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                                                                 MR. ROTTENBORN: -- that kind of -- I'm
                                                        2 going to work off the chart, the revised chart. I
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         (The court reporter was duly sworn.)
         THE COURT: Okay. All right. So this is
                                                           think you have both a redline and a clean copy
4 the case of Depp versus Heard. We are here on a
                                                        4 because we have narrowed, with the help of the
                                                        5 conciliator, even on the things that we're arguing
5 motion to compel, but I see that I'm signing a
6 consent order now for most of the issues, so thank
                                                        6 about, we have narrowed those a bit.
  you very much for working together to get that
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                                                                 THE COURT: Okay. Great.
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8 resolved. And I hope the conciliator helped a
                                                                 MR. ROTTENBORN: So Request No. 5 seeks
9 little bit on that.
                                                        9 copies of evidence from other litigations in which
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         MR. CHEW: He very much did, Your Honor.
                                                        10 Mr. Depp has been involved in in the past few years
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         MR. ROTTENBORN: He did, Your Honor.
                                                        11 relating to issues that are relevant to this
                                                        12 lawsuit. So the first -- the first time we were in
12 Thank you for appointing.
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         MR. CHEW: Thank you.
                                                        13 front of Judge White on this, we had sought
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         THE COURT: Good. All right, Okay. So
                                                        14 everything from these other litigations, and he
15 where does that leave us, gentlemen?
                                                        15 said that's too broad, you need to go back to the
         MR. ROTTENBORN: So, Your Honor, Ben
                                                        16 drawing board and narrow this.
17 Rottenborn, Woods Rogers, here on behalf of the
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                                                                 So we have narrowed them into what are
18 defendant, Amber Heard. With me today is David
                                                        18 now 15 subtopics. And I know that seems like a lot
19 Murphy --
                                                        19 and Mr. Depp is going to get up here and say, Well,
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         THE COURT: Hi, Mr. Murphy.
                                                        20 that's a lot; it's not narrowed. But I think a
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         MR. ROTTENBORN: -- also on behalf of the 21 number of the subtopics shows the narrowing because
22 defendant.
                                                        22 we're not just issues one global, blanket,
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                                                        1 high-level request. We're really drilling down to
         So that leaves us with the consent order,
  which I believe Your Honor has a copy of.
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                                                          things that are at issue in this case.
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        THE COURT: Yes.
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                                                                 Each topic relates directly to this case,
                                                        4 and in some instances, has already been compelled.
        MR. ROTTENBORN: It deals with most of
 the things. We're also going to withdraw Request
                                                        5 I don't think there's any question that the topics
                                                        6 are relevant. And I'm not going to, unless Your
6 No. 22 and 23 for now.
         THE COURT: 22 and 23. Okay.
                                                          Honor wants to, I won't go through each one
         MR. ROTTENBORN: And so that leaves us
                                                          specifically. But what I'll say is that the Tracey
9 with six that are at issue today.
                                                        9 Jacobs deposition -- and Your Honor has heard us
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         THE COURT: 22 and 23. Okay. All right.
                                                        10 refer to that in prior motions -- that proves this.
                                                        11 Tracey Jacobs is Mr. Depp's former agent who
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        MR. ROTTENBORN: And, Your Honor, for one
12 of them, I have a binder. If I may approach.
                                                        12 testified in two of these cases and testified about
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         THE COURT: Sure. We can get it to you.
                                                        13 most of these topics. And we got that deposition
                                                        14 the morning of her deposition in this case.
14 Thank you.
        MR. ROTTENBORN: Thank you, Your Honor.
                                                                 There's exhibits that were produced as
                                                        16 part of Tracey Jacobs' depositions. There are
16 You can set that to the side for now.
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        THE COURT: Okay.
                                                        17 emails from Disney about their impatience with
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        MR. ROTTENBORN: We're going to start
                                                        18 Mr. Depp, about the drug and alcohol abuse that was
19 with No. 5. And, Your Honor, we sent -- yesterday
                                                        19 impeding his filming of "Pirates of the Caribbean
                                                        205", that they were fed up, that they had paid 300
20 morning, we submitted a slightly revised chart to
21 the Court --
                                                        21 extras to sit around for a day that he didn't show
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THE COURT: Okay.

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22 up to film. That's, you know, highly relevant to

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1 this case.

So they say in response -- Mr. Depp says,
Well, Ms. Heard wasn't a party to this case -- to
these other cases. She wasn't deposed, and she
wasn't mentioned in the complaint. That's kind of
the lead headline argument in their opposition, but
that's not the standard here.

The standard here is, you know, what is relevant from those other litigations that's also relevant in this case. And the fact is, Your Honor, Mr. Depp is a -- he's a serial litigator whose pattern in these cases is to blame others for problems that, you know, we believe -- and that the relevant in these other cases -- were caused by his sown poor decision making.

And so these cases have a common theme, 17 and as the Tracey Jacobs deposition showed, there 18 are materials that are relevant from these other 19 cases. So that is what these topics get to. These 20 topics were crafted from the complaint, from 21 depositions, from facts that are at issue in this 22 case. They wouldn't be burdensome to produce

because his lawyers already have all of these
 documents because he's had the same legal team in
 part for all of these cases.

4 So very quickly, as a summary fashion,
5 Your Honor, Topics A through C -- and these are the
6 new topics; we have eliminated the former Topic A.
7 But Topics A through C and D, Tracey Jacobs
7 testified directly to, again, about damages. The
9 language of Topics A through C is taken from
10 paragraph 105 of his complaint about the types of
11 injuries he suffered. Topic D, relating to Pirates
12 of the Caribbean; again, Tracey Jacobs' depositions
13 from these other cases and the emails from Disney
14 prove that there's relevant documents out there.

15 Topics E through G go to drug use and 16 alcohol abuse and property damage. Those are 17 plainly at issue in this case. Jacobs testified to 18 those in those depositions.

19 THE COURT: Don't you think they could be 20 narrowed a little? I mean, anything related to 21 Mr. Depp's drug or alcohol use? I mean, what, do

1 know what I'm saying? There's no narrowing factor 2 to that. That's, obviously, overbroad.

MR. ROTTENBORN: Well, I think if it were any documents in his possession, but these are documents specifically from these other litigations relating to his drug or alcohol use, which he's been in a pattern of drug and alcohol abuse that's escalated over time, and there's been evidence of that, that it's gotten worse and worse and worse, and we believe that that is a big contributor to these problems that he's having, that he blames on the people and that he sues other people for.

13 We're certainly amenable to narrowing 14 that if Your Honor believes that we should but we 15 believe that -- I mean, there's no question that 16 Mr. Depp's drug and alcohol abuse is relevant to 17 this case, as is his property damage.

Topics H through I go to abuse by 19 Mr. Depp of Ms. Heard or others. Again, Ms. Jacobs 20 testified to that in her deposition or testified 21 about that, was asked about that. Plainly at 22 issue.

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Topics L through N relate to violence by
Mr. Depp or alleged violence by Ms. Heard, which
Mr. Depp alleges in his complaint. Again, Jacobs
testified some about that.

And then Topic K goes to pre- or post-nuptial agreements, which Mr. Depp has put at issue relating to the divorce payments in this case.

9 So all of these topics are -- we believe
10 we have gone back to the drawing board. We have
11 tried to tailor these as narrowly as we can. We
12 know from the Tracey Jacobs deposition -- and
13 that's the only peek into these other litigations
14 that we have gotten -- we know that responsive and
15 relevant information exists. So the relevance of
16 the topics isn't in question. The question is
17 whether they exist. We know they exist. Tracey
18 Jacobs' deposition proves that they do. Mr. Depp's
19 attorneys have these documents, and we believe that
20 they should have to produce them.

21 Mr. Depp's drug or alcohol use? I mean, what, do 21 We have tried to narrow these as much as 22 we want to start back when he was 18 -- I mean, you 22 we can, Your Honor, while still recognizing that

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1 there are responsive documents there. I know that 2 Mr. Depp says, Well, there are third-party privacy 3 concerns, there's protective orders in these other 4 cases. And as Your Honor knows, those can be dealt with through an order of the court compelling 6 production and if a protective order needs to be entered on the documents here, then that can be discussed as well. So that shouldn't impede their production. 10 But we really tried to narrow these as 11 much as we can because, as in any case, Your Honor, 12 to the extent a party has litigated similar issues, 13 whether or not Ms. Heard was named in the complaint 14 or deposed in those cases, that's not -- that's not 15 the issue. The issue is whether there's relevant, 16 material, discoverable information in those case 17 files. We believe that there is. We know that 18 there is. 19 THE COURT: Okay. All right. 20 MR. ROTTENBORN: So with respect to --21 THE COURT: If we can just do No. 5 and 22 let me get the response to that. 14 MR. ROTTENBORN: Of course. THE COURT: Let's just do it that way. MR. ROTTENBORN: Yes. THE COURT: Because I'll forget by the

1 to the pending plea in bar. It's not -- it dooms the collateral estoppel, res judicata that's it's not -- it's not the argument that we make here. 4 Moreover, just to clarify, before I get to what I hope will be the solution, Ms. Jacobs testified very clearly that she had no evidence that Mr. Depp abused Ms. Heard or anybody else and that she had never spoken with Ms. Heard about it, she had never spoken with Mr. Depp about it. So I 10 wanted to clear that record. 11 Also, Mr. Depp has already produced every 12 single piece of paper relating to any claim that he 13 abused anybody other than Ms. Heard, which is to 14 say zero. There's no woman on the planet who has 15 ever accused Mr. Depp of physical violence. The 16 only person who's been found to have committed 17 physical violence before this litigation is 18 Ms. Heard, who spent a night in jail for beating up 19 her girlfriend, Tasya van Ree. 20 Your Honor, with respect to No. 5 very 21 clearly, Your Honor's read the papers. You know 22 that those two cases -- or at least it's our

time we get to 23. 6 MR. ROTTENBORN: Okay. THE COURT: All right. Yes, sir. MR. CHEW: Good morning, Your Honor. May 9 it please the Court. Ben Chew for Johnny Depp. 10 And I will -- Plaintiff Johnny Depp. I will 11 restrict my comments right now to No. 5 as to which

12 I believe we have a proposed solution. THE COURT: Okay. MR. CHEW: One which actually goes beyond 15 the steps that Steve Cochran, the conciliator, 16 requested. I do want to -- just as a threshold 17 matter -- just correct a couple of misconceptions.

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Our argument is not that Ms. Heard was 19 not a party in the case against TMG and against 20 Bloom. Our argument is that those cases are wholly 21 unrelated. 22

Ms. Heard's not being a party is relevant

1 position that those two cases have nothing to do with Mr. Depp's relationship to Ms. Heard. Those were relating to business relationships that 4 started in 1999. In the Bloom case, it was an alleged oral contract between Mr. Bloom and Mr. Depp that took place in 1999. Judge Green in California ruled, as a matter of law, that that 8 contract was illegal. It was an illegal oral 9 contract, void at the discretion of Mr. Depp, who 10 settled for eight figures.

The TMG case, I cannot disclose the 11 12 terms, not also settled favorably. That does not 13 make Mr. Depp a serial litigator nor does it 14 suggest that he was blaming other people for things 15 that were his fault because the Court in both of 16 those cases -- different judges -- concluded that 17 the fault laid with the defendants.

But at any rate, to answer the Court's 19 question, we proposed a solution three weeks ago, 20 and Mr. Cochran thought it was a good solution; 21 Ms. Bredehoft did not. So we have gone one better, 22 and here it is. And Mr. Rottenborn is familiar

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1 with this because Ms. Vasquez sent him and 2 Ms. Bredehoft this proposal vesterday. And. specifically, Mr. Depp proposes to produce portions 3 4 of non-privileged written discovery responses. 5 deposition transcripts, which would include the 6 deposition exhibits to which Mr. Rottenborn alluded 6 as to these six categories:

No. 1, Ms. Heard's relationship with 9 Mr. Depp. So any deposition or deposition exhibit 10 that refers to the relationship. And I can 11 represent to the Court that that's going to be a 12 pretty small volume because the cases have nothing 13 to do with that. But they're right; that would be 14 relevant. That's one category.

15 Second category: To the extent not 16 covered by the preceding category, Mr. Depp's and 17 Ms. Heard's respective allegations of physical or 18 emotional domestic abuse/violence.

Third category: Any alleged damage to 20 Mr. Depp's career prospects as a result of alleged 21 tardiness or behavior on the set. So that would 22 cover another of Mr. Rottenborn's concerns.

1 Virginia. And I would expect TMG and Bloom's 2 counsel, who want to put this in the rearview mirror, would object to that, as would some of the witnesses. To give you one example, and then I'll subside: When we agreed to produce the videotape for Ms. Jacobs in the two prior cases, I thought it was not going to be a problem. It was a big 8 problem because TMG's counsel put in all caps "no 9 way". Eventually, we worked through it, and 10 because I had made a representation to the Court we 11 would do it, we got it done, but I think this would 12 do it -- and I -- we still may get objections from 13 TMG's and Bloom's counsel. We still may get 14 objections from the witnesses, but I think it's 15 going to be -- because I think -- well, I know that 16 the volume of this is not going to be very large; I

THE COURT: All right. Thank you. 18

17 think it's going to far lesser problem, Your Honor.

19 All right. Yes, sir?

20 MR. ROTTENBORN: Thank you, Your Honor. 21 First, we're not asking him to produce three and a

22 half million documents. I mean, that's why we

Fourth category: Any allegations of reputational harm caused by the defendants in the

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other litigation. We'll produce anything there, although that's not what those cases were about.

Any allegations of damage to Mr. Depp's career prospects by the defendants in the other litigation, meaning the TMG and Bloom cases.

Now, could it be, if anything -- but, anyway, that's what we would propose to produce.

And the final category would be any 11 allegations of drug and alcohol use by Mr. Depp or 12 Ms. Heard.

13 That, I would respectfully submit, covers 14 the waterfront of what would be relevant to this 15 case. And I think it's going to help Ms. Heard in 16 the sense of, if the Court were to order Mr. Depp 17 to produce 3 million documents from those cases, it 18 will be a hornet's nest of very stringent 19 protective orders. It's not a joke. Those are 20 real, binding protective orders in California, 21 which include California's very broad conception of 21 was. I believe that's on page 3 of our brief, the 22 privacy, which is far broader than it is here in

1 tried to narrow these categories. And, you know,

2 respecting Mr. Chew's attempt to try to narrow

this, I believe that what he's proposing doesn't

4 give us everything that's relevant to this case and doesn't give us everything that we're asking for.

including things like property damage, which is

very relevant to this case; that's Topic F;

documents related to the finger injury when

9 Mr. Depp cut off his own finger but alleges that

10 Ms. Heard did that in his complaint, that's Topic

11 J. Topic K, anything relating to pre- or post- --

THE COURT: Do you think there would be 13 anything but his finger injury in these other -- in 14 TMG or Bloom?

MR. ROTTENBORN: Yeah, he's in the --16 there's a YouTube video of him testifying in one of 17 these cases about his finger injury that's out 18 there. And Ms. Jacobs, in her deposition, Your 19 Honor, she -- she testified that he had cut his 20 finger off or that that was what her understanding 22 cite to that. So -- or it was either her testimony

1 or it was in the email that was attached. 1 listed that we believe more comprehensively covers 2 So the bottom line is we don't know 2 things that are relevant to this case. 3 3 what's out there, but I think what Mr. -- what MR. CHEW: Your Honor, very briefly. 4 Mr. Depp is -- he's taking the position that these 4 THE COURT: All right. Yes, sir. 5 cases weren't ultimately about whether there was 5 MR. CHEW: I just wanted to address the 6 domestic violence by Mr. Depp against Ms. Heard. one point. There is one reference in one 7 Of course they weren't. They were disputes with deposition to the finger. 8 other business people. But as the emails from 8 THE COURT: Okay. So we can add that to 9 Disney executives to Tracey Jacobs saying, during 9 the list. 10 the filing of Pirates 5, we're fed up with Johnny's 10 MR. CHEW: Absolutely. I would -- we're 11 behavior, and now he's coming in here and suing my 11 going to produce that anyway because it goes to the 12 client for \$50 million for causing him to lose 12 relationship between Ms. Heard and Mr. Depp. In 13 Pirates 6, that has to be relevant to --13 other words, we would already think that that would THE COURT: Well, I mean, isn't that 14 be subsumed in that category because Mr. Depp 15 covered under No. 3, damage to career prospects and 15 alleges that it was Ms. Heard who cut off his 16 also allegations of career prospects? 16 finger when she threw a broken vodka bottle at him, 17 MR. ROTTENBORN: And reputational harm. 17 which is why he missed a day of filming. 18 It's covered in part, Your Honor, but what we would But, at any rate, that's subsumed in the 18 19 ask for is --19 category of we had proposed that we would produce 20 THE COURT: What would you add to that? 20 documents -- anything related to the Amber 21 MR. ROTTENBORN: The language that we 21 Heard/Johnny Depp relationship. But it was a 22 have used in Topics A and B, which is taken 22 straight question from one of Mr. Bloom's attorneys 22 1 directly from his complaint. So they're saying 1 that was asked in kind of a sympathetic way, "Gee, 2 I heard she cut off your finger." 2 career prospects and reputational harm, and we're 3 saying you alleged more than that in your But, at any rate, that was subsumed in 4 complaint. Use that language. Use -- that was --4 what we would propose to produce, in any rate -- at 5 that was taken -- I'm not sure -- I can't say it any rate. 6 was taken verbatim from his complaint, but he had a 16 THE COURT: All right. Okay. So let's 7 lot more than just reputational harm, is on 7 do this: We'll do the 1 through 6 that you 8 paragraph 105 of his complaint. 8 discussed, but you have to add to 3 the language So we believe that, if the Court narrows 9 that's used in, I believe, A and B: Loss, injury, 10 it, that we track the language of the complaint so 10 or damage to his reputation, loss of roles or 11 that we don't get in here and Mr. Depp is saying, 11 economic opportunities; harm to his ability to 12 Well, you know, there were another category of 12 carry on his profession; embarrassment, 13 damages other than reputational or something like 13 humiliation, emotional distress or other financial 14 that. We think that that's fair. 14 loss, which is under B -- 5-B. So we're certainly willing to work on 15 MR. CHEW: Understood, Your Honor. 16 narrowing these further, but, you know, again, 16 THE COURT: All right. And then we have 17 we're not asking for all the documents produced in 17 got to add 7 for property damage because the -- if 18 this case. I don't think that third-party privacy 18 there is any evidence that the depositions or 19 interrogatories dealing with the property damage as 19 concerns can be used to deny Ms. Heard discovery

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20 shown in F and G.

22 the finger was in J.

We have the finger in H -- or, I'm sorry,

20 here. There's ways around that.

And the six categories that Mr. Chew just

22 mentioned don't cover everything that we have

27 All right. So you're saying -- you 1 for. 2 2 already said the Heard relationship and then also These documents were produced in response to our interrogatory, which Judge White compelled 3 you said physical and domestic abuse. Does that 4 also contain the Heard relationship -- does that last summer, seeking damages information. Judge White said you have to produce facts as to damages. 5 contain the efforts to obtain a 6 prenuptial/postnuptial agreement? Would that be That's reflected in Tab 1 of the binder. encompassing in the Heard relationship, No. 1? In Tab 8 of the binder, at a 9/18/2020 That's just a very -hearing, Mr. Chew explicitly said that these MR. CHEW: I would -- yes, that would, documents had been -- Mr. Depp had gotten Mr. White 10 to prepare these documents in response to that 10 Your Honor. 11 interrogatory in which Judge White said we get the THE COURT: Okay. I just want to make 12 sure. So we have the allegations of abuse and 12 facts as to damages. That transcript is in Tab 8. Tab 7 shows where Mr. White, who is 13 violence taken care of on both sides. We have the 14 drug and alcohol use, was No. 6. All right. Okay. 14 Mr. Depp's long-time accountant, was designated as 15 a non-retained expert in this case. And I 15 We have got that. All right. MR. ROTTENBORN: Your Honor, can I ask 16 understand that there's another -- now that the 17 trial was continued, there's another opportunity 17 one clarifying --18 for expert disclosures, but in early 2021, THE COURT: Sure, sure. 18 MR. ROTTENBORN: We're talking drug and 19 Mr. White was designated as a non-retained expert 19 20 alcohol use, not drug and alcohol abuse? Because 20 in this case, who is expected to testify on the 21 negative impact of the op-ed on Mr. Depp's career. 21 that's one of the areas where --THE COURT: All right. Can we say drug They have also -- and this is also in Tab 1 and alcohol use or abuse for No. 6? 1 7. Mr. Depp's also disclosed two other damages MR. CHEW: That's fine, Your Honor. experts who say that they're going to rely on 2 3 MR. ROTTENBORN: Thank you. information from Ed White. THE COURT: All right. Okay. So that So all we're seeking are documents that takes care of No. 5? were relied upon or referred to by Mr. White to 6 MR. ROTTENBORN: Yes, Your Honor. 6 prepare this made-for-litigation summary document THE COURT: All right. Let's move on to that, in itself, was generated in response to a 8 No. 6, is it? 8 compelled interrogatory. This goes to the heart of MR. ROTTENBORN: Okay. Thank you, Your 9 the case. Again, Your Honor, don't need to remind 10 Honor. No. 6 -- and this is where the binder that 10 the Court, but a \$50 million lawsuit brought by 11 I gave the Court is relevant. 11 Mr. Depp, and now Mr. Depp is trying to pick and 12 THE COURT: Okay. 12 choose what he gets to provide to support those 13 MR. ROTTENBORN: I'm not going to 13 damages but then designate experts who can rely on 14 laboriously go through it, but I'm just going to 14 whatever they want. And so what we're seeking is the 15 refer to some tabs. We have narrowed this from 16 information underlying these summaries, which 16 what was initially asked, so in the chart that we 17 submitted yesterday, there was a summary -- a 17 Mr. Depp has admitted, were prepared for the 18 summary of certain financial documents, EWC 1 18 purposes of this litigation. Again, this goes to 19 through 52. What we're seeking now are the 19 the heart of the case. Mr. Chew is going to say 20 that Judge White denied us this information. 20 documents relied to or referred -- relied upon or 21 referred to by Ed White when he generated that 21 That's not accurate. As Tabs -- on the hearing --

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22 summary for Mr. Depp. So that's what we're looking

22 in the hearing on September 18th, 2020, this

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1 document was produced the day before the hearing, 2 2 and Mr. Depp's attorneys argued they have this 3 document, Your Honor; they don't need some of the 4 other financial information that they're seeking. 5 That other financial information is contained in 6 some of the requests in Tabs 9 and 10 of that binder. It is not the case that this has ever been 8 in front of the Court. 8 In fact, EWC 1 through 52 was used to 10 convince Judge White that information related to 11 the divorce that we had sought at the time, 12 financial information, wasn't going to be 13 compelled. 14 So this has never been in front of the 15 Court. It hasn't been denied, and we believe, you 16 know, frankly, if an expert is going to rely on 17 something and get up here and testify that we ought 18 to be able to take a peek at what the expert looked

21 MR. CHEW: Thank you, Your Honor. With 22 respect to RFP No. 6, the Court should deny it as 1 overly broad and previously rejected by this Court.

THE COURT: Okay. All right. Yes, sir.

19 at and what the expert relied on.

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2 And I will quote Chief Judge White in a moment. Just to back up for a moment, EWC 1 3 4 through 52 are the income statements and P&Ls from | 4 Ms. Bredehoft. Mr. Rottenborn correctly referred 5 all of Mr. Depp's loan-out companies, showing his 6 income and expenditures, including a breakdown of 7 income by particular films over a ten-year period. 8 Previously -- that's the period that Chief Judge 9 White previously defined as relevant, both from 10 Ms. Heard's tax returns and Mr. Depp's -- and those 11 were all long before Mr. Depp even met Ms. Heard. And just to respectfully correct 12 13 Mr. Rottenborn on one point, the production was 14 actually pursuant to negotiations between

15 Ms. Heard's California counsel and EWC, which 16 Ms. Heard's California counsel accepted as 17 sufficient and did not, thereafter, move to compel. The production of all the backup as 19 requested would provide no further relevant 20 information and entail a massive volume of 21 documents, virtually everything in EWC's client 22 file for Mr. Depp -- for Mr. Depp and his loan-out 1 companies.

And while Mr. Rottenborn is correct that Mr. White and EWC are Mr. Depp's manager, that's a relatively recent development. TMG was the manager until it was found out by Mr. White -- Mr. White was the one who discovered the -- I'll put it euphemistically -- the irregularities.

Mr. White brought on TMG as principal for 9 two weeks to help him with the transition, and it 10 was during the transition that Mr. White discovered 11 that the former accountant was not helping him 12 discover what was going on in the system but, 13 rather, to delete and to change entries into the 14 system, which is called Datafaction.

So in a lot of cases, you know, 15 16 Mr. Mandel, at one point, testified that the 17 records were in his head. So that's what we're 18 talking about here.

At any rate, Your Honor, it would also --20 just to respond to what Mr. Rottenborn said, it 21 would contradict the Court's prior rulings, 22 limiting Mr. Depp's obligations for producing his

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1 tax returns for the past decade, which he did. And at the hearing, Mr. Rottenborn referred to -- and he did the argument. It wasn't 5 to EWC 1 through 52, which had just been produced. 6 And his quote was, at page 32, "On the financial 7 statements, Your Honor, we got this information 8 yesterday afternoon that apparently is work product 9 that Mr. White generated. We're entitled to test 10 that work product with the underlying documents, 11 including tax returns that were relied on." The Court rejected that request at page 13 35, stating as follows: "As to the tax documents, 14 it's granted in part and denied in part. The 15 documents which show the post -- the past income

16 are to be produced. The supporting documents are 17 not to be produced. You-all have got a lot of 18 information on income, and this is just one more 19 area where I envision a rehashing of previous other 20 issues. Your question is what's the amount of 21 income, and you can get that -- those parts of the 22 tax return is limited. There's very limited parts

that would show the income." 1 arguing over something and one private company had So we would submit that that's 2 produced a summary made-for-litigation document, it essentially the same issue. It was in the context wouldn't be a stretch to ask for the underlying of the tax returns, but it was also with reference financials that make up that document. 5 to this massive volume of information, and the 5 THE COURT: All right. 6 logic of Chief Judge White's ruling was that 1 6 MR. ROTTENBORN: So, for the same 7 through 52 would be sufficient, as it's analogous reasons, we believe they're relevant here. 8 to the redacted tax returns that both parties have 8 THE COURT: All right. Thank you. 9 submitted. There's simply no reason to justify the 9 All right. So for EWC 1 through 52, it 10 massive production and the expense entailed to 10 is very comprehensive. As far as the financials, 11 produce all the backup. 11 if we could just -- what I would like to say --12 THE COURT: All right. Yes, sir. 12 other than saying all documents relied upon 13 MR. ROTTENBORN: Thank you, Your Honor. 13 Mr. White, I think that's overbroad. If you want 14 Your Honor, when Judge White ruled last 14 to say financial documents relied on by Mr. White 15 year, he was talking about the supporting documents 15 to do it, I think that would narrow it down. 16 supporting the tax returns. I'll reiterate: EWC MR. ROTTENBORN: That would be fine with 17 was not at issue. It had been produced the day 17 us. Your Honor. 18 before in response to an interrogatory compelling 18 THE COURT: Okay. Let's do that. 19 damages information that they were supposed to 19 MR. ROTTENBORN: Thank you. 20 produce it by the end of August, and it wasn't 20 THE COURT: All right. That leads us to 21 produced until September 17th. 21 No. 10. His ruling had nothing to do with denying 22 MR. ROTTENBORN: Your Honor, could we do 1 the documents underlying this summary. No one had 1 20? 2 had any chance to spend any time with that summary. 2 THE COURT: Sure. 3 And, you know, I just have to correct this idea MR. ROTTENBORN: Because I'm going to do 4 that these were produced as part of some 10, 24, and 25 altogether. 5 third-party discovery in California. At that same THE COURT: I like that idea. Okay. 6 hearing, Mr. Chew admitted -- and this is in Tab 8 6 Let's do 20. 7 of our binder -- that he was -- he asked Mr. White 7 MR. ROTTENBORN: Okay. 8 8 to -- instructed Mr. White to put these documents THE COURT: Okay. 9 together in response to the damages interrogatory. MR. ROTTENBORN: I think we're through 10 So it was directly in response to the Court's order 10 the two most time-consuming ones. 11 compelling information there. 11 THE COURT: All right. Okay. 20. And, ultimately, Your Honor, what we're 12 12 MR. ROTTENBORN: All right. This is 13 looking at is they're going to try to have Ed White 13 pretty simple. This seeks payments to this list of 14 come up here and testify as to the negative impact 14 people who may be witnesses here in this case. We 15 economically on Mr. Depp's career. He's going to 15 have taken off the two lawyers that we know of, 16 Laura Wasser and Jake Bloom because Mr. Depp said, 16 cite EWC 1 through 52. We believe that, for 17 cross-examination purposes and for the purposes of 17 Well, payments to them -- you know, we don't want 18 rebuttal experts from our side, we have the right 18 privilege attorney fee information. That's not 19 to take a look at what documents did you look at 19 what we're looking for. If there's other attorneys 20 when you were generating for the purposes of 20 on there, we can take those off too, but under Rule 21 litigation EWC 1 through 52. I don't think that's 21 610 federal -- or state rule of evidence 610. Your 22 a stretch or if this were two private companies 22 Honor, this type of evidence is admissible as

39 1 that. But I think, in the abstract, it's hard to 1 evidence of bias, payments to these people. 2 Judge White ruled on July 24th, 2020, he answer Your Honor's question. I see what you're 3 saying but -said -- and I quote -- "transactions where they 4 might be receiving money, that would be THE COURT: Okay. 5 appropriate, I think, if they're going to be MR. ROTTENBORN: Thank you. 6 6 potential witnesses or they're being paid or they THE COURT: All right. Yes, sir. have a source of income." MR. CHEW: Very briefly, Your Honor. And we're gratified that Mr. Rottenborn withdrew RFPs The fact is, there's a lot of people who 9 22 and 23. That's something Mr. Cochran 9 rely on payments by Mr. Depp to support their 10 lifestyle or to provide their livelihood. He 10 recommended three days ago and as recently as last 11 night; Ms. Bredehoft insisted on keeping them, but 11 employs a lot of people to do a lot of things for 12 they're now withdrawn. 12 him, and if those people are going to get on the 13 The other one before -- if I could, 13 stand and testify, I think we're entitled to see 14 before we get to 24 and 25 -- RFP 10 is another 14 what he's paid them, and it goes directly to bias 15 and credibility. 15 vastly overbroad RFP that Mr. Cochran recommended 16 that Ms. Heard withdraw, and that's the one that THE COURT: I mean, that he's paid them 16 17 calls "for each defense you have pleaded and 17 and that they're on payroll, I can see the bias, 18 response. Please provide all documents supporting 18 but knowing exactly what they made, is that really 19 or negating each such defense." So we would ask 19 relevant? 20 that that one -- the motion to compel be denied as 20 MR. ROTTENBORN: Well, I think so. I 21 to No. 10. 21 think --22 With respect to 24 and 25 --22 THE COURT: I mean, don't they have some 40 THE COURT: He's just argued 20, so far. 1 protection in what -- in their personal income? 1 MR. ROTTENBORN: Well, I think there's a 2 MR. CHEW: I'm sorry? 3 THE COURT: He's only argued 20, so far. 3 differen- -- I see what Your Honor is saying, and 4 No. 20. 4 certainly we're happy to -- if there's -- you know, 5 MR. ROTTENBORN: I'm going to do 10, 24 5 I think -- I think we're entitled to see it. 6 Whether it's entitled to be shown to a jury -- the 6 and --7 THE COURT: He hasn't done the other ones 7 problem here, Your Honor, is that some people, 8 their job is to follow Mr. Depp around to be -- to 8 yet. 9 do things for him. Other people get -- there's 9 MR. CHEW: Oh, oh, I'm sorry. 10 been at least Isaac Baruch who is on this list, he 10 THE COURT: I appreciate that you're 11 testified, I believe, that he lives in a penthouse 11 trying to --12 that Mr. Depp owns, rent-free. So some of these 12 MR. CHEW: I apologize. 13 gifts are in kind. To us, there's a big difference 13 THE COURT: -- short-circuit everything, 14 if he paid someone \$100,000 a year versus gave 14 but I think -- I think he has an opportunity to say 15 them, you know, a \$2,000 watch. That's, obviously, 15 something. 16 a big difference in kind, and I think we'd be 16 MR. CHEW: I was being obtuse. 17 THE COURT: 20 -- he's just at 20. 17 entitled to know either one. But I think that the amount -- if someone 18 MR. CHEW: Okay. Let me --THE COURT: Which is all the salary, 19 is on Mr. Depp's payroll, I think that's relevant. 19 20 commissions, bonuses, advances, loans, benefits, 20 You know, maybe there's a way that we can do it 21 without getting the full amount, if your primary 21 perks, expenses. 22 job is to be employed by Mr. Depp or something like 22 MR. CHEW: Yes, let me find my notes on

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that. Beg the Court's indulgence.

THE COURT: That's fine.

There's no threshold.

2 3 MS. HUNTER: Yes. This is -- as Your 4 Honor alluded to, this is wildly overbroad. I think this is the list of 49 people, one of whom is 6 Mr. Depp's sister, and this is wildly overly broad.

For example, we propounded an 9 interrogatory to Ms. Heard where we proposed a 10 \$5,000 threshold. So if Mr. Depp buys a cup of 11 coffee to -- you know, for someone -- you know, 12 under their proposal, proposed No. 20, that's --13 that would have to be disclosed. That would have 14 to find that.

15 So in our proposed interrogatory to 16 Ms. Heard, which is far more targeted to particular 17 people, we had a \$5,000 threshold so she wouldn't 18 have to report. And they have objected to 19 producing anything. So they're saying that 20 that's -- we're not going to produce anything 21 that's overly broad, and that's not before Your 22 Honor today.

But not only is there no limit on amount, which there should be, there's no limit on the cause for the gift. Mr. Depp is very generous. 4 Ms. Jacobs, every holiday period, admitted that she 5 would tell Mr. Depp what she expected him to buy 6 her for Christmas, and he would do it. And some of 7 those gifts were very expensive. That's kind of 8 how he is.

But we would submit, Your Honor, here, 10 that in addition to being a limit on a threshold 11 amount of the gift or payment, that there be some 12 kind of limit on cause, holiday presents, that kind 13 of thing.

And as Your Honor touched upon, there's a 14 15 real -- there's very real privacy issues here, and 16 again, not to repeat, but California has a very 17 broad law on privacy. These are employees, and 18 they do have standing. And they have real reason 19 to be concerned of the way Ms. Heard has used these 20 documents in the past.

EWC 1 through 52, for example, 22 Ms. Bredehoft attached that document to public

filing in this case. Well, that was marked 2 confidential, and it contains a lot of private information.

of which recovered, and so there's a history here of producing sensitive and in some cases confidential information, which makes us all the 9 more concerned about the lack of limits on this 10 Request No. 20. And I'll restrict my comments just 11 to 20 until he gets to those others.

have filed two entire deposition transcripts, some

Similarly, Ms. Bredehoft and Ms. Heard

12 THE COURT: All right. Thank you.

13 All right, yes, sir.

14 MR. ROTTENBORN: Thank you, Your Honor. 15 I just have to correct one thing. EWC 1 through 52 16 had been de-designated. Mr. Chew made this 17 argument in his brief, and before the July 2nd 18 hearing, he emailed the court clerk with an apology 19 that he was wrong, that it hadn't been publicly 20 filed improperly. So get up here now and say that 21 we don't respect and protect the order, there's one

22 side that's been sanctioned for not respecting the

1 protective order, and it's not our side.

Your Honor, we'd be willing to, I think, agree to some sort of small -- if Your Honor wanted to say \$5,000, but the issue here is any witness who is going to get up and testify for Mr. Depp --6 and I'll say, there's a lot of people on this list, but these are people who were identified by 8 Mr. Depp as potential witnesses.

Both Judge White has ruled, Rule 610 10 supports the idea that if those people have been 11 paid by Mr. Depp, that goes directly toward their 12 bias and their credibility. So whether they have 13 been given an expensive Christmas gift or whether 14 they're -- like Laura Divenere, who has been -- you 15 know, she was an interior designer, so she was 16 probably paid something by Mr. Depp or whether 17 there's someone like Sean Bett or Stephen Deuters, 18 who are entirely on his payroll and relying on him 19 for their livelihood, I think that we're entitled 20 to test that. It goes directly to bias and 21 creditability.

22 THE COURT: All right.

MR. ROTTENBORN: Thank you, Your Honor, 1 hearing. It's basically saying, Hey, you have 12 THE COURT: Okay. So for 20, let's limit 2 alleged that you're damaged. Tell us -- give us the threshold to 5,000. 3 any documents relating to damages. And then as far as employee -- when it 4 And on page 1 of our brief, Mr. Chew in 5 comes to any salary, commissions, bonuses, that argument said, you know, he needed all 6 advances, that can just be answered in the documents relating to Ms. Heard's damages claim. 7 affirmative. I don't want -- I don't want any and those were compelled. You know, if everything 8 monetary amount being given to those because I has been produced in this case, there shouldn't be 9 think they have a right to their privacy in their a whole lot of work, but, again, we're trying to 10 salary, commissions, and bonuses. On 10 avoid surprise at trial. We have asked for 11 cross-examination, you can ask the questions, but 11 individual RFPs on -- for counterclaim denials, all 12 if they aren't on payroll with commissions, 12 documents supporting the denials of counterclaim 13 bonuses, advances, then you can at least know who 13 and affirmative defenses to the counterclaim, but, 14 those people are. 14 again, this is designed to cover anything that they 15 As far as loans, benefits, perks, and 15 deem wasn't covered by that but that would clearly 16 expenses, those can be monetary. It's a big 16 be relevant. 17 difference if you loan somebody 5,000 or loan 17 And, you know, again, I think that the 18 somebody 100,000, and I agree with that. So those 18 similar requests have been made at least with 19 have to be disclosed. All right? 19 respect to damages. We did modify No. 10 to get MR. ROTTENBORN: Thank you, Your Honor. 20 rid of the "otherwise relating to" language. That 20 21 THE COURT: All right. Now are we going 21 was probably too broad. So we said "documents 22 to 10? 22 supporting or negating your defense to the 46 48 MR. ROTTENBORN: All right. I'm going to 1 counterclaim," which gets rid of the "relating to" 2 problem. 2 do 10, in the interest of respecting Your Honor's time -- 10, 24, and 25 generally together. 3 24 is similar and then 25, again, \$50 4 THE COURT: Okay. million lawsuit by Mr. Depp. He needs to prove his MR. ROTTENBORN: Because the basic damages. We're asking him to produce any purpose of these requests, Your Honor, is to avoid documents. And if he's done what he's supposed to a surprise at trial. We have -- you know, we do, then there shouldn't be anything else, but 8 have -- both sides have asked a lot of discovery in we're just trying to avoid surprise. 9 this case. You know, we have worked through a lot 9 THE COURT: All right. 10 of issues together. As Your Honor has seen, you 10 MR. ROTTENBORN: Thank you, Your Honor. 11 know, there's been some hotly contested discovery 11 MR. CHEW: Thank you again, Your Honor. 12 issues too. And what we don't want to have happen 12 RFP 10, even as minorly amended, 24 and 25 13 is to get to trial and for Mr. Depp's team to have 13 essentially call for all documents relating anyway 14 construed requests narrowly so that exhibits show 14 to the complaint, counterclaim, and the defenses 15 up on the exhibit list that they say, Well, a-ha, 15 thereto. As Mr. Cochran told Ms. Bredehoft and us, 16 you have never asked for it, and discovery is 16 these are vastly overbroad. Rule 4:9 requires 17 closed. And so that's the purpose of these 17 reasonable particularity, and Mr. Cochran 18 documents -- these document requests. 18 recommended that all three of those be stricken. 19 19 And they should be, Your Honor. You have to do a I'll note that, you know, for 25, this is

20 little better than that in terms of requesting

22 not be more broad than they are.

21 documents. I mean, these document requests could

20 essentially a comprehensive request for damages.

21 These are pretty similar to the requests that Your

22 Honor compelled of Ms. Heard at the April 30th

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1 THE COURT: All right. Anything further	THE COURT: That's fine. That's fine.
2 on that?	2 Did you want your binder back? Because I don't
	3 MR. ROTTENBORN: We're happy to take it
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4 hesitate to get into an account of what Mr. Cochran	4 if you don't want it.
5 has recommended. I could go on about his things	5 THE COURT: I have a lot of binders.
6 that he's recommended, but, ultimately, you're the	MR. ROTTENBORN: I figured you might not.
7 decider. But he certainly he's my	7 THE COURT: That's fine. All right. So
8 understanding is different from Mr. Chew's, so	8 when is the next hearing we have or do we have
9 that's all I'll say. But, again, I think that	9 another one scheduled?
10 these are we're just trying to make sure that we	MR. CHEW: We have a couple of
11 get everything they're going to rely on.	11 Ms. Heard has had the lion's share of motions.
12 THE COURT: I understand you're trying to	12 THE COURT: Right.
13 get everything. It's just it is supposed to be	MR. CHEW: We do have a couple of motions
14 done with particularity. I think these are	14 that we have, we believe, and Mr. Cochran agrees.
15 they're clearly overbroad. I mean, if you used	15 They're going to be next in the queue. But nothing
16 this one, I think I could only have you could	16 currently scheduled. We'll work with
17 use you'd only need one interrogatory or one	17 Mr. Rottenborn.
18 request for production of documents because you	18 THE COURT: Perfect, to get the dates.
19 have got it all included in there.	19 Okay. Well, perfect. All right. Thank you,
So I think 10, 24, and 25 are overbroad,	20 gentlemen.
21 so I'm going to overrule or sustain the	21 MR. CHEW: Thank you, Your Honor.
22 objection to those.	22 THE COURT: All right. Have a good day.
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1 MR. ROTTENBORN: Yes, Your Honor.	1 (At 12:45 p.m., the above hearing
2 TḤE COURT: Okay.	2 concluded.)
3 MR. ROTTENBORN: Thank you for your time.	3
4 THE COURT: So that's fine. I don't need	4
5 an order right now. If you want to get me an order	5
6 like you have before and just	6
7 MR. CHEW: That would be fine.	7
8 MR. ROTTENBORN: We'll do.	8
9 MR. CHEW: Because I was going to	9
10 recommend that, for the benefit of transcript, that	10
11 Mr. Rottenborn and I work well together	11
12 THE COURT: Okay. Good.	12
13 MR. CHEW: I think, and so we're going	13
14 to order it expedited and if we could, please.	14
15 And then, once we have the transcript, we will get	15
16 you an order.	16
17 THE COURT: Sure.	17
18 MR. CHEW: without any fighting or	18
19 (indiscernible).	19
20 THE COURT: Sure. That sounds good.	20
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MR. ROTTENBORN: Would sometime, like, 22 middle of next week work, Your Honor?	21 22

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