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CASE NO.

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Pursuant to Notice, the video deposition of KEVIN F HANLEY, M.D. was taken on Thursday, April 20, 2006, commencing at 10:50 a.m., at the offices of Bowie Health Center Conference Room, 15001 Health Center Drive, Bowie, Maryland, before Sylvia L. Jacobs, Notary Public.

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1 PROCEEDINGS
 2 VIDEOGRAPHER: Today is Thursday, April
 3 20 year 2006. We are going on the record at 9:40.
 4 This is a video deposition of Dr. Kevin Hanley,
 5 taken by Jacqueline Bunty, Esquire with offices
 6 located at 10 North Calvert Street, Baltimore,
 7 Maryland. The caption of this case is [REDACTED]
 8 [REDACTED] and William Miller versus [REDACTED]
 9 [REDACTED] in the circuit court for Anne Arundel
 10 County, Case number 02-C-05-104523.
 11 This video is being held in the office
 12 of Dr. Kevin Hanley, located at 15001 Health Center
 13 Drive, Bowie, Maryland.
 14 My name is Julie Souza, videographer
 15 from the firm of Gore Reporting Company, located at
 16 107 Ridgely Avenue, Suite 13A, Annapolis, Maryland.
 17 The court reporter's name is Sylvia Jacobs in
 18 association with Gore Reporting Company.
 19 Will counsel please introduce
 20 themselves?
 21 Jackie Bunty on behalf of defendant,

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 2 WITNESS: Kevin Hanley, M.D.
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 4 EXAMINATION:
 5 Ms. Bunty 4,77
 6 Ms. Zois 41,80
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 9 EXHIBITS: (Attached)
 10 1. Letter dated August 18, 2005 83
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 20 ALSO PRESENT:
 21 Julie Souza, Videographer

1 [REDACTED] Laura Zois, on behalf of the
 2 plaintiff.
 3 Will the court reporter please swear the
 4 witness?
 5 STIPULATION
 6 It is stipulated and agreed by and
 7 between counsel for the respective parties that the
 8 reading and signing of this deposition by the
 9 witness be and the same are hereby waived.
 10 *****
 11 KEVIN HANLEY, M.D.,
 12 called for examination, having been duly sworn to
 13 tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the
 14 truth, testified as follows:
 15 EXAMINATION
 16 BY MS. BUNTY:
 17 Q Good morning, doctor.
 18 A Good morning.
 19 Q Kindly state your full name and business
 20 address.
 21 A Kevin Francis Hanley, 1298 Cronson

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1 **Boulevard, Crofton, Maryland.**
 2 Q And what is your occupation.
 3 A **I'm an orthopaedic surgeon.**
 4 Q And how long have you been involved in
 5 the area of orthopedics?
 6 A **I completed my residency training in**
 7 **orthopedics in 1981 and prior to that was a**
 8 **resident in orthopedics for three years.**
 9 Q And where did you do your internship and
 10 residency?
 11 A **I did my internship and residency**
 12 **training at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in**
 13 **Washington, D.C.**
 14 Q And from which, what medical school did
 15 you attend?
 16 A **I attended Georgetown University School**
 17 **of Medicine and graduated in 1977.**
 18 Q There, once you concluded your residency
 19 where did you move into?
 20 A **Well, I was just, I was in the Army at**
 21 **that time. I was assigned to the military hospital**

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1 **at Fort Ord, California where I served for four**
 2 **years as chief of the orthopaedic clinic and one of**
 3 **the staff orthopedic surgeons.**
 4 Q And then when did you leave the Army?
 5 A **In 1985 I left the Army and entered**
 6 **private practice in Maryland and I've been in**
 7 **private practice since 1985.**
 8 Q When did you obtain your license to
 9 practice medicine in Maryland?
 10 A **1985.**
 11 Q Are you admitted to practice medicine in
 12 any other states?
 13 A **Yes. I have licenses in California,**
 14 **Pennsylvania, Delaware and Virginia.**
 15 Q Do you have memberships in any sort of
 16 professional societies?
 17 A **Yes. I'm a member of the American**
 18 **Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons. I'm a member of**
 19 **the American Medical Association, the Prince**
 20 **George's County Medical Society and the Maryland**
 21 **State Medical Society.**

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1 Q Now in as much as you that you practice
 2 in the field of orthopedics, are there any special
 3 types of certifications that you can achieve in
 4 that area?
 5 A **Yes, there are.**
 6 Q And what if any of those do you have?
 7 A **Well, I'm board certified by the**
 8 **American Board of Orthopedic Surgery which is the**
 9 **specialty certification board that encompasses the**
 10 **whole field. But you can specialize in spine**
 11 **surgery, hand surgery, sports medicine, foot and**
 12 **ankle surgery, all of those different things.**
 13 I'm not subspecialized in any of those.
 14 I do have board certification from the American
 15 Board of Independent Medical Examiners. Part of my
 16 orthopedic practice over the years has included
 17 what can be referred to as forensic orthopedics or
 18 disability medicine and, and so I'm subspecialized
 19 in that area. And as a matter of fact, that's
 20 basically the part of my practice that I'm now
 21 specializing in, the forensic side.

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1 Q Do you still have your certification in
 2 orthopedics?
 3 A **Yes. Yes. I still have hospital**
 4 **privileges at Prince George's Hospital Center. I'm**
 5 **the medical director of the surgical ambulatory**
 6 **surgery center here at this facility. I'm still**
 7 **active in the clinical side of orthopedics but not**
 8 **at, you know, not at the level of actually seeing**
 9 **patients everyday and treating them.**
 10 Q Okay. And do you have any teaching
 11 experience, doctor?
 12 A **Yes. Ever since I was at Walter Reed,**
 13 **I've been on the faculty of the American, I mean,**
 14 **of the Uniformed Services University of the Health**
 15 **Sciences, which is the military medical school in**
 16 **Bethesda.**
 17 **Over the years I'd had opportunity to**
 18 **teach residents, other doctors, physician's**
 19 **assistants, athletic trainers. At the present time**
 20 **I'm probably, the only teaching I've been doing**
 21 **lately is more in the other field, the forensic**

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1 field.
 2 Q All right.
 3 MS. BUNTY: At this time I would offer
 4 Dr. Kevin Hanley as an expert in the field of
 5 orthopedics and submit him for any void dire you
 6 may have.
 7 MS. ZOIS: No objections.
 8 Q All right. Doctor, back in August of
 9 2005 you were contacted by me to review the medical
 10 information on [REDACTED]
 11 MS. BUNTY: Is that how you say it?
 12 MS. ZOIS: Yes.
 13 MS. BUNTY: Very good.
 14 MS. ZOIS: I'll let him pronounce it.
 15 Q What records were you able to review
 16 concerning his situation?
 17 A You sent me several packets. One was
 18 from Bay Area Orthopedics, Dr. Fulton, I think
 19 Davis' group. Records from Dr. Jassi, who I
 20 believe was his internist, records from North
 21 Arundel Hospital. There were records from Dr.

1 Asdourian. There was a emergency, ambulance record
 2 from the date of his accident and those, those are
 3 what I reviewed.
 4 Q Did you,--
 5 A Oh, I'm sorry. There was also records
 6 from the Multi-Specialty Healthcare Group, which is
 7 Dr. Misoul's group.
 8 Q Okay. You were listing medical records,
 9 in addition to those those, did you have anything
 10 else to consider?
 11 A Such as X-rays or MRI scans?
 12 Q Well, such as legal filings.
 13 A Well, I do have the answers to the
 14 interrogatories right here on the top, yes.
 15 Q All right. Now to be clear, you did not
 16 see Mr. [REDACTED]
 17 A Correct. I just had the opportunity to
 18 look at the records.
 19 Q How can you as a physician not having
 20 seen the patient in the flesh come to
 21 determinations to a reasonable degree of medical

1 probability as to what type of injuries this
 2 patient has solved and whether or not it's related
 3 to, in this case a specific occurrence. an
 4 automobile accident?
 5 A Well, obviously if I had seen the
 6 patient I would have seen him, you know, on
 7 September 15, 2005. We're talking about an
 8 accident that occurred in April of 2003, so the
 9 opportunity to examine the patient gives you
 10 information on how he is today but all of the
 11 questions you asked about causation etc. really
 12 come from the record and the history. And the
 13 patient's history has to correlate with the record,
 14 so. And the record is something that's generated
 15 contemporaneously with the doctors that are seeing
 16 him, so it usually, a good analysis of the record
 17 is what you need to answer those types of
 18 questions. Now, if you were asking me what is his
 19 current condition, what is his current disability
 20 impairments whatever, without examining him myself
 21 I would be at a lost to, to comment in that regard.

1 Q Okay. What information do you have
 2 concerning the accident that happened back in April
 3 of 2003?
 4 A I have the ambulance report. I don't
 5 think I ever had an accident report. Oh, yes I do,
 6 I'm sorry. I have an accident report that
 7 indicates that this was a rear-end type collision
 8 at an intersection Mr. [REDACTED] was in the vehicle
 9 that was struck from the rear.
 10 Q Does it, does the accident report
 11 reflect what type of vehicles were involved in the
 12 collision.
 13 MS. ZOIS: Objection.
 14 A Probably. Let me see here.
 15 Q Well, let me ask you this.
 16 A Yes, it does. It does. He was in a '92
 17 Chevrolet truck. He was struck by a Nissan Maxima.
 18 MS. ZOIS: Objection. Move to strike.
 19 Q What if any facts about the collision
 20 itself assist you in reaching determinations
 21 regarding the appropriateness of treatment or that

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1 if any injuries may have been sustained?
 2 MS. ZOIS: Objection. Move to strike.
 3 Q Obviously, the type of accident and the
 4 force of the accident etc. can give you some, some
 5 insight into what to look for. You know, obviously
 6 that's most important to the emergency room doctor
 7 or the doctor that sees the patient first.
 8 It's nice to know did the car roll over
 9 or was the patient thrown out of the car etc. all
 10 that kind of data. Once you get down the road like
 11 where I was at when I'm examining the records it's
 12 not as critical but, I mean, if you read a report
 13 that says this was a minor impact or this was not a
 14 not, you know, the patient hit a tree you can get
 15 an idea of what types of injuries might coincide
 16 with that type of an accident so it's good
 17 information to have. It's not necessarily
 18 something that you're going to base an opinion on
 19 because there's things that have happened after
 20 that, that you can also look at.
 21 I mean, minor accidents can cause

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1 serious injuries and visa versa, so. But it's, in
 2 this particular case, you know, the ambulance
 3 driver wrote that it was,--
 4 MS. ZOIS: Objection.
 5 Q -- rather slight accident.
 6 MS. ZOIS: Objection. Move to strike.
 7 Q What if any complaints were documented
 8 by the ambulance personnel when they initially saw
 9 Mr. [REDACTED]
 10 A The one thing I think that, that, that
 11 was important was that he suggested then he
 12 couldn't, he had no feeling in his legs or he had
 13 numbness in his legs. He also was complaining of
 14 some neck and, yeah, here it is. Patient found
 15 sitting in his vehicle complaining of upper back and
 16 neck pain. He's had, it says here, a history of
 17 hip replacement, seated in the front. Those were
 18 the types of things that they were talking about
 19 and I saw somewhere that, yeah, states he can't
 20 feel his legs, so. And with the history of back
 21 surgery so that was kind of important to the

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1 ambulance people.
 2 Q You know or we know from review of the
 3 records that Mr. [REDACTED] was then later seen at
 4 the emergency room.
 5 A Correct.
 6 Q What if any complaints were presented at
 7 that time?
 8 A Yeah. He has seen at North Arundel and
 9 the complaints there I think were he had neck,
 10 upper back and some low back pain reported. I
 11 think he also had some sternal discomfort in his,
 12 you know, in his chest. Yeah, they show that he
 13 had some complaints of some chest pain, some lumbar
 14 tenderness and some upper back pain.
 15 Q Were any X-rays done at that point?
 16 A Yes, I think his neck was X-rayed.
 17 Q Look at page 21 there when you're ready.
 18 A Page 21? These aren't numbered this
 19 packet.
 20 Let's see, he had the sternum X-rayed,
 21 that was negative. He had the neck X-rayed which

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1 showed some mild degenerative disease. He had the
 2 low back X-rayed, which showed that he had some
 3 internal fixation. He had some screws in his back
 4 from a prior surgery. He had evidence that he had,
 5 had what's called a laminectomy or removal of part
 6 the, of the back of the spine. And those where the
 7 X-rays that were reported in this packet.
 8 Q It doesn't have a little page number at
 9 the bottom? All right, then. I'm going to hand
 10 you then so you have it the cervical X-ray report.
 11 A Yes.
 12 Q And what were the findings at that
 13 point?
 14 A Like I said, they described the reversal
 15 of the cervical lordosis, which means some
 16 straightening of the neck. And they reported that
 17 he had some mild spondylosis, which is, you know,
 18 radiology speak for some arthritis or degeneration.
 19 And there was no fractures. He did have, it's
 20 interesting, he had, had prior X-rays at North
 21 Arundel May the 3, 2000 and they reported that,

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1 that there was no change from that date. So, these
 2 X-rays look the same they that had had two years,
 3 three years before. They were able to rule out any
 4 serious neck injury there.
 5 Q Based upon your review of the emergency
 6 room record and the ambulance notes, are you able
 7 to determine what if any injuries Mr. [REDACTED]
 8 sustained as a result of the accident of April the
 9 30, 2003?
 10 A Yes. Yeah. The records would indicate
 11 that, that he had probably a cervical strain or
 12 neck strain, probably a lumbar strain. In other
 13 words, a soft tissue kind of sprain, strain to the
 14 lower back, a contusion of the chest probably from
 15 the seat belt and that's what they recorded there.
 16 Q Now, what's a contusion?
 17 A Contusion is an injury that occurs as a
 18 consequence of some type of blunt trauma. It's a
 19 bruise or if you get hit, you know, in the, in the
 20 leg with a softball that would be a contusion. If
 21 you get struck over the back with, you know, a

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1 baton by a policemen or something like that. That
 2 would be a contusion. It's a blunt kind of injury
 3 to the soft tissues although you can also contuse a
 4 bone.
 5 Q Is a contusion something that you can
 6 see, is there objective evidence of a contusion?
 7 A Someone that's had a contusion typically
 8 will have tenderness at that site, may well have
 9 some swelling at the site, some bruising at the
 10 site. Those are the, the, the hallmarks of a
 11 contusion. Now, tenderness is, is, is kind of
 12 objective because usually the patient, the patient
 13 does have to give you some information but usually
 14 you put your finger on the sore spot and they say
 15 it hurts and that's pretty objective.
 16 Q All right. Mr. [REDACTED] then returned
 17 to seek additional medical treatment from
 18 physicians at Multi-Specialty Healthcare?
 19 A Yes.
 20 Q On the initial visit in May 2, of 2003
 21 what complaints were presented at that point?

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1 A Correct. He saw Dr. Constantine Misoul
 2 that time. He reported that he had been involved
 3 in a motor vehicle accident. The, the history
 4 given by Dr. Misoul says that at, on May the 2, he
 5 was complaining of aching pain in the neck and
 6 upper back radiating into the shoulders and into
 7 the left arm with some numbness and tingling. He
 8 indicated that it hurt him while reaching or
 9 carrying or pulling with overhead maneuvers. He
 10 also reports some lower, mid and low back aches
 11 worse with standing. And he denied any pain down
 12 his legs or any radiating pain. He also said that
 13 his left knee hurt him with kneeling or squatting
 14 or climbing stairs. He also had aching in both
 15 shoulders which I think he said twice, but.
 16 Q What did physical examination of the
 17 neck reveal?
 18 A Okay. In the neck there was tenderness
 19 of what's called paracervical musculature which are
 20 these muscles that, that surround the neck, the
 21 back and side. There was tenderness of those

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1 muscles. There was tenderness down into the upper
 2 back area around the shoulder blade. He felt that
 3 there was some loss of motion in the neck.
 4 He describes the six motions, flexion,
 5 extension, right and left rotation and right and
 6 left flexion. And he says there was about 20
 7 degrees loss of motion, which is typical of someone
 8 who has a neck sprain.
 9 He said there was some stiffness
 10 guarding. A patient with a sprained neck is not
 11 going to want to move it as normal because it
 12 hurts.
 13 Q What if anything do you know about Mr.
 14 [REDACTED] prior neck treatment?
 15 A Neck treatment. I don't, I didn't put
 16 anything in my report. I know he's had a host of
 17 treatment on the lower back.
 18 Q Okay.
 19 A But I don't have any evidence of any
 20 prior, or I don't have any,--
 21 Q Did Dr. Misoul's report reflect any,--

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1 A Let's see.

2 Q -- post-surgical scarring?

3 A In the neck?

4 Q Yes.

5 A Not that I see in the neck, not, not in

6 his report.

7 Q Okay.

8 A Am I missing something? Oh, I didn't

9 see that, I'm sorry. He does describe a well-healed

10 posterior scar in the cervicothoracic area.

11 Q Well, what kind of surgery would that be

12 consistent with?

13 A Okay. Yeah, there's a past history, I

14 missed that. Dr. Asdourian, and I did review those

15 records. Dr. Asdourian had done a posterior

16 surgery on his neck, a decompression which would be

17 kind of a, you know, for a pinched nerve type

18 thing.

19 Q What are the normal residua if any of

20 that type of surgery?

21 A Normally it could no residual. In other

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1 words, it could work.

2 Q Okay.

3 A Surgery could work and the patient could

4 be pain free and fully functional. It could be

5 that there's some decreased range of motion of the

6 neck could occur. A patient could have some, you

7 know, there's like a spectrum. A well done surgery

8 though can leave the patient asymptomatic. And

9 according to this it states he was doing fine.

10 Q All right.

11 A I assume with regard to the neck.

12 Q What if any findings were revealed on

13 examination of the shoulders by Dr. Misoul?

14 A Shoulders showed that had he had some

15 tenderness in the, right here what's called

16 subacromial space. He had some mild limitation of

17 motion, 20 degrees loss of motion. That's about 10

18 percent. A little less loss of motion, a little

19 more loss of motion on the left than on the right,

20 no gross instability, positive impingement sign. He

21 just had some signs of some, some decreased, some

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1 increased discomfort in the area of the shoulder.

2 Q Okay. What's the significance of, what

3 did you say, positive impingement?

4 A Right. When the shoulder is ranged from

5 down here on upward, the ball of the shoulder, the

6 humeral head has to pass underneath something

7 called the acromion which is a shelf of bone. And

8 between that shelf of bone and the humeral head is

9 where the rotator cuff is. And the rotator cuff and

10 the bursitis, I mean the bursa in that the area

11 sometimes can get impinged between the two bones.

12 And if they get inflamed then that impingement will

13 hurt when the patient moves it.

14 You can test for impingement. There are

15 some tests you can do when you examine the patient.

16 And in this particular case he suggests that the

17 patient did have some pain when he tested for

18 impingement, meaning that there, there might have

19 been some aggravation of those soft tissues and I

20 think his impression down the ball was that indeed

21 he did have some tendonitis of those tissues.

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1 Q Okay.

2 A That's consistent.

3 Q What did Dr. Misoul's exam of the left

4 knee reveal?

5 A It revealed that had he had, had a prior

6 arthroscopic surgery because he says that there's

7 well-healed arthroscopic portals, meaning that

8 there were scars.

9 He also noted that there's a positive

10 patellar compression test. When he pushed down on

11 the kneecap and had the patient bend his knee back

12 and forth, there was a complaint of discomfort.

13 Range of motion was close to normal. There was no

14 report of any swelling within the knee or effusion

15 or fluid. There was no instability, nothing else

16 going on in the knee other than this patellofemoral

17 kind of finding.

18 Q Now this patellar finding, what are the

19 likely causes of that?

20 A Well, I mean, the patellofemoral joint

21 is prone to a lot of conditions. I mean, it can be

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1 mal-aligned from birth. And there's a certain group
 2 of people that have malalignment of the
 3 patellofemoral joint that over time develop pain
 4 and sometimes arthritis, okay. That's, that's
 5 called chondromalacia of the patella but it's also
 6 prone to degenerative arthritis. It's prone to
 7 damage and injury. I mean, occupational stresses
 8 can affect the patellar joint, the patellofemoral
 9 joint and if you kneel for a living, for example,
 10 do floors or carpets or something.

11 So, and just over time you can get an
 12 arthritic patellofemoral joint that hurts with
 13 provocative activities. You provoke the
 14 patellofemoral joint when you climb or descend
 15 stairs, when you kneel, when you squat down and
 16 come back up, when you sit with your knee bent, you
 17 pull that kneecap into the joint. So, those types
 18 of things are not uncommon in people as we get
 19 older.

20 Q And then what, if anything, did the
 21 physical exam of the, I guess, the mid to lower

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1 back reveal?

2 A As I said, there was no gross
 3 abnormalities. There was no scoliosis, no
 4 curvatures or, abnormal curvatures. He does, does
 5 describe the low back scar which, over which there
 6 was some tenderness. He did describe that the
 7 gentleman lacked some range of motion, 20 degrees,
 8 which is about 20 percent range of motion loss. He
 9 noted that there was some guarding. In other words,
 10 the gentleman was not anxious to show movement at
 11 the extremes, full flexion, full extension and that
 12 was about it. There was no neurological loss. In
 13 other words, he had a tender low back, mid and low
 14 back.

15 Q What if any information do you have
 16 about the prior surgeries to the lower back?

17 A He had, had prior surgery to the lower
 18 back in March of '97, May of '98 and at some point
 19 after that, the date of which I didn't have, when
 20 he had a fusion. So he had, had three surgeries in
 21 the mid to late 90's for degenerative disease.

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1 Q And what might be the expected residual
 2 of those, of those surgeries?

3 A Well, again some people that have back
 4 surgery and do fine and have no residuals. They
 5 have residuals only if you X-ray and you can see
 6 it.

7 But in this particular case, we did have
 8 evidence that, that he developed what we call
 9 junctional disease. He has fusions from 3, L3-4 to
 10 L5-S1. He had three levels fused and what happens
 11 then is you stabilize or you immobilize part of the
 12 spine and the level that remains mobile above, is
 13 overstressed and can begin to deteriorate and there
 14 was evidence in the records that he had that
 15 problem. He was having some deterioration of the
 16 junctional level and ultimately had to have more
 17 surgery for that. So, he has residuals in the
 18 sense that he had a stiff back and he had a
 19 progressive degenerative process.

20 Q And how if at all does that impact on
 21 range of motion?

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1 A Well, it, it's going lead to some loss
 2 of range of motion. That range of motion is a
 3 little difficult to test because people that have
 4 good flexible hips can get a lot of motion at the
 5 hips and bend over and touch the floor. But if you
 6 look at their spine as they're bending there's no
 7 motion at the spine. So you can adapt for that but
 8 clearly he's going to have loss of range of motion,
 9 he had three fused levels.

10 Q Dr. Misoul also did some X-ray of the
 11 shoulder and the left knee on May the 2. What were
 12 the pertinent findings?

13 A He reported them to be normal. He said,
 14 no acute osseous pathology.

15 Q All right. Now, based upon the review
 16 of the records that we talked about so far, the
 17 ambulance report, the emergency room records and
 18 the initial report of Dr. Misoul regarding his
 19 examination of Mr. [REDACTED] on May the 2, 2003, do
 20 you have an opinion to a reasonable degree of
 21 medical probability what if any injuries were

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1 caused by the accident of April the 30, 2003?
 2 **A Yes.**
 3 MS. ZOIS: Objection. Move the strike.
 4 MS. BUNTY: Can we go off the record a
 5 second?
 6 MS. ZOIS: Sure.
 7 VIDEOGRAPHER: Off the record at 10:06.
 8 VIDEOGRAPHER: On the record at 10:06.
 9 **Q** Doctor, are you able to answer that
 10 question.
 11 **A Yes.**
 12 **Q** And what, what is your conclusion?
 13 **A The medical records support a diagnosis**
 14 **of cervical strain, they support a diagnosis of**
 15 **thoracolumbar strain. They support the diagnosis**
 16 **of sprain strain of the trapezial slash shoulder**
 17 **region. All of those seem to be supported by what**
 18 **Dr. Misoul indicates and what's indicated in the**
 19 **emergency room records.**
 20 **Another, another way of putting it is,**
 21 **you know, soft tissue type of injuries to the**

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1 **spinal axis, the back, the neck and shoulder girdle**
 2 **area. The shoulder girdle is made up of a number**
 3 **of different muscles. It doesn't appear that any**
 4 **internal derangement of the shoulder occurred, in**
 5 **other words, a rotator cuff tear or anything like**
 6 **that. It doesn't appear that any significant**
 7 **internal derangement of the knee occurred. There's**
 8 **no evidence that he impacted the knee or anything**
 9 **like that. There's evidence that he had, had a**
 10 **prior knee problem as noted by Dr. Misoul's report**
 11 **about previous surgery. There's nothing going on**
 12 **there relative to the knee that I can pick up. So,**
 13 **it looks like a soft tissue spinal-type injury.**
 14 **Q** Okay. Did you have the opportunity to
 15 review the physical therapy notes from that
 16 facility?
 17 **A Yes.**
 18 **Q** Based upon your review in total of Dr.,
 19 Mr. [REDACTED] medical records, what if any
 20 treatment is reasonably necessary to address the
 21 conditions that you just determined were causally

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1 related to the accident of April the 30?
 2 **A Well, his visit to the emergency room**
 3 **clearly was reasonable, necessary and causally**
 4 **related. The determination in the emergency room**
 5 **was made that the patient had probably this soft**
 6 **tissue kind of injury. It's, it's, it's not**
 7 **unreasonable with someone who has that kind of an**
 8 **injury to simply observe them, not, not really**
 9 **treat them at all. But in today's society where,**
 10 **you know, we treat people for their symptoms it was**
 11 **totally reasonable to be referred to Dr. Misoul, to**
 12 **have an orthopedic evaluation because he does have**
 13 **some underlying problems that, you know, might be**
 14 **outside of the purview so to speak of the, of the**
 15 **emergency room doctor.**
 16 **So the first visit to Dr. Misoul is**
 17 **reasonable. I think then when you've identified**
 18 **these types of injuries and you know that you can,**
 19 **manage the patient's symptomatology by providing**
 20 **some therapy, some medication, it's not medically**
 21 **necessary to do all that because none of these**

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1 **things are going to not get better but it is**
 2 **totally reasonable to provide some, some treatment**
 3 **and I think sending him for a month or so of**
 4 **physical therapy that has a goal of ultimately**
 5 **getting him to a home program where he can rehab**
 6 **himself is reasonable. Putting him on some**
 7 **medication is reasonable if, if necessary.**
 8 **Limiting his activities, if he were working, you**
 9 **know, taking him off work depending on what he did**
 10 **for awhile. All of those things is, is I think in**
 11 **our day and age a reasonable way to treat these**
 12 **soft tissue injuries.**
 13 **Q** Great. Subsequent to the initial visit,
 14 Mr. [REDACTED] was referred for electrodiagnostic
 15 studies which were performed in June, on June the
 16 9, 2003. Did you have the opportunity to look at
 17 that?
 18 **A Yes.**
 19 **Q** What if any indication are there that
 20 would warrant that kind of test?
 21 **A Well, that test, you know, just to be**

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1 real quick is a nerve test to try to determine how
 2 the transmission of nerve impulses are going, in
 3 this case, down the legs. We do that test looking
 4 for pinched nerves or looking for other problems
 5 with the nerve, muscle unit, muscular dystrophy,
 6 multiple sclerosis, those types of things.
 7 In this case, Mr. [REDACTED] complained
 8 of numbness in the legs and so that would be a
 9 trigger for a doctor to think about
 10 electrodiagnostics. In this particular case,
 11 though, we know he's had two or three back
 12 surgeries. He's had a history of this problem
 13 before I would have, you know, I think you could
 14 have held off on ordering that test because when
 15 you order a test you have to ahead of time know
 16 what you're going to do with the result. So if the
 17 test comes back and the results going to be
 18 positive, in other words, it going to show signs of
 19 nerve impingement or nerve compression or something
 20 like that, are you going to do anything else
 21 different in a guy who you've already diagnosed a

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1 soft tissue injury. The answer is no, you're not.
 2 If it comes back normal, what are you going to do
 3 with that result? Are you going to say, well, gee
 4 he's got numbness and tingling, he's had three
 5 operations on his back, that test probably didn't
 6 pick up what it should have be so you're not going
 7 to do anything different with that. So, really in
 8 this particular case even though he did had
 9 complaint of numbness in the legs, there was really
 10 no good reason to do that test.
 11 And as you can see from the report and
 12 from the record they didn't do anything with the
 13 result. The result is abnormal but they didn't
 14 change any course of treatment or anything like
 15 that.
 16 Q Following the electrodiagnostic study,
 17 Dr. Reischer gave the impression of intrapelvic
 18 entrapment, what's that?
 19 A The was talking about the superior
 20 gluteal nerve, which is a peripheral nerve that
 21 goes to the muscles around the pelvis. The gluteal

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1 nerve is, goes to the gluteus maximus, gluteus
 2 abductor and so what he was saying is there appears
 3 to be damage to that nerve. Most likely due to the
 4 fact that he's had fusion in the back and he's had
 5 bone graft harvested from his hip. So that's,
 6 that's what goes along with that. That was not an
 7 injury due to the car accident.
 8 Q We also know from Mr. [REDACTED]
 9 information that he subsequently underwent knee
 10 surgery in August of 2003?
 11 A Yes.
 12 Q What are the pertinent findings upon
 13 that,--
 14 A Well, at the time of his knee surgery he
 15 was, he was found to have degenerative changes in
 16 the kneecap joint. He was found to have a big,
 17 thickened lining tissue called a plica. He was
 18 found to also have a complex tear of his medial
 19 meniscus or cartilage and these were addressed by
 20 Dr. Misoul by trimming and shaving and things like
 21 that and those were the pertinent findings.

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1 Q Do you have an opinion to a reasonable
 2 degree of medical probability as to whether or not
 3 those findings are causally related to the accident
 4 of April 2003?
 5 A Yes.
 6 Q And what is that opinion?
 7 A That those findings were not. Those
 8 were degenerative findings, findings that were not
 9 related, at least to an acute injury that had
 10 occurred a couple months before that, or three or
 11 four months before that.
 12 The scarring of the plica, plica is a
 13 normal structure in the knee which can become
 14 abnormal over time or from damage or from prior
 15 surgery and it gets thicker and thicker and thicker
 16 as it scars up.
 17 If that had occurred as a consequence of
 18 the accident in April, we would have seen evidence
 19 in April and subsequent to that of an acute injury
 20 to the knee. We would have seen swelling,
 21 limitation of motion, we would have seen the

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1 findings of acute edema etc. because that's what
 2 has to happen for the scar tissue to occur. So the
 3 findings of the plica problem had to be a
 4 preexisting thing.
 5 The complex tear of the medial meniscus
 6 was also something that, that is not at all easily
 7 explained by the mechanism of injury in this
 8 accident. He was hit from the rear. Complex tears
 9 of the meniscus occur as a consequence of, when
 10 they're traumatically caused, a twisting injury or
 11 something that torques the knee.
 12 In this age group we, the majority of
 13 meniscus problems are degenerative meniscus
 14 problems. This is a wear and tear finding that's
 15 described by Dr. Misoul and there's nothing in the,
 16 in the record to suggest a mechanism to place it as
 17 a cause by the motor vehicle accident.
 18 Excuse me.
 19 MS. BUNTY: Can we go off the record?
 20 VIDEOGRAPHER: Off the record at 10:15.
 21 VIDEOGRAPHER: On the record at 10:15.

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1 Q All right. To follow up then with the
 2 discussion of the surgery, do you have an opinion
 3 to a reasonable degree of medical probability as to
 4 whether or not the treatment rendered to the knee
 5 starting with the surgery in August of 2003 and the
 6 follow up visits and then there was some physical
 7 therapy are causally related to the accident of
 8 April of 2003.
 9 MS. ZOIS: Objection for the reasons
 10 previously stated off the record.
 11 A Yes.
 12 Q What's the basis for, or what's your
 13 opinion first?
 14 A Well, I don't think that, I believe,
 15 it's my opinion that the auto accident of April 30,
 16 2003 did not cause injury to the knee that would
 17 have required surgery in August of 2003. I think
 18 that, you know, now that we can see what was found
 19 at the time of surgery and we have the whole
 20 picture, so to speak, it's clear that he did not
 21 tear a meniscus in this, in this accident. There's

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1 no evidence of that in the early management, even
 2 in the, even though he was having some discomfort
 3 when he saw Dr. Misoul it was patellofemoral
 4 discomfort, it wasn't medial meniscal discomfort.
 5 No evidence that the mechanism of that injury could
 6 have caused that, that finding and the findings
 7 around the kneecap of this scared up fibrotic plica
 8 clearly from a, you know, from an anatomic
 9 scientific basis couldn't have come from that
 10 accident either.
 11 Nothing happened at the time of the
 12 accident that you can fill in the blanks. In other
 13 words, you've got to fill in the blanks between the
 14 accident and the finding at the time of surgery and
 15 there's no swelling, there's no edema, there's no
 16 effusion, there's nothing to suggest that the,
 17 enough damage to the plica occurred to lead to
 18 those kind of surgery. There is evidence of a
 19 prior surgical procedure though we don't have any
 20 other history about that, which most likely
 21 explains the findings at the time of surgery, in

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1 the plica region.
 2 Q Okay.
 3 MS. BUNTY: That's all the questions I
 4 have. Ms. Zois might have some follow up. Thank
 5 you.
 6 THE WITNESS: Sure.
 7 EXAMINATION BY MS. ZOIS
 8 Q Dr. Hanley, you were hired by the
 9 defense to render an opinion in this case, is that
 10 correct?
 11 A Yes, ma'am.
 12 Q And in this particular case you never
 13 actually examined the person that you're giving
 14 opinions about today, is that right?
 15 A That's correct.
 16 Q So if you examined my client you would
 17 have had the benefit of asking him about his prior
 18 medical history, correct?
 19 A Correct.
 20 Q And in the particular case you didn't
 21 have the opportunity to ask the plaintiff whether

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1 or not he had a prior medical history of a
 2 surgery,--
 3 **A Correct.**
 4 **Q -- is that right?**
 5 **A Correct.**
 6 **Q Okay. And you also didn't have the**
 7 **benefit of asking my client about the mechanism of**
 8 **injury in this case, is that right?**
 9 **A Right.**
 10 **Q So you've never asked Mr. [REDACTED] how**
 11 **this accident happened and what happened to him**
 12 **physically in the vehicle at the time of the**
 13 **accident?**
 14 **A Correct.**
 15 **Q Because you testified earlier that this**
 16 **is a rear-end accident and that in order to have**
 17 **the type of problem that he has there has to be**
 18 **some torquing of the knee, but you never had the**
 19 **opportunity to ask him what happened to him in the**
 20 **vehicle, is that right?**
 21 **A Correct.**

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1 **Q And is it fair to say that you are**
 2 **basing your opinion that he had prior history on**
 3 **one note in Dr. Misoul's initial report of May the**
 4 **2, 2003?**
 5 **A On the knee you mean?**
 6 **Q Yes.**
 7 **A Yeah. That's the only place that we**
 8 **find anything, you know, Dr. Misoul says he has**
 9 **scars on his knees,--**
 10 **Q Okay.**
 11 **A So, you know.**
 12 **Q And just so we're clear, you've reviewed**
 13 **subpoenaed records from North Arundel Hospital,**
 14 **you've reviewed subpoenaed, subpoenaed records from**
 15 **Dr. Jassi, you reviewed subpoenaed records from**
 16 **Paul Asdourian, you've reviewed subpoenaed records**
 17 **from Advanced Radiology, you have about a**
 18 **six-inch-stack of prior medical records sitting in**
 19 **front of,--**
 20 **A Correct.**
 21 **Q -- is that correct? Is it fair to say**

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1 that nowhere in that six-inch-stack of medical
 2 records did you see any indication at all that he
 3 had a prior knee surgery before the date of this
 4 accident?
 5 **A No, other than what we've already**
 6 **talked.**
 7 **Q Right.**
 8 **A Just the one thing.**
 9 **Q So in every occasion where he saw one of**
 10 **the doctors that you've got records before you and**
 11 **he gave a prior medical history, he never mentioned**
 12 **having a prior knee surgery,--**
 13 **A Correct.**
 14 **Q -- is that fair to say?**
 15 **A Correct.**
 16 **Q And in every physical examination done**
 17 **by every doctor for the records that you have in**
 18 **front of you there's no indication that he has**
 19 **healed arthroscopic scars on his knee, is that**
 20 **accurate?**
 21 **A Correct.**

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1 **Q All right. So even with six inches of**
 2 **documents in front of you and no evidence in there**
 3 **of a prior knee surgery and none of those doctors**
 4 **put in their reports that he had scars healed on**
 5 **his knee you still believe he had a prior knee**
 6 **surgery?**
 7 **A Sure. I mean it's entirely possible.**
 8 **These only go back to what, '95? We've been doing**
 9 **arthroscopic knee surgeries for 25 years.**
 10 **I've had patients come in the office**
 11 **that had surgery in the military, for example, that**
 12 **forgot about it. I mean arthroscopic surgery is a**
 13 **pretty, almost a non-event for some people, it's**
 14 **possible. I mean, if Dr., if Dr. Misoul saw portal**
 15 **scars, truly did then they got there somehow.**
 16 **Now, maybe, you know, you'd have to ask**
 17 **him but maybe this was a misinterpretation, maybe**
 18 **he put something in the report that wasn't there, I**
 19 **don't know. But, you know, I don't look at every**
 20 **patient that comes in the office for a back problem**
 21 **at their knee to see if they have portal scars.**

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1 So, unless someone can suggest or prove, which I
 2 don't think will happen that they weren't there,
 3 then there has to be a reason for them being there
 4 and they're very specific findings. Portal scars
 5 are usually in the same spot, you know, you know
 6 what to look for. So if he claims they were there
 7 then I would think they were there.
 8 Q I'd like to direct your attention to the
 9 past medical history that Dr. Misoul reported of
 10 Mr. [REDACTED] on that very same day that he saw the
 11 scars.
 12 A Yes, I have it.
 13 Q And in the prior medical history
 14 portion, is it fair to say that there is absolutely
 15 no mention of a prior knee surgery?
 16 A There's no mention, correct.
 17 Q Okay. Just so we can kind of pair down
 18 what the issues are for us in this case,--
 19 A Sure.
 20 Q You agree that he sustained a back
 21 injury in this accident?

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1 A Yeah.
 2 Q You agree that he sustained a neck
 3 injury,--
 4 A Yes.
 5 Q -in this accident? You agree that he
 6 injured his shoulder in this accident?
 7 A Yes.
 8 Q And you agree that he had a contusion on
 9 his chest as a result of this accident?
 10 A Correct.
 11 Q Okay. So essentially we're here about
 12 the knee?
 13 A Correct.
 14 Q Is that fair to say?
 15 A I think. I mean, yeah.
 16 Q Okay.
 17 A I mean, I think that's where my opinion
 18 diverges a bit.
 19 Q Sure. And you, your opinion is based on
 20 the note in Dr. Misoul's record that says he
 21 observed scars?

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1 A Well, no. No. I think that even if he
 2 hadn't observed scars the findings at the time of
 3 surgery, see you don't, that's also important. I
 4 think what he records that he found on the
 5 gentleman. Even if he had not had a prior surgical
 6 procedure it still doesn't fit. In other words,
 7 the findings at the time of surgery don't fit the
 8 mechanism and the postop, the post-injury scars.
 9 Q Just so we're clear, doctor, you don't
 10 know how the mechanism of injury occurred, correct
 11 because you don't have the benefit of asking,--
 12 A Well, he was,--
 13 Q -- the patient, is that right?
 14 A He was hit from the rear so we do know
 15 that there's some basic physics that has to occur
 16 there. We know that if you're hit from the rear the
 17 first direction you go is backwards, okay? We know
 18 that, you know, Newton's law says that's which way
 19 you're going to go.
 20 So we know that the first impact in the
 21 vehicle to no matter what position you're in or

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1 whatever is going to be backwards and you're going
 2 to impact the seat or whatever. We know that he was
 3 not thrown forward into the dashboard initially,
 4 that just doesn't happen in rear-end collisions.
 5 Whether or not he was looking over his shoulder or
 6 had his foot braced against the floorboard etc.,
 7 etc., no I don't know any of that.
 8 Q Okay. Now you were again coming back to
 9 how you were retained in this case, you were hired
 10 by Ms. Bunty to form opinions in this case at her
 11 request, correct?
 12 A Correct.
 13 Q And you've done work for Ms. Bunty's
 14 office before, is that right?
 15 A Not very often by occasionally, yeah.
 16 Q And on the particular date that you were
 17 retained to render opinions in this case, Ms. Bunty
 18 in her letter to you contends that the amount of
 19 property damage to my client's vehicle was \$474.50,
 20 do you recall that?
 21 A I don't,--

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1 MS. BUNTY: Object to the
 2 characterization.
 3 **A I don't remember that.**
 4 **Q We can, we'll go ahead and mark,--**
 5 **A But, you know,--**
 6 **Q I can show you the records.**
 7 **A I'm sure that when I reviewed the record**
 8 **I had just read the letter, so, yeah.**
 9 **Q Okay. So let me, I'll just, just so it**
 10 **helps to refresh your recollection, when you were**
 11 **first retain to render opinions in this case Ms.**
 12 **Bunty provided you with information that indicated**
 13 **that there was \$447.50 worth of property damage to**
 14 **my client's vehicle.**
 15 **A Correct, that's, that's what her letter**
 16 **says.**
 17 **Q And based on that, did you come to the**
 18 **conclusion this was a mild impact case?**
 19 **A I didn't come to that conclusion. I**
 20 **think that it's, yeah, I guess you have to, I mean,**
 21 **you have to say that if there's only \$400 worth of**

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1 **damage it wasn't a very heavy impact.**
 2 **Q Okay. I'm going to show you what we're**
 3 **also going to mark for identification another**
 4 **repair estimate that I don't suppose you were**
 5 **provided with indicating that my client's vehicle,**
 6 **two days after the accident actually sustained over**
 7 **\$1,600 in property damage.**
 8 **A Okay.**
 9 **Q Okay.**
 10 **A It's a little more damage isn't it?**
 11 **Q And is it, strike that question.**
 12 **Now, you mentioned earlier that you are**
 13 **focussing your practice on forensic work, is that**
 14 **accurate?**
 15 **A Yes.**
 16 **Q And forensic work essentially when**
 17 **you're hired by an outside party to come in and**
 18 **review records and render opinions for people that**
 19 **you don't actually treat?**
 20 **A Correct.**
 21 **Q All right. And you've been doing this**

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1 type of forensic legal work for quite some time?
 2 **A Correct.**
 3 **Q Dating back to when?**
 4 **A Well, '81, I mean, the very beginning of**
 5 **my career.**
 6 **Q And currently 100 percent of your income**
 7 **is derived from doing medical legal work, is that**
 8 **right?**
 9 **A Well, I have outside sources of income**
 10 **besides this but 100 percent of the income, almost**
 11 **100 percent of the income from my practice comes**
 12 **from forensic work, yeah.**
 13 **Q And that's been the case since January**
 14 **of 2004, is that right?**
 15 **A Yeah. Yeah, December 16, 2003 I did a**
 16 **carpal tunnel release and that's the last surgery**
 17 **that I did.**
 18 **Q And since January 2004 you haven't**
 19 **actually treated any patient that you received**
 20 **compensation for?**
 21 **A Correct. I've treated patients but I've**

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1 **done it as, for patients that, people that I know**
 2 **and have special relationships, yes.**
 3 **Q The friends and family discount?**
 4 **A Yeah. Exactly. I mean, I last time I**
 5 **was here I drained a fellow's knee and gave him a**
 6 **shot.**
 7 **Q And the majority of the work that you do**
 8 **evaluating people is at the request of the parties**
 9 **defending the claim, correct?**
 10 **A Usually, yeah. The vast majority of**
 11 **that, over 95 percent of the time because a lot of**
 12 **this stuff I do, the majority of the people I see**
 13 **are injured workers, they're not injured in motor**
 14 **vehicle accidents etc.**
 15 **Q And you're hired by the employer?**
 16 **A The employer or the employer's**
 17 **representative or, you know, there's sometimes**
 18 **nurse case managers want a second medical opinion**
 19 **but, you know, they're being paid by the employer**
 20 **and the employer's representative. So, yeah, I**
 21 **think it falls into that, you can call it the**

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1 defense side or the defendant's side, whatever you
 2 want to call it.
 3 Q So locally 95 percent of the work that
 4 you do is for the defense side, is that fair?
 5 A Yeah, I would say that's a good estimate
 6 maybe even a little touch more. I mean, there's
 7 two or three plaintiff attorneys that will send me
 8 their clients for this type of an exam and after
 9 that there's not many others.
 10 Q Now you also do evaluations in
 11 California?
 12 A Correct.
 13 Q And you go out there about 10 to 12
 14 times a year?
 15 A Yeah, probably. This year it looks like
 16 it's going to be about 10 times. I just got back
 17 Sunday. That's where I initially started doing
 18 forensic work and, and I have a relationship with a
 19 group out there that does strictly workmen's
 20 compensation in California. Now in California it's
 21 a little different. Probably half of the patients

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1 I see, I see at the request of the patient. In
 2 other words, they have a system out there where the
 3 patient if they're unrepresented can get a list of
 4 three doctors from the state that are three
 5 qualified medical examiners and pick one. And so
 6 about half the patients I see pick me off of a
 7 three name panel.
 8 Q And when you,--
 9 A The other, about half of the other 50
 10 percent are sent to me by what's called the
 11 applicant or plaintiff attorney and half are sent
 12 by the insurance company slash employer.
 13 Q And when you go out there, do you
 14 usually go out for three days at a time and do
 15 about 55 evaluations per visit?
 16 A Well, I just got back and only did 25 in
 17 three days, but,--
 18 Q Is it fair to say that the average is
 19 between 45 and 55?
 20 A Yeah, but I've been going for more, like
 21 five days now. So I would say over the course of

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1 the year I probably see about 500 patients up
 2 there.
 3 Q And the fees out there for doing these
 4 types of evaluations are fixed fees, correct?
 5 A Yes. There's a, there's a fee schedule.
 6 The majority of the ones I do I'll get paid \$275.
 7 Q Did you ever testify in the past there's
 8 fixed fees out there and the lowest fee is \$500?
 9 A Yeah, but I don't get all 500. I, I
 10 work for a, I'm an employee so, or a contractor. I
 11 get 55 percent so 55 percent of 500 is 275.
 12 Q Okay. But as a contractor, I mean, the
 13 evaluation itself, the cost of the evaluation is
 14 \$500?
 15 A Correct.
 16 Q And in the past you had, you grossed for
 17 the company that you've work for out there over a
 18 million dollars,--
 19 A Yeah.
 20 Q -- in one year?
 21 A Yeah. That was back in the late '80's I

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1 guess. I believe, I mean, I never saw those
 2 records I estimated because I saw a thousand
 3 patients that year and this was, I guess it was
 4 just that year, I saw a thousand patients that year
 5 and the fee schedule back then was a thousand
 6 dollars plus were exam. So my guesstimate was
 7 that, that the guy I worked for pulled in a lot of
 8 money.
 9 Q You got half of that?
 10 A No, I didn't get half of that. I got
 11 about, I think I got, that year I probably made
 12 \$270,000 in California.
 13 Q In the late 80's?
 14 A Yeah.
 15 Q And you also do evaluations in Delaware,
 16 right?
 17 A I haven't done any lately. I have done
 18 them, yes. I haven't done Delaware, a Delaware
 19 case in over a year.
 20 Q And you were, you got your license to
 21 practice medicine in Delaware in 2002?

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1 A Yes, it should be on my,--
 2 Q It's on your CV.
 3 A Yeah.
 4 Q Have you ever treated a patient in
 5 Delaware?
 6 A Yes, but that was a long time ago when I
 7 was in residency. I did part of my training in
 8 Wilmington but I have not treated any patients
 9 since I got a license in 2002.
 10 Q So is it fair to say that the reason you
 11 got the license in Delaware in 2002 was to allow
 12 you to do the forensic work,--
 13 A Yes.
 14 Q -- in Delaware?
 15 A Exactly. I mean, there was, there was
 16 a, you know, the source of the forensic work is,
 17 there's a lot of different sources and one of the
 18 sources was desirous of having us, me and a couple
 19 of other doctors be available in Delaware and
 20 Pennsylvania and so we got licences in both
 21 Delaware and Pennsylvania strictly to practice

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1 forensics, not to treat patients, not to set up an
 2 office there for treatment.
 3 Q And how many evaluations do you do a
 4 year in Delaware?
 5 A Like I, like I said, I don't do any
 6 anymore. I do go to Philadelphia.
 7 Q We'll get to Pennsylvania in a minute.
 8 A Okay. So none in Delaware.
 9 Q None in Delaware,--
 10 A Right.
 11 Q -- this year? Okay. When is the last
 12 time you did a forensic evaluation in Delaware?
 13 A Probably in 2004 I would think.
 14 Q All right. And onto Pennsylvania. You
 15 got your license in Pennsylvania in 2003?
 16 A Yes.
 17 Q And the purpose of getting your license
 18 in 2003 was as you just described was to do the
 19 forensic work over there?
 20 A Correct. Correct.
 21 Q When is the last time you did an

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1 evaluation in Pennsylvania?
 2 A Last month. Well, what is this? Yeah,
 3 I don't, yeah, I haven't gone in April yet. I go
 4 once a month to Philadelphia.
 5 Q Okay. And when you go once a month, how
 6 many days are you there?
 7 A One day. Just, just, just up and back.
 8 Q How many evaluations do you do in the
 9 one day?
 10 A 10 to, 10 to 20. 10 to 18, something
 11 like that.
 12 Q And what do you charge for the, what are
 13 the, what's the fixed fee for,--
 14 A 225.
 15 Q Is that the average or is that the,--
 16 A No, each one is 225.
 17 Q Is that your fee that you get?
 18 A Yes.
 19 Q So that's not the actual,--
 20 A Correct.
 21 Q -- evaluation cost?

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1 A Yeah, I don't,--
 2 Q -- the actual evaluation cost?
 3 A I don't know. Probably 350 I would
 4 think.
 5 Q And have you ever provided medical
 6 treatment to anyone in Pennsylvania?
 7 A No.
 8 Q So generally, can you estimate for me
 9 about how many medical exams,-- well, let me before
 10 we there. Is there any other forensic work that
 11 you do outside of California, Maryland, Delaware
 12 and Pennsylvania that I don't,--
 13 A Alexandria.
 14 Q -- haven't asked you about?
 15 A I go to Alexandria once a month as well.
 16 Q Okay.
 17 A About the same as, it's almost exactly
 18 the same as the Philadelphia numbers.
 19 Q So just so we're clear, you,-- let me
 20 back track. You got your license to practice
 21 medicine in Virginia in 1995?

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1 **A Right, I have that much longer. Right.**
 2 Q And have you treated patients in
 3 Virginia?
 4 **A I don't think I ever have.**
 5 Q Okay. So the purpose of getting the
 6 license in Virginia was to do the forensic work?
 7 **A Yes. I was working for a company that**
 8 **actually had an office in Virginia.**
 9 Q What's the name of the company?
 10 **A The company was called Professional**
 11 **Evaluation Group.**
 12 Q Are they, they're now defunked?
 13 **A I think they are, yeah. I don't work**
 14 **for them anymore, yeah.**
 15 Q So,--
 16 **A They're out of New York. They may still**
 17 **be funk'd up in New York but they're defunk'd down**
 18 **here.**
 19 Q So the purpose of getting the license in
 20 Virginia was to do the forensic work in Virginia?
 21 **A Yes. Actually I went to Richmond and**

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1 **Fairfax.**
 2 Q And you said that your trips to Virginia
 3 are about as frequent as your trips to Pennsylvania
 4 which is, you go about once a month?
 5 **A Correct.**
 6 Q You do about 10 to 20 evaluations while
 7 you're there?
 8 **A Yeah. Yeah, that's about right. And**
 9 **the, the fees there though are less. It's only**
 10 **150.**
 11 Q And that's your fee?
 12 **A Correct, that's that I,--**
 13 Q Your fee is 150?
 14 **A That's what I get paid.**
 15 Q Okay. Is there any other forensic work
 16 that you do in any other jurisdiction that we have
 17 not discussed?
 18 **A No.**
 19 Q Do you participate as a principal in any
 20 type of organization that does forensic work?
 21 **A Yes.**

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1 Q And you, that business is PPG?
 2 **A Yes.**
 3 Q And how long has PPG been in existence?
 4 **A 2001 maybe. I think it's probably going**
 5 **to be five years in December or November.**
 6 Q Are you a member or a principal of any
 7 other group that does forensic work other than PPG?
 8 **A No.**
 9 Q All right. Turning your attention to
 10 PPG for a minute. It is fair to say that PPG is
 11 essentially a match-making service where a person
 12 that needs a defense exam calls PPG and you line up
 13 the appropriate doctor to do the exam?
 14 **A I guess that's, that's one way of**
 15 **putting it. We have four or five doctors who are**
 16 **available at about, I don't know, 10 or 15**
 17 **locations.**
 18 Q Who are the four or five doctors?
 19 **A Drs. Smith, Thompson,--**
 20 Q Dr. Robert Smith?
 21 **A Yes. Dilallo, Harries, Draper.**

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1 Q Dr. Draper.
 2 **A And myself.**
 3 Q Okay. So, Dr.,--
 4 **A And so,--**
 5 Q -- Smith, Dr. Harries, Dr. Draper, Dr.
 6 Dilallo.
 7 **A Dilallo.**
 8 Q And yourself. Okay. So you actually
 9 match yourself up with people?
 10 **A Yeah. Well, I'm on that panel.**
 11 Q You're on the panel, okay.
 12 **A We send out a calendar that says that,**
 13 **you know, Dr. Smith is available in Landover on**
 14 **April 17. And someone will call and say, we want**
 15 **Dr. Smith in Landover.**
 16 Q Is it,--
 17 **A We match it up.**
 18 Q Is it fair to say that Dr. Robert Smith
 19 also no longer treats patients and does forensic
 20 work?
 21 **A I know he does a lot of forensic work.**

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1 **He may not be treating patients anymore.**
 2 Q How much does this business make a year?
 3 A **For who?**
 4 MS. BUNTY: Objection.
 5 Q Well, your partners?
 6 A **For Smith or for me?**
 7 Q Let's put it this way, you're a partner
 8 in that business, correct?
 9 A **Correct.**
 10 Q And how much do you make a year from
 11 that business?
 12 A **A lot. It probably spins off about**
 13 **\$300,000.**
 14 Q And as a partner you make \$125,000?
 15 A **No, to each of us. 300 to each of us.**
 16 Q And your partner in this case, does he
 17 treat patients?
 18 A **No.**
 19 Q Why not?
 20 MS. BUNTY: Objection. Relevancy.
 21 A **He's not a doctor. He's the**

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1 **administrator of the business.**
 2 Q How many medical exams do you estimate
 3 that you do a month including all the jurisdictions
 4 that you go to and PPG?
 5 A **Okay. I work five days a month for my**
 6 **own practice. I work six days a month for**
 7 **Principal Physician's Group. And I work about**
 8 **average three, let's say four days a month in**
 9 **California. So that's what, 15 days?**
 10 **I would suggest that I average about 15**
 11 **patients a day, so and I work I'd say about 10**
 12 **months a year. I take about about six to eight**
 13 **weeks off, so I'd say I see almost 2000 patients a**
 14 **year through all of the various sources of what I**
 15 **do.**
 16 Q Okay. Now in addition to, and these are
 17 actual medical exams, correct?
 18 A **Yes. Every one, that's seeing the**
 19 **patient.**
 20 Q Now in this particular case you only did
 21 a records review?

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1 A **Yes.**
 2 Q About how many records review to you do
 3 a year total for all the jurisdictions and PPD?
 4 A **Very few. Probably two or three a month**
 5 **I would think, 30 to 40.**
 6 Q So 30 or 40 a year?
 7 A **A year, yes.**
 8 Q Do you remember testifying back in
 9 October of 2005 that you were doing about a hundred
 10 records review a year?
 11 A **I don't remember that. but I don't think**
 12 **that that's,--**
 13 Q Let me show you your deposition.
 14 A **I don't think that's right, but I guess**
 15 **we could say a hundred. It's a guesstimate. I**
 16 **don't think I do more than three or four a month.**
 17 Q Okay. Let me show you your deposition
 18 transcript from October 13 of 2005 in the case of
 19 Tackett versus Anne Arundel County and it's the
 20 bottom of the page. And in that transcript you
 21 were asked essentially the same question about how

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1 many records review you did a year and in that
 2 particular case you said it was about a hundred.
 3 A **Well, let's see. It says, let me think.**
 4 **I would say maybe 100, maybe, maybe not that many**
 5 **it's hard to say. Yeah, probably less than a**
 6 **hundred. So, 40 is less than a hundred.**
 7 Q Okay.
 8 A **So I don't know how many it is, but.**
 9 Q Yes.
 10 A **Well, let me just say at that point in**
 11 **time I was doing more for PPG, I was doing more**
 12 **record reviews.**
 13 Q Okay. This was six months ago?
 14 A **Yeah. I'm doing much fewer now. Dr.**
 15 **Thompson is doing more of the record reviews. I've**
 16 **only done one or two in the last few months for**
 17 **PPG. So, that's why I came up with three or four a**
 18 **month. I probably get one like this from one of**
 19 **the firms like this once or twice a month. That's**
 20 **why I said, I think, let's say 40 to 50 a year**
 21 **would be probably the rate I'm seeing them at this**

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1 time.

2 Q Okay. So you've cut your records

3 reviews in half basically?

4 A Well, they're just not coming my way.

5 Q Okay.

6 A I mean, I'm perfectly happy to do them,

7 but I'm just not getting them.

8 Q What did you charge for the records

9 review in this particular case?

10 A \$250.

11 Q Are you sure? Let me show you your--

12 A This says, paid 250.

13 Q Yeah, this is unfair because I have your

14 statements right here. What is your charge for the

15 records review in this case, and I'll show you your

16 bill to help refresh your recollection?

17 A Okay. Let's see here. It says here

18 450.

19 Q Okay.

20 A Oh, I see what happened. Okay. So a

21 check for 250 came with the packet of records which

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1 was received on 8/19/05 and then after the records

2 were reviewed and arrived it took longer than the

3 typical amount, so we charged an extra 200. So we

4 charged an hourly rate of 450 an hour.

5 Q And is that your typical hourly rate?

6 A Yes.

7 Q 450 an hour?

8 A Yes, ma'am.

9 Q Taking all of the types of evaluations,

10 of evaluations that you do, is it fair to say that

11 your average rate, including the ones in

12 California, Delaware, Pennsylvania, Virginia,

13 records reviews, PPG, is it fair to say that your

14 average rate for doing an examination is \$300 an

15 hour?

16 A No, it would be less.

17 Q Okay. Is that less since October 13 of

18 2005?

19 A Well, I doubt if I included all of my, I

20 don't think that was a global average, I don't

21 think. Maybe it was. Let me see what I said then

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1 because most of the PPG evaluations are \$150, so

2 that's going to pull down the average. My average

3 in my office of the ones I see in my office is

4 about 325 but that's only those five days a month

5 that I work for myself. Those are averaging about

6 325. The average of the ones at PPG are going to

7 be, well the most I ever get paid for a PPG case is

8 225.

9 Q Okay. Well, I can show you your

10 deposition transcript,--

11 A So that's going to pull it down.

12 Q Essentially in this, in this estimate

13 you say the average is probably closer to 300

14 because there's a fair number that are charged

15 around 150.

16 A Okay.

17 Q So you do include the lower number.

18 A All right.

19 Q And for deposition testimony you charge

20 \$450 an hour?

21 A Correct.

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1 Q But you always charge a two hour

2 minimum, is that correct?

3 A One-and-half to two hours. I think

4 lately its been two hours.

5 Q And so that's \$900 per deposition?

6 A Correct.

7 Q And is it fair to say that in 2002 you

8 did about 44 depositions?

9 A 2002?

10 Q Yes.

11 A That's probably right.

12 Q And in 2003 you did about 31

13 depositions?

14 A Yes.

15 Q How many depositions do you estimate

16 that you've done so far in 2006?

17 A 2006. I have no idea. The problem is,--

18 Q How about 2005?

19 A I really don't know that either. The

20 problem is that, you know, we schedule a lot of

21 them. A lot of them don't go through and, for

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1 example, I think,--

2 Q Well, when was the last time?

3 A I had three or four this week. I had

4 one yesterday.

5 Q Did you have one this morning?

6 A This one.

7 Q Okay. Was this the only one you had

8 this morning?

9 A Yes.

10 Q And you had one yesterday also?

11 A I think so, but let me think.

12 Q John Valenti?

13 A Yes.

14 Q So,--

15 A There seems to be more lately.

16 Q Okay. And how many do you have scheduled

17 this week?

18 A Let's see. I had one Monday, Tuesday,

19 Wednesday. I had one yesterday. What did I do

20 Tuesday? I don't think I had one Tuesday. I may

21 have one scheduled for tomorrow. It may have been

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1 already cancelled but three or, two or three this

2 week, two for sure maybe three.

3 Q So you had one Monday. You had one

4 yesterday.

5 A Three, yeah.

6 Q You had one today.

7 A Three. And I may,--

8 Q You may or may not. You have one on

9 your calendar for tomorrow though, right?

10 A I don't, yeah I think I do.

11 Q Okay. Do you have your calendar with

12 you?

13 A No.

14 Q Is it fair to say that you've testified

15 hundreds of times?

16 A More than a hundred, two hundred

17 probably over the course of 25 years, sure. That

18 would be only six times a year.

19 Q We know it's more than that, right?

20 A Absolutely.

21 Q You read, you read the MRI in this case?

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1 A I have the MRI of the knee, is that the

2 one you're talking about?

3 Q Yeah.

4 A Yeah.

5 Q And according to the MRI, my client had

6 a Grade IV tear?

7 A That's what it says, yes.

8 Q Okay. And during the course of his

9 presentation with his doctors he described the

10 problems with his left knee as being exquisite and

11 tender and having difficulty ambulating and

12 difficulty going up and down stairs, difficulty

13 bending, difficulty squatting, difficulty walking.

14 Do you recall,--

15 A Yeah. That is,--

16 Q -- these subjective complaints of pain?

17 A That was in the very first note of Dr.

18 Misoul.

19 Q Right. And you have like we mentioned

20 earlier six inches of medical records in front of

21 you. It is fair to say that within this six inches

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1 of medical records there isn't a single doctor's

2 note that indicates he ever complained of left knee

3 pain before the day of this accident?

4 A None that I recall.

5 Q Is it fair to say that you have no

6 records before you were he received any medical

7 treatment for his left knee before the date of this

8 accident?

9 A Correct.

10 MS. ZOIS: Nothing further.

11 FURTHER EXAMINATION BY MS. BUNTY

12 Q You were talking about these marks on

13 the knee and you said they were very specific

14 findings. What did you mean about that?

15 A Well, I mean, you know you put the

16 portals for arthroscopic surgery at a very

17 stereotyped location. I mean every doctor that

18 does arthroscopic surgery is going to put an

19 anteromedial portal, is going to put an

20 anterolateral portal and then, those are the two

21 main portals. And then depending on what you do

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1 you may put one medial to the patella, lateral to
 2 the patella. So, in other words you're not going
 3 to put one out here or out there, you're going to
 4 put them in specific spots within a, because that's
 5 where you get into the knee. And so an orthopedist
 6 or somebody that does orthopedic surgery,--
 7 Q Would that include yourself?
 8 A Yeah. Knows where to look for these
 9 things. You know, a primary care doctor is not
 10 going to do that necessarily. And, you know, they
 11 get pretty faint over time. But that's what I
 12 mean, they're specific, you know, specific
 13 locations.
 14 Q Now, the records that you do have from
 15 other sources doctor, you listed that names,
 16 Asdourian, Jassi dah, tah, dah. When a patient
 17 comes in to you and their chief complaint is say, I
 18 have neck complaint, are you analyzing the knee or
 19 looking for knee complaints?
 20 A No. I mean, again, we do a focused exam
 21 focusing on the location of the complaint. And so,

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1 you know, shoulder, ankle whatever it is, yeah.
 2 Q So if Mr. ██████████ is showing up for
 3 the fifteenth time at Anne Arundel Hospital because
 4 he's got complaints of dizziness and shortness of
 5 breath, something related to his COPD or his lung
 6 condition, are you documenting or doing a physical
 7 examination of the knee?
 8 A No. No.
 9 Q We spent a great deal of time talking
 10 about your source of income and obviously this
 11 comes from your forensic dealings, isn't that true?
 12 A Sure.
 13 Q Now, back years ago when you decided to
 14 shift the focus of your practice into forensic, did
 15 you anticipate that you would be working in a legal
 16 context such as this, analyzing claims involved in
 17 litigation?
 18 A Sure. I mean, that's what I had been
 19 doing for a long time. I just, you know, it's a
 20 lot easier on your family life etc. to do this type
 21 of orthopedics than it is to be going to the

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1 emergency room and doing surgery for eight hours a
 2 day etc. I mean, it's, it's, I'm getting older,
 3 it's a lifestyle change and I was fortunate enough
 4 to have the skills and the experience to be able to
 5 do this.
 6 Q Thank you, doctor.
 7 MS. BUNTY: I have no other questions.
 8 FURTHER EXAMINATION BY MS. ZOIS
 9 Q How much did you make in your 2005 tax
 10 returns doing forensic work?
 11 A I don't know.
 12 Q You don't have your tax returns?
 13 A Not with me.
 14 Q You don't review your tax returns before
 15 they're filed?
 16 A My wife does.
 17 Q When did you, you, you have to sign them
 18 though, correct?
 19 A Sure.
 20 Q Okay. Did you file recently, I mean,
 21 we're on April 20. They were due two days ago, did

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1 you file recently?
 2 A Yes.
 3 Q When did you file?
 4 A Well, I made a lot more money on my tax
 5 returns that didn't have anything to do with
 6 forensic work.
 7 Q Okay. How much, well then you know,--
 8 A It's not broken out on my tax return.
 9 Q Okay. But you know difference don't
 10 you?
 11 A Sure. And I'm not going to tell you.
 12 Q Okay. Doctor, I have a subpoena here,--
 13 A Because it's my wife tax return as well.
 14 Q No. I understand that.
 15 A And, you know, she will not be,--
 16 Q But you told me that you know how much
 17 you make in forensic work and you're not going to
 18 tell me.
 19 A No, I don't know that. I said it's not
 20 broken out on my tax return. You asked me, okay,
 21 how much on my tax return is from forensic work and

1 I don't know.

2 MS. BUNTY: Let's go off the record for
3 a second.

4 Q Actually, I have a copy.

5 VIDEOGRAPHER: Off the record at 10:48.

6 VIDEOGRAPHER: On the record at 10:49.

7 Q We'll have this marked for
8 identification. I guess it will be Deposition
9 Exhibit Number 3. I'm going to hand you a subpoena
10 for you to appear at trial to produce the requested
11 documents that are attached to that list which
12 include 1099 and your federal and state tax
13 returns.

14 A Okay. Well, 1099s aren't maintained in
15 my office.

16 MS. BUNTY: Doctor, there's not a
17 question pending.

18 MS. ZOIS: That's it.

19 MS. BUNTY: That's it.

20 VIDEOGRAPHER: This concludes the video
21 deposition. Off the record at 10:50, one tape.

1 (Deposition Exhibits 1, 2 and 3 marked for
2 identification and attached to the transcript.)
3 (Deposition concluded at 10:50 a.m.)

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2 I, Sylvia L. Jacobs, a Notary Public in and
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4 hereby certify the within named KEVIN F. HANLEY,
5 M.D. personally appeared before me at the time and
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