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2 1 The deposition of JUDD GRISANTI is 2 taken on this day, Wednesday, November 1, 2017, on 3 behalf of the Defendant, pursuant to notice and consent of counsel, beginning at approximately 4 5 9:00 a.m., in the offices of Adams & Reese, LLP, located at 6075 Poplar Avenue - Crescent Center, 6 7 Suite 700, Memphis, Tennessee 38119. This deposition is taken pursuant to 8 9 the terms and provisions of the Tennessee Rules of 10 Civil Procedure. 11 All forms and formalities are 12 waived. Objections are reserved, except as to 13 form of the question, to be disposed of at or 14 before the hearing. 15 The signature of the witness is 16 waived. 17 18 19 20 21 2.2 23 2.4 25

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5 1 JUDD GRISANTI, 2. having been first duly sworn, was examined and 3 testified as follows: EXAMINATION 4 5 BY MR. WILBON: 6 Q. Good morning, Mr. Grisanti. 7 Α. Good morning. As you know, I'm Clarence Wilbon. I'm 8 0. 9 counsel for MiMedx in this lawsuit that was 10 brought against MiMedx by Mid South Biologics. 11 Have you ever given a deposition before? 12 Α. Yeah, it's been many years ago. 13 Ο. What I call the housekeeping rules haven't 14 changed. Ms. Lewis is taking down all the 15 questions that I ask and the responses that you 16 provide. So as a courtesy to her and to make 17 certain that we have a clean record, we can't talk 18 at the same time. So if I'm asking a question, 19 I'll ask that you allow me to finish the question 20 before giving your answer and if you're answering, 21 I'll try to give you the same courtesy and not 2.2 interrupt you while you're speaking. 23 I don't make any promises, but I'm going 2.4 to do my very best to try not to do that. If at 25 any point you need to take a break, you just, you

1 know, stop and say, I need to take a break and we 2 can do that. The only caveat being is that if 3 I've got a question on the table, I want you to 4 completely answer before we take that break. 5 Throughout this deposition there'll be 6 some questions that I ask that may not be 7 comprehensible or just don't make sense. If they 8 do, just stop me and say, I don't understand the 9 question or the question doesn't make sense and 10 I'll do my best to rephrase it in a way that does 11 make sense or that you can comprehend it. Okay? 12 Α. Certainly. 13 Mr. Peel represents Mid South Biologics. 14 He may have some questions for you at the end of 15 the deposition or when I'm done asking questions. 16 And he may have some objections throughout the 17 deposition. But after those objections are 18 addressed, I'll look to you to answer the question 19 that's been put on the table. 20 I don't want you to speculate or guess 21 about something. So it's fair that if you don't 22 know or don't recall, that's a fair response. 23 don't want you to just quess. I would rather have 24 an accurate record than a record full of 25 speculation, if that makes sense.

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1	A. Sure.
2	Q. Now, are you under the influence of any
3	drugs or alcohol or anything else that would keep
4	you from being able to comprehend my questions and
5	testify truthfully here today?
6	A. No, sir.
7	Q. Can you state your full name for the
8	record for me?
9	A. Judd Douglas Grisanti.
10	Q. Where do you reside, Mr. Grisanti?
11	A. 10 Darden West, Myrtle, Mississippi.
12	Q. How long have you been at the address in
13	Myrtle, Mississippi?
14	A. As a true residence only two years, but
15	off and on for five, you know, going back and
16	forth from Memphis to there.
17	Q. Do you have any plans as we sit here today
18	to move within the next year or two?
19	A. No.
20	Q. What is your date of birth?
21	A. January 15, 1967.
22	Q. What's your education level?
23	A. College, culinary arts.
24	Q. What year was that?
25	A. I graduated culinary school college in

		8
1	' 90.	
2	Q. Here in Memphis?	
3	A. In New York.	
4	Q. What's your current occupation?	
5	A. I'm a restauranteur, you might say.	
6	Q. What restaurant is that, that you are	
7	running today?	
8	A. Grisanti's Restaurant out in Collierville,	
9	Tennessee?	
10	Q. You've been in the restaurant business all	
11	of your adult life; isn't that right?	
12	A. Yes, sir, pretty much for a certain extent	
13	of time. I was out for about seven years.	
14	Q. What were you doing during that time	
15	period?	
16	A. Somewhat retired and then also was in the	
17	medical industry for a short period of time, a	
18	couple of years, and then was just trying to enjoy	
19	life.	
20	Q. What years are we talking for that seven	
21	years, beginning and end?	
22	A. I guess, I was out of Spindini somewhere	
23	around '10, 2010 and then just here recently got	
24	back into the business in 2017.	
25	Q. Now, are you married?	

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 1
     Α.
             No.
 2
     Q.
             Divorced or?
 3
             Been divorced for 14 years, I think it
     Α.
 4
     was.
 5
             Do you have any children?
     Q.
 6
     Α.
             Yes, two.
 7
     Q.
             Adults?
 8
     Α.
             Adults, yes, sir.
 9
     Q.
             What are their names?
10
             Reynaldo William Grisanti, who is 24 and
     Α.
11
     Catherine Isabella Grisanti, who is 19.
12
     0.
             Do they reside in Memphis?
             They're back and forth. One just got a
13
14
     professional job that started here this week so
15
     he's moving back to Memphis from Mississippi.
16
             And my daughter lives in Collierville, but
17
     she attends the University of Mississippi in
18
     Oxford.
19
             Do you know a gentleman by the name of
     0.
20
     Norm LaChapelle?
21
     Α.
             Yes.
22
     Q.
             Who is Norm LaChapelle?
23
     Α.
             Norm is a longtime friend. Then we
24
     became, you might say business partners in some
25
     medical ventures.
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1	Q.	Have you ever been convicted of a felony?	10
2	Α.	No, sir.	
3	Q.	Have you ever been charged with a felony?	
4	Α.	No, sir.	
5	Q.	So when did you first meet Mr. LaChapelle,	
6	if you	recall?	
7	Α.	One of the restaurants years ago. I knew	
8	his fat	her very well. Maybe back in college,	
9	maybe.	So I knew him back in college, we knew	
10	each ot	her, but didn't really become friends until	
11	later o	n.	
12	Q.	So you knew him as he, I guess, he was a	
13	patron	of the restaurant?	
14	Α.	Yes, sir.	
15	Q.	And then y'all became friends?	
16	Α.	Yes, sir.	
17	Q.	And at some point, did you become business	
18	partner	s with Mr. LaChapelle?	
19	Α.	Business associates, I guess.	
20	Q.	Tell me about that.	
21	Α.	He was in the human tissue business and at	
22	the time	e it was very interesting to me what was	
23	going on in that industry. I was dating a young		
24	lady that was also in the medical field and she		
25	kept te	lling me that I needed to maybe look at the	

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11
 1
    medical industry, to get involved.
 2
     Q.
             Who was that young lady?
 3
     Α.
             Her name was Tinley Everett.
 4
     Ο.
             Here in Memphis?
 5
                    She was part of the company called
     Α.
             Yeah.
 6
     MediSys, Inc. You know, just the amount of
 7
     business and the opportunities out there in the
 8
     medical field was what's intriguing because in the
 9
     restaurant business we, you know, it's a full-time
10
     job. I mean, it's not a lifestyle. It's not a
11
     job really. It's a -- I mean, it's a lifestyle
12
     not a job. It's full-time whether you own or not.
13
             She only worked nine to five. And I
14
     thought -- and Norm was off on weekends. I
15
     thought, hey, you know, it's very attractive.
16
     Ο.
             Do you recall what year that was?
17
     Α.
             The year that?
18
     0.
             She was telling you to get involved in the
19
    medical field.
20
     Α.
            Around 2010.
21
             So Ms. Everett is telling you about the
22
     medical field and you see it's a potential
23
     opportunity. So what do you do next to act on
24
     this interest that you had?
25
             Well, Norm and I would always talk.
     Α.
                                                   Ι
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- 1 mean, we were friends, you know, and we would, you 2 know, talk about fishing and whatnot. And so we 3 eventually just got into conversations about the 4 medical industry and what he had going on. You 5 know, a lot of times in the medical industry, 6 it's, you know, also as well as who you know, door 7 opening opportunities and where you can get into a 8 doctor and if you know him well, they'll listen to 9 And so we went from there. 10 Now, are you and Mr. LaChapelle still 11 friends? 12 Α. Yes, sir. Yes, sir. 13 Ο. Do you still hang out together at all? 14 Α. I don't -- I wish I -- I don't. I live in 15 Mississippi and it's an hour away so we talk, but 16 I don't get to hang out per se anymore at all with 17 anybody. 18 0. When was the last time you talked to Mr. 19 LaChapelle prior? I know you called this morning, 20 but before today? 21 We talk periodically, you know. I mean,
- Q. Did you-all talk about this case at all?

last time exactly was.

we've always been friends. I don't know when the

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25 A. We've always talked about this case. I

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 1
     mean, we've always talked about, I quess, you're
 2
     speaking of the case with the lawsuit against
 3
     MiMedx. Yeah, we've always spoke about that.
     would also call him and say, you know, hey, what's
 4
 5
     the latest news?
 6
     Q.
             And what was the most recent conversation
 7
     you had with him about the lawsuit?
 8
             That I was going to get a deposition or
 9
     served with papers for a deposition.
10
             And did you do anything in preparation for
11
     this deposition today?
12
     Α.
             As you see over the past since this has
13
     taken place I prepared myself regardless, you
14
     know.
15
     Ο.
             Now, are you represented by counsel in
16
     this?
17
     Α.
             Right here today?
18
     0.
             Uh-huh. (Affirmative response.)
19
             No, sir.
     Α.
20
             When you were talking to Norm in 2010,
21
     where did that go? Did you ultimately become a
22
     partner in the business or what happened next in
23
     that process?
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                  MR. PEEL: I would object to the form
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     of the question. You're asking somewhat of a
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 1
     legal question.
 2.
     BY MR. WILBON:
             You can answer.
 3
     0.
 4
             What happened next in the process?
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             We talked about partnership. It just
     Α.
 6
     never came to a 100 percent partnership. It was
 7
     just pretty much an agreement with each other
 8
     that, you know, we would just treat each other
 9
     right and we would make money, we would split
10
     everything that we made.
11
             Now, what kind of business was Mr.
     Ο.
12
     LaChapelle running at that time?
13
             From what I understand and saw was a human
     Α.
14
     tissue, like a human tissue bank.
15
             Was that called Mid South Biologics?
     0.
16
     Α.
             At that time I ain't 100 percent. I want
17
     to say it was, yes.
18
     0.
             So you and Mr. LaChapelle start to discuss
19
     working together in some capacity?
20
     Α.
             Exactly, yes.
21
             Affiliating with one another
22
     professionally in some capacity?
23
     Α.
             Yes.
2.4
     Ο.
             And then what happens after that?
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             I'm trying to understand sequentially
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1 So you started discussing it. So when I 2 say what happened next? I want you to walk me 3 Do you form your own company or where through. does this process go? 4 5 It started off real slow, I mean, with 6 each other, you know. He had things going on that 7 he was doing that he was busy with that he already 8 had, I guess, business-wise. At the same time I 9 was pursuing other ventures as well to see what, 10 you know, what I wanted, you know, I was just kind 11 of dabbling in it, maybe, you might say, and then pursuing other ventures. I think after that 12 13 actually opened up another restaurant called Judd 14 Grisanti's on Poplar. And actually, I was opening 15 it up hoping that my father would come back and to 16 go into business because he had retired. 17 Now, that's where your dad's original 0. 18 restaurant was? Exactly. We had it, then my little 19 Α. 20 brother closed it, and I tried to reopen it for my 21 father. So it's kind of, you know, a little bit 22 of medical maybe, every, you know, once a month at 23 the time and then a lot of restaurant, and then 24 solely moved towards the medical industry. 25 Q. Then did you start to devote more

1 attention or focus more on the medical side at any 2 point? 3 Yes, because my father did come back to 4 Grisanti's and I was there maybe six months and he 5 came back there to Grisanti's and ran it for 6 another year. 7 So that freed you up to do --8 Α. It freed me up to go pursue more in the 9 medical industry, yes. 10 0. This is what's taken us to maybe 2011 11 sometime? 12 Α. Late 2010. Maybe first of '11, yes, sir. 13 Now, at this point do you decide to or at 14 any point did it open up or set up your own, say, 15 LLC or any business or did you just operate as a sole proprietor of, you know, Judd Grisanti? 16 17 Sole proprietor, but a little bit under Α. 18 Norm's umbrella with what was going on. He was 19 kind of teaching me the ropes about the industry 20 as well as a good friend of mine was. 21 Who was that? 0. 22 Α. Tinley Everett. 23 So what did your role become at that 24 point? We're in late 2010. Did you start selling

medical products, meeting doctors? Tell me what

25

- 1 | you started to do.
- 2 A. At that point with what I -- let's see
- 3 here. I can't remember the exact date, Clarence.
- 4 | I would have to go back and look at my notes real
- 5 | quick. But maybe early 2011, I would go with Norm
- 6 on some calls that he would make just to kind of
- 7 | see it up front, you know. You might say just
- 8 | kind of in his shadows of how he visits doctors
- 9 | and what all took place and what it would take.
- 10 | So I would do that.
- 11 | Q. And then did you, I guess I'll kind of say
- 12 | it loosely, develop a knack for it where you
- 13 | started making a rapport or having a relationship
- 14 | with some of these doctors?
- 15 | A. Yeah, I think I got more comfortable with
- 16 | interacting with the doctors and as I learned some
- 17 | more medical terms that they use as well as some
- 18 | of the products, I got much more comfortable with
- 19 | visiting them and calling on doctors.
- 20 | Q. Did you start making any actual sales?
- 21 | A. I think we made some sales together, we
- 22 | did as a joint, kind of a tag team, double team.
- 23 | Then we would go in the doctor's office and, you
- 24 know, I would follow his lead.
- 25 | Q. Do you recall at that time what product

18 1 you-all were selling? 2 At that time -- well, actually, I think at 3 that time the first product was when we took on 4 EpiFix with MiMedx. 5 That was the first product you recall 0. 6 being involved in? 7 Well, yeah, but I knew of an old product Α. 8 that he had called Bio-D and I kind of learned 9 from the matrix or the science of that one and 10 then Norm would say, this is a good time, good 11 opportunity. We're actually switching from one 12 product to a new product and I can start from a 13 ground basis up with learning from it as well as 14 he did with the new technology and whatnot. 15 And the EpiFix was a MiMedx product? 0. 16 Α. EpiFix, yes, was a MiMedx product. 17 When you started to learn about the EpiFix 0. 18 from Norm, was that your first dealings or the 19 first time you had ever heard of MiMedx? Well, we actual both, he and I both went 20 21 on an interview to meet Mike Carlton. 22 Do you remember when that was? Q. 23 Clarence, it was sometime, I believe, I 24 want to say somewhere around 2011. Maybe mid or 25 late 2011. I remember it being somewhat cold, I

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            I can't remember. Somewhere around there.
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 2
             Was Mike Carlton the first person that you
 3
     met from MiMedx that you recall? If you know.
 4
     you don't...
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             I believe so, yes. We met him, it was
 6
     somewhere in Alabama. We went to meet up with him
     and everybody did kind of an introduction. I
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 8
     think there had been a bunch of phone
 9
     conversations prior to that and then we met Mike
     Carlton somewhere in a little town in Alabama.
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     would have been off of 78 or 20 going towards
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     Georgia.
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            Do you recall if that was at an
14
     O'Charley's?
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             Yes, I think it was actually.
16
             What was the purpose of the meeting with
17
     Mike Carlton?
18
     Α.
             Well, I think it was -- first of all, I
19
     think he wanted to meet us in person as well as we
20
     did them. I think they were a new company.
21
     think everybody was just kind of feeling each
22
     other out. Of course, Norm took the lead on all
23
     of that because he knew the products at that time
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     as I didn't probably fully understand all of its
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     potential. And so we met each other and
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20 1 everybody's personality seemed to, you know, we 2 all seemed to, you know, think the same way. 3 know, it was a new product. We had to get it out 4 there and get into the marketplace. 5 0. And what happened next? 6 Next being, I guess, we got accepted by 7 MiMedx or Norm did, got accepted by MiMedx being a 8 distributor. They, you know, he let me know what 9 the territory was and we could go out and start 10 selling it. So that was the game plan. That's 11 what we had started. 12 0. Now, Mid South Biologics was the 13 distributor, the actual distributor as you would 14 call it or Norm was? 15 Yeah, they were. Oh, yeah, they were 16 actually the distributor, yes. 17 Do you recall what the territory that you 0. 18 were authorized to work in? And I say you, I 19 mean, Mid South. I know you may not have been a 20 direct owner, but you were affiliated with it and 21 working with Norm. So I would say you, what 22 territory were you-all granted if you recall? 23 Α. At the time it was a brand-new product 24 coming from the marketplace and I don't think they 25 had distributors everywhere so it was pretty much

1 like the wild, wild west. We could go anywhere 2 and do anything if we could sell it, if we thought 3 we could sell it. And the restrictions came much later, you know, as time progressed, as we went 4 5 along with the product. And I guess as more 6 product got to the marketplace, our territory 7 shrank a little bit. They didn't want it to overlap, you know, 8 9 with other distributors that they were solely 10 bringing on. 11 Ultimately, was your territory Tennessee 0. 12 and areas outside of Tennessee or just solely 13 Tennessee; if you know? 14 Α. It was Tennessee and outside of Tennessee. 15 Like parts of Alabama? Ο. 16 Α. Yes, sir. 17 Do you know what other areas at the time? 0. 18 Α. Mississippi, North Mississippi, Arkansas, 19 Kentucky. I mean, they pretty much said, you 20 know, if we could still sell them, if we knew a 21 doctor and we had relationships with them. At 22 that time it really wasn't so much design -- I 23 mean, from what I understand there was a definite 24 line. But if we had a doctor, say, at another 25 town that we could get authorization to go and

1 visit, it was okay if we could sell it. 2 If you had a relationship with them? 3 Α. Right. The medical industry, it's Right. 4 all about relationships, you know. Who people trust, who people like, who's got a good product. 5 6 So that's a big key door opener is relationships. 7 Did you know a gentleman by the name of Q. Bill Cochran at that time? 8 9 Α. Not at that time, I didn't, no. 10 0. You hadn't ever heard that name at that 11 time? 12 Α. If I did it didn't mean anything at the 13 Now, I can tell you when I first remember 14 hearing his name that I recognized. 15 When was that? 0. 16 Norm would be on the phone with some guys 17 out of Texas. CPM, I think, was their name. 18 MiMedx would say, if you guys can't meet, I think 19 what we needed in inventory dollar-wise call CPM 20 and you can always get the product from them. 21 And those guys were like very eager to 22 work with us. They also had MiMedx products. And 23 I can't remember if it was one label or two labels 24 or what it was, but you know MiMedx had it or were

trying to put it under different labels as well.

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- 1 | But Bill Cochran was with their group and he
- 2 | was -- Bill and I guess Norm, they would talk and
- 3 | that's when I first started hearing his name. You
- 4 | know, we'll get it from them.
- 5 | Q. So when you say, they couldn't meet the
- 6 | dollar-wise, so as a distributor were you-all
- 7 | required to meet certain dollar thresholds?
- 8 A. You know, and I say that, but I say it
- 9 | loosely because sometimes they would okay it and
- 10 | sometimes if we just needed one or two grafts.
- 11 | Maybe we didn't have them that size, they would
- 12 | say, you know, get it from CPM, you know.
- 13 Q. Did you ever see the distributorship
- 14 | agreement?
- 15 | A. Did I ever --
- 16 Q. The distributorship agreement between Norm
- or Norm's company and MiMedx at that time; did you
- 18 | ever review it?
- 19 A. Oh, yes, sir. Yeah, certainly, I did.
- 20 Yeah. Yeah. I wanted to make sure we were
- 21 | always, you know, in compliance or, you know. I'm
- 22 | just an intuitive kind of person. I just wanted
- 23 to know what was going on and make sure that, you
- 24 | know where we stood at all times.
- 25 | Q. Now, did you actually sign off on that

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 1
                Were you a signatory to that?
     agreement?
 2
     Α.
             No.
                  No, sir.
 3
     0.
             But you operated under it?
 4
     Α.
             Yeah.
                    Right. Exactly.
 5
             You're aware -- well, to your knowledge is
     0.
 6
     this distributorship agreement an issue in this
 7
     lawsuit? Was there a problem?
 8
             Oh, there was always an issue.
 9
     guys, Clarence, when I tell you everyday was a new
10
     day. And that's one thing I learned about the
11
     medical industry as well. That everybody seems to
12
     run black and white, cut and dry, but that wasn't
13
     the case because the next day they changed the
14
     rules on you, you know, the medical industry.
15
             That's custom in industry.
16
             Obviously, it is because I've heard it
17
     more than once, you know, from people out there.
18
     You work by a contract that you're given and hope
19
     it works the best for you. But then again, you
20
     could get a call the next day where, you know,
21
     quess what quys, you know, maybe you can't go
22
             Now, you were going there yesterday, but
23
     your contract reads that you can. Who knows?
24
             It's kind of funny, you know, it's kind of
25
     like people like to change the rule of the games
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1 that they play, you know, to best suit them. 2 That's what I kind of learned about that industry. 3 At that time what kind of company was 4 MiMedx to your knowledge? 5 Oh, they were just starting off. They Α. 6 were brand-new, no sales. I mean very, very 7 little sales because when we were out selling the 8 product, the first thing the doctor would want to 9 know, well, you know, I need some what they call 10 white pages, studies and stuff. We weren't even 11 there yet. They had just done a very small trial 12 on it and they knew it was healing patients. 13 science made sense. It's kind of one of these 14 things, kind of like the restaurant deal, you 15 know. 16 Go to the restaurant, let the food speak 17 for itself. Kind of like the product. And we 18 knew the product would work because we had 19 actually seen it at that time work in healing 20 patients. And that's what we would ask the doctor 21 for. Listen, Doc, this is a new technology with 22 science on these grafts. Give us a case, let us 23 do a case and let the graft speak for itself. And 24 I'm going to tell you, it certainly did. It spoke 25 for itself.

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             It was a good product?
     Q.
 2
     Α.
             Yes, sir.
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     0.
             So you stood behind it?
 4
     Α.
             Very proud of it, yes.
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     0.
             Then what happens next in the process?
 6
     You're a distributor, you're out meeting doctors
 7
     and, you know, telling them and you're proud of
 8
     the product. Then what happens next in the
 9
     process?
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             We're moving rapidly along pretty well,
11
     you know. Doctors are happy. We're selling. I'm
12
     getting more and more used to selling the product
13
     myself, going out on my own now. Maybe that's
14
     late '11 at this point. Maybe early '12, but I
15
     think late '11. And I was, like well, you know,
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     doctors are using it here and there. But where
17
     could you go and sell a bunch of these? And I
18
     knew at that time by reading that MiMedx had
19
     something with the Veterans Hospital, the VAs.
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             So when I read up on that and learned
21
     about the STVOSB and --
2.2
     Q.
             What is that?
23
             Well, it's the FS&S, the federal supply
24
     schedule, doing business under disabled veterans
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     and this and that, the veterans, I knew there was
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1	a lot of chronic wounds there, you know, for	27	
2	different reasons. I also knew just from being in		
3	the restaurant business that if you got on with		
4	the federal government or something like that with		
5	a contract it could be life changing. And that's		
6	like with Cisco or something who gets on with the		
7	hospitals, you know, they get all these big		
8	contracts, you know, it could be a big deal.		
9	Q. Have you had a chance to read any of the		
10	depositions from this case?		
11	A. No, not at all. Why? Was I supposed to?		
12	Q. No. I was just asking if you had been		
13	provided and had a chance to read any of them?		
14	A. No. Did I miss something?		
15	Q. No, you did not.		
16	A. Well, no, why do you say that?		
17	Q. No, I was just asking. It's just a		
18	standard question.		
19	So you understood you were researching and		
20	discovering		
21	A. I was trying to figure out where well,		
22	I figured, you know, in the restaurant business we		
23	have big clients and that one big client like		
24	Jerry West, okay, when he came to town with the		
25	Grizzlies. That one big client changed a lot of		

- things for me in the restaurant business. I knew if you could target the bigger elephants in the business that may lead to something. If that leads to something there and you get in good with
- 5 | them then that could lead into more.
- 6 Q. Right.
- 7 A. So that's kind of the thought process I
- 8 | had behind selling this product was that we could
- 9 | target maybe something bigger instead of a doctor
- 10 here, doctor here, doctor here.
- 11 | Q. So upon making that realization, what did
- 12 | you do next?
- 13 A. I understood and studied up on the VAs and
- 14 | how they acted and how they reacted and what were
- 15 | the stipulations and everything. And I understood
- 16 | that what MiMedx had at that time under the
- 17 | STVOSB -- I can't remember exactly the initials,
- 18 | but that only gave us, it gave us a license to
- 19 | hunt, but it didn't give us, you know. That's all
- 20 | it gave you. It gave you the rights to go inside
- 21 | the door and talk, but you still had a lot of
- 22 | variables under that one deal, meaning that if you
- 23 | weren't on the big platform, which you would want
- 24 | to be with the case number and they would stock
- 25 | it. You would still have to just take 1 or 2

29 1 grafts in there at a time as per case. And I 2 thought, well, you know, how do you get bigger and 3 better with the VA Hospital and you would have to 4 get what they call a FS&S, which is a federal 5 supply schedule. 6 So I did some more homework and figured 7 out with some friends what direction to go in 8 and --9 0. Who were those friends? 10 Just some people in the industry. At one 11 time I had talked to a good friend of mine named 12 Joseph Zorzoli who --She's taking this down. If you can spell 13 14 it that's fine. If you can't... 15 Z-O-R-Z-I-A-L, something like that, 16 Zorzoli. 17 But anyway, he was an old, dear childhood 18 friend. He had worked at the restaurant and my 19 father got him in the industry of pharmaceuticals, which is Pfizer. He had since then become, I 20 21 think a lobbyist. And I was asking, like, if you 22 run into roadblocks, what should you do or how 23 could you go past them and how does one thing lead 24 into the next thing. Because I was still new in 25 the medical industry. And he was telling me that

30 1 I needed to find out who does business with the 2 federal government on that level. He said, Judd, 3 just follow the medication. Follow the lead and see where it goes to. We found out that a company 4 5 named AvKARE was close by us. We had a friend 6 that knew the group really well that introduced 7 us. Who was that friend? 8 0. 9 Α. He was introduced to me by JoJo. 10 Ο. Who is JoJo? 11 Oh, I'm sorry. That's Joseph Zorzoli. Α. 12 call him JoJo. That's his nickname. I'm sorry. 13 0. Now, JoJo introduced you to somebody in AvKARE? 14 15 What he said, listen my brother Vinnie. Α. 16 Ο. Vinnie Zorzoli. 17 Α. These are a bunch of Italians. Sorry. 18 May have a friend who actually knows these 19 people. So Vinnie and them, we drove up to 2.0 AvKARE. 21 Where is AvKARE located? 0. 2.2 Α. It's in Kentucky, outside of Glasgow, 23 Kentucky. 2.4 0. Between Nashville and Louisville? 25 Α. Yeah. Yeah. Somewhere around there.

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     North of -- where's Corvettes made?
 2.
             Bowling Green.
     Q.
 3
     Α.
             North of Bowling Green.
 4
             So we went up there and we made a
 5
     presentation. And they were a big player with the
 6
     pharmaceutical industry with the VAs with generic
 7
            And so they specialized in doing, you
     drugs.
 8
     might say, business with the federal government.
 9
     Once we got to talking with them and meeting with
10
     these guys --
11
             Who did you meet, if you recall?
     Ο.
12
             Bobby Lindsey is his name. You now, and
13
     once we told them what, you know, we were trying
14
     to do and he told me how their company ran, then
     we all thought, let's meet up together.
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16
     that's when we drove up there to Glasgow.
17
     and I pitched the products that we had and what it
18
     could do.
19
     Q.
             Was that the EpiFix?
20
     Α.
             Oh, yes, it was the EpiFix, yes.
21
             Let me back up for a minute. Under the
22
     Distributorship Agreement how was Mid South and
23
     you, how were y'all paid or how did that business
24
     operate, if you know?
25
     Α.
             Norm would buy the inventory.
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- 1 Q. So he would buy it from MiMedx?
- 2 | A. Right. Bring it in because he was a
- 3 | tissue bank, which actually means a lot because
- 4 | you're actually able to hold it in warehouses of
- 5 | tissue itself. It's all about --
- 6 Q. Consignment?
- 7 A. No. Well, no, but custody of control of
- 8 | the product. He was selling it, yes, we would
- 9 | sell it on consignment basically sometimes.
- 10 | Basically, yes.
- 11 Q. So Norm had -- when I say Norm, I'm
- 12 | referring to Norm being --
- 13 A. Mid South Biologics, yes.
- 14 Q. So Norm had an agreement he was purchasing
- 15 | the product directly from MiMedx and warehousing
- 16 | it; is that right?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. And then you-all can go out and a doctor
- 19 or hospital would place an order?
- 20 | A. Right. Exactly. Right. If we had a
- 21 case, right, we would bring it in.
- 22 Q. Who would the doctor or hospital make
- 23 | payments to Mid South or to MiMedx?
- 24 A. No, they would make payments to Mid South
- 25 Biologics.

- 1 Q. Do you know if sometimes MiMedx would
- 2 | allow Norm to receive product before he actually
- 3 | sent in the cash for that product, if you will?
- 4 | A. I know he had a line of credit with them
- 5 | if that's what you're asking.
- 6 Q. Yes, that's what I'm referring to?
- 7 A. Yes. Yes.
- 8 Q. So he would have product, but then hadn't
- 9 | made payment?
- 10 | A. Right. Then I think they allowed him to
- 11 | maybe get out so far, then they would receive
- 12 | payment, yes.
- 13 Q. Was Saint Francis Hospital one of your
- 14 | customers or clients, if you will, at that time?
- 15 A. It was Norm's, not mine.
- 16 Q. You didn't deal with Saint Francis?
- 17 | A. No.
- 18 Q. Now, let's go back. We're at the point to
- 19 | where you're meeting with Bobby Lindsey and his
- 20 | team, you and Norm in Glasgow, Kentucky?
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 Q. So let's talk about that meeting. How did
- 23 | AvKARE review or receive the information that you
- 24 | and Norm were presenting?
- 25 A. Well, let me tell you. So as I would

- 1 visit the VA Hospitals I found out that we had 2 some obstacles. So I would call Mike Carlton up, 3 which was our contact with MiMedx. And I would like Mike Carlton know, hey, Mike, this is the 4 5 pushback I'm getting in the VA Hospitals, just to 6 FYI, you know. This is what I'm hearing. This is 7 what's going on. But, you know, there are some 8 things out here that we could do that we could 9 definitely better ourselves as a whole to do 10 business with the VA Hospitals. 11 And Mike's well, what are they? And I 12 told him what we need to get is something called 13 an FS&S. And so, you know, as I educate myself on 14 the situation that brings us to the introduction 15 with Bobby and all these guys.
- 16 Q. Did MiMedx already have or were they
- 17 | already on the FSS?
- 18 A. No, not the FS&S. They had something
- 19 else. It was called the SDVOSB, okay.
- 20 Q. Okay.
- 21 A. Which leads into a lot of, like I said,
- 22 | roadblocks because it didn't allow you to put the
- 23 | product in the hospital. You could only bring it
- 24 in as case per needed.
- 25 Q. Okay.

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 1
     Α.
             Okay. So anyway, to get like I said for
 2
     better for all we would have to bump up our game
 3
     and get on something called the FS&S and that's
 4
     what leads us to Bobby Lindsey.
 5
             Bobby Lindsey, we met with him and the
 6
     owners and, you know, I'm sorry to say that I
     can't remember the owner's name at this time, but
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 8
     I could look it up. And it's just -- it's at the
     tip of my tongue. I just can't remember it.
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10
     brothers owned the company and Bobby Lindsey was
11
     one of their, I guess, go-to guys that look at new
12
     products and whatnot.
13
             Is it Troy Mizell?
     0.
14
     Α.
             Yeah -- no. No. Troy is one of the -- he
15
     was the disabled veteran, Troy was.
16
     0.
             Okay.
17
     Α.
             He had two partners that actually owned
18
     the pharmaceutical end of it all.
19
             Michael Miller?
     0.
20
     Α.
             No. No. No. No.
21
             Steve Shirley?
     0.
22
             Steve Shirley. There you go. Steve
     Α.
23
     Shirley. Steve Shirley. So Steve Shirley was
     there in the meeting as well. They liked what we
24
25
     pitched to them and they liked about maybe, you
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1	know, because business is tough for everybody.
2	You know, it seems like instead of growing a lot
3	of margins again, you know, tightened and whatnot.
4	So they liked what we pitched and liked that maybe
5	we could bring some biologics to their portfolio.
6	So as we progressed to talk, things seemed
7	to progress going forward. There's a lot of other
8	little things going on in between, a lot of
9	conversations and whatnot.
10	Q. MiMedx is not directly involved in these
11	discussions at this time; is that right?
12	A. Not at that time, but Mike, you know, I
13	talked to Mike on different phone calls saying
14	hey, look, you know, we're talking to these
15	people. I never would tell him who exactly they
16	were at the time.
17	Q. Why didn't you tell me?
18	A. Because I know MiMedx. The next thing
19	they would do is go over our backs and go straight
20	to them. I was trying to protect our interest
21	until I had something concrete to bring MiMedx 100
22	percent and I knew 100 percent that we could get
23	something done between the two groups, all of us.
24	Q. Now, at the time was your thought that Mid

South or another company you and Norm formed would

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     sell product to -- will purchase product from
 2
     MiMedx and sell it to AvKARE?
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                  MR. PEEL: Object to the foundation
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     of the question.
 5
     By MR. WILBON:
 6
     Q.
             You can answer.
 7
                    So our thought process was this,
     Α.
             Okay.
 8
     that we can maybe -- and this happens in clothing
 9
     lines and everywhere. Somebody would come in
10
     after you got a product up and running, a great
11
     product, and knocked it off. I thought Norm and I
12
     agreed. Why don't we knock off ourselves to be
13
     first, you know. Why don't we be the first ones,
14
     you know, do another label. You know, have MiMedx
15
     make us another label. They were already dealing
16
     with CPM. Why not do it with us.
17
             So with CPM, like EpiFix would be under a
     0.
18
     private label for CPM?
19
             Clarence, forgive me, I got it in my notes
     Α.
20
     what the name of it was for the other company, but
21
     yes, I thought why couldn't we do the same for us.
22
             So you would distribute EpiFix or AvKARE
23
     would get it from you under the name of EpiFix?
2.4
     Α.
             Exactly. Exactly.
25
     Q.
             And MiMedx would produce it and
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1 manufacture it and you would purchase it from them 2 and sell it under your brand name instead of their 3 brand? 4 Α. Exactly. 5 That's the thinking that you were 0. 6 operating under at that time? 7 Α. Exactly. 8 0. So tell me what happens as this process 9 continues to unfold? 10 That falls to the wayside for whatever 11 reasons, MiMedx or whatever, you know, didn't 12 agree with it or whatever, wouldn't do it. So 13 now, we're just down to, okay, hopefully we could 14 be the distributor for EpiFix to the VA Hospitals 15 and with AvKARE and we could go in and sell it, 16 start our own sales team and all we would do is go 17 and saturate the VA Hospitals. 18 0. So you would get Mid South on to the FSS? 19 Exactly. Right. Mid South would be on 20 the FS&S and we would go from there. But we ran 21 into a roadblock there where we also had to have 2.2 the manufacturers listed on there as a supply 23 chain.

Why was that a roadblock? 2.4 0.

25 Α. Well, the VA does so much business that

39 1 they would want the manufacturers to be aware of 2. what --3 0. Volume? -- the volume that's going on. 4 5 And you guys initially weren't planning on 0. 6 the manufacturer to be on there, on the supply 7 chain. It was going to be your business and the 8 manufacturer just --9 Another reason too is because the matrix 10 of it all as well is not to mislead anybody or to do anything under a different label. It was also 11 12 because of money issues. We as distributors to 13 just the VA Hospitals, we could charge a premium 14 price for that product and not discount it as long 15 as we didn't sell it to anybody else for a 16 discounted rate. 17 Mid South couldn't? 0. 18 Α. No, Mid South could, but MiMedx couldn't 19 do that. 20 0. Why couldn't MiMedx do it? 21 Because they would have to discount the 22 product 5 percent than what they did in the 23 commercial product and they couldn't get there. 2.4 Ο. So that was a rule with the VA or with the 25 federal government?

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1	A. Right.	
2	Q. That the federal government had to get it	
3	for the same price as the commercial	
4	A. No, 5 percent cheaper.	
5	Q. But Mid South wouldn't be subject to that	
6	rule if I understand what you're saying?	
7	A. Exactly. Mid South wouldn't be subject to	
8	that rule because we would only sell to the VA	
9	Hospitals.	
10	Q. So the margin would be 5 percent greater	
11	for Mid South?	
12	A. Right.	
13	Q. So why didn't this work as intended?	
14	A. We got pushed back from MiMedx on it.	
15	MiMedx, I think, at that time maybe started to	
16	realize, hey, they've got a lot of potential here,	
17	you know. There's a lot of potential here and if	
18	this all holds true, then it could be greater than	
19	anything that we're doing.	
20	Q. Were there also some financial issues in	
21	terms of the amount of money or capital that Mid	
22	South was going to need to engage in such a	
23	relationship?	
24	A. I think we could have raised any capital	
25	that we wanted to be honest with you, Clarence, at	

1 that time. I mean, I think -- I don't think that 2 was ever, from what I understand, an issue. 3 Do you know if -- at that time when you 4 were negotiating, I'll use the term negotiating. 5 When you were negotiating with AVKARE to do this 6 proposed deal, do you know if Mid South had the 7 right or sufficient access to MiMedx's product to 8 negotiate such a deal? 9 Mike Carlton told me on the phone 10 personally, Judd, if you can get the job done, get 11 it done any way you can. And my direct contact 12 when we would always have questions or concerns, 13 anything was to talk to Mike, Mike Carlton. 14 Norm, I mean, I didn't go over Norm's 15 Norm didn't care if I called him with, you 16 know, hey, we've got an issue with my big toe. 17 You know what I'm saying. I'm going to call Mike, 18 can I get EpiFix to stick on there? You know, we 19 always joked about, hey, I'm going to cut the top 20 of your ear off. You put a little FpiFix on 21 there, you'll be okay, you know. 22 I mean, I talked to Mike Carlton all the 23 time on the phone. You know, back and forth what 24 about this, what about that. Hey, this situation 25 here, you know, with the doctor or whatever,

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     special needs. What do you think about this? It
 2
     wasn't like we would only pick up the phone once
 3
     every blue moon and talk to Mike. We would talk
 4
     to Mike, oh, weekly.
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             I told Mike what we had going on. He
 6
     said, Judd, let me tell you something. If you can
 7
     get it done, get it done. Norm and I were both
 8
     like, hey, we think there's a lot of value here.
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     0.
             Do you hunt?
10
     Α.
             No. I used to hunt a long time ago, duck
11
     hunt with my family, you know. I mean, you know.
12
             Fish?
     0.
             I fish every day. I'm not a hunter
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14
     anymore. I haven't hunted in a long time. I went
15
     hunting the past couple of years and I call up the
16
     turkeys and to be honest with you, I just watched
17
     them go by.
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     Ο.
            Does Norm hunt?
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             No, Norm and I fish. We fish. We're
     Α.
20
     fishermen. I've never been hunting with Norm,
21
     ever.
             Have I, Norm?
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     0.
            He can't.
24
             I'm sorry. I don't know. Maybe I did qo
     Α.
25
     hunting with him, but I don't think I did because
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43 1 we don't -- I mean, we fish, you know. We all 2. love to fish. 3 You ever go fishing with Mike Carlton? I didn't know he was a fisherman. 4 No. Ι 5 don't know. 6 0. So we get to the point you're trying to 7 get the deal done. You want to get a private 8 label or brand the EpiFix under a private label 9 for Mid South. You run into some roadblocks. So 10 what happens next in this process? 11 Α. So naturally, we were hoping that we could 12 go to MiMedx, and maybe be the distributor for 13 this for the VA Hospitals. You know, maybe Norm 14 and I could with Bobby Lindsey and AvKARE put a 15 group together or a core group together to go out 16 here and saturate that market because AvKARE was 17 a, what you may say a government contract 18 specialist. I mean, they had many, I think, contracts with the VAs and the DODs and the IHSs 19 20 at that time and we would follow their lead, you 21 know, with Bobby Lindsey. That's what they did, I 2.2 mean. 23 So when that got back to, you know, when 24 we had discussions with Mike Carlton about 25 everything, I think everybody realized how maybe

44 1 big this could be, you know, once everybody 2 started talking how much business AvKARE did with 3 the VAs and whatnot. Then it kind of lead to where Norm and I were just going to be 4 5 consultants. 6 Basically, Clarence, from what I 7 understand how it all worked and I go back and I 8 look at it now, it just basically got ripped out 9 of our hands once I think they realized what had 10 taken place here, you know. Of everything that 11 was put together, the amount of business that 12 AvKARE did, what their knowledge is of the VA 13 Hospitals, how that the SBVOSB wasn't really 14 anything. But now that if you got on the FS&S 15 where they could go in there and actually stock it 16 and put it in there and all the doctor had to say 17 is hey, I want it, it's there was at a totally 18 different level. And I think Bill Taylor somewhat got 19 20 involved and got to talking with AVKARE at that 21 point and we pretty much just were going to get a 22 contract of introduction or consulting, I think 23 they called it. 24 When you say, it got ripped out of your 0. 25 hands. But it wasn't actually in your hands. You

- 1 | were trying to do a deal and found out you had --
- $2 \mid A$. No. No. We had a deal with AvKARE. We
- 3 | had a deal with AvKARE. Actually, we were on the
- 4 | FS&S. Mid South Biologics was on the FS&S at one
- 5 | time. When Bill Carlton told me, Judd, if you can
- 6 | go ahead and get it done, get it done. And that's
- 7 | when I said, well, let's go ahead and get on the
- 8 | FS&S. If anything we can start operating while we
- 9 | figure out all the particulars.
- 10 | Q. So Mid South was actually listed on the
- 11 | FSS?
- 12 | A. Yes, sir.
- 13 | Q. Now, you said a deal was actually done
- 14 | with AvKARE?
- 15 A. Well, no. AvKARE was onboard 100 percent.
- 16 | I mean, they were ready to go with us, with Mid
- 17 | South Biologics.
- 18 | Q. Did you ever actually enter into any
- 19 | written agreements between Mid South and AvKARE?
- 20 A. Not at that point was anything, but we all
- 21 | signed nondisclosures.
- 22 Q. And you guys, is it fair to call it, you
- 23 | reached the point to where you had a plan that
- 24 | y'all liked?
- 25 | A. Yes, and we just needed MiMedx to sign off

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     on it.
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             But you didn't have any product?
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             Well, that's why we needed MiMedx to sign
     off on it.
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             It was up to MiMedx to decide whether or
     0.
 6
     not they wanted to sign off on that and let you --
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     Α.
             Be the distributor.
             -- be a distributor.
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     Ο.
 9
     Α.
             Right.
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     0.
             Of a private label?
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             Right. So I put Bobby Lindsey and AvKARE
     Α.
12
     in touch with Mike Carlton and Bill Taylor.
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     the next thing I know is they've got some kind of
14
     a partnership going on and me and Norm were
15
     basically on the outs.
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             But that is MiMedx's right though.
17
     Correct?
18
     Α.
             No.
                  I don't understand how. If anything,
19
     we brought AvKARE to MiMedx and MiMedx to AvKARE.
20
     AvKARE didn't know anything about MiMedx and
21
     MiMedx didn't know anything about AvKARE.
2.2
     educated AvKARE on MiMedx and what MiMedx had, how
23
     it worked. We educated MiMedx on AvKARE, what
24
     they had. I had to sell both parties about each
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     other for each other.
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1 0. And for that MiMedx offered and provided 2 you-all a consultant fee. Correct? 3 Right. And at that time, somewhere around 4 about that time it was coming down to, you know, actually, I think Bill Taylor got more involved in 5 6 it and actually AvKARE started to pull back on the 7 deal because they -- AvKARE is from a pastured 8 town in Kentucky. 9 0. A cow pasture? 10 Yeah, a cow pasture in Kentucky. Atlanta 11 is New York of the South. These guys in Kentucky; 12 Steve Shirley, Bobby Lindsey would show up in 13 basically overalls and a baseball cap to do 14 business. They weren't about all the fast 15 talking. They just wanted to be able to trust 16 everybody. They liked you, they thought they 17 believed in the product, they could do it. They 18 would get the deal done. I wasn't in on any 19 conversation between Bill Taylor, Bobby Lindsey, 20 or Steve Shirley. All I know is that I got a 21 phone call from Bobby Lindsey saying, Judd, we're 2.2 out. We're out of it. 23 I said, well, what happened? He goes, I 24 can't do business with these people, you know, for 25 whatever reasons it may be.

48 1 Do you recall when that was? Q. 2 Α. It was probably a week before that 3 contract was signed, that date. And then I got on 4 the phone with Mike Carlton. I said, Mike, what's 5 going on here? What's all this? And I, you know, 6 talked to Norm. What have you heard? What's 7 going on? Who's all at who? 8 Bobby Lindsey just did not like Bill 9 Taylor's arrogant attitude, you know. You know, 10 these guys aren't about jet flying and doing this 11 or doing that. These people just wanted to do 12 business. They've done business under the radar 13 for so long with the VA Hospitals and they didn't 14 want anything to do to jeopardize that, you know, 15 with their contracts already. I just don't think 16 Bobby and Bill Taylor's personality --17 0. Meshed? 18 -- matched. Yeah. They had a big conflict. So Norm and I both, I said, you call. 19 20 Who's going to call to see what's going on? 21 Did you talk to Billy Taylor at all during 22 that time? 23 Α. Well, after I talked, I think, to Mike 24 first to find out what was going on. And we found 25 out that maybe this deal couldn't be done because,

49 1 you know, there was no give on both sides, you 2 Nobody is going to say, I guess, you know, 3 recognize, whatever, whoever made each other upset 4 or whatever. I think at that time I think I told 5 Mike, Mike, Bill Lindsey does not want to talk to 6 Bill Taylor anymore. And that's when I think Norm 7 and I got on the phone with Pete. And I don't 8 know if he pronounces his name Petit or Peteet. 9 I've heard it said both different ways so many 10 times. 11 So Pete Petit, we got on the phone with 12 and Pete said, Judd, let's make this deal happen. 13 You tell them that I'm involved, we're good. And 14 I called Lindsey back and said, you know, Bobby, 15 it looks like we're all in agreeance, you know, 16 with everything, you know. Pete Petit or Pete 17 Peteet, you know, is going to be involved and see 18 this deal done. So there's not going to be any 19 hiccups. And at that time Norm, I think, started 20 21 negotiating over a contract of what our agreeance 22 or his agreeance, I'm sorry, with Mid South 23 Biologics was going to be paid on. I don't know. 24 I mean, that's the short, long story, whatever, 25 you've got it.

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                  MR. WILBON: We've been going right
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     about an hour. Do you want to take a short break?
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              (Break taken from 11:04 a.m. to
     11:39 a.m.)
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     BY MR. WILBON:
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     Q.
             Mr. Grisanti, we were discussing and we're
 7
     at the point to where -- let me back up. We had
 8
     progressed to the point where you and Mr.
 9
     LaChapelle had had the meetings with AvKARE and I
10
     think had reached the conclusion that you could
11
     not do this deal with AvKARE that you initially
12
     envisioned on your own. And now we're at a point
13
     to where AvKARE has been placed in direct contact
14
     with MiMedx; is that correct?
15
             Yes, sir.
16
             So you've got some documents there. Any
17
     of those documents relate to what we're
18
     discussing?
19
             That, I don't know, I mean.
     Α.
20
             Well, let's look at the one -- any of them
21
     you want to show that you think will help me
2.2
    understand --
23
     Α.
             I'm looking back at actually dates to be
2.4
     honest with you.
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         Can I take a look at those documents?
     Q.
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 1
     Α.
             Oh, yeah.
 2.
     Ο.
             Let me take to look at them.
 3
             I was trying to get a better common date
     Α.
     on everything actually, referring myself back to
 4
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                  MR. PEEL: Judd, let me ask you this.
 7
     Y'all used to be represented by Chris Lazarini.
 8
                  THE WITNESS: Yeah.
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                  MR. PEEL: I wanted to make sure -- I
10
     haven't looked at these documents so I don't know
11
     what they are. But I just want to make sure that
12
     this is not communication with your former
13
     attorney.
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                  THE WITNESS: This would be
15
     everything --
16
     BY MR. WILBON:
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            This is not like e-mails between you and
     0.
     Chris --
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19
           Yeah. Yeah.
     Α.
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            Now, I don't want to see any e-mails
21
     between you and Chris. But other documents like
22
     e-mails with AvKARE or MiMedx, those things we
23
     can, but the ones between you and Chris.
2.4
             It was just my notes really with Chris
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     Lazarini and stuff that I made for dates and times
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Just so I could refer back to when we
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     that's all.
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     were putting this thing -- like I said earlier, I
 3
     couldn't recall exact dates or the time.
                                                That was
     just doing that. That's all.
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 5
             Let's look at the one you're looking at
     0.
          What is that document?
 6
 7
     Α.
             This document here is: Guys, I just spoke
 8
     with Bill Taylor and consulting agreement of
 9
     AvKARE override is a separate issue, not connected
10
     for AmnioFix agreements, stocking issues, MSB, Mid
     South Biologics' vendor status, these hospital.
11
12
     But this is with Jeff Chavies, who I have never
13
     even met Jeff Chavies. This just is saying that
14
     about --
15
                  MR. PEEL: There's no e-mail between
16
     you and Chris on this page. Right?
17
                  THE WITNESS: I shared it with him,
18
     yes.
19
                  MR. PEEL: With Chris.
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                  THE WITNESS: Yes.
21
                  MR. PEEL: I mean, is there a
2.2
     communication from Chris Lazarini in here?
23
                  THE WITNESS: No. He has not.
2.4
                  MR. PEEL: Well, as long as there's
25
     not any communication between you and Chris.
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                  MR. WILBON: This particular e-mail
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     has been produced, I think.
 3
                  THE WITNESS: Yeah. I'm sure you've
 4
     probably got all of these.
 5
                  (Witness passes e-mail to Mr.
 6
     Wilbon.)
 7
                  MR. WILBON: (Peruses document.)
 8
                  THE WITNESS: (Passes e-mail to Mr.
 9
     Peel.)
10
                  MR. WILBON: What is that?
11
                  MR. PEEL: Let's see. I'm just
12
     making sure there's nothing here that's
13
     communication.
14
                  MR. WILBON: This is the one that's
15
     been produced?
16
                  MR. PEEL: Yeah, this is a previous
17
     one.
18
                  THE WITNESS: All of this has been
19
     produced, everything here. I mean, y'all should
20
     have all of this. I was just kind of referring
21
     back to my dates and times as we talk, you know,
22
     just the changing events. Exactly, trying to get
23
     the cart in front of the horse, you know.
24
                  MR. WILBON: We'll ask you questions
25
     about those in just a minute.
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54 1 BY MR. WILBON: 2 So again, we're at the point to where 3 MiMedx is in direct communication with AvKARE, at the point where we left off. Correct? 4 5 I think we had actually got past that and Α. 6 we were talking about where Pete Petit had stepped 7 in, you know. So we got all past that. 8 So when Pete -- tell me when Pete stepped in what happens next? 9 10 Pete stepped in and said, you know, to 11 Judd, I appreciate everything that you and Norm have done, you know. Y'all worked hard, you know. 12 13 If you can, let's repair this. Let's try to get 14 this deal done so we can all move forward and make 15 some money. 16 Then next on Norm's plate and myself's 17 plate was to find out how we can establish 18 ourselves in this with the Consulting Agreement 19 like they said they were going to pay us on. 20 were going to pay us. Since we weren't going to 21 be a distributor. Since we weren't going to be in 22 the sales, well, where do we fit in along this, 23 you know. And they kept saying, well, you know, 24 we'll give Mid South Biologics a Consulting 25 Agreement. And then that's where we try to --

55 1 Norm comes to an agreement with me on numbers and 2 percentages and years. 3 Do you recall what year that was? 4 Α. What year that took place. 5 0. I'm going to represent to you that it 6 was --7 I mean, 2012, yeah. Α. 8 0. Okay. 9 Α. Yeah. I mean, it's 2012. Seeing what it 10 says, the first quarter of 2012. I mean, March 11 April, May, somewhere around there. Like I said, 12 I pulled out those notes to find out the exact 13 dates is what I was trying to look for. 14 Q. Did you ever see the actual Consulting 15 Agreement? 16 Α. Well the finalized one? 17 Ο. Uh-huh. (Affirmative response.) 18 Α. Oh, yeah, I've seen it, yes. 19 Q. And you signed it. Do you recall signing 20 it? 21 I signed it. Norm and I signed one Α. 22 together on our side, you know, on our back side 23 of it if that makes sense, I quess. 24 Ο. What was your deal with Norm --25 Α. It wasn't an amendment or anything to that

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     nature if that's what you're --
 2
             Right. No. It was a final version and
 3
     you and Norm both signed it. Correct?
 4
             I didn't sign the final contract with
 5
     MiMedx, no.
 6
     Q.
             Not a separate one. The one that was
 7
     signed between Mid South and MiMedx, you also
 8
     signed it, put your signature on there.
 9
             Do you recall that?
10
     Α.
             Yeah, my signature is on there, yes.
11
             I'm going to hand you a copy of this
     0.
12
     document. I'm going to mark it as Exhibit 1 to
13
     your deposition.
14
                  (The above-mentioned document was
15
    marked as Grisanti Exhibit Number 1.)
16
     BY MR. WILBON:
17
             That's your signature on that last page?
     0.
18
     Α.
             Yes, sir. Yes, sir.
19
             We'll talk about that in just a minute.
     Ο.
             So let's talk about how the Consulting
20
21
     Agreement that we just looked at as Exhibit 1 came
22
     into being, if you will. So were you involved in
23
     the negotiations of that agreement?
2.4
     Α.
             Norm took the lead on that. And what we
25
     would do basically is banter back and forth, he
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57 1 and I, you know, strategy-wise, like you know. 2 But it wasn't a whole lot of time, Clarence, on 3 I mean, I think it was like a day. The 4 time frame of this, you know, coming together. 5 When it came together, I tell you they put this 6 thing together pretty fast at the last minute 7 because I think MiMedx was eager to get AvKARE to 8 sign on and get a deal done while everybody was 9 once again seeing eye to eye on their behalf. And Norm and I, with Norm, like I said, he was the 10 11 lead person on that. You know, he would ask me 12 what I thought, what's my thoughts. 13 Ο. Now, did Mid South have any kind of 14 compensation arrangement with AvKARE? 15 Say that again, now. 16 Did AvKARE pay Mid South any kind of 17 referral fee or finder's fee? 18 Α. No. No. 19 Ο. Did y'all ask them for one? 20 No, because we were -- the whole deal 21 there was just making MiMedx attractive enough to 22 them so they would take MiMedx on. So asking them 23 for any money, I don't think would have been, you 24 know, I don't think that would have been the thing 25 to do. I mean, looking back on it now, I wish we

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     would have.
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 2.
     BY MR. WILBON:
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             Let me show you what we're going to mark
     as Exhibit 2. It's a series of e-mails and other
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 5
     documents that were produced by AvKARE in this
 6
     case.
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                  (The above-mentioned document was
     marked as Grisanti Exhibit Number 2.)
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 9
     BY MR. WILBON:
             Take a minute and look at it and talk
10
     Ο.
11
     about those documents.
12
     Α.
             (Witness peruses document.)
13
             Now, I've never seen these before. Oh,
14
     I'm sorry, maybe I have. I recognize that now
15
     that I've seen the first page. This is everything
16
     that we probably brought.
17
             Let's talk about that. So this set of
     0.
18
     documents that we're marking Exhibit 2 have what's
19
     called a Bates No. on the bottom. And it says AVK
20
     which is an abbreviation for AvKARE, and these are
21
     documents. Their Bates No. 0001 through 00013.
22
             And the first page is an e-mail from Bobby
23
     Lindsey, who I think we've established earlier is
2.4
     with AvKARE. And Steve Shirley is with AvKARE.
25
     Troy Mizell, M-I-Z-E-L-L of AvKARE, Michael
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59 1 Miller, and then it's CC: You, Tim Beals. Do you 2. know Tim Beals? 3 Α. Yes. Yes. He was a salesperson for those 4 guys. 5 In this e-mail here it says: Good 0. 6 morning. I hope this message finds you well. I'm 7 excited about adding EpiFix wound care treatment 8 to our FSS contract soon. Our product 9 significantly reduces length of stay and 10 outpatient visits. I have reviewed for FPDS data 11 for all VISN's and can see significant real cost 12 saving opportunities within your network. 13 Please provide our information to each 14 logistics officer in your VISN. If your VISN is a 15 wound care champion, please provide this information to them. We will honor our proposed 16 17 FSS price while our request is being processed by 18 VA NAC. Thank you in advance for your assistance 19 in this matter. Please review the letter below 20 and the attachments. Again, it says you were 21 copied on this. Do you know what he's talking 22 about, he being Bobby Lindsey? 23 Α. You know, Clarence, can I read the second 24 page here, too? 25 Yeah, take your time and read through all Q.

60 1 the documents. This was January 25th, 2012. 2 (Witness peruses document.) 3 0. What's going on with this e-mail as you 4 recall from January 2012? 5 Clarence, the best I can remember on this Α. 6 e-mail is when, like I said, I think we -- and I don't know when it hit. We got the product on the 7 8 FS&S first. When I was speaking to Mike Carlton, 9 when I said, we could, you know, get this thing 10 going and get it on the FS&S and he said go ahead 11 and get done what you can get done. And what I 12 think happened here is that at this point we did 13 get it on there and we got it on there much faster 14 than what they ever anticipated of getting things 15 They didn't think two boys from Memphis, 16 Tennessee would make something like this happen. 17 This was when I believe, I'm just saying 18 the best I could recollect, I mean, is that this 19 e-mail is when we thought that Mid South Biologics 20 could be the distributor with AVKARE on this 21 product. 22 Now, had you actually talked to anybody at 0. 23 AvKARE about the plan, if you will, at this time? 2.4 Α. I imagine we had, yes. 25 Now, looking at these attachments, one of Q.

61 1 them at Page 5 says: EpiFix: Value Based 2 Purchasing for Wound Care. 3 Did you-all provide this document to 4 AvKARE? 5 Well, I mean, if we did, then we would Α. 6 have got it from --7 Did you get off the Web site? Q. We had what we call slicks or literature 8 Α. 9 that we would provide, yes. I think at this time 10 we were, like I said, making a deal with AVKARE 11 when I was told by Mike Carlton to make it happen 12 or, you know, let's make something happen. I was 13 getting everything lined up so I could bring all 14 my ducks in a row to MiMedx to let them know, hey, 15 this is what I've got going on, this is what we've 16 Here's a deal, you know. I think it's worth 17 going for. 18 You know, because the other SBVOSB, 19 whatever it was, you know, doesn't take us 20 anywhere. This puts us on the fast track. 21 that's when, like I said, when we brought all this 22 back to them is when they actually realized right 23 here, Clarence, there's a lot of value in this. 24 And that's when I think they realized, hey, 25 they've got something going on. We really need to

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     take a look at these guys in Memphis. This time
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     they beat the bushes and shook the trees and
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     something has hit the ground.
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             So yes, that's this documentation here.
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     think the e-mail was saying Bobby was letting
 6
     them, I guess, his company know that hopefully,
 7
     we've got a deal. As far as Norm and I we were
 8
     distributors and we were good to go in selling to
 9
          So we were making some something big happen
10
     for all of us.
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                  MR. WILBON: Mark this as Exhibit 3.
12
     It's another set of documents that were produced
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     by AvKARE and an e-mail chain with some
14
     attachments that you're copied on.
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                  (The above-mentioned document was
16
     marked as Grisanti Exhibit Number 3.)
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     BY MR. WILBON:
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     0.
             I'm showing you another set of documents,
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    Mr. Grisanti, that e-mail chain. AvKARE produced
     it and it's AVK 14 through 25. This e-mail
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21
     actually is dated prior to the other e-mail we
2.2
     just looked at that's --
23
     Α.
             It says 1/5.
             Yeah, January 5, 2012. We're looking at
24
     Ο.
25
     them in the order they were produced by AvKARE and
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1 because AvKARE produced them, I have no way of 2 knowing if the order is correct. 3 nevertheless, on this e-mail on Pages 14 through 4 15, it's an e-mail from you, the chain starts from 5 you, it looks like, to Steve Shirley. And it 6 says, subject: Mid South Biologics VA Hospitals. 7 Steve, is the pricing for the VA Hospitals and 8 EpiFix value based. 9 And in there are some attachments to this. 10 In there it says: Protocol for VA Hospitals. 11 Department of Veterans Affairs, target wound care. 12 What's going on here Mr. Grisanti? 13 I think I was showing them as far as I can Α. 14 recall. Let me say that. Don't hold my feet to 15 Let's see here. I mean, it looks like here 16 we're trying to explain the chain of custody. The 17 pricing. And then actually, I guess I was showing 18 the value of the product, you know, number-wise or 19 volume-wise and amount-wise. 20 In here if you turn to Page AvKARE 22. Q. 21 (Witness complies.) Α. 22 Okay. 23 Here is a list. It says distributor 24 product price list. I see in one section the 25 EpiFix you put minus 5 percent VA. And I guess

64 1 that's consistent or relates to what you were 2 telling me earlier about the VA getting a 5 3 percent discount. 4 Right, sir. 5 But this price list, was this from your 0. 6 skid? Is that what you called it earlier, a skid? 7 I asked you, you said you had access to some 8 information, some skids, slides? I just asked how 9 did you get that --10 Α. Oh, slicks. 11 0. Slicks. Slicks. Okay. 12 Well, I think it was the, you know, this 13 was being based off of what Mid South Biologics 14 pricing and what we could have priced it at and 15 how the pricing was structured and that we had an offer of 5 -- explained to Mike Carlton and them 16 17 that, you know, we had to offer them a 5 percent 18 discount when doing business with the government. 19 So if you're out here selling any other 20 doctor up and down or hospital up and down the 21 highway here, you had to give the government a 5 22 percent discount. That's what that's kind of 23 showing. 24 Ο. Now, would you and Norm view this as an 25 opportunity to make big money?

1 Α. We viewed it as an opportunity to 2 establish ourselves well with MiMedx as a 3 distributor as well as teaming up with AVKARE in 4 getting the product out to the VA Hospitals. 5 Now, would you agree with me that at this 0. 6 point you're offering prices to AVKARE or 7 proposing prices to AvKARE without having any approval to do so from MiMedx? 8 9 No, sir. They didn't care. As long as we 10 purchased the product at their price -- I'm sorry, Mid South Biologics distributor price. As long as 11 12 we paid it or brought it in for whatever it was. 13 And they had different tier levels that you could 14 buy at. As long as we would buy in at that, Norm 15 and I would say, what did it matter what we sold 16 it for as long as we sold it for a profit, gave 17 the discount versus what we're selling the 18 commercial for, we were moving forward with 19 progress. 20 We were beating the bushes and shaking the 21 trees as we all say about getting some business 2.2 I mean, it wasn't meant to be malicious 23 toward anybody or do anything there. It was just 24 something we were pricing that we were putting 25 together and that didn't have to hold -- I think

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     when we were doing this that was just a prime
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     example of what pricing could be, you know.
 3
     didn't know if it was going to fluctuate or not
 4
     fluctuate or we could have got a better deal since
 5
     maybe we were going to move on some volume, who
 6
     knows. But I think the goodwill there, that's
     what we were working off of. If that makes sense.
 7
 8
     I don't know if I was clear.
 9
             Okay. Showing you what we are marking as
10
     Exhibit 4.
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                  (The above-mentioned document was
12
     marked as Grisanti Exhibit Number 4.)
13
             (Witness peruses document.)
     Α.
     BY MR. WILBON:
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15
             Looking at this document that is a
16
     two-page exhibit. It's AvKARE 26 and 27. It's
17
     like an e-mail. It appears to me that some
18
     documents are being forwarded, but they weren't
19
     attached to the production for AvKARE. But down
20
     at the bottom it's an e-mail from you on March 1,
21
     2012, to it looks like Bobby Lindsey. And it
2.2
     says: Robby, Registration and then it has the
23
     number. It is called under the FDA.
24
             What is going on with this e-mail here,
25
     Mr. Grisanti?
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1 Α. You know, Clarence, like I said, the best 2 I can remember, you know, looking this over, Bobby 3 was, I quess, I don't see what the question was. 4 But this seems to be something about the way the 5 FDA and registration of human tissue numbers 6 related to maybe a tissue bank is the best way 7 I -- the way that I answered whatever he was 8 asking. We don't have the question. Right? 9 0. Right. 10 Α. It looks to me that I was providing him 11 maybe with some kind of -- the best I can, reading 12 this is some kind of registration number under the 13 FDA for human tissue, I guess, is what that is. 14 0. Does it appear based on the date of this 15 e-mail being March of 2012, that Mid South is 16 still negotiating directly with AvKARE instead of 17 MiMedx? 18 Α. Clarence, I cannot say 100 percent because 19 I don't know what the question is here. I mean, I've got to be honest. I don't know what he is 20 21 It could have been something after the 22 fact and I was just answering him so he didn't 23 have to go through 20 people to get an answer. Ι 2.4 dont' know. I'm sorry. (The above-mentioned document was 25

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     marked as Grisanti Exhibit Number 5.)
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                  MR. WILBON: I'm going to hand you
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     what has been marked as Exhibit 5.
 4
             (Witness peruses document.)
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     BY MR. WILBON:
 6
     Q.
             Mr. Grisanti, this is also an e-mail
 7
     exchange between Mr. Lindsey and a few others at
 8
     AvKARE with you copied on it. This purports to be
 9
     a letter from AvKARE and it says to the chief
10
     logistics officer. I'm assuming this is something
11
     that would have gone to the VA or supposed to go
12
     to the VA, but I don't want to be wrong. I'm
13
     going to let you tell me what this is.
14
             First of all, let me say this. I haven't
15
     seen these in quite sometime if I have seen them.
16
     Obviously, I was copied on this though, right?
17
             Right.
     Q.
18
             I was copied. It was from Bobby Lindsey.
19
     Okay. So this is again, if it was a chief
     logistics officer. That being said, he was
20
21
     obviously, we had visited a lot of chief logistic
22
     officers -- not a lot, maybe two, I think.
23
     They're the ones who you would get on board, who
24
     you would have to convince or show them a product
25
     that brought efficacy and value to the table.
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     0.
             And this is at the VA?
 2
     Α.
             For the VA system, yes.
 3
             So I'm going to read it. I haven't read
 4
     it fully yet.
                    So...
 5
             Okay. So obviously, this is just showing
 6
     the chief logistics officer in writing what value
 7
     we could bring to the VAs with the healing process
 8
     of the EpiFix.
 9
             Now, let's look at -- it's two copies of
10
     this letter. One of them is AVKARE 28 and the
11
     other one is AvKARE 30. On AvKARE 28, the second
12
     full paragraph begins: AvKARE, Inc. has teamed up
13
     with Mid South Biologics to bring to you, our
14
     customer, the most innovative marketing leading
15
     processor of amniotic tissue for soft tissue
16
     repair.
17
     Α.
             Right.
18
             And then if you look at 30, it says the
19
     exact same thing, but it says that AvKARE has
20
     teamed up with MiMedx Group.
21
             Do you have any idea why this was two
22
     different letters, same letter or have two
23
     different names and Mid South has been replaced
2.4
     with MiMedx?
25
     Α.
             Yeah. First of all, Clarence, anyway this
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     is something I'm not clear on, okay. What I'm not
 2
     clear on is: A. When was 28 actually written and
     when was 30 actual written. Were these written at
 3
     the same moment and time. And I didn't write
 4
 5
           They came from Bobby Lindsey to me.
 6
     can't answer that question. I don't know. I
 7
     mean, speaking on these two documents of that I do
8
     not know why that would have been like that. And
9
     I'm saying that 30 must have come after 28. But
10
     what's 29. Do you see -- oh, here's 29, cover
     sheet. So is 29 in between this. I don't know.
11
12
     What came first. You see what I'm saying. I'm
13
     kind of dizzy there.
14
     0.
             So the answer is you really can't -- you
15
     don't recall?
16
            No. No. No. I don't understand -- I
17
     understand -- okay. This is AVK 28 right here.
18
    (Indicating.) But you gave me 29 in front of 28
19
     and then you gave me 30 after 28. So they're
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    mismatched and I don't know what's what.
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             I don't know if that's the order. I'm
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     just doing it basically on what was produced to
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    me.
             That's what I'm saying. I don't know.
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     have no idea. I'm not going to comment one way or
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1 the other on those. Not knowing that I don't know 2 what those documents where, but where were they in 3 a chain of documents. You see what I'm saying? 4 But this is the type of letter you said it 5 would be sent to the chief logistics officer 6 because you have --7 By simply just reading it, yes. Α. 8 0. Okav. 9 Α. That's all. Without seeing the chain of e-mails, I can't. 10 Q. 11 Were you involved at all with Mid South's 12 billing/payment relationship with MiMedx? 13 Α. Say it one more time, please. 14 I'm still trying to -- I'm trying to 15 figure out those e-mails right there, and I 16 apologize. I'm moving on. 17 Were you involved in any way on the 0. 18 financial side of Mid South dealings with MiMedx, 19 if you will? 20 Not unless Norm would ask me something. 21 We would talk it over financially, you know, what 22 made sense and what didn't make sense. That's 23 all. 24 0. But you didn't keep up with the books and

records of what payments came in and didn't come

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72 1 in? 2 Α. Well, I mean, I tried to help sometimes 3 what was coming and going just so mainly I knew 4 where we stood on sales, you know, and what kind 5 of money we were generating. I was always trying 6 to buy the best tier or, you know, trying to get 7 us, you know, as a whole him and I both would get 8 where we could keep the buying power, you know, in 9 place. But I did keep, I think, I mean, I did 10 keep up with, like, who owed me money. I can tell 11 you that. 12 We looked at Exhibit 1, the Consulting 13 Agreement that you signed your name on the bottom 14 of. Did you ever review any drafts of the 15 Consulting Agreement besides the final version? 16 I don't know if I saw any drafts, actually 17 saw them, but I know that Norm and I had discussed 18 them. 19 But you don't recall if you --0. Saw actually the documents. I think I did 20 21 to be honest with you, Clarence. I think we just 22 discussed what was on the table or what the 23 offering was. Because there weren't many 24 offerings, you know. It was just pretty much you 25 take this or you get nothing. So I can't recall

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     ever seeing anything else in writing but the final
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     whatever I signed, I guess.
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             And there was a lot going on at that time
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     too.
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             What do you mean by that?
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     Α.
             Well, I mean, trying to get Bobby Lindsey
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     back on board. Trying to, you know, convince him
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     that MiMedx was the company to go with, not some
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     other biological company, you know, since we
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     introduced that to him and that you know since we
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     were not going to be the distributor anymore and
12
     MiMedx was going to run the show, you know, where
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     did we stand, you know, where did Mid South
14
     Biologics stand with going forward.
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             I just handed you what we're marking as
16
     Exhibit 6.
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                   (The above-mentioned document was
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     marked as Grisanti Exhibit Number 6.)
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     BY MR. WILBON:
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             It's an e-mail chain between Norm
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     LaChapelle and it's to Bill Taylor, Pete Petit,
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     Mike Carlton, and Judd Grisanti.
             And it reads: Gentleman -- and it's dated
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     -- let me back up. It's dated April 26, 2012. It
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     says, Gentleman: I was wondering if it would be
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     possible to have a meeting with myself and Judd?
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     We are very excited to be working with you and
 3
     AvKARE this year. We would like to discuss our
     override and some minor issues that have occurred
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 5
     lately and to move forward to a very prosperous
 6
     and sound business relationship. Please let me
 7
     know your schedule as I will be out of town
 8
     May 3-9. Sincerely, Norm LaChapelle.
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             Did I read that correctly?
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     Α.
             I guess you read it correctly. You
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     sounded good to me.
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             Would you take a look at it and read and
     0.
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     make sure that it said what I said?
14
     Α.
             (Witness complies.)
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             Okay.
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             Now, first question: Do you recall what
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     was going on at this time when Mr. LaChapelle is
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     requesting a meeting with the representatives of
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    MiMedx in April of 2012?
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             Just reading this from right here with the
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     date, I would have to go back and look and see the
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     other e-mails, exactly what's going on. So I
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     think I don't need to comment because without
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     seeing previous conversation and the conversation
     it's hard to, I mean --
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1 0. Do you have any documents in that stack 2 right there that would refresh your recollection 3 as to what was going on at that time? 4 I have no idea. I can see. I mean, I can 5 look around at that time and see exactly what's 6 happening in those dates. Because I'm telling 7 you, Clarence, at that time that all of this came 8 together, it happened so fast. I mean, it was a 9 whirlwind, everybody trying to get everybody to 10 sign off, agreeance, everybody is good, everybody 11 is not good, who got let out, you know, with 12 whatever. This was all going on when this came 13 together. I mean, it was partially MiMedx trying 14 to hurry up us to get us to sign something to say 15 that we were, you know, were we in or we out, you 16 It basically got put to us, either you sign 17 or you don't get nothing. I mean, that's what was 18 told to me at one time. You need to sign the documents now. We don't care if you agree with 19 20 them or not. Either you sign or you don't get 21 nothing. And to be honest with you, Bobby Lindsey 22 on the back side of it all was saying, look, you 23 know, we're sorry that these guys took this thing 24 and basically ripped it out of y'alls hands so, 25 you know, you need to get on board.

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             So Bobby Lindsey was telling you, you need
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     to get on board.
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             You're going to get left out, you know.
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     mean, these guys, the way they are, you know.
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     They don't care if you come or go obviously.
     Q.
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             Do you know if a meeting took place in
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     response to Mr. LaChapelle's e-mail that we're
 8
     looking at, Exhibit 6?
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             No, I do not, Clarence. I mean, I can
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     take some time to look through the notes, but I
     can't recall.
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             Let me show you the next Exhibit, 7.
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                   (The above-mentioned document was
     marked as Grisanti Exhibit Number 7.)
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     BY MR. WILBON:
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             This is an e-mail exchange. It starts at
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     the back page, which is MSB 34 and then you've got
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     33 and 32 and work your way through the whole
     chain properly. It involves Bill Taylor
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     communicating with Mr. LaChapelle, Mr. LaChapelle
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     communicating with you, Mr. Cochran, and Mike
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     Carlton. You take a minute and review that
23
     e-mail?
2.4
     Α.
             (Witness complies.)
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             Well, see now, Exhibit 6 makes more sense
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     to me now that I see Exhibit 7.
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             Okay. Explain that to me.
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             Obviously, Norm was wanting to go meet
 4
     with them in person and talk some issues out. And
     then I quess they got put into e-mails.
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 6
     Q.
             Okay. So if we look back at --
 7
     Α.
             I think that now looking back on Exhibit
 8
     6.
         That's what I'm sayi9ng. If you take two
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     words out of somebody's conversation and throw
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     them out there, the contents of it can be taken a
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     hundred different ways. Put me in the
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     conversation and help me remember where we were at
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     that time and it brings a little bit more clarity
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     to it. Not that it's a hundred percent clear, but
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     it brings clarity to it. Now, Exhibit 6 would
     make sense if that's Thursday, the 26th of April
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     and this is the 27th of April, obviously we were
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     trying or Norm was, not me. I'm just putting that
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     out. But Norm was trying to get some kind of
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     agreement down with them on what the contract was
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             So Exhibit 6 now would make sense.
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             Okay. Well, let's look at Exhibit 7,
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     starting on the back page it's on March 13, 2012,
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     Mr. Bill Taylor writes to Mr. LaChapelle: Norm,
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     As per or conversation last week, attached is the
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78 1 Consulting Agreement. Please take a look at it 2 and let's talk in the next few days to fill in the 3 blanks and address any other comments that you may 4 have. 5 And then a couple of weeks later, 6 April 26, Norm responds to Bill: Can we get the 7 contract tomorrow for our override? I wanted to 8 drive up, but not sure if that's possible. We are 9 very excited about working with AvKARE and MiMedx 10 and would just like to get the contract behind us. 11 Can we agree on 8 percent for the life of the 12 contract? 13 And then Mr. Taylor writes back the next 14 day on April 27th and says: Norm, I'm working on 15 it with Pete. I will say that 5-8 percent is not 16 reasonable for this kind of contract. 17 compensation needs to be commensurate with the 18 value and effort provided. Making an introduction 19 is definitely worth an override, but it needs to 20 be in a realistic range for a realistic period of 21 time. I've asked Pete what he would like to 22 propose to you and as soon as I hear back from 23 him, I'll let you know. 24 And then the next day -- no, later that

same day, I'm sorry. Norm writes to Bill Cochran,

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79 Mike Carlton, and he copies you. He says: Mike, I knew this would happen. Is he serious? Value and effort. A lot of effort went into this and the value is the biggest possible revenue contract This is not a 3 percent deal and a to date. little stock. Five percent for the life of the contract and stock is not unreasonable. And then finally, when we turn to the next page. Mike Carlton writes back to Norm and Bill Cochran and he copies you and he says: The value could be huge, but a lot of unknowns. What if it drives 20 million in sales. Even 2 percent becomes an annuity of 400,000. When you mentioned 10 percent I suggested 5 percent and referenced overrides are single digits. I think the higher percentage can be the override for Ron/Thad as the dollars will be well under AvKARE. For how long? Lifetime? I think the contract is written for three years. Also, you will be paid for the accounts you cover (like in Memphis) and those dollars aren't small. Lastly, your MiMedx stock position can be addressed too. To me, this program will crank out a nice check for you guys. Let's have a beer. Α. Well, he hit a nerve. So, okay. Just to

80 1 let you know, you finally hit a nerve. 2 At this point you guys are -- is it fair 3 to say that you're negotiating with MiMedx as to 4 what the percentage or override would be under the 5 Consulting Agreement? 6 Α. Well, Norm is, yes. I'm just being 7 copied. You struck a nerve, Clarence, finally 8 with me. An override. Override, what they want 9 to do is downplay this, okay. Well, they did 10 downplay this. 11 What is meant by override there? 0. 12 Well, I quess like being a Consulting 13 Agreement where you guys just made an 14 introduction. Well, it was much more than an 15 introduction because I drove hundreds and 16 thousands of miles to VA Hospitals with Bobby 17 Lindsay to convince these people this is new 18 medical technology, which it was. It's an 19 incredible product. I'm tell you. That's what I 20 was putting out there. It wasn't just a mere 21 introduction. The ground work was already laid. 22 All they had to do was go out and start selling. 23 We've already done everything. You look at the 24 paperwork. It was done. We went and visited. We 25 hand shaked. We got everybody to believe in

81 1 MiMedx's hand. That's when MiMedx, I quess, Norm 2 started doing contracts. They realized what they 3 And if you look at the dates, look at the 4 time frame all this is being put together at the 5 very last minute, these contracts. Very short. 6 Very short, you know. And so with me it 7 personally strikes a nerve because I'm going to 8 tell you something off the record, not off the 9 We, me, something with, I think Chris 10 Lazarini told me, 68 percent of their growth out 11 of that deal. That two little Memphis boys 12 couldn't do that Bill Taylor got embarrassed by 13 two Memphis guys who made the biggest deal that he 14 could never make and it got done. 15 And ever since Pete Petit got on the phone 16 with us that day and he told me to make it happen, 17 I knew Bill would be fucking looking for anything 18 on our radar and get rid of us because we just 19 made him look like a punk. And I'm sorry. I've 20 said my say. 21 And that's in the April time frame of 0. 22 2012? 23 Α. Within those days, yes, sir. 24 0. Do you need to take a break? 25 Α. I'm just going to drink some water. Ιt

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     hits a nerve, it does. When I look at their stock
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     every day, man.
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                  MR. WILBON: Let's give him a minute.
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                  (Off the record.)
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                   (The above-mentioned document was
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     marked as Grisanti Exhibit Number 8.)
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     BY MR. WILBON:
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             Let me show you Exhibit 8. It's another
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     e-mail chain involving Mike Carlton. This time
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     you're responding instead of just being cc'ed.
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     You're actual responding and doing some
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     communicating and Mid South produced this in
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     connection with this case. Somehow the formatting
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     got changed on the back part to where it goes
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     right down the center of the page. I think the
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     substance of it starts on MSB 11. It looks like
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     Bill, and it's dated May 16th. Bill Taylor
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     forwards an e-mail to Norm. It says, Norm
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     attached, please find the referral fee agreement I
20
     am sending via FedEx this evening.
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     Α.
             Where are you?
2.2
     Q.
             The bottom corner. It says MSB 11.
23
     Α.
             (Witness complies.)
2.4
     Ο.
             Norm writes back on May 16. He wrote --
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     it doesn't look like he wrote anything. It just
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83 1 says they could go back up to the next page and 2 it's an e-mail from you to Norm that May 17, 2012, 3 and then you write back: NO. NO. ON BOTH, in 4 all caps. And then you write No. 1. AVKARE: We 5 wanted 4 percent. All the work. Everything that 6 it took to make this happen. When AvKARE walked 7 away from the agreement Judd G had to ensure that 8 MiMedx. (EpiFix was the best out in the market. 9 Nothing could compare. Judd sold them on his 10 passion of this product, EpiFix. 11 Also pricing. MiMedx is profiting more on 12 the AvKARE FSS contract dollars than in the 13 commercial side. Have them revisit the profit 14 margins. If 3 percent, then no cap on gross. 15 Everyone does well. If 3 percent and cap on gross, then how about some cash. 16 17 Mid South Biologics. Judd G has put a lot 18 of time and effort and money invested into the 19 partnership with AvKARE to get them to acknowledge 20 the value that everyone brings to this agreement. 21 And then the next point you address is 2, 2.2 and it's about Ron and Thad, which is not an issue 23 in this lawsuit so we won't worry about that. 24 And we skip down. Number 4 says: Copy 25 Pete, Mike, everyone when you send the reply.

84 1 So is it fair to say that right here 2 you're giving Norm some advice on how to respond 3 to Bill Taylor, to reply to Bill Taylor, your 4 comments and thoughts on his response to Bill 5 Taylor. 6 Α. Let's see. This is in May. 7 All right. Now, I'm sorry. So in that e-mail that I read, you are 8 0. 9 giving Norm your thoughts on how he should respond 10 to Bill Taylor, it appears; is that correct? 11 Obviously, so, yes. Α. 12 And then you forwarded -- in the next 13 e-mail part of the chain, you forwarded your 14 thoughts to Mike Carlton. You say: Mike, please 15 take a minute and look over my reply back to Norm, 16 regarding AvKARE, Ron MiMedx, override contract 17 and advise. Thanks, Judd Grisanti. 18 And Mike responds by saying: Judd, the 3 19 percent deal was Pete. (Bill was at 2 percent, 20 which for most brokered deals bringing companies 21 together is standard). Also, three years ties to 22 the AvKARE's contract per Norm's request. This 23 should be a nice check for initiating and help 24 saving the AvKARE deal. 25 And as per Ron, 5 percent for '12 and if

1 you want '13 it goes to 3 percent. No problem for 2 In the middle of all this, Bill is the guy. 3 Mike Carlton then advises or informs you 4 that 3 percent, 2 percent according to him is 5 customary in the industry, but Pete has agreed to 6 go to 3 percent. 7 Well, I mean, that's what it says here 8 But the thing there that catches my eye more 9 so than anything is saving the deal because that 10 goes back to what the conversation was we said 11 before where Bill Taylor was out. Pete Petit was 12 back in with negotiation on everything and we had 13 to go over Bill's head to get this deal done. 14 that would -- like I said, that ties all those 15 loose conversations earlier that we had about Bill 16 Taylor, Pete Petit in negotiation and everything, 17 so yes, I was trying to jockey us instead of 18 getting nothing like they had offered before if we 19 didn't strike a deal. That's what I was telling 20 Norm, you know. 21 Right. Then you write back to Mike on 22 May 17, 2012 at 9:04 a.m. and say: Okay, thanks 23 for the positive remarks. That is fine. I will 24 get Norm to sign the contract. 25 At that point while I understand from your

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86 1 testimony, you didn't necessarily agree with it, 2 but you then accept the terms of the 3 percent and 3 i guess communicated to Norm to go forward with that deal? 4 5 You know, then again, what goes on behind Α. 6 the scene too Clarence, what's kind of funny is 7 that there's a lot of notation of some things. There's a lot of notations of some other 8 9 conversations that took place as well. Some of 10 those conversations, looking back on it now, maybe 11 we should have captured like, hey, you don't sign 12 it, you don't get anything. 13 So zero versus something, I'll take, you 14 know, I'm forced to take something, you know. I'm 15 forced to take zero, I'm forced to take -- so what are you saying. Like Bobby Lindsey said, look, if 16 17 you don't get something or sign something, you're 18 going to get nothing after all of this. After all 19 of that hard work for nothing, we had to sign something, yeah. We were forced to sign 20 21 something. It's called corporate bullying. 2.2 Either you sign it or you get nothing. I mean, 23 I'm done. 24 (The above-mentioned document was 25 marked as Grisanti Exhibit Number 9.)

87 1 BY MR. WILBON: 2 Let me show you what's been marked now as 3 Exhibit 9. It's an e-mail from Mr. LaChapelle to 4 Bill Taylor and Pete Petit, Mike Carlton, and 5 you're cc'ed on it. 6 It says: Bill and Pete, I spoke with Judd 7 this week and we are both in agreement with the 8 contract except the 10 million dollar cap. 9 feel that if it goes over that mark then it's a 10 winning situation for everyone. Plus the fact 11 that we kept the same pricing that Judd negotiated 12 with AvKARE to make even more profit. Last, we 13 would like some revenue that is negotiable to 14 salvage the time and expenses it took over this 15 seven-month period to get this deal done. As you 16 know it will take some time to achieve revenue 17 goals. So in conclusion no cap on our 3 percent 18 and a check made out to Mid South Biologics as a 19 sign of good faith for our hard work in achieving 20 what could be the biggest revenue potential to 21 date? 2.2 Α. Like I said, Clarence, we got nothing and 23 we had to sign something. That's all. 24 0. Did anything happen or change in response 25 to this e-mail as you recall?

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             We had to sign that. We had to sign that.
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     We had to.
                 They forced us to sign it.
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                  MR. WILBON: Let's take a lunch
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     break.
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              (Break taken from 12:56 p.m. to
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     1:51 p.m.)
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     BY MR. WILBON:
             Mr. Grisanti, I'm showing you an e-mail
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     that I'm going to mark as Exhibit 10 here.
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                   (The above-mentioned document was
     marked as Grisanti Exhibit Number 10.)
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     Α.
             (Witness peruses document.)
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             This is dated May 31, 2012. One part of
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     it is June 1, 2012 through June 4th. It's a
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     series of communications between Bill Taylor, Mr.
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     LaChapelle, with you and Mike Carlton copied.
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             Do you recall having seen this e-mail
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     before?
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             Hold on, let me read it.
     Α.
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             So this is dealing with a Distribution
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    Agreement.
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     Q.
             Right.
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     Α.
             Not the contract.
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             Right.
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             And that's really my question, is that
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89 1 your understanding that this is a communication. 2 You're copied here so I wanted to see what your 3 memory is regarding this, but this was with the 4 Distribution Agreement and not the Consulting 5 Agreement. Correct? 6 Α. I mean, to be honest with you, Clarence, I 7 would want to really read this because I see some 8 things in here at the moment that --9 Well, take your time and read it if you 10 need to. 11 Especially something I don't like is like Α. 12 this again. Norm here is asking Bill about good 13 standing. And those words to me mean a lot more 14 than what it does to you on that paper. Which I'm 15 saying is that every time Bill or Mike or whoever 16 wanted to get us to do something or poke at us, 17 they would always tell us we would have to be 18 within good standings of the company to get our 19 commission check from the AvKARE. So good 20 standings here, that's what caught my eye that I 21 need to slow down and read this thing. Because 22 good standing with them actually comes across as a 23 big threat to me. 24 Ο. What does good standing mean to you and 25 vis-a-vis?

90 1 Α. Well, I'm going to tell you. 2 definition of good standing with somebody is 3 different than what MiMedx good standing is coming from them. 4 5 What's your definition? 0. 6 Α. Coming from them means are you doing as we 7 not necessarily have on paper, but as we're 8 speaking on the phone; wink, wink. Do as I say 9 not as I do, okay. So good standing, and I can 10 refer back to some e-mails that refer to quite a 11 few things that you don't want to jeopardize good 12 standing, things like that. So the definition of 13 good standing from you and I from the Webster 14 dictionary is different than what actually their 15 good standing is. So with them good standing 16 means have you done anything lately, you know, 17 that we've asked and you haven't done or have you 18 done something lately or are you doing as I 19 exactly say. Are you going to sign this piece of 20 paper with the new restrictions on it, you know. 21 It's just they're --2.2 They're not referring to financially good 23 standing where --24 Α. You know, I don't think so, no. I think 25 it means good standing is, are you and Bill on

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     good speaking terms? Are you and Pete Petit on
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     good speaking terms? Are you and Mike on good
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     speaking terms?
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             Now, did anything ever tell you that or is
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     that just what -- you assume that?
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     Α.
             No, sir. I've been told more than once
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     from them what good standing means from Mike
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     Carlton. And I also have an e-mail from Mike
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     Carlton talking about how I don't want to
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     jeopardize things, to be in good standing.
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             Did you bring that e-mail today?
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12
     Α.
             I believe I have one here somewhere, yes,
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     sir.
14
     Q.
             Can we look at it?
15
     Α.
             Sure.
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             I'm not saying that refers to it.
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     just saying I would want to slow down and read
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     that very thoroughly since I see those words again
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     because those words were used against us so many
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     times.
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             While you're looking for that, how were
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     they used against you?
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     Α.
             Well, like I said, Mike Carlton would be
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     like, are you in good standing or, you know, is
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     everybody talking or, you know, is Bill, you know,
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     are you communicating with Bill? To me, I don't
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     think it's, you know, referred to as financial.
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             Crossing the table here is Exhibit 1 from
     Judd Grisanti. One Exhibit JDG to Mr. Clarence.
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             (Laughter.)
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             Sorry, Clarence. I'm trying to bring
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     light to it. I'm trying to get not riled up.
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     Okay. You read that.
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     Q.
             Okay.
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             That's the way they would talk to us on
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     the telephone, Clarence. I mean, since I read
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     this good standing it brings, you know, it just
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     jogs a lot of things.
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     0.
             Now, this says on the e-mail you're
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     showing me -- we'll mark this as the next Exhibit
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          We'll have to make a copy of it and give it
17
     back so we'll remember to put it in.
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             It says MSB Mike.
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     Α.
             Yeah, that's Mid South Biologics. Well,
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     Mid South Biologics, meaning MiMedx Group, us,
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     whatever. Under my telephone, the heading of
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     people when you're looking them up, I would just
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    put that on there. So that's from Mike Carlton.
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                  MR. WILBON: So mark that as 11.
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                  (The above-mentioned document was
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     marked as Grisanti Exhibit Number 11.)
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     BY MR. WILBON:
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             So you're saying this is Mike Carlton
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     texting with you. It says, don't jeopardize
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     things with Bill by running to Pete.
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     Α.
             Exactly.
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             Then we can't see, you respond something,
     Q.
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     but Bill is -- blank, but we can't see it?
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     Α.
             Right.
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             But what I was getting at is that's the
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     way that we would be talked to. And good
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     standing, they would always say to us, are you in
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     good standing. Well, from day-to-day we didn't
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     know what good standing meant. I mean, what does
15
     it mean? They would use it like something against
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     us.
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     0.
             Right.
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     Α.
             So when I read the words on this e-mail or
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     the Exhibit 10 that you gave me, when I see good
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     standing, I just want to be cautious and slow down
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     and read it and understand what's going on here.
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     That's all. Okay.
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             That's your interpretation of what good
24
     standing is. Right?
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             Yes, sir.
     Α.
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     0.
             What is your understanding, Mr. Grisanti,
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     as to why the Consulting Agreement was terminated
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     by MiMedx, if you have one?
             At that time, Clarence, I think it was in
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     May of 2014, somewhere thereabouts; is that
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     correct?
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     Q.
        Yes.
             I'm not holding anybody to a date, but I'm
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     just saying. I was diagnosed --
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            I'll show you what we'll mark as
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     Exhibit 12.
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                  (The above-mentioned document was
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    marked as Grisanti Exhibit Number 12.)
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     Α.
             (Witness peruses document.)
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     BY MR. WILBON:
             That's the termination letter. And that
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17
     way you'll have the date.
18
     Α.
             I know we're both getting ahead here.
     Back to Exhibit 10. Can I finish this real quick.
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     0.
             Sure.
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             I looked it over. Now, I apologize.
22
     don't remember the question that you were asking
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     exactly. After we got good standing and
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     everything out of the way.
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     Q.
       I asked you what do you recall what the
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95 basis was for the termination of the Consulting 1 2 Agreement by MiMedx. 3 But is that what Exhibit 10 is for? 4 No. Exhibit 10 we were discussing that it 5 related to the Distribution Agreement and not the 6 Consulting Agreement? 7 Α. You know, I don't have a lot to say about 8 the Distribution Agreement to be honest with you. 9 That was between Norm and MiMedx. But I do know 10 every time he got a Distribution Agreement, it got 11 shrank, you know shrunk down to nothing and my whole thing was, that, you know, Bill doesn't like 12 13 it. You know, why, you know. Whatever he's out 14 for us, you know, we already know that, you know. 15 What do we do, you know. Anyway. I don't know 16 that is. 17 Q. Okay. Well, you can put that one aside. 18 And then next, I showed you --19 Α. You know, but I do know, I mean, we 20 received an amendment for the Distribution 21 Agreement, the override agreement is fine, and 22 considered complete. That being said, on Page 40, 23 that's June 1st. That's 30 days later after the 24 fact that we've been, you know, then again 25 threatened with everything if we don't sign it.

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1	Q. Then I handed you Exhibit 12, which was a	30
2	copy of the termination notice from MiMedx to Mid	
3	South and you were	
4	A. Now, this is the termination agreement for	
5	what?	
6	Q. Where MiMedx is terminating the Consulting	
7	Agreement that's at issue in this case.	
8	A. Hold on. Let me understand this right. I	
9	want to make sure I'm reading and understanding	
10	everything right. This is a letter of termination	
11	for distribution and the override or consulting	
12	for; is that right? Is that what I'm looking at	
13	here? Both; I'm just asking.	
14	Q. The regard line says: Distributor	
15	Agreement between MiMedx Group, Inc. and Mid South	
16	Biologics, LLC, effective July 1, 2013; and	
17	Consulting Agreement between MiMedx Group and Mid	
18	South Biologics, LLC, effective May 2012.	
19	Mr. LaChapelle: This letter serves as	
20	notice of termination of the above-referenced	
21	agreements.	
22	Have you ever seen this document prior to	
23	today?	
24	A. If I have it must have been a long time	
25	ago.	

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How did you find out that the Consulting 0. Agreement had been terminated? Norm told you? Yeah, Norm called me and told me that we got terminated. I said, terminated what, distribution or whatever, you know. I mean, I said, you know, Norm, you knew that you were going to get terminated somewhere along the line with distribution. I didn't realize we were, you know -- then he, I think, went on and explained to me, no, we got terminated with everything. I said, well, I don't know how you mean everything because there's a contract stipulating that we have a three-year deal with the override on the MiMedx, so the consulting agreement. So I don't know how they can think they can fire us from all. But, you know, that's Bill Taylor. you know, and it's signed by Bill Taylor, my buddy. So, you know, when he called me and told me that we got -- you know, that he wasn't going to pay us. I mean, I told Norm before, we're on his radar, man. He's looking to get rid of us, do whatever. And not only that and I will go on record to say this. Through many a phone calls, Mike Carlton has not only told me be careful what

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98 1 we say and do, but if we don't do certain things 2 and come into compliance or whatever they want us 3 to do, whatever hoop they want us to throw through 4 that they won't pay us and we can get lawyers and 5 we can sue them and they'll take forever like it's 6 doing now. 7 Mike Carlton told you that? Q. 8 Α. Yes, many a times. 9 0. So Mike said, don't do what MiMedx wants and we'll... 10 11 Well, if you guys don't ask what we're Α. 12 asking of you now. Like, if we put up any 13 resistance. Nobody wants to give up territory, 14 you know. Nobody wants their distribution to 15 get -- especially after you've done something like 16 AvKARE. And all that's happening to us is 17 everything is shrinking down for Norm in our 18 territory to make money, you know. And we find it 19 hard to believe that after what we had done for 20 them these things keep happening. 21 And Mike is like, listen. If you guys 22 don't sign these agreements, you know, and I would 23 have to go to Norm and convince Norm to do 24 something, you know. We're going to have to do it 25 Norm. If not we get nothing again. Once again we

99 1 get nothing. 2 And Mike has always made the comment to me 3 more than once. If you guys don't do it, you 4 won't get nothing. You're not going to be in good 5 standings, you know, and then, guess what, you're 6 not going to get paid. And then you know what 7 happens, Judd. You're going to get a lawyer, 8 you're going to fight us in court and it's going 9 to take forever to get your money. And by the 10 time you've spent all your money up, you're going 11 to get nothing. 12 So the best thing to do is just sign it 13 and be done with it. Me and Mike had that 14 conversation more than a few times on the 15 telephone. 16 So was it a threatening-type conversation 17 or was it just... 18 Α. You know, to be honest with you, Clarence, 19 I don't take anything as a threat, you know, like 20 bodily harm or anything to that nature if that's 21 what you mean. But I do take it as a threat that 22 they will do that, you know. And that they would, 23 you know, hold our money. Well, they obviously 24 had. You can go back and look at the records. 25 They paid us when they wanted to pay us. And if

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     they didn't want to pay us, like Bill said, Bill
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     won't give you anything. You're at his mercy.
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     Mike Carlton told me several times. We're at Bill
     Taylor's mercy if he wants to pay us or not.
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                  MR. WILBON: Let me show you a chain
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     of e-mails.
                  It's marked an Exhibit 13.
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                  (The above-mentioned document was
     marked as Grisanti Exhibit Number 13.)
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     BY MR. WILSON:
             Take a minute and review that and then
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     we'll talk about it.
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     Α.
             (Witness complies.)
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             Yeah, I know who this exactly is.
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     Q.
             So you're familiar with this e-mail?
15
     Α.
             Yeah.
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             What's going on in this e-mail? It's
17
     dated June of 2012.
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     Α.
             Well, I'll tell you exactly what's going
     on in this e-mail. Was again, Clarence, this is
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     -- when we did this program with AVKARE, we had a
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     game plan, a strategy to go out and sell. Well,
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     once MiMedx got ahold of it like they did -- this
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     is June 18th, they had no idea how to tackle it.
     They didn't have a game plan. So that's why there
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     were few sales in AvKARE as that point.
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101 1 As you see, there were very few sales so 2. far through AvKARE because they didn't have time 3 or they didn't even know how to approach to sell 4 AvKARE. We already had that in place. We knew 5 They didn't know it. So when you're how to. 6 talking about they had to educate themselves. Of 7 course, they didn't want to hear anymore from me 8 because they've already got from me what they 9 needed, which was that contract. So I'm going, 10 X-d out. 11 We had a plan. They didn't want to hear 12 from me and Norm anymore about AvKARE. 13 matter of fact, they told me to shut up and quit 14 talking about AvKARE. Don't go visit anymore VA 15 Hospitals, don't do anything. 16 0. Who told you that? 17 Α. Mike Carlton and Bill Taylor. 18 0. When was that? 19 Around this time. I mean, roughly within Α. these two months here. That we were no longer 20 21 authorized to go visit any VA homes we sell them, 22 they were taking care of that. So what's 23 happening here is taking them time to build up a 24 sales team and to figure out how they were going 25 to saturate the VA Hospital sales. You know, what

102 was their plan of moving forward with sales there. 1 2 That's what the deal was. That's why they had 3 very few sales involved upfront. They didn't even 4 have know, Clarence, how to approach to VAs. 5 didn't know the chain of command that you had to 6 go through in the VAs to even get to the doctors 7 because there's quite a few little things there. Anyway, that to me we realized there were 8 9 very few sales with AvKARE, you know, to speak 10 about this matter, payment with AvKARE. We knew 11 that once the ball got rolling we obviously see at 12 the end what took place. 13 Were there ever any issues that you recall 0. 14 regarding MiMedx making payment to Mid South 15 pursuant to the Consulting Agreement? 16 Α. Yes, sir. 17 0. Tell me about those. 18 Α. Well, you know, at this time they were 19 making sales and, of course, nobody would share 20 with me and Norm or maybe say share with Norm and 21 Mid South Biologics what was going on with sales. 22 They didn't want us to know, I guess for whatever 23 reasons. 24 Why do you think they didn't want you to 25 know?

103 1 Α. Because I don't think they wanted us to 2 know how big there was actually -- how well it was 3 actually going. You know, even though it started out slow. 4 5 0. Did that matter because there was a cap as 6 to the amount that Mid South could receive. 7 Right? 8 Exactly, but I'll put it, for example. 9 The first couple of checks that's Mid South 10 Biologics did receive and what my question to Norm 11 was because I was questioning Norm too. I'll be 12 honest. Norm, here's a check, but there's no 13 representation for what this check represents. 14 It's just a check. I think somewhere there's some 15 copies of it. You're sending me a check for X 16 amount of dollars that's got no representation to 17 If I'm an employee and I work at a business, 18 I've got my hours, I've got my dates, I've got my 19 time, I've got what it's for. I'm just not sent a 20 check saying here's \$45,000 so go away for a 21 That's not the way it works. I mean, I 2.2 don't know. 23 But I was saying, there's nothing to that, 24 I was questioning Norm, how did I know that Norm. 25 Norm wasn't holding out on me. But there was a

1	check from MiMedx, here it is. Well, hell, there	04
2	could be another check, Norm.	
3	Q. What was your agreement with Norm as to	
4	how much you were going to get paid out of the	
5	consulting agreement?	
6	A. Oh, it was 50 percent.	
7	Q. Okay.	
8	A. Yeah. But I wouldn't say let me tell	
9	you this way. In a nice way I was going to my	
10	buddy saying, hey, you need a better accounting	
11	system than what you've got. That's all I was	
12	saying to him. You know, it wasn't an argument.	
13	It wasn't anything like that. It was just saying,	
14	hey, Norm, we need some better business practices	
15	here. That's all. You see what I'm saying. You	
16	know, what you need to do is go back to them and	
17	say, hey, we got the check. Thank you very much,	
18	but what does that represent? What is this for?	
19	Q. Did Norm do that? Did he go back to them	
20	and ask for more information?	
21	A. I think he did, yeah.	
22	Q. And then what other issues were there	
23	regarding payment that you recall?	
24	A. Well, Clarence, with saying that, I think	
25	after we knew when the VA actually started, okay.	

105 1 When sales took place. And I can't tell you what 2 date it was at this moment. But we knew when the 3 dates took place and we knew how we were getting 4 paid, which was, I don't know, every so many days. 5 I'll go back and read in the contract. I was just 6 rambling on for a second about that. 7 When we started selling and after six 8 months later, whatever months was later, we 9 haven't heard anything. Maybe we should question 10 about what's going on, how long it takes, or 11 what's the game plan in the system so we could 12 just expect when or where we're going to get paid. 13 Never once, Clarence, where they offered, hey, 14 quys, here's our sales, this is what's going on, 15 you know. We do recognize you guys as being a key 16 player in this and we expect to start sending you 17 checks at this date or at this time. Never once. 18 We would always have to inquire, hey, 19 what's going on. And it seemed like every time we 20 inquired we were bothering them. 21 Did you ever make any inquiries 22 personally? 23 Α. Oh, yes, sir. After a while, yeah, 24 because I was questioning Norm. Then again, it 25 was his accounting on where my check was. And I

106 1 wasn't questioning Norm to give me my money or 2 not. I'm just questioning him, hey, somewhere we 3 need to get the horse back in front of the cart 4 and make them commit to some kind of payment plan. 5 They said they were going to pay us every this and 6 all of a sudden it goes to quarterly. Oh, no, no, 7 you guys were right here. You were supposed to get paid here. I mean, what the hell. 8 9 There again, they're dictating to us 10 what's in that contract and how it reads when it's 11 clearly stated in black and white how it reads. 12 So when you ask me again, what good standing 13 means, who know. Because I can tell you I can 14 read you a contract saying what day they're going 15 to pay us on. And guess what, I promise you, you 16 go back and look at your records. You do the time 17 That check didn't come on that day. And it line. 18 probably wasn't even written on that day. That's what I would like to know. 19 20 Do you have Exhibit 13 right there? 0. 21 Yes, I've got it. Α. 22 (The above-mentioned document was 23 marked as Grisanti Exhibit Number 14.) 2.4 BY MR. GRISANTI: 25 Q. I've just handed you what we've marked as

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     Exhibit 14. It's an e-mail dated August 16, 2012.
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             Yeah. I'm familiar with this e-mail,
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             From you to Jacki Bugg of MiMedx, cc'd
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     Mike Carlton, Norm LaChapelle, and John Cransteon.
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     Tell me what's going on with this e-mail.
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     Α.
             Okay. So let's see here. I'd be more
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     than happy to tell you what's going on here.
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     is what you call a ghost hunt, a witch hunt.
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     is where Bill Taylor would say, go to Mike. Mike
     go talk to Bill. Bill go talk to Bill. Pete go
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     talk to Pete. We got the runaround. I mean, we
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     never knew. Every time we would call there, Mike,
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     what's going on? Oh, you need to talk to Bill.
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     Bill would say, oh, you need to talk Mark Diaz.
     Mark Diaz would tell us, you need to talk to their
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     attorney and their accounting lady. What's her
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     name, Cheryl something or something. Jacki.
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             This was an e-mail out of frustration
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     after phone call after phone call inquiries about
21
     a check, money that they owed us is what this is.
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             At this point had Mid South received a
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     payment from MiMedx under the agreement?
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             I don't think so, not at this time. Not
     Α.
     with the override, no. They're going to blame it
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108 1 on, I think -- let me read this whole thing real 2 quick if you don't mind. 3 (Witness peruses document.) 4 Okay, this is perfect. This is how they operate, Clarence. This is how they operate. So 5 6 after inquiring. Let's see, this is August 16th, 7 okay. Not a word from them on anything. So all 8 of a sudden we think it's time to get a paycheck. 9 We inquire. Well, guess what, all of a sudden 10 Bill says talk to Mike. Mike talks to Mark Diaz. 11 Mark Diaz talks to Jacki, okay. Then after 12 several phone calls with Jacki and then e-mails 13 with Jacki, oh, guess what? Norm with Mid South 14 Biologics has got a balance due so they're going 15 to hold up our check. Payment that's due on a 16 separate issue, totally separate issue than what 17 AvKARE is dealing with. So Mid South Biologics 18 has got a balance left with MiMedx for \$5,000 or whatever it is or \$11,000, whatever it is, 19 20 whatever the number is. So they're not going to 21 release our check for the override, we call it 22 with AvKARE until that's paid up in full. Well, 23 that's fine. Deduct it. Take off what Norm owes 24 you, send us the rest if that's the way you want 25 to do it.

109 1 0. You didn't have a problem with that, with 2 the deducting? 3 What I had a problem with, Clarence, I had 4 a problem with all of it. But what I mainly had a 5 problem with is that it took several days, several 6 e-mails, several phone calls to get to where, oh, let's hide behind this. Norm has got a balance. 7 8 That's why we haven't sent you a check yet. And 9 that's why nobody would talk to you. It's smoking mirrors. It's a ghost. It's a witch hunt. 10 11 don't know. 12 So anyway, we didn't have a balance. 13 Okay, well, take the balance out and just send the 14 check, that's all. Just get something going. 15 that way once we receive payment we can start 16 figuring out a time line of how we get paid and 17 when we're going to get paid. 18 0. Now, these numbers you have on Exhibit 14, 19 MiMedx balance \$19,300, what does that represent? 20 That was the balance that Mid South had with 21 MiMedx; is that right? Then Mid South made an 22 \$8,000 payment to MiMedx, which left a balance of 23 \$11,300? 24 Α. Right. 25 Q. And Mid South sent in a check for \$6,000.

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1	So Mid South's balance with MiMedx as of	
2	August 16, 2012 was \$5,300; is that right?	
3	A. That's what it looks like it is.	
4	Q. And that's a number that as to be offset	
5	against any payments due under the Consulting	
6	Agreement; is that right?	
7	A. Well, no. I mean, under the Consulting	
8	Agreement, no. I mean, I don't understand why	
9	they were holding our Consulting Agreement check	
10	for ransom over a balance that Mid South Biologics	
11	had with MiMedx. That's all I'm saying.	
12	Q. Did the Consulting Agreement have a	
13	provision that allowed that?	
14	A. Oh, I'm sure it probably says good	
15	standing, Clarence, somewhere in there. It says	
16	good standing, you know. They love that and I	
17	apologize for taking that out like that. But it	
18	says, I'm sure. Yes, I know this documentation.	
19	Q. Did you ever talk to Jacki Bugg?	
20	A. I'm sure I did on the phone, yeah.	
21	Q. Were you rude to her?	
22	A. I don't know what you would call rude,	
23	first of all, to be honest with you.	
24	Q. Well, tell me how you talked to her.	
25	A. I don't remember the conversation.	

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1	Q. Did you yell at her?	
2	A. Oh, no, man. I didn't yell at her.	
3	Q. Call her out her name?	
4	A. Call her what?	
5	Q. Call her out of her name.	
6	A. I call everybody baby sometimes. Maybe	
7	that's what I did.	
8	Q. Use any harsh language toward her during	
9	the course of any of your conversations with her?	
10	A. I only had one conversation with her.	
11	Q. Was it only one?	
12	A. I don't know, maybe two. I don't remember	
13	calling her any kind of sort of the names as you	
14	say, no. And I don't understand. I wouldn't be	
15	upset with Jacki. The people I would have been	
16	upset with would be the person who led me to	
17	Jacki, which would be Bill, Mike, Mark Diaz,	
18	whoever. And I never once called them anything.	
19	So I don't know why I would take it out on Jackie.	
20	She's just a messenger, you know. So I don't	
21	remember doing anything like that at all.	
22	Q. Do you know Scott Bevill?	
23	A. I don't know.	
24	Q. Have you ever heard that name? Jeff	
25	Bevill, Jeff Scott Bevill, Jay Scott Bevill?	

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     Α.
             I don't know. You have to recall my
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     memory, I quess.
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             He was maybe a bookkeeper type for Mid
     South.
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                  THE WITNESS: Is that the guy that
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     had ugly on his truck?
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                  MR. WILBON: Wait, you can't.
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     Α.
             Oh. Yeah, I know who he is. I know who
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     he is. I'm sorry. I know who he is now, yes, I
     do. I'm sorry. I apologize. I know who he is.
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     I just had a...
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     BY MR. WILBON:
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            Who is he?
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     Α.
             I think he goes maybe by a nickname. I'm
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     not sure.
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     Ο.
            What was that?
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            I don't know. I can't remember. I know
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     the guy. I didn't particularly care for the guy.
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     I know who he is. He worked with Norm as a
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    bookkeeper or did something with paperwork.
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             Why didn't you care for him? Was he
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    pretty mean?
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                  MR. PEEL: Object to the form of the
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     question.
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     BY MR. WILBON:
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1	Q. Why didn't you care for him?	113
2	A. I just didn't, you know.	
3	Q. Just rubbed you the wrong way?	
4	A. You know what, I was dealing with Norm	
5	and, you know, I think Scott just wanted to always	
6	try to get in between mine and his business. I	
7	didn't need three parties involved, you know.	
8	It's just best you and I have the conversation and	
9	then another person getting involved and bringing	
10	what they add to the table. You know, that's all.	
11	I know who he is now. I know perfectly who he is	
12	now.	
13	Q. As a kid did you used to say, he's poking	
14	his nose in things that didn't involve him?	
15	A. Maybe, yeah, you know. I mean, if you and	
16	I are having a conversation and somebody just	
17	walks up and joins in uninvited.	
18	Q. Did he have a pretty nasty disposition?	
19	A. No. I think he was overly nice is the	
20	problem. He's goofy.	
21	Q. Oh, he was goofy?	
22	A. Yeah, I mean. He was, I mean, do you want	
23	me to say it. He was a nerd and he was goofy. He	
24	was, I mean, he's not a nerd, but I'm just saying,	
25	I think he just wanted to be he helpful.	

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             Did he go overboard sometimes?
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     Α.
             I don't know what you mean by overboard.
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     He was just one of these guys that wanted to be
     accepted. That's all. I don't know. I know
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     exactly who he is, Scott Bevill, yes. I don't
 6
     know if that makes sense or not, but, yeah.
 7
             Do you know when Mid South received their
     Q.
 8
     first payment from MiMedx under the Consulting
 9
     Agreement?
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             Clarence, I will tell you this. At the
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     time we did receive it, I had just come down with
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     something called congestive heart failure. I was
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     hospitalized for quite some time. I remember Norm
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     telling me we got a payment. And I was just happy
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     and I couldn't recall the date. I know I went
     back and looked at it, you know, times later on
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     the check, but I can't recall exactly when it was.
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     0.
             Let me show you a document that we're
19
     going to as Exhibit 15. You are not copied on
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     here, but this is an e-mail exchange between Jeff
21
     Bevill, Scott Bevill and Mark Diaz, Jacki Bugg,
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     Bill Taylor, and Norm.
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             Take a minute and look at that again.
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                  (The above-mentioned document was
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     marked as Grisanti Exhibit Number 15.)
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115 1 Α. Can I just ask one thing. What does this 2 got to do with me though, with me testifying here 3 today, I mean. BY MR. WILBON: 4 5 I want to ask you just a question about 6 And in particular this top e-mail from Mark 7 where Mark says -- I mean, from Jeff to Mark. And 8 he says: Mark, I am not implying anything! I was 9 just wondering how they are staying in business 10 and why MiMedx hasn't made a change. MiMedx has 11 and is seeing fit to make a lot of changes in our 12 territory and was have sold a lot more than Marscalco's, just seems odd. 13 14 Is the way you're describing him is like 15 he is kind of poking his nose in, getting in and 16 it's not necessarily his business, his call, but 17 he's kind of getting in the middle of it? 18 Α. Clarence, I'm going to tell you again, I 19 really didn't have any dealings with the guy. Ι 20 mean, to be honest with you, I truly, truly 21 I just -- I don't know. I just didn't, 22 we just didn't. Our paths didn't cross. And i 23 would only meet Norm usually late in the afternoon 24 or something at the office and we would go, you 25 know, catch up on business or whatnot.

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     wouldn't be there. You know, I just tried to stay
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     away.
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             Did Norm or Scott ever tell you that Scott
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     basically made Jacki cry?
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             Who's Jacki? The one I was supposed to
     Α.
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     have made cry or I talked bad to? Damn, she's
 7
     sensitive then if everybody is making her cry. I
     mean, I'm sorry. I'm just saying. I don't know.
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 9
     I don't recall that. No, I do not recall that.
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                  MR. PEEL: Can we go off the record
11
     for a second?
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                  MR. WILBON: Yes.
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              (Discussion off the record.)
     BY MR. WILBON:
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             You were never present when Mr. Bevill had
     any conversations with anyone at MiMedx, were you?
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     Α.
             If it went on, Clarence, I didn't know
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     about it. I mean, I don't. I mean, people around
19
    me every day on the telephone. I don't know who
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     they're talking to, you know.
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             Let me show you this e-mail that we're
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     going to mark as Exhibit 16.
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                  (The above-mentioned document was
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    marked as Grisanti Exhibit Number 16.)
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     BY MR. WILBON:
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117 1 Do you recall this e-mail? 0. 2 Α. (Witness peruses document.) 3 You know then again, this is, you know, 4 dated somewhere around July of '13. You know, how 5 involved was I in the end, not much. I had gotten 6 sick right before that. So, you know, I was 7 involved in some things with Norm, helping, you 8 know. And we were talking about doing some other 9 things, but the clarification, you know, on it and 10 what it brings to me or what it means to me, I 11 guess I got copied on it, but, you know, with you 12 thinking that stands out from here to me and I 13 want to bring this and make sure this is noted to 14 you, Clarence, as well is that I just spoke with 15 Bill Taylor about new issues, okay. 16 Consulting Agreement for the AVKARE 17 override is a separate issue. You know, whatever 18 it was when they were bringing documents to Norm. 19 And like I say, the first part of '13, I wasn't a 20 whole lot involved in. I had gotten sick and come 21 down with an illness. It took me away for quite 2.2 some time. We would still talk when I felt like 23 talking. It was called congestive heart failure 24 at 18 percent, Stage 4. It was pretty bad so, 25 anyway.

Judd Grisanti - November 01, 2017

You know, once again, every time good standings, let's hold the AvKARE over their heads with whatever we want to make Norm, Mid South Biologics jump through or reduce themselves down to in acceptance. All these things are going to change. Well, we need to make Norm not stand up for whatever rights he thought he had, hold AvKARE over his head and basically make him sign it. You don't sign it, this new deal that we've got coming through, you don't bend with our ways, guess what? We'll take AvKARE away. I mean, that's what they would always hold over our heads.

I'm guessing that's why I got copied and it says, please show this to our lawyer. It's the AvKARE deal. Once again, the AvKARE deal is mentioned about how it can be taken away or it's approved or you're in good standing. You know, besides that, I wanted to note that down here Mike Carlton in his e-mail says this: First of all, thank you for hanging in there with us for two years, ups and downs, but a huge upside remains.

You know, I would like to ask him, what are those ups and downs, Mike? What have been those ups and downs, you know, when you say that? And thanks for hanging in there with us. Thanks

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119
 1
     for being that redheaded stepchild that you didn't
 2
     like; is that what you mean. I don't know.
     yeah, we did hang in there. That's the only
 3
 4
     reason I quess I got copied on this.
 5
             Do you have knowledge regarding Mr.
     0.
 6
     LaChapelle threatening Mr. Carlton?
 7
                  MR. PEEL: Object to the form of the
 8
     question.
 9
             No, but I would like to have been there if
10
     he did do it. But I don't know.
11
     BY MR. WILBON:
12
     0.
             Have you ever heard anything about that?
13
             Yeah, after the fact, I have. I've heard,
     Α.
14
     you know, of course, people --
15
             Tell me what you heard.
16
             First of all, I think later on and this
17
     is, I guess, something around after he got the
18
     letter, the termination letter. What happened,
19
     you know, everybody's got two stories, I mean.
                                                      So
20
     tell me what happened. Actually, I didn't ask
21
     Norm. I asked somebody by the name of Bill
22
     Cochran, who I knew through CPM and everywhere.
23
     You know, I didn't want to hear Norm's story and,
24
     you know, think it's all one way or think this or
25
     that. But, you know, Mike and them could
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120 1 definitely push your buttons and do whatever. Ι 2. don't know. I wasn't there. 3 What did Bill Cochran tell you? 0. 4 Bill Cochran told me that they called Norm up on the phone and, I guess he was at Barbecue 5 6 Fest. And I know Norm because he's always 7 freaking asking me about barbecue sauces and how 8 to cook this, how to cook that, whatever. I mean 9 off the record, on the record, whatever. If he 10 lost, I never told him. If he won, I told him. 11 You know, I just wanted to understand what 12 took place. You know, I mean, I knew Norm was 13 only going to give me one way of it. And I know 14 it couldn't be just one way, bad or good, you 15 I just wanted to hear the whole story, I 16 mean, so I could make up my mind because I wasn't 17 there, you know. I don't know what took place. 18 I know he called him up during Barbecue 19 Fest, what Bill Cochran told me and Mike and 20 several other people were at a meeting somewhere. 21 They were altogether as a group and they called 2.2 Norm. Once again, I don't even know what the 23 issue was to be honest with you, Clarence. I 2.4 don't even know what the issue was on the thing. 25 I just heard that once again since I wasn't around

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121
 1
     to poke Norm into doing something that he
 2
     obviously, I guess, wasn't agreeing to some
 3
     changes and Norm wouldn't sign, I guess, the new
 4
     agreement. I guess that's what it was. I don't
 5
            I think Bill, I quess, got tired of messing
 6
     with Norm, you know.
 7
             What did Norm say to Mike?
     Q.
 8
     Α.
             I don't even know. I mean, it's all
 9
     hearsay.
10
     0.
             What did Bill say he heard?
11
             Bill just said, you know, they got into an
     Α.
12
     argument. I don't even know what exact words were
            And I don't care to know what exact words
13
14
     were said. I mean, I wasn't there and I know
15
     you're not going to get the truth out of any of
16
     them or exactly what was said. Who cares about
17
     that. I'm just saying.
18
     0.
             Did Bill say anything about Mike being
19
     threatened by Norm?
20
             No, I mean, he didn't say anything about
21
     being threatened, no. I don't know what
     threatened means, like verbally threatening him or
22
     like we're not going to do this, you know. We're
23
24
     not going to take this contract. I mean, we told
25
     Mike several times, you know, listen, man. You
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1
     know, we don't agree with this contract. We don't
 2
     agree with it. We're not going to sign it.
 3
     happens all the time. I mean, disagreeing, that's
     all the time. Just like the AvKARE deal. You saw
 4
 5
     the bantering that was going back and forth for
 6
     that. I don't know, Mike was supposed to come
 7
     here for some meeting, you know. I don't know the
 8
     whole gist of it all, Clarence. I don't. And I
 9
     still to this day don't know what it was all over,
10
     how it fell apart. You know, I can tell you this.
11
     Whatever, you know. Anyway, I can't speak on the
12
     conversation. It's all hearsay.
13
             But I want to hear that hearsay. Tell me
14
     what Bill told you.
15
             Bill said they got into, you know,
16
     something about not signing a contract. Bill got
17
     frustrated that, you know, Mike, I guess was
18
     telling Bill that, you know, he's not going to do
19
     it, something about, well, Mike kept saying, maybe
20
     I'll go to Memphis and meet with him. Bill's
21
     like, no, you're not doing anything.
2.2
             What did Norm say?
     Q.
            Oh, I don't know. I don't know what Norm
23
24
     said.
           After the conversation was over with, Bill
25
     Taylor announced to everybody in the room and I
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122

1	hear there were quite a few people, that he fired	123
2	Mid South Biologics or fired Norm and Judd and	
3	everybody is getting a \$300,000 bonus. I mean,	
4	that's what Bill Cochran told me. He announced	
5	that to the room. And then he said, you want to	
6	know the funny thing about it is. I said, you	
7	ain't got to tell me. I know nobody got their	
8	bonus. He goes, nobody got their bonus.	
9	Q. But everybody was going to get a \$300,000	
10	bonus?	
11	A. He was going to split it up, I guess, you	
12	know, split it up, whatever. Because that's the	
13	money he saved by not having to pay us there.	
14	Like I said, I don't know word for word what was	
15	said at all, Clarence. Just bits and pieces of	
16	the whole story. And I'll tell you what, to be	
17	honest with you, I never asked Norm because it's	
18	not going to change the outcome, you know.	
19	Q. What other knowledge do you have regarding	
20	the termination of the Consulting Agreement?	
21	A. All right. I don't understand the	
22	question maybe.	
23	Q. Have you told me everything that you know	
24	regarding why the Consulting Agreement was	
25	terminated?	

	124
1	A. This whole deposition, Clarence, I've told
2	you why they canceled that thing. Bill Taylor, we
3	were on his radar the whole time. He ws looking
4	for a reason to get rid of us. No matter what.
5	He was looking for any excuse in the world that he
6	thought would hold water to get rid of us. That's
7	the honest God truth. End of testimony.
8	Q. I know we looked at the Consulting
9	Agreement, which was Exhibit 1 where you signed
10	it. Did you read it before signing it?
11	A. Oh, yeah, yes, I read it.
12	Q. So you're familiar with the provisions of
13	it?
14	A. Well, yes. Yes, I'm familiar with it.
15	Q. Now, what was your understanding of how
16	long the agreement had the potential to last?
17	A. The potential or what it says in the
18	contract?
19	Q. Right. Well, what does it?
20	A. It says for three years.
21	Q. And you understand it has a termination
22	provision in it?
23	A. Termination, not of the override. There
24	is termination of Norm and Mid South Biologics. I
25	knew that. But there's not a termination. It

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125
            Shall survive. And I'll find it.
 1
                                                I mean.
     says:
 2
     I know it. I've read it a million times.
 3
             Hold on. Let me find it. To be honest
 4
     with you, it's been a long time since I actually
 5
     looked at it. Two years ago I studied it every
 6
     day.
 7
             Let's go to Paragraph 11.
     Q.
 8
     Α.
             (Witness complies.)
 9
             So, you know, written notice to the other
10
     party upon termination, through provisions of this
11
     agreement, here for that intend to survive
12
     termination of this agreement shall so survive.
13
     You know, I'll tell you this. It's not
14
     well-written, okay. I can tell you also this.
15
     From what I understand from talking to lawyers and
16
     I'm not a lawyer. It's not well-written at all,
17
     but what it does say to me, what I interpret, this
18
     contract shall survive within the termination of
19
     Norm and Mid South Biologics with MiMedx.
20
     this agreement should survive all of that at the
21
     end and we will get paid on it. And there's also
2.2
     plenty e-mails to support that, that backs that
23
     up. And they even acknowledge that. But then
24
     again, they want us to believe at certain times
25
     that it doesn't. But they reassured us that it
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126
 1
     does, but it doesn't, but it does.
 2
             It's very poorly written is what I say,
 3
     but it clearly says that this shall survive,
     meaning the override. So, you know, I think they
 4
 5
     like it to be like that because they don't want
 6
     you to know exactly what they mean by it,
 7
     Clarence, to be honest with you. I think they
 8
     want to try to confuse you.
 9
             Let me ask you this, as a lawyer, just ask
10
     you, how do you interpret that? I know I can't
11
     ask you questions, but I'm just saying, you know.
12
                  MR. PEEL: Please, Clarence, answer
13
     that and I'm going to start asking you some
14
     questions.
15
             But you see what I'm saying though.
                                                   Ιt
16
     says, it shall survive, so anyway, okay.
17
     BY MR. WILBON:
18
     0.
             The maximum amount that Mid South could
19
     receive under this agreement is $900,000. There
20
     was $300,000 if it reached 10 million over this
21
     three-year period. Do you agree with that?
2.2
             I don't agree that's the way it should be.
     Α.
23
             But that's what the --
     0.
24
             But that's what we were made to sign, yes,
     Α.
25
     sir.
           That's what we were forced to sign. It was
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127
 1
     either that or nothing.
 2
             And you don't dispute that $600,000 of
 3
     that $900,000 was paid. Correct?
             With blood, sweat, and tears. We had to
 4
 5
     fight for every penny of it just to get it from
 6
     them, Clarence. I just want you to know the whole
 7
     truth, that's all.
 8
             Now, in the Complaint, you recall the
 9
     Complaint that was filed against you?
10
             Not the new one, no, sir. I mean, I was
11
     when Chris Lazarini did it. The new one, no, I
12
     don't.
13
     0.
       I'm going to show you the Complaint.
14
                  MR. WILBON: We'll mark it as
15
     Exhibit 17.
16
                  (The above-mentioned document was
17
    marked as Grisanti Exhibit Number 17.)
18
    BY MR. WILBON:
19
             I think it's basically a mirror image of
20
     the one that for the most part that Chris Lazarini
21
     did.
2.2
     Α.
             (Witness peruses document.)
23
                  MR. WILBON: I'm also handing you
24
     what we'll mark as Exhibit 18, Plaintiff's
25
     Responses to Defendant's Interrogatories and
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128
 1
     Documents Request.
 2
             Hold up. Slow up. This is ours, the one
 3
     that we, the Plaintiff, okay.
 4
     0.
             Right.
 5
             This one is what now?
     Α.
 6
     Q.
             This is Plaintiff's Responses to
 7
     Interrogatories that MiMedx served.
                   (The above-mentioned document was
 8
 9
     marked as Grisanti Exhibit Number 18.)
10
     BY MR. WILBON:
11
             So if you'll take your time and look at
     Ο.
12
     both of those, we'll give you a little time to do
13
     that.
14
     Α.
             (Witness peruses document.)
15
     0.
             You've read the Complaint, Exhibit 17.
16
     Α.
             Yeah.
17
             And I think you said you hadn't had a
     0.
18
     chance to review this version prior to today, but
     I will represent that it's pretty consistent with
19
20
     the initial Complaint that Mr. Lazarini filed?
21
     Α.
             Yes.
22
             In particular I want to turn your
     attention to Page 4. There is a section in here
23
2.4
     that says: MiMedx bad faith breach of the
25
     Consulting Agreement.
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129
 1
             What do you know about MiMedx's bad faith,
 2
     if anything, as it relates to the Consulting
 3
     Agreement? I can simplify it even further as it
     relates to termination of the Consulting
 4
 5
     Agreement?
             Clarence, I just don't want to spout
 6
     Α.
 7
     anything off.
 8
             Or was it the things that you've already
 9
     told me today?
10
             It's everything leading up to now to be
11
     quite honest with you. I mean, I'm not going to
12
     sit here and rehash everything. I don't want to
13
     personally go there emotionally to be honest with
14
     you.
15
             I don't mean to cut you off. But is it
16
     anything different than what you told me about
17
     Bill Taylor and MiMedx? Have we covered that?
18
     Α.
             Yes, sir. We've covered it all. Is that
19
     fair to say?
20
     Ο.
             Yes.
21
             Let's turn your attention to Exhibit 18.
2.2
     Α.
             (Witness complies.)
23
     Q.
             You have had a chance to read that today?
2.4
     Α.
             Yes, sir, I did look over it, yes, sir.
25
             Based on your affiliation with Mid South
     Q.
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1	do you agree with the answers that you've read
2	with respect to the interrogatories?
3	A. Yes, I do. I mean, I wish it was more
4	
	detailed in some parts, but you know, but yes.
5	Q. And again, I asked you earlier about Saint
6	Francis Hospital and you said that was Norm's
7	relationship. You were not involved in any way
8	with Saint Francis?
9	A. Zero involvement. Don't even need to
10	elaborate on it whatsoever. I know nothing about
11	it. It was his doctors and he dealt with that.
12	Q. Were you ever in any of the surgeries at
13	Saint Francis?
14	A. Not at Saint Francis, no, but other
15	surgeries, yes.
16	Q. Using MiMedx products?
17	A. Yes, sir.
18	Q. Which hospitals were those?
19	A. I can refresh your memory very well. My
20	cousin, Johnny Pirana was the first guy to use the
21	MiMedx products in the prostatectomy.
22	Q. Your cousin, can you spell his name?
23	A. Well, I said he was my cousin. His
24	family, my family, his grandparents and my
25	grandparents came from Italy together from Lucca.

1	131
1	So ever since we've been kids we all grew up side
2	by side.
3	Q. What was his last name and will you spell
4	it for the record?
5	A. Pirana, the exact spelling, P-I-R-A-N-A.
6	Q. Where is he a doctor?
7	A. What is the name of the hospital.
8	Q. In Alabama?
9	A. In Alabama, yeah. I can't think of the
10	name of the hospital.
11	Q. You don't have to look it up.
12	A. But anyway, he's a leading urologist over
13	there. It was a very proud moment for Norm and I
14	to actually be the first to do that with the
15	MiMedx product. We were actually so proud of
16	ourselves we took pictures and everything and told
17	MiMedx this is what we got done. Here's a new
18	application that you can use or say that we've
19	used with the AmnioFix and EpiFix line. And I
20	think actually the next one that we did, they sent
21	a gentleman over. And I can't recall his name,
22	but he was on one of the original MiMedx teams.
23	And he came inside with the surgery as well.
24	So yes, I was involved in several
25	surgeries.

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132
 1
             I asked you briefly how did you prepare
     0.
 2
     for this deposition today and you told me you
     looked back over these documents that we have
 3
 4
     here. Did you have any conversations with Mr.
 5
     Paul Peel?
             Like what's going on, you know, what's
 6
     Α.
 7
     involved here? Do I need to get representation?
 8
     I just wanted to know where I stood basically on
 9
     what's going on. That's all if that answers your
10
     question.
11
     0.
             When was that?
12
             Oh, gosh. Clarence, I received a summons
13
     from you, delivered to the restaurant and I think
14
     I called Norm after that. But Norm, myself, and
15
     Paul had met at the restaurant about a year or so
16
     ago with Paul picking up this case. But the past
17
     year I've lost both of my parents and taken over a
18
     restaurant that my father had. So I wasn't
19
     involved in anything until now.
20
             I'm looking at this letter you brought
21
     with you here. It's a letter dated January 16,
2.2
     2012?
23
     Α.
             Yes.
24
             And it's to -- who is that letter to,
25
     someone at AvKARE?
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133
 1
     Α.
             (Witness peruses document.)
 2
             I'm going to tell you, yeah, I know the
 3
     letter, but I hadn't seen it in a while.
                                                I know
     what this letter is, but I've got to tell you
 4
 5
     something, Clarence, I can't even recall who
     Debbie Shaw is and that's who it's to.
 6
 7
            What is the letter referencing? What is
     Q.
     it about?
 8
                  MR. WILBON: We'll mark it as Exhibit
 9
10
     19.
11
                  (The above-mentioned document was
12
     marked as Grisanti Exhibit Number 19.)
13
             Oh, I can tell you what this is, Clarence.
     Α.
14
     I still can't really tell you who Debbie Shaw is,
15
     but I can tell you what this letter states.
16
             This is a letter that MiMedx wished we had
17
     never saw probably. This is a letter of reference
18
     that I personally got Mid South Biologics on the
19
     FS&S is what this is. This is when Mid South
20
     Biologics was actual registered as the broker for
21
     MiMedx product only FSS, okay. That's what this
2.2
     is stating. That's what this is for.
23
             I'm not sure who Debbie Shaw is. Maybe
24
     she's with the VA. I'm not sure. I don't even
25
     know who she is. I have no idea, but this was --
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134
 1
     this is the quarantee letter to Debbie Shaw that
 2
     Mid South Biologics could supply and would supply
 3
     the product for the duration base of a contract
     with AvKARE to the FS&S. That's what this is.
 4
 5
             I was looking at some of these documents
 6
     here and I know.
 7
             We were just talking about Saint Francis
 8
     and some documents that you brought with you Mr.
 9
     Grisanti that they have some patient names on them
10
     so we're not going to make them exhibits. But go
11
     back to Exhibit 17, the Complaint.
12
     Α.
             (Witness complies.)
13
             All right.
14
     Q.
             There are some claims in the Complaint
15
     relating to, I think it's called -- on Page 7,
     Unjust Enrichment, relating to Saint Francis. I
16
17
     understand you don't have any personal knowledge
18
     of that, but those claims --
19
             Hold on. I'm on Page 7. So what am I
     Α.
20
     looking for?
21
             Okay. Page 7, in the middle of the page
     0.
22
     it says: Count II - Unjust Enrichment.
23
     Α.
             Yes, okay.
24
     Ο.
             And that relates to Saint Francis. And if
25
     you look at that, it alleges that: It says MiMedx
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135
 1
     unjustly obtained revenues by misappropriating Mid
 2
     South's vendor credentials with Saint Frances.
 3
     And they attach at the Complaint -- I don't think
     that you have copies, but they attached some
 4
     delivered order forms for Mid South to Saint
 5
 6
     Francis. And you appear to have copies of these
 7
     same forms here, but you have some checks attached
 8
     to the back from Tenet Healthcare who owns Saint
 9
     Frances that appears to match up with these same
10
     invoices that they allege and were paid to MiMedx.
11
             I don't want to put these again as an
12
     exhibit.
13
                  MR. WILBON: Paul, because these
14
     checks appear to relate to some of these same
15
     ones, the unredacted versions you gave me
16
     yesterday and he brought this with him, I guess we
17
     can make these a sealed exhibit to match them up.
18
                  MR. PEEL: Are they the same ones?
19
                  THE WITNESS: I brought those.
20
                  MR. WILBON: Yeah, he brought them
21
     with him.
2.2
                  THE WITNESS: Can I see those.
23
    mean, I don't know what they are really. I mean,
2.4
     I could have had them and not even know, I mean.
25
     I don't know. I have no clue, especially being
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136
 1
     from 6/14. You know, I got to be honest with you,
 2
     I could be mistaken. I don't know why.
 3
                  MR. WILBON:
                               But they appear to match
 4
     up, and because they do I want to take and make
 5
     sure these checks show that Tenet paid Mid South
 6
     and that eliminates that. Do I just make these an
 7
     exhibit, Paul, or do you want to just take them
 8
     and we copy them and we can figure it out on our
 9
     own without putting them in because they've got
10
     the actual -- he had unredacted copies.
11
                  MR. PEEL: Do you know what those
12
     are?
13
                  THE WITNESS: I'm going to be honest
14
     with you --
15
                  MR. PEEL: Are they the same --
16
                  THE WITNESS: -- because they have
17
     nothing to do --
18
                  MR. WILBON: I mean, if you look at
19
     what we have they appear to match and be the same
20
     ones.
21
                  THE WITNESS: I have no idea where I
2.2
     got them from.
23
                  MR. WILBON:
                               Some payments, looks
24
     like to vendor Norm LaChapelle from Tenet
25
     Healthcare behind some of his that would show in
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137
 1
     my mind that, you know, these were the payments
 2
     that went to Norm LaChapelle according to these
 3
     invoices because he's got the same invoices and
 4
     the corresponding checks that were never produced
 5
     to us. At least some of them. He doesn't have
 6
     all of them, but he has some of them and so...
 7
                  MR. PEEL: I guess the question I
     have is, I don't really -- it's kind of hard for
8
9
     me to figure this out.
10
                  Did your subpoena asked for him to
11
    bring documents.
12
                  MR. WILBON: I think the original
13
     subpoena was for documents and his deposition
14
     because he wasn't represented by counsel.
15
                  THE WITNESS: Who me, bring documents
16
     though.
17
                  MR. WILBON: Yes.
18
                  THE WITNESS: Clarence, I've got to
19
     be honest with you. I don't know why I've got
20
            I don't know why they're in there. They
21
     were in with the papers. I don't have any clue
22
         I don't know if it was something with Chris
23
     Lazarini.
24
                  MR. WILBON: Can we have an
25
     agreement. We'll just copy these. Let's not make
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 1
     them an exhibit since they've patient information.
 2
     Give them back. You and I take a copy and we'll
 3
     see what matches up. And if it's been paid, it's
     been paid if it's a check from Tenet. Are you
 4
 5
     okay with that?
 6
                  MR. PEEL: Yeah, that's fine.
 7
                  MR. WILBON: Subject to Mr. Peel
 8
     finishing his review of those documents, I think
 9
     we're ready to wrap up here.
     BY MR. WILBON:
10
11
             Mr. Grisanti, you've told me all the bases
     Ο.
12
     for what you believe MiMedx did wrong in this
13
     case.
            Correct?
14
             What we went over today was it cumulative?
15
             Yes, sir. Yes.
     Α.
16
             Not all that they did wrong, but with this
17
     case, yes. How about that. There's plenty more
18
     they did wrong that --
19
     Ο.
             Well, I just need to know about this case.
20
                  MR. WILBON: I thank you for your
21
     time, and I'm done. I don't know if Mr. Peel has
2.2
     any questions for you.
23
                  MR. PEEL: I have no questions.
24
                  MR. WILBON: One other thing on the
     record not relating to this deposition. Mr. Peel
25
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1	and I have agreed that with respect to the time	139
2	period of 2000 the year that's at issue under	
3	the Consulting Agreement that's the subject of	
4	this lawsuit, for that period that MiMedx's sales	
5	to AvKARE	
6	MR. PEEL: Sales and receipt of	
7	payment.	
8	MR. WILBON: and receipt of	
9	payment from AvKARE exceed the \$10 million	
10	threshold as stated in the Consulting Agreement.	
11	And we will do a formal stipulation to that at the	
12	appropriate time in the court and once we have a	
13	better understanding of how Judge Fowlkes is going	
14	to require such a stipulation.	
15	MR. PEEL: And you as lawyer of	
16	MiMedx have permission to make that statement.	
17	Correct?	
18	MR. WILBON: I do. And I make that	
19	stipulation on behalf of MiMedx.	
20	(WHEREUPON, THE DEPOSITION WAS	
21	CONCLUDED AT APPROXIMATELY 4:02 P.M.)	
22	(AND FURTHER DEPONENT SAITH NOT.)	
23	(SIGNATURE WAIVED)	
24		
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1	CERTIFICATE	140
2	STATE OF TENNESSEE:	
3	COUNTY OF SHELBY:	
4		
5	I, CORA J. LEWIS, LCR, Shelby County, Tennessee, CERTIFY:	
6	The foregoing proceedings were taken	
7	before me at the time and place stated in the foregoing styled cause with the appearances as noted.	
8	Being a Court Reporter, I then reported	
9	the proceeding in Stenotype, and the foregoing pages contain a true and correct transcript of my	
10	said Stenotype notes then and there taken.	
11	I am not in the employ of and am not related to any of the parties or their counsel,	
12	and I have no interest in the matter involved.	
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21	(out to be some	
22		
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