no 12 idea for what purpose, if any, Mr. Depp will be 13 seeking to introduce this, so it's premature to 14 discuss whether it's hearsay or whether any of the 15 hearsay objections applies.

I don't know what she's talking about 17 when she's talking about the dogs or Samantha 18 [verbatim] McMillan. Those are not part of her 19 four motions. I take it that those are two 20 additional motions that she wants the Court to 21 hear.

22 But in sum, Your Honor, there's no basis

1 them, but that doesn't make them different. 2

You know, he again says no meet-and-confer. We had a three-hour meet-and-confer, and we attached the email that set out the agenda, Your Honor, including each of these motions that is before this Court right now.

Significant, Your Honor, is that he's 8 saving, you know, that there's these detailed 9 statements of P&Ls, but he didn't attach them 10 because they don't give us any information that's 11 usable here. It's not in response to the rule. He 12 doesn't deny that and he doesn't produce it. It's 13 their own created summary, but they have to give us 14 the underlying, and it tells us nothing about Jack 15 Sparrow and how he calculates 50 million.

Same for the taxes. Yes, Your Honor 17 ruled on the taxes, but if they only give us the 18 gross amount here, how does that tell us how much 19 was made on the other Jack Sparrow ones? It's not 20 going to tell us anything on that, and that's 21 already been ruled that Your Honor has ordered 22 that. They have already said they will provide the

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1 for sanctions. That motion should be denied and 2. the motions in limine should be denied without 3 prejudice as premature. Thank you, Your Honor.

THE COURT: Ms. Bredehoft, you have got a 5 couple of minutes. It wouldn't hurt if you wanted 6 to address his accusations that you filed motions 7 and then you add motions on that you haven't filed. 8 (Indiscernible).

9 I didn't hear any response from you.

10 11 you hear me?

THE COURT: Yes, ma'am, I can hear you. 12.

MS. BREDEHOFT: Okay. I apologize. 13

Your Honor, on page 4 of my memorandum 15 are these three motions. He said I haven't -- that 16 I didn't say anything about Australia or Savannah; 17 they're both on page 4. I have one, two, three: 18 Arrest in King County, the Australian dog, and we 19 have attached the actual proceedings to show there

20 was no conviction, and number 3 is the Savannah 21 McMillan. I didn't just raise those today. Those

22 were raised in our brief. He didn't respond to

1 documents that are sufficient in compliance with 2 4:8(g) -- (f), and they didn't. They just did not produce any of these. And, significantly, they didn't attach them, Your Honor. 5

You have to take this seriously when 6 you're a plaintiff and you bring a case. 18 months in, we have absolutely no documents that support any damages in this case. None, zero, zip. And 9 the Court has ordered it. The Court ordered it in MS. BREDEHOFT: Oops. Am I on now? Can 10 July, and they haven't produced it. They are not 11 taking this seriously.

And Your Honor has said, you're going to 13 start -- Your Honor is going to start issuing 14 sanctions. This is the time to do it. Get them to 15 start complying. Get them to start giving us the 16 documents.

17 If they had literally produced anything 18 that would have provided this information, we would 19 have attached it or they would have attached it. 20 But they admitted to us they had not provided that. 21 There's -- there has to be a consequence, Your 22 Honor.

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With respect to the motions in limine, I 2 think I have argued those well, and I didn't make 3 up any. They are all in the brief. And they 4 responded to them fine in their brief.

THE COURT: Thank you.

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With regards to the motions in limine, those are all denied. In essence, when counsel 8 starts off telling me that they're going to be 20 9 de bene esse depositions coming up very soon and 10 then asks that evidence be limited, what I 11 interpret that to mean is that you want to impose a 12 discovery cutoff essentially at the time that these 13 de bene esse depositions are being (indiscernible). Depositions are taken for many purposes,

15 and if you want to limit the ability to use a 16 deposition in any fashion by taking it eight months 17 before trial, you're welcome to do that, but to ask 18 the Court to impose a discovery cutoff date at the 19 deposition date, which is what you have essentially 20 (indiscernible) would be inappropriate.

21 As to many of the matters in requests in 22 limine, there are simply evidentiary -- trial

1 evidentiary motions that plaintiff is seeking to 2 have determined eight months before trial and not 3 completely in a vacuum but certainly in effect 4 fashioned favorable to the proponent of that motion 5 in limine.

I'm not going to grant any sanctions 7 today but if I was, it would be more in line with a 8 motion in limine, eight months before trial, that 9 would be of the discovery issues.

As to the discovery issues, the only one 11 that gives me a little bit of pause, frankly, is 12 the issue related to whether or not something is 13 given to a charity -- the \$7 million given to 14 charity or not. And the reason I'm not going to 15 preclude questions about that is that I'm sure that 16 counsel would approach a witness to inject 17 something, instruct their witnesses not to say 18 something that probably wasn't admissible.

19 But in a trial like this where there is a 20 significant probability that most witnesses -- many 21 of the witnesses will have somewhat of an agenda, 22 perhaps, in their testimony -- certainly, the

1 parties (indiscernible) the best interest -- it's 2 not uncommon for witnesses to have something pop out of their mouth that they know they shouldn't say or that the attorneys have told them not to 5 say.

6 So I think, in this type of case, because there's a different standard for discovery than there is for testimony at trial, I think it would 9 be inappropriate to grant restrictions that there 10 not be allowed to be questions about that. The 11 same applies to the Australia -- I just don't know 12 what is going to be injected. I'm going to try 13 very hard to make rulings that limit the 14 admissibility of evidence only to things that are 15 properly admissible, and it has been my practice in 16 the past, and I expect it will be in the future, to 17 perhaps overly comment to the jury when those 18 things are done, someone attempts to offer 19 something, you know it's not (indiscernible), and I 20 instruct the jury to disregard it, I'll try to be 21 (indiscernible). I suspect, in this trial, there 22 will be many occasions where that may be

1 (indiscernible).

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Based on what is before me today, the other motions of the defendant are denied. Those 4 motions are subject and due after the discovery 5 that you-all indicated to me is going to be 6 ongoing, and that is coming up quite quick, is taken care of. In the event that, ultimately, no 8 more information gets provided as to damages than you have now, then a motion in limine will probably 10 be quite favorably looked upon to limit them to 11 what they have (indiscernible).

12 You're eight months from trial, so I'll 13 enter an order (indiscernible) to that effect 14 (indiscernible) motion for sanctions and the motion 15 in limine are both denied and I'll refrain from any 16 sanctions as to anyone today. Okay?

17 MR. CHEW: Thank you very much, Your 18 Honor.

19 MS. BREDEHOFT: Your Honor, just for 20 clarification -- I'm sorry, you cut out. Both of 21 those motions are without prejudice to bring 22 again -- both the sanctions and the in limine? Is

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1 that correct?	1 CERTIFICATE OF COURT REPORTER - NOTARY PUBLIC
2 THE COURT: Well, you're always in a	2
3 position that you can file an appropriate motion at	3 I, Judy Grill, the officer before whom the
4 the appropriate time.	4 foregoing deposition was taken, do hereby certify
5 MS. BREDEHOFT: I just	5 that said proceedings were electronically recorded
6 THE COURT: (Indiscernible) before me.	6 by me; and that I am neither counsel for, related
7 It's what the order states. It's a motion before	7 to, nor employed by any of the parties to this case
8 me today. If you want me to be that specific, the	8 and have no interest, financial or otherwise, in
9 motion before me, heard on September 25th, is	9 its outcome.
10 denied. That's what I'm denying.	10 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my
11 MS. BREDEHOFT: But just so we're clear,	11 hand and affixed my notarial seal this 25th day of
12 it is without prejudice to bring again.	12 September, 2020.
13 THE COURT: I just don't think I have	13
14 you can say that, Ms. Bredehoft. I just don't	14 Jacky Grill
15 understand your question.	15
MS. BREDEHOFT: Your Honor, the reason	16 Judy Grill, Notary Public
171	17 for the State of Florida
18 THE COURT: I told you I told you	18
19 about the motions in limine, and we'll have another	19
20 hearing on those in the future and when you can do	20
21 it. Is there something about the order that you	21
22 think is tricky that people aren't going to	22
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1 understand?	1 CERTIFICATE OF TRANSCRIBER
2 MS. BREDEHOFT: No, Your Honor. I just	2
3 know that, in fact, Your Honor said this many times	3 I, Bobbi J. Fisher, do hereby certify that
4 in the past, that the Court speaks through its	4 the foregoing transcript is a true and correct
5 orders so I just wanted to be sure we were clear.	5 record of the recorded proceedings; that said
6 THE COURT: I'm sorry to be short with	6 proceedings were transcribed to the best of my
7 everybody. Thank you all, and I hope everybody has	7 ability from the audio recording and supporting
8 a good weekend.	8 information; and that I am neither counsel for,
9 MR. CHEW: Thank you, Your Honor. You	9 related to, nor employed by any of the parties to
10 too.	10 this case, and I have no interest, financial or
11 MS. BREDEHOFT: You too. Thank you.	11 otherwise, in its outcome.
12 THE COURT: All right.	12
(At 11:51 a.m., the above hearing	13 BODN FISHER
14 concluded.)	14
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