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THE COURT: All right. So that's the 16 MS. BREDEHOFT: There are 36.	
17 last thing I'm going to talk about. 17 THE COURT: 36 deposition	
The first thing I want to discuss is the 18 MS. BREDEHOFT: I don't know how many	
19 summary judgment motion. We have set it for March 19 Mr. Chew will have, but I'm guessing we will be in	
20 25th. And I have to apologize; I didn't realize 20 the neighborhood of over 50. And so our thought	
21 and I had forgotten that I'm speaking at the VTLA 21 process was, the Court would probably want to hear	
22 conference, which happens to be March 25th. So I 22 the motions in limine first because that might take	
1 mod to show a that data. I say do the 24th if	8
1 need to change that date. I can do the 24th, if 1 care of a chunk of objections from the deposition of the second of the secon	n
2 that works for your calendars. 2 designations.	
MR. CHEW: That would be fine with us, THE COURT: Okay.	
4 Your Honor. 4 MS. BREDEHOFT: But we are worried	
5 THE COURT: Okay. I can either do it in 5 we're going to go past two days with that many	I
6 the morning or the afternoon. It's your pick, 6 have never had anything close to that many	
7 because that was my mistake. 7 deposition designations.	
8 MS. BREDEHOFT: Could we do the morning 8 THE COURT: I don't think any of us have	e.
9 on the 24th? 9 MS. BREDEHOFT: I mean, maybe four	
THE COURT: Yes. We can do the morning 10 sometime in my life, you know, but so I do the	ink
11 on the 24th. That is fine. And I do apologize for 11 it will take a lot of time, and so we thought, if	
12 that. I forgot to pull that in my calendar. Okay. 12 the Court, you know	
13 So we'll do March 24th at 10 a.m. for the summary 13 THE COURT: Would you want to do m	tions
14 judgment motion. Okay? 14 in limine maybe	
15 MR. CHEW: Thank you. 15 MS. BREDEHOFT: Maybe add another	•
16 THE COURT: All right. That's fine. 16 THE COURT: Okay. Well, could we do)
17 That was an easy one. 17 motion in limines the same day we do summary	
Now, I want to discuss the things that we 18 judgment, or you only have the morning of that	lay
19 are going to do in March. We have those two days 19 available on the 24th?	
20 in March, so I do intend, on those days, to try to 20 MS. BREDEHOFT: Well, actually, here	's
21 take care of most every issue that we have so, when 21 the issue with that, Your Honor.	
22 the jury comes in on April 11th, we are ready for 22 THE COURT: Okay.	

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1 MS. BREDEHOFT: The schedule the	1 distinguished law clerk told us that you were
2 briefing schedule that we	2 hearing motions that morning on Friday.
3 THE COURT: Okay.	3 THE COURT: We have civil motions.
4 MS. BREDEHOFT: had talked about for	4 MR. CHEW: Civil motions.
5 motions in limine wouldn't quite allow Your Honor	5 THE COURT: Right. Well, I could get
6 enough time on that.	6 those we can make it a full day and just make
7 THE COURT: All right. Let's go to our	7 it yeah, that's fine. We can split those up.
8 calendars, then, and see if we can get another day.	8 MS. BREDEHOFT: Thank you, Your Honor.
9 Do you do you would you want to do it before	9 THE COURT: We'll work that out.
10 the other two days we had set or after the other	MS. BREDEHOFT: We appreciate that.
11 two days we set?	THE COURT: Okay. So we'll do the 30th,
MS. BREDEHOFT: Either is fine, Your	12 31st, and the 1st.
13 Honor, because we would be here. I mean, we could	And so, by the end of the 1st, it's
14 do, for example, the 28th. But here was our	14 hopeful we'll all it's hopeful that we'll be
15 thinking on the motions in limine. Since we	15 ready for the jurors on the 11th; correct?
16 exchange exhibits and witness lists on March 14 and	MS. BREDEHOFT: Exactly. We have already
17 frequently motions in limine will arise out of that	17 spoken we both have used Planet Depos, and we're
18 when somebody comes up with a witness	18 going to be using Planet Depos for trial. We have
19 THE COURT: Okay.	19 already given them a heads-up that they will then
20 MS. BREDEHOFT: and comes up with	20 need to be splicing all these video depositions.
21 exhibits, so we thought our opening briefs would be	21 The nice thing about that is we're going to have a
22 due March 17 to give us a few days to digest, and	22 lot of video, you know, deposition testimony at
10	12
1 then opposition briefs due March 25, a week later.	1 trial that will already be uninterrupted
2 THE COURT: Okay.	2 THE COURT: Right.
3 MS. BREDEHOFT: And then we wouldn't do	MS. BREDEHOFT: because Your Honor
4 rebuttals. We do need to talk to Your Honor about	4 will have ruled on everything, and then we'll
5 page limitations with that, because I think we both	5 splice it all to cover that.
6 anticipate a lot of motions in limine.	6 THE COURT: Okay. All right.
7 THE COURT: Okay.	7 MS. BREDEHOFT: So that will be a chunk
8 MS. BREDEHOFT: So, then, whatever the	8 of the trial.
9 Court would need, if we filed our second briefs on	9 THE COURT: Okay. I understand that.
10 the 25th for the hearing.	10 That works out fine.
11 THE COURT: Okay. And the days we	11 MS. BREDEHOFT: Yes.
12 already have set are the 30th and 31st; correct?	12 THE COURT: And if there's any
13 MS. BREDEHOFT: Correct.	13 depositions or parts of depositions that you want
14 THE COURT: Okay. It's not giving us	14 me to see prior to that, just make sure you get it
15 much time. If we added Friday the 1st, would	15 to my law clerk so I can review anything. If that
16 that	16 will speed up processes on the 1st or on those
MS. BREDEHOFT: That would work for us,	17 days, let me know.
18 Your Honor.	MS. BREDEHOFT: What we were thinking of
19 MR. CHEW: That would work for us as	19 there, Your Honor and we also have a logistical
20 well, Your Honor.	20 part that we need to amend from the scheduling
21 THE COURT: Okay.	21 order.
22 MR. CHEW: I believe that your	22 THE COURT: Sure.
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13 15 MS. BREDEHOFT: And then -- the issue MS. BREDEHOFT: What we're thinking of then there, because we are exchanging our 2 doing is we exchange -- we built into the last deposition designations on March 9, so anything 3 scheduling order exchanging our deposition 4 that's really taken that last week, March 7 through 4 designations and then our oppositions to them and 5 the 11, we would have to bump out, but my 5 our rebuttals and objections. And our thinking 6 process was we would submit to Your Honor the whole 6 suggestion to that is that we produce those -- any 7 of those in that week, we have to get them color-coded -- for those of us who -- so for the 8 expedited, obviously, but we do the designations, 8 ones we have designated, they would be completely my suggestion was, by the 15th, and then we just 9 color-coded, who is designated, who is cross, who 10 catch up and still do the oppositions by the 18th 10 is rebuttal, and then a little key in there for the 11 objections. That's what I found, in the past, is 11 and the rebuttal. It's just, for that week, we'd 12 very helpful to be able to just get through those a 12 have to expedite those a little bit faster, but it 13 would still keep the schedule so Your Honor would 13 lot faster. 14 get everything by the 23rd when we complete. 14 THE COURT: Okay. MS. BREDEHOFT: And if Mr. Chew wants to 15 Would that work for you? 15 16 do that for the ones they designate, I think that 16 MR. CHEW: Yes. If I may explain to the 17 judge --17 would make Your Honor's life much easier. And then 18 we would get them to you as quickly as possible. 18 MS. BREDEHOFT: Sure. Oh, oh, oh, okay. THE COURT: Right. Anything I can review 19 MR. CHEW: Thank you. I will happily 20 yield back to Ms. Bredehoft --20 ahead of those three days, I would appreciate. MS. BREDEHOFT: And then the other -- and 21 THE COURT: Okay. 22 I think the last of the rebuttals, Your Honor --22 MR. CHEW: -- but, first, I wanted to 14 16 1 introduce --1 rebuttal designations is that -- it's the 23rd, 2 which would give Your Honor some time to be able to 2 THE COURT: Sure, please do. see them, and we can just get them in to the Court. MR. CHEW: -- our team, some of whom are known to you. You have met Jessica Meyers and THE COURT: All right. Camille Vasquez --5 MS. BREDEHOFT: We have one logistical 5 6 THE COURT: Yes. 6 issue on the scheduling order related to that, and MR. CHEW: -- who were here at the res 7 that is that our scheduling order right now says judicata hearing; my partner, Leo Presiado from our 8 that the live testimony -- depositions in lieu of 9 live testimony will be permitted until February 25, 9 Orange County office --10 2022. The problem is, we still have a lot of MR. PRESIADO: Glad to be here. 10 THE COURT: Thank you, sir. 11 depositions to take, and a number of them are now 11 12 later into February and earlier in March. 12 MR. CHEW: Andrew Crawford, you know; Mr. Chew and I discussed that, and we 13 Virginia lawyer. 13 14 were going to suggest that we're able -- we were 14 THE COURT: Great. MR. CHEW: And Sam Moniz from our Orange 15 going to request that we could amend that to be 15 16 able to -- and I think -- Mr. Chew, correct me if 16 County office. THE COURT: Okay. 17 I'm wrong -- you wanted to allow them all the way 17 MR. CHEW: They wanted to be here since 18 through the discovery cut-off of March 11; correct? 18 19 MR. CHEW: That's correct. 19 they will be here at trial. 20 THE COURT: Okay. THE COURT: If you're in agreement to 21 March 11th, then I have no objection to amending 21 MR. CHEW: Also, very briefly, just to 22 close the loop, I silently agree with most of what 22 it.

1 Ms. Bredehoft said. With respect to the motions in 1 as you can, that would be great. 2 limine, we had not resolved -- we had agreed on the MS. BREDEHOFT: Okay. Then I think we're in agreement with that. That's fine. 3 schedule Your Honor has graciously adopted for 4 4 that. There was not a closing of the loop on the THE COURT: All right. 5 5 page limits. We had originally talked about trying MR. CHEW: And just for -- thank you, 6 to have a page limit. Your Honor. Very briefly with respect -- and we And it is our view, though, most of these thank you for allotting us an extra day on April 8 motions in limine can be dealt with in one or two 8 1st. We would respectfully also, per Rule 1:19, 9 pages. 9 ask that a final pretrial conference be folded into 10 THE COURT: Okay. 10 that, not that we have a big agenda -- we don't --11 but there may be that catch-all category in a 11 MR. CHEW: There are a couple which we 12 believe may require as many as five pages. So our 12 rule --13 13 thinking was to have a hard limit of five --THE COURT: That's fine. 14 THE COURT: A max of five pages. 14 MR. CHEW: Thank you, Your Honor. 15 15 MR. CHEW: -- pages for the opening THE COURT: We can definitely put that in 16 briefs and the opposition, with the understanding 16 there and make sure we're all clear. 17 that we're going to try to do better than that, you MS. BREDEHOFT: Yeah, I think most we are 18 know, shorter. 18 accomplishing here, Your Honor. 19 THE COURT: Any objection to that? 19 THE COURT: I hope so. 20 MS. BREDEHOFT: I think Your Honor, just 20 MS. BREDEHOFT: But I don't have any 21 so Your Honor understands, he's suggesting that for 21 issue with, at the end of those three days, if 22 there's other things to bring them -- I think 22 each and every motion in limine. 18 20 THE COURT: I understand. That's kind of 1 that's a great idea. 2 might be what we have to do. I don't know. 2 THE COURT: Okay. MS. BREDEHOFT: And I'm fine -- if Your 3 MS. BREDEHOFT: So that's no problem with 4 Honor is fine with that. We were proposing two 4 me. 5 5 pages, and for -- you know, up to two or three THE COURT: All right. 6 five-pages. MS. BREDEHOFT: With respect to the THE COURT: I would hope five pages would expert witnesses, Your Honor, we had talked -be the exception and not the rule. That's what I we're going to be taking those depositions by Zoom. 9 would ask. 9 We have them all over the country, basically. And 10 MS. BREDEHOFT: Yes. And I think we both 10 we had talked about a maximum amount of time for 11 the depositions, and Mr. Chew -- I suggested five; 11 feel that way and understand. 12 12 Mr. Chew said seven. I don't have an objection to THE COURT: All right. 13 MS. BREDEHOFT: Now, logistically, would 13 seven for those. 14 Your Honor prefer -- and we talked about this as And then we wanted to be able to take 14 15 well -- would Your Honor prefer that we file each 15 those depositions through March 23rd, if Your Honor 16 motion in limine separately or we just do it 16 doesn't have any objection. We both agree to that. 17 together but we just adhere to the two pages? 17 THE COURT: Okay. THE COURT: Yeah, if you could just do it 18 MS. BREDEHOFT: So that takes us 12 days 19 together, that would be fantastic. 19 past the discovery cutoff. 20 THE COURT: That's fine. As long as MS. BREDEHOFT: Okay. 21 THE COURT: As much as you can. I know 21 you're in agreement to it, I don't have an issue. 22 there might be strays that come along, but as much MS. BREDEHOFT: Okay. Great. Thank you.

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And then -- I'm trying to find the other 2 ones that are not going to be the logistics, 3 because that's -- the attorney's fees is the last 4 issue, I think, that we addressed in the scheduling 5 order that would be covered today. 6 We don't have complete agreement on that. THE COURT: Did you want to --8 bifurcating? Is that what you're talking about? MS. BREDEHOFT: Well, Judge White already 10 bifurcated the attorney's fees. THE COURT: Oh, okay. All right. There 12 you go. MS. BREDEHOFT: He said they would not be 13 14 part of the regular trial. 15 THE COURT: Okay. 16 MS. BREDEHOFT: He already said we 17 wouldn't have to do the experts with that. THE COURT: Perfect. 18 19 MS. BREDEHOFT: And then what we did was 20 he put into our scheduling order that we would 21 address the procedures with Your Honor at this 22 pretrial conference. 22 THE COURT: Okay. All right.

1 days. We're asking for that on August 15 and 16. At this point, we would like to request the jury, because it's a lot easier for the Court 4 to schedule that now, but we would like the ability 5 to -- and I think Mr. Chew might be in agreement 6 with this part -- the ability to waive the jury and allow the Court to make that determination and be 8 able to waive the evidentiary, but I think, at this point, we feel like it would be prudent to schedule 10 it. 11 THE COURT: That's --MS. BREDEHOFT: Where we differ is 12 13 Mr. Chew doesn't think we have the ability to have 14 a jury trial, and I disagree with that. And the second thing is -- and I don't 16 know whether he's on my dates yet or not. We had

THE COURT: Okay. Let me get the dates. 19 August 15th -- you can just print out the dates. 20 Well, what we can do is -- I mean, we can

17 gone back and forth on those.

21 have motions on whether or not it's a jury after we 22 find out if it is even an issue at that point. I

MS. BREDEHOFT: The attorney's fees

3 issue, Judge White had already made determinations 3

4 on the anti-SLAPP for the first part. He

5 determined that -- that Ms. Heard's op-ed was of

6 public concern. He determined that the statements

7 that were made in the counterclaim are not.

And so the issue of attorney's fees would 9 only be applicable if Ms. Heard is successful, and 10 then we would be putting it on pursuant to

11 anti-SLAPP. So it would be our issue.

At this time, we would still like to 12 13 reserve the ability to have a jury trial on that. 14 The parties are in agreement on the timing of 15 submitting the expert designations. I think we are 16 suggesting June 13 for our expert designation.

17 THE COURT: Okay.

MS. BREDEHOFT: Their opposition 19 designation, July 22. Any rebuttal designation, 20 August 2.

We are asking for the evidentiary 21 22 hearing. We don't think it would be more than two

1 can -- just to save the space, though, now, I can 2 set it for a jury.

MS. BREDEHOFT: That's what I was hoping. THE COURT: Obviously, with reservations

5 to --

MR. CHEW: Thank you, Your Honor. And I know that Ms. Bredehoft meant to include this, but in addition to her defendant's submitting the 9 expert disclosures on June 13th, she would also be 10 submitting all of the documents supporting --

THE COURT: That they relied upon. 11

MS. BREDEHOFT: The evidentiary 12 13 information, yes.

14 THE COURT: Okay.

MS. BREDEHOFT: You know, appropriately 15 16 redacted, but yes.

MR. CHEW: And we're fine with the 17 18 timetable, Your Honor, but just, our view of the 19 world would be -- and, obviously, this is a 20 question for another day -- but our view of the 21 world would be that Your Honor would have the 22 hearing, and the only testimony would be the two

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sides' respective experts, which might even be able
 to be done by declaration. But we do not believe a
 jury trial would be either necessary or appropriate

4 under these circumstances.

THE COURT: All right. I will note the reservation for the record, and we will note the objection for the record. We will definitely address that at a later date prior to this trial if we need to.

What I'm going to go ahead -- August 15th 11 is available at the moment. That's a good date for 12 you as well, Mr. Chew; is that correct? For two 13 days?

14 MR. CHEW: Yes, Your Honor.

15 THE COURT: August 15th? Okay.

So I'm going to go ahead and do a 17 calendar control form for August 15th for two days 18 with a jury at this point, just so we have the 19 place marker there, if needed.

MS. BREDEHOFT: And the last thing, Your 21 Honor, I have other than logistics, is the -- on 22 the expert depositions, I neglected to say we have

1 agreed that each side will pay for the other expert
2 during the time of taking the deposition. So we
3 have made that agreement so we don't have an issue
4 later on that.

5 THE COURT: All right. Okay. So -6 MS. BREDEHOFT: Then the rest of mine is
7 all logistics.

8 THE COURT: All right. So that takes 9 care of everything for the March 30th through the 10 1st hearing; correct? We have got that taken care 11 of? All right.

Well, before we get to logistics, another 13 issue I have is jurors. Time frame: Are we still 14 looking at four full weeks of -- now, I want to 15 make sure we understand, especially since this is a 16 long trial; we probably won't be starting until 17 9:00 or 10:00 in the morning every day. We're 18 usually going to cut it off by 5:00 because these 19 people have lives they have to live, and since it's 20 long -- so keep that in mind that that's the type 21 of day, which means you only usually get about five 22 and a half to six hours of testimony a day.

So I just -- if we have a -- I know it's an approximation, but kind of a realistic idea of how long you think --

MS. BREDEHOFT: Your Honor, I'm glad Your
Honor brought that up. I think, you know, given a
number of depositions, plus we have the

7 audio-visual, plus we have the parties who both

8 were four days on, you know, in testimony in the UK

9 even -- and I imagine they would be at least that

10 here -- I think, realistically six weeks may be a

11 better way for us to prepare and anticipate. I 12 don't know if Mr. Chew agrees with me. We didn't

12 don't know if Mr. Chew agrees with me. We didn't 13 discuss that.

14 THE COURT: So when you say six weeks -- 15 so we're talking Monday through Thursday.

MS. BREDEHOFT: Right. That was part of 17 my factoring is the Monday through Thursday.

18 THE COURT: Right. Because we won't 19 have -- we wouldn't be in trial on Fridays, so it's 20 four days a week. So I just want to make sure

21 realistically -- because now is the time that we're

22 summonsing jurors. Okay? Now is the time. And I

1 have got Suzanne here who is the chief deputy clerk
2 of the court -- but now is when we want to start

3 thinking about these things so I can make sure we

4 have an appropriate pool of jurors.

5 MS. BREDEHOFT: I think that's just 6 realistic, just counting the witnesses. There's so 7 many in this case, Your Honor.

8 THE COURT: And I'd rather be on the side 9 of caution.

10 MR. CHEW: We don't disagree with that, 11 Your Honor.

12 THE COURT: Okay. So you're saying, when 13 we start on -- okay. So if we're starting on April

1411th, we're looking at -- through the week of April

15 11th, 18, 25th, 2nd, the 9th through -- now,

16 there's a judicial conference I think the week of 17 May 9th.

18 Is that correct; Suzanne?

19 THE CLERK: Yes.

20 THE COURT: All right. So the week of 21 May 9th is basically out. Okay? So then you're 22 looking at May 16th and May 23rd. So we're talking

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1 list how many jurors we would likely see on the
1 all the way up to Memorial Day is basically what
                                                       2 alternates.
2 we're looking at. Is that correct?
         MS. BREDEHOFT: So we would be taking a 3
                                                                 THE COURT: Well, that's how many --
4 break, Your Honor, during the week of May 9; is
                                                       4 first I'd like to know how many alternates do you
  that correct?
                                                       5 believe for seven weeks that we should have. I'm
         THE COURT: It's the judicial conference,
                                                       6 hoping there's knocking on wood that we're not
                                                       7 wearing masks by April. As long as there's not
  so...
                                                       8 another variant, we are on the track, hopefully to,
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         MS. BREDEHOFT: Okay.
                                                       9 if you're vaccinated, to be out of masks hopefully
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         THE COURT: They kind of make me be
                                                       10 by March. So we're on a good track for that. It's
10 there. I have to go there, so...
         MS. BREDEHOFT: I think that's a fair
                                                       11 flat-lined in Fairfax so that is a good -- that's
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                                                        12 what we're hoping, so we're not in masks. We might
12 request.
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         THE COURT: Exactly. I think, you know,
                                                       13 still have some social distancing barriers up and
14 yes -- so I think it's -- that would probably be a
                                                        14 things like that, so...
15 good break for the jurors by that point, actually,
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                                                                 But I wanted to know how many alternates
16 also, so ...
                                                        16 you would want, and then we can go from there.
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                                                                 MR. CHEW: We were thinking at least two.
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         MS. BREDEHOFT: I don't disagree.
                                                                 THE COURT: Two?
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         THE COURT: So we'll just schedule it
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                                                                 MS. BREDEHOFT: I was thinking four.
19 through the week before Memorial Day then. So
20 through the 26th, 27th. Once they're deliberating,
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                                                                 THE COURT: You were thinking four.
                                                                 MS. BREDEHOFT: For that first six weeks,
21 we can go on Friday so that's fine. Okay. I just
                                                       21
                                                       22 I think.
22 wanted to get a feel for that.
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         MR. CHEW: Your Honor?
                                                                 THE COURT: All right. Actually seven
                                                          weeks now that we have to --
         THE COURT: Yes, sir.
         MR. CHEW: Oh, apology -- I apologize for
                                                                 MS. BREDEHOFT: Yes, seven.
4 interrupting. So Your Honor will be out from May
                                                                 THE COURT: All right. And let's go
                                                          ahead and say four for now, especially if we are
  9th through May 13th?
         THE COURT: I do believe that's when the
                                                          still looking at COVID issues.
                                                                 MS. BREDEHOFT: And would that change the
7 judicial conference is. Let me make sure. Yes.
                                                          number of strikes, Your Honor?
8 The mandatory judicial conference is May 9th
                                                                 THE COURT: Yes, that does change the
9 through the 12th.
                                                        10 number of strikes. 8.01-360, is that correct,
         MR. CHEW: So we would resume on Monday
10
11 the 16th?
                                                        11 talks about the alternates. So you'll get more
                                                        12 strikes. And we can go over that. I might have
         THE COURT: Monday the 16th, correct.
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                                                        13 that code section with me. Let's see if I have got
13 Originally, this was a four-week trial, so we
                                                        14 it with me. Yes.
14 wouldn't have had that concern, but now that we're
                                                                 You draw three -- three for each extra
15 going six weeks, we have to add that in there.
         MR. CHEW: Thank you, Your Honor.
                                                        16 one you want. All right. So then you can get the
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         MS. BREDEHOFT: Thank you, Your Honor.
                                                        17 extra strikes for each of the four new ones until
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                                                        18 we get down. So our pool wouldn't be 13; our pool
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         THE COURT: Technically, it makes it
                                                        19 would be -- three times four, 12 -- 25; is that
19 seven weeks. Okay?
                                                        20 correct? I did that fast so I don't know.
         MS. BREDEHOFT: And this is kind of
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21 logistical, but I'm not sure if it's logistical for

22 everybody. In that process, I have on my little

MR. CHEW: Camille? [Laughter]

MS. BREDEHOFT: Is it just four total

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1 extras?
                                                                THE COURT: We'll figure it out.
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         THE COURT: It will be four extra people,
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                                                               MS. BREDEHOFT: Okay.
                                                               THE COURT: We'll have this out.
  but we have to put three for each one you want ---
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                                                               MR. CHEW: And that's why we requested a
        MS. BREDEHOFT: Right.
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         THE COURT: -- in the panel.
                                                         final pretrial conference.
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        MS. BREDEHOFT: Okay.
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                                                                THE COURT: Right, exactly. So we will
                                                         get this all knocked out by then. We'll all read
        THE COURT: If that makes sense.
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        MS. BREDEHOFT: Yes, it does.
                                                         this code section before then and make sure we have
                                                       9 it all correct. Okay. So that will take care of
         THE COURT: Because everybody gets the
10 extra strikes too.
                                                       10 it.
        MS. BREDEHOFT: And then we will be
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                                                               MS. BREDEHOFT: And given the length of
12 whittling it down to 17. No, no. It's seven plus
                                                       12 the trial -- and there will be a lot of exhibits --
13 four. What am I doing? 11.
                                                       13 we have requested the electronic courtroom already,
        THE COURT: Yes, 11. We'll whittle it
                                                       14 Your Honor, so it's already in --
15 down to 11. So there will be 11 people in the jury
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                                                               THE COURT: We are going to be here.
16 box. And what we have done for alternates, just to
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                                                               MS. BREDEHOFT: Exactly.
17 let you know, as soon as we impanel the jury with
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                                                                THE COURT: Actually, now, most of our
18 the alternates and they're in their back -- Jamie
                                                       18 courtrooms are electronic. I think we only have,
19 has all their names in a little cup, and then she
                                                       19 like, four that are down that are not electronic.
20 comes around and she picks four people out. I tell
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                                                               MS. BREDEHOFT: That's great. That's
21 you exactly who the alternates are, but then we put
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22 them in an envelope and it goes away for seven
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                                                               THE COURT: We're getting there. But
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1 weeks and nobody over there knows.
                                                       1 we'll definitely -- we'll be here. So we're going
        I will warn them ahead of time that we
                                                      2 to be calling quite a few jurors because of the
                                                      3 length of the case mainly.
3 have alternates so they know that, at the end of
                                                      4
4 it, after they have heard all the evidence for six
                                                               Now, because there's going to be so many
5 weeks, they might be going away.
                                                         jurors, I don't know -- we can talk about this in
        MS. BREDEHOFT: After closing, right.
                                                        our final pretrial conference, if you want, but
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        THE COURT: Right, after closings.
                                                         something to start thinking about is how you want
        MS. BREDEHOFT: Okay. And so, for
                                                        to conduct voir dire, if you want to conduct it
9 strikes, that would be -- that would be how many
                                                      9 one-on-one, bringing them in one at a time, or
10 extras?
                                                       10 having 25 the first time to say this is how long
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         THE COURT: I think it would be four
                                                       11 the trial is, who has issues that can't be -- and
12 extra strikes; correct?
                                                       12 knocking out people that way, and then getting down
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        MS. BREDEHOFT: Okay.
                                                       13 to the people that can stay for seven weeks and
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         THE COURT: Let's see. Let's read this
                                                       14 then bringing them in one at a time. If you can
15 code section: When two or more additional jurors
                                                       15 just start figuring out how you want to tackle voir
16 are desired, there'll be drawn twice as many
                                                       16 dire for that, that would be great.
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19 note-taking --

22 the trial?

17 venireman as the number of additional jurors

19 case ... shall each be allotted one additional

MS. BREDEHOFT: Okay.

21 you'll get two more strikes.

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18 desired. The plaintiff and defendant in a civil

20 challenge for every two additional jurors. So

MS. BREDEHOFT: Thank you, Your Honor.

MS. BREDEHOFT: -- given the length of

18 Will Your Honor agree to allow them to have

THE COURT: Yes.

THE COURT: They can have note-taking. I 1 understand there's sometimes some limitations on 2 always allow my jurors to have notes. That will be being able to bring the trial exhibits up on the fine. Webex or other -- and so it's something we may --I'm going to have them wear numbers it's good we're talking about this now. 5 5 since -- one, because the publicity of this trial, THE COURT: Right. 6 but also just it's an ease for voir dire as well, 6 MS. BREDEHOFT: It seems to me it may make sense for them to have the exhibits wherever especially if we're talking quite a few people. 8 But I would ask that you just refer to them by they are, and then we would bring them up here for 9 their numbers during voir dire. Okay? 9 the jury to be able to look at, at the same time. 10 Would that make sense? 10 MS. BREDEHOFT: Perfect. Thank you, Your THE COURT: That would be fine. I think 11 Honor. And we did enter a consent order on 12 that would make --12 13 audio-visual testimony. We'll have an awful lot MS. BREDEHOFT: And since we probably 14 that will be by deposition, but there may be some 14 will have electronic exhibits, what we can do is 15 witnesses probably from California, maybe 15 arrange that they can have laptops or whatever so 16 that they can bring it up there at the same time we 16 elsewhere, that may also testify. 17 THE COURT: Okay. So you're going to 17 are. 18 have some remote witnesses; correct? THE COURT: The reason this works a 18 MS. BREDEHOFT: Yes. 19 19 little better, we see it in trials, is because then 20 THE COURT: All right. So make sure --20 this is tied up to my laptop. It's not tied to the 21 because what we can do is we can do those through 21 system here. So we can plug it in here, but if you 22 Webex. The way we have been handling remote 22 still want to use your witnesses there or your 38 40 1 witnesses for all our trials here is Jamie will 1 evidence there, the jury can still see that as well 2 and whatever else you need to do, so it seems to 2 send you a link for that particular day. You send work out a little better. 3 it to whatever witnesses you need for that day, and 4 MS. BREDEHOFT: Okay. 4 then, when it's time for them to testify, you can 5 THE COURT: We can try it. 5 have them either get on it or they can already be 6 6 on it and I can bring it up. That's fine. MR. CHEW: No, that's fine. THE COURT: Through seven weeks, we might Now, the issue with the remote witnesses learn a lot of new things that we can work out. 8 is it's on my laptop; right? So they can see me. MS. BREDEHOFT: No, that's great. 9 But I can turn it around so they can see you. 10 Everybody will be able to see them testifying, but THE COURT: Do you know how many remote 10 11 as far as your witness will only be able to see me, 11 witnesses you intend to have? 12 but I'll turn it around so they can see you 12 MS. BREDEHOFT: We are both -- we agreed 13 in that consent order that we're going to put --13 question them if you stay right there. 14 we're going to identify them when we exchange 14 MS. BREDEHOFT: Okay. 15 witnesses on March 14th. So we will have plenty of 15 THE COURT: But that's -- that's our 16 technology limitation that I have for you, so I 16 time to know that even before the final pretrial. 17 just want to make sure. 17 THE COURT: Okay. Okay. That's fine. MS. BREDEHOFT: Okay, thank you. 18 MS. BREDEHOFT: Yeah, that will help. 18 THE COURT: I think that will help so we And what about exhibits -- handling of 19 19 20 know what we're looking at for remote witnesses. 20 exhibits for those? Would -- you know, I have 21 Okay. 21 talked to some other counsel who have had different

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22 audio-visual, you know, in this area, and I

MS. BREDEHOFT: Certainly a lot less than

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the number of deposition designations.
                                                                MS. BREDEHOFT: Oh, sorry.
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         THE COURT: I would hope so.
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                                                                THE COURT: There you go.
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         MS. BREDEHOFT: Which is actually a
                                                                MS. BREDEHOFT: I usually am not accused
4 positive, I think, because it will at least make
                                                          of not speaking up enough, so...
  that testimony go smoothly for all those because we
                                                                What we had agreed on that was that, on
6 will have argued all the objections and everything
                                                       6 March 14, we will exchange -- we will have
  beforehand.
                                                       7 everything premarked, pretabbed in the binders with
                                                       8 the index all, and then we can exchange those. So
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         THE COURT: Okay.
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         MS. BREDEHOFT: So that should help that.
                                                       9 we'll have identical to what the Court will
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         THE COURT: All right.
                                                       10 ultimately have, both sides will have and the Court
         MS. BREDEHOFT: Then my other parts of
                                                       11 will have.
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12 this would be -- and this, I anticipate, will be
                                                                So I think that -- and then I think we
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13 involving our esteemed colleagues here.
                                                       13 probably will exchange electronic too. It makes
         So, logistically, filing of the trial
                                                       14 sense to because we're using the electronic
15 exhibits and then bringing all our boxes in and
                                                       15 courtroom, and I'm happy to do that and happy to
16 whether we can store them overnight. And then we
                                                       16 work with Mr. Chew on that.
17 have the security issues of these witnesses; right?
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                                                                THE COURT: Right.
         THE COURT: Right. You can definitely
                                                                MS. BREDEHOFT: So we will -- everybody
19 store anything here, and you can bring it -- the
                                                       19 will be on the same page. We're not going to, you
20 week prior, if you want to start filling up the
                                                       20 know, come up on -- you know, and pull up 15 and
21 courtroom, that's fine. Whatever you need.
                                                       21 they're going, "Which one is 15?" We're all going
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         MS. BREDEHOFT: Wonderful. Thank you.
                                                       22 to be completely -- we try to do that so,
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         THE COURT: The space you see is kind of
                                                       1 logistically, it makes it much smoother.
  what we have. We do have a back room that we can
                                                                THE COURT: All right. That's fine. And
  store more items in. We can work around what you
                                                          just because we still, unfortunately, have paper
                                                          files here, anything that you have in electronic
  need.
                                                          format, I'm going to need at some point in paper
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         MS. BREDEHOFT: Great.
        THE COURT: If you get with Jamie and my
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                                                          format.
7 law clerk, Sammy, and we can figure out the
                                                                MS. BREDEHOFT: Correct, Your Honor. And
8 logistics of what you need to bring in. I would
                                                          would Your Honor like that to be filed with the
9 ask that you pre-number all your exhibits, I would
                                                         Court earlier than one day before? Because we'll
10 hope. And if you need exhibit stickers, we can get
                                                       10 have it on the 14th because we will have --
11 you as many as you need so they can all be
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                                                                THE COURT: That would be fine. That
12 pre-marked. That would be very helpful.
                                                       12 would be excellent.
                                                                MR. CHEW: We might as well make the
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         MS. BREDEHOFT: We have got -- we found
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                                                       14 extra copy.
14 something online that allows us to do it by
15 computer that will have the defense exhibits 1
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                                                                THE COURT: Sure, that would be great.
16 through whatever. And the way that we have worked
                                                                MS. BREDEHOFT: And give it to you on the
                                                       16
17 our scheduling order -- it's something that I do,
                                                       17 15th because that will take us our day for that
18 and Mr. Chew agreed to it --
                                                       18 one.
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         COURT REPORTER: If you can back to the
                                                       19
                                                                THE COURT: That will be fine.
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                                                                MS. BREDEHOFT: Terrific. Thank you,
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         THE COURT: If you can go back to the
                                                       21 Your Honor.
22 microphone.
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                                                                THE COURT: Thank you.
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Okay. Any other jury issues or voir dire 2 issues before we go back? MS. BREDEHOFT: The other question --4 well -- and then I think it's going to segue into you. Will we be in more than one courtroom? How will our staff access? I didn't introduce Mr. Nadelhaft, my 8 partner, this morning. THE COURT: We have had many motions

10 together.

MS. BREDEHOFT: We will have, you know, 12 attorneys and paralegals in and out, and we just 13 want to make sure, logistically, they have safe 14 passage and can have access. You know, we 15 anticipate, obviously, the press and other things.

16 But I think that's why we might have --17 THE COURT: Right. Well, you know, I 18 don't have a problem with attorneys coming in and 19 out. We're not going to overload the courtroom. 20 And what we can also do is keep the first row, if 21 you'd like, of each side reserved for any attorneys 22 that -- extra attorneys you have for that day.

And I'm assuming the two of you are doing 2 the closing arguments; right? Whoever is doing the closing arguments, I want to make sure they're here the whole time.

MS. BREDEHOFT: Correct. That is 6 correct.

THE COURT: I just want to make sure. I 8 don't mind attorneys coming in and out or especially this long, but whoever is doing closing, 10 I expect them to be here the whole time.

11 MS. BREDEHOFT: Absolutely, Your Honor. 11 12 Absolutely.

THE COURT: All right. Okay. That's no 14 problem. We can segue into that, as far as press 15 issues. We have already started to get -- and I'm 16 going to tell Suzanne today that any request we 17 get, if they could put it in writing to me for any 18 kind of coverage that is wanted. She's starting to 19 get inquiry about photographs, about televised 20 coverage. You name it, she's been getting --21 starting to get inquiries about it. 22 So I'm going to make them -- any inquiry

1 that they want, I'm going to have them make it in

2 writing to me. And I can bring that to you -- as

soon as I get an inquiry, I can let you both know,

and then we can have a hearing on if there's

objections or what everybody's view is on that particular issue. Okay?

MR. CHEW: Thank you, Your Honor. I just wanted to point out that, when Ms. Heard was at our Orange County office for three days of deposition, 10 there was no issue.

11 THE COURT: That's fine.

12 MR. CHEW: No problem. Nobody there. No 13 issue at all, so...

It may be different at the trial.

15 THE COURT: I think that might be 16 different. We'll cover that. This is just about 17 television coverage, about people that want to see

18 the trial. We could do an overflow room for other

19 people that want to see. We could set up an

20 overflow room, which would be basically the same as

21 this courtroom. And we have done that in other

22 cases that had some publicity so other people could

1 view in an overflow room.

But there are going to be media requests, 3 so I want to tackle those. And if you want to look 4 into 19.2-266, that's the code section that governs the request for media, televised hearings or anything. So if you want to take a look at that.

And then, when I get requests, I'll let 8 you know, and when we see each other -- it seems 9 like on a weekly basis now -- we can address 10 those ---

MR. CHEW: It's because she keeps filing 12 that (indiscernible) --

THE COURT: Oh, that's what -- I knew 14 that's what you were going to say. [Laughter]

15 MS. BREDEHOFT: Everything was so nice 16 (indiscernible). [Laughter]

17 THE COURT: Oh, it's still unicorn and 18 rainbows. Okay. All right. So that takes care of 19 the media interest, overflow courtroom.

20 MS. BREDEHOFT: And just for 21 clarification, Your Honor, with that one row, I 22 think that's a great idea. Would we also be able

1 said, we're going to be sending out jury summonses 1 to have our paralegals? 2 soon. I would hope that we don't taint the jury THE COURT: Yes. That row is yours. Whatever you want to put on it or whoever you want 3 pool by us talking about this case prior to it to put on it is yours. I think that's fair. 4 happening on April 11th; correct? We're all in MS. BREDEHOFT: Wonderful. agreement with that; right? 6 THE COURT: Because we will have people MR. CHEW: Absolutely, Your Honor. 7 7 coming in and out, and that's fine. I don't have a THE COURT: Okie-dokie. All right. 8 problem with that. MS. BREDEHOFT: And, Your Honor, on that 9 voir dire, just thinking it through -- and I know MS. BREDEHOFT: Wonderful. Thank you, 10 we can talk later too --10 Your Honor. THE COURT: Okay. We have the exhibits. THE COURT: Sure. 12 We talked about the overflow. All right. I assume 12 MS. BREDEHOFT: -- but it seems to me 13 there will be a rule on witnesses? Will there be a 13 that, if we try to do taking them individually, 14 rule on witnesses? 14 that might draw things out --15 MS. BREDEHOFT: Yes, Your Honor. 15 THE COURT: Take a long time. MS. BREDEHOFT: Yes, pretty extensively. 16 MR. CHEW: We would request one, Your 16 17 Honor. 17 THE COURT: I mean, we can take them by 18 THE COURT: Okay. That's fine. Make 18 tens. We can take them by however. The only issue 19 sure -- and depending on how we navigate things, 19 I have is -- I see sometimes in these cases that 20 we'll discuss the issues with rule on witnesses at 20 are lengthy cases is that, if somebody hears one 21 our last pretrial conference. That will be fine. 21 excuse, somebody else might join that excuse. But 22 Hopefully COVID protocols will be somewhat to a 22 the uniqueness of this case might be different. 52 MS. BREDEHOFT: They might not want the 1 minimum by that time. COURT REPORTER: Can I ask you to move to excuse. the microphone, please? 3 THE COURT: I know. When they first asked me how many jurors, I think, Well, seven, I MR. CHEW: Yes. Apologies. MS. BREDEHOFT: So, in the security think would be fine to bring in. But, no, I think 6 procedures, Your Honor, the -- I anticipate that we're going to bring a large pool of people in. 7 both parties will have some security detail coming 7 MS. BREDEHOFT: Yeah, I just picked up 8 in and out of the courthouse. 8 what Your Honor said. THE COURT: And we'll talk security. I THE COURT: Yeah. It's -- we'll bring --10 was going to keep that under seal though. 10 we'll bring quite a few in. And we can discuss it 11 when we get closer, exactly what we want to tackle 11 MS. BREDEHOFT: Okay. 12 first with the main group and get them down, and THE COURT: We'll get to that. Do you 13 then we can go from there. And it's up to you how 13 expect your clients to be here every day of the 14 many people we keep in a room. 14 seven weeks? 15 MS. BREDEHOFT: Yes, Your Honor. I can't keep -- I can't put a hundred in 16 one room at one time, so it can't be more than 25 16 MR. CHEW: Yes, Your Honor. 17 at a time. Okay? So if we can keep it to 25. I THE COURT: Okie-dokie. So we will 18 could probably go up to 33, depending if COVID 18 definitely talk about that and figure out what we 19 restrictions are still in place. Okay? 19 need to do. Let me see. All right. I would hope I All right. We have got the attorneys 21 wouldn't have to say, you know, the case will be 21 present. Exhibits. Just making sure. All right.

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22 I think I have all the issues I have other than

22 tried in court. We have got the jury pool. Like I

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1 security issues. Does anybody have anything else?	1 involved in the case, although I'm keeping	
2 MR. CHEW: No, Your Honor.	2 Suzanne no, you're staying, Suzanne.	
3 MS. BREDEHOFT: No, I think that I	3 (Entering sealed portion of the transcript.)	
4 just got my list covered, other than security. So	4	
5 thank you, Your Honor.	5	
6 MR. CHEW: At some point, we will be	6	
7 asking Your Honor's guidance on how much time for	7	
8 openings and closings you think is appropriate, but	8	
9 we can talk about that at the final pretrial	9	
10 conference.	10	
THE COURT: That's clearly fine. I mean,	11	
12 I try not to limit what everybody does in opening	12	
13 and closing because it is your case, but, in seven	13	
14 weeks, I understand it's going to be rather	14	
15 could be rather lengthy. I would hope we could get	15	
16 openings done within two hours, but	16	
17 MR. CHEW: Two hours total, Your Honor?	17	
18 THE COURT: I don't know if that that	18	
19 would be a wish, but even on my two-day cases, I	19	
20 can't get two hours total for openings. So I'll	20	
21 take two hours each. Okay? Let's just give	i a constant of the constant o	
22 yourselves some and I would hope closings would	21	
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be two hours each too. Okay? If we could stay	56 1 CERTIFICATE OF COURT REPORTER - NOTARY PUBLIC	
2 somewhere in these parameters, I would really	Dispersed Parrich the officer leaves	
3 appreciate it.	I, Diamante Parrish, the officer before	
4 MS. BREDEHOFT: And, Your Honor, with the	4 whom the foregoing deposition was taken, do hereby	
5 closings, there's the there would be both the	5 certify that said proceedings were electronically	
6 initial closings and then the	6 recorded by me; and that I am neither counsel for,	
7 THE COURT: The rebuttal.	7 related to, nor employed by any of the parties to	
8 MS. BREDEHOFT: since we have the	8 this case and have no interest, financial or	
9 counterclaim, there would also be that second. Is	9 otherwise, in its outcome.	
10 the two hours including the rebuttals as well?	10 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my	
THE COURT: I would hope so.	11 hand and affixed my notarial seal this 11th day of	
12 MS. BREDEHOFT: Okay.	12 February, 2022.	
MR. CHEW: Of course it would be greatly	13	
14 simplified if summary judgment were to be granted.	14	
15 THE COURT: You can keep trying to butter	15	
16 me up all you want. That's not how that's going to	16 Diamante Parrish, Notary Public	
17 work. Okay. [Laughter]	17 for the Commonwealth of Virginia	
18 All right. That's fine. I think	18	
19 other than that, I just want to talk about some	19 Virginia Notary No. 7936707	
20 security logistics. So I'm going to go ahead and	20 Notary Commission Expires: 5/31/2025	
21 seal the courtroom.	21	
22 So if I can have anybody that's not	22	
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