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2 APPEARANCES CONTINUE		2	THE BAILIFF: All rise.
3 ON BEHALF OF THE DEFENDANT AND COUNTERCL.	AIM	3	Please be seated and come to order.
4 PLAINTIFF:		4	THE COURT: All right. Good morning.
6 FLAINE CHARLSON BREDEHOET ESQUIRE		5	MR. CHEW: Good morning, Your Honor.
TENENT SIMILED IN ENESCHOTT, ESQUENCE		6	THE COURT: Are we ready for the jury
7 ADAM S. NADELHAFT, ESQUIRE B CHARLSON BREDEHOFT COHEN BROWN &		7 toda	ay, or do we have any preliminary matters?
9 NADELHAFT, P.C.		8	MR. ROTTENBORN: A few exhibits.
10 11260 Roger Bacon Drive		9	THE COURT: Okay. If you want to,
11 Suite 201		10 app	broach with the exhibits.
12 Reston, VA 20190		11	(Sidebar.)
703.318.6800		12	THE COURT: Which ones do you have for
14		13 me	
J. BENJAMIN ROTTENBORN, ESQUIRE		13 mc.	MR. ROTTENBORN: These are the tax
16 WOODS ROGERS PLC			urns, Mr. Depp's side is
17 10 South Jefferson Street			
18 Suite 1400		16	THE COURT: Okay. What number are
19 P.O. Box 14125		17 they	
20 Roanoke, VA 24011		18	MR. ROTTENBORN: 936.
21 540.983.7540		19	THE COURT: Okay.
22		20	MR. NADELHAFT: And then
		_	fendant's 1055 that we will show to Ms. Falati
		22 as p	part of the agreement.
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C O N T E N T S		1	THE COURT: 936, plaintiff's, okay.
E EXAMINATION OF ERIN FALATI (CONTINUING VIA VI	DEO) PAG	2 105	55. Got it. Okay.
By Ms. Meyers	3735	3	MR. NADELHAFT: And then this was the
By Mr. Nadelhaft	3772	4 den	nonstrative that was shown yesterday with
EXAMINATION OF MICHAEL SPINDLER By Mr. Dennison	PAGE 3775	5 Mr.	Bania that (indiscernible) as long as not come
7 By Mr. Rottenborn	3786	6 into	evidence
By Mr. Dennison	3805	7	THE COURT: Can you give it to a
EXAMINATION OF DAWN M. HUGHES, PH.D., ABPP	PAGE	8 nun	nber for me?
By Ms. Bredehoft	3863	9	MR. NADELHAFT: Well, it had a number.
12		10	THE COURT: Okay. What was the number?
13		11	MR. NADELHAFT: It was Plaintiff's 889,
14		}	ge 117, and it was a demonstrative, so we just
15		,	the page.
16 17		13 pac	THE COURT: 889, page 117, right?
18		15	MR. CHEW: We agreed to it in return
19		\$	his not making any more cat references.
20		17	THE COURT: Not in evidence, okay.
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22		18	(Open court.)
		19	THE COURT: All right. Are we ready
		1	the jury?
		21	MR. CHEW: Yes, Your Honor.
		22	(Whereupon, the jury entered the

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1 courtroom and the following proceedings took	1 confirm, you know, I received that information
2 place.)	2 from the client.
3 THE COURT: All right. Good morning,	3 As far as in totality, I would assume
4 ladies and gentlemen.	4 most information came from Ms. Heard, but I can't
5 All right. Are we ready to continue	5 rule out that I didn't get any information from
6 with the witness on deposition?	6 the treating physician in preparation either.
7 MS. LECAROZ: Yes, Your Honor. The	7 Q Okay. And I think you would this
8 remaining portion of the deposition of Erin Falati	8 information have been relayed to you at that first
9 will include the questioning by counsel for	9 meeting with Ms. Heard?
10 Mr. Depp.	10 A This information – if it was
11 THE COURT: All right. Thank you.	11 information I received from Dr. Kipper, I would
12 EXAMINATION BY COUNSEL FOR THE PLAINTIFF AND	12 have had that information probably prior to
13 COUNTERCLAIM DEFENDANT	13 meeting her, but any time that I said – states
14 BY MS. MEYERS:	14 that I can confirm that I got that information, I
15 Q Do you have any professional	15 can confirm it was within the first day or two of
16 responsibility to record or document suspected	16 meeting her because I usually take a client
17 physical abuse of one of your patients?	17 history when I meet a client.
18 A If I am – if I witness or find out	18 Q Now, if we go down a couple more
19 information of domestic or child abuse, yes.	19 sentences, it says, "AH reports history of
20 Q And so what is that responsibility?	20 substance abuse, including an addiction to cocaine
21 A I have to notify superiors of the	21 and liquor. CT - client reports abstaining from
22 information I was provided with.	22 cocaine for a couple years but was unable to
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1 Q When did you first meet Ms. Heard?	1 report exact dates." Do you see where I'm
2 A I believe it was the end of – excuse	2 referring to?
3 me, hang on one sec; I have it here – this is in	3 A Yes, I see that.
4 my nursing notes. It looks like August 27th,	4 Q Is that something you would have
5 2014.	5 written?
6 MS. MEYERS: So can we please pull up	6 A Yes.
7 the nursing notes, which I believe are Exhibit 2.	7 Q And this is also information that you
8 Q All right. While we bring this	8 believe Ms. Heard would have reported directly to
9 document up, I would like to go through this	9 you?
10 section called "Client History." Do you see where	10 A Again, I don't have specific
11 I'm referring to?	11 recollection about this, but I would have to refer
12 A Yes.	12 to my notes that says "the client reports" it.
13 Q Was the information in this paragraph	13 So, yes, I'm sure it would be made that she had
14 self-reported to you by Ms. Heard?	14 provided me with that information.
15 A If I can have a quick moment to review	Q So it says it goes on to say, "CT
16 that, then I can answer that question.	16 does not smoke cigarettes. She reports consuming
17 Q Certainly.	17 one to three glasses of red wine each day."
18 A Thank you. So to answer that question,	Do you see that?
19 I believe this was information given to me from	19 A Yes.
20 Ms. Heard. I'm not positive, but I can say that	20 Q And, again, this is based off of your
21 any time I refer — or begin a sentence with	21 notes that are something that Ms. Heard reported
22 "client states" or "client reports," those I can	22 to you, correct?
22 Table of Table topology those I thin	<u></u>

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A Again, I don't recall the specifics of 2 that. I would refer, again, that in that 3 particular sentence you're referring to, I used 4 the verbiage of "she reports," meaning "Ms. Heard 5 reports." So I would make the assumption that she 6 reported that information to me.

- Q In the time that Ms. Heard was your patient, do you recall seeing her consuming wine?
- 9 A Yes.
- 10 Q Is this self-report of one to three 11 glasses of red wine each day consistent with your 12 recollection?
- 13 A I don't recall her drinking red wine 14 every time I saw her, so I can't confirm that each 15 time I saw her, she would drink one to three 16 glasses. I don't recall her drinking every time I 17 saw her.
- Q Did you ever see Ms. Heard appear 19 intoxicated from drinking alcohol?
- 20 A I don't recall her being intoxicated.
- 21 So moving on to the next sentence here, 22 it says, "She reports a family history of

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1 substance abuse; both mother and father have

2 abused and become dependent on stimulants (methamphetamine), opiates, and alcohol."

Did I read that correctly?

A Yes.

Q And the "she" here, it refers to

Ms. Heard?

That's correct. Α

- So this is also something that
- 10 Ms. Heard reported to you, as far as your notes 11 reflect?
- 12 A Again, I don't have specific 13 recollection of this. It appears that she did 14 report that, but I don't remember.
- Q So a couple sentences later here, it 16 says, "Client admits to history of anxiety, eating 17 disorder, attention deficit disorder, bipolar 18 disorder, codependence issues, and occasional 19 insomnia."
- 20 Do you see that sentence?
- 21 A Yes.
- 22 Q And based off of this note, and

1 specifically the language that says "client

2 admits," you believe that this is something that

Ms. Heard would have reported to you?

A As you stated, because it says "client 4 5 admits," I would make that assumption.

- Q What do you recall Ms. Heard saying about her history of anxiety issues?
- A I don't recall specifics. As I stated earlier in the morning, I remember a general 10 anxiety with many issues in her life.
- Q What do you recall Ms. Heard telling 12 you about her codependence issues?
- 13 A I have vague memory of discussing 14 codependence issues within previous relationships. 15 I couldn't give you specifics on that. I just 16 sort of have a vague memory of discussing that.
- Q Do you have any nonspecific 17 18 recollections of Ms. Heard being anger [sic] or 19 enraged?
- 20 A Other than that time I spoke about in 21 London 2014, I didn't specifically witness anger 22 and rage from Ms. Heard.

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O The first sentence here says,

- "Ms. Heard has been labile." Am I pronounce that correctly?
- A Yes.
- O First of all, what does that mean?
- A Emotional lability is typically when emotions swing on a pendulum. You know, for
- example, you may see someone very sad at one
- moment and quickly transition to extreme
- 10 happiness. It sort of swings from, like I said, 11 sort of a pendulum.
- Q And did you -- in the time that you 13 treated Ms. Heard, did you ever personally witness 14 this type of emotional lability?
- 15 A I don't recall specifically.
- 16 The next sentence says, "Client
- 17 expressed concern to husband and Dr. Kipper that
- 18 she's nervous about being alone while husband is
- 19 working on movie set in London and expressed she
- 20 has difficulty dealing with feelings of insecurity
- 21 and jealousy when not in the presence of her 22 husband."

3743 3745 Did I read that right? 1 conversation with Ms. Heard? 2 A Yeah. A I don't remember specifically, but I do Q Do you recall learning this during your have a general recollection. No, I don't recall 4 initial meeting with Ms. Heard? specifics. A I don't recall learning this during the 5 Q Did you ever have any discussions with 6 initial meeting, but, again, the - when I Mr. Depp concerning Ms. Heard's acting career? 7 initially met Ms. Heard and Mr. Depp, it was A I have a sort of vague general memory 8 fairly brief because then after that we traveled 8 of discussing that before. As to specific 9 to London. So I don't recall if I learned of this 9 details, I don't think I can provide you with 10 instantaneously or if that was gathered, you know, 10 specifics, but it sounds familiar. 11 throughout the next day or two, spending time with 11 Q Did you ever have the impression that 12 her. 12 Mr. Depp wanted Ms. Heard to stop her -- or to end 13 Q Is this description of Ms. Heard having 13 her acting career? 14 feelings of insecurity and jealousy when not in 14 A I don't recall that being a sentiment. 15 the presence of Mr. Depp, is that consistent with 15 Q If we can scroll down to the entry for 16 September 2nd, 2014, I would like to direct your 16 your recollection when you were treating 17 attention to a sentence in the middle of this 17 Ms. Heard? A I wouldn't say all the time that was an 18 entry. It says, "RN and CT discussed CT's history 19 and current relationship. CT reports difficulty 19 issue. I have a vague sense of those issues 20 with jealousy issues and anxiety around fiancé's 20 popping up throughout the years, but I wouldn't 21 fame and ability to interact with females often." 21 say that that was a constant theme. Q But you do have recollections of that Did I read that correctly? 3744 3746 1 being an issue at some time while you were A (No verbal response.) 1 And it's a note that you wrote, 2 treating her? 2 A I would say that's a fair statement. correct? Q Please go to the entry for August 29th, 4 A Yes. 2014. Q Do you recall Ms. Heard expressing this So in this note I would like to direct 6 sentiment to you? 7 your attention to the section that starts with A Like we discussed earlier, I don't 8 23:45. And, specifically, the first sentence. It 8 recall that specifically. I do have a general 9 says, "Client, RN, and Debbie RN went to dinner 9 sense of jealousy, anxiety issues popping up 10 together." 10 throughout the years, but I don't remember that 11 Do you see that? 11 specific discussion to give you anything deeper 12 12 than that. A I do. 13 Q And "Debbie RN" is Debbie Lloyd; is 13 Q Let's move on to the entry for 14 that correct? 14 September 2nd, 2014. I would like to direct your attention 15 A That's correct. Going down a couple sentences here, it 16 to, this is also in the middle, it says, "CT ate 16 17 says "Client verbalizes feelings of confusion, as 17 dinner with RN at 21:00 at restaurant" --18 she feels fiancé would like her to 18 A Sorry. 19 decrease/eliminate acting career and stay at 19 "CT became frustrated with staff over 20 home." 20 miscommunication; CT calmly repeated herself to 21 Do you see that? 21 staff to resolve issue. CT expressed frustration 22 Do you remember having this specific 22 after conflict to RN. RN reflected change in

Conducted on May 3, 2022 3749 1 coping skills, as CT's previous coping skills 1 A I don't know that it refreshes my 2 involved impulsive anger and yelling." memory. I would say it reflects my memory. 3 Did I read that correctly? Q Is this the same outburst in London 4 A Yes. that you were previously referring to? 5 O Do you recall this incident at all? 5 A Yes, that's correct. A I wouldn't have said that I remembered 6 Q Do you recall anything about what the 7 this. In preparation for the deposition, when I 7 fight between Mr. Depp and Ms. Heard was about 8 that's reflected in this note? 8 was rereading through these notes, I have sort of 9 a vague memory of this, but I think my notes here A I don't really recall. I remember a 10 are probably more specific than what I exactly 10 general sense of Ms. Heard being very upset that 11 her phone was hacked because there was very 11 remember. 12 Q Let's actually go to the entry for 12 sensitive information that was leaked from it. 13 September 21st, 2014, okay? 13 And I feel like there was a – she was having a Okay. Please take a moment and review 14 difficult time calming after that. 15 this, and once you're done, the question is: Does 15 So whether there was any verbal 16 this note reflect that incident in London that you 16 disagreements, I would assume it's in relation to 17 just referred to? 17 that, but I - I just don't remember the specifics 18 of what that disagreement was about. A To answer your yes-or-no question, yes, 19 that is what I'm referring to. Q It says here, "Client states she feels 20 fiancé did not provide support to client." Did I Q And it says down here at the bottom of 21 the notes, "Client's fiancé offered emotional 21 read that right? 22 support." 22 A Yes. 3748 3750 Q Is that consistent with your Is that accurate to your recollection? 2 recollection? A I don't recall. I would have to refer A I didn't recall that. But, again, I to my nursing note. It's probably a lot more would state that my notes are much more reliable 4 reliable than my current memory. Q I believe you testified earlier, than my current memory, and I think that probably 6 though, that you recall that Mr. Depp was present speaks to your previous question. on this occasion; is that right? MS. MEYERS: Let's please go to the entries which are from March 7, 2015, which are on 8 A That's correct. page with the Bates number 16952. Q Now, let's move on to the entry for 10 September 22nd, okay? So this note begins --O Now, as you see, we looked at these 11 this -- strike that. 11 entries earlier. Do you recall that? This starts with 01:00. Is that 12 12 13 1:00 o'clock in the morning on September 22nd? 13 Okay. Now, with respect to the entry 14 for March 7th, 2015, it says, "Client advises RN 14 A Yes, that's correct. 15 Q And it starts "RN notified that client 15 via text of increasing anxiety, reports emotional 16 requires assistance. Upon arrival, client noted 16 lability." 17 Do you recall her reporting why she was 17 to appear irritable, loud, and angry. Client 18 screaming at times and appears agitated. Client 18 feeling anxious at this time?

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22 via text, right?

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19 crying and states she got into a verbal argument

Does this refresh your recollection at

20 with fiancé after RN departure."

22 all about Ms. Heard having an outburst?

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A No, I don't recall the specific reason

20 of why she is notifying me of that at this time.

O So it says here that she notified you

3751 3753 A Correct. 1 treatment from you on that date, is that something Q Directing your attention to the next 2 you would have documented in your notes? 3 note from March 8th, 2018, and I know you 3 A Perhaps. If there was request for 4 discussed this with Adam earlier so I won't medical treatment that differed from sort of 5 belabor this too much, but do you recall that day-to-day status, then, yes, I might have put it 6 this -- at the time of this entry, on March 8th, 6 in my notes if I hadn't discussed with Dr. Kipper. 7 2015, Ms. Heard was in Australia? 7 But I don't make any reference to it in this 8 8 particular note. A I would make that assumption based upon 9 my note for March 8th. It stated that client will 9 MS. LECAROZ: Could we please pull up 10 be returning to Los Angeles accompanied by house 10 what should be in -- I think I would have uploaded 11 on document B. It bears the Bates number of 11 manager, Ben. I'm paraphrasing her, but, yes, I 12 believe she was coming from Australia for this 12 Falati 0134. 13 AV TECHNICIAN: Exhibit 14. 13 particular entry. Q It says here, "RN plans to meet client 14 Q I think we covered this before, but 15 upon arrival." 15 just to confirm, is this your email up at the top 16 that says "erinboreum@hotmail.com"? 16 Do you see that? 17 I'm sorry. Did you respond? 17 A Yes. Yes, I do. 18 Q And I think you testified to this A Yes. 19 earlier: You did see Ms. Heard the next day when 19 Oh, great. Thank you. I'm sorry I 0 20 didn't hear that. 20 she arrived back in Los Angeles; is that correct? A That's correct. If you look at the Okay. I'm going to direct your 22 attention down to this email from David Kipper on 22 entry for March 9th, I refer to meeting her and 3752 1 her friend. So, yes, I would have met her in 1 March 9, 2015 that starts out, "Erin, love you too 2 (much)." 2 person that day. 3 Q Do you recall how long you spent with Do you recognize this email? 4 Ms. Heard that following day? A I believe I produced this in reference to the subpoena. A I don't recall. My notes state that I Q Do you recall receiving this email? 6 met her for dinner at 22:00, which in military 6 7 time would be 10:00 p.m. I don't recall how long 7 A I don't recall, but I do remember 8 I was with her, so I would assume a couple hours. 8 reviewing this. I don't think I reviewed it in 9 But, again, I'm just making an assumption. 9 preparation for today, but probably at the time of Q Do you recall observing any injuries to 10 the document requests, I think I probably reviewed 11 Ms. Heard when you saw her on March 9th, 2015? 11 this. Q Directing your attention to the middle A No, I don't recall. I don't make note 12 12 13 of it, but I don't recall either. 13 of the email, do you see where it says, "I'm sure Q If Ms. Heard had visible injuries, is 14 JD will let Heard know we are coming home. I want 15 that something that you would have documented in 15 her to please not see him for a few days until we 16 your nursing notes? 16 can get him organized with the hand surgeon and 17 17 get his meds balanced." A I would assume so. Q Do you recall Ms. Heard seeking any 18 Do you see that? 19 medical treatment from you when you saw her on 19 A Yes. 20 March 9th, 2015? Q Okay. And "JD" refers to Mr. Depp in A I don't recall. 21 this instance? 21 If Ms. Heard had sought medical 22 22 A Yes.

Conducted on May 3, 2022 3755 3757 O And the "Heard" is Ms. Heard? 1 wasn't present for, and them separating because of 2 A Yes. 2 that. 3 Q Did you have an understanding at this Q Did you have any understanding as to 4 time as to why Dr. Kipper didn't want Ms. Heard to why Dr. Kipper stated that none of this will be see Mr. Depp for a few days? accepted by Ms. Heard? A I don't recall exactly. This might 6 A I would be speculating on that, but, 7 have been in reference to Australia, when they -you know, we used joking terminology. 8 meaning Mr. Depp and Ms. Heard -- were separated. Q Based on your experience treating 9 I would have to check the dates on that. 9 Ms. Heard at this time, in March of 2015, would Q Well, turning back to your notes where 10 you agree -- or did you agree with Dr. Kipper that 11 Ms. Heard was returning from March -- from 11 Ms. Heard would not accept not seeing Mr. Depp for 12 Australia on March 19th, 2015, is that what you 12 a period of time? A I don't know specifically. As I think 13 were referring to? 14 A Thanks. Yes, that would be the same 14 we talked about much earlier this morning, there 15 was generally a sense of arguing, reconciling, and 15 time period. Q Okay. And you alluded to an 16 that sort of cycle happening repeatedly throughout 17 their relationship. 17 understanding that Dr. Kipper wanted Mr. Depp and Q If we could please go back to the 18 Ms. Heard separated? 19 nursing notes, which are Exhibit 2, can we please 19 A Yes. 20 Q And why do you -- what was your 20 go back to the entries from March 2015 that are on 21 the page with the Bates number 16952. 21 understanding as to why they needed to be Now, we covered this earlier, but it 22 separated? 3756 3758 A I don't recall specifics. I wasn't 1 says in your March 9, 2015 entry, it says, "Client 2 present in Australia at that time. I just 2 states she would like to discuss recent events between her and husband with RN in private 3 remember a general sense of a big argument tomorrow." 4 happening and the treatment team deciding that 4 5 5 they should not be around each other. So Do you see that? 6 Ms. Heard returned to Los Angeles, and Mr. Depp 6 A Yes, I do. Q Directing your attention to the entry 7 stayed in Australia. For how long, I don't for March 10th, 2015, it says, "RN met client at 8 recall. Q Next bit here, it says, "Please use the home at 16:00." 10 excuse that Dr. Kipper insists that JD stay quiet Does that refresh your recollection 10 11 without any distraction for the rest of the week 11 that you did meet with her the next day? 12 while we get his medication organized and A No, it doesn't refresh my recollection. 13 balanced. None of this will be accepted by her, 13 However, I'll refer to my nursing note. 14 but I will be very upset (you can tell her this) Q Do you have any reason to doubt that 15 if there's any stress created by a visit 15 these notes are accurate? 16 premature." Do you see that? 16 A No. **17** A Yes.

22 Exhibit 2, which is the nurse notes, and

18 any injuries to you at that time?

Q Okay.

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Q Do you have any understanding as to why

A Again, just the general sense that

22 there was a major argument in Australia, which I

19 Dr. Kipper was directing you to provide this

20 excuse to Ms. Heard?

Q Do you recall whether Ms. Heard showed

A I don't recall any - any injuries.

MS. MEYERS: Can we go back to

Conducted on May 3, 2022 3761 1 specifically the entry for March 25th, 2015. Just 1 spent with Ms. Heard and Mr. Depp? 2 go back up to the top of this entry for A I believe it is. 3 March 25th, please. 3 Q Do you see in the middle where it says, Q I just want to ask you one more part of "JD appeared calm and coherent"? 5 this. It says, "States she is concerned about A I do. 6 ability to trust fiancé following argument on 6 Is that accurate to your recollection 7 March 23, 2015." of that evening? Do you have any recollection of A Again, I don't remember that 9 Ms. Heard expressing concern about her ability to 9 specifically, but I just remember a general sense 10 trust Mr. Depp? 10 of it being a fun, happy evening. A I would say I have no generalized Q So this is consistent with your 12 memory of there being, as I stated before, 12 recollection of that evening? A I would make that assumption. 13 jealousy and anxiety issues, including mistrust 13 And you have no reason to doubt the 14 within the relationship. 15 Q Do you recall Ms. Heard ever telling 15 accuracy of your note, correct? 16 you that she thought Mr. Depp was cheating on her? A Correct. 16 17 Q Directing your attention to the 17 A No, I don't recall that specifically. 18 December 17th, 2015 entry, will you just take a 18 I just, as I said, have a general sense of 19 minute and read this over and confirm whether --19 remembering jealousy being an issue. 20 strike that. Q If we could -- okay. I think -- do you 21 21 recall talking about visiting Ms. Heard and Do you recall going and visiting 22 Mr. Depp for Thanksgiving earlier today? 22 Ms. Heard on December 15th -- excuse me, 3760 3762 1 December 17th, 2015? A Yes. 2 Does anything stand out in your mind A I remember insomuch as my nursing notes as -- from that Thanksgiving dinner that you can regarding this night. I don't say – I can't say 4 recall? that I recall much more than I have here, but I do A Nothing really stands out other than it remember visiting her. 6 was - I sort of have a general sense of it being Q It says here that "Client had visible a really jovial, fun time. bright red blood appearing in the center of lower 8 lip." Q Do you recall how long you stayed at 9 Do you see that? 9 the dinner? 10 A Not specifically. I would assume a few 10 A Yes. 11 hours. Q Did you -- other than the blood on 12 Ms. Heard's lip, do you recall seeing any other 12 MS. MEYERS: Can we please just quickly 13 go to the note from November -- this is in 13 injuries to her on that date? 14 Exhibit 2, in the entry for November 26th, 2015, 14 I don't recall any other than what I Α 15 which is on page 16954. 15 state.

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AV TECHNICIAN: Please stand by.

And I believe you testified that this

Q Ms. Falati, turning your attention to

18 the entry for November 26th, 2015, do you recall

22 is the entry from the Thanksgiving dinner that you

19 seeing this entry earlier today?

A Yes.

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16 Q17 at all?

20 her - her lip.

Do you recall examining Ms. Heard's lip

A I don't think I did that other than a

Q The note says here, "Client also stated

22 her head is bruised and that she lost clumps of

19 visual examination. I didn't physically examine

3763 3765 1 hair in altercation. RN briefly looked at 1 the altercation with Mr. Depp, right? 2 client's scalp but was unable to visualize 2 A Correct. 3 hematomas client had described." Q If she had any other injuries on that Is that what you wrote in your note? occasion, would you have reported them in your 5 A Yes. nursing notes? If you had observed the bruises or 6 6 A I made that assumption based on my 7 hematomas that Ms. Heard had described, would that other notes that reference the blood on her lip. have been reflected in your note? MS. MEYERS: Could we go back to A I would assume. But, again, I'm not 9 Exhibit 2 and the nursing notes for April 21, 10 trained in looking for those type of injuries, 10 2016, which -- I'll get the actual page number --11 which is why my note continues that I encourage 11 which is on Bates No. 16957. 12 her to be seen by a professional that is trained Q Where it says, "RN socialized with JD 12 13 to do so. 13 for 45 minutes. JD appeared coherent, oriented, 14 MS. MEYERS: Can we drop down to the 14 and sociable. Thought process logical and clear," 15 next page. And this is just the end portion of 15 do you have any reason to doubt that that's 16 this note. 16 accurate, that was an accurate description of 17 Q It says here, "RN reminds client to 17 Mr. Depp on that date? 18 hydrate with oral fluid and to limit/abstain from A Jessica, I apologize. Can you just use 19 alcohol. Client was consuming red wine when --19 your cursor to help me see the note that you were 20 with RN left but assured RN she would consume in 20 just reading. 21 moderation." Q Sure. It's -- sorry, I actually don't 21 22 have control of it. 22 Is that what you wrote? 3764 3766 A Oh. A It is. And I believe I miswrote there. 2 Probably it should say, "Client was consuming red Q It's down towards the middle. It says, "RN socialized with JD" at -- times "45 minutes. wine when RN left," not with, just to clarify. 3 Q Why would you advise Ms. Heard on this JD appeared coherent, oriented, and sociable." occasion to limit her -- why did you advise 5 Oh, ves, I see it. Thank you. 6 Ms. Heard to limit or abstain from alcohol on this 6 "Thought process" -occasion? A A I don't recall why I would be speaking 8 -- "logical and clear." to limit or abstain from alcohol on this occasion. A Yes. So I'm sorry. What was your So to confirm, based on your nursing 10 question regarding that? 11 note, you are aware that Ms. Heard claimed to have Q Do you have any reason to doubt that 11 12 been injured by Mr. Depp in December of 2015, 12 that's an accurate description of how Mr. Depp 13 right? 13 appeared to you on April 21st, 2016? 14 Correct. 14 A I have no reason to doubt it. I would 15 Q And you went and actually saw her 15 stand by my notes. 16 shortly after that alleged incident, correct? Q You knew that Mr. Depp was being 17 A Not that same day, but possibly the 17 treated for substance abuse issues by Dr. Kipper 18 following day, I believe. 18 and Nurse Debbie Lloyd, correct? Q And on that occasion, you observed that 19 A Yes. 20 she did have -- she had a bloody lip, correct? Q If Mr. Depp had appeared intoxicated on 21 A Correct. 21 this occasion, is that something that you would

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22 have documented?

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And she told you that was a result of

3767 3769 A If it had been outwardly visible for 1 not prescribed can interfere and cause adverse 2 either client, I would have made reference to effects with her prescribed medication. Client that. 3 laughed and also reported using illicit drugs MS. MEYERS: If we could, go back to (mushrooms and MDMA) on May 9th, 2016 at home with 5 the nursing notes, Exhibit 2, please. And if you a high-profile male acquaintance." could, go down to the entry for May 11. Thank 6 Did I read that correctly? you. A Yes, you did. 8 Q Now, Ms. Falati, you looked at this O Do you recall Ms. Heard laughing in 9 entry earlier today, correct? response to your reminder about illicit drug use? 10 A Correct. 10 A No, I don't recall that. Q In your time caring for Ms. Heard, did 11 Directing your attention to just a 11 12 couple lines down, it says, "Client discussed her 12 you ever see Mr. Depp physically abuse her? 13 birthday trip to Coachella music festival (trip 13 A (No verbal response.) 14 was April 22nd, 2016 through April 24th, 2016). 14 Q Did you ever see Ms. Heard physically 15 Client admits to illicit drug use during the trip 15 abuse Mr. Depp? 16 and states she ingested mushrooms and MDMA A (No verbal response.) 17 simultaneously while also consuming alcohol and O Did you ever see Ms. Heard throw 17 18 states she vomited and was 'high' for at least 24 18 anything at Mr. Depp in the time that you cared 19 hours straight." 19 for her? 20 Do you see that? 20 A No, I did not witness that. 21 A Yes, I see that. 21 Q In the time that you treated her, did 22 Did I read that correctly? 22 you ever see Ms. Heard lose her temper? 3768 3770 1 A Yes, you did. A As we talked about previously, the one Do you recall -- well, first of all, do 2 incident that I can remember is in London 2014 -3 you recall Ms. Heard relaying this to you? yes, 2014 – in regards to the phone being hacked A I don't recall these specifics that I and sensitive material being leaked. 5 state here in the note, but I remember sort of a 5 Q Did you ever feel that Ms. Heard was 6 conversation talking about the trip after they had 6 hostile towards you at any time during your returned. treatment of her? O And this starts out "Client admits to 8 A No. 9 illicit drug use," so am I correct that this is --Q Did you ever feel like she was ignoring 10 based on these notes, this is something Ms. Heard 10 attempts by you to -- to contact her? 11 reported to you directly? 11 A Yes. I have a general memory of A Again, I don't remember these 12 often – not often, excuse me; I misspoke – of 13 specifics; however, my usage of "client admits" 13 that happening on more than one occasion where I 14 refers to a client reporting something to me. 14 would reach out and not get a response. I Q And Ms. Heard never admitted to illicit 15 remember feeling frustrated by that. 16 drug use to you before this time? 16 Q When had you treated domestic violence **17** A I believe in reference to my nursing 17 victims prior to this time? 18 notes from when I first met her, she did admit to A The time that I worked with them was in 19 previous substance abuse. 19 nursing school. I don't want to say a specific

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Q It says here, "RN reminded client that

21 illicit drug use will not be tolerated by medical

22 staff and that any medication or drugs that are

20 place for confidentiality reasons, but it was for

21 domestic violence victims, sort of a safe house.

Ms. Falati, do you remember when you

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were treating Ms. Heard that at some point she had	1 the fact that I stopped by briefly, maybe an hour
2 a cyst on her eyelid?	2 or two.
A Yes, that sounds familiar.	3 Q Did you go inside her house? Or were
Q Ms. Falati, do you remember that she	4 you outside the door?
5 had a procedure to have that cyst removed?	5 A From what I recall, I was inside –
6 A Yes.	6 Q Okay.
7 Q And was that a surgical procedure, to	7 A – the penthouse, yes.
8 your recollection?	8 Q By the way, when you saw Amber on
9 A From what I recall, that was handled at 10 an outpatient surgical center. Other than that, I	9 December 17th, was she wearing makeup or not? Do
11 don't know the details of that specific process.	10 you recall?
12 Q Do you recall whether Ms. Heard had any	11 A I don't recall. Yeah, I don't recall.
13 marks around her eye after having that procedure?	THE COURT: All right. Thank you.
14 A I don't recall. I remember a topical	13 Before the next witness, could I have
15 ointment being applied, but I don't recall if	
16 there were marks on her eye or not.	14 counsel approach on the Plaintiff's 46.
17 MS. LECAROZ: At this point the	15 (Sidebar.)
18 questioning switches back to counsel for	THE COURT: Okay. As far as the
19 Ms. Heard.	17 dueling, now there was testimony, I did have at
20 THE COURT: All right. Thank you.	18 the beginning of this note it goes up to there.
21 EXAMINATION BY COUNSEL FOR THE DEFENDANT AND	19 There was a testimony, and it didn't direct her to
22 COUNTERCLAIM PLAINTIFF	20 that note. And also this note directed to this
	21 part.
	22 It seems like in these notes that
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1 BY MR. NADELHAFT:	1 you've been redacting a whole note if it's not
2 Q Do you see Falati 93?	2 identified but letting the whole note go in if it
3 A Yes.	3 is identified; is that correct?
4 Q Okay. And is this another picture of	4 MS. VASQUEZ: Yes.
5 Amber from May 21st, 2016?	5 MR. NADELHAFT: That's basically been
6 A Correct. This is a picture of	6 it. Based on your, I'll that's fine.
7 Ms. Heard.	7 THE COURT: So plaintiff's redactions.
8 Q And Amber sent you this text on	8 Okay. So 46 is in evidence.
9 May 21st, 2016?	9 MR. NADELHAFT: Thank you, Your Honor.
10 A I believe so, based on the time stamp.	MS. VASQUEZ: Thank you, Your Honor.
11 Q And the same for this picture on the	11 THE COURT: All right.
12 next page, Amber sent you this picture of her?	12 (Open court.)
13 A Correct.	THE COURT: So Plaintiff's 46 is in
14 Q And the same for this page, the next	14 evidence. Your next witness.
15 page, Amber sent you this picture of her on	Yes, sir, Mr. Dennison.
16 May 21st?	16 MR. DENNISON: Plaintiff calls Michael
17 A Yes.	17 Spindler.
18 Q When you when you saw Amber on	18 THE COURT: All right. Mr. Spindler.
19 December 17th, 2015, when you spoke about that,	19 MICHAEL SPINDLER,
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20 how long did how long were you with her? Do	***
21 you recall?	21 Plaintiff and Counterclaim Defendant, having been
22 A Don't recall. I would assume, based on	22 duly sworn by the clerk, testified as follows:

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1 EXAMINATION BY COUNSEL FOR THE PLAINTIFF AND	1 A Well, it's a long career, so I'll give
COUNTERCLAIM DEFENDANT	2 you the highlights. I spent about 30 years with
2 BY MR. DENNISON:	3 national accounting firms as partner at two
3 Q Good morning, sir,	4 different firms and also was involved with a
4 A Good morning.	5 couple of forensic accounting boutique firms.
5 Q Would you state your name for the	6 Q Okay. Do you hold any certifications?
6 record?	7 A I do.
7 A Michael Spindler.	8 Q What are they?
8 Q Where do you live?	9 A I'm a certified public accountant with
9 A I live in Los Angeles, California.	10 licenses from six states: New York, California,
10 Q What's your occupation?	11 Arizona, Nevada, Utah, and Hawaii. I'm also
11 A I'm a forensic accountant.	12 certified in financial forensics. I'm a certified
12 Q What do you mean by "forensic	13 fraud examiner. I'm accredited in business
13 accountant'?	14 valuation and certified money laundering
14 A Well, a forensic accountant does	15 specialist.
15 accounting work that is a bit more investigative	16 Q Do you participate in any professional
16 in nature. So it's essentially taking a look at	17 organizations?
17 business records and accounting records in	
18 connection with some form of business issue.	18 A I do.
19 Q How long have you worked in that field?	19 Q What are those?
20 A I've been a forensic accountant full	20 A Well, I've had leadership positions in
21 time since 1990.	21 a couple of them. I'll mention the Association of
22 Q What did you do before that?	22 Certified Fraud Examiners. I was a president of
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1 A Before that, I spent about ten years	1 the Los Angeles chapter, and I'm currently on
2 doing auditing of financial statements.	2 their board. I've been actively involved with the
3 Q Can you describe your educational	3 California Society of CPAs. I was president of
4 background?	4 the Los Angeles chapter that had 11,000 members at
5 A Yes. I graduated in 1981 from the	5 the time. I was also on the CalCPA council, which
6 State University of New York in Albany with a	6 is kind of their board of directors, and also a
7 Bachelor of Science degree in accounting and a	7 member of the board of trustees of the CalCPA
8 minor in economics.	8 Education Foundation.
9 Q Are you currently employed?	9 Q Have you testified as an expert before?
10 A I am.	10 A I have.
11 Q Who's your employer.	11 Q Approximately how many times?
12 A B. Riley Advisory Services.	12 A About a hundred times, roughly, about
13 Q What's B. Riley Advisory Services?	13 half of that in trials and arbitrations.
14 A It's a national forensic accounting	14 Q What's your typical role in those
15 boutique firm that does forensic accounting,	15 cases?
16 business valuations and appraisals, and bankruptcy	16 A Typically it can take a number of
17 and restructuring work.	17 forms, but commonly I will testify with respect to
18 Q How long have you been employed at	18 the damages.
19 B. Riley?	19 Q Have you done any film industry work?
20 A Since January of 2015.	20 A Yes, I have.
21 Q What did you do for work prior to	21 Q What was that?
22 B. Riley?	22 A I've done work involving all the major
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1 film studios. I've also done work on behalf of
2 writers, directors, producers, actors, studio
3 executives.
4 MR. DENNISON: Your Honor, I would like
5 to proffer Mr. Spindler as an expert in forensic
6 accounting.

7 THE COURT: All right. Any objection?8 MR. ROTTENBORN: No objection.

9 THE COURT: All right. So moved.

10 Thank you.

11 BY MR. DENNISON:

12 Q What work did you do in this case?

13 A Well, in this case I was asked to take 14 a look at issues with respect to lost earnings for 15 Mr. Depp.

16 Q What in particular did you do?

17 A I looked at accounting records that
18 were produced by Mr. Depp's accounting firm, Ed
19 White and Company. I looked at trial exhibits. I
20 looked at deposition testimony. I looked at some
21 trial testimony. And I looked at various other
22 documents and exhibits in connection with the

1 that role and that franchise picture was

2 \$22.5 million, based on testimony provided by

3 Mr. Jack Whigham. In addition, we looked at --

Q Did you do anything else with respect to Pirates 6?

7 A Well, we also calculated the net 8 earnings that Mr. Depp would have received from 9 that.

10 Q Okay. And what did you base your 11 analysis of Pirates 6 on?

12 A Based on the testimony of Mr. Jack 13 Whigham.

14 Q Okay. What else did you do with 15 respect to the lost earning analysis that you did?

16 A Well, the other main components of this
17 is taking a look at all the other roles, the
18 nonfranchise films, so those films, studio films,
19 independent films, and endorsements that Mr. Depp
20 realizes and enjoys. So in connection with that,

21 we looked at his bookings for the year 2017, and

22 by bookings I mean instances where Mr. Depp is

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1 case.

Q What specific period did you analyze with respect to lost earnings?

A I looked at the period following the publication of the op-ed. So I looked at the period from December 18th, 2018 through October 31st, 2020.

8 Q What materials did you review?

9 A I looked at the accounting records that 10 had been produced by Mr. Depp's accountants.

11 Q Any other materials?

12 A Various deposition transcripts, trial 13 testimony, contracts, et cetera.

14 Q All right. What conclusions did you 15 draw from your review?

16 A I concluded that Mr. Depp suffered lost 17 earnings of about \$30 million.

18 Q How did you reach that conclusion?

19 A Well, there are really two main 20 components to that. The first relates to the loss 21 of the role of Captain Jack Sparrow in the 22 Pirates 6 film, so the loss related to the loss of 1 hired for a project. And he receives that first

2 money related to that project in 2017. So in

3 other words, you've got a deal, and cash has

4 showed up so it's real. So we looked at his 2017

5 bookings, and we calculated for that year, for

6 that period, his bookings were about

7 \$17.5 million, the main components of that,

8 Mr. Whigham testified to.

9 We then looked at the period of time 10 following the op-ed of December 18th, 2018 through

11 October 31st, 2020. So his annual earnings was

12 \$17.5 million. In what is known as a typical

13 year, a reasonable base year, at that rate, what

14 would we have expected Mr. Depp to have earned

15 from that period of October 18, 2018 through

16 October 31st, 2020?

17 And we then compared that to his 18 bookings, his actual bookings, for that period of 19 time.

20 Q Why did you use 2017 as a typical base 21 year?

22 A Well, a couple of reasons. First of

3785 1 all, Mr. Whigham testified that that was a typical 1 Mr. Depp's earnings in connection with setting up 2 year for Mr. Depp, and it's also the most recent, 2 a project for Mr. Depp. 3 clean year that was experienced. In 2018, he had 3 So we deduct that 10 percent, which comes to \$2,250,000, just 10 percent of 4 the publication of the op-ed. That didn't happen 5 in 2017. 22.5 million. And the net effect of that, this Q Okay. Did you do anything -- did you amount that Mr. Depp would have received after prepare anything to assist the jury with respect deducting that fee, would have been \$20,250,000. to the analysis that you performed? And that's the first component of this. A We did prepare a chart, yes. Q Okay. What did you do in terms of the 10 MR. DENNISON: Your Honor, may I 10 analysis of lost bookings for nonfranchise films? 11 approach? A Okay. So that's the next section of 12 the chart. And as I mentioned before, his 2017 12 THE COURT: All right. 13 MR. ROTTENBORN: Thank you. 13 bookings were about \$17.5 million. So that rate 14 14 of earnings over the period from mid December A Thank you. MR. DENNISON: Your Honor, I think this 15 through the end of October 2020, or mid 15 16 is Plaintiff's Exhibit 1240. I'm going to -- I'm 16 December 2018 through the end of October 2020, 17 not going to move it into evidence. We're just 17 would come to about 32.8, \$32.9 million. 18 going to use the document, with your permission We then compared that to actual 18 19 and publish it to the jury so that the witness can 19 bookings during that period of time of mid 20 explain it. 20 December 2018 through October 2020. That amount 21 THE COURT: Any objection to 21 was \$10,586,000. We deducted those bookings, the 22 actual amounts, from what we would have expected 22 Demonstrative 1240? 3784 3786 MR. ROTTENBORN: If he's just asking to to arrive at his lost bookings for nonfranchise activity, and that comes to about \$22.3 million. use it as a demonstrative, I have no objection. And once again, we deducted the 10 percent agent's THE COURT: All right. 3 commission. Demonstrative -- well, do you have an electronic 5 So the net effect of lost earnings to copy of it? 6 Mr. Depp after that agent's fee for non-Pirate MR. DENNISON: We do. 6 films, comes to about 20 million dollars. THE COURT: All right. That's fine. Q What does the figure at the bottom 8 BY MR. DENNISON: corner of the chart of \$40,318,000 and --Q Who did this chart? 10 40,318,237. What does that represent? A I, in combination with people working 10 A Well, that's grand total. That's the 11 under my direction from my firm. 12 sum of those two components for total lost

13 done here? Sure. I'd be happy to. So as we 15 discussed previously, Mr. Depp lost the role in 16 Pirates 6, and the effect of that was lost 17 earnings of \$22.5 million based on Mr. Whigham's 18 testimony. And then what we've shown here is the 19 10 percent agent commission.

Q Can you explain to the jury what you've

20 Q So why did you deduct 10 percent?

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21 Because that's the rate for Mr. Depp's 22 agent. That's what his agent receives out of

13 earnings of \$40.3 million. MR. DENNISON: No further questions, 14 15 Your Honor. 16 THE COURT: All right. 17 Cross-examination. MR. ROTTENBORN: Thank you, Your Honor. 18 EXAMINATION BY COUNSEL FOR THE DEFENDANT AND วก COUNTERCLAIM PLAINTIFF 21 BY MR. ROTTENBORN: Q Good morning, Mr. Spindler.

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A Good morning.O So this lawsuit isn't the first time

3 you've worked with Johnny Depp, is it?

4 A It is not.

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5 Q You've worked with him in a lawsuit 6 that he had in the past with his old law firm, 7 correct?

8 A Yes. Just a little bit of work, yes.

9 Q And so in this second go-round as a 10 paid expert for Mr. Depp, you're making what, \$550 11 an hour is what he's paying you; is that right?

12 A That's the amount that my firm bills. 13 I do not receive that.

14 Q Now, the subject matter of your opinion 15 testimony in this case is the economic damages 16 that Mr. Depp has allegedly suffered as a result 17 of Ms. Heard's December 8, 2018 op-ed, correct?

18 A Correct.

19 Q And this is the first case in which you 20 testified as an expert relating to economic 21 damages claimed by an actor, correct?

22 A First time I've testified to, but I've

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1 done that work before.

Q And you understand that this case is about only whether Ms. Heard's December 1st, 2018 op-ed constitutes defamation of Mr. Depp, correct?

5 A That's my understanding.

Q And you understand that this case isn't about anything else Ms. Heard has ever said or done, correct?

9 A I believe that's correct.

10 Q And to be clear, you're testifying only 11 as to alleged damages, right?

12 A Correct.

13 Q So you are not offering any opinion or 14 any testimony on whether those specific damages 15 that you just discussed were caused by the op-ed, 16 correct?

17 A That's correct.

18 Q And you're assuming for the purposes of 19 your report that the damages that you're 20 testifying about were caused by Amber's op-ed, 21 correct?

22 A Yes.

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Q So you're, therefore, not look into whether anything else that's happened with

3 Mr. Depp's life or career could have caused him

4 economic damages, correct?

5 A I believe that's generally correct, 6 yes.

Q So you're not looking at whether the article published in the U.K. in June 2018 calling Mr. Depp a wife beater caused him the damages, 10 correct?

11 A Correct.

12 Q You're not looking at whether the 13 lawsuit that he brought in the U.K. against the 14 publisher of that article caused him those 15 damages, right?

16 A Correct.

17 Q You're not looking at any of the 18 evidence that came out in that lawsuit about 19 alleged instances of abuse against Amber, correct?

20 A Correct.

21 Q You're not looking at whether the 22 consequences of Mr. Depp's drug and alcohol use

1 have caused him the damages you're discussing,

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2 correct?

A Correct.

Q You're not looking at whether the worsening performance at the box office of Mr. Depp's movies over time has caused him the damages that you're testifying about, correct?

8 A Correct. And I'm not acknowledging any 9 of this being accurate. I'm just saying that that 10 wasn't part of my calculations.

11 Q Sure. I understand. I just want to 12 make clear what you didn't look at, what you're 13 not opining on.

And so to round that out, you're not 15 considering even the impact of Amber obtaining a 16 restraining order in May 2016 and whether that may 17 have caused some damages; that's not part of your 18 opinion, correct?

19 A Well, since we were taking a look at 20 lost bookings, using 2017 as a base year, any 21 activity that preceded that would have been baked 22 into those calculations that way.

3793 Q And we'll get to those calculations in A I know that there was a public 2 a minute because I'd like to -- I'm going to put 2 announcement subsequent to the publication of the 3 up the chart that you put in your expert report. op-ed. But first, I want to talk about 4 Q What public announcement are you 5 Pirates 6 because that's basically the two talking about? 6 components of your damages is Pirates 6 and then 6 A I believe there was an interview of this nonfranchise lost bookings, right? Mr. Bailey that was published several days after. A Correct. Oh, okay. Well, that interview of So for Pirates 6 specifically, you 9 Mr. Bailey didn't say that he wasn't going to be 10 assume that he would have made 22 and a half 10 in it. In fact, have you looked at the article 11 million dollars on Pirates 6, right? 11 that the jury saw the headline for yesterday dated 12 November 5th, 2020, about Mr. Depp potentially not 12 A Correct. 13 Q And you took Jack Whigham's word for it 13 being in Pirates 6? Have you looked at that 14 article? I assume not. 14 in making that assumption, correct? A I based it on his testimony, ves. 15 A No. 15 O Okay. And you didn't take into account 16 Q Now, you never saw a contract that 17 Mr. Depp had for Pirates 6, correct? 17 Mr. Depp's statement that he wouldn't do Pirates 6 18 for \$300 million and a million alpacas, correct? 18 A Correct. Q Because no contract exists to your A That sounds like hyperbole to me. I 19 20 knowledge, correct? 20 didn't take that very seriously. 21 A So far as I know. I've not seen one. 21 Okay. And you didn't take into consideration 22 22 A That sounded like somebody who was a 3792 1 Jack Whigham's testimony that Disney was 1 bit hurt or in pain as a result of the loss of the 2 noncommittal about Mr. Depp being in the Pirates 6 2 role. 3 Q So if Mr. Depp didn't lose the role in 3 even before the op-ed, correct? 4 the Pirates 6 because of the op-ed but he lost it A Correct. for other reasons, then your damages opinion Q And you didn't take into consideration relating to Pirates 6 would drop to \$0, correct? 6 the press articles that came out prior to the 7 op-ed that suggested that Disney had made a A I believe that's correct. If it's not 8 decision not to cast Mr. Depp in Pirates 6, lost for that reason, it's lost for some other 9 correct? 9 independent reason, then I think that would need 10 A Correct. 10 to be considered. Q And you have no idea whether Pirates 6 11 O Okay. Thank you. 11 Now, let's shift gears and talk about 12 will ever be made, right? 13 the nonfranchise earnings for a moment. 13 A I wouldn't know that. And you have no idea if Disney has You claim this number is about 14 15 decided one way or the other whether Mr. Depp 15 \$21 million, right, roughly? 16 would be in it or whether they'd offer him a role A 20. 16 17 in it if it is ever made, correct? 17 Q We'll pull it up. Well, actually, we'll look at the chart 18 A Well, my understanding is that they 19 here. \$20 million -- about \$20 million after 19 made public statements that he would not. Q And you have -- if Disney decided that 20 agent fees? 21 he wouldn't be in it, you have no idea of when 21 A Correct. 22 they decided that, correct? 22 Okay. And to reach that number, you

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1 looked at what his historical earnings records	1 A Yes.
2 showed, right?	2 Q Made under 60 million. And you'd agree
3 A Correct.	3 that from the period 2010 to 2020, his annual
4 Q And you got that information from Ed	4 income on average was decreasing?
5 White's office?	5 A Yes. But you have to look at
6 A Yes.	6 components of this.
7 Q And you assumed that the information	7 Q Right.
8 you got from Ed White's office was accurate,	8 A And –
9 right?	9 Q And in 2000 I just wanted to get
10 A I did, yes.	10 your agreement that from 2010 to 2020, his annual
MR. ROTTENBORN: Could we please pull	11 income was decreasing.
12 up the chart that's in his expert report.	Now, in 2020, he earned more than he
13 Your Honor, this is	13 did in 2016, correct?
14 Q Or, Mr. Spindler, I would like you to	14 A On an overall basis, yes.
15 take a look at this and confirm for the court that	15 Q And in 2020 he earned more than he did
16 this is the chart that's in your expert report, if	16 in 2018, correct?
17 you would.	17 A Yes. Just based on earnings.
18 A It appears to be, yes.	18 Q And in 2018 and 2019, he earned almost
19 MR. ROTTENBORN: Your Honor, I'd ask	19 identical amounts, correct?
20 for permission to publish this just as a	20 A Yes. Based on earnings.
21 demonstrative.	21 Q And 2019 and 2020 were both after the
22 THE COURT: Any objection?	22 publication date of the op-ed, correct?
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1 MR. DENNISON: No objection.	1 A Yes.
2 THE COURT: All right.	2 Q Okay. Now I want to talk about some of
3 Q So, Mr. Spindler, this chart shows	3 these nonfranchise earnings because when I looked
4 Mr. Depp's earnings by year based on the	4 at your chart that was displayed to the jury, I
5 information that you received from Ed White,	5 didn't see anything specific listed.
6 correct?	6 So can you just confirm for me that you
7 A Correct.	7 can't name a single lost business opportunity
8 Q From 2009 to 2020?	8 other than Pirates 6 that Mr. Depp lost as a
9 A Yes.	9 result of the op-ed?
10 Q And it shows that from about 2009 to	10 A That's correct. That's not the -
11 2019, and I didn't add these up visually, but from	11 Q And you can't provide a single
12 your report, you say that Mr. Depp made about	12 television if you could, just answer my
13 \$459 million, correct?	13 questions yes or no as best you can, please.
14 A Correct.	You can't identify a single television
15 Q Now, the two highest-earning years in	15 project that Mr. Depp allegedly lost out on as a
16 this time period were 2010 and 2011, right?	16 result of the op-ed, correct?
17 A Yes.	17 A Correct. That's not the nature of
18 Q Do you see that? He made about	18 the —
19 \$70 million in 2010?	19 Q And you can't identify a single
20 A I do, yes.	20 advertising campaign or marketing opportunity that
21 Q And then the third highest year was	21 Mr. Depp lost out on as a result of the op-ed,
22 2014, right?	22 correct?
22 2017, light:	22 0011001:

3801 1 A Right. These are the causes of -1 the thought... Q So it's fair to say that for the lost 2 Q No, no, you answered my question. I 3 opportunities that you can't name, you're want to get to your thought. Because you said 4 assuming, as with Pirates 6, that those that one of the reasons you used 2017 was because 5 opportunities were lost because of the op-ed, it was -- you said, I wrote down, "the most recent 6 correct? clean year," right? 7 A Correct. A Correct. 8 Q And then I think you explained, you 8 Q Now, you mentioned something 9 interesting in your direct and in your report. 9 said, because the op-ed was written in 2018, 10 right? 10 You say that you used 2017 as the base year to 11 calculate what you claim Mr. Depp should have 11 A Correct. 12 earned in 2019 and '20, correct? 12 But the op-ed wasn't written until 13 December 18th, 2018, correct? 13 A Correct. And let's take a look at this, because 14 A Yes. 14 Q So if 2017 was clean, then the first 15 2017 he made that much, correct, about 45 million 15 16 352 days of 2018 were also clean, weren't they, 16 or so? 17 sir? 17 A Yes. A If I may explain, Mr. Whigham testified But in 2016, he made just a shade over 18 18 19 that with the first half of 2018, Mr. Depp chose 19 20, correct? 20 to take some vacation time. Also, he chose to go 20 A Correct. 2018, he made a shade under 20, right? 21 touring in the summer with his band. And then he 21 Q 22 22 did a film towards the end of 2018. With the A 3802 3800 1 publication of the op-ed in December of 2018, that O Same with 2019, right? would have impacted the prospects for that film Correct. 2 A And then 2020, he actually made more that was done in 2018. 4 than he had in the prior two years or in 2016 and 4 So he chose to do just the one film in 5 made about, what, 22, 23 million or so; is that 2018. And then the impact of the op-ed on that film would have meant that it was not a clean 6 right? A Right. But as indicated, this is just period. You could not have looked at that film to 8 based on earnings. You need to get get a good sense of what his earnings should have 9 been because he didn't have a chance to earn box Q Right. So you said there -- okay. 10 office bonuses or pilot participations. 10 There are a couple interesting things you said. 11 You said that the most recent -- that 2017, I want Q Well, let's --11 12 to explore why you relied on that. First of all, 12 A So that's why 2017 is a much, much 13 you said that you relied on Jack Whigham's 13 better year to use than 2018. Q Well, let's go back -- I think you --14 testimony that 2017 was a reasonable year to use, 15 correct? 15 let's break that down a little bit. You said that A Correct, yes. 16 2017 is a much cleaner year. But isn't it also 16 17 true that there were other reasons 2018 wasn't Q Despite the fact that 2017, he made 18 more than twice as much as he's made in any year 18 clean, for example, the June -- or the April 2018 19 article by Dan Wootton calling Mr. Depp a wife 19 over the last five years, correct? 20 beater, correct? 20 A Yes. 21 And you say that --21 That did occur that year, yes. 22 The June 2018 lawsuit that Mr. Depp 22 But take a look at - if I can finish

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1 filed in the U.K. against the Sun for calling him	1 THE COURT: All right. Redirect.
2 a wife better, correct?	2 MR. DENNISON: Yep. Thank you, Your
3 A Yes.	3 Honor.
4 Q And how about the October articles	4 EXAMINATION BY COUNSEL FOR THE PLAINTIFF AND
5 reporting that Disney had decided to move on from	5 COUNTERCLAIM DEFENDANT
6 Mr. Depp and not cast him in Pirates 6, correct?	6 BY MR. DENNISON:
7 A I'm sorry. What effect would that have	7 Q You explained 2018. Why didn't you use
8 had?	8 2016?
9 Q Well, it came before the op-ed, so it's	9 A Well, first of all, 2017 was a more
10 another reason why 2018 isn't a clean year in your	10 recent year. 2017 was a year in which Mr. Whigham
11 mind, correct?	11 indicated that that was a typical year for
1	12 Mr. Depp. He had a studio film. He had an
12 A No, that's not the reasons why.	13 independent film. He had an endorsement deal.
13 Q An article published two months before	-
14 the op-ed saying that Disney decided not to cast	14 2016 is further back in time.
15 Mr. Depp, that would also keep 2018 from being	15 As I understand it, his earning
16 what you call a clean year, correct?	16 capacity for that year would have been just about
17 A I've described the reasons why I	17 the same or even higher than 2017 because there
18 believe 2018 was not a clean year.	18 was an endorsement deal that Mr. Depp passed on
19 Q Okay. Now, you're aware, as we talked	19 that would have been worth a lot of money,
20 about, that Amber's op-ed wasn't published until	20 according to Ms. Jacobs. So 2017 made the most
21 December 18, 2018, correct?	21 sense.
22 A Correct.	22 Q Why did you ultimately use the method
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1 Q So Mr. Depp could not have lost out on	1 that you did to determine the lost earnings?
2 any opportunities as a result of the op-ed prior	2 A Because it just made sense. It's the
3 to December 18th, 2018, correct?	3 correct approach to take. You're taking a look at
4 A Correct.	4 what Mr. Depp would have been expected to earn in
5 Q And he couldn't have lost out on any	5 a typical year, and then you're comparing that to
6 opportunities in 2017 as a result of the op-ed,	6 the period of time where you're analyzing
7 fair?	7 following the op-ed from December of 2018 through
8 A Fair.	8 October 2020.
9 Q And he couldn't have lost out on any	9 So you're taking a look at what you
10 opportunities in 2016 as a result of the op-ed,	10 would have expected him to earn. It's very
11 correct?	11 simple, compared to what he actually did earn.
12 A Correct.	MR. DENNISON: No further questions,
13 Q And so, in calculating your damages,	13 Your Honor.
14 you didn't use 2016, you didn't use 2018, but you	THE COURT: All right. Is this witness
15 chose to use 2017, correct?	15 subject to recall?
16 A Yes.	16 MR. DENNISON: Yes.
17 Q And yet he still made more in 2020 than	17 THE COURT: Sir, since you're subject
18 he did in both 2016 and 2018 before the op-ed was	18 to recall, do not discuss your testimony with
19 published, correct?	19 anybody. But since you're giving expert
1 -	
20 A Correct.	20 testimony, you're free to stay in the courtroom,
21 MR. ROTTENBORN: Nothing further.	21 okay? Thank you, sir. Have a good day.
22 Thank you, sir.	THE WITNESS: Thank you very much.

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1 THE COURT: Watch your step there.	1 As required for summary judgment at the
2 All right.	2 end of a plaintiff's case, defendant and
3 MR. CHEW: Plaintiff rests his	3 counterclaim plaintiff Amber Heard hereby moves,
4 case-in-chief.	4 pursuant to Virginia code 8.01282 and Rule 111 of
5 THE COURT: All right. Plaintiff	5 the rules of the Supreme Court of Virginia, to
6 rests. All right.	6 strike plaintiff John C. Depp's evidence.
7 Ladies and gentlemen, we're going to go	7 This written submission contains a
8 ahead and take our morning recess. It may be a	8 shell of some of the reasons that we believe that
9 little longer because I have a few issues to take	9 the Court should strike the evidence at this point
10 up with the attorneys, but then we'll proceed	10 and grant summary judgment in whole or in part on
11 after that, okay? So please do not talk about the	11 behalf of Ms. Heard.
12 case, and do not do any outside research, okay?	12 And so we're just focusing on the
(Whereupon, the jury exited the	13 discrete issues that we believe entitle us to
14 courtroom and the following proceedings took	14 summary judgment at this point.
15 place.)	Now, obviously the Court is well
THE COURT: All right. Why don't we go	16 familiar with the legal standard here, and we
17 ahead and take our recess until 11:45, and then	17 acknowledge that the court is required to accept
18 I'll come back and entertain the motions at that	18 as true the evidence favorable to Mr. Depp as well
19 time.	19 as any reasonable inference that a jury might draw
20 MR. CHEW: Thank you, Your Honor.	20 from that evidence. But at the same time,
21 THE COURT: Okay.	21 granting a motion to strike is appropriate when
THE BAILIFF: All rise.	22 the plaintiff, as is the case here, has failed to
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1 Amber Heard. I'll save that argument until the 2 end, Your Honor, and I'll focus on the first two 3 at this point.

And because it seems like Plaintiff is 5 proceeding under a theory of defamation by 6 implication, under the Pendleton case, 290 7 Va. 162, Plaintiff bears the burden of proving the 8 statements at issue were designed and intended by 9 Ms. Heard to imply a defamatory meaning. Designed 10 and intended to imply a defamatory meaning.

So and to satisfy those first two 12 elements, publication and falsity and defamation, 13 or defamatory nature of the statements, Mr. Depp 14 bears the burden of proving that by preponderance 15 of the evidence, and to satisfy the requisite 16 intent and show that Ms. Heard acted with actual 17 malice, he has a heightened standard of proof that 18 he must prove by clear and convincing evidence 19 that Ms. Heard acted with that malice.

So just want to talk about the 20 21 two -- the two statements on domestic abuse in the 22 op-ed.

3813 1 been the subject of some testimony in this case.

- 2 Two years before she wrote the op-ed, Ms. Heard
- did, in fact, become a public figure representing
- domestic abuse when she obtained a domestic
- violence restraining order against Mr. Depp, and
- 6 Mr. Depp was indeed accused of abuse. Those are
- 7 facts that are true. Now, to the extent that
- 8 Mr. Depp will argue that he's proceeding on a
- 9 defamation by implication claim, again, the Court
- 10 should grant the motion to strike because the 11 undisputed evidence is that he did, in fact, abuse
- 12 Amber. 13 Now, there is -- there's a dispute in

14 this case, there's ample evidence that he 15 physically abused Amber, but we acknowledge that 16 there's a dispute in this case on that. But what 17 there isn't in dispute in this case is nonphysical 18 abuse. Both Mr. Depp and his expert, Shannon 19 Curry, have testified that abuse may come in many 20 forms. It may be physically, certainly, but it 21 may also be verbal, may be emotional, may be 22 psychological. You'll recall Mr. Depp even kind

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And Your Honor's well aware of the 2 ample Virginia case law talking about how you have

- 3 to view the op-ed as a whole, you have to view
- 4 words in context. So these are the statements
- 5 that read, "Then two years ago, I became a public
- 6 figure representing domestic abuse," and the then
- 7 other statement that says, "I have the rare
- 8 vantage point of seeing in real time how
- 9 institutions protect men accused of abuse."
- Now, those statements are entirely 11 opinion except for, according to Mr. Depp, the 12 discussion of domestic abuse. So the statement "I 13 became a public figure representing domestic 14 abuse," and the statement in the second sentence
- The rest of those are inactionable 16 17 opinion statements.

15 that Mr. Depp was a man accused of abuse.

Now, the evidence adduced thus far, 19 Your Honor, shows that Mr. Depp can't sustain a 20 claim on these for two reasons. First of all, the 21 statements are true on their face. I don't think 22 that there's any dispute about that, and that's

1 of setting the baseline for what abuse was when he

- 2 talked about the nonphysical abuse that he
- 3 allegedly suffered at the hands of his mother. He
- 4 said it was worse than the beatings, and the
- 5 example he gave was that his mom used to call him
- 6 "One Eye," as an example because he had a lazy
- 7 eye, I guess, as a child. That was something that
- 8 Mr. Depp himself said was abuse, his mom calling 9 him "One Eye."
- So setting aside the evidence of 10 11 physical abuse in this case, which is already 12 overwhelming, Mr. Depp's claims relating to these 13 two statements should be stricken because of the
- 14 ample and undisputed evidence in the record of
- 15 nonphysical abuse by Mr. Depp toward Ms. Heard. 16 There's evidence in the record of recordings;
- 17 messages, including messages written in blood,
- 18 with his finger, blood and paint; vile names,
- 19 shouting; menaces and threatening statements;
- 20 there's the video, the kitchen video in Sweetzer;
- 21 there's the audio of him calling Ms. Heard, like I 22 say, numerous vile names; there's the audio of him

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1 asking to -- her to cut him and whether she wanted
2 to be cut.
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3 So there's plenty of evidence out of 4 the words -- or out of the mouth of the plaintiff 5 in this case that constitutes nonphysical abuse of 6 Ms. Heard, again, under the standards set forth by 7 his expert and the plaintiff himself. Those are 8 far worse than his mother calling him "One Eye"

9 when he was a child. 10 In addition to that, Your Honor, 11 there's Travis McGivern's testimony from yesterday 12 in which he testified that at a minimum, on the 13 night of March 23rd, 2015, both parties were being 14 verbally abusive to each other. Mr. McGivern also 15 testified about Mr. Depp "rearranging her closet, 16 throwing racks of clothing down onto the floor, 17 and throwing at least one rack down the stairs." 18 Now, in California, property damage alone can be a 19 basis for getting a temporary restraining order

21 nonphysical abuse or nonphysical toward Ms. Heard.

20 under California law, so further evidence of

You saw the cupboards in the Sweetzer

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1 kitchen video. And then Dr. Laurel Anderson, Your
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2 Honor, testified that she believed the parties

3 engaged in mutual abuse at that, at least some of

4 the time, that that was initiated by Mr. Depp.

5 This is all evidence. We haven't gotten to put in

6 our case yet, and to the extent this case proceeds

7 and that will start now, but this is all evidence

8 that has come in while plaintiff controls the

9 playing field of what evidence has come in, and he 10 can't overcome that.

In this case, Your Honor, if Mr. Depp 11 12 abused Ms. Heard, physically, verbally, 13 emotionally, or psychologically even one time, 14 then she wins on those claims. Then she wins. 15 It's that simple. And the evidence is 16 overwhelming and undisputed in the ways that I've 17 just described that he did.

So for that reason, Your Honor, those 19 claims should be stricken. And I'll just cite the 20 Union of Needletrades v. Jones case, this is 21 268 Va. 512, that states, "If the plaintiff does 22 not establish the falsity of the statement by a

1 preponderance of the evidence in his 2 case-in-chief, he has not met his threshold burden

and the trial Court should strike the evidence and grant summary judgment to the defendant." That's

exactly what should happen here.

Now, moving on to the second issue, which is the headline containing the phrase

"sexual violence." That should be stricken for a 9 couple reasons. First, Your Honor, the evidence

10 has established that Ms. Heard didn't write the

11 headline. Mr. Dougherty from the ACLU, that's the

12 only evidence that's come in in this case thus

13 far, and plaintiff's controlled the evidence.

THE COURT: Well, I understand, but 15 there's also a stipulation that Ms. Heard would 16 not be called in the plaintiff's case because they 17 would then use her testimony for part of their 18 case in your case, right?

MR. CHEW: That's correct, Your Honor. 19

20 MR. ROTTENBORN: Yeah, agreed. And

21 that goes to a different issue that I'm not

22 arguing. I'm not arguing that the Court should

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1 strike because they haven't put Ms. Heard on to 2 testify about the headline.

3 THE COURT: Well, I assume part of that 4 would be that they would -- I hope -- I guess they intend to get from Ms. Heard is that she either wrote it or republished it.

MR. CHEW: Yeah. What happened the 8 next day is Ms. Heard posted it on her Instagram 9 account and said, "Look what I published yesterday 10 in The Washington Post," so she adopted the title, 11 and her name was on the article which contained 12 the title.

THE COURT: And, Mr. Rottenborn, the 13 14 only reason -- I'm sorry to interrupt you.

15 MR. ROTTENBORN: No, that's fine.

16 THE COURT: Because I know that was a 17 stipulation. So it's hard for me to say that 18 that's all the evidence for motion to strike if 19 there's a stipulation that they're still going to 20 get more evidence in on that particular issue.

MR. ROTTENBORN: I think -- and I'm 22 happy to hand the Court the transcript of the

3819 3821 1 April 8th hearing -- because one of the things 1 issue is whether it was republication. 2 2 we're not arguing today is that because they MR. ROTTENBORN: So I'll get to that 3 3 haven't put in evidence of the, I think it was a next. 4 tweet, but Mr. Chew said it was Instagram. I 4 THE COURT: I know, but see, the 5 problem is how do I do a motion to strike when 5 don't know, whatever it was, that because their --MR. CHEW: It was a tweet adopting the 6 that evidence isn't before me yet? 7 op-ed she published the day before in The MR. ROTTENBORN: Well, the 8 Washington Post. 8 republication isn't -- so the evidence that's 9 9 before you is that The Washington Post wrote the THE COURT: Okay. 10 headline or that Ms. Heard didn't. And that's the 10 MR. ROTTENBORN: All right. So what 11 I'm not arguing today is that because they haven't 11 only evidence. 12 gotten the tweet into evidence or had Ms. Heard 12 THE COURT: Right. 13 MR. ROTTENBORN: And that's not going 13 say she tweeted that that we're entitled to 14 summary judgment at this point. I'm not arguing 14 to change. The repub -- the tweet, which is the 15 that, but that's all that we discuss on April 8th, 15 only subject of the discussion of the pretrial 16 conference where -- there was no stipulation. It 16 and I'm happy to hand the transcript up, Your 17 Honor. And we actually never -- it wasn't a 17 was just an agreement that we're not going to base 18 a motion to strike on them not introducing 18 stipulation. It was simply an agreement that they 19 evidence of the tweet. That's what it was. I'm 19 didn't need to call her in their case-in-chief --20 happy to hand the transcript up if Your Honor 20 THE COURT: Right. 21 would like to see that. But that isn't actionable 21 MR. ROTTENBORN: -- to make that point. 22 And then Ms. Bredehoft said, "We'd have to agree 22 because under the Lokhova v. Halper case, 995 F.3d 3820 3822 1 134, retweeting a link doesn't constitute 1 on the language of any stipulation." They haven't 2 proposed anything to us and haven't gotten back to 2 republication. Now, that case --THE COURT: It does if you add 3 us. So I think that that's only relevant -something to it, but I just don't know the evidence yet. 5 we're not basing our request for motion to strike 6 MR. CHEW: Your Honor, very quickly, 6 here on Ms. Heard not having testified to sending it's a judicial admission. They admitted -- in 7 that tweet. THE COURT: But you're saying for the 8 Ms. Heard's answer, she admitted to the tweet. So 9 that establishes that she adopted the op-ed in its 9 motion to strike, the only evidence before the 10 entirety, and it was discussed. We talked about 10 Court is that The Washington Post wrote that 11 judicial admissions. One was the op-ed itself. 11 title? 12 The second, and this is reflected --MR. ROTTENBORN: Correct. And that's 12 MR. ROTTENBORN: Your Honor, if I could 13 very different from what happened the next day. 13 14 There's -- the stipulation didn't go towards who 14 finish my argument. I mean --15 THE COURT: I understand. 15 wrote the title. That was never part of anything. 16 And it's undisputed, and Ms. Heard will testify 16 MR. ROTTENBORN: I'd appreciate it. 17 that she didn't write the title. 17 MR. CHEW: I can't wait to oppose THE COURT: Well, I understand that, 18 his --18 19 but I think the ---19 THE COURT: Go ahead. MR. ROTTENBORN: And again, we can look 20 MR. CHEW: It's not undisputed, Your 21 Honor. I apologize for interrupting. 21 at the transcript. 22 THE COURT: Okay. But I think the 22 THE COURT: You do understand my

1 concern though?

MR. ROTTENBORN: I do understand your 3 concern, and I guess what I'm saying is that 4 there's two levels. One is there's no dispute.

5 and there's not going to be a dispute, that she

6 did not write the headline.

So then you look at is the tweet 8 actionable? And the argument here is that as a 9 matter of law, retweeting something isn't 10 actionable.

THE COURT: Okay. 11

MR. ROTTENBORN: And under the Lokhova 12

13 case, 995 F.3d 134, in that case, it was

14 hyperlinks and how those aren't actionable. But

15 to be very clear, nothing that was discussed on

16 April 8th, nothing that was discussed at that

17 pretrial conference, was in any way relating to

18 any stipulation about who wrote the headline. It

19 was simply that they need not call Ms. Heard in

20 their case-in-chief to get her to say that she

21 sent a certain tweet. And that tweet's not in

22 evidence yet, but I assume that they'll try to put

1 it in evidence at some point. But the tweet 2 doesn't need to be in evidence for you to strike 3 this claim on that basis.

So even assuming, even assuming that 5 the headline implied certain conduct by Mr. Depp, 6 again, Mr. Depp can't meet his burden of proof on 7 this.

Third, Your Honor, he can't prove that 9 Ms. Heard acted with actual malice. Mr. Depp 10 hasn't introduced evidence sufficient to permit 11 him to meet this. Now, again, this is a 12 heightened burden of proof. He has to show actual 13 malice by clear and convincing evidence, and as in 14 the Bose Corporation case from the U.S. Supreme 15 Court, it talks about the role of judges as 16 gatekeepers of the Constitution, of the First 17 Amendment, and the role of barring entry of a

18 judgment that's not supported by clear and 19 convincing proof. Now, that case was about appellate

21 review of First Amendment issues. But the same 22 hold true for Your Honor here. Here, he hasn't

1 introduced, Mr. Depp hasn't introduced, any

2 evidence, and there can't be a reasonable

3 inference drawn that would permit a jury to find

that he has proven by clear and convincing

evidence that Ms. Heard wrote the words with actual malice.

And again, we go back to the testimony 8 of Mr. Dougherty, which is their witness. They put him in. And Mr. Dougherty, the only evidence 10 relating to intent or anything relating to this 11 op-ed, which was, again, maybe Mr. Chew will try 12 to say that we stipulated to Ms. Heard's intent on 13 April 8th, which of course we didn't. But the 14 only evidence that has been presented in this 15 case, Your Honor, by Mr. Dougherty was that the 16 op-ed wasn't Ms. Heard's idea, that the ACLU asked 17 her to write the op-ed, and indeed that they even 18 wrote the first draft, and then that Ms. Heard 19 vetted the finished article with her lawyers and 20 with lawyers in ACLU to make sure that it wasn't 21 problematic. That is the only evidence in the 22 record.

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conclusion that Ms. Heard acted with the actual

malice that's necessary, particularly when you consider the heightened burden of proof.

5 So reviewing the op-ed as a whole with

6 the Court acting in its appropriate function as a gatekeeper of the First Amendment, we ask that the

8 Court strike plaintiff's evidence and award

9 summary judgment to Ms. Heard either in whole or 10 in part, thank you.

11 THE COURT: All right. Thank you. 12 Yes, sir.

13 MR. CHEW: Good morning, Your Honor.

14 May it please the Court, Ben Chew for Plaintiff 15 Johnny Depp. It's just still morning. Your

16 Honor, if I may approach.

17 THE COURT: All right.

18 Thank you.

19 MR. CHEW: Thank you, Your Honor. I've 20 just handed to Mr. Rottenborn and Your Honor an 21 opposition that we prepared before we had the 22 benefit of seeing Ms. Heard's affirmative motion

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1 to strike, but I think we've anticipated the 2 arguments made, such as they are.

The Court should deny Defendant Amber
Heard's motion to strike because Mr. Depp has come
forward in his case-in-chief with multiple
credible witnesses, documents, and authentic tape
recordings of Ms. Heard herself, not only
satisfying all of the requisite elements of his
claim for defamation, including actual malice, but
laso going the extra mile of showing that
Ms. Heard physically abused him. She's the abuser
in this courtroom.

13 Your Honor, going back to the standard, 14 as Your Honor is well aware, "In considering a 15 motion to strike, the trial Court must view the 16 evidence and all reasonable inferences drawn from 17 the evidence in light of the most -- in the light 18 most favorable to the plaintiff. Any reasonable 19 doubt as to whether the plaintiff has produced 20 sufficient evidence of the wrong alleged must be 21 resolved in the plaintiff's favor and the motion 22 to strike denied." And that's the Boeing case I

1 290 Virginia 81 [sic], at 91. As to damages, they
2 are presumed here because Ms. Heard's false
3 allegations of domestic abuse, sexual assault, and
4 rape constitute defamation per se, citing the
5 Tronfeld case, 272 Virginia 709, 713, a 2006 case.

As the Court noted at page 3 of its
opinion letter, typically an editorial or op-ed
column is ordinarily not actionable because it
appears in a place devoted to or in a manner
usually thought of as representing personal
viewpoints. However, Virginia recognizes that "a
defamatory charge may be made by interference,
mplication, or insinuation," citing the Carwile
case, and "a statement expressing a defamatory
may not be apparent on its face," citing
he Pendleton with which the Court is quite familiar,

18 Accordingly, in order to render words 19 defamatory and actionable, it is not necessary 20 that the defamatory charge be in direct terms, but 21 may be made indirectly, and it matters not how 22 artful or disguised the modes in which the meaning

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at 1 is concealed if it is in fact defamatory.

2 Carwile, 196 Virginia at 7.

And based on the authority and reasoning set forth in pages 4 through 8 of the opinion letter, the three statement at issue are actionable under a theory of defamation by implication.

Mr. Depp established in his case-in-chief that Ms. Heard, in fact, made all three of the defamatory statements at issue, as 11 the Court admitted into evidence as Plaintiff's Exhibit 1 the op-ed Ms. Heard published in her own 13 name in The Washington Post on December 18th, 14 2018.

And let's take the three statements and 16 the proof that has been adduced. Statement 17 Number 1, Amber Heard, "I spoke up against sexual 18 violence and faced our culture's wrath. That has 19 to change." Per page 6 of the opinion letter, the 20 first statement could reasonably convey the 21 alleged defamatory meaning, i.e. that Mr. Depp 22 abused Ms. Heard, to its readers without extending

1 believe Mr. Rottenborn referred to, 243 Va. 81, at

2 81, 1992. "The weight and credibility of the

3 testimony of witnesses are solely matters for the

4 jury. The jury may accept that part of the 5 testimony it believes and reject that which it

5 testimony it believes and reject that which it 6 does not. It is also within the exclusive

7 province of the jury to draw any reasonable

8 inferences from the evidence before it," citing

9 Wright v. Minnicks, 275 Va. 579, at 585.

In deference and respect to the Court's 11 time, Mr. Depp incorporates by reference the legal 12 analysis set forth in the Court's opinion letter 13 dated March 27th, 2020, overruling Ms. Heard's 14 demurer to the three defamatory statements at 15 issue, and that letter of opinion is attached as 16 Exhibit 1 to Mr. Depp's opposition. That's where 17 the court fulfilled its proper gatekeeping role 18 that Mr. Rottenborn referred to.

As a threshold matter, the elements of 20 a defamation claim are the following: Publication 21 of an actionable statement with the requisite 22 intent, citing the Schaecher v. Bouffault case,

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1 the words beyond their ordinary and common 2 acceptation, see Pendleton 290 Va. at 172, also

3 citing the Carwile case.

Resolving every fair inference in 5 Mr. Depp's favor, this statement could reasonably 6 imply that the sexual violence Ms. Heard spoke up 7 against was, in fact, perpetrated by Mr. Depp. 8 Mr. Depp produced several credible witnesses and 9 documents proving that Ms. Heard was implying that 9 even pay all that -- out of the \$3.5 million that

10 he committed sexual violence against her.

11 Mr. Depp himself testified to that, as did his 12 sister Christi Dembrowski. Mr. Depp's former 13 agent, Christian Carino, testified to that, as did 14 his current agent, Jack Whigham.

But perhaps most convincing of all, and 15 16 most disgusting of all, was the testimony of the 17 ACLU's Terence Dougherty, a lawyer nonetheless. 18 Mr. Dougherty testified, among other things, that 19 when the op-ed -- when they were pitching the 20 op-ed to The Washington Post, they stated, "Hey, 21 Michael, wondering if we might interest you in a 22 piece by Amber Heard, who as you may recall was So, it's very clear that the ACLU and

2 Ms. Heard intended, that was the whole purpose of

this, so that they could get interest in this and

4 it would coincide with the premiere of Aquaman.

5 Because otherwise no one would have been 6 interested in anything written by Ms. Heard.

Mr. Dougherty also testified that 8 Ms. Heard only paid 1.3 -- actually she didn't 10 she had pledged to the ACLU. And then they helped 11 her lie about it. And it's one thing, Your Honor, 12 for her to stiff the ACLU, which frankly played a 13 reprehensible role in this case. It's quite 14 another for her to fail to honor her obligation to 15 the Children's Hospital of Los Angeles with sick 16 and dying children, and that, she failed to do as

And as Your Honor has mentioned, the 18 19 fact that she put her name on that article means 20 that she is responsible for all of those 21 statements, which she specifically adopted later.

22 And I'll go through the other two

17 well.

1 beaten up during her brief marriage to Johnny Depp 2 on what the incoming Congress can do to help 3 protect women in similar situations."

Mr. Dougherty also testified that 5 everybody understood, as Ms. Heard and the ACLU 6 clearly intended, that these -- this statement and 7 the other two statements referred directly to

8 Mr. Depp: "This is an article that was in USA

9 Today and specifically ties Amber's statement in 10 her op-ed piece to Johnny Depp."

11 And when Jessica Weiss, who actually 12 wrote the op-ed that Ms. Heard later adopted, she 13 says, quote, to Mr. Dougherty, "So much for not 14 mentioning JD," when the USA Today made clear that 15 they, like everybody else who read the op-ed, 16 understood that, as Ms. Heard clearly intended, it 17 referred to Mr. Depp, which makes her Instagram 18 post two days before the trial began, that she 19 didn't mention Mr. Depp, all the more outrageous.

Your Honor, there is -- Ms. Shulman, 21 also of the ACLU, acknowledged that Ms. Heard's 22 op-ed referred to Mr. Depp.

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1 statements quickly, Your Honor.

2 THE COURT: Well, can we stay on this 3 one more one moment though?

MR. CHEW: Yes, Your Honor.

5 THE COURT: Do you agree the only evidence before that we've heard in this trial as

far as title of the op-ed is that -- even

Mr. Dougherty, I believe, testified to it -- that

9 it was something that Washington Post wrote?

10 MR. CHEW: Well --

11 THE COURT: For the one online.

MR. CHEW: He's not a witness, Your 12

13 Honor. That's a witness from the ACLU. THE COURT: I understand. But that's

15 the only evidence I have.

16 MR. CHEW: I respectfully disagree, 17 Your Honor.

18 THE COURT: All right.

19 MR. CHEW: The only real evidence Your 20 Honor has is Plaintiff's Exhibit 1, which is Amber 21 Heard putting her name on the entire article, 22 including the title. That is the only evidence

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1 before you. The ACLU was a coconspirator with
2 Ms. Heard, and whether they say, "Oh, maybe The
3 Washington Post wrote it," that's not the end of
4 the story. All she has done is create an issue of
5 fact as to whether she wrote the title or not.
         THE COURT: So you're saying just
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  having that exhibit in evidence is enough?
         MR. CHEW: Absolutely. Absolutely.
9 Your Honor, her name is on the article.
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         THE COURT: Okay.
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         MR. CHEW: What does an average reader
12 expect? So that alone is sufficient to be a
13 motion to strike. If they want to come back later
14 and say, "Gee, she didn't write the title," as if
15 that were a defense, I hope they make that
16 argument. I hope they make that argument to the
17 jury because it's about as credible as her
18 argument that "Oh, I wasn't referring to Johnny
19 Depp." She didn't have to. And the testimony of
20 Terence Dougherty was very clear that when they
21 took out the references to Johnny Depp, no one was
22 interested in this article anymore. So she said,
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22 swore she gave to the ACLU and the Children's

3836 "Put it back in. Put it back in. Make it more 2 spicy," so people would read. Otherwise she 3 couldn't get it in the Washington Post. It would 4 be back in Teenage Vogue [sic], which is the other 5 publication that was considering publishing it, 6 because no one was interested in what she had to 7 say unless she was defaming Mr. Depp. But if I could go to the second

8 9 statement, and I'll try to be quick, Your Honor, 10 "Two years ago, I became a public figure 11 representing domestic abuse, and I felt the full 12 force of our culture's wrath for women who speak

13 out." 14 As for the second statement, defendant 15 called herself a "public figure representing 16 domestic abuse," which can be read to imply that 17 she became a representative of domestic abuse 18 because she was abused by Mr. Depp, not because --19 not just because she spoke out against alleged 20 abuse. This inference can be drawn without 21 extending the language beyond its ordinary common 22 acceptation, citing Carwile, 196 Va., at 8.

Your Honor, "To constitute a 2 publication, it is not necessary that the contents of the writing should be made known to the public generally. It is enough, it is said, if they are made known to a single person," citing Snyder v. Fatherly, 158 Va. 355, at 350. 6

Everybody and his grandmother testified 8 that Ms. Heard was referring to her bogus ex parte 9 TRO that she obtained on May 27, 2016. And it was 10 interesting that Mr. Depp's own lawyer said that 11 she wasn't even provided notice. So Ms. Heard 12 made very sure that Mr. Depp wouldn't have notice 13 of the ex parte TRO, and Ms. Heard herself, the 14 evidence shows, knew that Mr. Depp, having just 15 suffered the loss of his mother, was already on 16 the other side of the country, was already in New 17 York at the time of this TRO, and was heading to 18 Europe for several weeks. So she knew she didn't 19 need any protection from him. This was just a 20 scam for her to get the \$7 million in the divorce 21 settlement that she said she gave to the ACLU, she

1 Hospital of Los Angeles, and she pocketed instead.

2 Mr. Depp, Ms. Dembrowski, Mr. Carino, Mr. Whigham,

and the inimitable Mr. Dougherty of the ACLU which

lent its once-respected name to Ms. Heard's

defamation, so while Ms. Heard may have avoided

any direct mention of Mr. Depp's name, there's 6

7 extensive testimony and evidence in the record

showing that the implication of her op-ed could 8

not be more clear, i.e., that Mr. Depp abused

10 Ms. Heard during the course of their marriage.

11 Under Virginia law, "It is not

12 necessarily that the defamatory charge be in

13 direct terms, but it may be made indirectly. And

14 it matters not how artful or disguised the modes

15 in which the meaning is concealed if it is, in

16 fact, defamatory," citing Carwile. We can argue

17 as to how artful it was, but the implication was

18 very clear, as the Court has previously ruled --

19 or not laud the case, but as the Court has

20 persuasively written in its opinion letter.

Let's move to the falsity of

22 Ms. Heard's ever-evolving and ever-escalating

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change of IPV and sexual assault. Mr. Depp's
sworn denial is all he needs to survive a motion
to strike. But there's a lot more than that, Your
Honor, and I'll try to be brief.
Three police officers, actually four,
but the three who've testified already,
Officers Saenz, Hadden, and Gatlin, testified

8 unequivocally that Ms. Heard did not have a mark 9 on her on the evening of May 21, 2016. And I 10 could go through -- I'll just go through very

10 could go through -- I'll just go through very 11 quickly. Officer Hadden -- strike that.

12 Officer Melissa Saenz, on jury trial day 10:

13 "QUESTION: Did you provide a copy of 14 this pamphlet to Amber Heard.

15 "ANSWER: I did not. I didn't identify 16 her as a victim of domestic abuse."

The next day, Officer Melissa Saenz, 18 "Okay. At this time, did you notice any injuries 19 on Ms. Heard?

20 "OFFICER SAENZ: I did not.

"QUESTION: Okay. Were you looking to 22 see if she had any injuries on her at the time?

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"OFFICER SAENZ: Yes, I was.

2 "QUESTION: And so you were looking to

3 see if Ms. Heard had any injuries, and you
4 determined that she did not; is that accurate?

5 "OFFICER SAENZ: Correct.

6 "QUESTION: Okay. And was the lighting 7 good enough in the hallway for you to make that 8 determination?

9 "ANSWER: Yes. The hallway was well 10 lit."

Officer Gatlin's testimony was the 12 same, and he had the body cam.

Officer Hadden's testimony was the 14 same.

The testimony of nurses Debbie Lloyd
16 and Erin Boerum, who didn't -- who, like the
17 police officers, did not work for Mr. Depp, in
18 fact, they work for Dr. Kipper, also belie
19 Ms. Heard's false allegations of abuse. Isaac
20 Baruch and Alejandro Romero both testified that
21 they saw Ms. Heard repeatedly, and in the clear
22 light, between May 21, 2021, which was the last

1 time Mr. Depp saw her before leaving on the

2 Hollywood Vampires tour, the next time he was to

3 see her was when Ms. Heard begged him to come see

4 her in San Francisco, which is hardly the act of a 5 domestic abuse victim.

6 So we have Isaac Baruch and Mr. Romero

7 saying that they saw Ms. Heard repeatedly in the 8 interval of time between May 21 and May 27, when

9 she obtained the farce ex parte TRO, and they saw

10 no marks on her face and no swelling. Our two

11 witnesses, Mr. Baruch and Brandon Patterson, saw

12 the video of Ms. Heard and her sister, Whitney,

13 pantomiming the fake punch after this alleged 14 incident of abuse.

Ms. Heard's former personal assistant,16 Kate James, and several other witnesses, including

17 Dr. David Kipper, saw no violence by Mr. Depp and

18 no injuries to Ms. Heard. Indeed, witness after

19 witness has come forward to testify that

20 Ms. Heard, far from being a "domestic figure

21 representing domestic violence," unquote, is in

22 facts a recidivist perpetrator of domestic

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1 violence on Mr. Depp and others.

We have the testimony of -- the

3 harrowing testimony of Mr. Depp himself who

4 described several witnesses, one, Your Honor will

5 recall, when he was hiding in the bathroom after

6 escaping one of her attacks and she claims to have 7 hurt her foot kicking the door, Mr. Depp opens the

8 door to see if she's hurt, and then she kicks the

9 door in on him and punches him.

9 door in on him and punches him.

We have the incident of December 15, 11 2015, when Ms. Heard threw punches at him widely

12 at the back and side of his head. Mr. Depp

13 testified that he ducked and covered to protect 14 his face. Eventually he turned around to grab her

15 and stop her arms from flailing.

December 15 in the Bahamas, during an 17 argument, Ms. Heard grabbed a can of mineral 18 spirits and threw it at Mr. Depp's face, striking 19 him in the forehead, bridge, and nose area, and 20 the jury saw the photograph of the bridge on the 21 bruise [sic] of his nose.

We have testimony from -- and, by the

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way, Tara Roberts, who is the manager of the island, confirmed that, the incident with mineral spirits. You have Mr. Depp's testimony of what happened on April 22nd, 2016, and we've heard testimony today from Erin Boerum Falati that Mr. Depp was very responsive, was very sociable, had not -- was not in any way inebriated that day when Ms. Heard says he was, and she attacked him that -- she attacked him that night as well.

And I'm getting to the end of this, 11 Your Honor.

We have -- we have Ms. Heard's own 13 admissions. We have her admitting to hitting

We have -- we have Ms. Heard's own 13 admissions. We have her admitting to hitting 14 Mr. Depp, and her only contention was that she 15 wasn't punching him; she was just hitting him. We 16 have testimony from Travis McGivern that on 17 February 23rd, 2015, Ms. Heard threw and hit 18 Mr. Depp with a can of Red Bull and then 19 sucker-punched him with a closed fist.

Finally, Your Honor, statement 21 Number 3, "I have the rare vantage point of seeing 22 in real time how institutions protect men accused

1 response?"

She even lied about the final insult
left on the marital bed after her 30th birthday
party. And it was quite telling that she admitted
to Starling Jenkins, a former United States

6 Marine, that this was a terrible prank gone awry.
7 Well, she lied about that, too. In fact, she said

8 that Mr. Depp was crazy to even allege that she

9 could have done such a thing. Well, she admitted 10 it to Mr. Jenkins.

Per Toddfield, Mr. Depp does not have 12 to prove damages because this is defamation per 13 se. In fact, these involve some of the most 14 heinous crimes any man or woman can be accused of; 15 however, he has done so. Jack Whigham tested 16 [sic] yesterday that the impact of the op-ed was 17 catastrophic on Mr. Depp's personal and 18 professional life, that it was a \$22.5 million 19 loss on Pirates 6 and another 20 million on 20 others.

We've had the -- we've had the 22 testimony -- so we had Mr. Whigham testifying as

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1 of abuse."

Again, quoting very briefly from page 7
of the Court's opinion letter, "Drawing every fair
inference in plaintiff's favor, the Court can
fairly include -- conclude that defendant's
statement that she saw how institutions protect
men accused of abuse could reasonably convey to
its recipients that she saw how Mr. Depp was
protected by institutions, that he abused her, and
spoke up against it."

11 Your Honor, again, we have multiple 12 testimony from multiple people, including Jack 13 Whigham and all the others mentioned, that this 14 was a reference to that.

15 Your Honor, again, the lies that have 16 already been exposed that Ms. Heard has told 17 about, the charitable contributions, the incidents 18 in this case, and again, I'll just cite a couple 19 more, the testimony of Isaac Baruch. When 20 Mr. Baruch saw Ms. Heard on June 3 after she'd 21 gone through with the sham ex parte TRO and 22 Mr. Baruch was asked, "Did she say anything in

1 to the 22 and a half lost on Pirates 6 and another

2 20 lost on the other films, the other studio

3 films, the indie films, and the other ways

4 Mr. Depp would have made income. We have Richard

5 Marks's testimony, Douglas Bania's testimony, and

the testiment of Michael Smindler just this

6 the testimony of Michael Spindler just this

morning.

8 Finally, Your Honor, none of
9 Ms. Heard's affirmative defenses, which would
10 include, you know, her trying to create an issue
11 of fact on the title, can support a motion to
12 strike as to which she bears the burden of proof
13 of her affirmative defenses. "Whether the
14 defendants have met their burden cannot be
15 resolved when considering a motion to strike."
16 See 243 Va., at 83.

17 And just to respond to Mr. Rottenborn's 18 citation to the Lokhova case, which we hadn't seen 19 until he mentioned it today, I would only note, 20 Your Honor, that defendant admits that she tweeted 21 a link to the online version of the op-ed at 22 paragraph 97 of her answer, though, again, the

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admission of Exhibit 1 is more than enough to
survive the motion to strike, and the Lokhova case
at 995 F.3d 134, holds that republishing a
hyperlink doesn't necessarily start the statute of
limitations, not that a hyperlink cannot be
defamatory.

7 So with that, Your Honor, we 8 respectfully request that the Court deny the 9 motion to strike in full, and let's hear from 10 Ms. Heard. Thank you, Your Honor.

11 THE COURT: Yes, sir. Thank you. Your 12 motion.

MR. ROTTENBORN: Thank you, Your Honor.
14 I can only assume that Mr. Chew wrote that speech
15 for an audience outside the court because it
16 didn't really address my arguments. I'm going to
17 focus on what our specific arguments are for the
18 motion to strike, Your Honor.

18 motion to strike, 1 our Honor.

19 Mr. Chew spent almost 30 minutes of the
20 Court's time talking about the disputed evidence
21 of physical abuse in this case, which Ms. Heard
22 hasn't even put on her case, and I can tell you

abuse against Ms. Heard and, therefore, that those
first two statements were false. That's our
argument on that.

As to the headline, it's funny,

Mr. Chew, we've played, you know, two or three
hours of an ACLU deposition. Now he says, "Well,
that wasn't our witness."

8 It was his witness, Your Honor. He
9 just spent ten minutes talking about what
10 Mr. Dougherty said. And Mr. Dougherty testified
11 that The Washington Post wrote the headline. That
12 is the only evidence, Your Honor.

I understand he says, "Well, Exhibit 1
14 has her name on it." Exhibit 1 has her name on
15 it, but the only evidence in this case, about who
16 wrote that headline, is Mr. Dougherty's testimony.
17 It is undisputed. They could have put anyone else
18 on. They could have called Ms. Heard for that
19 because that was not part of the stipulation at
20 the pretrial conference. It was only the tweet
21 that we talked about, Your Honor, and they chose
22 not to do that. Now, Ms. Heard will testify she

1 she's not the abuser and if the case moves2 forward, she and her witnesses will put on even

3 more evidence of the physical abuse she suffered

4 at the hands of Mr. Depp. But that's not the

5 basis for our motion right now, Your Honor.6 He talks about how Mr. Depp had a s

He talks about how Mr. Depp had a sworn denial and that that should count. We read his testimony. He claims he didn't strike her. But, again, that's not the basis for our motion. The lobasis for our motion is the clear and undisputed levidence of nonphysical abuse. By his definitions, by his standards, by the standards of

13 his expert, there is no dispute that Mr. Depp 14 abused Amber; and therefore, if he did it even one

15 time, there's no dispute that even under their

16 theory of the case, the implication that they want

17 the jury to draw from the article, which, again,

18 I'm not arguing for the purposes of today, because

19 under the legal standard, I'm not going to argue 20 that. I'm not going to waste the Court's time

21 with that. But even under their standard, the

22 undisputed evidence is that Mr. Depp did commit

1 didn't write that headline, so it wouldn't have 2 helped them, but they've had three weeks to put on

3 their case, Your Honor. They've controlled the

4 playing field of evidence.

There is no dispute that Ms. Heard did
not write that headline, no dispute. Simply
saying, "Well, her name is attached to it," that
can't overcome the testimony of the ACLU. They
call it the McCocan (phonetic) sphere. Of course,
To Mr. Depp chose not to sue them. But the testimony
ference Dougherty that she didn't write that
headline, that takes care of the sexual violence
headline, Your Honor. I'm not going to take up
any more of the Court's time addressing portions
for Mr. Chew's argument that don't go to our motion
unless Your Honor has any specific questions, but
I want to be respectful.

18 THE COURT: Thank you. All right. 19 Thank you.

20 All right. For this motion, I've taken 21 the arguments of counsel, and last night, I 22 reviewed all of the evidence that has been

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1 submitted in this matter. So as to the second and 2 third alleged defamatory statements, at the motion 3 to strike, at this juncture, I view the evidence 4 in a light most favorable to the plaintiff and 5 reasonable inferences from the evidence to the 6 plaintiff. And if there is a scintilla of 7 evidence that a reasonable juror could weigh, then 8 the matter survives a motion to strike. In this matter, there is evidence in 10 the case that a jury could weigh that the 11 statements were made by the defendant, that the 12 statements were about the plaintiff, that the 13 statement was published, that the statement is 14 false, and the defendant made the statement 15 knowing it to be false or the defendant made it so

20 The motion to strike as to statement 1, 21 I'm going to take under advisement because if it's 22 not a stipulation, I'm not sure what it is, but

16 recklessly as to amount to willful disregard for 17 the truth. The weight of that evidence is up to

18 the fact-finders, so the motion to strike is

19 denied as to statement 2 and 3.

2 THE COURT: Okay. Sure. All right. 3 (Sidebar.) 4 MS. BREDEHOFT: So, Your Honor, one of 5 the motions in limine in this case that the 6 plaintiff's moved for was we could not say "erectile dysfunction." This expert, Dawn Hughes, 8 is the expert we're going to have. She's an 9 expert in intimate partner violence. She is going 10 to testify that there were a number of occasions 11 in which Mr. Depp, because he was unable to 12 perform, became angry. THE COURT: Could you say it again? 13 14 I'm sorry.

MS. BREDEHOFT: Yes, if I could.

MS. BREDEHOFT: Mr. Depp, during these 16 acts of violence when he was unable to perform, 17 would become angrier at Ms. Heard, would blame 18 her, and that resulted in escalated violence. 19 I've told her she can't use the words "erectile 20 dysfunction," but I recognize that we have an 21 issue here. I mean, she's going to testify to

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1 there seems to be an agreement that the tweet of

- 2 Ms. Heard is part of the plaintiff's evidence
- 3 which is not in evidence at this point, so I can't
- 4 rule on that statement whether or not it is just a
- 5 tweet or if it's some sort of republication or
- 6 something, I don't know because I haven't seen it
- 7 yet. So as to the motion to strike on
- 8 statement 1, I'm going to take under advisement
- 9 because ruling right now, it would be premature 10 because I just don't have that evidence in the 11 case, okay?
- MR. CHEW: Thank you very much, Your 12 13 Honor.
- THE COURT: All right. Since it's 15 12:30, you want to just take lunch, go ahead and 16 let the jurors go to lunch and come back at 1:30? 17 Does that sound okay?
- MS. BREDEHOFT: Yes, Your Honor. I 19 have one thing I would like to address, it's 20 another motion, before we take a lunch break.
- THE COURT: Okay. Do you want to do it 22 now?

3854 1 were occasions because of his drinking and his 2 drugs that he could not perform, and then he would

22 that. Amber's going to testify to that. There

- 3 become more angry --
 - THE COURT: Okay.
- 5 MS. BREDEHOFT: -- and some of the
- 6 times, he would sexually assault her in a
- different manner because of it.
- 8 MS. VASQUEZ: Your Honor, this was
- 9 already decided by you in a motion in limine.
- 10 This is going backwards. You were clear that they
- 11 are not to introduce any evidence about erectile
- 12 dysfunction, how that made him more prone to use 13 different objects or to be more --
- MS. BREDEHOFT: I don't think all of 15 that was argued in it, Your Honor.
- 16 MS. VASQUEZ: It was.
- THE COURT: I will look back at the 18 motion in limine, but I can look back. And then 19 we can do that over lunch and look at that. Is
- 20 that okay?

21 MS. BREDEHOFT: Yeah. No. Then I'll 22 just tell her when Your Honor rules. I mean,

3857 1 because we've still got some way to segue. I 1 and listen to -- you were saying that your expert 2 mean, if they can't say it, they still have to get 2 was going to testify that erectile condition -erectile dysfunction condition was more -- I'm past that to what happened next. 4 sorry. Expert was saying it would make it more THE COURT: Okay. MS. BREDEHOFT: So I don't know how to 5 probable that Mr. Depp would be angrier, agitated 6 in encounters with Amber Heard. So I granted 6 do that. And I guess --THE COURT: All right. Let me review 7 that. But now, you're saying something different. 8 my order, and then I can let you know right after 8 MS. BREDEHOFT: Yeah, this is when she 9 will be testifying that when he would -- when they 9 we get back at 1:30. Is that okay? MS. BREDEHOFT: Yes, yes. 10 were intimate, in the act of -- that he would try 10 11 to and he would be unable to perform and that 11 THE COURT: Okay. And, also, 12 would -- he would get angry with her for that and 12 Mr. Rottenborn used -- on that last witness, 13 Mr. Dennison used part of his graph with the bars. 13 blame her, and then the violence would escalate. 14 And on occasion, it would cause him to engage in 14 I'm just going to give that a number, okay? I was 15 hypersexual assault, and Amber will testify to 15 just going to give it 1804 because that's your 16 next number, and if I could get a copy of it, 16 that as well. 17 just -- it's not going to the jury, but it's just 17 THE COURT: So you're saying specific 18 for the record, okay? 18 acts, not that it was --19 MS. BREDEHOFT: Perfect. 19 MS. BREDEHOFT: Right. Right. 20 THE COURT: In her expert opinion, 20 THE COURT: All right. Thank you. 21 that's more probable, or anything like that, 21 (Open court.) 22 that's not what she's testifying to? 22 THE COURT: Okay. Anything further? 3858 3856 MR. DENNISON: No. 1:30? MS. BREDEHOFT: Right. 1 1 THE COURT: That's what the Motion in 2 THE COURT: Court's in recess, 1:30. 2 3 THE BAILIFF: All rise. 3 Limine was about. 4 MS. BREDEHOFT: We can do that. She (Recess taken from 12:33 p.m. to 1:45 p.m.) can say he was incontinent. 6 THE COURT: I don't know. I mean, are 6 7 you saying that --8 MS. BREDEHOFT: She's going to be 9 recounting some of the examples of --9 THE BAILIFF: All rise. Please be seated and come to order. 10 THE COURT: That Amber Heard told her? 10 THE COURT: All right. Thank you. MS. BREDEHOFT: Right. 11 11 THE COURT: So Amber Heard told her 12 Yes, oh, you have another exhibit? Perfect. 12 13 Thank you. All right. That's 1804. All right. 13 that one time --14 Thank you. Demonstrative. 14 MS. BREDEHOFT: A few times. 15 THE COURT: A few times. 15 And do you want to approach on the MS. BREDEHOFT: He would be unable to 16 other issue? 16 17 (Sidebar.) 17 perform, he would get angrier at her --THE COURT: But no erectile THE COURT: Okay. So I looked at my 18 19 dysfunction, the words are not going to be used, 19 Motion in Limine and what it says, it says granted 20 as to any evidence of erectile dysfunction is not 20 nothing about the medication, that I think was the 21 main part of this Motion in Limine. 21 relevant and highly prejudicial. And that was MS. BREDEHOFT: Right. In fact, Your 22 when you were saving that you -- I had to go back 22

3861 MS. BREDEHOFT: Correct. 1 Honor, we caught yesterday that they didn't take 1 2 out Cialis, and we took it out. We're trying to 2 MS. VASQUEZ: I think it's still a workaround, you know, erectile dysfunction without 3 be very good about this. using the words, and I think your point of Motion THE COURT: Okay. Yes, ma'am, in Limine was to prevent that, Your Honor. Ms. Vasquez. 6 THE COURT: Right. MS. VASQUEZ: I'm just unclear what you MS. VASOUEZ: It an attempt to mean by he would get angrier. MS. BREDEHOFT: Right. Because he 8 embarrass -- as we argued in our Motion in Limine, this is just to harass and embarrass Mr. Depp. 9 couldn't perform --MS. VASQUEZ: That's erectile 10 It's also a new disclosure by Ms. Heard. 10 MS. BREDEHOFT: It is not. She was 11 dysfunction, Your Honor. 12 deposed for eight hours and she --12 THE COURT: But this one, the Motion in 13 Limine that I granted was one where the expert was THE COURT: I don't know about that. I 14 just know that Motion in Limine was granted 14 going to testify that such a condition agitates 15 because it was not relevant in talking about or 15 or -- encounters with Amber Heard. This is just 16 not the medical erectile dysfunction, just saying 16 opining about erectile dysfunction or talking 17 at times he couldn't perform at that specific 17 about it in the relativity of medicine, and that's 18 not going to happen. But there are specific acts 18 time --19 where you're not mentioning erectile dysfunction, 19 MS. BREDEHOFT: Specific time. 20 just part of the act was --THE COURT: -- would make him angry. 20 MS. BREDEHOFT: Unable to. MS. BREDEHOFT: Angry and it would 21 22 escalate the violence that would lead to different 22 THE COURT: According to her. 3860 3862 1 types of --MS. BREDEHOFT: Right. I'll tell her 2 just leave it to couldn't perform. MS. VASQUEZ: The Motion in Limine 2 THE COURT: Yeah, exactly. Okay? All 3 (indiscernible) was to prevent any erectile 3 4 right. 4 dysfunction -- any mention of medical records 5 relating to Mr. Depp taking Cialis. 5 MS. BREDEHOFT: Thank you, Your Honor. 6 THE COURT: Thank you. THE COURT: Right, exactly. And that's 7 MR. DENNISON: Thank you, Your Honor. 7 not going to happen. She's just talking about, 8 now, specific instances that Ms. Heard claims that 8 (Open court.) 9 they were going to -- having sex, he couldn't THE COURT: All right. Are we ready 10 perform, and he got angry and hit her, or I don't 10 for the jury? MS. BREDEHOFT: Yes. 11 11 know, something. 12 THE COURT: Okay. 12 MS. BREDEHOFT: Angry and the violence (Whereupon, the jury entered the 13 escalated. 13 14 courtroom and the following proceedings took MR. DENNISON: And the expert made no 15 disclosure about erectile dysfunction. 15 place.) THE COURT: No, they're not going to 16 THE COURT: All right. Thank you, 16 17 ladies and gentlemen. You may be seated. 17 say anything. And they're not going to give any 18 opinion about it. They're not going to do All right. The plaintiff has rested, 19 and it's defense case. 19 anything. It's just the specific acts that will 20 relate to it, but you're not going to follow up 20 Your witness. 21 with any questions about erectile dysfunction or 21 MS. BREDEHOFT: Your Honor, I would 22 like to call Dr. Dawn Hughes to the stand. 22 anything about that, correct?

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THE COURT: Dr. Hughes. DAWN M. HUGHES, PH.D., ABPP A witness called on behalf of the Defendant and Counterclaim Plaintiff, having been first duly sworn by the Clerk, testified as follows: THE COURT: Thank you. THE WITNESS: Good afternoon, Your 8 9 Honor. THE COURT: Good afternoon. 10 THE WITNESS: Good afternoon. 11 MS. BREDEHOFT: Thank you, Your Honor. 12 EXAMINATION BY COUNSEL FOR THE DEFENDANT AND COUNTERCLAIM PLAINTIFF 14 BY MS. BREDEHOFT: 15 Q Will you please state your name. Dawn Hughes. 16 And what is your profession? 17 A I'm a clinical and forensic 18 19 psychologist. Q And where is your practice located? 20 A I practice in New York City. 21 22 Q What is a clinical psychologist?

1 department of psychiatry, and there I did two 2 full-year rotations. I did a year rotation in the substance abuse treatment unit and another year rotation in the West Haven Mental Health Clinic, where we saw individuals suffering from a wide array of difficulties in psychiatric illnesses. After that, I had to complete my 8 postdoctoral fellowship, which is another year that's required in order to get licensed, and that 10 was back in New York at Cornell medical college in 11 the anxiety and traumatic stress program there. Q Please describe your training and 12 13 experience in psychology and trauma. A So, my experience in trauma has been 15 predominantly throughout graduate school. I 16 started at a domestic violence program that was 17 housed within our community mental health center 18 of the university. And that program, we saw both 19 men and woman who were coming through the program. 20 The majority of the men were court ordered for 21 batterer's intervention programs, to participate 22 in mostly group therapy because of their behavior

A Sure. So a clinical psychologist is 2 somebody who assesses, evaluates, and treats 3 individuals who are suffering from a variety of 4 ailments or problems that they have in their 5 lives. It could be a major psychiatric disorder 6 and it could be problems in living. Clinical 7 psychologists also participate in training and 8 education and research ventures.

Q And what is a forensic psychologist?

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A So a forensic psychologist is someone 11 who applies the science and principles of clinical 12 psychologists to a particular legal question at 13 hand.

And please describe your background in 15 terms of your education for us.

A So, I received my bachelor degree in 16 17 psychology from Hamilton College, which is in 18 upstate New York. I then received my master's 19 degree and my Ph.D. from Nova Southeastern 20 University, which is in Florida. I then had to 21 complete my yearlong internship, and that was at 22 Yale University in the School of Medicine, in the

1 in intimate partner violence, domestic violence.

We also treated the female victims who were

victims of intimate partner violence, and mostly

in individual therapy, but we did run some groups

5 there as well.

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After that practicum experience, I went 6 to work at the Veterans Administration in their 7 outpatient psychiatry clinic. And in that climic, 9 I treated mostly, this was Florida, so they're 10 much older adults, so we saw a lot of Vietnam-era 11 veterans and, actually, World War II veterans in 12 that program, and a few veterans who served combat

13 in the first Iraq war. 14 So overlapping in that time, I also was

15 the research coordinator for the child sex abuse 16 survivor's program, and that was also a treatment 17 program that was housed within that same community

18 mental health center. And we saw individuals,

19 both men and women, who were coming for treatment

20 to deal with the consequences, the psychological

21 aftereffects of having been sexually abused as a 22 child.

when I was at Yale, at the substance abuse program 3 because we know there's a high occurrence, a high 4 rate of trauma-based disorders with substance abuse. I put together a group, a women's group of 6 female heroin addicts, recovering heroin addicts who also had either domestic violence or childhood 8 abuse history. We did a dual substance abuse

11 experienced. On my postdoctoral fellowship, I was in 12 13 the anxiety and trauma stress program. As the 14 name sounds, we saw individuals who were suffering 15 from trauma-based disorders and anxiety, mostly 16 late adolescents and adults, men and women, from 17 rape, sexual assault, violence. Some were simple 18 assaults, on the street, being mugged, and things 19 of that nature.

9 reduction model with the healing from the 10 traumatic effects of the violence that they

After that, I completed my internship,

20 I also did teaching and training for 21 victims services, which is New York City's largest 22 victim-based organization, who runs a lot of

1 violence or child sex abuse and they don't really

- 2 know sort of what to do in that situation. I get
- consulted to do that. Most recently, I was part
- of our program's COVID response team, where in
- pretty much March, April, May, June, July of 2020,
- where New York City was the epicenter, we sort of
- mobilized and were really doing psychological
- first aid and helping our hospital-based workers
- 9 deal with the stress and the trauma from seeing so
- 10 much death and destruction because of COVID in 11 those first months of New York City's COVID wave.
- What does your independent practice 12
- 13 entail?

So, my independent practice is 15 predominantly, I say, three things. The bulk is I 16 see individuals in therapy, two and a half days; I 17 see people who come to my office who are mostly

- 18 dealing from the traumatic effects of
- 19 victimization, childhood abuse, rape, sexual
- 20 assault, sexual harassment, domestic violence. I
- 21 will see those people in therapy. I have a
- 22 percentage of individuals who do not have a trauma

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- 1 services for victims of domestic violence and 2 shelter-based programs. I did some education and
- 3 training for them and teaching for a number of 4 years.
- Thank you. Let's talk about your current occupation.
 - What positions do you currently hold?
- A So. I currently have a private practice 9 in Manhattan, and I also have a faculty position 10 at Weill Cornell Medical College. I'm the 11 clinical assistant professor of psychology in the 12 department of psychiatry there. This is what we 13 call voluntary faculty, which means you don't get 14 paid, but you participate in bringing in interns, 15 selecting the interns for that year. In that 16 program, I teach, I think for the past seven, 17 eight years, the ethics seminar to the interns and 18 also participate in other didactics that they 19 have. I'm also called upon to sort of 20 troubleshoot difficult scenarios that clinicians, 21 either trainees or full, like, clinicians, might

22 have if there's an issue of intimate partner

- 1 history, and that's usually the anxiety disorder I 2 see. They might have panic disorder or 3 generalized anxiety disorder or other difficulties and just relational difficulties and problems in 5 living.
- 6 The second big part of what I do is this, forensic psychology, like I'm doing here today. I evaluate individuals who were involved 9 in legal matters. I consult with prosecutors and 10 district attorneys and U.S. attorneys on their 11 cases, and just something that has to do with the 12 legal system.
- 13 And then the other smaller percentage 14 is the engagement in professional activities in 15 the profession.
- 16 Q Do you have any areas that you 17 specialize in?
- A Yes. I specialize in interpersonal 19 violence and traumatic stress.
- 20 What is interpersonal violence?
- 21 A Interpersonal violence is the umbrella 22 term for when one person does something violent or

1 abusive toward another, and that includes domestic 1 degree of postdoctoral certification that a 2 violence, childhood sexual abuse, rape, sexual 2 psychologist can obtain. And I am board certified 3 assault, sexual harassment, physical assault. All in forensic psychology, and that means that I have 4 those types of behavior, we understand as just amassed a competency in the area of forensic interpersonal violence. psychology. Traumatic stress is the consequence of 6 O And are you licensed to practice that, what happens to individuals when they psychology? 8 experience these sort of life-altering events. A Yes, I am. 9 These really adverse live events. Traumatic g And in how many states are you 10 stress is one of the outgrowths and psychological 10 licensed? 11 consequences that people have when they've been 11 A I'm licensed in three states; in New 12 exposed to these type of traumas. 12 York, North Carolina, and Connecticut. And then I O So intimate partner violence, rape, and 13 have some temporary licenses in other states as 14 sexual assault are major areas in your focus of 14 well. 15 practice --Q Have you published in the area of your 15 16 A That's correct. 16 specialization? 17 O -- is that fair to say? A I have. I am not predominantly a MR. DENNISON: Objection. Leading. 18 researcher or somebody who writes, I'm a 18 19 THE COURT: I'll sustain the objection. 19 clinician. I'm doing direct clinical service. 20 MS. BREDEHOFT: I'll just move on. 20 But over the course of my graduate school and Q What types of patients do you treat in 21 postdoctoral time, I have published some things, 22 your private office? 22 yes. 3874

3872 A So I treat adults, mostly, men and women, in my practice. I sometimes will treat 3 late adolescents, 17 or 18. They'll come to me, 4 usually, after a rape or sexual assault, and I'll 5 treat them in short-term treatment, but mostly adults who are, you know, have sustained some kind of traumatic event in their lives. Approximately how many victims of

9 interpersonal violence have you examined or 10 personally interviewed over the course of your 11 career? Hundreds upon hundreds.

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13 Okay. And how many years have you been 14 practicing?

A Well, I started practicing in graduate 16 school, in 1992, and I was licensed in 1996, so 17 25, 30 years.

18 Q Okay. Are you board certified?

19 \mathbf{A} Yes, I am.

20 Please describe to the jury what board 21 certification means and what you are certified in.

22 Board certification is the highest Q And have you published a book chapter

2 relating to rape and sexual assault? 3 MR. DENNISON: Objection. Leading.

4 THE COURT: Overruled.

A Yes, I have. Rape and sexual assault in adult women.

Q And have you published any book chapters relating to structured or clinical

assessment of risk of violence?

10 A Yes. I co-authored a book chapter

11 entitled -- I guess it is "Structured Clinical

12 Assessment of Risk of Violence."

Q Okay. Have you given any other 14 trainings or presentations to mental health

15 professionals in the area of trauma and abuse?

A Yes. I've given many trainings at 17 national conferences, at legal conferences, for

18 attorneys, for mental health professionals, on

19 understanding trauma and how trauma may show up in

20 the courtroom and understanding what a victim of

21 intimate partner -- violence might look like.

22 Understanding the difficulties that a rape victim

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1 might have to come into court to testify, and 2 training just regular sort of mental health 3 professionals on how to understand trauma, how to 4 look for trauma, what does it look like when it 5 comes into your office, how do you treat it, how 6 do you assess it? All of those factors, I've done a number of trainings on.

O Have you been invited, on any 9 occasions, to train attorneys and judges on trauma 10 and violence?

A Yes, I have. I was invited by the 12 judicial conference to be part of the training 13 curriculum to train New York State Supreme Court 14 justices on issues of intimate partner violence 15 and traumatic stress on some of the things that 16 I've just been talking to you here, on how to 17 understand what happens in those situations; how 18 to understand the myths and misconceptions that 19 may be -- that may abound in these situations and 20 how you can sort of more accurately understand 21 what a victim is talking to you about and telling 22 you when they come into your courtroom.

Q Have you given any presentations to judicial symposiums on domestic violence?

A Yes, I've also been contacted by -4 sometimes judges will have symposiums in their 5 courtroom. They will make a decision to hold a 6 particular symposium on particular topics, and I was, you know, asked to come do presentations for 7 judges on numerous occasions.

Q And what, if any, presentations did you 10 do in understanding women's use of force in IPV?

A That was a recent presentation. I 12 think I was invited by one of the judges on the 13 office of domestic violence in New York, and the 14 title was when women use force in situations of 15 intimate partner violence. And my topic was to 16 talk about the complexities of that issue and what 17 does that look like, and how can we differentiate 18 if both people are fighting, how do we know that 19 this is intimate partner violence, sort of what 20 does the research tell us about that? How do we 21 understand that and how can we really accurately 22 assess that? That was sort of the bulk of what

1 that training was about.

Q What professional organizations do you belong to?

5 American Psychological Association, which is the 6 largest body of psychologists in the United States, over here, headquartered in D.C. Because 8 it's so big, there are subdivisions of the 9 American Psychological Association, so I belong to

A I belong to a number. I belong to the

10 a division of trauma psychology; I belong to a 11 division of psychology in the law, the division of

12 psychologists in private practice. 13 I belong to other organizations, the 14 International Society for Traumatic Stress

15 Studies, which, as the name says, it's an 16 international society where we are 17 interdisciplinary, mostly psychology and 18 psychiatry, researchers and clinicians, to really 19 understand and further our awareness about trauma 20 and traumatic stress.

21 I belong to the International Society 22 for Trauma and Dissociation. I belong to the

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1 anxiety disorders of association of America. I'm a fellow in the American Board of Forensic Psychology. 4 I don't know if I'm forgetting any.

O Are any of these specific to interpersonal violence or trauma?

A Well, clearly, the trauma division of 8 the American Psychological Association, the 9 International Society for Traumatic Stress 10 Studies, and the International Society for Trauma 11 and Dissociation. And then, also, the anxiety 12 disorders of association continues to talk about 13 trauma because, prior to this new DSM-5, it was -14 PTSD was originally categorized under the anxiety 15 disorders. So there are colleagues and 16 researchers in the anxiety disorders organizations 17 who talk about PTSD and trauma.

Q Do you hold any leadership roles in 19 these organizations?

A Yes. I am currently the president 21 elect of the trauma division of the American 22 Psychological Association. That is an elected

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1 position. You have to be elected by our 2 membership. And now I serve with the presidential 2 chair there for a number of years, and then I was 3 trio, so there's three of us who serve, with the 4 immediate past president, the current president 5 and the present elect, so it's a three-year term. 6 And what we try to do is continue to disseminate 7 best practices in trauma psychology, and, also, 8 interface with the larger American Psychological 9 Association organization to continue to 10 disseminate best practices and have just a voice 11 for trauma psychology with our larger body and 12 policymaking.

I've been involved in the trauma 13 14 psychology executive board since its inception. I 15 was a founding member of that division. I served 16 as a membership chair, a program chair, awards 17 chair. I was the APA counsel of representatives, 18 which means I was also elected to serve a 19 three-year term and sit on the governor's board of 20 APA representing the division of trauma 21 psychology. So I've been very actively involved 22 in the trauma division.

O And what is the division of trauma psychology?

A So the division of trauma psychology 4 are psychologists who come together who want to 5 disseminate best practices in trauma psychology. Want to make sure that we have our finger on the pulse of research and evidence-based interventions for people who are struggling with trauma events that have happened to them. O Okay. Have you served in leadership

11 positions of other professional organizations? A Yes. I was -- there's a 13 New-York-City-based organization called the 14 Women's Mental Health Consortium, and that's also 15 an interdisciplinary organization, psychology, 16 psychiatrist, nursing, social work, and this was 17 formed in order to give women a referral base and 18 more information about mostly what's reproductive 19 psychiatry. We know that certain difficulties and 20 psychological difficulties that you have can erupt 21 when you're pregnant or postpartum. So we wanted 22 to have a number of resources available to women

1 in the New York City area. I was a membership the president of that organization, I think, 2009 4 to 2017. I don't have my CV, but I think that's about right.

Q Why is participation in professional organizations important in your field?

8 A Well, it's important to me because I do 9 believe very much in service. I do believe very 10 much in giving back. I do believe that it's 11 important, as a psychologist, to believe strongly 12 in trauma psychology and helping people, that I 13 can be part of a voice at the table, part of that 14 push to get policy and understanding, especially 15 with the insurance companies, to make sure that 16 people are getting, you know, the appropriate care 17 that they deserve. So it's something that just 18 has always been part of my life in varying 19 degrees, and as a psychologist, I feel like it's, 20 you know, a very rewarding part of my job.

2.1 Q Do you attend professional conferences?

22 A Yes, I do. Typically, multiple times a

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1 year. Of course COVID threw a little bit of a wrench in that, since some things are virtual, but, yes, I do routinely attend conferences.

Q And why do you think that's important?

5 A It's important to stay abreast of developments in the field. It's important to meet with your colleagues across the country and see what they're doing and what they're hearing and 9 what's working and what's not working. So when 10 you're at a conference and somebody's presenting 11 new or novel research, then you can take that 12 information and bring that back to your clients 13 and bring that back to my forensic work. So, it 14 absolutely enhances the work that I do.

Q Have you ever been qualified to testify 16 in the field of psychology as an expert witness?

17 Yes, I have.

How many times?

19 A I was first qualified in 1998. So 20 since then, about 50 times.

And how often, in that 50 times, has 22 the specialty been in interpersonal violence and

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3885 traumatic stress? 1 pattern of manipulation, fear, and coercive 2 A Probably more than half. control that happens within an intimate 3 Okay. Have you ever worked for or relationship. It constitutes using a variety of 4 testified for the prosecution in criminal matters? abusive behaviors, and that could be physical Like the District Attorney's Office, U.S. violence, sexual violence, psychological Attorney's Office. aggression, emotional abuse, stalking or 6 surveillance behaviors, and economic abuse. A Yes, I have. Frequently. Okay. Do you testify for both sides in 8 The abusive behaviors occur over time, 9 lawsuits, plaintiff's and defendant's? 9 not all at once. And they're also interspersed 10 A Yes, I do. 10 with very normal times, times without violence, Have you ever worked on other cases 11 times with love and happiness. And it's this 11 12 that didn't go to trial? 12 inter-positioning of the violence with the love 13 A Many. 13 and the care that makes it very difficult for a Okay. Have you ever found an 14 14 victim to extricate herself from that situation 15 individual that you evaluated did not suffer from 15 and from that relationship. 16 the effects of interpersonal violence or PTSD? O And what would you say is the 17 A Frequently. 17 overarching dynamic of these relationships? 18 Okay. Have you ever not been qualified A So the overarching dynamic is the 18 19 in court where you have been proffered to qualify 19 abusive power and control of one person wanting to 20 as an expert in the court? 20 have dominance in that relationship, say, over 21 A No. 21 most things that the couple or that the victim 22 MS. BREDEHOFT: Your Honor, I would, at 22 does or does not do. 3886 3884 1 this time, move to qualify Dr. Hughes as an expert Q Please tell the jury what coercive 1 2 in forensic psychology with the specialization in 2 control means. interpersonal violence and traumatic stress. 3 A So coercive control is a tactic of 4 THE COURT: All right. Any objection? victimization. The goal of it is to establish 5 MR. DENNISON: No objection to dominance. What coercive control does is that it qualifying her as an expert in forensic imposes negative consequences for noncompliance psychology. with your partner's expectations or demands. What 8 THE COURT: All right. that does is it erodes away at the victim's MS. BREDEHOFT: More specifically, 9 autonomy and her independence. 10 forensic psychology with a specialization in 10 What is physical violence? 11 interpersonal violence and traumatic stress. 11 So, physical violence is when one 12 THE COURT: Any objection? 12 person uses their body against the body of another 13 MR. DENNISON: No. 13 with the intent to cause injury or harm. That can 14 THE COURT: All right. So moved. 14 be push, shove, slap, kick, punch, beat up, 15 MS. BREDEHOFT: Thank you, Your Honor. 15 meaning multiple types of physicality in one Q Dr. Hughes, please tell the jury what 16 16 instance, throw, slam into a wall, push into 17 domestic violence intimate partner violence means. 17 something hard that you could hurt yourself. A Sure. So I'm probably going to be 18 Clearly, use of a weapon would be a physically 19 interchanging the language, domestic violence and 19 violent act as well. 20 intimate partner violence, and for purposes here, 20 O Does size and strength matter between 21 these are the same thing. 21 the parties? 22 So, intimate partner violence is a 22 Yes, very much so. This is very

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1 well-documented in the literature about violence

- 2 and abuse in relationships. And that's just
- 3 physics. That's just proportional force, that if
- 4 a 185-pound man is going to push a 120-pound
- 5 woman, that's going to feel quite different than a
- 6 120-pound woman pushing an 185-pound man. And
- 7 it's just about proportional force and the size
- 8 and strength differential. And that is why,
- 9 specifically, if you look at wrestling or boxing,
- 10 they match weight classes, and they do that for a
- 11 reason, because they know that it's not fair if
- 12 somebody is bigger and stronger than the other.
- 13 So it's certainly not the only factor, but it is a
- 14 factor that one has to consider if a relationship 15 is violent.
- 16 Q What is psychological aggression?
- 17 So, psychological aggression is threats 18 and the imposition of threats with the intent to 19 control someone's behavior. So it's doing a 20 threat so that you will modify your behavior and 21 do what your partner wants.
- Some psychological aggression

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1 techniques are intimidation. Slamming your hand on a table, punching a wall, throwing something,

- and mumbling under your mouth, cursing, screaming.
- 4 Sort of these high, emotional balance types of
- activities that can cause a victim to feel afraid
- and feel intimidated.

And then if there has been an act of

- 8 physical violence, where that contingency has
- 9 already been established that this person, your
- 10 partner has said, okay, I not only have the
- 11 ability to use violence against you, I also have
- 12 the willingness to do it. The intimidating
- 13 tactics take on a greater flavor, they take on
- 14 greater salience, they mean more because you know
- 15 what could be coming down the pike.
- 16 Q What is emotional abuse?
- A So, emotional abuse functions to
- 18 denigrate a person's sense of self-worth and their
- 19 self-perception. It's about name-calling, being
- 20 very mean-spirited, putting yourself down, using
- 21 gender-based language that's offensive, racial
- 22 slurs. All types of behaviors to really make a

1 person feel less than they actually should.

- Q And what is sexual abuse?
- 3 A So, sexual abuse in an intimate relationship functions to establish dominance and establish power.

6 What it is, simply, in the psychological and psychiatric community, is 8 forcing someone to do something sexual against 9 your will when you did not want to. It can be 10 forced sex, forced vaginal, oral, anal sex. It 11 can be forced to engage in any other type of 12 sexual act that you may not want to do. When I 13 say "force," it doesn't mean it has to have 14 physical force. There's a lot of psychologically 15 coercive tactics that are used that many times, 16 when violence has already been established in the 17 relationship, the victim also feels that she can't 18 say no for fear of reprisal, for fear of 19 retaliation for saying no to those acts.

1 want to ask about it because it makes people very uncomfortable.

22 people don't want to talk about it and they don't

So, sexual abuse, you know, does happen

Q Is digital penetration of the vagina 4 sexual abuse?

21 in intimate partner relationships. A lot of

MR. DENNISON: Objection. Leading.

Q What, if any, role does digital 6 penetration of the vagina play in sexual abuse?

A If it is nonconsensual, then it is 9 abusive.

- Q What, if any, penetration of inanimate 10 11 objects into the vagina play a role in the sexual 12 abuse?
- 13 A Again, the operative word is 14 consensual. If you are not consenting to those 15 acts, then it is sexually abusive.
- 16 Q Is there a distinction between sexual 17 violence and sexual abuse?
- A Not really. Sexual violence is a term 19 of art. It is the overarching umbrella that we, 20 in the psychological and psychiatric communities, 21 talk about. So if we are looking at our 22 diagnostic and statistical manual, and say what

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1 are the traumas that could cause PTSD, it's listed 2 as sexual violence. So it's an umbrella term that 3 allows us to understand. It could be childhood 4 sexual abuse; it could be a rape, a sexual 5 assault; it could be sexual abuse in an intimate 6 relationship. So it's really just an overarching 7 term that we use in the field.

O What are -- I'm sorry.

A It doesn't mean -- I think people often 10 mistake it to mean that when you are being 11 sexually abused, that someone's punching you or 12 someone's hitting you, or someone's doing 13 something like that, because you hear the 14 violence. It does not mean that. That can 15 happen, but that term doesn't require that, nor 16 does it mean that.

17 O What are stalking or surveillance 18 behaviors?

A So, stalking or surveillance behaviors 20 are a common tactic of, typically, men who use 21 violent behaviors in an intimate relationship.

22 What they do is they allow the woman to know that

1 wherever she is, wherever she goes, he's going to 2 know. I'm going to maybe look at your phone, see 3 who you're talking to, track you on my iPhone, 4 look at your Instagram, look at your emails. You 5 know, really having a way of knowing all of the 6 personal information about you. And what that 7 does, it, again, erodes the victim's autonomy and 8 it erodes her sense of privacy. She doesn't feel 9 that wherever she can go, that somewhere, he's not 9 and which ones have a great impact in the 10 going to be part of her life in a very 11 objectionable way. Sometimes there's the pop-ins. 12 They will show up at places that they're not 13 supposed to be and that we don't want them to be, 14 just as a way of checking. Sometimes they'll have 15 friends or family check up on their partners to 16 make sure where they are. What time did you get 17 home? But you didn't turn off your phone at this 18 time, but you came in the door this time. Like, 19 all of the sort of constant questioning and 20 interrogation about an individual's whereabouts.

What about economic abuse? What is

22 that?

A So, economic abuse is a way to, again, 2 continue to maintain control over your intimate partner. Sometimes it's withholding information about the finances, of not letting you have access to the finances. If you can't have access to a credit card or a checking account or, you know, Apple Pay on your phone, then you're rendered, usually, much more economically dependent on your partner, and that limits tangible options for you.

For individuals where that sort of 11 tangible options isn't there, we see the economic 12 abuse or the economic restriction when one partner 13 refuses to share any information about the funds. 14 So it's not like I can't go shopping because I 15 won't have money, but I don't have any 16 decision-making in our family money. I don't have 17 any idea of what we're doing in our family 18 vis-à-vis our finances. So it's a way of 19 definitely keeping that very separate, and not in 20 a consensual way. Some couples make that choice. 21 One person does all the money. That's fine. But 22 when it doesn't come from a place of consensual

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1 choice-making, it can be abusive.

So you just described a number of these abusive behaviors. Are all of them present in every domestic violence relationship?

A No. They're not all present in every 6 one. And that's why it's very important to do a 7 thorough assessment of a relationship that may be 8 mired in violence to see which ones are present 10 relationship. Which ones are sort of making the 11 structure of this relationship.

Q After a sexual assault in an intimate 13 relationship, how might a victim, in those 14 circumstances, interact with her partner?

A So this is one of the myths, that 16 people say, well, if she was sexually assaulted by 17 her partner, she would have just left. And 18 nothing could be further from the truth. That's 19 not what happens, especially when it's your 20 husband or your boyfriend or your partner.

So what women do is they bury it. They 22 compartmentalize it. They put it away. They

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avoid it. Because then they can continue to reach
 out for the kind and the loving man that they got
 into this relationship with. You know, the
 problem is that it does fester belief and causes
 more sort of psychological distress in the victim.
 Q What, if any, role can shame or

Q What, if any, role can shame or humiliation play in this coercive dynamic?

A So, that's one of the emotions that the victim is usually trying to suppress and 10 compartmentalize and avoid and put away. One of 11 the most, you know, frequently felt feelings after 12 something so incredibly humiliating and violating 13 is shame. And shame is a very sort of difficult 14 emotion for people to have to live with and to 15 have to experience. And then a lot of times, what 16 they see in these relationships, especially ones 17 where sexual assault is perpetrated, that's 18 typically the emotional abuse as well. So if 19 you're being called names, like a whore and a slut 20 and easy and fat, and you're feeling ashamed from 21 the sexual assault that just happened, it sort of 22 acts as a compounding effect, and it kind of

slowly deteriorates the psychological functioning
 of the victim and where they're just really trying
 to get back to the good guy, get the good guy to
 come back, that they're suffering these symptoms
 underneath.

Q What about intimidation? What role does intimidation play in the coercive control dynamic?

9 A Intimidation is one of the – the huge
10 factors that we see in coercive control. Again,
11 the goal is to get your partner to do what you
12 want them to do. And if you've established that
13 you can use violence and other sexual violence and
14 physical violence, slamming your hand on the
15 table, throwing a glass, breaking a door, you
16 know, throwing anything, causing a fit, yelling
17 and screaming. You know, that can rise the fear
18 level in a victim that she may modify her behavior
19 quicker, and he may not need to use physical
20 violence because he's already established that
21 that fear is there.

Q What, if any, role could writing

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1 obscene messages play in being considered as2 intimidating behavior?

MR. DENNISON: Objection. Leading.
MS. BREDEHOFT: I said what, if any,
Your Honor.

THE COURT: Overruled.

7 A I mean, certainly, writing obscene 8 messages to your partner could absolutely be an 9 intimidating behavior.

10 Q What, if any, role does emotional abuse 11 or degradation play in the dynamic?

12 A So, emotional abuse and degradation, as 13 I stated before, functions to decrease your sense 14 of self-worth. It decreases your sense of agency. 15 It makes you feel bad about yourself. And when 16 you feel bad about yourself, you're less likely to 17 actualize and see options for leaving. You're so 18 sort of mired in this dynamic of abuse that you 19 come, sometimes, to believe the bad things that 20 the person is telling you about. So, you know, 21 maybe I am not talented and fat and lazy and 22 stupid. And it interferes with that ability to

1 problem solve and figure out, you know, can I get
2 out of this relationship. And sometimes you feel
3 you don't even deserve to get out of the
4 relationship when the abuse is so chronic and so

repetitive.
Q What role does surveillance, as a means
of control, play in that dynamic?

7 of control, play in that dynamic?

8 A So, surveillance --

9 MR. DENNISON: Objection. Leading.
10 MS. BREDEHOFT: I don't think that's
11 leading. Your Honor.

12 THE COURT: Overruled. Go ahead.

13 A So, surveillance functions to let the
14 victim know, wherever you are, there I am. So it
15 makes her feel not secure in her movement, feeling
16 that she has to restrict her movement. Her
17 movement is not hers alone. It usually increases
18 hypervigilance; it increases fear; it increases
19 the need to -- for yourself, to mark where you've
20 been what you've done so that you can go back and
21 prove it to your partner because you know that
22 there is going to be an interrogation later. When

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1 this pattern has been established, show receipts, 2 show me your iPhone, where were you, what's your 3 Google location. Those are types of surveillance 4 behaviors that puts the victim very much on edge 5 and increases that level of anxiety and trepidation.

Q What role does possessive jealousy play in these relationships?

A So, possessive jealousy is a very 10 difficult dynamic in intimate partner violence. 11 It's very common in situations of coercive 12 control. It's rooted in possession, that the 13 gentleman feels that he can possess her and that 14 he can have her whenever he wants. It's a very 15 possessive dynamic. But the accusations, the 16 problem is, when you make the accusations, the 17 woman's forced to refute the accusations. So, 18 they are continuing in this dynamic where she's 19 trying to prove that I didn't do what you said, 20 this didn't happen. And then, unfortunately, 21 sometimes it escalates because the man is not 22 taking the no for an answer because this is a

1 (indiscernible), perceptive pattern that's very 2 difficult to penetrate, that often these type of 3 conversations lend themselves to physical and 4 sexual violence.

Q Does that dynamic happen overnight?

A No, it doesn't happen overnight. It 7 happens over time. And we don't – one doesn't 8 get into a relationship with a man who's beating 9 her up and sexually assaulting her and calling her 10 names and doing all that. You know, she gets into 11 the relationship for all the right reasons. Just 12 like we all get into relationship, for love, for 13 companionship, for kindness, for a future. But 14 then slowly, you know, all these behaviors start 15 to take form. Like I say, it's sort of like 16 sucking the oxygen out of the room, and then 17 before you know it, you're suffocating.

Q And that brings me to my next question. 19 What role does physical abuse and coercive tactics 20 play interspersed with normalcy and positive 21 moments?

22 MR. DENNISON: Objection. Compound.

THE COURT: I'll sustain the objection. MS. BREDEHOFT: Okay. I'll figure this out some way.

Q What role does love and normalcy play in these dynamics you've been describing?

MR. DENNISON: Objection. Compound.

7 THE COURT: Overruled.

MS. BREDEHOFT: Thank you.

8 A So, love and normalcy are almost always 10 in these relationships that, you know, when you 11 are in a lull and the violence is not happening, 12 you're back to sort of the loving man that you 13 wanted, the person who you wanted to be with. And 14 when you pair sort of this violent dynamic, 15 physical violence, sexual violence, with love and 16 attachment, it creates a trauma bond. It creates 17 a psychological bond, and emotional dependency is 18 created, so it makes it very difficult for the 19 victim of the abuse to extricate herself from that 20 relationship and for her to even believe, 21 frankly -- I mean, that takes a lot of time, to 22 even believe that she can and that she should.

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Q And what, if any, role does that dynamic you've described have in the victim thinking they can fix the problem?

A So, what do we know from the research? The research with working with battered men who come into treatment is that the only person who can change the abuse is the abuser. So, no matter 8 what the tactics that the woman uses, she's trying 9 to do all these different things to fix him, to 10 have him not be violent, to have him not be 11 sexually violent, to have him not be excessively 12 jealous. And all those things don't change his 13 behavior because it's up to him to change his 14 behavior. And this was played out a million times 15 in the batterer's intervention groups that I led. 16 The man would tell us, it doesn't matter what she 17 does. I don't care. So the problem is, is that 18 the woman continues to think that she can fix it 19 and, yet, she can't. But she's the one who's, 20 then, rendered sort of helpless and hopeless 21 because everything that she's trying to do is 22 failing.

Q What is the cycle of violence?

A So, the cycle of violence is one way to 3 describe this domestic violence pattern. 4 Typically, what we see, the cycle can be different

5 in a variety of relationships, but, typically, 6 what we see is in the first phase, the sort of

multiple, three to four phases.

In the first phase, there's a tension 9 building phase. You're sort of starting to feel 10 that apprehension. He may be throwing his papers 10 hundreds and hundred that I've evaluated, who was 11 on the table a little more. He may be slamming 12 the fridge door a little more. He may be mumbling 13 under his mouth a little more. He may grab a 14 glass a little more forcefully than he normally 15 is.

16 And then there is the incident phase. 17 Then there's the blowup, where the violence, the 18 abuse, the screaming, the sexual violence or the 19 physical violence, all that occurs.

20 Then we come to the attrition phase. 21 I'm sorry. I didn't mean it. It wasn't me. I'm 22 not going to do it again. The promises for

1 going to do anything to hurt you again. I would

2 never let anyone hurt you. It could be sending

flowers and buying gifts or going on trips or your

favorite restaurants. And that is, you know, an

array of where the man is trying to make those

amends and then it gets the woman hooked. So they

get hooked on the kindness. They get hooked on

the love. They don't get hooked on the abuse.

9 I've never met one woman, in the hundreds and

11 not concerned about the violence. They're all

12 concerned about the violence, but they go for the 13 love.

14 So, in your experience with these 15 dynamics that you've described, does the victim 16 ever yell at her partner?

17 A Absolutely.

18 Why? Q

19 We know, from the research, that women

20 use verbal and physical acts of aggression in

21 these relationships. That's not uncommon. This 22 has been researched for five decades. And a woman

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1 change. And then we sort of slide into the calm

2 phase where, you know, this isn't going to happen

3 again. I'm back to stable ground. I'm going to

4 live in this place, this sort of honeymoon place.

5 The problem in the calm phase is we often see

6 rationalizations and the justifications for the

7 behavior. It's not like, typically, the man is

8 taking full responsibility for what he did. But

9 it's calm because there's no, you know, violence 10 and no sort of tension at that moment. And then

11 it reoccurs, and then it reoccurs.

So you're stuck in this vicious cycle 13 of trying to figure out how can I be with this man 14 who hurts me and, yet, I love him so much.

Q And what, if anything, does the term 16 "love bomb" mean?

A So the love bombing is, it's more of 18 the colloquial term for the younger folks here, 19 where you shower someone with affection and love,

20 you know, in this attrition and calm phase. 21 Where, you know, everything about you is special.

22 You're the best thing in the world. I'm never

1 may yell at her partner because she's angry, and

2 anger is a very normal emotion to having been abused. She can also be afraid, but they don't

4 have to be mutually exclusive. We can absolutely,

as human beings, feel two or three or four

different emotions at once. People do often say

to me, oh, she would never yell at him if she knew

he was going to hit her. And that's not true.

9 That's just patently not true. That's not

10 supported in the research, and that's not

11 supported in my clinical practice. You know, the

12 problem is, there's a classic double bind. The

13 violence has been so normalized in the

14 relationship now. She gets hit if she does yell;

15 she gets hit if she doesn't yell. So for women

16 that feel, at certain moments, that they need some

17 preserve, some sense of autonomy and their

18 independence and stand up for themselves, they

19 will yell and they will fight back, even though

20 the risk of violence is there.

21 So it doesn't mean that she's not 22 afraid and that she's not concerned about the

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violence, and it doesn't mean she doesn't also use placating and compliance strategies most of the time as well.

Q Does -- in the cases that you have, and in your experience, does the abuse typically take place in front of others?

A No. I mean, this is classically what
we talk about "behind closed doors." Most of the
intimate partner violence or domestic violence
happens, you know, in the privacy of your own
home. So sometimes we see the remnants of it, the
aftereffects, or victims talk to their friends or
family about it. But very rarely are you seeing
highly about it blowup phase happen in the
middle of witnesses and other people.

16 Q What's the term "bystander effect" 17 mean?

A So, bystander effect means what happens
19 when people are aware that domestic violence is
20 happening? What happens when they're aware, even
21 if they're not seeing it, that it could be
22 happening? What happens is we know that it's very

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1 happened. I certainly am not going to jeopardize2 my job if I don't really know what happened behind

2 my job if I don't really know what happened behin 3 closed doors, even if I see a trashed room or a

4 bruise. And then people still believe it's a

family matter. You know, it's between Amber and

6 Johnny, let them figure it out. You know, I'm not

7 going to get in the middle.

8 MR. DENNISON: Objection.

THE COURT: What's the objection?

10 MR. DENNISON: Motion to strike.

THE COURT: What's the objection?

MR. DENNISON: We identified two names

13 in the answer.

14 THE COURT: Overruled.

15 Next --

16 MS. BREDEHOFT: Thank you.

17 THE COURT: -- question.

18 Q Did you finish your answer?

19 A Yes. I believe so.

20 Q Okay. What about mutual abuse? What

21 is that? What role does that play?

22 A So, mutual abuse isn't really a term of

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1 difficult for people to stand up and say

2 something. It's very difficult, especially in

3 situations where there's a larger community of

4 folks and the person who, perhaps, is perpetrating

5 the abuse is the leader of that community. It

6 becomes very difficult to go up against that, to

7 go up against the sort of head honcho of the

8 community. People are very fearful of losing

9 their jobs. I've seen this, time and time again,

10 in the cases that I've worked on. You know, the

11 Boy Scout cases or the clergy leader abuse cases.

12 You know, all of those type of cases where -- the

13 USA Gymnastics, where when we go back and we look,

14 we see people knew, but the secretary doesn't want

15 to lose her job; she has kids to feed. The guy

15 to lose her job, she has leas to reed. The gay

16 who, you know, checks your room, he doesn't want

17 to lose his job because he has a mortgage to pay.

18 So people are quiet and they don't say anything.

19 And then other people are very -- it's a very

20 worrisome dynamic. They don't want to put their

21 foot out there if they're wrong. And maybe I

22 didn't see it right or I don't really know what

1 art that we use. What we look at is situational

2 couple violence and intimate partner violence.

3 And when we look at situational couple violence,

4 that really does characterize the majority of

5 types of violence and abuse that happens in

relationships. That's when a couple gets out of

7 hand, they may push, shove, slap, yell, say some

8 things that they don't want. It's not that those

behaviors are okay, but those are sort of what our

10 larger-scale, community-based studies says happens

11 in these relationships. That's distinguished from

12 intimate partner violence, What I've talked to you

13 about, that has this constellation of symptoms and

14 is rooted in the abuse of power and control.

15 Q Is there research that addresses this 16 mutual abuse?

17 A Yeah, there's research that addresses 18 what does gender symmetry look like? Male and

19 female, are they the same? And there is

20 certainly, as I said, research on the lower end

21 types of violent behaviors, push, shove, slap.

22 You know, we may see similar rates between men and

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women. In psychological aggression, yelling,
 name-calling, putting down, in some of our big,
 community-scale studies, we may see similar rates
 of perpetration on those behaviors.

But then there are, you know, other situations where we don't have gender symmetry. And what the research talks about, very clearly, is you have to examine context. You have to examine the differential of power and control and 10 coercive control in the relationship to make a 11 full determination.

12 Q Do women use violence in relationships?

A Absolutely. We've known this for 14 five decades in our research. We've been studying 15 this since the '70s. And when we look at what 16 happens, you know, women do report their use of 17 violence. The majority of violence that we do see 18 is what we call reactor violence or self-defense 19 violence, or sometimes violence that's perpetrated 20 independently of an assault, of something that's 21 going on.

But mostly that when a partner begins

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1 very first case was a same-sex domestic violence

2 homicide in Brooklyn. So that was in 1998. So

3 I've been examining and treating individuals in a

4 variety of types of violence contexts. So, we

5 have to be careful that that bias doesn't get in

6 our way when we're evaluating a particular7 situation in a particular case.

That said, we do know that there still
are differences. You know, in a heterosexual
couple, in a male/female dyad, the research still
sclear that there are differences. Men still
perpetrate more severe acts of violence. Women
are still more likely to be injured. They're much
they're much
they're more likely to be
intimidated, afraid, and they're much more likely
to be killed. So we know that those differences
kexist, but we do examine, you know, in those
individual circumstances, knowing that either one
occuld be a perpetrator or a victim.

21 Q So, how are you able to determine 22 whether a relationship is a situational violence

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to become violent, then she may become violent andfight back. That's not an uncommon dynamic. That

3 if somebody is being pushed or shoved or hit, that4 a person will fight back. That's been established

5 in the research.

Q And what, if any, effect does that have on changing the power dynamics or the structure?

8 A Well, you have to find out. Does it?
9 Does her use of violence change the overarching
10 power structure of coercive control and violence
11 and abuse in this relationship? You have to
12 examine those variable to see, does it or does it
13 not?

14 Q Can men be victims of intimate partner 15 violence?

16 A Absolutely. Certainly we know that we 17 have to be careful of gendered stereotypes. We 18 can't go in and think, oh, only the woman is the 19 victim, and only the man is the perpetrator. That 20 just does not comport with the research. We know 21 that the research also shows that we can have 22 domestic violence in same-sex relationships. My

1 or intimate partner violence?

A So, I thoroughly examine all of those other variables. I look for the coercive control.

4 Who holds the power in the situation? Who's able

5 to say no? Who makes the decisions? What are the 6 consequences if you don't follow the decisions of

7 your partner? Is there sexual violence? Is there

8 intimidation and fear? All the statistical

9 factors that are associated with severe and

10 (indiscernible) of domestic violence.

So there's a lot of data that we have
12 in the field that we can use to assess a
13 particular relationship and really find out what's
14 going on.

15 Q Does alcohol and substance use cause 16 people to be violent?

17 A It certainly doesn't cause people to be
18 violent. We have plenty of people who can be, you
19 know, struggling with substance abuse and
20 addiction and they're not violent. But when you
21 have a substance abuse, an addiction, and you
22 perpetrate domestic violence, it does create a

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1 much more disasterous effect. It's a co-occurring 2 variable, and we know that, also from the 3 research, that the majority of the women will 4 report that when their partner is drinking, the

5 physical violence goes up. So a lot of the times, when he's 7 physically violent is when he's been consuming 8 drugs or alcohol. When he's not consuming drugs 9 and alcohol and he's not violent, those other 10 behaviors continue to persist, the coercive 11 control, the surveillance, that obsessive 12 jealousy, the possessiveness, the psychological 13 abuse. Those usually persist. But the alcohol 14 can just throw lighter fluid on a flame in a

O Is there research that looks at how 17 women cope with the violence and abuse in their 18 relationships?

19 A Yes, there is.

15 situation of domestic violence.

20 Please tell me about it. What does it 21 say?

22 A So there's been a lot of research to 1 trying to fix the relationship from within the

- 2 confines of the relationship. You know, trying to
- get him to go to counseling. Try to get him to go
- to church. Try to get him to understand his ways.
- Try to get him to get into AA or sober counseling
- or harm reduction model to help with his
- addiction. Compliance with his demands.
- 8 Anticipating his demands. All these coping
- 9 strategies that are sort of, you know, embedded 10 within that intimate relationship.
- Q Let's talk about the calling the 12 police. Is that a common response?

A It's not a common response. Many women 14 do not want to call the police on their partners. 15 You know, using criminal justice interventions in 16 crimes of women and children are the least likely 17 to be called into law enforcement. And most of 18 the time, when the police are called, it's because 19 a particular incident has got out of hand, and she 20 feels I'm safe. And the only way that she feels I 21 can get this incident to end and stop is by 22 calling law enforcement.

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1 talk about what do women do? That's the question

2 that everyone wants to know. Why doesn't she just

- 3 leave? And in asking that question, why doesn't
- 4 she just leave, we actually are able to say, well,
- 5 let me tell you what she does do. And what the
- 6 research shows is women do a lot of things in that
- 7 relationship.

So, sort of three main categories. One 8 9 are the formal responses, the formal things that 10 she does. Call the police. Participate in the 11 prosecution of your partner. Go see a therapist. 12 Go to a shelter. Go to a hospital. These are 13 sort of the very formal strategies that women can 14 use.

And then there are the informal 16 strategies. That's talking with your best friend, 17 talking with your mom, talking with your friends, 18 trying to get that emotional support from your 19 social network.

But the most common one are these 21 personal strategies. And the personal strategies 22 are really talking with your partner. They're

Q And if police are called, does the woman typically participate in the prosecution?

3 A I mean, this has been a problem and a

- difficulty for prosecutors across the country since I've been doing this work. I'm actually
- frequently called by the prosecutor to testify
- about a fact pattern because the victim won't come
- in and testify. So dropping restraining orders,
- not participating in the prosecution is a very
- 10 common dynamic in situations of intimate partner
- 11 violence, domestic violence. And what we know,
- 12 and what we know from our law enforcement data and
- 13 colleagues is that when you get that 911 call,
- 14 they're very specifically trained to say, that's
- 15 likely not the first episode. The chances are
- 16 there have been more severe episodes before you
- 17 get this call. So you can't go on the scene and
- 18 think that this is the first episode of violence, 19 and that's why a thorough assessment is supposed
- 20 to be done when police officers arrive on the
- 21 scene. So usually that episode that calls the
- 22 police is just meant to stop that incident in that

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1 moment, to get a sense of safety, but most women
2 don't want to participate and go forward with a
3 restraining order.

4 Q Why do women in violent relationships 5 stay in the relationship when the man's hurting 6 them?

A I mean, they stay for all the reasons 8 we talked about in the cycle of violence. They 9 stay for the loving man. They stay for the man 10 who's kind. Stay for the man they decided to 11 marry and had hope and promises for their future. 12 So there's a lot of sort of love and attachment as 13 why they're connected to their partner. Some 14 people stay because they have economic reasons, 15 and they don't have tangible resources to leave. 16 Some people have children in common, and they 17 don't want to deprive their children of a father. 18 So some people feel retaliation. If I leave, I'm 19 going to get seriously hurt, and, frankly, the 20 statistics spell it out. The most dangerous time 21 for a woman is when she's leaving that 22 relationship. Her likelihood of getting killed

2 gets them going from one episode to the next. To
3 get up the next day and maybe he's not going to
4 drink today. Maybe it's going to be on his good
5 side. Maybe he's going to come home and not
6 disappear for three days. Continuing to hope that
7 some type of change is coming down the pike.

1 victims alive in these situations. That's what

8 Q Now, you mentioned lethality a little 9 earlier. Can you, please, explain to us what that 10 means?

A So, lethality means death, fatality.

We have very well-validated instruments and data
that looks at what factors happen in a
trelationship where a woman ends up dead. And we
to do that through looking retrospectively, saying,
wou know, here's -- this person ended up dead,
killed by her partner in a homicide, and let's see
what factors were there so that we can work at
preventing it. It's very methodologically sound
over different case control designs, over multiple
cities, used by the FBI and law enforcement. So

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grows substantially at that moment. So leavingsometimes isn't the best strategy. Staying keepsher safe.

So there's usually a multiple of factors of why a woman decides to stay in a relationship. Again, as I said previously, it doesn't mean she's unconcerned about the violence, just she hasn't figured out a way out yet.

9 Q What, if any, role does emotional 10 attachment and love play in that?

A That's, you know, probably the biggest 12 one, is that you have this -- we talked about that 13 trauma bond that has developed, that psychological 14 attachment to your partner. You don't want to 15 leave him. You've connected with him on so many 16 other levels that giving that up just feels like a 17 threat to your integrity. You're just sort of in 18 the threats of his because you're just so 19 intertwined and attached.

20 Q What, if any, role does hope and 21 optimism play?

22 A Hope and optimism are really what keeps

1 somebody is in a very dangerous situation.

So some of the factors are an increased
frequency and severity of the violence, threats to
kill, choking behavior, sexual assault, obsessive
and possessive jealousy, controlling behavior, the
perpetrator's use of substances, alcohol and
substance, the perpetrator's threatening of
suicide himself. Those are some of the top
factors, and there are more, that are very, very
dangerous. When we hear that and we hear a woman
is in a situation where those are present, then we
are moving out of our situational couple violence.

13 Q What, if any, role does destroying 14 property play?

15 A And destroying property, destruction of 16 property, personal property is also one of the 17 risk factors for danger and fatality.

18 Q And what, if any, role does leaving 19 threatening messages play?

20 A That's also a risk factor for 21 lethality.

2 Q What are the psychological and

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1 traumatic effects that such interpersonal violence 2 have on victims?

3 MR. DENNISON: Objection. Compound. MS. BREDEHOFT: Psychological and

traumatic effects are interchangeable.

THE COURT: I'll sustain it.

What are the psychological effects that such interpersonal violence have on victims?

A So, these have also been 10 well-researched, and are wide and varied. We see 11 depression and depressive disorders, sometimes 12 with suicidality. We see anxiety and anxiety 13 disorders, a lot of stress. We see post-traumatic 14 stress disorder. We see substance abuse and 15 substance abuse disorders. We see trust 16 difficulties and difficulties in interpersonal 17 relationships as a result. We see a lot of shame 18 and humiliation. We see anger and rage. A 19 whole – sleep disruption. A whole host of 20 difficult psychological consequences having 21 sustained a relationship of intimate partner 22 violence.

0 What, if any, role does low self-esteem 2 play?

A Well, low self-esteem is a very common 4 aftereffect. When you're embedded in the 5 relationship, it also makes it very difficult for you to climb your way out.

Q What is emotional dysregulation?

A Emotional dysregulation, so it's a 9 D-Y-S, dysregulation, is when you sort of don't 10 feel that you have control of your emotions. You 11 feel like you're fluctuating, you know, from one 12 to the ex - one to the next. It's not the same 13 as a bipolar disorder. You know, it can happen in 14 short moments that, you know, it's really because 15 your central nervous system is so out of haywire 16 from being exposed to so many traumatic events. 17 That you may feel things deeply and with a short 18 trigger and a very quick time.

Q In your experience, is there a 20 particular way victims of intimate partner 21 violence remember the violence they endured? 22 Well, memory for traumatic events is 1 something that has been well researched.

2 Sometimes people have what we call "dissociative

amnesia." Where because of the physical or

psychic pain of what they're going through, a

portion of the memory gets blocked or it can't get

retrieved. We've either stored it, retrieved it,

we're not really sure. But most of the time, the

memory is really about when you have multiple

repeated events of the same type of thing.

So if you're abused multiple times and 11 the abuse is very similar, it's very common for

12 the victim to lose discrete details of a

13 particular incident. They may not retain the

14 memory for the complete incident, and that might

15 be dissociative amnesia, that just might mean

16 forgetting because you have so many chronic events

17 that have happened to you.

18 Q Are there common myths or 19 misperceptions about domestic violence?

20 A There are. I hope I've dispelled some 21 of them here already, but, I mean, that's 22 certainly are that women are meek, passive, just

1 sitting there letting the abuse happen. That

women don't fight back. That women don't yell

back. That they -- some old ones, that they like

the violence, they're not concerned about the

violence. That if it was really bad, she really

would have left. If it was really bad, she really

would have told the police. All of those myths

and misconceptions that just don't comport with

9 the research.

10 Q Are there also myths about trauma

11 survivors, how trauma survivors present?

A Yes, they are. What we say is, you

13 know, how laypeople think someone who has suffered

14 a traumatic event is supposed to act. So in the

15 immediate aftermath of a trauma, people think, oh,

16 they should be hysterical, overabreacting,

17 emotional, all over the place. That's typically

18 not the first reaction of a trauma survivor. The

19 first reaction is, you know, suppression,

20 emotional numbing, emotional constriction. How do

21 I get through this? You know, women who are

22 beaten, they get up the next morning, they get

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1 their kids dressed, they get them to school. They 2 go to work. They do a presentation in their 3 office. They go on with life. The most normal 4 thing that a person does who has experienced 5 trauma is to get up and try to be normal. They're 6 striving for that all the time. So sometimes if 7 you see somebody who is more emotionally 8 constricted, looks maybe stoic, looks like they're 9 not feeling, it doesn't mean that they're not 10 having internal reactions. We say this in the 11 field of clinical psychology all the time. The 12 inside doesn't match the outside. What you're 13 seeing on the outside may not match what's going 14 on for the person inside because they have to be 15 so controlled because the fear is that if I let 16 out a little of this emotion, I'm not going to be 17 able to put the floodgates back on. It's just 18 going to be too overwhelming. And that's true for 19 people who are involved in litigation and also 20 true for my private patients who are - even 21 though they're coming to me for help, they try 22 very, very cleverly to not want to feel the

Q Is there a single profile that fits all 2 women in domestic violence situations?

A No.

Q Is there a single profile of a man who 5 perpetrates intimate partner violence?

A No.

MS. BREDEHOFT: Your Honor, I'm at a 8 point of moving to a new topic area. I don't know 9 what Your Honor wants to do because I know we 10 switched the lunch around. I'm perfectly happy to 11 keep going, but if this was a good stopping point, 12 we can make that for the break.

THE COURT: All right. Let's go ahead 14 and take our afternoon break for 15 minutes.

Do not discuss the case, and do not do 15 16 any outside research, okay?

(Whereupon, the jury exited the 18 courtroom and the following proceedings took 19 place.)

20 THE COURT: All right. Dr. Hughes, 21 since you are testifying, please, do not discuss 22 your testimony, including the attorneys at this

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1 difficult emotions of the trauma that they

experienced. Q And is it also possible that they can look very friendly and smile and laugh and things

like that?

6 A Yeah.

MR. DENNISON: Objection. Compound. 8

THE COURT: Sustained.

Q What, if any -- please describe some of 10 the ways that a victim can hide that, as you just 11 testified to.

A We call that the appearance of 13 normalcy. The appearance of competency. That 14 doesn't mean that they're not. It doesn't mean 15 that they're not normal or that they're not 16 competent, but it doesn't give you a bird's eye 17 into their inner experience. And that's what we 18 do in the -- we say in the rooms, in the rooms of 19 therapy, where we really help people deal with 20 that, that they keep to themselves. But, yes, 21 someone can be smiling and happy. It doesn't mean 22 that they're not suffering inside.

1 point, okay?

2 THE WITNESS: Yes.

3 THE COURT: All right. We'll come back at 3:15, then.

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MS. BREDEHOFT: Thank you, Your Honor.

6 THE BAILIFF: All rise.

(Recess taken from 2:58 p.m. to

3:15 p.m.)

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9 THE BAILIFF: All rise.

10 Please be seated and come to order.

11 THE COURT: All right. Are we ready

12 for the jurors?

MS. BREDEHOFT: Yes, Your Honor. 13

14 THE COURT: Okay.

15 (Whereupon, the jury entered the

16 courtroom and the following proceedings took 17 place.)

THE COURT: All right. Be seated. All 18 19 right.

20 Your next question.

MS. BREDEHOFT: Thank you, Your Honor.

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3931 3933 BY MS. BREDEHOFT: 1 this case. And then I conduct collateral Q Dr. Hughes, did there come a time where interviews. you conducted a forensic psychological evaluation O So, Dr. Hughes, just to be clear, do of Amber Heard? you assume everything the victim reports is true A Yes. when you conduct these examinations? 6 Q Please tell the jury what a forensic A No, of course not. I always approach a 6 psychological evaluation is. forensic evaluation with a healthy dose of THE COURT: Could you turn it on, at skepticism. With any forensic evaluation, there the bottom base. 9 exists a motivation that the individual may be A A forensic psychological evaluation is 10 telling you something that is not accurate. It 11 doesn't mean that that's there, but you have to 11 an evaluation that is conducted for the courts to 12 answer a particular legal question. It contains 12 control for that and know that you're looking for, 13 again, what does the data tell you, the external 13 multiple parts. Ms. Heard is not a client of 14 mine. She's never been in therapy with me. She's 14 data, about what the person is also telling you. Q Did the forensic evaluation follow a 15 not under my clinical care. It is an objective 16 standard methodology or was it specific to 16 evaluation to determine a particular legal 17 Ms. Heard? 17 question. A No. This is my standard methodology 18 Forensic evaluation follows a 19 that I would use with any individual who's in a 19 methodology that, what we say, is a multi-method, 20 multi-hypothesis-driven methodology, which means I 20 forensic matter and I would be called to evaluate 21 them. 21 look at a variety of different documents and data When did you meet with Amber Heard? 22 using multiple hypotheses. It's not just one 22 3932 3934 1 hypothesis, one theory of the case. You're going 1 A Okay. So I met with Ms. Heard for a 2 and looking to see, you know, what possibly could 2 total of about 29 hours. I met with her, for the 3 be going on here. And then you use the data to 3 first time, in September 2019. I saw her for four 4 arrive at that opinion. You look for consistency 4 visits, live, in my New York City office. That's across the data to arrive at that opinion. about 21, 22 hours. And then I saw her twice over And the forensic psychological Zoom, one was in January 2021. 6 evaluation has many parts. It has a clinical MR. DENNISON: Your Honor, may we 8 interview part, a structured, or semi-structured 8 approach? 9 9 clinical interview, where I'm asking Ms. Heard THE COURT: Do you want to approach? 10 Okay. 10 lots of things about her life, both before 11 Mr. Depp and after. It involves a psychological 11 (Sidebar.) 12 testing component of the evaluation, which allows 12 MR. DENNISON: It appears that the 13 witness is reading from something. 13 me to do a good, broad, scan of different 14 MS. BREDEHOFT: She has her notes up 14 symptomatologies that people might have in their 15 lives, as well as to have indicators of how she 15 there, and she's perfectly able to. THE COURT: Well, she shouldn't be 16 approached the tests. Is she defensive? Is she 16 17 malingering? Is she feigning? Is she 17 reading from notes, though, unless she needs them 18 exaggerating? It gives me indications about how 18 to refresh. 19 MS. BREDEHOFT: I think she's looking 19 she approached the evaluation.

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20 down at the dates that she met with Amber. I

THE COURT: Ask her. Whatever she's

21 mean, we can ask her. I'll ask her.

I review a number of documents, medical

21 records, psychological records, the texts, the

22 audio, all the different things that we've had in

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3937 1 reading from, you will have the opportunity to 1 Q And what did the evaluation consist of? look at upon cross-examination. 2 A So, as I stated, the evaluation MR. DENNISON: I can look at the notes? 3 consisted of psychological testing, a THE COURT: Oh, yeah. If she's looking 4 semi-structured chinical interview with Ms. Heard, at them, 100 percent. a review of a whole host of documents, relative to 6 MR. DENNISON: Thank you, Your Honor. 6 this case, and medical records and psychological MS. BREDEHOFT: What she has there is records, and then three collateral interviews, two everything she has turned over to them. with her treating therapists, Dr. Bonnie Jacobs, THE COURT: Well, you can look at Dr. Connell Cowan, and also with her mom. 10 whatever she has. Q In the semi-structured clinical 11 MR. DENNISON: Thank you, Your Honor. 11 interview, what were you assessing? 12 THE COURT: Okay. 12 A Well, when someone comes in for the 13 (Open court.) 13 evaluation, you sometimes don't know what you're 14 BY MS. BREDEHOFT: 14 going to see or what you're going to get. So you Q Dr. Curry, in answering that question 15 absolutely have to do a full clinical interview 16 were you consulting anything? 16 and have a sense of their life, their life 17 A Dr. Hughes. 17 patterns, things that have affected them in their Dr. Hughes. I'm so sorry. 18 lives, you know, where they have worked, where 18 19 Dr. Hughes, were you consulting 19 they have lived. Just get a full sense of their 20 anything? 20 sort of being before the incident for which 21 21 they're talking about. A Dr. Curry's here, I guess, as well. 22 I'm consulting my cheat sheet of the 22 Then I do a full intimate partner 3936 3938 1 dates that I saw Ms. Heard so that I could 1 violence assessment, looking at all those 2 accurately report to the Court. I also have my 2 characteristics that I talked to you about 3 final designation in front of me so that I could 3 earlier, to get a sense of the full structure of 4 give the most accurate information to what I put 4 and the dynamic of this relationship. I also in that report. did -- looking at what were the effects, what were 6 Okay. the psychological consequences of being in that MS. BREDEHOFT: Do you want to see relationship. And I also looked at the that? Should we just take a break now and have psychological consequences of some of the him look at it? statements that were made by Mr. Depp through his 10 THE COURT: Would you like to look at 10 attorney that are part of this -- the counterclaim 11 it now or before cross? 11 in this lawsuit. 12 MR. DENNISON: Happy to look at it Q At the end of that process, considering 13 before cross-examination. 13 all the data, did you arrive at any expert THE COURT: Okay. That's fine. Thank 14 14 opinions?

15 A Yes, I did.

16 Q All right. I would like to start with 17 your main expert opinions and then go through

18 those.

19 Can you, please, tell the jury what 20 your main opinions were?

21 A So, like I said, there are opinions 22 embedded within them. But the main opinion is

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15 you.

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Q Please continue. I think you were

A Sure. So, there are four dates in

19 person, in New York City, for a total of about

21 2021, over Zoom, for three hours, and then

20 21 1/2 hours, and then I saw her on January 18th,

22 December 27th, 2021, for four hours over Zoom.

17 telling us when you saw Ms. Heard.

3941 3939 1 It is a four-page --1 that Ms. Heard's report of intimate partner 2 violence, and the records that I reviewed, is 2 MR. DENNISON: Objection, Your Honor. 3 THE COURT: All right. You want to 3 consistent with what we know in the field about 4 approach? 4 intimate partner violence, characterized by 5 5 physical violence, psychological aggression, (Sidebar.) 6 sexual violence, coercive control, and THE COURT: She can't keep reviewing 6 everything on the stand like this. Now she has surveillance behaviors. four pages of documents she's going to read from. Q And what was the other main opinion 9 MS. BREDEHOFT: The list of documents 9 that you had? A The second main opinion was that, that 10 were attached to the --THE COURT: I understand, but when 11 Ms. Heard demonstrated very clear psychological 11 12 you're testifying, I mean, if she needs notes to 12 and traumatic effects or the exacerbation of 13 trauma from those statements that Mr. Depp made 13 refresh her memory, that's one thing, but you're 14 not supposed to testify with everything in front 14 through his attorney. There were three statements 15 that we evaluated to see how they affected her 15 of you, correct? MS. BREDEHOFT: I understand. Most of 16 emotionally and psychologically, and it was my 17 the time. I do have experts who consult their 17 determination that they did. Q And did you arrive at any diagnostic 18 notes. You'll notice that some of their experts 18 19 say, well, I don't have it, I can't remember. 19 conclusions? 20 MR. DENNISON: Because we put our A Yes, I did. 20 And what were those? 21 experts on the appropriate way and ask them what 21 22 their recollection is and put the testimony in 22 A I diagnosed Ms. Heard with post-traumic 3942 3940 1 through the expert rather than what they just 1 stress disorder. And what, if any, etiology was 2 read. 3 associated with the post-traumatic stress 3 MS. BREDEHOFT: I don't agree. I think 4 disorder? they are able to consult their notes. A So, the etiology is the cause. In 5 THE COURT: What rule is that, that they can do that, consult notes? Experts can 6 order to have a - to meet criteria for 7 post-traumatic stress disorder, you have to have consult notes? 8 MS. BREDEHOFT: I'm not aware of any 8 an actual cause. It's one of the few diagnoses, 9 rule that says they can't consult their notes. 9 diagnostic entities that we have to have a cause THE COURT: You're supposed to testify 10 for, and the cause was the intimate partner 11 violence by Mr. Depp. That was what was pushing 11 from your memory. Testify from your conclusion. 12 the symptoms. That was what was related to MS. BREDEHOFT: Expert witnesses? I 13 mean, I don't think that's correct, Your Honor. I 13 intrusive phenomenon; that was related to her 14 avoidance; that was related to her differences in 14 mean, if you want, we can take a break and we can 15 research it, but I've never --15 her mood; that was related to her avoidance 16 efforts. So it was – the cause was the intimate 16 THE COURT: No, I mean, she -- I assume 17 she has a report or something. 17 partner violence by Mr. Depp. Q Now, let's first go back to this MS. BREDEHOFT: She did an expert 19 designation. She did four expert designations. 19 forensic evaluation. You mentioned you reviewed

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22 she testify here?

20 documents. What documents did you review?

21 A So, I'm going to refer to my list of 22 documents so that I can be clear for you all.

MR. DENNISON: Are we going to read all

21 four of them into the record? I mean, shouldn't

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1 MS. BREDEHOFT: She shouldn't read them	1 BY MS. BREDEHOFT:
2 into the record. I asked her what she reviewed.	Q Dr. Curry I mean Dr. Hughes.
3 She's got a list that she has updated constantly.	3 A Dr. Hughes.
4 And so, they have exactly what she's reading from.	4 Q I don't know why I keep saying that.
5 It's four pages long.	5 My apologies. My apologies.
6 THE COURT: Okay.	6 Dr. Hughes I think it's the
7 MS. BREDEHOFT: She's not going to be	7 confusion of having her in the courtroom.
8 able to say it from memory. In fact, I think	8 Dr. Hughes, if you need to consult your
9 she's just going to say it's four pages long, but	9 notes to answer something, let us know that you
10 I'll just give you some highlights.	10 need to consult your notes. Otherwise, try to
THE COURT: Not reading anything,	11 answer to the best of your ability, and then if
12 though. Not supposed to be sitting here reading	12 you need to do that, just let us know you're
13 anything. She can testify. If it refreshes her	13 consulting your notes, okay? The concern is that
14 memory by looking at, that's fine. She can look	14 you not read from them, that you consult them as
15 at it afterwards, but someone reading from things.	15 you need to, okay?
Does that make sense?	16 A Correct. I just don't want this to be
MS. BREDEHOFT: You know, I guess I	17 a memory test of having conducted many documents,
18 I mean, I've had experts, quite often, you know,	18 80 pages of notes, full psychological testings.
19 consult notes.	19 THE COURT: You can reference your
20 THE COURT: Consulting notes is fine,	20 notes, just don't read from them, okay?
21 but she's reading from them right now. Can't have	21 THE WITNESS: Yeah, no problem.
22 reading. If she needs to consult her notes,	22 Q Okay. Great.
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1 that's fine.	So please tell us what documents you
Does that make sense?	2 reviewed. Please tell the jury. 3 A So I reviewed a number of documents, a
3 MR. DENNISON: Your Honor, my	
4 suggestion with respect to this is that we	4 plethora of documents, most and I obviously
5 actually have a direct inquiry of the witness 6 where we asked her what she remembered.	5 won't read them all, but I reviewed, certainly,
1	6 all of Ms. Heard's testimony that she gave in her
7 THE COURT: No, I'm not going there. 8 You have a chance to cross-examination, okay? You	7 deposition testimony, her deposition testimony in
-	9 testimony in the U.K. case. I did the same thing
9 can see anything she looks at, he gets to see. 10 But I don't want her reading from anything.	10 for Mr. Depp. I reviewed his deposition
	11 testimony, as well as his trial testimony in the
MS. BREDEHOFT: Excuse me? THE COURT: I don't want her reading	•
· ·	12 U.K., as well. I reviewed a number of the 13 depositions that were put forth in this case. I
13 from anything. 14 MR. DENNISON: And the principle, Your	14 reviewed the psychological treatment notes for
15 Honor, if we're going to read from this	15 Dr. Bonnie Jacobs, Dr. Connell Cowan, Dr. Laurel
16 THE COURT: I just said she's not	16 Anderson, and Dr. Amy Banks, although she did not
17 reading from anything, get it?	17 have treatment records. So I reviewed not only
18 MR. DENNISON: Okay. Perfect. Thank	18 their records, did collateral interviews with some
19 you.	19 of them, and also read their deposition testimony. 20 And also read all the medical records in this
20 THE COURT: Okay.	Market Control of the
(Open court.)	21 case, nursing notes in this case. The highlights.
22	22 I also listened to the audios that were put forth

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1 in this case and the text messages and emails.	1 Can we be heard?
2 Q And what, if anything, did you do with	
3 respect to any videos?	THE COURT: That's fine. (Sidebar.)
4 A And I also saw the video in the	MR. DENNISON: This has become comical
1	5 in the notion that she continues to want to just
5 kitchen, yes. 6 Q Okay. Now, the collateral interviews	
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	THE COURT: If she needs it to refresh her recollection, that's fine. She can look at it
8 A Well, collateral interviews is a 9 standard part of a forensic evaluation. It's an	9 and if it refreshes her recollection, she can
10 opportunity to hear from another treating	10 testify.
11 clinician, the person who is actually treating the	MR. DENNISON: But I want to be clear,
12 individual you're evaluating, and get a better	12 I hope we're clear, when we get to the opinions
13 sense, from that person, of what they saw, what	13 that she rendered here, that she's not going to
14 they knew, how they experienced this person.	14 read them off a sheet of paper.
15 Sometimes our clinical notes don't give the full	15 MS. BREDEHOFT: She's already given her
16 breadth of what really was going on in that	16 opinions and she didn't read them.
17 therapy because the notes are meant to be sort of	17 MR. DENNISON: Well, those were her, I
18 short and to the point of what was — what	18 think what you said, primary opinions.
19 happened, who was there, and what was the plan.	19 THE COURT: As long as she she let
20 So it was really helpful to talk to these two	20 the Court know she's going to look at them. She
21 clinicians who really were with Ms. Heard	21 let you know.
22 throughout the duration of her relationship with	22 MS. BREDEHOFT: To get the dates.
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1 Mr. Depp. So they give us sort of a	THE COURT: If it's to refresh her
2 contemporaneous look at what was going on for her	2 recollection, that's fine. Then she has to put
3 emotionally. I mean, what was she reporting?	3 them away.
4 What was she saying about the relationship to her	4 MS. BREDEHOFT: Right.
5 therapist?	5 MR. DENNISON: Okay. Is she putting
6 Q And you mentioned the name Dr. Bonnie	6 them away? Because I can't see.
7 Jacobs. Please tell the jury who Dr. Bonnie	7 THE COURT: You'll be able to see
8 Jacobs is.	8 everything she has, I promise.
9 A So, Dr. Bonnie Jacobs was Ms. Heard's	9 MR. DENNISON: Thank you, Your Honor.
10 therapist.	10 THE COURT: Okay.
11 THE WITNESS: May I refresh my	11 (Open court.)
12 recollection with my notes, Your Honor?	12 BY MS. BREDEHOFT:
MS. BREDEHOFT: She's allowed.	13 Q Go ahead.
THE WITNESS: If you'd like me to tell	14 A Thank you. So she treated with
15 the dates.	15 Dr. Bonnie Jacobs, who is a psychologist, from
THE COURT: She's asking me a question?	16 October 2011 through August 2014. She actually
17 MS. BREDEHOFT: You're right, Your	17 was seeing Dr. Jacobs somewhat earlier before she
18 Honor.	18 got in the relationship with Mr. Depp. And then
19 THE WITNESS: May I?	19 she transferred care to Dr. Connell Cowan, who was
20 A May I?	20 referred by Dr. Kipper, who was the treating
21 Q Yes, you may consult your notes. Yes.	21 physician for Mr. Depp, and then later for
22 MR. DENNISON: Objection, Your Honor.	22 Ms. Heard. And she treated with Dr. Cowan from

3953 1 after she left Dr. Bonnie Jacobs in September 2014 1 O You just can't read. You're not 2 to June 7th, 2015. 2 supposed to read from it, but you can refresh your recollection as you're speaking. Q Okay. Thank you. And, so, you -- and A So I can look and just look up and 4 I guess you got ahead of me there. So you also 4 talked to Dr. Connell Cowan, correct? that's refreshing my recollection? THE COURT: All right. If we can That's correct. You also spoke with Paige Heard; did approach for a moment. 8 you say? 8 (Sidebar.) A That's correct. 9 THE COURT: I really can't take these 10 O Who is Paige Heard? 10 side comments. A Paige Heard is Amber Heard's mother. MS. BREDEHOFT: I'm sorry. 11 11 And when did you speak with Paige MR. DENNISON: She's just reading. 12 Q 12 13 Heard? 13 MS. BREDEHOFT: She's not reading. 14 A I spoke with all of these individuals MR. CHEW: It's hearsay. I can get up 15 there and read. 15 at the end of 2019. Again, I can check my notes 16 and let you know the exact date, if you'd like. THE COURT: One lawyer per witness. 17 Q I think the end of '19. 17 Excuse me, Mr. Chew. 18 A Yeah, the end of '19. Yes. 18 MS. BREDEHOFT: So if she's looking --19 Q And are you aware that Paige Heard has 19 she's got 12 tests. 20 since died? She died two years ago? THE COURT: I understand. And if she 21 wants to refresh her recollection --21 A Yes, I am aware, sadly. 22 Okay. Now, let's talk about the 22 MS. BREDEHOFT: Okay. 3954 3952 1 psychological testing. You stated that you THE COURT: -- on what those are. But 1 2 conducted psychological testing; is that correct? not to make any side comments to me, please. 3 MS. BREDEHOFT: Okay. I appreciate A That is correct. MR. DENNISON: Objection. Leading. 4 that. May I approach her, Your Honor? 5 THE COURT: Overruled. I'll allow it. THE COURT: Yes, could you? All right. O Can you, please, tell the jury how many I -- thank you. 7 psychological assessments you administered to 7 MR. DENNISON: Thank you. Amber Heard. 8 (Open court.) A I administered 12. 9 BY MS. BREDEHOFT: Can you, please, tell them, tell the 10 10 Q Dr. Hughes, can you tell the jury the 11 jury, which ones you administered. 11 tests that you administered, please. A So I am going to refer to my A Yes, I can. I administered the 13 designation that has the list so that I don't 13 Personality Assessment Inventory, which is a 14 forget anything. 14 broadband instrument to scan for psychopathology 15 Q Okay. 15 and psychological symptoms that people have. 16 A So I administered -16 I administered the Trauma Symptom 17 MR. DENNISON: Objection. Hearsay, 17 Inventory-2, which is an instrument to scan for 18 Your Honor. 18 common traumatic effects that people have. 19 MS. BREDEHOFT: She can refresh her 19 I administered the Miller Forensic 20 recollection. 20 Assessment of Symptoms Test, which is a measure of THE COURT: As long as she's not 21 malingering. I administered the Post-traumatic 22 reading. 22

1 Stress Disorder Checklist for the fifth edition,
2 for the DSM-5. I administered the fifth
3 clinician-administered PTSD scale for DSM-5.
4 I administered the Beck Depression
5 Inventory, the Beck Anxiety Inventory, the Mood
6 Disorders Questionnaire, the Danger – I did 3,
7 intimate partner violence measures, the Conflict
8 Tactic Scales, the Abusive Behavior Observation
9 Checklist, and the Danger Assessment Scale.
10 And then I also did the Life Events
11 Checklist, which scans and, I guess, asks about a
12 lot of traumatic events that an individual may
13 have experienced. And we administer that,
14 typically, before either doing the PCL or doing

16 Q Thank you.

15 the CAPS.

Were there any tests you administered 18 to Amber Heard that were designed to reveal 19 malingering or feigning?

20 A Yes, there were.

21 Q Can you, please, tell the jury about 22 those.

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1 symptoms and over-endured symptoms, I determined

2 that that also was a valid measure. 3 Finally, the PLI, the large-scale,

4 344-question instrument, has very robust validity

5 scales on it to test for exaggeration or feigning

6 or malingering. And she did not score on any of

7 those scores in those scales, at all. Those were

8 not elevated. So the combined results between 9 those three tests suggest to me that Ms. Heard is

10 not malingering her psychological symptomatology.

11 Q Now, Dr. Curry testified that one test 12 showed "intentional exaggeration in the 98th

13 percentile, meaning that she engaged in extreme

14 levels of exaggeration."

Do you agree with that?

16 A No.

17 Q Why?

18 A Because that test, the scale that she's 19 referring to, is called ATR, it's the atypical

20 response scale. As I said, that combines rare

21 symptoms and over-endured symptoms. It's very

22 frequently elevated in people who have high levels

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1 A So, malingering is the false production 2 of psychological symptomatology for the purpose of

3 some external material gain. Feigning is the

4 false production of psychological symptomatology

5 with no identification of what that gain may be.

6 So, basically, feigning is saying your mental

7 health is worse than it actually is.

8 So I administered -- three of the tests 9 had validity indices built in that could allow us 10 to address that question.

11 The M-FAST, the Miller Assessment -12 Forensic Assessment of Symptoms Test is a specific
13 malingering instrument. It looks at malingering
14 psychopathology. Is this someone, you know,
15 malingering psychopathology? She scored zero on
16 that scale -- on that test, not that scale, but
17 test. So, on that test, there was no evidence of
18 malingering.

19 On the TSI, there are two validity
20 indices, and she scored within the normal range on
21 those scores as well. One was slightly elevated,
22 but when testing the limits, because it has rare

of distress. And then, importantly, on this test specifically, it says do not use the percentile

3 rank. It is in the manual, it's in italicies

4 [sic]. Because the way that this test was normed,

5 it was normed on people who have trauma, so it's

6 what we called negatively skewed. That means it

7 falls on the tail end of the continuum. It is not

8 a normal curve where we would normally think of

9 how a percentile would work. So you would not use 10 the percentile range on this test.

MR. DENNISON: Objection, Your Honor.

12 May we approach?

THE COURT: Do you want to approach?

14 MR. DENNISON: Yes, please.

15 (Sidebar.)

16 THE COURT: Okay.

MR. DENNISON: Not one bit of that is

18 in her expert disclosure.

19 THE COURT: I think she's countering 20 what was on your case, so it doesn't have to be an 21 expert disclosure, okay?

22 MR. DENNISON: All right. That was

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1 Ms. Heard did to Mr. Depp.
  disclosed in Dr. Curry's disclosure.
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                                                                   So it was asking about both sets of
         THE COURT: She's just rebutting
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  Dr. Curry.
                                                           behavior.
         MR. DENNISON: Thank you.
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                                                                   MR. DENNISON: Objection, Your Honor.
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                                                            We're back to reading.
         (Open court.)
                                                                   MS. BREDEHOFT: She wasn't even looking
 BY MS. BREDEHOFT:
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                                                            down. She was looking at the jury.
      Q Dr. Hughes, please continue.
      A So, that is a very inaccurate way to
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                                                                   THE COURT: Go ahead. Go ahead.
                                                               Q Please continue.
  describe that scale and that test.
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                                                               A So what these tests show is that there
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          And the ATR scale on this test is
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                                                         11 was a high degree of serious violence perpetrated
11 probably the least robust of all validity scales,
                                                         12 by Mr. Depp toward Ms. Heard. There was violence
12 so you would never make a comment like that based
13 on one scale if you don't have consistency across
                                                         13 more on the mild level perpetrated by Ms. Heard
14 data. And when you look at the consistency across
                                                         14 toward Mr. Depp, with one severe indicator, which
                                                         15 was the punching that she indicated to me. There
15 the testing, with the PAI, the TSI, and the
16 M-FAST, and there's research to support that, that
                                                         16 were scales about negotiation, about how much this
17 when they go together, you have a higher degree of
                                                         17 couple tries to figure out their problems. They
                                                         18 both scored, again, this is Ms. Heard reporting
18 likelihood that this is not feigned PTSD, that
19 this is not feigned symptomatology.
                                                         19 that, that they both scored in the high range,
                                                         20 where they're both saying that, yes, we're trying
          And then, actually, if I look at the
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                                                         21 to figure this out, we're trying to work out this
21 validity scores on the MMPI-2 that Dr. Curry
                                                         22 relationship. There were scores on the
22 administered, those scales are not elevated for
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1 exaggeration or malingering either. So if I add
2 that, now I have really robust data that Ms. Heard
3 is not malingering or feigning her psychological
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symptomatology.

Q Thank you.

Did you administer any tests that are

specific to domestic violence?

A Yes, I did. 8

Which ones?

A So that was the Conflict Tactics Scale, 11 the Abusive Behavior Observation Checklist, and 12 the Danger Assessment Scale.

Q And what did they show? 13

A I would like to refer to the testing. 14

Q To refresh your recollection? 15

A To refresh my recollection. Just a 16 17 glance, just to be clear with the jury.

Q Yes, you may do that. 18

19 A So, what the overall gist of the 20 testing was, was that – and the benefit of these 21 tests is that they allow me to ask for what 22 Mr. Depp did to Ms. Heard and then, also, what

1 psychological aggression scale, where Mr. Depp 2 engaged in more severe acts of psychological 3 aggression; whereas, Ms. Heard did engage in, 4 also, some mild and severe acts of psychological 5 aggression.

6 The amount of injury that was reported was significantly higher and more severe by Ms. Heard, what she was subjected to. And then 9 she was subjected to sexual violence, where 10 Mr. Depp, based on her report, was subjected to 11 none.

And then, the other - on the Danger 13 Assessment Scale, that there were a number of 14 factors that were related to severity in violent 15 relationships, and a risk factor when we looked -16 as I said earlier, when behaviors come up on this 17 scale, they're very worrisome, very scary, and we 18 have to take them seriously. So there were a 19 number of behaviors that came up on this scale, 20 such as Mr. Depp threatened to kill her, the 21 increase in severity of the abuse, the forced 22 sexual activity, the choking behavior, his

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obsessive jealousy.

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MR. DENNISON: Objection. Foundation.

MS. BREDEHOFT: She's talking about the test results.

THE COURT: Overruled. Go ahead.

6 Q Please continue.

7 A The obsessive jealousy, the control 8 aspect, and his threatening of suicide, to kill 9 himself.

10 So those were risk factors that placed
11 her in the increased danger range, and this is a
12 range that says, you know, that we certainly have
13 to advise women of their risks and consult with
14 law enforcement, if they're involved, or judges,
15 if they're involved, because this means that a
16 woman is at risk for more serious or lethal
17 domestic violence.

18 Q So did the psychological tests that you 19 administered to Amber Heard support a diagnosis of 20 PTSD?

21 MR. DENNISON: Objection. Leading.

22 Q What, if any, psychological tests did

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1 you administer that supported a diagnosis of PTSD

2 for Amber Heard?3 A Sure. So there were four tests that

4 supported that diagnosis. One was the PAI, which 5 was that 344-question, large-scale personality

6 inventory. On that test, her largest subscale,

7 her highest subscale was the one that measures

8 traumatic stress, so that was clinically

9 significant. On the TSI, two of her scales were

10 the intrusive experiences dimension and the

11 defensive avoidance dimension, two of the classic

12 scales of trauma and PTSD. The PCO, which is the

13 Post-traumatic Stress Disorder Checklist-5, that,

14 she scored in all four domains of PTSD, and that's

15 an instrument that says how much are you bothered

16 by these symptoms. And in all four clusters,

17 which would be the intrusive experiencing, when

18 things about the abuse or the trauma enter your

19 mind when you did not want them to, sometimes

20 they're cued, sometimes they're uncued, she

21 answered in avoidance category, which is the

22 second category of PTSD, that I do things to try

1 not to think about this, to try not to feel this,

2 to try not to get upset. Sometimes I avoid

3 certain people because they become a trigger for

4 me. She scored in what we call the negative

5 alterations in cognition and mood. Changes in her

6 thoughts and feelings as a result of the abuse and

7 trauma. And also in the physiological

8 hyperactivity, the hyperarousal, the

9 hypervigilance, the startled response.

So on the PCL, she endorsed symptoms in 11 all four of those categories, saying, you know,

12 some of these sometimes are bothering me a lot.

13 Then finally, the

14 Clinician-Administered PTSD scale for the DSM-5.

15 And what that allows me to do, unlike the PCL, is

16 really look at symptom severity and symptom

17 frequency. How is this really playing out for

18 this individual. And, similarly, she scored in

19 all four categories of trauma and of having

20 intrusive experiences and nightmares and avoidance

21 efforts and physiological hyperactivity and

22 changes in her mood and her thoughts. And her

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1 total score was a 28, which falls in the moderate2 range. So that means that she has experienced a

3 moderate degree of post-traumatic stress disorder

4 symptomatology, and those tests allow me to make

5 that definitive diagnosis that she suffers from

6 PTSD.

Q Thank you.

8 What, if any, consideration did you

9 give to Amber Heard's history of childhood abuse

10 in making your diagnosis?

11 A I mean, that was a significant

12 consideration, given that we know that

13 childhood -- well, first of all, we know that

14 people can experience multiple traumas across the

15 life-span. And we wanted to make sure that the

16 symptoms that she was experiencing were related to

17 what she experienced with Mr. Depp and not her

18 childhood. And certainly, you know, earlier on in

19 the evaluation, and when I evaluated and spoke

20 with her, that was true, and that was also true on

21 the latest measure of the Clinician-Administered

22 PTSD scale for DSM-5, the CAPS-5. And that's

1 because the content, you have to look at what is 2 the content of the symptoms? So it's not that 3 someone says, oh, yeah, something traumatic comes 4 into my mind. No, what is it? What comes into your mind? What bothers you? What are the triggers? And those were all specific to Ms. Heard's relationship with Mr. Depp. The reason the childhood is also 10 significant is that we know that if somebody 11 suffers childhood abuse as a child, they are much 12 more likely to have an adult re-victimization, and 13 they're much more likely, then, to be more 14 vulnerable to obtaining a PTSD -- to getting PTSD 15 if they've had that prior vulnerability. So it's

19 abuse is that she was raised in a family of 20 violence. She was physically abused by her 21 father. She saw her father abuse her mother. Her 22 father was very explosive and had violent

16 a very strong vulnerability characteristic to

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17 obtain PTSD when you have a subsequent trauma. The other aspect about her childhood

1 outbursts. And both her parents also struggled 2 with substance abuse, very significantly. So she 3 had learned, from a very early age, how to 4 caretake. How to live in a situation that is 5 mired in chaos. How do I take care of a parent 6 who is passed out, nodded out from heroin? And 7 how do I get up and get my sister to school? She 8 learned, at very early age, that she had to figure 9 out how to do this in this scenario.

And I would say, lastly, what that 11 environment taught her was that she learned that 12 she could love someone who hurts her. She knew 13 that people who hurt her also could love her, and 14 she learned how to have this tolerance for 15 cognizant inconsistency. This tolerance for two, 16 should be, diametrically opposed emotions. But 17 she grew up knowing, or believing, perhaps, that 18 this could happen. And she also believed that she 19 could fix him, just like she tried to fix her 20 father, and just like they tried to fix her 21 mother. She truly, truly believed that she could 22 fix Mr. Depp and rid him of his substance abuse

1 problems. But that did not work.

2 Q Did you review Dr. Curry's CAPS-5 that she administered to Amber Heard?

4 A Yes, I did.

Q And what, if any, agreement did you have with Dr. Curry's interpretation of the CAPS-5?

8 A I didn't agree with her interpretation,

9 having been a trauma psychologist for over 10 25 years and administered hundreds of these. I

11 found that there were flaws in how she chose to

12 administer it, and them some of the coding.

13 Ms. Heard, on that CAPS-5, to Dr. Curry, certainly 14 reported trauma-based symptomatology related to 15 the abuse by Mr. Depp, but somehow that was not

O And did you review Dr. Curry's MMPI-2 18 that she administered on Amber Heard?

A Yes, I did.

16 coded as such.

20 Q And do you agree with her

21 interpretations on that test?

No, I do not. 22

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Why not?

2 A Because this profile is a normal 3 profile. It is the known clinical scores elevated 4 above 65, which is one-and-a-half standard 5 deviation of the mean, which is what we use to 6 determine clinical significance. And if none of 7 those scales are elevated, it becomes very 8 difficult for us to make assumptions about a 9 person's psychology and their functioning.

10 Now, remember, the psychological 11 testing generates hypotheses about a person that 12 we, then, using our clinical judgment, have to 13 make a decision about. We have to make an 14 assessment about it.

And if none of those scales are 16 elevated, it just doesn't give us rich information 17 to make those determinations.

The one scale, which is accurate, that 19 was elevated was one that measures defensive 20 responding. Sort of a protective responding, an 21 unwillingness to admit minor faults. That was 22 elevated, and that was true.

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         But the result of that is you have a
                                                      1 explaining why she didn't testify -- why she
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2 defensive profile. You have somebody who's not
                                                      2 didn't find --
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                                                               MR. DENNISON: She's explaining --
3 giving you a lot of information. So the scales
4 are all low. So there's no way you can take that
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                                                               MS. BREDEHOFT: -- personality
                                                      5 disorders, and explaining the difference between
5 MMPI and then say it meets – it's consistent with
                                                      6 personality disorders and PTSD.
6 borderline personality disorder. You just don't
7 have the symptom expression on it in order to do
                                                               THE COURT: But she's saying she didn't
                                                      8 find any personality disorders, which means that
8 that.
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          And that's my next question here.
                                                      9 she tested for it, is what that comes out to mean
10 What, if any, diagnoses did you make of
                                                      10 to me.
11 personality disorders for Amber Heard, based on
                                                               MS. BREDEHOFT: I mean, let me get my
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12 your testing?
                                                      12 notes.
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      A I did not make a personality disorder
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                                                               THE COURT: Okay. Sure. Okay.
14 of Ms. Heard.
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                                                               MR. DENNISON: Maybe we should just use
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          Why not?
                                                      15 the witness's.
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      A For a number of reasons. Number one, a
                                                               MS. BREDEHOFT: She's got all of her
17 personality disorder requires a pervasive pattern
                                                      17 paperwork.
18 in a variety of contexts. Two keys words:
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                                                               THE COURT: Right. We already did
19 Pervasive pattern, variety of contexts. That
                                                      19 that.
20 means if her emotional instability, her affect
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                                                               MS. BREDEHOFT: So --
                                                               THE COURT: That's okay.
21 dysregulation or her fear of abandonment is only
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22 occurring in the relationship with Mr. Depp, and
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                                                               MS. BREDEHOFT: Actually --
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1 we don't have evidence of it before, and we don't 1
                                                               THE COURT: I can read.
2 have evidence of it after, it is not --
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                                                               MS. BREDEHOFT: I have two packets.
         MR. DENNISON: Objection, Your Honor.
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                                                               THE COURT: I can read.
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         THE COURT: All right. Do you want to
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                                                               MS. BREDEHOFT: The pretty extensive
  approach?
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                                                        one.
         (Sidebar.)
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                                                               THE COURT: Right.
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         MR. DENNISON: Again, she doesn't talk
                                                               MR. DENNISON: But she testified, under
8 about any diagnoses of personality disorder in any
                                                        oath, she did not make a personality disorder
                                                      9 diagnosis. There's no rebuttal in here about
9 of the -- in any of her submissions, in any of
10 her ---
                                                      10 personality disorders.
                                                               MS. BREDEHOFT: I think she did in the
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         THE COURT: Okay.
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         MS. BREDEHOFT: She rebutted
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                                                      12 deposition.
13 Dr. Curry's, and she said it was PTSD --
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                                                               MR. DENNISON: That's not what she
         THE COURT: Right. She said that. But
                                                      14 testified to. We'll get to it.
15 now, he's saying she's getting into personality
                                                               MS. BREDEHOFT: And, by the way,
16 tests, which was not part of her designation.
                                                      16 Dr. Curry didn't put in her report that she
17 Well, she's gone a little further than saying she
                                                      17 diagnosed personality disorders. She testified on
18 did agree with it. She's now talking about what's
                                                      18 the stand she did.
19 there before and what's there now. I mean, she's
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                                                               THE COURT: I didn't have an objection.
20 started right in.
                                                      20 I can only deal with the objections I get.
         MS. BREDEHOFT: No, no. She's not
                                                               MS. BREDEHOFT: Okay. I'm just trying
22 saying that there's personality disorders. She's
                                                      22 to do this. I'm trying to find it. This is such
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1 a long one, Your Honor.
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         THE COURT: I understand.
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                                                               THE COURT: What page?
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         MS. BREDEHOFT: But she testified to
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                                                               MS. BREDEHOFT: I'm on page 24.
  PTSD.
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                                                               THE COURT: Okay.
         THE COURT: Right.
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                                                               MS. BREDEHOFT: She talks about -- I'm
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         MS. BREDEHOFT: She did not testify --
                                                     6 just trying to find the words "personality
         THE COURT: And she testified to that.
                                                        disorder."
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         MS. BREDEHOFT: Right. And she found
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                                                               THE COURT: Okay.
9 PTSD, which rules out personality disorder.
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                                                               MS. BREDEHOFT: I don't see the words
         MR. DENNISON: She didn't testify to
                                                      10 "personality disorder."
11 that, Your Honor.
                                                               THE COURT: All right. You have what
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         MS. BREDEHOFT: But you don't have to.
                                                      12 you have. Now, we need to move on. Whatever is
13 It's one or the other.
                                                      13 in the designation is what we're going with,
         THE COURT: She's testified that now.
                                                      14 right?
                                                               MS. BREDEHOFT: Okay, Your Honor.
15 But now she's starting to get into --
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         MS. BREDEHOFT: Why it wouldn't have
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                                                               MR. DENNISON: Your Honor, while we're
17 been -- why it needs to be -- I mean, I can
                                                      17 here, can we raise another issue?
                                                               I think the witness just said that she
18 redirect her to why this meets the DSM-5 and why
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19 does it not meet personality disorder.
                                                      19 saw no prior evidence of intimate partner
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         THE COURT: But she didn't test her for
                                                     20 violence.
21 personality disorder, right?
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                                                               THE COURT: Uh-huh.
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         MS. BREDEHOFT: Can I ask that?
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                                                               MR. DENNISON: And that does implicate
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1. Because I think that --
                                                      1 the prior arrest of Ms. Heard because the person
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         THE COURT: Well, if it's not ---
                                                     2 we're involved with was her intimate partner and,
         MS. BREDEHOFT: The test would
                                                     3 in fact, that intimate partner reported that
4 reflect -- she's got 12 tests, Your Honor, and if
                                                     4 arrest to this doctor. And I didn't want to raise
5 there were personality disorders, it would show up
                                                     5 this issue, except without vetting with you first.
6 in the tests.
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                                                               THE COURT: Okay.
         MR. DENNISON: Well, she would have to
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                                                               MR. DENNISON: But I will show you the
8 disclose it in her expert report, which she failed
                                                     8 notes where Ms. Heard reports intimate partner
9 to do.
                                                     9 violence -- or arrest for IPV to this doctor and
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         THE COURT: Does it say anywhere in
                                                     10 this doctor is -- I believe just testified she saw
11 here that she doesn't have a personality disorder?
                                                      11 no prior evidence of IPV.
12 I guess that's what it comes down to.
                                                               THE COURT: I'll allow you to ask her
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         MS. BREDEHOFT: Your Honor, I'm
                                                      13 that question on cross-examination, if she had any
14 looking.
                                                      14 other evidence. Then depending on what her answer
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         THE COURT: Okay.
                                                     15 is, we can go from there.
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         MS. BREDEHOFT: The discussion was --
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                                                               MR. DENNISON: Right.
17 the discussion, in the deposition, was that she --
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                                                               THE COURT: So we're not going to bring
         MR. DENNISON: Your Honor, I spent a
                                                     18 the arrest in right now. But he can ask, you
19 lot of time with that thing over the last couple
                                                     19 know, did you say on cross -- did you say on
20 of days.
                                                     20 direct that you saw no previous inter-partner
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         THE COURT: I'm sure you have.
                                                     21 violence, just yes or no?
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                                                               Does that make sense?
         MS. BREDEHOFT: I'm sure you have too.
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Conducted on May 3, 2022 3981 MS. BREDEHOFT: Yes, except for that 1 with any personality disorder. arrest, they didn't follow through with it. 2 Q And what, if anything, did Dr. Bonnie 3 THE COURT: I understand. 3 Jacobs say about diagnosing Amber Heard with any MS. BREDEHOFT: Doesn't mean that she personality disorders? 5 did commit it. Because the arrest, they dropped A And Dr. Jacobs, similarly, did not diagnosis Ms. Heard with any personality disorder. the charges. 6 7 THE COURT: Right. Which is a rebuttal Q Thank you. 8 for you. I mean, redirect for you, if it comes 8 Now, let's turn back to intimate 9 down to it. The problem is, she just said that 9 partner violence. 10 there was no inter-partner violence before 10 What types of physical violence were 11 Mr. Depp, and now he's saying, in 11 reported to you? 12 cross-examination, don't I have a right to say, A So, there were a number of physically 12 13 well, wasn't she -- didn't she self-report an 13 violent behaviors that were reported, that 14 arrest? Or something like that. I'm not going to 14 Ms. Heard reported that Mr. Depp perpetrated. He 15 go there yet because I'm not sure that's exactly 15 pushed her, he shoved her, he slapped her with the 16 what she said. 16 front of his hand and the back of his hand, he 17 MS. BREDEHOFT: I don't remember her 17 choked her, he slammed her into the wall, he 18 saying that. 18 pushed her and she fell down, he kicked her in the THE COURT: I don't either, so I'm 19 back. Again, without looking at my notes, that's 20 going to allow him to ask her that question. Just 20 what I can recall. 21 that one question, nothing about arrest. And then And what type of injuries did Amber 22 depending on the answer, you approach again, okay? 22 Heard report to you? 3980 3982 Does that make sense? A She reported mostly bruising, pain, 2 MS. BREDEHOFT: Yeah. One more. some cuts. She reported vaginal pain from some of I got a note passed to me that says the sexual assaults. She reported that she did 4 that there's a flood of media reports out there 4 have some scratches and cuts on her from broken

5 trying to be critical of Dr. Hughes on the stand.

Sounds like it might be sent from the Depp people.

THE COURT: I don't know.

8 MS. BREDEHOFT: I don't know.

MR. DENNISON: I stay off social media 10 at all cost. So, I have no idea. But I don't --

11 I mean, they're sitting here in the courtroom, so

12 I'm not -- I don't know. I know everybody has PR 13 teams, so I don't know what to tell you on that 14 one.

15 MS. BREDEHOFT: Thank you.

16 MR. DENNISON: Thank you, Your Honor.

17 (Open court.)

18 BY MS. BREDEHOFT:

19 Q Dr. Hughes, what, if anything, did

20 Dr. Cowan say to you about any type of diagnoses

21 of personality disorders?

A Dr. Cowan did not diagnosis Ms. Heard 22

glass. She reported that she believed she may

6 have lost consciousness two times, once in the

Australia incident and once in the December 15th,

8 2015 incident.

9 Q Okay. What type of coercive control 10 did -- was reported or did you find?

11 MR. DENNISON: Objection. Leading.

12 THE COURT: Sustained.

13 Q What, if any, corrosive control was

14 reported to you?

A So, the coercive control that was 16 determined in this relationship, I found to be

17 quite significant. There are many, many instances

18 where Mr. Depp tried to control how Ms. Heard went

19 about her career. He didn't want her to show

20 nudity. He didn't want her to show boob. He

21 didn't want her to act with certain actors because

22 of this obsessive jealousy. He criticized her

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1 ambition. He'd rather she not work. He called 2 the ambition as something as a negative thing. It 3 made her very fearful to have to look at scripts 4 or talk about scripts or talk about movie roles 5 because he persistently put those down and told 6 her she didn't need to work and she didn't need to 7 do that, and she didn't need to show her tits and 8 ass. She didn't necessarily support her work. 9 The way this manifested, as well, is that he 10 called almost every actor that she had to work 11 with, males and females. So no matter what show 12 she was filming or shooting, he would call the 13 leading actor, he would call the director. He 14 would tell you, I've got eyes down there. I've 15 got eyes down on the set. So she never felt safe 16 to be herself and be an actress in these films or 17 productions because she'd have to come home and 18 then endure his anger at her for doing something

1 want to see where there might be nudity or there 2 might be something where she's going a love scene.

And then almost every person that she was in a

film with, there would be those barrages of the

consistent accusations of infidelity. And we saw

6 that on the Australia pictures. The Billy Bob.

He was one person that he continued, you know, to

8 berate her about having an affair with. That's

what obsessive control looks like. Those messages 10 on the mirror.

11 When you look at how he wanted her to 12 be -- there was some interference with the family, 13 with her sister, when some things were leaked. 14 You know, he was obsessed believing that it was 15 Whitney who did it. And eventually, Ms. Heard had 16 to succumb and say, okay, yes, it was, and then 17 alienate herself from her sister because she just 18 couldn't not take the fights anymore. Just 19 or not doing something. When she was filming and 19 couldn't that the constant barrage of criticism.

20 So there were many instances, in terms 21 of their interactions. She would have to text him 22 right back. But when he would text -- when she

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1 told her assistant, don't give it to him, don't 2 let him see it so he won't show up. And sometimes 3 he did. So it was very trepidatious for her and 4 very anxiety-provoking that he continued to do

5 this.

20 he was in the same town, she feared that he would

21 show up on the set. And, you know, to know what

22 her call, what she was filming that day. Even

He tried to control what she wore. When she was going out with him, things were fine, 8 but he told her often, no woman like mine is going 9 to dress like a whore. And didn't want her to 10 wear revealing clothing, or revealing clothing 11 according to him. She recalled an incident where 12 she was going on a job audition and he said, you 13 know, you're going to go out with those tits and 14 ass? And, you know, she had to sort of go in and 15 put on, I think she said mom jeans, so that she 16 didn't look sexy, she didn't look revealing. And 17 continued to try to plead with him about what jobs

19 This made her be very sort of 20 restrictive and try to conceal things. She would 21 hide her scripts because she couldn't read them in 22 front of him because he would put them down or

18 she could take and she could not take.

1 would text him, he could not answer for days. And

it's this sort of -- we talk about, you know, the

ghosting. But your husband doesn't ghost you.

Your partner doesn't ghost you. There were so

many times of this sort of withdrawal of

affection, which was on his terms and when he

7 wanted to do it. 8 I'm aware that there is, you know,

9 testimony in this case that Mr. Depp decided to 10 leave because he didn't want to be violent. And I 11 do think that's true sometimes. I think he did 12 leave in times where he didn't want an 13 altercation. He did leave after an altercation. 14 He did leave and then came back and continued the 15 altercation. So leaving wasn't the defining 16 variable. The problem was that, you know, with

17 this obsessiveness and perseveration that he had,

18 the fight would always come back. So leaving

19 might end the argument for that moment, but

20 Ms. Heard knew he was always going to come back, 21 and he was going to, you know, start the

22 interrogation once again.

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O And what is the effect of the coercive 2 control on Amber Heard? A I mean, the effect was drastic. She 4 talked to me that she, you know, her roles 5 consistently dropped over the time that she was in 6 the relationship with Mr. Depp. just because it was so difficult to go on auditions, to want to be 8 in a different location with him. Whenever she

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9 was not on location with him, it was very 10 stressful, it was very anxiety-provoking because 11 of the accusations of infidelity. We heard that 12 through Isaac Baruch testimony, when she called 13 and was saving, babe, there's no one here. 14 There's no one here. That was something that she 15 had to do repeatedly and constantly over the 16 course of their relationship. So it would cause a 17 significant amount of anxiety, of distress, of

18 having to try to conceal and maneuver around him, 19 to try to have the career she wanted to have. It 20 made her hypervigilant and definitely contributed 21 to her psychological symptomatology getting worse 21 22 over time. 3988

0 What about sexual violence?

So, there was a number of incidents of sexual violence reported in this relationship. 4 Those are documented early on in Dr. Bonnie Jacobs' notes, where when Mr. Depp was drunk or high, he threw her on the bed, ripped off of nightgown and tried to have sex with her.

There were times when he forced her to 9 give him oral sex when he was angry. These 10 weren't in loving moments. These were angry 11 moments. Moment of dominance. Moments of him

12 trying to get control over her. 13 There was a time when they were in 14 Hicksville in the trailer, I don't want to say 15 trailer park, but I guess it's trailer park, it is 16 a trailer park, where he was accusing her of a 17 woman hitting on Amber. And that was the problem. 18 Amber got accused of women hitting on her and got 19 accused of men hitting on her. So there were so 20 many targets that came through in his obsessive 21 jealousy. But when he -- on that incident, when 22 Kelly Sue was accused of hitting on Ms. Heard and

1 they went back into the trailer, Mr. Depp

2 performed a cavity search, extensively was looking

for drugs and felt it acceptable to rip off or

nightgown and stick his fingers up her vagina to

look for cocaine. Felt that maybe she was hiding

6 it there. Again, these incidents often happened in a drug-fueled rage.

8 There was another incident in the 9 Bahamas where when he got angry, he took his 10 fingers and put them in her vagina, moved her 11 around violently in the closet. Again, an act of 12 sexual violence.

13 Of course, the incident in Australia 14 was one of the most severe instances of sexual 15 violence that Ms. Heard had to endure, in which 16 when he was beating her and choking her and 17 telling her, I'm going to fucking kill you, I hate 18 you, I hate you, I'm going to fucking kill you. 19 He grabbed a bottle that was on the bar and 20 penetrated her with that bottle.

And Ms. Heard reported to me of 22 dissociating and going outside of her body and the

1 only thing she was thinking is, oh, god, I hope 2 it's not the broken one.

What, if any, psychological abuse did 3 Q you find?

A There was a number of psychologically 5 abusive behaviors. As I stated, you know, Ms. Heard admitted to me and reported that she engaged in those behaviors as well. She reported that she did call him names and offensive comments 10 and said things to him that were horrible, and 11 that she was incredibly saddened and horrified by 12 her behavior. And looking back she, at this 13 point, not being in the constant barrage of abuse, 14 does not recognize her.

The abuse by Mr. Depp, he called her a 16 number of names, frequently whore, slut, cunt, 17 lesbian camp counselor, you know, easy, ambition. 18 Ambition was a weaponized term in that 19 relationship. So, he called her a lot of names 20 and humiliated her. And, of course, I think we 21 talked about the intimidation tactics. That, you 22 know, Mr. Depp was often banging and throwing and

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1 hitting things in the household, which sort of got
2 the tension to rise up very significantly, very
3 quickly.

4 Q Can you tell me how you conducted your 5 analysis to arrive at these conclusions?

A Sure. So what I did was look at the 7 incidents that were reported and look at the 8 corroborating data around it. So, as we stated, 9 most of these incidents of intimate partner 10 violence happened behind closed doors, not 11 everyone is going to witness what the parties are 12 reporting behind closed doors. So you look at 13 what is the data that surrounds it? Is there any 14 data before it? Is there any data after it? Is 15 the person telling? Is the victim telling 16 somebody, in real time, about what's happening? 17 Are there therapy notes? Are there pictures? Are 18 text messages that sort of allow us to fill in the 19 pieces of the pictures, even though we don't have 20 exactly what happened at that moment. The more 21 collateral that we have and the consistency across 22 those data points, it gives us greater confidence

1 of the plane.

So if I look at what is the

3 corresponding data to this? There's a therapy 4 notes, several notes in Bonnie Jacobs' records

5 that talk about Mr. Depp's increasing use of

6 alcohol and his obsessive jealousy around James

7 Franco before this Boston plane incident. After

8 the incident, Ms. Heard told her friend iO; she

9 told friend Savannah; she told her friend Rocky.

10 Ms. Heard did not feel comfortable. She was

11 afraid to go home. So, she went to a hotel,

12 because when Johnny was in these states, he would

13 often show up because he was still in that

14 drinking and drugging phase. He talked about

15 that. That was the Roxicodone before he detoxed.

16 You know, he was still in that high substance

17 abuse phase, that he would show up at night, and 18 that did not feel safe.

19 There was a text from Stephen Deuters, 20 Mr. Depp's assistant.

21 MR. DENNISON: Objection, Your Honor.

THE COURT: All right. You want to

1 in our results.

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Q Can you give us some examples?

MR. DENNISON: Objection. Vague.

THE COURT: Overrule.

5 A So, for example, the Boston plane

6 incident. I have to do it without looking.

7 May 24th, 2014. This is the incident where

8 Ms. Heard and Mr. Depp were going to fly back to

9 LA and spend the weekend together. They were 10 shooting at different sites. Ms. Heard was on the

11 plane waiting for Mr. Depp to come on, in the

12 tarmac. He's reportedly sitting on the -- in the

13 SUV smoking and drinking, smoking weed and

14 drinking. She is filming with James Franco at 15 this point, and she gets on the plane and he

16 starts talking about James Franco, you know,

17 making a lot of derogatory comments about her and, 17

18 you know, I hope you had fun where your escapades, 19 and some more inflammatory language. And then an

19 and some more inflammatory language. And then ar 20 argument, when she got up to leave, he kicked her

21 in the back and she went forward on the plane, to

22 the front of the plane, because he sat in the back

1 approach?

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2 (Sidebar.)

3 MR. DENNISON: She's going to convey

collective hearsay with no foundation.

5 MS. BREDEHOFT: She's allowed to rely 6 on hearsay.

7 THE COURT: She can rely on it, but she

8 can't just say it. She can rely on the hearsay 9 statements, but she can't -- any expert can get up

10 and say every hearsay statement there is. I mean,

11 she can rely on it, agreed.MS. BREDEHOFT: But it's consistent

MS. BREDEHOFT: But it's consistent 13 with --

14 THE COURT: She can say it's 15 consistent, but she can't say what it is, the 16 actual text itself.

MS. BREDEHOFT: Can she characterize 18 it? I mean, that's the whole point here, she's 19 talking about consistent data.

20 THE COURT: I know. But an expert 21 still can't get hearsay statements into a trial. 22 She can say that she based it on those statements,

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                                                                 MS. BREDEHOFT: I mean, why --
1 and she can talk -- you know, I don't know what
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                                                                 THE COURT: It's right there.
2 you mean by characterizing.
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         MS. BREDEHOFT: Your Honor, she can
                                                                 MS. BREDEHOFT: But my read of that is
                                                         a little bit different. My read of that is that
4 rely on hearsay.
                                                         that doesn't mean I can now move the admission
         THE COURT: She can rely on it.
6 100 percent, she can rely on it. It doesn't mean
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                                                         of--
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                                                                 THE COURT: Yeah, but she can't testify
7 she can testify to every hearsay text between two
8 people she's not a part of, or Mr. Depp is not a
                                                         to it either.
                                                                 MS. BREDEHOFT: I don't read that as
9 part of.
         MS. BREDEHOFT: But it's Mr. Deuters
                                                       10 what this says. And then, also, Your Honor, if
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11 and Amber that she's relying on. The text he made
                                                       11 you go to 2705. And expert may testify --
                                                                 THE COURT: Right. Exactly. Let me
12 to Amber, which he admitted, he said that Mr. Depp
13 cried after he told him that he kicked her. I
                                                       13 read it. Reliance upon hearsay expert by an
                                                       14 expert in forming opinions, that's fine. She does
14 mean, that's supporting --
                                                       15 not render that hearsay admissible. That hearsay
         THE COURT: She can rely on it.
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         MS. BREDEHOFT: -- the data.
                                                       16 is not a document. That hearsay's the statement
                                                       17 on direct examination, so she can't testify to the
         THE COURT: Supporting data, but you
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                                                       18 contents of what she read.
18 still have the cover the hurdle of hearsay.
                                                                 MS. BREDEHOFT: So I'll tell her to
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         MS. BREDEHOFT: I'm not --
                                                       20 move on from the Mr. Deuters text.
         THE COURT: Okay. You can read it, if
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21 you'd like.
                                                                 THE COURT: Any hearsay. Any hearsay.
                                                       22 She can't testify to hearsay.
         MS. BREDEHOFT: May I get mine?
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         THE COURT: Sure.
                                                                 MS. BREDEHOFT: But she can rely on it?
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         MS. BREDEHOFT: Which?
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                                                                 THE COURT: She can rely on it, but she
         THE COURT: We're on the expert ones.
                                                          can't testify to what the hearsay is. That's
4 There you go. All right. So in civil cases
                                                         hearsay.
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5 Virginia code allows experts to rely on
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6 inadmissible material in forming their opinion,
                                                         BY MS. BREDEHOFT:
7 which I agree with you, for cases discussing the
                                                              Q All right. So, Dr. Hughes, let's go
                                                       8 past that text and talk about -- go past that text
8 extent to which an expert may relay on hearsay in
9 forming his opinion, you can see -- here reads the
                                                       9 and continue after that text.
10 next line: "Reliance upon hearsay by an expert in
                                                              A Sure. So there was -- Mr. Depp
11 forming an opinion does not render that hearsay
                                                       11 apologized to Ms. Heard for that incident.
12 admissible on direct examination, regardless of
                                                       12 Mr. Depp said, in his U.K. testimony, well, I only
13 whether the hearsay involves opinions or fact
                                                       13 maybe playfully tapped her on the back with my
14 statements."
                                                       14 foot. Mr. Depp texted Paul Bettany and talked
         MS. BREDEHOFT: So what I read that to
                                                       15 about how he was so drunk and out of control and
16 mean is that that doesn't mean we can now get
                                                       16 engaged in bad behavior. He texted his friend
17 Mr. Deuters texts on direct.
                                                       17 Patty Smith a very similar type of text, about how
         THE COURT: But she can't testify to it
                                                       18 drunk and out of control he was.
19 either. That's the same thing. She can't -- it's
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                                                                 And then, finally, Amber Heard wrote an
20 hearsay. She can't say hearsay. She can rely her
                                                       20 email talking about how distressed and heartbroken
21 opinions on it, but she can't testify to hearsay.
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22 She can't say it.
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                                                                 MR. DENNISON: Objection. Hearsay.
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                                                                 Now, you stated that you read a number
         MS. BREDEHOFT: I mean, I don't agree.
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                                                          of therapy records.
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         THE COURT: I know you don't.
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                                                                 Please tell the jury, why are therapy
  Sustained. I'll sustain the objection.
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                                                          records important?
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         Next question.
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                                                              A Therapy records are critical for a
         MS. BREDEHOFT: All right.
                                                         forensic psychologist. When we have the
      Q Can you give another example?
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                                                          opportunity to go back in time and see what a
      A I think those are all I can remember at
                                                         person was dealing with, what the content of their
  this point.
                                                       9 distress was and what the symptoms of their
      Q Okay. What, if any -- sorry, I'm going
                                                       10 distress was, it really gives us a snapshot in
10 to have to go a little bit further here.
         So you concluded that Amber Heard used
                                                       11 time. So they become very critical as part of the
12 psychological abuse and some reactive physical
                                                       12 overall psychological evaluation. Because we, as
                                                       13 psychologists, understand how people sort of treat
13 violence, I think I heard you say; is that
14 correct?
                                                       14 in therapy and what to look for.
         MR. DENNISON: Objection. Leading.
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                                                                 So, in looking back at Ms. Heard's
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                                                       16 therapy records, we see sort of real-time,
         THE COURT: Overruled.
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                                                       17 unfolding of this dynamic in this relationship.
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      Q Can you please explain to the jury what
                                                        18 We see, early on in her notes with - in her
18 you meant by that?
                                                       19 report with Bonnie Jacobs and Dr. Bonnie Jacobs'
      A Yes, that was correct. That, you know,
20 Amber Heard reported to me some of the behaviors
                                                       20 notes, reports of constant concerns about
                                                       21 Mr. Depp's substance abuse. Constant concerns
21 that she used that were psychologically
                                                       22 about his passing out and vomiting. Constant
22 aggressive. The name-calling, the putting him
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1 down and calling him very bad names and insulting 1 concerns about not wanting -
                                                                 MR. DENNISON: Objection, Your Honor.
2 his fatherhood. And she was very shamed and
                                                          Hearsay.
3 remorseful about that. She also indicated, you
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                                                                 MS. BREDEHOFT: She can characterize
4 know, using, as some of the testing showed, minor
5 forms of violence, pushing, shoving, throwing
                                                          that and say she relied on that.
6 objects. We see that a lot with women when
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                                                                 THE COURT: Overruled.
                                                                 MS. BREDEHOFT: Thank you.
7 there's not proportional force. Women are more
8 likely to throw objects. And then the more severe

    O Please continue.

                                                              A Constant concerns about how do I get
9 act of punching him, which a punch falls in the
                                                        10 him into treatment? How do I get him help?
10 more severe category. And the context, as she
11 explained it, was that he was coming after Whitney
                                                       11 Ms. Heard starts going to Al-Anon at this point,
12 and she stood – her sister and she stood in the
                                                        12 early 2012, in the beginning of the relationship,
13 way and she punched it.
                                                        13 because she has to figure out and wants to figure
      Q Now, did that make Amber Heard a
                                                        14 out a way to support the man that she's dating
                                                        15 right now and the man that she's falling madly in
15 perpetrator of intimate partner violence?
         MR. DENNISON: Objection. Leading.
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                                                        16 love with.
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         THE COURT: Overruled.
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                                                                 There are reports in Dr. Jacobs' notes,
      A So that was one of the tasks that I had
                                                        18 early on, about his controlling behavior, about
19 to consider. That was one of the hypothesis that
                                                        19 his jealousy behavior, about him not wanting to do
                                                        20 certain jobs. Not wanting her to wear certain
20 I had to consider. And given all of the other
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21 data, that was not my opinion.

Okay. Thank you.

21 clothes. So this is going back to 2012, with no

22 indication of why would she be saying that but for

4005 O And you had how long of a collateral 1 the sole purpose of trying to get help and trying 2 to get guidance in this relationship that she 2 interview with him? 3 I believe it was two hours. finds so difficult. 4 Q Okay. And what did you get from all of There are indications, as I mentioned that data? 5 before, of the sexual assault and the sexual 6 abuse, and how he would, you know, when he was A So, by the time that she gets to 7 angry and when he was drunk. It was mostly drug-Dr. Connell Cowan, which is 2014, I believe, 8 and alcohol-fueled rage when he would, you know, 8 September 2014, is when Dr. Kipper comes on the 9 throw her on the bed and try to have sex with her. 9 scene, Ms. Heard's psychological functioning is 10 Then, you know, if he was not able to perform, he 10 significantly deteriorated. She's Suffering more 11 would get more angry at her and blame her. So we 11 anxiety, more sleeplessness, more agitation, more 12 have this dynamic of blaming her for his inability 12 emotional dysregulation, this fluctuation in 13 to take responsibility for his behavior. 13 moods. And when you sort of looking at the 14 Those themes were throughout 14 records of what happened in those first two years 15 Dr. Jacobs' notes. 15 from Dr. Jacobs, and now we have up to Dr. Connell Q Did Dr. Jacobs assign any diagnoses to 16 Cowan, and we see all of the incidents that she 17 Amber Heard? 17 was exposed to, including the sexual violence and She did. 18 the coercive control, it makes to me that her 18 Α 19 Q When one? 19 status, her psychological functioning has 20 A Early on, she diagnosed with her panic 20 deteriorated. And in Dr. Connell Cowan's notes, 21 disorder, and then later with post-traumatic 21 that's what he's always trying to do. He's trying 22 stress disorder. 22 to help her help Mr. Depp. Help her act in a way 4004 4006 Q All right. And did Dr. Jacobs diagnose 1 so that Mr. Depp does not hurt her. Amber Heard with borderline personality disorder? 2 Mr. Depp -- I mean, pardon me, A No, she did not. 3 Dr. Connell Cowan was very concerned for Amber Q Histrionic personality disorder? Heard's safety, as was Dr. Bonnie Jacobs. A No, she did not. Dr. Jacobs was very concerned for her safety and And is that important? 6 she continued to talk about safety aspects for A That's very important when we're trying Ms. Heard, as does Connell Cowan. They did, both 8 to figure out the course of somebody's illness, of them, both therapists understood and Ms. Heard 9 the course of somebody's psychiatric difficulties. 9 talked to them about it, that there were times 10 As I stated, I don't think I got to state, 10 that she fought back and used violence and times 11 personality disorders usually start in 11 that she screamed and she said things that she 12 adolescence, early — 12 didn't want to. But, nevertheless, that did not 13 MR. DENNISON: Objection. 13 change the balance for them either. And they were 14 THE COURT: I'll sustain the objection. 14 very concerned that because of Mr. Depp's 15 Next question. 15 significant substance abuse and his sort of poorly 16 MS. BREDEHOFT: Okay. 16 controlled anger, that, at some point, he was Q You also stated that you reviewed 17 17 going to seriously hurt her. 18 Dr. Connell Cowan's treatment notes, correct? Q Did Dr. Cowan provide Ms. Heard with a 18 19 A Correct. 19 diagnosis of borderline personality disorder? 20 Q And you also read his deposition 20 No, he did not.

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21 testimony?

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A Correct.

Q Did he diagnosis Amber Heard with

22 histrionic personality disorder?

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A No, he did not.

Is that important?

A It's important that you are - have an 4 individual, Ms. Heard, who's in therapy for over

5 two years with one therapist, and over two years

6 with another therapist, and you're not seeing

7 those characteristics of a personality disorder.

8 If the manifestation of a person's difficulties

9 and illness and symptomatology is better explained 10 by another disorder, then you don't qualify for

11 the personality disorder. You can't get the 12 diagnosis. That's part of the criteria.

13 So if it's not a pervasive pattern, a 14 variety of context, and it can't be better 15 explained by her trauma experience and the 16 exposure and the symptoms as a result of that 17 trauma, then you don't get a personality disorder. 18 And that's why they didn't diagnose it.

Q Did you read Dr. Amy Banks' deposition 20 testimony?

21 A Yes, I did.

22 And what were her findings?

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A So she, Dr. Banks had one session, one 2 couples session with Mr. Depp and Ms. Heard.

3 Dr. Banks is very reputable. She works up at the

4 Harvard Medical School, Cambridge Victim of

5 Violence program, which is a very well-known

program for understanding —

MR. DENNISON: Objection, Your Honor.

8 THE COURT: What's the objection?

MR. DENNISON: It's nonresponsive to 10 the question. The question was, what were the

11 findings?

12 THE COURT: All right.

13 Q Tell the jury who Dr. Amy Banks is.

A Just like I said, so she's somebody who 14 15 has a wealth of experience and understanding 16 intimate partner violence and the dynamics of 17 violent relationships.

But she only had one session with the 19 couple, and it was her determination, when they 20 were both there and the violence was talked about, 20 into my office with two bruises and alleges being 21 that Mr. Depp did not deny the violence that he 22 perpetrated toward Ms. Heard. She also did, as

1 everybody has, all of her other therapists,

2 because Ms. Heard admitted as such, that she also

used low levels of violence as well. So, Dr. Amy

Banks had that opinion.

Q Did you review Dr. Laurel Anderson's treatment notes and read her deposition?

Yes, I did.

Okay. What was the significance of 9 what you learned from Dr. Anderson?

A So, Dr. Anderson, similarly, thought 11 that there was violence and abuse in this 12 relationship. She was the one therapist, out of 13 the four, who qualified it as mutual abuse, which 14 the determination, I talked to you about, I don't 15 necessarily agree with. But she did see and did 16 understand that there was violence and abuse by 17 Mr. Depp. What was most notable was that after 18 the December 15th, 2015 episode, Ms. Heard called 19 her, in addition to calling Connell Cowan, and 20 reached out to a number of people. But she saw 21 Dr. Anderson in her office, and Dr. Anderson saw 22 two bruises on her face and told me, my husband

1 kicked me and he pushed me, and punched me in the head, and should I call the police? What should I

3 do?

4 MR. DENNISON: Objection, Your Honor.

5 Hearsay.

6 MS. BREDEHOFT: She's not reading, Your

7 Honor. She's --

8 THE COURT: Sustain the objection.

9 Next question.

10 MS. BREDEHOFT: All right.

Q What were your -- what conclusions did 11

12 you make as a result of Dr. -- what you reviewed

13 from Dr. Laurel Anderson?

14 My take of reading Dr. Laurel 15 Anderson's deposition and seeing her, you know,

16 redacted notes was that, you know, from my

17 professional opinion, this was a very serious

18 incident and a very serious allegation of intimate 19 partner violence by Mr. Depp. If a patient comes

21 pushed, shoved, and kicked by her partner, I'm 22 going to be very concerned and I'm going to

1 mobilize a lot more resources to help that 2 individual. And for some reason, that did not happen for Ms. Heard.

Q Okay. What are your overall clinical impressions from reading these notes from Amber Heard's treatment providers and their couples therapist?

8 MR. DENNISON: Objection. Compound.

9 THE COURT: All right. Sustained. 10 Q What are your overall clinical

11 impressions from reading what you told everybody 12 you read?

13 MR. DENNISON: Objection. Compound.

14 MS. BREDEHOFT: I mean, I don't know

15 how to get it less compound, Your Honor.

16 THE COURT: Overruled. Go ahead.

17 MS. BREDEHOFT: Thank you.

18 A So my overall impression of the 19 treatment notes was, you know, there's significant 20 support for the fact that there was intimate 21 partner violence in this relationship. It was

22 consistently reported over time. And there were

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1 couples therapists who saw and understood that.

2 So, you know, Mr. Depp also attended a session

3 with Dr. Connell Cowan, with Ms. Heard, and in

4 that session, he was very belligerent and mean and

5 yelling and intimidating, and even got up and

6 stormed out, rolled a joint, and then came back later.

Dr. Connell Cowan's impression was this 9 was somebody who is poorly controlled. That's the 9 happens with the substance abuse is a very similar 10 same thing that Dr. Laurel Anderson said about 11 him, and he stormed out of one of those sessions 12 too. So there were a total of six sessions, 13 couple sessions, and Mr. Depp stormed out of two 14 of them. So only four couples sessions for these 15 two individuals in this highly volatile, highly

16 damaging relationship that was, you know, 17 punctuated by the coercive control and the

18 intimate partner violence. Q What, if any, observations did you make 20 about Amber Heard's psychological status over that

21 period? 22 A I mean, the record was very clear that

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2 in the relationship with Mr. Depp. She kept

getting worse. She was losing weight. By the

4 end, she was down to, I think, 105 pounds from

5 about 125, 130. She was taking significantly more

6 medication than she's ever taken in her life. She

was having more panic, more anxiety, more

8 distress. More affect dysregulation, just really

9 an inability to regulate her mood. More anger 10 outbursts. So it significantly deteriorated over

11 time.

O You talked about weight. What, if any, 12 13 diagnoses did Dr. Bonnie Jacobs make about Amber 14 Heard having an eating disorder?

15 A There was no evidence in the record 16 that Ms. Heard had an eating disorder.

What, if any, observations did you make 18 about whether Dr. Connell Cowan thought she had an 19 eating disorder?

20 A There was no indication in his record 21 that she had an eating disorder.

Now, what, if any, observations did you

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1 make about the impact of Mr. Depp's substance

2 abuse?

A So the substance abuse was a very

4 relevant and complicating factor to this

5 relationship. When you pair that level of

6 substance abuse with the level of intimate partner

7 violence and coercive control, it's a very, very

8 disastrous mix. And one of the things that

10 dynamic that happens with the intimate partner

11 violence, that there's the lying, there's the

12 hiding, there's the cheating, there's the

13 accusation, you know, the rationalization about

14 the drinking, the rationalization about the

15 violence, the trying to - you know, promises.

16 I'm going to do better. I'm going to get clean

17 and sober. I'm not going to hit you anymore.

MR. DENNISON: Objection, Your Honor. 19 Can I be heard?

20 THE COURT: You want to approach?

21 (Sidebar.)

22 MR. DENNISON: She doesn't render an

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4017 4015 1 opinion as to his substance abuse in her expert 1 to. 2 report. 2 THE COURT: I'm sure they're coming in. 3 MS. BREDEHOFT: She definitely says in I just didn't know. the expert report that the substance abuse --MR. DENNISON: What Mr. Waldman said, 4 5 MR. DENNISON: Was a contributor. she's going to repeat? That's hearsay. 6 MS. BREDEHOFT: -- was a contributor. 6 MS. BREDEHOFT: I wasn't going to have THE COURT: To the intimate partner her repeat it. I was going to ask her -- because 8 violence, right, which is what she's talking she was given this opinion that, you know, Amber 9 about? 9 Heard suffered emotional distress as a result of 10 MR. DENNISON: Right. But she's 10 these statements. So I was going to put the 11 elaborated on that to a degree that's well beyond 11 statements in front of her and ask her that. But 12 the scope of that expert report. She does say the 12 I don't have to with this witness. 13 substance abuse was a contributor to the violence, 13 THE COURT: Why don't we move on. 14 but she's going deep, way beyond -- way beyond the 14 Yeah, why don't we move on. 15 scope. 15 MS. BREDEHOFT: Okay. Then I will just 16 THE COURT: I'll allow it. We're 16 say, you know, are you familiar with the 17 moving on, I assume. 17 statements --MS. BREDEHOFT: Yeah. 18 18 THE COURT: Right, that's in the 19 THE COURT: Okay. How much more do you 19 designation. 20 think you have? I want to make sure on time. 20 MS. BREDEHOFT: Okay. Thank you. 21 MS. BREDEHOFT: I don't have a lot. 21 MR. DENNISON: Thank you. 22 THE COURT: So you'll be able to finish 22 (Open court.) 4016 4018 1 direct? 1 BY MS. BREDEHOFT: MS. BREDEHOFT: I can finish direct. 2 Q What, if any, dynamics and coping THE COURT: So that gives you overnight styles are connected to the substance abuse by to look at the notes and things. 4 Mr. Depp? Will that work? 5 A So, they share similarities. There's a 6 MR. CHEW: That works. 6 lot of lying when somebody's a substance abuser. MS. BREDEHOFT: While we're up here, There's a lot of hiding, there's a lot of 8 I'm planning on putting in three counterclaim 8 concealment, there's a lot of rationalization. 9 statements through her, which is not -- her second 9 There's a lot of blame, blaming your partner for 10 opinion is that Amber suffered emotional distress 10 your inability to stay clean and sober. There's a 11 as a result of those. I have redacted them down 11 lot of the promises to change and the promises to 12 to just the statements. One of them was in --12 get better. THE COURT: Right. So just the 13 13 So a lot of these dynamics sort of 14 statement --14 co-occur, you know, in a situation of substance MS. BREDEHOFT: The statements. The 15 abuse and domestic violence. They're very 16 Adam Waldman statements. Taking everything -- I 16 similar. The difficulty in this relationship was 17 that the majority of the violent episodes and the 17 think one of them came in earlier, but the 18 redaction --18 sexually violent episodes were in these alcohol 19 THE COURT: You want to get his 19 and drug-fueled rages. That was predominantly 20 statements in through her? 20 when those happened. MS. BREDEHOFT: Well, I was thinking of When he wasn't in those stages, we 22 doing that. I don't know that they're objected 22 still saw the obsessive jealousy and coercive

4021 4019 1 about -- we have all that evidence. I do have 1 control and the possessiveness. That still 2 that, about why individuals don't leave. 2 persisted. But when the alcohol and the drugs 3 came together was when Amber Heard was more in 3 MS. BREDEHOFT: I mean, it's just laced 4 with that. danger of being hurt by him. 5 THE COURT: Yeah. O Why didn't Amber Heard leave the 6 MS. BREDEHOFT: Asking -relationship sooner? THE COURT: I'm going to sustain the A Well, I mean --8 MR. DENNISON: Objection. Speculation, objection, okay? 8 9 Your Honor. (Open court.) 10 BY MS. BREDEHOFT: O Have you formed -- based on your 11 experience and based on your 29 hours of clinical Q Now, you indicated that your main 12 opinion was that Amber Heard's report of violence 12 evaluation of Amber Heard, what is your 13 and abuse in her relationship with Mr. Depp is 13 understanding of why Amber Heard didn't leave the 14 relationship earlier? 14 consistent with what is known as "intimate partner 15 violence," correct? MR. DENNISON: Objection. Beyond the 15 16 A That's correct. 16 scope of the disclosure. 17 Okay. And why did you believe that 17 MS. BREDEHOFT: It clearly is not. I 18 Amber Heard -- why did you have -- what formed 18 mean, it's clearly in the disclosure. Point to 19 your basis of that opinion, in a nutshell? 19 where you say it's not. 20 MR. DENNISON: Asked and answered, Your 20 THE COURT: Point to where you say it's 21 Honor. 21 not? Come forward. THE COURT: Overruled. I'll allow it. 22 (Sidebar.) 22 4020 4022 THE COURT: Point to where you say it's A The basis of the opinion was looking at 2 not? I don't know if he can do that. all the dynamics in this relationship. Looking at 3 You're saying this -not just the hitting and the yelling, but looking MR. DENNISON: There is no suggestion at how much more hitting was done. Looking at the 5 in there with respect to why Ms. Heard didn't coercive control, the obsessive jealousy, the 6 leave. 6 possessiveness, the sexual violence, the choking THE COURT: Is it saying here that 7 behavior, the threats to kill. Those are all, as 8 she's going to give an opinion as to why Ms. Heard 8 I stated, very significant and often found in 9 didn't leave? 9 cases of lethal domestic violence. Those were 10 MR. DENNISON: It does not. 10 significant severity factors. And looking at all MS. BREDEHOFT: I mean, the whole thing 11 11 those, that's what tipped the scale. Even though 12 she yelled and said some horrible things and hit 12 is laced with this. THE COURT: But you have to disclose 13 him, never was able to shift the balance of power 13 14 opinions. I mean, that's an opinion. Why did she 14 and control in that relationship. 15 not leave? That would be an opinion. That would Q Now, you have discussed with Amber 16 be based on her expert opinion. 16 Heard and you have reviewed and evaluated the 17 MS. BREDEHOFT: She talks about coping 17 emotional impact on Amber Heard as a result of --18 skills. 18 emotional distress as a result of the three THE COURT: She's talked about all that 19 19 counterclaim statements, correct, the three 20 and why victims don't leave. But I just don't see 20 alleged defamatory statements made by Mr. Depp

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21 through Mr. Waldman, correct?

That is correct.

21 where there's an opinion why didn't she leave,

22 specifically. I mean, she's already talked

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4025 1 the --1 Q Okay. 2 MR. DENNISON: Objection. Compound. 2 THE COURT: I'll overrule the 3 Leading. objection. THE COURT: Overruled. I'll allow it. 4 4 Go ahead. 5 Go ahead. Q Please continue. MS. BREDEHOFT: Thank you. Thank you. 6 6 The one that was most difficult for Q Can you, please, tell the jury what Ms. Heard was the statement about calling her 8 psychological impact these statements had on Amber sexual violence a hoax. 9 Heard. 9 As I stated earlier, most women try, A Yeah. So there were three statements 10 very diligently, to put that sexual violence in a 11 that I evaluated. May I check my notes to give 11 box, bury it down, not want to talk about it, not 12 you the dates and my recollection so that you can 12 want to, you know, have anything related to it 13 be - I can be clear? 13 come out. And, you know, she's done, you know, by Q Since I couldn't put it in, that might 14 my estimation, her coping, although she suffers 15 be the fastest way, Your Honor. 15 from post-traumatic stress disorder, she also has THE COURT: I'd rather she not address 16 a high degree of coping strategies. But when this 17 the Court. I mean... 17 would happen, it sort of just -- everything would MS. BREDEHOFT: I'm sorry, I'm sorry. 18 deteriorate. And this is the one thing that women 18 19 O Yes. 19 are always afraid of, that no one's going to A Okay. So there were three statements 20 believe them. No one's going to take them 20 21 on April 8th, 2020, April 27th, 2020, and 21 seriously. And when somebody comes out in the 22 June 24th, 2020, that I queried her about and 22 popular media and calls your experience a hoax, 4026 4024 1 asked her about. The one that -- what happens 1 that lended itself to more severe psychological 2 is -- if somebody who, like Ms. Heard, has and traumatic symptomatology for her. Q Dr. Hughes, are all of your opinions 3 trauma-based symptoms and PTSD, we say that PTSD 3 4 is a cue-based disorder, there are things that that you have provided today within a reasonable 5 5 happen in the environment that trigger it and make degree of psychological probability or certainty? 6 6 it worse. And having to have to refute that your A Yes, they are. 7 report of violence and abuse is a hoax, makes 7 MS. BREDEHOFT: Thank you. 8 I have no further questions. 8 one -- makes that trauma activated. So it makes 9 9 the PTSD symptoms, at that time, become more THE COURT: All right. 10 Ladies and gentlemen, I think this is a 10 intense and more severe. So she would have more 11 good time to go ahead and break for the day. We 11 intrusive thoughts, more nightmares, more 12 sleeplessness, more difficulty in engaging with 12 can have cross-examination and redirect tomorrow 13 of this witness, of Dr. Hughes. So you can have a 13 other people. Depression, sadness, stress. All 14 of that would happen when one of these statements 14 good evening, and do not discuss the case with 15 anybody, and don't do any outside research, okay? 16 We'll see you in the morning. Thank you. The one that was, you know, the most 16 17 difficult was the one where they said that her (Whereupon, the jury exited the 18 courtroom and the following proceedings took 18 sexual --19 MR. DENNISON: Objection, Your Honor. 19 place.) 20 A -- violence was a hoax. 20 THE COURT: All right. Dr. Hughes, THE COURT: What's the objection? 21 since you're still in the middle of your 21

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MR. DENNISON: I think she's going to

22 testimony, please, don't discuss your testimony

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with anybody, including the attorneys, okay?	1 CERTIFICATE OF SHORTHAND REPORTER
2 THE WITNESS: Yes.	2 I, JUDITH E. BELLINGER, RPR, CRR, the
3 THE COURT: And anything that you	3 court reporter before whom the foregoing hearing
4 looked at, referenced during your direct	4 was taken, do hereby certify that the foregoing
5 examination, if you can just turn that over so	5 excerpt transcript is a true and correct record of
6 they can view it before cross-examination, okay?	6 the proceedings; that said proceedings were taken
7 MS. BREDEHOFT: Your Honor, may I	7 by me stenographically and thereafter reduced to
8 just I presume she wants to be able to take	8 typewriting under my direction; and that I am
9 that back with her.	9 neither counsel for, related to, nor employed by
THE COURT: We can get copies of it.	10 any of the parties to this case and have no
11 Whatever it is.	11 interest, financial or otherwise, in its outcome.
12 MS. BREDEHOFT: Okay. Good.	IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set
13 THE COURT: We'll make sure you get	13 my hand and affixed my notarial seal this 3rd day
14 copies of it. Make sure you get copies of it so	14 of May, 2022.
15 she can keep her originals.	15 My Commission Expires: September 30, 2024
16 THE WITNESS: They have copies of	16
17 everything.	17
18 MR. CHEW: No, we don't.	18 Gudith E. Bullinger
19 THE COURT: No, no, no. We're not	19
20 talking. Court's in session. So we will see you	20 NOTARY PUBLIC IN AND FOR
21 tomorrow at 10:00 a.m.	21 THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
Okay. Have a good evening.	22
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1 THE BAILIFF: All rise.	
2 (Whereupon, the trial was recessed at	
3 4:51 p.m. to reconvene at 10:00 a.m., Wednesday,	
4 May 4, 2022.)	
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