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PHILIP MORRIS USA, et al.,

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Defendants.

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- 2 THE COURT: Good morning, everybody.
- 3 This is United States of America versus Philip Morris.
- 4 CA 99-2496. And I believe we are ready for the defendants' next
- 5 witness.
- 6 MR. BERNICK: That's right, Your Honor. Mr. Webb had a
- 7 very, very short matter that he wanted to take up. It would be
- 8 appropriate in advance.
- 9 MR. WEBB: Very briefly, Your Honor, this is what it
- 10 relates to.
- 11 When we addressed the court last week about closing
- 12 argument, I think both sides had agreed that six hours would
- 13 seem -- we said we have three days to do it in, but we thought
- 14 each side could do it in six hours, which is clearly less than
- 15 three days.
- I've been trying to talk to the defendants. We're
- 17 trying to divide time between seven different defendants and,
- 18 quite frankly, I'm having some issues.
- 19 Here is what I'm respectfully requesting. That we
- 20 simply extend the time from six to six and a half hours, and
- 21 then we can allocate time in a way that we're comfortable with.
- I think, after a 9-month trial, that it's a fairly reasonable
- 23 request. And I don't know if the government objects to it or
- 24 not.
- MS. EUBANKS: If each side gets six and a half hours,

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1 that's fine.
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- 2 One of the things that we haven't talked about in terms
- 3 of the timing, but we did allude to at one of the discussions
- 4 was that because the United States does want to do rebuttal,
- 5 that with the split of the three days, it would be our
- 6 preference that defendants get as much of their presentation in
- 7 before the third day as possible.
- 8 THE COURT: I understand that. Tell me how you are
- 9 going to do your time first.
- 10 MS. EUBANKS: Well, Your Honor, what we were
- 11 anticipating when we had the six hours was a split of five, plus
- 12 one for rebuttal. But if we get six and a half, I think we may
- 13 want to re-evaluate whether we want just one for rebuttal or one
- 14 and 15, and how we allocate the extra 30 minutes, if that's what
- 15 happens.
- 16 But what we would anticipate is taking five hours the
- first day, and what we thought would be appropriate is for
- defendants to, on the second day, take their five hours and then
- 19 the extra hour and an and a half, if that's what it's going to
- 20 be, on the third day come forward with that and then have the
- 21 government's one hour rebuttal. That would be the schedule.
- 22 THE COURT: So it be five, five, and then on the third
- day one and a half, one and a half.
- Is that agreeable, Mr. Webb?
- 25 MR. WEBB: Could I just consult at some point with my

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1 co-counsel about this and maybe interact with Ms. Eubanks on
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- 2 that issue this morning? I just haven't talked to my co-counsel
- 3 on that issue. And we will try to do it this morning and report
- 4 back to the court.
- 5 THE COURT: That's fine. We can either talk about it
- 6 after or before the lunch recess, but before the end of the day.
- 7 MR. WEBB: That's fine, Your Honor.
- 8 MS. EUBANKS: I believe Mr. Wise has a matter, too,
- 9 Your Honor.
- 10 MR. WISE: I did, Your Honor. I just have an objection
- 11 to raise before we begin.
- 12 We received some new demonstratives last night at about
- 13 11:30. As near as we can tell -- well, I received them at
- 14 11:30. As near as we can tell, they were done sometime last
- 15 evening. We didn't get a call or we weren't alerted they were
- 16 coming.
- 17 My concern is they are either a material change that we
- 18 are prejudiced by because we haven't had time to prepare in
- 19 response to them or they are simply an attempt to recast the
- 20 demonstrative in such a way that it might sort of get in under
- 21 the court's ruling yesterday.
- I think it's important that we have on the record that
- 23 we're objecting to these new demonstratives, in large part for
- 24 the reasons that were stated yesterday.
- We don't think they are permissible under court's

- 1 ruling, and I reserve the right to object.
- 2 THE COURT: Let me ask one question to begin with.
- 3 This is a yes or no, Mr. Bernick.
- 4 Are you going to be moving the demonstratives in?
- 5 MR. BERNICK: No.
- 6 THE COURT: Let's proceed. And they -- I mean, I
- 7 haven't seen them. Were they delivered to me at all? I don't
- 8 think so.
- 9 MR. BERNICK: I don't know that they were delivered to
- 10 Your Honor. They were delivered to Mr. Wise by e-mail at 6:33
- 11 PM. It's right on our computer here.
- 12 MR. WISE: The department was not receiving external
- 13 e-mails because of a server problem. If we had gotten a call we
- 14 could have arranged some other way.
- 15 THE COURT: But they didn't know that, Mr. Wise.
- Okay. Please, let's proceed.
- 17 THE DEPUTY CLERK: Please remain standing and raise
- 18 your right hand.
- DANIEL R. FISCHEL, Defendant's witness, SWORN
- THE DEPUTY CLERK: You may be seated.
- 21 DIRECT EXAMINATION
- 22 BY MR. BERNICK:
- 23 Q. Good morning, Professor Fischel.
- Do you have before you the written direct examination
- of Daniel R. Fischel submitted by the joint defendants pursuant

- 1 to Order Number 471?
- 2 A. I do.
- Q. Have you had an opportunity to review it carefully to
- 4 determine if there are any changes that need to be made?
- 5 A. I have.
- Q. And are there any changes to be made?
- 7 A. No.
- 8 Q. Do you adopt that written direct examination as your written
- 9 direct examination in this case?
- 10 A. I do.
- 11 MR. BERNICK: Your Honor, we proffer that examination.
- 12 We also proffer Professor Fischel as an expert in economics and
- 13 the law.
- 14 THE COURT: That may be admitted subject to the rulings
- 15 I made yesterday.
- 16 Do you want to raise any objection on the expertise
- issue or any issue?
- 18 MR. WISE: Yes, Your Honor.
- 19 We object to the proffer of Professor Fischel's
- 20 expertise and ask the court to defer ruling until after the
- 21 examination and perhaps further submissions in line with what
- 22 the court allowed Mr. Webb to submit with Dr. Bazerman.
- 23 THE COURT: I will defer then at this time.
- 24 BY MR. BERNICK:
- 25 Q. Professor Fischel, we have an opportunity to conduct a live

- 1 examination for a little while this morning, so let's proceed
- 2 with that. I want to begin with the hypothetical question --
- 3 actually, with an hypothetical question.
- 4 MR. BERNICK: We had a discussion internally last
- 5 night, Your Honor, about whether you say "a" hypothetical or
- 6 "an" hypothetical and it's clearly "an" hypothetical. So,
- 7 that's what's up there, is "an hypothetical."
- 8 Q. I want you to assume that a train is coming down a track and
- 9 the track has a fork in it, or two paths for the track to verge,
- 10 and there's a switch, and very conveniently the CEO of a major
- 11 corporation is positioned at the ready to throw the switch.
- 12 And I further want you to assume in the hypothetical
- 13 that, much less conveniently for them, there are five people
- 14 situated on one fork of the track and a poor soul on the other
- fork of the track, none of them able to move so that the CEO
- 16 must make on his own a life-or-death decision or a
- death-or-death decision depending upon how you view it.
- Do you have that hypothetical in mind?
- 19 A. I do.
- 20 Q. Now, in your work as I've looked through the direct
- 21 examination you've studied corporate management decisions for
- 22 many years. Is that fair?
- 23 A. Yes.
- Q. Have you published in the area?
- 25 A. Yes, quite extensively.

- 1 Q. Have you also analyzed actual real world decisions in the
- 2 litigation context?
- 3 A. Yes, that's what my work is focused on.
- Q. Now, in your experience, both in your published work, your
- 5 academic work and also in connection with your litigation work,
- 6 have you ever seen or read about an executive management
- 7 decision of the nature that I've described in the hypothetical?
- 8 MR. WISE: Your Honor, I'm going to object.
- 9 The question, "now in your experience, both in your
- 10 published work, your academic work, litigation," first of all,
- it's certainly compound, and I think it's vague.
- 12 I'm having trouble understanding how the hypothetical,
- 13 even when I heard Mr. Bernick saying it sort of in the way he
- 14 did, how the hypothetical is even relevant. It's almost to the
- 15 point of being sort of a joke it's so contrived phrased in that
- 16 way.
- 17 THE COURT: Well, the objection is overruled.
- 18 First of all, it's not a compound question. And second
- of all, its relevance is obvious in terms of this witness's
- 20 experience with corporate behavior.
- 21 Go ahead, please.
- 22 BY MR. BERNICK:
- Q. Do you have the question in mind, Professor Fischel?
- In all of your experience have you ever seen or read
- 25 about a decision of the nature that we've described in the

- 1 hypothetical?
- 2 A. No. I think the hypothetical would be a completely
- 3 unrealistic description of decision making with respect to a
- 4 decision of any magnitude in a modern business enterprise of any
- 5 scale.
- Q. Do you have a demonstrative, J-DEM 010425, that you've put
- 7 together in order to compare that hypothetical to the business
- 8 decisions that you've become familiar with during the course of
- 9 your work?
- 10 A. I do.
- 11 MR. BERNICK: And let me be clear, Your Honor.
- 12 There was a revised version of this that was sent
- 13 through early last evening that, by reason of Your Honor's
- 14 rulings yesterday, simply replaced the label for the first one.
- Then based upon Professor Fischel's further review,
- 16 added "prior experience" to the second column, and then you will
- 17 also see that that one change carries over to the third column.
- But that's the nature of the change that was made.
- 19 THE COURT: And this is revised from what defendants
- 20 had earlier submitted to government?
- 21 MR. BERNICK: That's correct, in those two respects
- 22 alone.
- 23 MR. WISE: I'm going to renew my objection, Your Honor,
- 24 both for the reasons I gave this morning and for the reasons I
- gave on the record yesterday.

- 1 THE COURT: The objection is overruled.
- 2 BY MR. BERNICK:
- 3 Q. Using the hypothetical and your own knowledge, Professor
- 4 Fischel, can you explain to us the comparison that you're
- 5 drawing between the hypothetical that we laid out and business
- 6 decisions as you have studied them, become familiar with them
- 7 during the course of your work at both academic and litigation?
- 8 A. Well, I think the list of bullet points summarizes some of
- 9 the significant differences between business decisions in the
- real world and the conditions in the hypothetical.
- 11 Whereas, the hypothetical has a single decision maker,
- 12 the one individual set of contrived or at least unrealistic
- facts which don't occur in a business environment.
- 14 In the real world, first of all, you have multiple
- 15 decision makers. In a modern corporation a decision of any
- 16 complexity would be made by some combination of executives,
- 17 directors, investors, unions or other labor representatives,
- 18 possibly interaction with consumers, specialists of various
- 19 types: financial specialists, legal specialists, marketing
- 20 specialists, technical specialist and countless others,
- 21 depending on what the issue happen to be. And it would be as a
- 22 result of input from all those different groups going up the
- 23 chain of decision making that a decision would ultimately be
- 24 made.
- 25 Complex business situations. I think the paren "See

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1 case studies". One of the reasons that there are articles
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- 2 written, or even books written, business school curriculums
- 3 designed around case studies is precisely because complex
- 4 business decisions in the real world involve many different
- factors, a complex weighing of costs and benefits, an
- 6 interaction between issues that are internal to the firm and the
- 7 external environment, the regulatory environment, public
- 8 opinion, advertising, public relations, and the like. And many
- 9 business decisions are studied for years on end and written
- 10 about and taught in curriculums precisely because they are so
- 11 complex and so different from the hypothetical.
- 12 Governance framework. Every modern corporation has an
- 13 extensive governance framework with a majority of independent
- 14 directors, sophisticated committee structure, with an audit
- 15 committee, a nominating committee, a compensation committee,
- institutional investors, a general counsel's office, a
- 17 compliance department.
- 18 And again all of these different organs of the firm
- 19 interact to ensure that the decisions on the business side are
- 20 consistent with the firm's obligations on the compliance side.
- 21 And again it's an interaction among many different actors in a
- 22 complex and sophisticated way.
- 23 Financial accountability. Very important difference
- 24 between the real world example and the hypothetical. In the
- 25 real world, firms have analysts who are following the firm and

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1 tracking their business decisions. There's rating agencies that
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- 2 study the financial condition of the firm in terms of the terms
- 3 in which the government -- the firm, rather, can borrow money.
- 4 There are sophisticated lenders, banks and other
- 5 financial institutions. There's compensation structures within
- $\,$ 6 $\,$ the firm. There are large investors who are monitoring the
- 7 firm's performance.
- 8 And in the real world for all those reasons decision
- 9 makers know that there is a price tag associated with decisions
- 10 that they make so that good decisions, decisions that make good
- 11 business sense and don't get the firm into trouble with either
- 12 litigation or regulatory intervention, are rewarded; and
- 13 conversely, bad decisions, decisions that are inferior from a
- 14 business point of view or result in the firm getting embroiled
- in costly legal disputes or regulatory disputes or result in
- 16 legislative intervention, those decisions are penalized in the
- 17 real world.
- 18 And, finally, the last significant difference between
- 19 decision making in the real world and the hypothetical is that
- 20 people who succeed in the real world typically are not making
- 21 decisions for the first time. They have experience. They've
- 22 proven their ability to make complex decisions other time.
- They've risen through the ranks. They've learned from mistakes.
- 24 There's also checks and balances within the firm so
- 25 that if one person does not have experience, other people may

- 1 have experience in a particular area. And again, that
- 2 experience is another kind of fundamental difference between the
- 3 hypothetical and the real world because, as in most things in
- 4 life, people tend to get better at doing a certain task when
- 5 they have experience doing it.
- 6 Q. I want to turn from that general description to talk about a
- 7 certain kind of business decision for a little bit and then we
- 8 will push on.
- 9 We are here to talk about remedies, as I'm sure you're
- 10 aware, and I want to talk about those business decisions that
- 11 are focused on legal compliance.
- 12 Is there another portion of J-DEM 010426 that talks
- about the factors that are involved in compliance-related
- 14 decisions?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. Could you just briefly tell us whether or not, or to what
- 17 extent compliance decisions are either the same or different
- 18 from the kinds of business decisions that you have just finished
- 19 describing for the court?
- 20 A. Well, they are similar in terms of the complexity of the
- 21 decision making process within the firm, but there are now
- 22 additional actors that have to be taken into account, and that's
- why there's the bottom entry: Judicial and regulatory
- 24 proceedings.
- 25 Namely, the decisions that firms make are monitored by

- 1 judges, obviously. They are monitored by regulatory agencies.
- 2 They are monitored by Congress. And that is an additional set
- 3 of actors that both have to be taken into account before
- 4 decisions are made by the complex interaction of individuals
- 5 that I described earlier as well as a remedy for misconduct by
- firms when misconduct occurs.
- 7 Q. Let me ask you this, Professor Fischel.
- 8 In all the work that you've done over the years, both
- 9 academic and in litigation, the hypothetical that we posed and
- is briefly portrayed -- pictorially portrayed in the
- 11 demonstrative, is that hypothetical one which would have been
- illuminating for you in any of the work that you've done?
- 13 MR. WISE: I'm going to object, Your Honor.
- 14 Again, I think to the extent we are referring to
- Dr. Bazerman's experiment --
- 16 THE COURT: Sustained.
- 17 BY MR. BERNICK:
- 18 Q. Professor Fischel, I want to focus more closely on a
- 19 particular kind of decision going even beyond compliance which
- is a decision to remove a prominent member of management.
- 21 Have you done -- have you and your firm at your
- direction done a survey regarding decisions to remove members of
- 23 management?
- 24 A. Yes, I have.
- 25 Q. Could you describe for the court the nature of that survey,

- 1 please?
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 I conducted a survey, with the assistance of other
- 4 members of my firm, of analyzing during the period from 2000 to
- 5 2005 situations where senior executives of public corporations
- 6 were removed both as a result of allegations or findings of
- 7 misconduct, or alternatively for other reasons such as poor
- 8 performance or whatever other miscellaneous reasons occur to
- 9 prompt the removal.
- 10 THE COURT: Did your survey cover only financial
- 11 misconduct or personal misconduct?
- 12 THE WITNESS: It covered all causes of removal,
- 13 including misconduct, other than financial misconduct, Your
- 14 Honor.
- 15 BY MR. BERNICK:
- 16 Q. Showing you J-DEM 010418. Is this a compilation of the
- 17 results of the survey?
- 18 A. It is. And just -- if I could just further respond to the
- 19 court's question.
- 20 If you look at just on the first page, item 3, the
- 21 recent case of Boeing would be a classic example of a CEO being
- 22 forced to resign because of personal indiscretions or perceived
- 23 personal indiscretions as opposed to any kind of financial
- 24 misconduct.
- MR. BERNICK: I've got on the screen, Your Honor, the

- 1 entry relating to that.
- 2 Q. That was Harry Stonecipher who was long time CEO and
- 3 prominent player of Boeing?
- 4 A. Correct.
- 5 Q. And what specifically was the issue there that resulted in
- 6 his being forced out?
- 7 A. My understanding is that he had some kind of romantic --
- 8 secret romantic relationship which violated company policy and
- 9 was told that he had to resign.
- 10 Q. Based upon this survey, what learning do you derive from
- 11 that?
- 12 THE COURT: In all fairness to the company, he was also
- married at the same time, wasn't he?
- 14 THE WITNESS: Yes. Yes, Your Honor. I didn't mean to
- 15 suggest the contrary, Your Honor.
- 16 BY MR. BERNICK:
- 17 Q. Professor Fischel, based on that survey, what learning did
- you derive of interest to your testimony from the survey?
- 19 A. What the survey demonstrated to me was in terms of the
- 20 complex decision making that I described earlier; that there are
- 21 these decision making methodologies within a firm, interaction
- 22 between various groups that are a powerful check on the
- 23 discretion of the chief executive.
- 24 And the hypothetical again, there's only one decision
- 25 maker and the decision maker in the hypothetical has absolute

- discretion to decide one way or another way.
- 2 What the survey demonstrates in the real world, there's
- 3 not just one decision maker, and, in fact, there's sufficient
- 4 power as a check on the powerful decision makers, that in
- 5 circumstances where either the board or some other group decides
- 6 that there needs to be replacement of the chief executive or
- 7 other senior executive, that's what occurs.
- 8 Q. I want to go to another item on this survey and spend a few
- 9 minutes with it and then we will wrap up. And that item relates
- 10 to, the very first one, to AIG, American International Group,
- and Maurice Greenberg, the executive in his position as
- 12 chairman, and it discusses basically what happened at one point
- in time with respect to Mr. Greenberg.
- 14 Are you familiar with, in general terms based on
- 15 newspaper coverage, are you familiar with the facts of that
- 16 situation?
- 17 A. I am.
- 18 Q. I just want to spend a couple of minutes.
- 19 AIG is the company of interest?
- 20 A. Correct.
- 21 Q. I'm assuming that AIG had management?
- 22 A. Yeah, it had a complicated -- or has had a complicated
- 23 corporate structure, but certainly had management.
- Q. Was Mr. Greenberg actually part of management?
- 25 A. Yes. He was the CEO.

- 1 Q. So we will put him here. Did and does AIG also have a board
- 2 of directors?
- 3 A. Yes. It has a very sophisticated board of directors with a
- 4 majority of independent directors.
- 5 Q. Okay. So we have both the independent -- I should probably
- 6 have said "O" for outside. We have the management directors.
- 7 A. Correct.
- 8 Q. Again, was Mr. Greenberg -- was Mr. Greenberg on the board?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. Now, when it comes to the ownership of AIG, were there
- 11 entities that were major shareholders of AIG?
- 12 A. Yeah. There were three Star entities that were also
- 13 controlled by Mr. Greenberg.
- Q. We will put Star 1, Star 2, Star 3. And roughly what was
- 15 the ownership position of the three Star entities?
- 16 A. I think they held a little bit over 15 percent of the
- 17 outstanding stock of AIG.
- 18 $\,$ Q. Did Mr. Greenberg also have a personal stake of his own in
- 19 AIG itself?
- 20 A. He did. He had a very large stake in the Star entities and
- 21 then he also had a very significant stake, over a million
- 22 shares, in AIG itself.
- 23 Q. Did these Star entities have boards?
- 24 A. Yes, they did.
- Q. Was Mr. Greenberg on those boards?

- 1 A. Yes.
- 2 MR. WISE: I'm going to object. Mr. Bernick is leading
- 3 the witness through this diagram. The last half-dozen questions
- 4 have been leading.
- 5 THE COURT: Oh, they have been, Mr. Wise, and
- 6 technically your objection is well taken, but obviously the
- 7 witness knows the fact. We are just moving along a little more
- 8 quickly. So there's nothing prejudicial right now.
- 9 BY MR. BERNICK:
- 10 Q. Based upon your experience, could you just characterize the
- 11 nature of Mr. Greenberg's role? That is, to what extent he was
- 12 a prominent player in the affairs of AIG.
- 13 A. Well, he was the founder and clearly the dominant
- 14 personality both at AIG and at the three Star entities that had
- 15 the 15 percent ownership interest in AIG.
- 16 Q. Beyond the management of AIG, as this situation unfolded,
- 17 were there people on the outside who became -- or organizations
- on the outside that also became players in this process?
- 19 A. Yes, many.
- 20 Mr. Greenberg hired outside counsel, the independent
- 21 directors hired outside counsel, the board hired outside
- 22 counsel.
- There was a regulatory intervention by Eliot Spitzer.
- 24 Warren Buffett got involved because of a transaction alleged to
- 25 be questionable between AIG and Buffett controlled entity,

- 1 Berkshire Hathaway.
- 2 And, in addition to that, there were sort of
- 3 representatives of various groups that were involved in complex
- 4 negotiations. Pete Peterson from Lehman Brothers and a variety
- 5 of others.
- 6 Q. What about the financial markets? Did they also play a role
- 7 in this process?
- 8 A. Yes, a huge role because of the various groups that I
- 9 mentioned before: analysts, rating agencies. There were also a
- 10 number of other large investors. AIG's largest investor is
- 11 Fidelity Group, a very powerful institutional investor.
- 12 And obviously, the financial markets and the various
- 13 constituents of the financial markets played a very active role
- in monitoring the situation at all points in time, still are.
- 15 MR. BERNICK: I should note parenthetically, Your
- 16 Honor, that the fact of Warren Buffett is involved in the
- 17 situation I will represent to the court had no connection
- 18 whatsoever with Mr. Wells' hypothetical on whether Mr. Buffett'S
- insurance coverage includes cessation. If you remember the
- 20 questions. We did not converse on this subject at all.
- 21 Q. In this kind of structure, Professor Fischel, does any one
- 22 individual have the ability to act unilaterally?
- 23 A. Obviously not. If anybody did, it would have been
- Mr. Greenberg himself, but as my exhibit demonstrates, and I
- 25 think is well known in current events, he was pushed out as a

- 1 result of the joint decision making of all the other actors.
- 2 Q. Where you have a situation that becomes this important and
- 3 this number of people on the outside are looking in -- I suppose
- 4 we ought to add the press here. Has the press been focused on
- 5 the situation?
- 6 A. Yes. Obviously, there are stories virtually every day or
- 7 multiple stories virtually every day.
- 8 Q. What happens to transparency?
- 9 A. I think in a situation like this, transparency is enhanced.
- 10 Every move is so closely watched and so closely scrutinized,
- 11 there's -- when you get to this stage, when the stakes are so
- 12 high, transparency is the greatest, and the actors make sure
- 13 that that's the case.
- Q. What happened to Mr. Greenberg?
- 15 A. He was, in effect, forced to resign as a result of pressure
- 16 from the independent directors and Eliot Spitzer and currently
- 17 the subject of various, according to the press, civil and
- 18 criminal investigations.
- 19 Q. I want to use this as a bridge to talk about this last
- 20 subject and from this point of view I want to go to J-DEM
- 21 010423. The court previously has seen these scales and --
- 22 MR. BERNICK: Your Honor, we did modify this graphic so
- that there's no reference to any prior testimony. So we're just
- 24 going to take it straight with Professor Fischel.
- 25 Q. And we have here incentives for business decisions. During

- 1 the course of your career and your work, both academic and
- 2 litigation represented, have you analyzed incentives for
- 3 business decisions?
- 4 A. Yes, extensively.
- 5 Q. I've got a series of incentives or possible incentives I'm
- 6 going to ask you about, and my questions are all going to go to
- 7 this.
- 8 We have a scale that has compliance with the law on one
- 9 side and a scale that says noncompliance on the other.
- 10 And my questions are going to be how do these various
- 11 incentives that we're going to talk about weigh in the context
- 12 where business decisions are made in the multifactorial world
- 13 that you've just described? That is within the corporate
- 14 structure, what happens to these incentives?
- 15 Are you with me?
- 16 A. I am.
- Q. Threat of lawsuits, where does that go? Is that an
- incentive for compliance or noncompliance?
- 19 A. Compliance, obviously.
- 20 Q. Internal governance mechanisms?
- 21 A. The same. That's one of the reasons that internal
- 22 governance mechanisms exist.
- Q. Watchdog groups?
- 24 A. Again that's -- they are functioned to, among other things,
- 25 to ensure compliance.

- 1 Q. Threat of government regulations?
- 2 A. Obviously goes on the compliance side.
- 3 Q. "Do the right thing."
- 4 A. Compliance.
- 5 Q. Okay. Let's talk about some others and I want to focus on
- 6 these a little bit, perhaps, less self-evident.
- 7 Does market share as an incentive play a role in
- 8 business decisions?
- 9 A. Yes, frequently a big role.
- 10 Q. Shareholder value, does that also play a role in business
- 11 decisions?
- 12 A. Yes, very much so.
- 13 Q. Tell me how shareholder value, maximizing shareholder value,
- 14 relates in the corporate context as you've described it to
- 15 compliance or noncompliance.
- 16 A. Well, in the modern environment many large firms have been
- 17 really penalized in the marketplace. Tobacco industry being an
- 18 example. But there are many other examples of firms whose value
- 19 is sufficiently lower as a result of litigation and regulatory
- 20 problems that the firms make compliance and avoidance of future
- 21 problems one of their highest priorities.
- 22 So I would say in the current world in which we live
- for a complex business entities, maximizing shareholder value
- 24 very much goes on the compliance side.
- Q. What about market share? Is that another incentive for

- business decisions?
- 2 A. Yes, it's the same point, because if your value is crippled
- 3 by being embroiled in legal and regulatory proceedings, that
- 4 obviously has an adverse impact on market share.
- 5 Q. If we talked about stock options profits and bonuses and
- 6 incentives, would the analysis be the same?
- 7 A. Exactly the same.
- 8 MR. BERNICK: I have nothing further, Your Honor.
- 9 THE COURT: All right. Counsel, please.
- 10 MR. WISE: May I have just a moment, Your Honor?
- 11 (Pause)
- 12 Good morning, Your Honor.
- 13 THE COURT: Good morning.
- MR. WISE: Leo Wise for the United States.
- 15 CROSS-EXAMINATION
- 16 BY MR. WISE:
- 17 Q. Good morning, Professor Fischel. My name is Leo Wise and I
- 18 represent the United States.
- 19 A. Good morning, sir.
- 20 Q. Professor Fischel, I want to ask you some general questions
- 21 before we move into some specifics on your testimony, and I want
- 22 to start with talking about the preparation of the testimony
- 23 which you adopted at the very beginning of your live
- 24 presentation.
- 25 David Gross wrote the first draft of your expert report

- in this case; isn't that correct?
- 2 A. That's correct.
- 3 Q. And he is an employee of your firm, Lexecon?
- 4 A. That's correct.
- 5 Q. And lawyers from Kirkland & Ellis wrote the first draft of
- 6 your supplemental expert opinions; isn't that right?
- 7 A. I think taking what the work product that we had generated
- 8 Lexecon and then translating it into a document called
- 9 supplemental opinions, that's correct.
- 10 Q. And, in fact, you made relatively minor changes to their
- 11 draft of your supplemental opinions?
- 12 A. That's correct, but their supplemental opinions were taken
- 13 from the work product that we generated.
- 14 Q. And lawyers from Kirkland & Ellis wrote the first draft of
- your written direct examination as well?
- 16 A. That's correct.
- 17 Q. Including the answers?
- 18 A. I'm not actually not sure about that.
- 19 Q. Do you recall giving your deposition in this case --
- 20 A. I do.
- 21 Q. -- on May 16th just about two weeks ago?
- 22 A. I do.
- 23 MR. WISE: If we could have a copy of Mr. Fischel,
- 24 Professor Fischel's deposition for him. And Chris, if I could
- 25 have -- just a moment, Professor.

- 1 THE WITNESS: Sure.
- 2 A. I have a copy now.
- 3 Q. You have a copy now?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. If we could go to Page 25 of your deposition. At lines 19
- 6 through 21, you were asked, "When you say the first draft was
- 7 written by attorneys, does that include your answers?" And you
- 8 responded "Yes."
- 9 Do you see that?
- 10 A. Yes, although then I -- the reason I hesitated before was
- 11 because of the next answer of -- that we added things, changed
- 12 things, deleted things in interacting with the lawyers.
- 13 Q. Professor Fischel, my question was, the lawyers from
- 14 Kirkland & Ellis in the first draft of your testimony wrote the
- answers, and that's what your testimony says; isn't that right?
- MR. BERNICK: Your Honor, I object.
- 17 This is a classic situation where the question has got
- 18 to be put in the context of the next question.
- 19 THE COURT: No. The objection is overruled.
- Go ahead, please.
- 21 BY MR. WISE:
- Q. Do you need the question again?
- 23 A. No, I understand the question, and that's what I testified
- 24 to in the deposition.
- Q. Now, Professor Fischel, you understand that you had to

- disclose the materials you relied on in reaching your opinions;
- 2 isn't that right?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. And, in fact, you're aware that a list of materials was
- 5 attached to your expert report when that was filed?
- 6 A. Yes, sir, I am aware of that.
- 7 MR. WISE: Can I have U.S. Exhibit 93828 on the screen?
- 8 Q. Do you have a copy of that yet?
- 9 A. I don't think I do.
- 10 Thank you.
- 11 Q. Do you recognize that as your expert report?
- 12 A. I do.
- 13 Q. If you go to Exhibit B, do you recognize that as the list of
- 14 reliance materials that was contained within the document?
- Unfortunately, it's not numbered or I'd give you the
- 16 page number. I think it's right after the report.
- 17 A. Yes. I have it.
- 18 Q. Now, this is titled, reliance -- this is entitled, Exhibit
- 19 B, Materials Reviewed by Lexecon. Isn't that right?
- 20 A. Correct.
- 21 Q. It's not titled, Materials Reviewed by Daniel R. Fischel?
- 22 A. That's right.
- 23 Q. In fact, you haven't read everything that's on this list?
- 24 A. That's right.
- Q. You read some things on the list?

- 1 A. As I think I said in the deposition, I read a lot of it.
- 2 There were some things which -- particularly some of these
- 3 financial reports at the bottom I didn't read personally.
- Q. And among those things you read, you didn't read any single
- 5 document on this list in its entirety.
- 6 A. That's probably fair. I didn't read every single word in
- 7 any of these documents.
- 8 Q. Now, you were hired to respond to the report and testimony
- 9 of Dr. Bazerman in this case; isn't that correct?
- 10 A. That's correct.
- 11 Q. And for no other purpose?
- 12 A. That's correct.
- 13 Q. But you didn't read Dr. Bazerman's expert report in its
- 14 entirety?
- MR. BERNICK: Your Honor, at this point -- Your Honor
- 16 has very carefully ruled with respect to Dr. Bazerman and his
- 17 response to Dr. Bazerman. And now counsel is squarely going
- 18 down that path.
- 19 THE COURT: He hasn't opened any substantive doors.
- 20 He's just establishing the ground rules under which this witness
- 21 was retained.
- 22 Go ahead, please.
- 23 BY MR. WISE:
- Q. Do you need the question again, Professor Fischel?
- 25 A. No.

- I think it's fair to say that I read some parts of the
- 2 report very carefully, other parts of the report I skimmed.
- 3 Q. And you also didn't read his written direct examination in
- 4 its entirety?
- 5 A. Same answer. Some parts I read very carefully and other
- 6 parts I skimmed.
- 7 Q. Now, you've only read two publications that Dr. Bazerman
- 8 authored; isn't that right?
- 9 A. Yes. I think I've glanced at some others, but in terms of
- 10 looking carefully, I would say I've looked at two of them, and
- of those two, one -- really only part of one.
- 12 Q. And the two articles that you say you've read as opposed to
- 13 glanced at, those are the publications that are listed on the
- 14 reliance list materials reviewed by Lexecon?
- 15 A. Again, I have to find -- I assume that's right, but I have
- 16 to find the page again.
- Yeah, the two that are quoted in my report.
- 18 Q. And that's really my next question, Professor Fischel.
- 19 The two publications that you read happened to be the
- 20 ones that you assert are in contradiction with Dr. Bazerman's
- 21 opinions.
- 22 A. Correct.
- 23 Q. Professor Fischel, do you believe it's important for an
- 24 expert witness to be impartial and neutral? Is that fair to
- 25 say?

- 1 A. I do, yes.
- 2 Q. Now, you're being compensated a thousand dollars an hour for
- 3 your work in this case; isn't that right?
- 4 A. Correct.
- 5 Q. You're not actually -- well, your arrangement is not with
- 6 the defendants directly. The defendants' arrangement is with
- 7 your firm, Lexecon?
- 8 A. That's correct.
- 9 Q. And you're the president of Lexecon?
- 10 A. That's correct.
- 11 Q. And you've been the president of Lexecon since the
- 12 mid-1980s.
- 13 A. Or something similar; some title of comparable significance,
- 14 correct.
- 15 Q. Professor Fischel, the University of Chicago limits outside
- employment by faculty members to 11 days a quarter; isn't that
- 17 correct?
- 18 A. Except by understanding with the Dean.
- 19 Q. In fact, you've spent more than 11 days on this case, given
- 20 that you've spent about a hundred hours working on this case so
- 21 far.
- 22 A. Yes, but I have a very clear understanding with the Dean, my
- 23 successor, as I did with my predecessors on that issue. So, I
- 24 have always fully complied with university policy.
- 25 Q. And that special arrangement allows you to work much more

- than 11 days per quarter on outside engagements?
- 2 A. Correct.
- 3 Q. Now, virtually all of your income is derived from your work
- 4 with Lexecon; correct?
- 5 A. For all practical purposes, all of it.
- 6 Q. All of it?
- 7 A. Correct.
- 8 THE COURT: Well, are you not on the payroll of the law
- 9 school any more?
- 10 THE WITNESS: I am currently on the payroll, Your
- 11 Honor, for -- for most of the -- the recent past. I donated my
- 12 salary back to the university and then a number of years ago,
- 13 when Lexecon and me personally had a -- something of a financial
- 14 windfall, I made a very large gift to the university. It's far
- in excess of all the salary I ever received from the university,
- 16 even if I hadn't given it back.
- 17 BY MR. WISE:
- 18 Q. Now, virtually all of your work with Lexecon concerns
- 19 litigation, broadly defined, either actual or pending; isn't
- 20 that right?
- 21 A. Correct. That's what Lexecon does.
- Q. And, in fact, you've given sworn testimony on 192 occasions
- 23 before today.
- 24 A. I haven't counted, but if that's what my resume reflects.
- 25 Q. I'll represent to you that we counted.

- 1 A. Okay.
- 2 Q. And that's what it reflects.
- 3 And you've testified six times already in this year, in
- 4 2005?
- 5 A. Actually, I think it might be seven.
- 6 Q. And it's fair to say that there are many other cases that
- 7 aren't on your CV where you have acted as a litigation
- 8 consultant but haven't actually testified because your CV is, in
- 9 fact, just your sworn testimonies?
- 10 A. That's accurate.
- 11 Q. Professor Fischel, you earned \$20 million with your work
- 12 with Lexecon in 2003; correct?
- 13 A. I personally earned \$20 million?
- 14 Q. Yes, that's my question.
- 15 A. Not to the best of my knowledge.
- MR. WISE: Chris, can I have U.S. Exhibit 93792.
- 17 Q. Professor Fischel, you have in front of you 93792. Do you
- 18 recognize this document?
- 19 A. I don't, actually, but now I know what you're referring to.
- 20 Q. Well, let's just -- just so the record is clear. You are
- 21 familiar with these kinds of documents, an SEC filing. Is that
- 22 fair statement?
- 23 A. Yes, that's fair.
- 24 Q. And if you turn to Page 9 -- and also, just so the record is
- 25 clear, this is an SEC document filed by Nextera Enterprises;

- 1 correct?
- 2 It says that on the first page.
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. And Nextera Enterprises owned Lexecon from 1998,
- 5 approximately, to 2003; is that correct?
- 6 A. Correct.
- 7 Q. And if you turn to Page 9 and the Summary Compensation
- 8 Table, your name appears and it lists several categories. This
- 9 is a summary compensation table, so I'll just refer to them as
- 10 several categories of compensation. And it has your name and
- then entries for 2001, 2002, and 2003, and I've asked you about
- 12 2003.
- 13 Now, in the first column for salary in 2003 it lists
- your salary at approximately \$1.5 million; correct?
- 15 A. Correct.
- Q. And your bonus at approximately \$2.78 million; is that
- 17 correct?
- 18 A. That's correct.
- 19 Q. And maybe just while we are there, your bonus is actually
- 20 determined by the -- it's a percentage of the operating income
- of Lexecon's Chicago office; isn't that right?
- 22 A. That's right.
- 23 Q. So, in addition to generating -- in addition to the
- 24 defendants billing -- submitting -- excuse me.
- 25 In addition to billing the defendants for your time for

- 1 your salary you also get a portion of the operating income
- 2 generated by other consultants at Lexecon based in Chicago?
- 3 A. That's correct.
- 4 Q. And under all other compensation, it lists approximately
- 5 \$15 million; isn't that right?
- 6 A. That's right.
- 7 Q. And if you add those up, it roughly equals \$20 million in
- 8 2003.
- 9 A. Correct.
- 10 Q. Now, while we have it up. In 2002 you earned approximately
- 11 \$4 million between salary and bonus; correct?
- 12 A. Correct.
- 13 Q. And in 2001 approximately 4 million?
- 14 A. Correct.
- 15 Q. Now, during your deposition you testified that in 2004 you
- 16 probably earned over 3 million from Lexecon. Do you recall
- 17 that?
- 18 A. I do.
- 19 Q. And then when you were asked about your 2003 income, you
- 20 testified you earned not exactly but comparable, something of
- 21 comparable magnitude.
- Do you recall that testimony?
- 23 A. I do.
- Q. Now, Lexecon works principally for law firms. Is that a
- 25 fair statement?

- 1 A. Yes.
- 2 Q. Lexecon is retained by law firms who may have clients of
- 3 various kinds, but you work -- you work for law firms?
- 4 A. Correct, primarily.
- 5 Q. Now, the tobacco industry and many of the law firms in this
- 6 room have been sources of income for you and for Lexecon.
- 7 A. Correct.
- 8 Q. And, in fact, you're the third defense expert in this case
- 9 affiliated with Lexecon.
- 10 A. Correct.
- 11 Q. Dennis Carlton, who is the senior managing director at
- 12 Lexecon, is also a witness in this case; correct?
- 13 A. Correct.
- 14 Q. And, in fact, you and he and some of the defense counsel and
- 15 other professionals at Lexecon met and talked about how areas
- 16 of -- I think you said areas of expertise and testimony would be
- 17 allocated between you and Dr. Carlton?
- 18 A. Correct.
- 19 Q. And James Heckman, another expert in this case, is also
- 20 affiliated with Lexecon; correct?
- 21 A. Correct.
- 22 Q. And for each of these expert witnesses there are other
- 23 Lexecon employees that work with them that provide various kinds
- of services to them?
- 25 A. That's right.

- 1 Q. For instance, you have two Lexecon employees working with
- 2 you on your testimony this case.
- 3 A. Correct.
- 4 Q. And --
- 5 A. At least, really. Probably more.
- 6 Q. Probably more. And they are all billing separately for
- 7 their time on this case?
- 8 A. That's right.
- 9 Q. And Mr. Carlton, he has a Lexecon employee working with him,
- 10 or at least one maybe.
- 11 A. I'm sure more than one, correct.
- 12 Q. Do you have an estimate of how many?
- 13 A. You know, I don't, but if you include the research staff,
- 14 our lowest level of professionals, certainly it's significantly
- 15 higher number than one or two.
- 16 Q. Higher than five?
- 17 A. I'd suspect if you included everybody who has ever worked on
- 18 this matter it would be higher than five.
- 19 Q. Is that the same go for you, that the research staff
- 20 probably more than five has also worked with you?
- 21 A. Yes, I would think so.
- Q. And Dr. Heckman also has at least two Lexecon employees
- 23 assisting him?
- 24 A. Again, probably more. Two directly and then some below
- 25 those two.

- 1 Q. And would they -- would those be members of the research
- 2 staff?
- 3 A. Probably, yes.
- 4 Q. So holding aside the research staff, at least in terms of
- 5 testifying witnesses in their sort of direct, direct reports or
- 6 direct support, there's at least eight professionals from
- 7 Lexecon working on this case?
- 8 A. Well, again, if -- yeah, that sounds like a reasonable
- 9 estimate.
- 10 Q. Plus research staff?
- 11 A. Plus the research staff right.
- 12 Q. More than five?
- 13 A. Correct.
- 14 Q. Now, when we were looking at the Nextera SEC filing earlier,
- I asked you, the question that Nextera had owned Lexecon from
- 16 1998 to 2003. Do you recall that?
- 17 A. I do.
- 18 Q. In 2003, Lexecon was sold to FTI Consulting Company?
- 19 A. Correct.
- 20 Q. And FTI also works both on this case -- well, start that
- 21 way. FTI also works on this case providing support to defense
- 22 counsel; correct?
- 23 A. That might be right, but I don't know that one way or the
- 24 other.
- Q. And you've done other work in the past for the tobacco

- 1 industry and the law firms in this case; isn't that right?
- 2 A. I would say I've done very little work for the tobacco
- 3 industry; some, but very, very little. And the law firms in
- 4 this case I've -- yes, I've certainly done some work with them
- 5 in the past, some work against them as well.
- 6 Q. And Dennis Carlton has also done work in the past both for
- 7 the tobacco industry and for the law firms in this case?
- 8 A. That's correct.
- 9 MR. WISE: If I could have U.S. Exhibit 93797 on the
- 10 screen.
- 11 Q. Do you recognize this document, Professor Fischel?
- 12 A. I think -- yeah, I mean I haven't -- I'm not sure I've ever
- seen this document, but I do recognize it.
- 14 Q. And just so to sort of move things along. It's from the
- 15 website and maybe you can tell by the notation at the bottom,
- it's from the Lexecon website. Do you see that?
- 17 A. I do.
- 18 Q. And it's a list of law firms clients of Lexecon. Do you see
- 19 that?
- 20 A. I do.
- 21 Q. If you look at this list, you can see that your clients
- include Winston & Strawn, I think that's the last entry; Jones,
- Day; Kirkland & Ellis; Paul Weiss; and Arnold & Porter.
- 24 You're aware that those are all law firms -- in fact,
- 25 they are defense -- the defense counsel in this case are all

- from those law firms. Are you aware of that?
- 2 A. I am.
- 3 Q. And, in fact, you've personally worked with some of the
- 4 attorneys in this case; isn't that correct?
- 5 A. Yes, I have.
- 6 Q. In a case called Shields v Keating -- just by way of
- 7 background, Charles Keating was a client of Lexecon's in the
- 8 late 1980s; correct?
- 9 A. That's correct.
- 10 Q. In fact, you and Charles Keating and Lexecon were sued in a
- 11 civil racketeering case; correct?
- 12 A. That's correct.
- 13 Q. And in that case Mr. Webb represented Lexecon?
- 14 A. That's correct.
- 15 Q. And won dismissal of the case?
- 16 A. Correct.
- Q. And Lexecon sued its insurer for defense cost; correct?
- 18 A. Correct.
- 19 Q. And Mr. Frederick represented Lexecon in that case?
- 20 A. I thought it was Mr. Webb and Mr. Frederick, but whoever it
- 21 was. They did a good job.
- 22 Q. And they did a good job because --
- 23 A. I wouldn't be sitting here without them.
- Q. And they did a good job because this was a case that was
- 25 settled, correct, after a verdict?

- 1 A. Which case are you talking about?
- 2 Q. Well, we will start with Lexecon versus Crumb and Foster.
- 3 You said they did a good job, why did they do a good job in that
- 4 case?
- 5 A. Because the legal fees were quite expensive and they got a
- 6 good settlement from the insurance company to help us defend
- 7 ourselves, which we very much wanted to do.
- Q. When you say "quite significant," what do you mean?
- 9 A. I don't remember exactly what they were, but I remember it
- 10 was a multimillion dollar settlement with the insurance company.
- 11 Q. Now, you testified in both of those cases I just mentioned,
- 12 Shields v Keating and Lexecon v Crumb and Foster; is that right?
- 13 A. No, that's not correct.
- Q. You testified in Shields v Keating, though; is that right?
- 15 A. That's correct.
- 16 Q. And, generally -- I think that's a useful way to start --
- 17 Shields v Keating was a savings and loan case, generally
- 18 speaking?
- 19 A. Correct.
- 20 Q. And generally your litigation work is in the regulation of
- 21 financial markets and the economics of financial markets;
- 22 correct? Is that fair to say?
- 23 A. Generally, yes, that's correct.
- 24 Q. And typically your testimony involves issues related to
- 25 damages?

- 1 A. I would say they include damages frequently, but my work and
- 2 my testimony has frequently been much broader than just damages.
- 3 Q. You mentioned in your written direct testimony that you've
- 4 testified in one of the Enron cases, and since there's many of
- 5 them. You referenced Enron litigation; is that right?
- 6 A. Correct.
- 7 Q. And in that case you gave testimony rebutting damage
- 8 calculations filed by the government's expert witness; correct?
- 9 A. That's correct.
- 10 Q. And you also mentioned in your written direct that you've
- 11 testified on behalf of the Department of Justice; isn't that
- 12 right?
- 13 A. That's right.
- 14 Q. And you've testified on behalf of the Department of Justice
- on the economics of the saving and loan industry and the effects
- of regulatory changes on the value of financial institutions;
- 17 correct?
- 18 A. Among other subjects, correct.
- 19 Q. Now, you're aware that in this case, only equitable remedies
- 20 are under consideration by the court?
- 21 A. I am aware of that.
- 22 Q. And when you were deposed you couldn't recall if you had
- ever given testimony about equitable remedies before?
- 24 A. Correct.
- Q. Now, in your consulting work you don't advise boards of

- 1 directors of corporation other than providing advice through
- 2 counsel related to litigation?
- 3 A. Generally speaking, that's correct.
- 4 Q. And you've never consulted directly with senior management
- 5 of a corporation other than perhaps through a general counsel
- 6 who might be a member of senior management?
- 7 A. Correct.
- 8 Q. And you've not consulted directly with corporations on
- 9 reorganizations or restructuring.
- 10 A. Correct.
- 11 Q. You have no experience hiring or firing executives other
- 12 than employees at Lexecon?
- 13 A. Correct.
- 14 Q. And you have no experience hiring or firing personnel within
- 15 tobacco companies, that's correct?
- 16 A. Correct.
- 17 Q. Now you've never acted as a consultant to a Judge in a case
- 18 where there was a corporate restructuring?
- 19 A. That's right.
- 20 Q. In fact, you've never acted as a consultant to a Judge on
- 21 any subject?
- 22 A. Correct.
- 23 Q. Professor Fischel, in your testimony you cite a book you
- 24 wrote called, Payback, The Conspiracy to Destroy Michael Miliken
- 25 and His Financial Revolution?

- 1 A. That's correct.
- 2 MR. WISE: Chris, if we could have Professor Fischel's
- 3 written direct.
- 4 Q. Do you still have your copy of your written direct,
- 5 Professor?
- 6 A. I think I do.
- Q. Page 4 of your written direct, the subheading at line 17 is,
- 8 "Expertise of Particular Relevance to this Matter." Right?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. And if you flip over to Page 5 you were asked at lines 3 to
- 11 4, "How is your academic and consulting work and research
- related to your opinions in this case?" Right?
- 13 A. Correct.
- Q. And then further down, at lines 13 and 14, you were asked,
- 15 "Have any of your publications dealt with the area of corporate
- governance in the face of scandals?" Correct?
- 17 A. Correct.
- 18 Q. And it's in that answer that you cite that book, Payback?
- 19 A. That's correct.
- 20 Q. In fact, that's the only publication you cite in this
- 21 answer, if we bring the box down a little bit.
- 22 A. Correct.
- 23 MR. WISE: Now, Chris, if I could have 93796 on the
- 24 screen. We will get you a copy.
- 25 A. Thank you.

- 1 Q. Are you familiar with the document I've -- you've just been
- 2 handed?
- 3 A. I am.
- 4 Q. And it's a copy of your book Payback; correct?
- 5 A. Correct.
- 6 Q. If you go to the page XII in the introduction. In the first
- 7 paragraph, just by way of background, you write, "The many
- 8 existing books about the Wall Street and savings and loan
- 9 scandals during the 1980s have been written by journalists."
- 10 Correct?
- 11 A. Correct.
- 12 Q. And in the last line of that paragraph, you write, My
- 13 prospective in this book is different, and so are many of my
- 14 sources." Correct?
- 15 A. Correct.
- 16 Q. If we scroll down on the page, Chris. In the third
- 17 paragraph, you write. "Whenever possible, I have relied on the
- 18 actual record in these cases as documented in trial and hearing
- 19 transcripts, indictments and complaints, and supporting legal
- 20 briefs and memoranda. I believe this actual record is a far
- 21 more reliable source for reconstructing events than the self-
- 22 serving statements and recollections of interested parties that
- 23 have filled the existing books on the period."
- 24 That's what you're wrote generally in the introduction
- 25 here.

- 1 A. Correct.
- 2 Q. You say, "interested parties," but it's in fact the case
- 3 that Mr. Miliken was a client of yours at Lexecon in the late
- 4 1980s; correct?
- 5 A. Yeah, prior to writing book, that's correct, as I state in
- 6 the introduction.
- 7 Q. And Mr. Miliken pleaded guilty to six felony offenses in
- 8 Federal Court and was sentence to 10 years in prison; correct?
- 9 A. Correct.
- 10 Q. You contend in this book that Mr. Miliken did nothing
- 11 illegal.
- 12 A. That's right.
- 13 Q. And you believe that the United States was wrong to
- 14 prosecute Mr. Miliken.
- 15 A. That's correct, that's what I believe.
- 16 Q. And you believe it was a result of a conspiracy by various
- 17 actors against him, that the United States essentially aided and
- 18 abetted?
- 19 A. That's right.
- 20 Q. And if we go to Page 7 of your book --
- 21 MR. BERNICK: Your Honor, at this point I'm going to
- 22 object.
- 23 I'm more than happy to elicit from Professor Fischel
- 24 the details of what is contained apparently in a multihundred
- 25 page book about what happened in connection with Michael Miliken

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and the prosecution of the case against him.
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- 2 But this really is -- it's just -- it's a side show.
- 3 What he's trying to do, obviously, is suggest that this witness
- 4 would defend even the Mike Milikens of the world.
- 5 There's no evidence before the court about what Michael
- 6 Miliken did or did not do, all the circumstances surrounding
- 7 that, and it's basically a cross-examination equivalent of guilt
- 8 by association.
- 9 And how can the court deal with this? Are we going to
- 10 sit there and now relitigate the Michael Miliken and the S&L
- 11 crisis?
- 12 THE COURT: Mr. Wise, very briefly.
- 13 MR. WISE: Your Honor, this is the only publication
- 14 that Mr. Fischel authored that's referenced in his opinions. I
- 15 need to probe the basis of this ever so slightly, and I have
- 16 another purpose for asking questions about this. I really have
- a few more questions, but I think it goes to Mr. Fischel's
- 18 views.
- 19 It's a basis for his opinion, and he's identified this
- as a publication that dealt with the area of corporate
- 21 governance in the face of scandals, which is what he's being
- offered for. And I think it's important that we probe ever so
- 23 slightly some of Mr. Fischel's views on corporate governance in
- 24 the face of scandals.
- 25 THE COURT: Mr. Wise, let me say this. It's very

- 1 interesting testimony, having not read the book, although that's
- 2 not the test of anything. It is very far afield thus far from
- 3 what I have to consider.
- 4 I'll give you three or four minutes unless you get to
- 5 something that is really relevant to my concerns here.
- 6 MR. WISE: Thank you, Your Honor.
- 7 BY MR. WISE:
- 8 Q. Now if we go to Page 7 of your book. I just have one
- 9 paragraph starting, "Drexel and Miliken upset the status quo and
- 10 made phenomenal amounts of money in the process. The
- 11 establishment losers in the marketplace, desperate for revenge
- 12 and to restore their lost positions of dominance, turned to the
- 13 government for help. There the losers found ambitious but
- 14 unscrupulous prosecutors, like Rudolph Guiliani, who were
- 15 willing to help because they saw opportunities to further their
- 16 other careers by capitalizing on the public's historic distrust
- 17 and envy of financiers."
- That's what you wrote; correct?
- 19 A. That's what I wrote.
- 20 Q. In fact, you dedicate a whole chapter to these prosecutions
- 21 chapter 4, that you referred to as a reign of terror.
- 22 A. Actually, more than a chapter to the prosecutions, but
- 23 that's correct.
- Q. More than a chapter.
- 25 You also talk about Judge -- well, now the late Judge

- 1 Milton Pollock who presided over some of the cases you talk
- 2 about in your book; correct?
- 3 A. That's right.
- 4 Q. And you described him as the recognized leader of the
- 5 government's lynch mob?
- 6 A. Correct.
- 7 Q. And you called this whole episode a national disgrace.
- 8 A. That's what I said.
- 9 Q. Now, Mr. Miliken was a client of yours in the 1980s and you
- 10 wrote Payback in 1995; correct?
- 11 A. Correct.
- 12 Q. In 1998, you've testified Nextera purchased Lexecon?
- 13 A. Correct.
- 14 Q. And Nextera is a company that was owned and controlled by
- Mr. Miliken, his brother and Lawrence Ellison; correct?
- 16 A. Yeah, I think that's fair.
- 17 Q. If I could have U.S. Exhibit 93795. This is another SEC
- 18 form again for Nextera, slightly different format. I think this
- is an older one.
- 20 And you can see on the first page, it says Company,
- 21 conformed name Nextera Enterprises; correct?
- 22 A. Yes, I see that.
- 23 Q. And if you go to the next page at the very top it identifies
- this as a filing for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2000?
- Do you see that?

- 1 A. I do.
- 2 Q. And if we go to Page 14, if you scroll down to the paragraph
- 3 in the middle, the first sentence starts, "We were formed in
- 4 February 1997 by entities which were under the direct or
- 5 indirect control of Lawrence J. Ellison, Michael Miliken and
- 6 Lowell Miliken. Correct?
- 7 A. I think that's what I said.
- 8 Q. Now, you profited substantially from the sale to Nextera;
- 9 correct?
- 10 A. I did.
- 11 Q. And you maintained your position as president of Lexecon?
- 12 A. Not -- no, that's not right.
- 13 Q. Well, what position did you hold when Nextera owned Lexecon?
- 14 A. During most of the time that Nextera owned Lexecon, or at
- 15 least much the time, I was Dean of the University of Chicago Law
- 16 School.
- Q. My question was what position did you hold with Nextera?
- 18 A. Oh, I'm sorry. I thought -- I don't think I held any
- 19 position with Nextera.
- 20 Q. In your deposition you testified you were on the board of
- 21 Nextera.
- 22 A. Yes. After I left the Deanship, but while I was Dean I
- 23 basically removed myself from consulting -- excuse me -- from
- 24 any official positions at Lexecon or Nextera.
- 25 Q. And just so the record is clear. How long were you Dean of

- 1 the law school?
- 2 A. A little over two years.
- 3 Q. So that was within the time period that Nextera owned
- 4 Lexecon. And Nextera owned Lexecon from approximately 1998 to
- 5 2003; correct?
- 6 A. Correct.
- 7 Q. About five years.
- 8 A. I think it was maybe 1999 to 2003. Until, really until the
- 9 end of 2002.
- 10 Q. When you were not president, Dennis Carlton was president of
- 11 Lexecon; correct?
- 12 A. I assume that's true, but I don't know.
- 13 Q. Now, you entered into a noncompete agreement with Nextera
- 14 that was -- and you can correct me if I am wrong -- that it was
- renewed in 2002 and you were paid \$5 million in 2003 for that
- 16 renewal; correct?
- 17 A. No, that's not right.
- 18 The renewal was the additional compensation that you
- 19 put on the board, put on the screen earlier, to cover a
- 20 multiyear period.
- 21 Q. Maybe this will make it easier. Let's go to -- just have a
- 22 second.
- 23 MR. WISE: If I could just have a moment, Your Honor.
- 24 Q. If I could have U.S. Exhibit 93794. Maybe this is an easier
- 25 way to do it. This is another SEC filing for Nextera. Do you

- 1 see that?
- 2 A. I do.
- Q. Do you have a copy of it, Professor Fischel? I'm sorry.
- 4 A. I do.
- 5 Q. And this is an invitation to a special meeting of
- 6 stockholders to approve the sale of Lexecon to FTI; correct?
- 7 I think if you go to Page 5 you will see that.
- 8 A. Yes, I see that.
- 9 Q. Now, if you go to Page 15, that's the internal Page 15 of
- 10 207 up at the top, I think that's the easiest way to navigate
- 11 it.
- 12 Under the heading, "reasons for the sale" it says, "The
- 13 sellers' success is highly dependent upon the efforts, ability,
- 14 business generation capabilities and project execution skills of
- 15 a limited number of senior consulting executives and other key
- 16 personnel, including Daniel R. Fischel and Dennis W. Carlton.
- On December 31, 2002, we entered into new employment
- 18 and noncompetition agreements with each of Messrs. Carlton and
- 19 efficient shell. These new agreements required us to make
- 20 noncompete payments of approximately 5 million to each of
- 21 Messrs. Carlton and Fischel during 2003. To extend the
- 22 employment and noncompetition agreements through December 31,
- 23 2008, additional 10 million noncompete payments to each of
- 24 Messrs. Fischel and Carlton are required to be made on or before
- 25 January 15, 2004. We have no viable alternatives other than the

- 1 asset sale to enable us to meet these obligations." Correct?
- 2 A. That's what it says.
- 3 Q. And that's the 15 million that we saw in other compensation
- 4 earlier?
- 5 A. That's right.
- 6 Q. Now, Professor Fischel, in your testimony and in your live
- 7 presentation you focused on one of the structural changes
- 8 Professor Bazerman recommended the court consider: Removal of
- 9 senior management. Is that correct?
- 10 A. That's what I focused on, although I did discuss the other
- 11 proposed changes as well.
- 12 Q. Were you aware Professor Fischel that the portion of your
- 13 testimony where you referenced the other changes was struck?
- MR. BERNICK: Well, actually that's not really
- 15 accurate.
- 16 MR. WISE: I want to make sure we don't go into areas,
- 17 Your Honor.
- 18 MR. BERNICK: If he keeps on doing this, at a certain
- 19 point the door really is going to be opened. But I believe --
- 20 THE COURT: The question that was asked that was
- 21 appropriate was about removal of senior management and certainly
- 22 cross may be held on that.
- 23 Why don't you just move in that area for right now and
- 24 be careful about your questioning.
- MR. WISE: I will. Thank you, Your Honor.

- 1 BY MR. WISE:
- 2 Q. Now, even though you focused your testimony on removal, you
- 3 are aware that Dr. Bazerman recommended other structural
- 4 changes; correct?
- 5 A. I am. And again I don't want to violate anything that the
- 6 court has instructed, but I also considered the other proposed
- 7 changes.
- 8 Q. Well, I want to -- I'll just ask you a couple of questions
- 9 about that, then.
- 10 If I could have Professor Bazerman's written direct on
- 11 the screen, Page 2, line 11 through 19. This is just so we can
- 12 have a reference point Professor Fischel.
- 13 THE COURT: Wait a minute. I think you misspoke.
- 14 Maybe you did not, though. I just want to be clear. This is
- 15 Dr. Bazerman's direct.
- MR. WISE: Yes, Your Honor.
- 17 THE COURT: You did not misspeak.
- 18 BY MR. WISE:
- 19 Q. And Professor Fischel, without reading this, this in fact is
- 20 the portion of Dr. Bazerman's testimony where he outlines the
- 21 five structural changes that he recommends the court consider;
- 22 correct?
- 23 A. Correct.
- 24 Q. Now, I want to -- we will start with the second, Changing
- 25 compensation and promotion policies for managers and executives

- 1 to produce outcomes inconsistent with misconduct.
- 2 I'm going to ask you to assume something, Professor
- 3 Fischel. If you assume that a company profits in conventional
- 4 financial terms from engaging in fraud, would you agree that it
- 5 logically follows that one of the ways to discourage managers
- from engaging in these behaviors is to compensate them based on
- 7 nonfinancial measures, such as not engaging in fraudulent
- 8 behavior?
- 9 MR. BERNICK: I object to the form of the question. I
- 10 don't understand that question.
- 11 THE COURT: I think you better clarify it. I may know
- 12 what you mean, but I think you better clarify it.
- 13 BY MR. WISE:
- 14 Q. Professor Fischel, if you assume that a company profits from
- fraud, doesn't it logically follow, and compensate -- we will do
- 16 it this way.
- 17 First, I would ask you to assume that a company
- compensates its executives largely based on conventional
- 19 financial measures. I want you to assume that.
- 20 Second, if you assume that it is profitable for the
- 21 company to engage in fraud, doesn't it logically follow that one
- of the ways to discourage managers from engaging in fraud would
- 23 be to compensate them perhaps using the nonfinancial measures
- 24 for activities inconsistent with fraud?
- 25 A. If I accept those assumptions, yes, that sounds

- 1 tautological.
- 2 Q. Well, Mr. Fischel, in your deposition you agreed that it
- 3 sounded logical without saying it sounded tautological. Do you
- 4 remember that?
- 5 A. Yeah, I think I do remember that.
- 6 Q. Now, if we look at the third structural change, "removing
- 7 senior management," you would agree that removal of is a logical
- 8 response in certain instances to allegations of wrongdoing by
- 9 senior management; correct?
- 10 A. Yes, I would.
- 11 Q. And if we look at the fourth, "requiring subcontracting of
- 12 research" -- I'll just refer to it that way to keep things
- moving -- I want to give you another hypothetical.
- 14 I want you to assume that a consumer products company
- 15 uses its Research and Development Department for the purpose of
- 16 generating research that shows its products are safe for the
- 17 public.
- 18 I also want you to assume that the company suppresses
- 19 the results that are unfavorable to it.
- 20 Assuming both those facts are true, would you agree
- 21 that it logically follows that one mechanism to address this
- 22 behavior is to subcontract research functions to another entity
- 23 under the control of a third party?
- 24 A. Yes, I think that would be one logical response, not
- 25 necessarily the only one or the best one, but certainly one

- 1 logical response.
- 2 Q. And finally, for the fourth structural change, "requiring
- 3 defendants to sell their research and development" -- I'll just
- 4 refer to that generally as to divest their assets related to
- 5 less hazardous cigarettes.
- I want you to assume that a company develops but then
- 7 keeps from market a product that is safer than its existing
- 8 product and that the company does so because introduction of
- 9 this safer product will reduce its profits.
- 10 Now, if you assume this is true, wouldn't you agree
- 11 that it logically follows that one way to bring those products
- 12 to market is to take the assets associated with their
- 13 development and put them in the hands of another firm that has
- 14 the capacity to bring them to market?
- 15 A. Same answer again.
- 16 If I accept those assumptions, that would be one
- 17 logical response, not necessarily the only one or the best one,
- 18 but certainly a logical response, accepting those assumptions.
- 19 Q. So these four changes that Dr. Bazerman recommends, just in
- 20 sum, you find to be logical?
- 21 MR. BERNICK: Your Honor, I think that that -- he
- 22 cannot answer that question without totally opening the door on
- 23 what this witness thinks of Dr. Bazerman.
- 24 THE COURT: Sustained.
- MR. BERNICK: Either way.

- 1 MR. WISE: That's fine.
- 2 THE COURT: Sustained.
- 3 BY MR. WISE:
- 4 Q. Now, you are also aware that Dr. Bazerman recommends the
- 5 court consider seven other interventions in addition to these
- 6 structural changes; correct?
- 7 A. I guess my understanding of Dr. Bazerman's testimony is
- 8 slightly different.
- 9 Q. Well, if you could just -- if that prevents you from
- 10 answering my question, I understand.
- 11 But are you aware that Dr. Bazerman recommends seven
- 12 other interventions that the court consider?
- 13 MR. BERNICK: Objection to the form of that question.
- 14 That is totally contrary to the testimony of Dr. Bazerman.
- 15 THE COURT: No. The objection is overruled. The
- 16 witness may certainly answer if he knows the answer and, of
- 17 course, answer accurately. And his answer may be no.
- 18 THE WITNESS: Again, that's different from my
- 19 understanding of what Dr. Bazerman testified to.
- 20 BY MR. WISE:
- 21 Q. Well, you've read at least part of his written direct;
- 22 correct?
- 23 A. I have.
- 24 Q. Let's have Dr. Bazerman's written direct on the screen.
- 25 Dr. Bazerman's written direct, not yours, Professor Fischel.

- 1 And at Page 3, lines 4 through 14, Dr. Bazerman was
- 2 asked, "What are other court interventions that you" -- well,
- 3 I'm not going to read the question. I'm just going to read the
- 4 answer.
- 5 "I would recommend the court consider interventions
- 6 that include" and then if you count up the letters, you get to
- 7 seven. Do you see that?
- 8 A. I do.
- 9 Q. And I'm not going to take you through each of those,
- 10 Professor Fischel. I just want to make it clear that, so it's
- 11 clear on the record, in your testimony you don't have -- you
- don't express any opinions on the appropriateness of any
- particular remedy that might be ordered by the court?
- 14 A. Correct. My testimony focused on my understanding of
- 15 Dr. Bazerman's suggestion for court-appointed monitors in
- 16 addition to what might be ordered by the court in and the bases
- 17 for that recommendation of Dr. Bazerman and the criticisms that
- 18 I had of that recommendation.
- 19 Q. And you don't focus on any particular remedy because you
- 20 don't know the relevant facts and circumstance -- you don't
- 21 focus -- I apologize -- on the appropriateness of the court in
- 22 ordering any of these particular remedies because you don't know
- the relevant facts and circumstances from this case; correct?
- 24 A. Yes. I want to be clear as I've stated throughout.
- 25 I don't have any opinion on the remedies that the court

- 1 should order or not order.
- 2 My opinions as stated in my report and written direct
- 3 focus on Dr. Bazerman's recommendations for independent monitors
- 4 in addition to whatever remedies the court orders, and I gave
- 5 the bases for any criticisms of Dr. Bazerman's recommendation
- 6 for the reasons stated.
- 7 Q. And we can get to that. But again, my question is just that
- 8 you have not offered opinions on the appropriateness of the
- 9 court ordering any particular remedy from these two lists we've
- just looked at because you don't know the relevant facts and
- 11 circumstances in this case; correct?
- 12 A. Correct.
- 13 Q. Now, since you've mentioned your understanding of your
- 14 testimony, I just want to ask you a couple of questions about
- 15 that.
- 16 Now, you're not an expert in court-appointed agents?
- 17 A. No, I'm not.
- Q. And you've never served as a court monitor?
- 19 A. Correct.
- 20 Q. And you don't have any specific expertise with the use of
- 21 court-appointed monitors?
- 22 A. That's correct.
- Q. And you've never served as a Special Master?
- 24 A. Correct.
- 25 Q. And you've never published anything on institutional reform

- 1 litigation?
- 2 A. Correct.
- Q. At your deposition you couldn't cite a single case where a
- 4 court had refused to appoint a monitor citing the concerns
- 5 you've raised in your testimony?
- 6 A. That's correct, I couldn't cite a case where a -- the
- 7 factors that Dr. Bazerman articulated were ever discussed by a
- 8 court.
- 9 Q. You also couldn't cite a case, any case, where a monitor was
- 10 used for any reason?
- 11 A. That's not quite right.
- 12 No. I think I said I was familiar with and been
- 13 involved in a number of cases where monitors had been appointed
- as a part of compliance orders of a court.
- 15 Q. But you also testified that you hadn't studied any of those
- 16 cases; isn't that right?
- 17 A. As far as the role of the monitor, that's right, but I said
- 18 I was involved in those cases.
- 19 MR. WISE: Your Honor, I think this would be a good
- 20 time for a break if it's not too early. I'm about to switch
- 21 topics.
- 22 THE COURT: All right.
- 23 MR. BERNICK: Could we get an estimate from counsel?
- 24 THE COURT: I'm sorry.
- 25 MR. BERNICK: Could we get an estimate from counsel

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about how much longer the cross is going to last?
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- 2 THE COURT: Well, are you ready to give me an estimate?
- 3 MR. WISE: Not quite yet, if that's all right.
- 4 THE COURT: All right. 15 minutes, everybody.
- 5 (Recess began at 10:58 a.m.)
- 6 (Recess ended at 11:16 a.m.)
- 7 THE COURT: Mr. Wise, please.
- 8 MR. WISE: I think I've got an estimate, Your Honor. I
- 9 think about two, two and a half more hours.
- 10 BY MR. WISE:
- 11 Q. Professor Fischel, I'd like to ask you some specific
- 12 questions about lines in your written direct testimony, so it
- 13 might be helpful if you had that in front of you, and I want to
- 14 start with Page 9, starting at line 14 and carrying over to
- 15 Page 10, line 14.
- 16 What I'm going to ask you, Mr. Fischel -- Professor
- 17 Fischel, is only about the fact of what is contained in these
- 18 quotes just so we are clear.
- 19 But before I do that, I want to ask you. You're aware,
- 20 and again this is just the fact, you're aware of the fact that
- 21 Dr. Bazerman testified he uses executives, in addition to
- 22 students, in his experiments. Are you aware of that fact?
- 23 A. I aware of that fact, that he so testified.
- 24 Q. Now, my question is, in both of these quotes, both of these
- 25 quotes, in fact, discuss students -- research subjects that are

- 1 students, not executives; correct?
- 2 A. That's right.
- 3 Q. And Professor Fischel, who selected these quotes? Did you
- 4 select them or did the attorneys from Kirkland & Ellis select
- 5 them?
- 6 A. Certainly not the attorneys from Kirkland & Ellis.
- 7 I think the process was that from my familiarity with
- 8 the literature on behavioral research, there is a well known
- 9 limitation in behavioral science research --
- 10 MR. WISE: Your Honor, I'm going to interrupt. I think
- 11 we are moving into --
- 12 Q. My question was simply who selected these quotes? Was it
- 13 yourself or the lawyers from Kirkland & Ellis?
- 14 A. Okay, neither. And I was trying to explain the process by
- 15 which they were selected.
- 16 THE COURT: Well, you've answered neither and then it's
- 17 up to Mr. Wise to ask the next question.
- 18 THE WITNESS: Thank you, Your Honor.
- 19 BY MR. WISE:
- 20 Q. Now, on Page 13 at lines 12 through 14, you offer the
- 21 opinion --
- 22 THE COURT: 13 line what?
- MR. WISE: 12 through 14, Your Honor.
- 24 THE COURT: All right.
- 25 BY MR. WISE:

- 1 Q. You offer the opinion, "Future managers will face the same
- 2 alleged incentives to increase market share and profits and to
- 3 avoid misconduct as do current members. As a result,
- 4 Dr. Bazerman does not show that removal of senior managers will
- 5 prevent unlawful conduct." Correct?
- A. Future unlawful conduct, that's correct.
- 7 Q. Future unlawful conduct. Thank you.
- 8 You're aware, Professor Fischel, that Dr. Bazerman
- 9 talked about a series of, a comprehensive set of organizational
- 10 changes; correct?
- 11 A. I would say potential organizational changes.
- 12 Q. But you chose to focus on removal and whether that alone
- would affect incentives; correct?
- 14 A. That's true in this question.
- 15 Q. That's just -- that's my question.
- 16 A. But not elsewhere in the testimony.
- 17 Q. Professor Fischel, my question, as I've said, having read
- 18 this to you, is about this question. And just so the record is
- 19 clear.
- 20 While Dr. Bazerman chose to talk about a set of
- 21 organizational changes, you focused on removal alone and its
- 22 effect on incentives in this question.
- MR. BERNICK: Well, I object to the form of the
- 24 question.
- THE COURT: No. Overruled. You may answer.

- 1 A. In this question, correct, elsewhere not correct.
- 2 Q. Professor Fischel, I'm not asking about elsewhere. This is
- 3 going to -- I'm going to try to move through your testimony
- 4 focusing you on lines, and to the extent that we can do it that
- 5 way, I think we will get through this a lot quicker. So again
- 6 just so the record is clear.
- 7 In this question you talk about only removal and its
- 8 effect on incentives; correct?
- 9 A. In this question, that's correct.
- 10 Q. But you're aware that Dr. Bazerman talks about a set of
- 11 organizational changes?
- 12 A. I am aware of that.
- 13 Q. Professor Fischel, on Page 14 at lines 7 through 10 -- well,
- 14 it's actually 7 to the end through 13, but I'm going to read
- 15 part of that -- you testify, "If the managers are hired
- 16 exclusively from inexperienced candidates, this would greatly
- increase the social costs of imposing this remedy because the
- 18 new managers may know little or nothing about running a tobacco
- 19 company. This could have devastating results not only for the
- 20 companies' employees and shareholders, but also for the
- 21 public" -- and the answer goes on.
- 22 My question, Professor Fischel, is you've never
- 23 published anything that discusses or evaluates the social costs
- of hiring executives or managers from outside an industry;
- 25 correct?

- 1 A. That's correct.
- 2 Q. And you haven't done any work in any field in which you
- 3 evaluated the social costs that result from hiring managers or
- 4 executives outside of a particular industry?
- 5 A. Correct.
- 6 Q. Professor Fischel, was this answer written by you or was
- 7 this answer written by attorneys from Kirkland & Ellis?
- 8 A. I actually don't recall who did the actual drafting of this
- 9 answer.
- 10 Q. Now, if we go to Page 15, you testify at lines 13 through 14
- 11 to the contrary.
- 12 "There is no reason to assume that the defendant
- 13 companies or their current management will fail to follow the
- 14 directions of the court." Correct?
- 15 A. Correct.
- 16 Q. When you filed your written direct examination you were not
- aware that several defendants in this case had been found in
- 18 contempt for failing to follow the directions of this court.
- 19 A. Correct.
- 20 Q. And you didn't look at any instances in which the defendants
- 21 in this case have followed or not followed directions of this
- 22 court.
- 23 A. At the time I wrote those, that's right.
- Q. At the time you wrote your testimony.
- 25 A. Correct.

- 1 Q. Now, you're familiar with what the Master Settlement
- 2 Agreement is; correct?
- 3 A. Only in a general way.
- 4 Q. You're aware that it settled lawsuits between these
- 5 defendants and a number of the states?
- 6 A. I am aware of that.
- 7 Q. And it was entered into as a judgment that could be enforced
- 8 by a court.
- 9 A. Again, I assume that's the case, but I don't have personal
- 10 knowledge that that's true.
- 11 Q. But when you filed your testimony you hadn't studied whether
- 12 any of the defendants in this case had complied with the
- 13 provisions of that agreement or any court enforcing that
- 14 agreement; correct?
- 15 A. That's correct.
- 16 Q. Now, staying on Page 15 at lines 16 to 23. In this answer
- 17 you're discussing -- we can see the word at line 19, "an
- 18 injunction." And what I want to focus on starts at line 20, you
- 19 write or testify.
- 20 "Indeed, such a solution would be a much more direct
- 21 and efficient means of accomplishing the goals of preventing
- future misconduct than to require the wholesale replacement of
- 23 senior managers who may or may not have participated in
- 24 misconduct in the past and who may or may not engage in
- 25 misconduct in the future."

- 1 Now, before you reached that conclusion you didn't
- 2 investigate any of the costs that would be associated with
- 3 enforcing such an injunction; correct?
- 4 A. Not specific to this case, no.
- 5 Q. Well, Mr. Fischel, if I could have your deposition at
- 6 Page 179 -- 178, I'm sorry, you were asked at lines 9 through
- 7 11, "Before you reached this opinion in your report, did you
- 8 investigate any of the costs that would be associated with
- 9 enforcing injunctions?"
- 10 And at line 12 you gave the answer "No." Correct?
- 11 A. Correct.
- 12 Q. And that was your testimony?
- 13 A. That was it.
- 14 Q. And that was the truth?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. Now, did you even consider what any of the costs might be?
- 17 Holding aside that you didn't investigate them, didn't analyze
- 18 them, did you even consider what any of the costs might be?
- 19 A. I think it's hard for me to answer that question because I
- 20 don't know what injunctions may or may not be entered in the
- 21 case, depending on what the court chooses to do.
- 22 Q. Professor Fischel, my question is, you've mentioned
- 23 injunctions in your testimony, and you've said "such a solution
- 24 would be a much more direct and efficient means of accomplishing
- 25 the goals of preventing future misconduct."

- 1 And my question to you is: Did you even consider any
- of the costs associated with enforcing or implementing an
- 3 injunction?
- 4 A. I would say yes relative to the alternative proposed by
- 5 Dr. Bazerman. Not with any specificity because there is no
- 6 injunction.
- 7 Q. Professor Fischel, I didn't ask about -- well, strike that.
- 8 It's fair to say that there would be monitoring costs;
- 9 correct?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. For instance, the United States or the court, or both, would
- 12 have to monitor these defendants, their behavior, to ensure they
- were complying with an injunction; correct?
- 14 A. Yes, I think that's fair.
- 15 Q. And there would be litigation costs for both the United
- 16 States and the defendants, because the United States would have
- 17 to come before the court and prove that a violation had occurred
- 18 and the defendants would have the right to argue that it hadn't
- and put on evidence to the contrary; correct?
- 20 A. Not necessarily correct. It would depend on if there were
- 21 litigation.
- 22 Q. Well, I've asked you -- well, I think implicit in my
- 23 question, assuming there were litigation, assuming there were
- violations, there would in fact be litigation costs; correct?
- 25 A. Again, that's tautological. Assuming that there's

- 1 litigation, there would be litigation costs.
- Q. Well, I'll rephrase, then.
- 3 Assuming there's violations, it's fair to say there
- 4 would be litigation; correct?
- 5 A. Not necessarily, but that's certainly possible.
- Q. And it's possible because violations may go unnoticed?
- 7 A. Well, if they go unnoticed they probably wouldn't result in
- 8 litigation, but if there's no -- if they are noticed and there's
- 9 no solution, other than litigation, they might result in
- 10 litigation.
- 11 Q. So the answer to my question is that yes, there may be
- 12 litigation costs. I think that was where we started.
- 13 A. Actually, that wasn't your question, but yes, there might be
- 14 litigations cost.
- 15 Q. And assuming there were violations found, there be would be
- 16 enforcement costs if the court found the defendants liable and
- ordered them to take some action or a series of actions;
- 18 correct?
- 19 A. Correct.
- 20 Q. And assuming there were violations and litigation and
- 21 enforcement, there would be administrative costs borne by the
- 22 court associated with adjudicating and remedying any violations?
- 23 A. That's certainly a possibility, correct.
- Q. And monitoring costs would be continuous?
- 25 A. Correct.

- 1 Q. And costs associated with enforcement could also be
- 2 continuous if a remedy ordered by the court was long term?
- 3 A. Again, that's possible.
- 4 Q. But you didn't consider any of those costs when you made the
- 5 statement that -- or gave the testimony that an injunction was a
- 6 more direct and efficient means of accomplishing the goals?
- 7 A. No, I think that's incorrect.
- 8 Q. Well, it was your testimony that you didn't consider any of
- 9 these costs.
- 10 You said something, that was impossible to do it
- 11 because you didn't know what the injunction would look like.
- 12 A. I think I said was that I didn't consider any of the
- 13 specific costs of any injunctions, but I did make a comparison
- 14 of the relative costs of an injunction, taking into account all
- of the possible costs that you identified, which may or may not
- 16 materialize, none of the costs that you identified might
- 17 materialize, relative to the proposal that Dr. Bazerman made for
- monitors to consider the possibility of removing senior
- 19 management of tobacco companies whether or not they had ever
- 20 engaged in wrongdoing or whether or not they will engage in
- 21 wrongdoing in the future.
- 22 Q. Professor Fischel, you would agree that the costs I just
- 23 mentioned are specific costs; correct?
- 24 A. They are specific costs, but it's hard to put them in any
- 25 context without knowing whether there will be an injunction, and

- 1 if there will be an injunction, what it is.
- 2 Q. Professor Fischel, I didn't ask you if it was hard or not
- 3 hard to put them into context. I simply asked you, those were
- 4 specific costs; correct?
- 5 A. They are specific potential costs.
- 6 Q. I didn't ask if they were potential or real. I simply asked
- 7 if they were specific costs.
- 8 A. They are not specific costs because they haven't been
- 9 incurred and they may never be incurred.
- 10 Q. It's your understanding that they may only be specific if
- 11 they are incurred; that the term specific can't be assigned to
- 12 them without them having to actually have been incurred?
- 13 MR. BERNICK: I object to the form of the question.
- 14 We've now gone down this semantic path because,
- 15 frankly, the word "specificity" was not defined by counsel or
- 16 made clear when the question first was posed.
- 17 Where is this going? Is it a quarrel about what
- 18 specific means?
- 19 THE COURT: The objection is sustained for this reason.
- I think your point is perfectly clear, so let's move on.
- 21 MS. EUBANKS: Thank you, Your Honor.
- 22 BY MR. WISE:
- 23 Q. Professor Fischel, on Page 16, at lines 11 through 14, you
- 24 testify, "I understand there was, and still is, substantial
- 25 uncertainty over which activities carried out by defendants'

- 1 management in the past were or were not lawful. I also
- 2 understand that there is substantial uncertainty about the
- 3 relationship, if any, between...conduct by the defendants and
- 4 youth smoking behavior." Correct?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. Professor Fischel, defendants haven't discussed with you
- 7 what evidence of fraud has been presented in this case; correct?
- 8 A. That's correct.
- 9 Q. And attorneys for defendants haven't given you any
- 10 assessment of whether fraud has been proven; correct?
- 11 A. That's right.
- 12 Q. And you haven't read the complaint?
- 13 A. I don't remember if I've ever read the complaint.
- Q. And you haven't read the amended complaint.
- 15 A. I certainly haven't studied it.
- 16 Q. And you don't know what the specific allegations are against
- 17 these defendants.
- 18 A. I know only to the extent of the discussion of them in
- 19 Dr. Bazerman's report and testimony.
- 20 Q. And you understand that Dr. Bazerman assumed liability had
- 21 been found?
- 22 A. I do.
- 23 Q. Now, staying on this page you testify at line 16, "once this
- 24 case has been resolved and the court has delineated" -- I'm
- 25 sorry -- "has delineated permitted versus prescribed conduct,

- 1 there is no reason to assume that managers will not act in
- 2 accordance with these delineations. On the contrary, it is more
- 3 plausible to assume that defendant companies and their
- 4 management will act lawfully to avoid future legal sanctions."
- 5 THE COURT: Let me just point out something to our
- 6 court reporter. In testimony, it is proscribed, p-r-o, not
- 7 prescribed.
- 8 MR. WISE: I'm sorry. I apologize.
- 9 THE COURT: Go ahead.
- 10 BY MR. WISE:
- 11 Q. Professor Fischel, you would agree, wouldn't you, that if
- 12 it's profitable -- if it's more profitable for these defendants
- 13 to engage in illegal conduct than legal conduct, they will do
- 14 so?
- 15 A. No, I would not agree with that. I wouldn't agree either
- 16 with the assumption or with the prediction even if the
- 17 assumption were correct.
- 18 MR. WISE: Chris, could I have U.S. Exhibit 93821 on
- 19 the screen?
- Q. Professor Fischel, do you recognize this document?
- 21 A. I do.
- Q. And it's a Law Review article you wrote entitled Antitrust
- 23 Suits By Targets of Tender Offers?
- 24 A. Co-authored article, that's correct.
- Q. Professor Fischel, I want to direct your attention to a

1 footnote in the article because it summarizes an entire section,

- 2 and for the sake of time I guess the best way to do it. On
- 3 Page 1177, you write:
- 4 "As we have argued in Part 1, however, managers do not
- 5 have an ethical duty to obey economic regulatory laws just
- 6 because the laws exists. They must determine the importance of
- 7 these laws. The penalties Congress names for disobedience are a
- 8 measure of how much it wants firms to sacrifice in order to
- 9 adhere to the rules. The idea of optimal sanctions is based on
- 10 the supposition that managers not only may, but also should
- violate the rules when it is profitable to do so."
- 12 And you wrote that; correct?
- 13 A. I did. Co-wrote it, but I did.
- 14 Q. Co-wrote it?
- 15 THE COURT: When was that article written?
- 16 THE WITNESS: I believe 1982, Your Honor.
- 17 BY MR. WISE:
- 18 Q. Now if we continue on Page 16, you were asked the question
- 19 at line 20, "What other mechanisms exist to give managers and
- other incentives to act lawfully?"
- 21 And you describe in the first line at line 21,
- 22 "Companies boards of directors and shareholders (particularly
- 23 large and institutional shareholders)".
- Do you see those references?
- 25 A. I do.

- 1 Q. And you would agree with the statement that the boards of
- 2 directors and large institutional shareholders at these
- 3 defendants have been in existence to monitor the behavior of
- 4 defendants' managers for at least as long as this conspiracy has
- 5 been alleged?
- 6 A. I would agree with that.
- 7 Q. You would also agree that if you assume the court finds
- 8 liability, then these mechanisms have not been effective in
- 9 preventing the defendants from engaging in fraud.
- 10 A. Well, again by definition I would agree, although -- well, I
- 11 won't say what the context of which...
- 12 Q. I don't think you gave -- you would agree?
- 13 A. I would agree by definition, but as my -- the previous
- 14 testimony of mine that you put on the screen reflected, my
- understanding is that's what's being litigated in the context of
- 16 a contested proceeding, and my focus is on whether or not
- 17 defendants are -- its reasonable to assume that defendants will
- 18 violate the orders that the court ultimately enters in this
- 19 case.
- 20 Q. Just so we are clear. You haven't studied whether these
- 21 defendants have violated the orders already in this case?
- 22 A. Correct.
- 23 Q. And you haven't studied whether the defendants in this case
- 24 have violated their settlement agreements with the states?
- 25 A. Correct.

- 1 Q. And you haven't discussed what evidence of fraud has been
- 2 presented in this case with defense counsel?
- 3 A. That's correct.
- 4 Q. And they haven't provided you with any assessments of that
- 5 evidence?
- 6 A. That's correct.
- 7 Q. Now, in that answer on Page 16, you first mention boards of
- 8 directors. But, Professor Fischel, you haven't studied the
- 9 behavior of the boards of directors of these defendants, have
- 10 you?
- 11 A. No.
- 12 Q. And if we look when you're asked -- give me just a moment.
- 13 On Page 17, if we look where you're asked at lines 16
- 14 through 17, you were asked, "Is there any evidence that
- 15 companies actually do take actions to prevent misconduct?"
- 16 You answer at lines 18 through 20, "There is strong
- 17 evidence that companies have responded to economic incentives
- 18 associated with litigation, regulatory investigations, and other
- 19 allegations of wrongdoing by removing senior management without
- 20 the intervention of a court or regulatory body." Correct?
- 21 A. Correct.
- 22 Q. Let's take the first item. You list litigation. Now just
- looking at one of the defendants in this case, when you filed
- your testimony you were not aware that there were over 1300
- 25 lawsuits pending against R.J. Reynolds and Brown & Williamson,

- 1 were you?
- 2 A. No, I wasn't.
- 3 Q. In fact, when you filed your testimony you didn't know how
- 4 many cases were pending against any of these defendants?
- 5 A. Correct.
- 6 Q. You had a general idea that there was litigation against the
- 7 tobacco industry because Lexecon had been involved in some of
- 8 those suits.
- 9 A. And just from being aware of current events. Yes, I was
- 10 aware there was a lot of litigation against tobacco companies.
- 11 Q. But you hadn't studied litigation against these defendants
- in any systematic way?
- 13 A. That's correct.
- 14 Q. And you didn't investigate whether any tobacco executive had
- 15 been removed as a result of pending litigation against any of
- 16 these defendants ever.
- 17 A. Correct.
- 18 Q. Now, next on your list is regulatory investigations. And in
- 19 fact, you cite an article on the next page by Feroz discussing
- 20 SEC investigations; correct?
- 21 A. Correct.
- 22 Q. Now when you filed your testimony you didn't know if the
- 23 defendants in this case were the subject of any regulatory
- 24 investigations.
- 25 A. Not with any specificity, correct.

- 1 Q. And you didn't know if any executive had been removed as a
- 2 result of any regulatory investigations.
- 3 A. Correct.
- 4 Q. And next on your list is a general category, other
- 5 allegations of wrongdoing.
- 6 And you would agree that allegations of wrongdoing can
- 7 be made in the context of criminal investigations or formal
- 8 grand jury proceedings.
- 9 A. Correct.
- 10 Q. When your testimony was filed with the court you didn't know
- 11 if the defendants in this case had ever been the subject of a
- 12 criminal investigation.
- 13 A. Correct.
- 14 Q. And when your testimony was filed with the court you didn't
- know if a formal grand jury had been convened because of a
- 16 criminal investigation again these defendants?
- 17 A. Correct.
- 18 Q. You didn't know if a single executive of these defendants
- 19 had ever been removed because of criminal proceedings or grand
- 20 jury proceedings.
- 21 A. Correct.
- 22 Q. You would agree that allegations of wrongdoing can also be
- 23 made in the context of a civil enforcement action like this
- 24 case; correct?
- 25 A. Yes.

- 1 Q. Now, when your testimony was filed you didn't know when this
- 2 case was filed; correct?
- 3 A. Correct.
- 4 Q. And you didn't know whether a single executive had been
- 5 removed because of the allegations of misconduct in this case.
- 6 A. Correct.
- 7 Q. When you filed your testimony you weren't aware -- when you
- 8 filed your testimony you didn't know whether a single executive
- 9 had been removed as a result of the state litigations that we've
- 10 talked about; correct?
- 11 A. Correct.
- 12 Q. Now, in that same answer you testify on Page 17, at lines 20
- 13 to 22, "Academic research has documented increased turnover of
- 14 senior management surrounding litigation or allegations of
- 15 wrongdoing." Correct?
- 16 A. Correct.
- Q. But you've never published a single academic paper of
- turnover of senior management in this industry, have you?
- 19 A. Correct.
- 20 Q. And you didn't ask defense counsel on any of these points,
- 21 either litigation, regulatory investigations or all the
- 22 allegations of misconduct, you didn't ask defense counsel for
- any information about this industry before you filed your
- 24 testimony.
- 25 A. That's right.

- 1 Q. Now, staying with this part of your testimony, Professor
- 2 Fischel, you testify, as we've said, about the role that boards
- 3 of directors can play in monitoring management; correct?
- 4 A. Correct.
- 5 Q. And if we look at your specific testimony you testify on
- Page 17 at lines 12 through 14, "The board of directors of each
- 7 company takes into account potential biases by senior management
- 8 of the type discussed by Dr. Bazerman when deciding whether to
- 9 retain its executives." Correct?
- 10 A. Correct.
- 11 Q. And then you cite on the next page an article by Feroz, I
- believe an article by Romano, and an article by Strahan;
- 13 correct?
- 14 A. Correct.
- Q. And I think these are the only three academic arts you cite
- in your testimony?
- 17 A. Well, I don't think that's correct.
- 18 Q. Would you point to where you cite another academic article
- in your testimony?
- 20 A. I discuss some of Professor Bazerman.
- 21 Q. Besides Professor Bazerman.
- 22 A. I cite articles pointing out the limitations of behavioral
- 23 science research.
- Q. And where are those?
- 25 A. I think they are in my expert report.

- 1 Q. My question, Professor Fischel, was about your testimony.
- 2 A. I don't see them in the testimony, but they are in the
- 3 report.
- 4 Q. Do you know why they are not in your testimony?
- 5 A. I think, frankly, it's an oversight.
- 6 Q. Now, are you aware that these three articles you cite on
- 7 Page 18, after you've made the statement on 17 that the board of
- 8 directors of each company take into account potential biases of
- 9 the type discussed by Professor Bazerman, are you aware that
- 10 none of these articles -- and again this is just a factual
- 11 matter -- none of these articles discussed the biases discussed
- 12 by Dr. Bazerman?
- 13 A. I think that's correct.
- 14 MR. BERNICK: At this point, Your Honor, again I
- 15 object. The line is just being drawn far too finely.
- 16 This is basically cross-examination that goes to the
- 17 credibility of this witness's criticisms of Dr. Bazerman's
- 18 testimony. That's the only purpose for it.
- 19 MR. WISE: Your Honor, it's just the factual issue of
- 20 whether they even discussed them. And Your Honor has said he
- 21 can cite Professor Bazerman's testimony for factual issues,
- 22 whether it's consistent or inconsistent. I just want to point
- 23 out to the court that these articles as a factual matter don't
- even mention what Dr. Bazerman is talking about.
- MR. BERNICK: That's not the --

- 1 THE COURT: And then on redirect -- of course, I
- 2 haven't read the articles -- but on redirect you've opened the
- door to allowing Mr. Bernick to come back with, Well, doesn't
- 4 the article say on Page 69, such and such?
- 5 No, it does cut it too fine. I don't want the door
- 6 opened at all. And so, therefore, the objection to that
- 7 question is sustained.
- 8 MR. WISE: Thank you, Your Honor.
- 9 BY MR. WISE:
- 10 Q. Now, staying with boards of directors. You mention in your
- 11 testimony -- you make reference in your testimony and you did
- again this morning to independent directors; correct?
- 13 A. Correct.
- 14 Q. And you state in your written direct on Page 19 at lines 5
- 15 to 6, "There is evidence that corporate boards have recently
- 16 become more independent and more likely to challenge senior
- 17 executives." Correct?
- 18 A. Correct.
- 19 Q. And then you cite two -- and I don't know quite how to refer
- 20 to them together -- but they are basically two citations that
- 21 follow; correct?
- 22 A. Correct.
- 23 Q. This is what you described as evidence that boards have
- 24 become more independent.
- 25 A. Correct.

- 1 Q. And the first evidence is an Op Ed by Arthur Levitt; right?
- 2 A. Right.
- 3 Q. It's not an excerpt from an academic paper, it's an opinion
- 4 piece that Mr. Levitt wrote in the Wall Street Journal.
- 5 A. That's right.
- 6 Q. And the second evidence you cite is a survey by the Business
- 7 Roundtable; correct?
- 8 A. Correct.
- 9 Q. And just so the record is clear. This was a partial survey
- of the membership of the Business Roundtable; correct?
- 11 A. Correct.
- 12 Q. And the Business Roundtable is an advocacy organization made
- up by CEOs of companies?
- 14 A. I'm not sure that's exactly correct. I just don't know
- 15 enough exactly of who is a member and whether it's fair to
- 16 characterize it as an advocacy group. It's certainly an
- interest group, that's fair.
- 18 Q. Let's just take a look for a moment. Why don't we look at
- 19 U.S. Exhibit 23815? I'm sorry, 93815. Do you have that
- 20 document?
- 21 A. I do.
- 22 Q. I'm going to represent to you this is a page from the
- 23 Business Roundtable's website, and I just want to read to you a
- 24 portion of it and you can tell me if that's consistent with your
- 25 understanding.

- 1 In the first paragraph it reads, "The Roundtable is
- 2 committed to advocating public policies that ensure vigorous
- 3 economic growth, a dynamic global economy and well trained and
- 4 productive U.S. work force essential for future
- 5 competitiveness."
- 6 And then in the last paragraph, it reads, "The chief
- 7 executives work on task forces on specific issues that direct
- 8 research, supervise preparation of position papers, recommend
- 9 policy, and lobby Congress and the administration on select
- 10 issues."
- 11 Is that consistent with your understanding? I think
- 12 you used the word of the Roundtable being an interest group.
- 13 A. Yes, it is.
- 14 Q. This isn't an academic research organization that conducted
- 15 this survey. This is an interest group.
- 16 A. That's right, but the results are consistent with what's
- 17 been found in many academic studies.
- 18 Q. That wasn't my question, Professor Fischel.
- 19 My question was, is this a research organization or an
- 20 interest group?
- 21 MR. BERNICK: Objection to the form of the question.
- It assumes that there can be only one or the other.
- 23 THE COURT: The objection is overruled.
- 24 A. I was going to say the same thing. Many interest groups
- 25 provide very valuable research.

- 1 Q. But just so the record is clear. You have used the term
- "interest group" to describe this organization; correct?
- 3 A. Because that's what I think they are.
- 4 Q. And this is a partial survey of their membership?
- 5 A. Correct.
- 6 Q. Now --
- 7 THE COURT: And you didn't know that the Business
- 8 Roundtable was an advocacy group?
- 9 THE WITNESS: It's just the meaning of advocacy group,
- 10 Your Honor.
- 11 THE COURT: And you're not sure of the meaning of the
- 12 term "advocacy"?
- 13 THE WITNESS: In this particular context I wasn't
- 14 really sure, no.
- 15 I think they are clearly an interest group. They have
- 16 a perspective. I guess, you can call them an advocacy group if
- 17 you want, but because they engage in a lot of activities that
- I'm familiar with, I wasn't sure whether it was fair to
- 19 characterize them as an advocacy group.
- 20 BY MR. WISE:
- 21 Q. On Page 19 you describe this survey as revealing a trend
- 22 towards independence; correct?
- 23 A. Yes.
- Q. Now, you've written, Professor Fischel, that while --
- 25 whether there's a trend or not aside, while independent

- directors are more likely to be impartial, they also may be less
- competent than management directors; correct?
- 3 A. Correct.
- 4 Q. And have you studied the boards of directors -- and you
- 5 haven't studied -- I apologize -- the boards of directors of
- 6 these defendants, have you?
- 7 A. Correct.
- 8 Q. So, you don't know, for instance, how many independent
- 9 directors are on these boards?
- 10 A. I might know that or at least I have looked at that, but I
- 11 haven't studied them other than looking at the identity of who
- 12 the directors were.
- 13 Q. And you haven't studied whether those independent directors
- 14 have been effective monitors on management?
- 15 A. Correct, I've not studied that.
- 16 Q. Now, you also talk about institutional investors in your
- 17 answer. Again, I believe the answer is on Page 20. I'm sorry.
- 18 It's on Page 16.
- 19 You also talk about institutional investors as
- 20 potential monitors of management. Isn't that right?
- 21 A. I do.
- 22 Q. Now, in your text the economic structure of corporate law --
- 23 maybe we can have that -- do you have the exhibit number for
- 24 that?
- 25 We will come back to that. I'll get the exhibit number

- 1 for that and we will come back to it.
- 2 Did you do any research about who the institutional
- 3 shareholders were in these defendants before you filed your
- 4 testimony in this case?
- 5 A. No, I did not.
- Q. So you weren't aware that the institutional investors, the
- 7 largest institutional investors in these defendants also provide
- 8 pension management services to these defendants?
- 9 A. No, not specifically aware of that.
- 10 Q. And you understand that when a company contracts for pension
- 11 management services, they pay fees to the financial institution
- 12 that manages those funds; correct?
- 13 MR. BERNICK: Actually, I don't have a problem with
- 14 pursuing this, although it has no established relevance to this
- 15 industry. But the questions now basically assume facts that are
- 16 not in evidence.
- 17 THE COURT: Sustained. I've not heard a word about
- this before, that I can recollect at least.
- 19 BY MR. WISE:
- 20 Q. Professor Fischel, assuming the largest institutional
- 21 investors in this industry provide pension services and are
- 22 contracted to provide pension services for these defendants, you
- would agree, would you not, that that may create a conflict of
- interest in terms of their monitoring of defendants' managers?
- 25 A. Potential conflict of interest, yes, I would agree.

- 1 Q. Now, Professor Fischel, if I could have Exhibit 93827. If
- 2 we look at Page 83, in the third paragraph. Just orient myself
- 3 for a moment.
- 4 THE COURT: Let's get it identified for the record.
- 5 BY MR. WISE:
- 6 Q. Professor Fischel, do you recognize U.S. Exhibit 93827?
- 7 A. T do
- 8 Q. And what is it?
- 9 A. It's a book that I co-authored entitled, The Economic
- 10 Structure of Corporate Law.
- 11 Q. And if you look to Page 83, in the third paragraph, I think
- 12 it's the second sentence, you write, "As we have emphasized,
- 13 there is no reason why those are who supply capital to the firm
- should have interest or expertise in managing the firm's
- 15 affairs. Given the combination of a collective action problem
- 16 and easy exit through the stock market, the rational strategy
- 17 for most dissatisfied shareholders is to sell rather than incur
- 18 costs in attempting to bring about change through votes."
- 19 Correct?
- 20 A. Correct.
- 21 $\,$ Q. And if we further look on Page 89 where you discuss
- 22 institutional shareholders, at the very top you write, "Indeed,
- 23 the practice of institutional investors voting against
- 24 antitakeover amendments suggests that investors vote against
- 25 management when it is in their interest to do so." Is that

- 1 correct?
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. Now, of course, there's instances in which institutional
- 4 investors -- when institutional shareholders' interest -- strike
- 5 that. I'm sorry.
- 6 Of course, there are instances in which it is simply
- 7 not in the institutional shareholders' interest to vote against
- 8 management; is that right?
- 9 A. That's right.
- 10 Q. And, for instance, it's fair to say one of those instances
- might be assuming management had contracted with those
- 12 institutional shareholders to provide pension management
- 13 services, that might be one instance where it was in their
- 14 interest not to vote against management?
- 15 A. Yes, hypothetically, that could be true.
- 16 Q. Now, if we flip ahead to Page 24, starting at line 6, you
- 17 were asked, "Why would it be helpful for the monitors' work to
- be subject to cross-examination and reviewed by outside
- 19 experts?"
- 20 And in your answer you assert, at line 13 to 15, "One
- of the purposes of the legal system is to allow each side to $\frac{1}{2}$
- 22 present their own analysis, examine the other side's analysis,
- and have a judge or jury make a final determination."
- 24 Correct?
- 25 A. Correct.

- 1 Q. Now, Mr. Fischel, in all of the consulting work you've done
- you've never been retained as a legal expert; correct?
- 3 A. That's correct.
- 4 Q. And again, as you testified earlier, you are not an expert
- 5 in court-appointed monitoring schemes; correct?
- 6 A. Correct.
- 7 Q. Was this an answer that you wrote, Professor Fischel, or
- 8 that the attorneys at Kirkland & Ellis wrote?
- 9 A. I think, actually, this was something that we drafted once
- 10 we got the initial draft from attorneys from Kirkland, as I
- 11 recall.
- 12 Q. I think I understand.
- 13 Who is we? Who do you mean by we?
- 14 A. David Gross and myself.
- Q. Now, Professor Fischel, I'm going to have J-DEM 010417 put
- 16 on the screen. This is one of two tables you have in your
- 17 testimony. I think it's on Page 14. And the table appears on
- 18 Page 14 and it's in the context of where you discuss replacement
- 19 managers.
- 20 Do you recall that?
- 21 A. I do.
- Q. Now, it was David Gross's idea to put this table in your
- 23 expert report; correct?
- 24 A. I just -- frankly, I don't remember.
- 25 Q. And this table was prepared by Lexecon's research staff, not

- 1 by you personally?
- 2 A. Under my supervision, that's correct.
- 3 Q. You didn't identify anywhere in your testimony the principle
- 4 or methodology you applied selecting the companies in this
- 5 table?
- 6 A. I don't recall whether I specifically identified the
- 7 methodology or not.
- 8 Q. I'm going to represent to you, Professor Fischel, that you
- 9 did not identify a methodology for how you selected these
- 10 executives. Can you cite me anywhere where you did that?
- 11 A. I think the title and the source -- you know, to me that's a
- 12 description of the methodology.
- 13 Q. My question, Professor Fischel, is how did you select these
- 14 particular executives?
- Not what's the source and not what's the title, but
- just how did you select these particular executives?
- 17 A. Because they are the highest ranking officers.
- 18 Q. But you don't identify -- well --
- 19 A. As the title suggests.
- Q. We will get into this in a moment.
- 21 Now, you've listed Liggett Group, Inc, Vector Tobacco
- 22 Inc., Liggett Vector Brands, Lorillard, Philip Morris
- 23 International, Philip Morris USA, and R.J. Reynolds; correct?
- 24 A. Correct.
- Q. Are you aware that Philip Morris International is not a

- 1 defendant in this case?
- 2 A. Because it's part of Altria? Is that the --
- 3 Q. I'm just asking the question. Are you aware?
- 4 A. I would have to see the caption to know who -- the name of
- 5 the corporate entities that are defendants in the case.
- 6 Q. So the answer to my question is no, you don't know if Philip
- 7 Morris is or isn't a defendant in this case?
- 8 THE COURT: Almost.
- 9 MR. WISE: International. Sorry, Your Honor.
- 10 A. I'm not sure without looking at the caption.
- 11 Q. Are you aware that Vector Tobacco Inc. isn't a defendant in
- 12 this case?
- 13 A. Again, I'm not sure without looking at the caption.
- 14 Q. Are you aware that Liggett Vector Brands is not a defendant
- in this case?
- 16 A. Same answer. Without looking at the caption, I'm not sure.
- 17 Q. Are you aware that Altria is a defendant in this case?
- 18 A. Again, I know that Philip Morris is a defendant in the case,
- 19 and whether the formal defendant is Philip Morris or Altria or
- 20 both, I'd have to see the caption.
- 21 Q. But you haven't listed the highest ranking officer from
- 22 Altria; correct?
- 23 A. Correct, because that's not just the tobacco company.
- Q. Well, that wasn't my question. I simply asked you, did you
- 25 list the highest ranking officer from Altria?

- 1 A. No, for the reason that I stated.
- 2 Q. So you don't know how long he or she has worked in the
- 3 industry?
- 4 A. Not from memory, no.
- 5 Q. And you don't know, in fact, who that person is?
- 6 A. Not without checking, no.
- 7 Q. And you didn't ask the lawyers for any of that information?
- 8 A. No, I did not.
- 9 Q. And they didn't offer it to you?
- 10 A. Correct.
- 11 Q. Are you aware that British American Tobacco is also a
- 12 defendant in this case?
- 13 A. I am aware of that.
- 14 Q. But you also have not included them in your table; correct?
- 15 A. For the same reason, correct.
- 16 Q. I just asked if you included them in your table.
- 17 A. Correct.
- 18 Q. I'm sorry?
- 19 A. No, I did not. The entities on the table are listed.
- 20 Q. Do you know how long the highest ranking officer of BATCo
- 21 has served in the industry or with that company?
- 22 A. No, I don't.
- 23 Q. And you didn't ask defense counsel for that information?
- 24 A. No, because I was focused on tobacco companies.
- 25 Q. Is it your understanding that British American Tobacco is

- 1 not a tobacco company?
- 2 A. No, that's not my understanding. But my understanding is
- 3 that the -- the relevant tobacco company, at least in the United
- 4 States, is R.J. Reynolds.
- 5 Q. Well, you say the relevant tobacco company in the United
- 6 States, but you've listed Philip Morris International.
- 7 Is it your understanding that they are the relevant
- 8 tobacco company in the Philip Morris family in the United
- 9 States?
- 10 A. No, but my understanding is that BAT has holdings outside of
- 11 tobacco companies and also international holdings.
- 12 Q. But you didn't ask the defense counsel in this case for any
- 13 of that information?
- 14 A. No, I didn't.
- 15 Q. And they didn't give it to you?
- 16 A. Correct, for the reasons that I've stated.
- 17 Q. Now, you've included some tobacco companies that operate in
- 18 the United States but not all; correct?
- 19 A. Correct.
- 20 Q. And you've included some international tobacco companies or
- 21 companies that operate internationally like Philip Morris
- 22 International; correct?
- 23 A. Correct.
- 24 Q. So in terms of a methodology for selecting these companies,
- 25 it's fair to say that you've included some defendants but not

- 1 all; correct?
- 2 A. Well, I wasn't trying to identify defendants, I was trying
- 3 to identify tobacco companies.
- 4 Q. I'm just asking you.
- 5 It's fair to say, isn't it, that in terms of a
- 6 methodology to select these companies, you didn't select some
- 7 defendants, you didn't -- you selected some defendants but not
- 8 all?
- 9 A. Again, I'd have to see the caption, but I assume that that's
- 10 correct.
- 11 Q. That's my question, Professor Fischel. You included some
- 12 defendants but not all?
- 13 A. Again, assuming that your representations about the identity
- 14 of defendants is correct, which I'm happy to assume, that would
- 15 be right.
- 16 Q. And you included some U.S. tobacco companies, but not all?
- 17 MR. BERNICK: Your Honor, we can keep on going through
- 18 this a second time. I think all these questions have been asked
- 19 and answered before. Every one.
- 20 THE COURT: I think certainly this one has been, yes,
- 21 in your earlier cross.
- 22 BY MR. WISE:
- 23 Q. Well, I'll just finish up, then. And you've included some
- or at least one international company but not all, correct? A
- 25 company that operates internationally.

- 1 A. Correct, because it's a tobacco company.
- 2 Q. You've listed Susan Ivey, chairman and CEO of R.J. Reynolds,
- 3 as 25 years tenure at company and 25 years in tobacco industry.
- 4 Is it your understanding that Ms. Ivey has been with
- 5 R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company for 25 years?
- A. Well, there's a footnote that says includes tenure at prior
- 7 entities. So, not necessarily.
- Q. Do you know where she's worked previously?
- 9 A. Not from memory, no.
- 10 Q. Now, while we are speaking of specific executives. When you
- 11 filed your testimony you weren't aware that Michael Szymanczyk,
- 12 the chairman and CEO of Philip Morris USA, had no prior
- 13 experience with the tobacco industry before he was named Senior
- 14 Vice President; correct?
- 15 A. Right. I didn't investigate what he did before the time
- 16 period that's referred to on the exhibit.
- 17 Q. But you would agree that Senior Vice President is a member
- of senior management?
- 19 A. Typically, yes.
- 20 Q. And you don't know, based on your answer, you don't know if
- 21 any of these individuals joined senior management with any
- 22 previous experience in the tobacco industry?
- 23 A. Correct. I only investigate the time period that's
- 24 reflected on the exhibit itself.
- 25 Q. Which excludes all of their previous employment before they

- joined senior management?
- 2 A. Right, but that would be more than 15 years ago.
- 3 Q. Is it your understanding that Mr. Szymanczyk was not
- 4 employed more than 15 years ago?
- 5 A. No, I don't have an understanding about what his employment
- 6 was more than 15 years ago.
- 7 Q. Now, in your testimony at Page 14, at the very top, you
- 8 offer the opinion, "experience in the tobacco industry appears
- 9 to be particularly important in running a tobacco company."
- 10 Correct?
- 11 A. Correct.
- 12 Q. I want to focus on that word "particularly."
- 13 Now, the only data in this table relates to tenure. In
- 14 other words, the number of years an executive has either been at
- 15 the company they head or, more generally, been in the industry;
- 16 correct?
- 17 A. Correct.
- 18 Q. So you're concluding that experience is particularly
- 19 important because the executives you've listed have these
- 20 experience -- have this experience?
- 21 A. Correct.
- 22 Q. Even though you've testified that experience is particularly
- 23 important, you didn't examine whether other factors are more or
- less important in running a tobacco company.
- 25 A. No, I didn't.

- 1 Q. And you've never published a scholarly article that examines
- 2 what qualities are particularly important for running a tobacco
- 3 company?
- 4 A. Correct.
- 5 Q. You also didn't explain -- you also didn't study whether
- 6 some other factor explains why the people on your list have the
- 7 tenures they have; correct?
- 8 A. I didn't study why they have the tenures that they have,
- 9 that's correct.
- 10 Q. You didn't study whether another factor explains this?
- 11 A. Another factor than what?
- 12 Q. Well, for instance, you didn't study if whether other
- industries won't hire top managers from this industry and,
- 14 therefore, perhaps that explains the long tenures according to
- 15 your testimony?
- 16 MR. BERNICK: Again, I object, lack of foundation. It
- 17 assumes facts not in evidence.
- 18 THE COURT: No. The objection is overruled.
- 19 As an example the witness wasn't sure what Mr. Wise was
- 20 referring to and he offered an example.
- 21 Go ahead. Objection is overruled.
- 22 A. That doesn't make sense to me. Whether or not other
- 23 industries would be willing to hire tobacco executives in
- 24 comparable positions does not explain why tobacco companies
- 25 themselves would be willing to hire them at those positions.

- 1 Q. Professor Fischel, my question was simply -- well, now, I
- 2 can't remember it, given the objection.
- 3 My question was well, for instance, you didn't study if
- 4 whether other industries won't hire top managers from this
- 5 industry and, therefore, perhaps that explains the long tenures
- 6 according to your testimony.
- 7 A. That's what I just said doesn't make sense to me.
- 8 Q. I didn't ask if it makes sense. I asked if you studied
- 9 that, if you explored that.
- 10 A. I did not study whether other industries are willing to hire
- 11 tobacco executives.
- 12 Q. So you weren't aware that there's been testimony in this
- 13 case by former employees of tobacco companies that they had
- 14 difficulty obtaining employment outside the industry?
- 15 MR. BERNICK: If this is -- it's a reference to
- 16 Dr. Wigand, in particular, it's completely inapposite and it's a
- 17 misleading question.
- 18 THE COURT: Sustained.
- 19 BY MR. WISE:
- 20 Q. Professor Fischel, you also didn't collect any comparative
- 21 data on whether executives in the tobacco industry have longer
- 22 or shorter tenures than executives in other industries; correct?
- 23 A. Correct, not in any formal way.
- Q. Well, in no way that's reflected in this testimony; correct?
- 25 A. Well, I have a view of that based on my background and

- 1 experience, but I did not study that specifically.
- 2 Q. So reading your table, the court has no idea if these
- 3 executives' tenure with their companies in this industry is
- 4 particularly unusual compared to other industries?
- 5 A. It is, but you would not know that just from reading the
- 6 table itself.
- 7 Q. Or any of the testimony?
- 8 A. Correct.
- 9 Q. Now, Professor Fischel, the other table in your testimony is
- 10 J-DEM 010418. You have a copy of it. We can give you a copy as
- 11 well.
- 12 A. Thank you.
- 13 Q. And you were asked on Page 18 at lines 17 through 19, "Have
- 14 you performed your own investigation of whether companies
- 15 frequently remove senior management due to private incentives
- arising from allegations of wrongdoing?" Correct?
- 17 A. I'm sorry. Line 18 of what?
- 18 Q. In your testimony, Page 18.
- 19 A. I just have -- I'll find it. I have so much paper in front
- 20 of me.
- 21 Q. It's your testimony at Page 18.
- 22 A. You put it on the screen and I'll be happy to read the
- 23 screen.
- Q. It's lines 17 through 18. The question is, "Have you
- 25 performed your own investigation of whether companies frequently

- 1 remove senior management due to private incentives arising from
- 2 allegations of wrongdoing?" Do you see that question?
- 3 A. I do.
- 4 Q. And you answer at lines 20 do 22. "Yes. There are many
- 5 recent examples" -- I'm going to skip down.
- 6 The next question at line 23 asks, "Have you prepared a
- 7 summary table that reflects some of these examples?" And you
- 8 identify this exhibit, J-DEM 010418; correct?
- 9 A. Correct.
- 10 Q. Now you've testified that there are many recent examples of
- 11 large companies that remove senior managers, and those are
- 12 collected in your table; correct?
- 13 A. Correct.
- Q. But your table doesn't include any tobacco companies;
- 15 correct?
- 16 A. Correct.
- Q. And your table also, you've testified, looks at dismissals
- 18 undertaken by the board; correct?
- 19 A. Yes. I'm not sure it's limited to that, but that certainly
- 20 would be included, probably the dominant example in the table.
- 21 Q. But it's your understanding or -- let me ask it this way.
- 22 You didn't study whether any of these -- you didn't
- 23 study dismissals as a result of an action by a court, by a
- 24 court-appointed agent, for instance?
- 25 A. Not at the time of the testimony. Subsequent to the

- 1 submission of the testimony I did look at that question and
- 2 found a couple of examples of that.
- 3 Q. But none of those examples are in the table that we've got
- 4 here; right?
- 5 A. Not listed as in the description, correct.
- 6 Q. Now, at the last page of the table you identify under the
- 7 sources, the very last sentence, "after excluding duplications
- 8 or extraneous articles and excluding non-US firms the result is
- 9 the 157 entries in this table." Correct?
- 10 A. Correct.
- 11 Q. At Page 18 of your testimony you testify that J-DEM 010418
- 12 displays 157 companies that have dismissed senior executives;
- 13 correct?
- 14 A. Correct.
- 15 Q. Now, were you aware that on Page 22 of your table -- I'm
- 16 sorry -- Page 7. On Page 7 at entries 22 and 23, you double
- 17 counted Computer Associates International Incorporated. Were
- 18 you aware of that?
- 19 A. Well, I wouldn't call it double counting.
- 20 Q. Well, were you aware that there are two entries for Computer
- 21 Associates International?
- 22 A. Yes, very aware.
- 23 Q. In your testimony you state, J-DEM 010418 displays 157
- companies that have dismissed senior executives; right?
- 25 A. Right.

- 1 Q. If we flip all the way to the end of J-DEM 010418, the last
- 2 entry is 157?
- 3 A. Correct.
- 4 Q. Were you also aware that on Page 12 you have two entries for
- 5 the New York Stock Exchange, entry 38 and entry 41?
- 6 A. Yes, I see that.
- 7 Q. Were you aware that on Page 15, at entry 55 you list E*Trade
- 8 Group and then you list them again on Page 18 at entry 65?
- 9 A. I see that.
- 10 Q. Were you aware of these multiple entries, the last few I've
- 11 done?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. But it's your testimony at Page 18 that this table displays
- 14 157 companies; correct?
- 15 A. If -- I guess you could say displays 157 instances by 150-
- some-odd companies, if that would make it clearer.
- 17 But the table was meant to capture all the instances
- 18 where companies removed senior executives even if it was the
- 19 same company.
- 20 Q. But it was your sworn testimony that the table reflected 157
- 21 companies that removed senior executives; correct?
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 Q. And were you aware that Enron appears five times in your
- 24 table?
- 25 A. I was aware that it appeared multiple times. I'm not sure I

- 1 counted five different times.
- 2 THE COURT: Mr. Wise, maybe if we could get to the
- 3 bottom line it would be a little faster.
- What's your bottom number to ask the witness about?
- 5 MR. WISE: That's the question, Your Honor.
- 6 BY MR. WISE:
- 7 Q. Does the witness know, in fact, how many companies this
- 8 table reflects?
- 9 A. I haven't separately counted to see if I were trying to
- 10 identify different companies as opposed to instances of
- dismissals by companies what the number would be.
- 12 MR. WISE: I think we can -- I don't know if it's too
- 13 early for lunch, Your Honor.
- 14 THE COURT: Are you still on this topic?
- MR. WISE: I've got some more.
- 16 THE COURT: We should finish this topic.
- 17 MR. WISE: We may be not be able to finish this topic
- 18 before lunch.
- 19 THE COURT: Let's try it.
- 20 BY MR. WISE:
- 21 Q. It also says -- well, let's go back to your last page in
- 22 terms of your -- you do say that you've excluded duplications;
- 23 correct?
- 24 A. Correct.
- 25 Q. But just so the record is clear. You haven't excluded

- 1 duplications of companies?
- 2 A. I meant duplications of news stories.
- 3 Q. Now, you also say you've excluded non-U.S. firms. Do you
- 4 see that on the last page?
- 5 A. I do.
- 6 Q. Were you aware on Page 3 at entry 8 you cite a French
- 7 company, I'm sorry, Canadian company, Bombardier, Incorporated?
- 8 B-o-m-b-a-r-d-i-e-r.
- 9 MR. BERNICK: Is counsel making that representation to
- 10 be factually accurate?
- 11 BY MR. WISE:
- 12 Q. Are you aware that Bombardier is a Canadian, French
- 13 Canadian, a Canadian company?
- 14 A. I'm not aware one way or the other without researching the
- 15 issue.
- Q. Were you aware at Page 5, at entry 17, you list the Credit
- 17 Suisse Group? Are you aware that that's a Swiss company?
- 18 A. You know, again I'd have to check where they were -- the
- 19 company that this dismissal refers to, where they are
- 20 incorporated.
- 22 Fischel. On Page 18 of your written direct you describe the
- 23 table -- you describe many recent examples of large companies.
- 24 Did you identify in your testimony the selection
- criteria you applied to determine what a large company is?

- 1 A. No, but I think it's public companies.
- 2 Q. Were you aware that you have an entry for a company as small
- 3 as 12 employees?
- 4 A. No, I'm not aware of that.
- 5 Q. If you look at page -- entry 82 on Page 23. You list Dor
- 6 BioPharma, and in the center -- if we could have the
- 7 description -- the line that starts, "In a press release Friday
- 8 the company said it reduced its head count to 12 employees from
- 9 22 and intends to review additional cost cutting measures."
- 10 Do you see that?
- 11 A. I do, but it's a public company as the next sentence
- 12 suggests.
- 13 Q. My question, Professor Fischel, is how you defined large.
- 14 A. I said public companies.
- 15 Q. So large means public?
- 16 A. I think that's the selection criteria.
- 17 Q. So the range in terms of the selection criteria for this
- 18 table is 12 and up, 12 employees and up?
- 19 A. The selection criteria doesn't focus on the number of
- 20 employees. And I'm sure if it did, 12 employees would be
- 21 extremely unusual, a major outlier.
- 22 But the selection criteria was on other grounds other
- 23 than the number of employees.
- 24 Q. You think it's an outlier, but you don't really know sitting
- 25 here, do you?

- 1 A. No, but I think I can just look at the list of companies and
- 2 I think I do know without having studied the issues
- 3 specifically.
- 4 Q. Without having studied the issue of the information in your
- 5 table.
- 6 A. I have studied the information in my table. I just have not
- 7 tried to look at how many employees all of the individual
- 8 companies on the table have.
- 9 But that said, I am very confident that 12 employees
- 10 would be an outlier, although the number of employees, as I've
- 11 stated, was not the selection criteria for the table.
- 12 Q. Do you think it was obvious from your testimony that large
- 13 means public?
- 14 A. Well, I think it was obvious once defined.
- Q. But you didn't define it in your testimony?
- 16 A. Not that I recall, no.
- 17 Q. Now, in your deposition when you were asked how you defined
- dismissal, you said termination of employment; correct?
- 19 A. Correct.
- 20 Q. But you don't define dismissal anywhere in your testimony.
- 21 A. Well, I think the word dismissal has a certain meaning in
- 22 the ordinary use of the English language.
- 23 Q. Well, you have entries in this table both for executives
- 24 that resigned and executives that were dismissed; correct?
- 25 A. Yes, although the -- frequently, that's a distinction

- 1 without a difference, as in the AIG case where the resignation
- 2 is in light of allegations, or to avoid dismissal, something of
- 3 that nature.
- 4 Q. But you've identified this table as dismissals of top
- 5 management.
- 6 A. Correct.
- 7 Q. But you've said it's a distinction without a difference
- 8 whether they were actually dismissed or resigned.
- 9 A. In many cases, that's true.
- 10 Q. Now, you've also said it's your opinion that this table
- 11 shows there are substantial number of cases where managers were
- removed because of alleged wrongdoing; correct?
- 13 A. Correct.
- Q. But when you say substantial, you haven't identified your
- 15 baseline. You haven't identified how large a population you're
- 16 looking at; correct?
- 17 A. That's right.
- 18 Q. You didn't look at the Fortune 500, for instance?
- 19 A. Correct.
- 20 Q. Or the 2500 largest companies in America by market
- 21 capitalization?
- 22 A. Correct.
- 23 Q. In fact, the methodology you employed or your research staff
- 24 at Lexecon employed was, if we look at the back page, to
- 25 search -- I think under sources -- to search the Dow Jones News

- 1 Wire and Wall Street Journal between January 1, 2000 and 2005?
- 2 A. Correct.
- 3 Q. So these were all newspaper articles that you've relied on
- 4 for the table?
- 5 A. And newswire services, correct.
- Q. Newswire services carry newspapers articles; right?
- 7 A. Yes, sir, but they also carry additional information.
- 8 Q. Is it your understanding that any of these are not -- well I
- 9 won't quibble about what article means.
- 10 And this is what you've referred to as your empirical
- 11 study?
- 12 A. Correct.
- 13 Q. So if a dismissal was not reported in the press, you didn't
- 14 capture it?
- 15 A. If it wasn't reported in one of these sources it would not
- 16 be included, correct.
- 17 Q. That's an important distinction. Even if it was reported in
- 18 the press, if it didn't happen to be on Dow Jones News Wire or
- 19 the Wall Street Journal, you wouldn't capture it; correct?
- 20 A. Correct.
- 21 MR. WISE: Your Honor, I think this would actually be a
- 22 decent time to break, and I think I can --
- 23 THE COURT: Let me conclude with asking the witness a
- 24 question.
- 25 Why did you follow that policy in deciding when to

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1 report or not to report dismissals?
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- 2 THE WITNESS: Which policy specifically, Your Honor?
- 3 THE COURT: That it had to be reported, that the
- 4 dismissal had to be reported not just in the press, but in
- 5 addition, in the Wall Street Journal and the Dow Jones reporter
- 6 of some kind.
- 7 THE WITNESS: The Dow Jones News Wire, because the Dow
- 8 Jones News Wire is actually a much broader source of information
- 9 than just the press.
- 10 There will be more things reported in the Dow Jones
- 11 News Wire about business news than in the press, and it's just a
- 12 filter. I think it's generally recognized that important
- 13 financial information is contained in the -- is provided in the
- 14 Dow Jones News Wire.
- Now, it's possible that there may be more dismissals
- 16 than the ones reported that weren't picked up by the Dow Jones
- 17 News Wire, but I would expect that would be a very small number,
- 18 if any number.
- 19 THE COURT: All right, everybody, at this point does
- your estimate remain about the same in toto?
- 21 MR. WISE: I think it's reduced, Your Honor. I think
- 22 we can reduce it further.
- THE COURT: Mr. Webb. All right, Mr. Bernick.
- 24 MR. BERNICK: That's actually pretty important, because
- a broad range of topics has now been covered and I'm going to

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1 have a not insignificant redirect examination. So if we can get
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- 2 an estimate from counsel about how much longer he's going to go.
- 3 MR. WISE: I really -- I think I gave an estimate. I'm
- 4 going to try to cut back. I know everyone wants to leave for
- 5 the Memorial Day, but I'm going to try to keep it shorter.
- 6 THE COURT: We've all lost Memorial Day Weekend, don't
- 7 worry about that, or at least I think we all have.
- 8 The original estimate of time was two to two and a
- 9 half. Certainly Mr. Wise has that estimate a little over an
- 10 hour left and perhaps he can cut it down to less. Is that a
- 11 fair statement?
- MR. WISE: Yes, Your Honor.
- 13 THE COURT: So we're talking approximately an hour.
- 14 MR. BERNICK: That then leaves it. And then counsel
- 15 just was going to say that it's been reduced and then it
- 16 changed. But if we come back at 2:00 and he goes --
- 17 THE COURT: No, we're not coming back at 2:00. We are
- coming back at a quarter to 2:00 or maybe earlier.
- 19 How long do you think your redirect will be?
- 20 MR. BERNICK: Right now I think my redirect would go an
- 21 hour and a half.
- 22 THE COURT: We will be all right if we don't get off
- 23 into tangents.
- Mr. Webb.
- 25 MR. WEBB: To answer the question that you were asking

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- 7 closing argument on Wednesday morning and then the government --
- 8 or Thursday morning, I guess, on Thursday morning.
- 9 THE COURT: And the government will have approximately
- 10 an hour and a half left at that point.
- MS. EUBANKS: I think that's right, Your Honor.
- 12 THE COURT: All right. Fine, thank you.
- Okay, quarter of 2:00, everybody.
- 14 (Recess began at 12:35 p.m.)
- 15 (Recess ended at 1:44 p.m.)
- 16 THE COURT: Mr. Wise, are you almost ready?
- 17 MR. WISE: Yes.
- 18 BY MR. WISE:
- 19 O. Good afternoon, Professor Fischel.
- 20 A. Good afternoon.
- 21 Q. I'd like to pick up where we left off, and that is
- 22 discussing the methodologies you used in preparing your table,
- 23 and I actually want to address something that the court raised
- 24 with you.
- 25 If we go to the last page of the table, that's Page 44,

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- 15 (Recess ended at 1:44 p.m.)
- 16 THE COURT: Mr. Wise, are you almost ready?
- 17 MR. WISE: Yes.
- 18 BY MR. WISE:
- 19 O. Good afternoon, Professor Fischel.
- 20 A. Good afternoon.
- 21 Q. I'd like to pick up where we left off, and that is
- 22 discussing the methodologies you used in preparing your table,
- 23 and I actually want to address something that the court raised
- 24 with you.
- 25 If we go to the last page of the table, that's Page 44,

- 1 under Sources. We've already discussed that these articles all
- 2 came from the Dow Jones News Wire and the Wall Street Journal in
- 3 this time period. Do you recall that?
- 4 A. Yes, I do.
- 5 Q. And the next line reads, "The search terms included
- 6 variations of dismissed or fired or terminated or stepped down
- 7 or replaced or canned or ousted or removed or resigned or leave
- 8 and top management," and then you identify a couple of different
- 9 positions.
- 10 Just so the record is clear. This was a computer based
- 11 search like a LexisNexis search; correct?
- 12 A. Correct.
- 13 Q. Using these terms?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. In these two sources: The Dow Jones News Wire and the Wall
- 16 Street Journal?
- 17 A. That's right.
- 18 Q. And, actually, one thing one mistake I had forgotten to
- 19 make. I didn't ask for an instruction before lunch and I just
- 20 wanted to ask Professor Fischel just a few questions about that.
- 21 Did you speak -- did you call anyone over the lunch
- 22 break, Professor Fischel?
- 23 A. Yes, I did.
- Q. And who did you call?
- 25 A. I called my secretary and I called David Gross.

- 1 THE COURT: I didn't hear the last thing.
- 2 THE WITNESS: David Gross.
- 3 BY MR. WISE:
- 4 Q. And why did you call David Gross?
- 5 A. I just gave him a -- just sort of a sense of timing, and I
- 6 mentioned a couple of the questions that you had asked me.
- 7 Q. And did you discuss with Mr. Gross these questions?
- 8 A. Well, in some fashion. I said -- he said, "How's it going?
- 9 What are you" -- and I just mentioned a couple of the areas that
- 10 you had asked about.
- 11 Q. And what did he say to you after you mentioned a couple of
- 12 those areas?
- 13 A. He didn't really say anything. Just sort of interested and
- 14 that was it.
- 15 Q. Did you speak to anyone else?
- 16 A. I did not.
- 17 Q. Do you know if Mr. Gross was in contact with any of the
- 18 counsel in this case?
- 19 A. I'm confident he was not.
- 20 Q. Do you recall which questions that I had asked you, you
- 21 discussed with Mr. Gross?
- 22 A. Yeah. I think I said, because it was fresh in my mind, I
- 23 told him there were a lot of questions about the two tables.
- Q. Again, do you recall which of the questions that I asked?
- 25 A. I think I said what I just said.

- I think I said -- I think I said that you were asking a
- 2 number of questions about the sources, the definitions. That's
- 3 basically what I said.
- 4 Q. And why did you do that, Professor Fischel?
- 5 A. Well, first and foremost I wanted to give him a report of
- 6 what was going on. I told him what I, you know, said in
- 7 response to a couple of areas in response and, you know,
- 8 basically wanted to both fill him in and make sure that what I
- 9 had said was accurate about some of the definitional issues
- 10 about the tables.
- 11 Q. And so in making sure what you said is accurate, he must
- 12 have responded in some way when you raised these questions. Is
- 13 that right?
- 14 A. Yes, I think that's fair.
- 15 Q. And what did he say when you tried to verify if you were
- 16 accurate?
- 17 A. You know, the only thing that I think would fall -- the sort
- 18 of response that would fall into that category was he agreed
- 19 that the tobacco companies on the -- the list of the tenure of
- 20 tobacco executives were chosen because those are the tobacco
- 21 operating companies.
- 22 Q. Professor Fischel, I thought you were speaking about the
- dismissal table. Did you also speak with him about the tenure
- 24 table?
- 25 A. I thought I said both tables. If I didn't -- I think I did,

- 1 but I meant to.
- 2 MR. WISE: Your Honor, I would just like on the record
- 3 to make sure that defense counsel didn't speak with Mr. Gross in
- 4 preparation for the redirect.
- 5 MR. BERNICK: I did not speak with Mr. Gross.
- I had a very brief contact with Mr. Fischel right here,
- 7 and I think counsel for the government was right behind me, and
- 8 I said I couldn't talk with him about the case, and then I sat
- 9 down. I think he went to have lunch.
- 10 THE COURT: All right.
- 11 BY MR. WISE:
- 12 Q. Professor Fischel, did you review any materials over the
- 13 lunch break?
- 14 A. No, I did not. I had largely, really exclusively a social
- 15 lunch with Mr. Webb who I've known for a long time.
- 16 Q. And you and Mr. Webb didn't discuss the substance of your
- 17 testimony in any way?
- 18 A. No. We discussed a number of other cases, but not this one.
- 19 Q. Now, Professor Fischel, before we started talking about this
- 20 topic we were looking at the last page of your table and you had
- 21 testified that this -- I think you used the word -- well, you
- used the word "survey" in your one-hour live, but you've also
- 23 used the word "empirical study."
- I asked you some questions about the fact that this was
- 25 the product of a computer-based search using these terms;

- 1 correct?
- 2 A. Correct.
- 3 Q. And someone on Lexecon's research staff entered these terms
- 4 into the LexisNexis database or whatever database you used and
- 5 then it produced these articles?
- 6 A. Correct.
- 7 Q. Now, you didn't search publicly-available filings, like SEC
- 8 filings or proxy statements, or any of the kind of documents
- 9 we've been using in your examination today; isn't that right?
- 10 A. What I did was referred to there -- I searched Dow Jones
- 11 News Wire and the Wall Street Journal or, more accurately, those
- searches were performed under my supervision.
- Q. By someone on the research staff?
- 14 A. Correct.
- 15 Q. Professor Fischel, do you recall at your deposition in the
- 16 course of your questioning you were told that there were
- 17 multiple entries and that therefore the 157 companies figure was
- 18 inaccurate?
- 19 A. I do.
- 20 Q. And you also recall that this morning before you took the
- 21 stand and adopted your sworn testimony you had an opportunity to
- 22 make any corrections to that testimony; correct?
- 23 A. Correct.
- Q. But you chose not to?
- 25 A. I don't consider it to be inaccurate.

- 1 Q. Well, let's look at the specific statement, then. I think
- 2 it's on Page 18 of your testimony at lines 24 to 25.
- 3 The specific statement is, "J-DEM 010418 displays 157
- 4 companies that dismissed senior executives between January 1,
- 5 2000 and April 1, 2005." Correct.
- 6 A. Correct.
- Q. But it's your testimony that you don't think it's inaccurate
- 8 even though, as we've established, there are multiple instances
- 9 of double counting in your table.
- 10 A. I don't agree that there are multiple instances of double
- 11 counting.
- 12 Q. Well --
- 13 A. It also doesn't say -- I mean, if you want to be hyper-
- 14 technical and semantic, as apparently you do, it does not say
- 15 157 different companies. It says "157 companies that dismissed
- senior executives," which is what the table shows.
- Q. So it's your testimony, Professor Fischel, that 157
- 18 companies doesn't mean 157 different companies? Is that your
- 19 testimony?
- 20 A. In this context, that's my testimony, correct.
- 21 Q. Now, you also testified that you disagree that there are
- 22 numerous instances of the same company in the table. Is that
- 23 your testimony?
- 24 MR. BERNICK: Your Honor, I think we've been over this
- 25 about three times now.

1 THE COURT: Well, certainly once. We have. I mean, we

- 2 went through it this morning.
- 3 MR. WISE: I think, Your Honor, that's what I heard
- 4 Professor Fischel say, that he disagreed that there were
- 5 multiple instances of the same company in the table.
- 6 MR. BERNICK: We will stipulate that there are multiple
- 7 instances of the same company in the table.
- 8 I think Professor Fischel's testimony has been clear,
- 9 which is that the intent of the document was to list instances
- in which companies dismissed or took action against --
- 11 THE COURT: That was his testimony, but there's no
- 12 question this morning that at a very minimum he admitted that
- 13 there were five entries, if you will, for Enron and then you
- 14 queried him about another three or four at a minimum. So all of
- 15 that is -- at least that much is in the record.
- 16 BY MR. WISE:
- 17 Q. But you commented you thought that was hyper-technical or
- 18 semantic. Did I get that part of it right?
- 19 A. I thought the question about whether 157 companies refers to
- 20 157 different companies or 157 instances of companies,
- 21 particularly given the clear meaning of the table where
- 22 everything is clearly identified. I think that distinction I do
- 23 believe is hyper-technical in this context, correct.
- 24 Q. And that's why you didn't correct it on the record before
- you adopted the testimony?

- 1 A. I didn't correct it because I don't consider it to be
- 2 inaccurate as I stated.
- 3 Q. But, of course, the court didn't have your deposition where
- 4 this was addressed nor this discussion when the court was
- 5 reviewing your testimony; correct?
- 6 A. I'm not sure what the court had, but I assume the court had
- 7 the table which clearly lists the identity of the companies.
- 8 Q. But the court also had your testimony that described the
- 9 table as displaying 157 companies that dismissed senior
- 10 executives; correct?
- 11 A. Yes, it did.
- 12 Q. Now, before your research staff put together the table, did
- 13 you or anyone else do any research to determine if the issue of
- 14 CEO dismissal was studied in a systematic way anywhere?
- 15 A. You mean other than this table?
- 16 Q. My question is did you investigate whether the issue of CEO
- 17 succession was studied anywhere in a systematic way?
- 18 A. I think the table does that.
- 19 Q. I think my question was before you -- just to clarify --
- 20 before you put together this table, did you attempt to find out
- 21 if the issue of CEO succession was studied in a systematic way?
- 22 A. You know, it's a yes. I would say I looked at a number of
- articles and stories in the press that discussed that issue.
- 24 Q. Do you know who the consulting firm Booz Allen Hamilton is?
- 25 A. I do.

- 1 Q. Are you familiar with their work?
- 2 A. In this context, no, I'm not.
- 3 Q. In any context?
- 4 A. I know they are a well regarded, well known consulting firm.
- 5 Q. Were you aware that Booz Allen Hamilton does an annual
- 6 survey of CEO succession?
- 7 A. No, I was not.
- 8 Q. So it's fair to say you weren't aware that they routinely
- 9 survey the largest 2500 companies in America by market
- 10 capitalization and code the reasons for CEO succession?
- 11 You weren't aware of any of that?
- 12 A. No, I was not.
- 13 Q. Now, the last column of your table is headed "Alleged
- Wrongdoing" and you have a yes or a no next to every entry.
- 15 A. Correct.
- 16 Q. Actually, before I do that.
- 17 MR. WISE: If I could have a second, Your Honor.
- 18 Could I have is -- I'm going to pick up on that last
- 19 point. Could I have U.S. Exhibit 93829 on the screen? And we
- 20 will just get you a copy of this.
- 21 A. Thank you.
- 22 Q. Professor Fischel, I'm going to represent to you this is the
- 23 annual survey -- annual study of CEO succession done by Booz
- 24 Allen Hamilton. I want to ask if you're familiar with this
- document, if you've ever seen it before.

- 1 A. I'm not familiar with it. I could probably review it if you
- 2 give me a minute or two looking at the substantive findings.
- 3 But I'm not familiar with it, no.
- 4 Q. That was my only question.
- 5 A. Okay.
- Q. Now, back to the table. If we look at that last column, the
- 7 column Alleged Wrongdoing you have a yes or a no next to each of
- 8 the summaries you provide. Isn't that right?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. But you don't actually tally up those yeses or nos anywhere
- in your testimony; correct?
- 12 A. That's correct.
- 13 Q. Now, in fact, you can't do that because sometimes it's not
- 14 clear from the newspaper article whether there was a combination
- of wrongdoing and some other factor that led to the dismissal;
- 16 right?
- 17 A. I think that's fair.
- 18 Q. If you had done a more detailed investigation you might have
- 19 been able to tell?
- 20 A. Or no matter how much investigation you do, it still might
- 21 be a combination of factors.
- Q. I'm going to represent to you that we counted your yeses and
- 23 nos and you had 68 yeses and 89 nos. Does that sound like--
- 24 A. That sounds reasonable.
- 25 MR. BERNICK: Your Honor, at this point I don't have

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1 any objection with pursuing this further. We offered this as a
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- demonstrative. It's now being used as a summary of actual
- 3 survey results.
- 4 I have no difficulty with that for whatever value it
- 5 has to the court, but I want it to be clear that this has now
- 6 become the government's document.
- 7 That is, they are putting into evidence their
- 8 characterization of the data that the witness gathered. It's no
- 9 longer a demonstrative. It's their document. It's their data.
- 10 We used it for the purpose of eliciting a survey that
- 11 went just to the propositions that are contained in his direct
- 12 examination. They are turning it into their own document. It's
- no longer a demonstrative since it's now being used.
- MR. WISE: Your Honor, it's referred to in the
- 15 testimony.
- 16 THE COURT: I don't know what Mr. Bernick's point is.
- 17 Certainly the government can't be required to put into evidence
- a document that they don't want to put in. And they can
- 19 question him.
- 20 I do think that you should be mindful of the time
- 21 though, Mr. Wise.
- MR. WISE: At this point, Your Honor, I can move then
- 23 to -- I think we finished with talking about methodology and I'm
- just going to focus on the substance I think of the conclusions
- 25 you make based on this.

- 1 BY MR. WISE:
- 2 Q. On Page 18 of your testimony you were asked the question at
- 3 lines 17 through 19, "Have you performed your own investigation
- 4 of whether companies frequently remove senior management due to
- 5 private incentives arising from the allegations of wrongdoing?"
- 6 And then again lower down on the page you refer to this
- 7 table as summarizing what's referred to in the question as your
- 8 investigation of how frequently CEOs are removed.
- 9 And I think the easiest way to do this is, if I could
- 10 have U.S. Exhibit 18277. This is a demonstrative that the
- 11 United States prepared where we've got the numbers -- the tally
- from your table in the quadrants that are pink.
- 13 In other words, according to the table there were 68
- 14 dismissals where there was an allegation of wrongdoing and 89
- 15 dismissals where there was no allegation of wrongdoing, and then
- in the blue boxes is some data that I want to ask you about.
- 17 Now, you've already testified that you didn't identify
- 18 the baseline for this study in terms of Fortune 500 or the
- 19 largest 2500 companies.
- 20 So, that lower quadrant, that lower cell, there's no
- 21 number in because we don't know how many companies didn't change
- 22 top management, period. Is that fair to say?
- 23 A. That's fair to say from this table.
- 24 Q. And it's fair to say from your testimony, because you don't
- 25 provide any information about a universe of companies that you

- 1 looked at and whether or not there was succession at some but
- 2 not others. Isn't that right?
- 3 A. That's right, although some of the articles in the press
- 4 stories that I discuss in my written testimony do address that
- 5 issue.
- 6 Q. Well, I'm not sure.... Professor Fischel, you don't testify
- 7 about -- for instance, you don't provide data on overall CEO
- 8 succession in the economy; isn't that correct?
- 9 A. Let me just have a moment.
- 10 (Pause) I think that's correct. None of the articles that I
- 11 quoted address that exact question.
- 12 Q. And nowhere in the testimony is it addressed, either?
- 13 A. Correct.
- 14 Q. Now, the other blue cell with the question marks goes to
- 15 another issue of data, and that is you didn't study how
- 16 frequently boards do not remove executives when there's an
- 17 allegation of misconduct; correct?
- 18 A. Correct.
- 19 Q. So I'm going to ask you to make an assumption for me. We're
- going to do this with two scenarios.
- 21 If we assume in scenario A that you had done that
- 22 research and found that there were 10 instances, based on the
- 23 review of the News Wire and the Wall Street Journal, there were
- 10 instances where there were allegation of wrongdoing but no
- 25 dismissal. If you found that data, let's assume you had, it's

- 1 fair to say, isn't it, that your opinion that allegations of
- wrongdoing frequently lead to dismissal is correct; right?
- 3 A. Well, I think what I said was -- at least what you had on
- 4 the board is that there are many recent examples which I think
- 5 is correct.
- I didn't make any attempt to compare the number of
- 7 situations where there was dismissal with something other than
- 8 dismissal, which a wide range of possible responses other than
- 9 dismissal as well.
- 10 Q. If I could have Page 166 of Professor Fischel's deposition.
- 11 I think you have it up there, Professor. I think it's at lines
- 12 2 through 6.
- "So is it your opinion that boards are likely to act if
- there's alleged wrongdoing?"
- 15 And your answer is, "You can't really determine that
- 16 from the table. It's my opinion that boards frequently do act
- when there's alleged wrongdoing."
- And that was your testimony; correct?
- 19 A. Yes, I think that's a correct statement.
- 20 Q. But again my question, Mr. Fischel, was you didn't study the
- 21 frequency with which boards don't act; correct?
- 22 THE COURT: That was just asked and answered.
- 23 MR. WISE: If we could go back to the demonstrative.
- 24 Q. And I think my question was: You would agree, wouldn't you,
- 25 that if you had found that there were 10 instances of alleged

- 1 wrongdoing and no dismissal, that would support the opinion that
- 2 allegations of wrongdoing frequently lead to dismissal. Is that
- 3 fair to say?
- 4 A. I think my testimony would be the same regardless of whether
- 5 it was 10 or a hundred or 200. It wouldn't make any difference
- for purposes of the point I was making.
- 7 Q. Let's look at another scenario, scenario B.
- 8 Let's assume you had done the research and found that
- 9 in a thousand cases where there was alleged wrongdoing there was
- 10 no dismissal, is it your testimony that you would still -- it
- 11 would still be your opinion that allegations of wrongdoing
- 12 frequently lead to dismissal?
- 13 A. Again, that wasn't the question and answer in my deposition.
- 14 My testimony that you put up before was somewhat
- 15 different than that. But it would still be my testimony that
- 16 there are frequent situations where dismissal results no matter
- 17 how many times there are situations where dismissal does not
- 18 result or some other internal adjustment mechanism is taken to
- 19 deal with the allegations.
- 20 Q. Professor Fischel, I don't think you've answered my
- 21 question.
- 22 My question is: If you assume that you had done the
- 23 research and had this data that showed that while in a thousand
- cases there was no dismissal and in only 68 there was, would it
- 25 still be your opinion that allegations of wrongdoing frequently

- 1 lead to dismissal?
- 2 A. Yes. In the way that I described in the written testimony
- 3 which is somewhat different from your question.
- 4 Q. Well, in fact, let's look at the written testimony at
- 5 Page 18 at line 17 through 19, you were specifically asked.
- 6 "Have you performed your own investigation of whether
- 7 companies frequently remove senior management due to private
- 8 incentives arising from allegation of wrongdoing?" Correct?
- 9 A. Correct.
- 10 Q. And you answer, "Yes. There are many recent examples of
- 11 large companies that removed senior managers" and then if we
- 12 scroll down further, you were asked, "Have you prepared a
- 13 summary table that reflects some of these examples?" And you
- 14 cite J-DEM 010418; correct?
- 15 A. Yes. So as I think is clear from the answer to the
- 16 question --
- 17 Q. Professor Fischel, I just asked if that was your testimony.
- 18 A. That was my testimony.
- 19 Q. I would like to briefly go back to an issue that I addressed
- 20 earlier, but I unfortunately couldn't lay my hands on the
- 21 document for, and that was the role of the institutional
- 22 shareholders.
- 23 Now, Professor Fischel, you recall I asked you a series
- 24 of questions where I asked if an institutional shareholder
- 25 provided pension management services to a company, did that

- 1 raise the possibility of a conflict of interest in terms of its
- 2 monitoring role. Do you recall those questions?
- 3 A. I do, and I answered yes.
- 4 Q. And that was just going to be my next question. You recall
- 5 you answered yes, that might rise a role of conflict of
- 6 interest.
- 7 Chris, can I have 93817?
- 8 Professor Fischel, you've been handed U.S. Exhibit
- 9 93817, it's a document at the top entitled: "Altria Group,
- 10 Inc., CDA/spectrum 13-F institutional ownership."
- 11 Are you familiar with CDA/spectrum database?
- 12 A. I am.
- Q. So you understand that this database is maintained by
- 14 Thompson Financial and it contains ownership information on
- institutions that file SEC Form 13-F; right?
- 16 A. That's my understanding.
- 17 Q. I'll do this with a couple. If you look at the second
- 18 largest by rank owner in Altria Group Inc., it's State Street
- 19 Corporation; correct?
- 20 A. Correct.
- 21 Q. And it lists in shares in the column Shares Held over 82
- 22 million shares. Do you see that?
- 23 A. I do.
- Q. And you see, in fact, that ownership is ranked based on
- 25 shares in the length and breadth of this document?

- 1 A. I see that.
- 2 Q. Now, are you also familiar with IRS Form 5500, which is the
- 3 Annual Report of employee benefit plans?
- 4 A. I am.
- 5 Q. And I'll have that handed to you. Actually, while Chris has
- 6 this up, I want to draw your attention -- if we can scroll down,
- 7 Chris. If you scroll down to the 14th largest shareholder you
- 8 will see it's JP Morgan Chase and Company; correct?
- 9 A. Correct.
- 10 Q. And their ownership is listed at over 26 million shares;
- 11 correct?
- 12 A. Correct.
- 13 Q. Now a moment ago you testified you're familiar with IRS Form
- 14 5500.
- 15 Chris, can I have U.S. Exhibit 93818, please?
- 16 Professor Fischel, are you familiar with these kinds of
- documents, the Schedule C, Form 5500?
- 18 A. Generally, yes.
- 19 Q. If you flip to the second to last page I would draw your
- 20 attention to, under part 1, the entry for State Street Global
- 21 Advisors, which is B under part 1.
- 22 And under C, it lists dollar value of interest in, and
- 23 it lists a couple of what I'll represent to you are pension
- funds, and the dollar value is approximately 2.7 billion. Do
- 25 you see that?

- 1 A. I do.
- 2 Q. If we scroll down, we see another entry for State Street
- 3 Global Advisors and another entry for dollar value of interest
- 4 and that's about 181 million.
- 5 And then finally, if we go to the last entry, I'm
- 6 sorry, the last entry in part 1, we see JP Morgan Chase and
- 7 their value, about 86 million.
- 8 You do see, Professor Fischel, that it list Altria
- 9 Corporate Services, Inc. as the plan sponsor name; correct?
- 10 A. I do.
- 11 Q. Professor Fischel, would this be an example of the kind of
- 12 conflict of interest you testified might arise where large
- 13 institutional investors were also contracted to manage pension
- 14 funds by senior managers?
- 15 A. Yes. Might arise.
- 16 I think you would need to do some investigation to know
- 17 what the internal separation is within the firm -- within the
- 18 State Street firm of the different functions as is typically the
- 19 case. But I haven't investigated this one way or the other.
- 20 Q. That was going to be my next question.
- 21 When you were preparing your testimony did you look at
- 22 any of the information on the institutional shareholders that
- own these defendants?
- 24 A. No, I did not.
- Q. And you didn't look at the form we just looked at, the

- 1 spectrum, the 13-F institutional ownership form; is that
- 2 correct?
- 3 A. Correct.
- 4 Q. And you didn't look at Form 5500; is that correct?
- 5 A. That's correct.
- 6 Q. Did you ask anyone at Lexecon to collect that information
- 7 for you?
- 8 A. No, I did not.
- 9 Q. Did the defense counsel offer to provide you with any of
- 10 that information?
- 11 A. No.
- 12 MR. WISE: Your Honor, I have nothing further.
- 13 REDIRECT EXAMINATION
- 14 BY MR. BERNICK:
- 15 Q. Good afternoon, Professor Fischel.
- 16 A. Good afternoon.
- Q. Could we bring over this little flip chart here?
- 18 MR. BERNICK: I once had an opposing lawyer, Your
- 19 Honor, who said that they were going to take away my flip chart
- 20 because then I wouldn't be able to think.
- 21 There may be truth to that.
- 22 THE COURT: No comment, Mr. Bernick. Go ahead.
- 23 BY MR. BERNICK:
- 24 Q. You were asked several questions that were predicated by the
- 25 general question of whether you felt it was important to be

- 1 neutral and impartial. Do you recall that?
- 2 A. I do.
- 3 Q. And then a series of questions were put to you about various
- 4 facts and a lot of those facts related to a firm called Lexecon
- of which you've been a principal; correct?
- 6 A. Correct.
- 7 Q. Let's first of all talk about the questions that were asked
- 8 of you concerning money that you have made in connection with
- 9 your work at Lexecon.
- 10 Has Lexecon turned out to be a very valuable company?
- 11 A. Extremely valuable.
- 12 Q. Let's just give the court a little bit of history about your
- 13 personal involvement and how it came about.
- 14 Roughly when was Lexecon founded?
- 15 A. 1977.
- 16 Q. And were you one of the original principals of Lexecon?
- 17 A. No, I was not.
- 18 Q. Who were the original principals of Lexecon?
- 19 A. Three individuals: Richard Posner, William Landes, and
- 20 Andrew Rosenfield.
- 21 Q. Judge Posner is well known to the court. Could you tell us,
- 22 could you tell the court who William Landes is?
- 23 MR. WISE: Your Honor, I'm going to object. I don't
- 24 know what the relevance is of the founders of Lexecon when
- 25 Professor Fischel has testified that he wasn't even at the firm

- 1 at that point.
- THE COURT: I'm not sure.
- 3 MR. BERNICK: What?
- 4 THE COURT: I'm certainly not sure what the relevance
- 5 is.
- 6 MR. BERNICK: The relevance is basically this witness's
- 7 affiliation with Lexecon has been made out to be basically an
- 8 affiliation that's led him to be a witness for sale. That's
- 9 essentially what has been suggested in no uncertain terms by the
- 10 government. That he represents people who are prepared to pay
- 11 him off in various respects.
- 12 MR. WISE: I think this is a speaking objection.
- 13 THE COURT: It certainly is. It certainly is. You can
- 14 ask a couple of questions about the beginning of the firm but
- 15 then just move on, please.
- 16 BY MR. BERNICK:
- 17 Q. I want to establish what the value of the firm is. Let me
- 18 just ask you. When you were asked questions about the value of
- 19 Lexecon, tell us what comprised the value of Lexecon that gave
- 20 rise to the kinds of numbers that were being discussed?
- 21 A. The willingness of our clients primarily to hire us in the
- 22 biggest and most complicated cases in the country, and then the
- 23 willingness of different entities to purchase Lexecon because of
- 24 the value that they felt Lexecon represented and created for
- 25 them.

- 1 Q. Okay. The value that was create, did that have something to
- 2 do with the services that were provided by the principals of
- 3 Lexecon?
- A. That's really the only source of value. We don't have any
- 5 other business other than the people that we have that do the
- 6 work that we're engaged to perform.
- 7 Q. Let's talk about some of the people who have done work in
- 8 connection with Lexecon.
- 9 Professor Heckman was referred to during the course of
- 10 the examination. The court well knows who Professor Heckman is.
- 11 What other kinds of witnesses, or I should say, what
- other kinds of -- I'll say it -- witnesses have become
- 13 affiliated with Lexecon in connection with its work over the
- 14 years?
- MR. WISE: Your Honor, I object again on relevance
- 16 ground. It's one thing to ask questions about Professor Heckman
- 17 or the others that I mentioned, but to ask about other witnesses
- 18 that weren't mentioned in the cross that aren't in the direct, I
- 19 think it's like asking about the principals.
- 20 MR. BERNICK: Your Honor --
- 21 THE COURT: I'm going to allow a couple of questions,
- 22 since clearly the thrust of the -- a significant part of the
- 23 government's cross was openly or inferentially the integrity of
- 24 the organization. Go ahead.
- MR. BERNICK: That's where I'm going.

- 1 Q. Could you tell us some of the other Professors, faculty
- 2 luminaries that have become affiliated with Lexecon over the
- 3 years?
- 4 A. We've had a number of Nobel Prize winners from different
- 5 universities.
- 6 We had an affiliation with Professor Kenneth Arrow, a
- 7 very prominent Noble Prize winner from Stanford.
- 8 Professors Gary Becker and George Steigler, Nobel Prize
- 9 winners from the University of Chicago.
- 10 We've had affiliations with many other prominent
- 11 academics, a number of whom are, you know, certainly in line to
- 12 win additional Nobel Prizes.
- 13 In addition to that, we have large full-time staff of
- 14 professionals.
- 15 Q. Give me a flavor. Give the court -- I'm sorry -- a flavor
- 16 of some of the professionals that were the subject of questions
- 17 by the government this morning in terms of people who work with
- 18 witnesses. Give the court a flavor for their professional
- 19 qualifications.
- 20 A. Yes. For example, David Gross, the individual that I
- 21 mentioned as well as Rick Flyer, who is the individual who
- 22 worked with Professor Heckman. Those are Ph.D.s, former
- 23 Professors of economics at NYU and the University of Chicago,
- 24 who joined us because they would rather do what we do as opposed
- 25 to continue their academic career.

- 1 We have a number of other former Professors on our
- 2 professional staff. And then we have a significant group of
- 3 Ph.Ds and people with advanced degrees behind Ph.Ds, and then we
- 4 have people with masters degree, MBA degrees, and then we have a
- 5 staff of research assistants, which would be our lowest level.
- Q. Let's talk about Michael Miliken.
- 7 Michael Miliken, or his firm, the firm with which he
- 8 was affiliated, a client of Lexecon's during a certain point in
- 9 time?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. And it was brought out that you've actually published a book
- 12 concerning Mr. Miliken. Do you recall those questions this
- 13 morning?
- 14 A. I do.
- 15 Q. Now, what role did Lexecon play in connection with Michael
- 16 Miliken's litigation?
- 17 A. There was extensive criminal and civil litigation that
- 18 Mr. Miliken was involved in, in the late 1980s and early 1990s,
- 19 and we were retained by -- really by counsel for Mr. Miliken to
- 20 assist in defense of that litigation.
- 21 Q. Okay. Was that a fairly extensive engagement?
- 22 A. Yes, very extensive.
- 23 Q. This book called Payback, which is U.S. Exhibit 93796, it
- 24 was published by, as I see, Harper Business, a division of
- 25 Harper Collins Publishers?

- 1 A. Correct.
- 2 Q. What kinds of people -- tell me, did you write this book
- 3 alone or were there other people who worked with you in
- 4 connection with the book?
- 5 And I'm really focused very specifically on people who
- 6 gave substantive contribution to the book but who were also
- 7 fairly well noted academics in their own right.
- 8 A. I got input from a number of significant academics in the
- 9 University of Chicago and elsewhere. I gave a number of talks
- 10 around the country about the book or the subject matter of the
- 11 book at various universities and got a lot of input from a lot
- 12 of different individuals.
- 13 Q. I see here on Page 12 of the preface mention made of Andy
- Rosenfield and Dennis Carlton. They were at Lexecon?
- 15 A. Correct.
- 16 Q. Bill Landes, also with Lexecon?
- 17 A. Correct.
- 18 Q. Was he a faculty member?
- 19 A. Yes, was and is.
- 20 Q. Judge Frank Easterbrook. I know the court is familiar with
- Judge Easterbrook. Parts of this book were presented to
- 22 academic audiences at Harvard University and the University of
- 23 Chicago. Were those presentations made by you?
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 Q. You also make special note of Walter Blum. Who was Walter

- 1 Blum?
- 2 A. As the paragraph suggests, Walter Blum was my very close
- 3 colleague at the University of Chicago who unfortunately died
- 4 shortly before the publication of the book.
- Q. Was he also a Professor at the law school?
- 6 A. He was.
- 7 Q. In terms of the research that went into this book, was this
- 8 book simply a question of editorial comment or was there
- 9 research that actually was conducted with respect to a wide
- variety of scholarly publications?
- 11 A. The book was really an attempt to use scholarly publications
- 12 and a learning from academia and apply that learning to a lot of
- 13 the high profile legal proceedings that went on in the late
- 14 1980s and early 1990s; everything from the reasons for why
- 15 companies used high-yield bonds to the types of financial
- 16 transactions that were frequently attacked during that period.
- 17 Q. I take it that from time to time during the course of your
- 18 appearance in court you've been cross-examined with respect to
- 19 this book?
- 20 A. Sometimes I've been cross-examined, sometimes it's been used
- 21 to establish credentials.
- 22 Q. I see. Was there anything that counsel for the government
- pointed out in this book that was wrong?
- 24 $\,$ A. No. Obviously, some of the issues are controversial and I
- took a position in the book that not everybody would agree with,

- 1 but I think the book has done well and standing the test of time
- 2 and very proud to have written it.
- 3 Q. Let's talk a little bit more about the second purpose for
- 4 which apparently the government introduced the subject of
- 5 Michael Miliken, was to bring out the fact that a company
- 6 controlled, at least in part by Michael Miliken, ended up
- 7 purchasing Lexecon in 1998?
- 8 A. Correct.
- 9 MR. WISE: Your Honor, I object. It happened very
- 10 quickly. I object to the form of the question. The first part
- of it was, essentially, I think Mr. Bernick testifying, and then
- 12 I just -- I object to the form.
- 13 THE COURT: Objection is overruled. Go ahead.
- Q. There was a suggestion made that in some fashion,
- 15 particularly in connection with the reference to the book, that
- 16 Michael Miliken as a current or former client did you some kind
- of favor by buying Lexecon. At least, that was the inference
- that I think was attempted to be drawn. Let me ask you.
- 19 In 1998 did one of the companies owned in part by
- 20 Michael Miliken, in fact, make a purchase of Lexecon for
- 21 approximately \$90 million?
- 22 A. They did.
- 23 Q. Now, if we go forward from 1998, when the purchase price was
- \$90 million, to the time that the company was sold again in
- 25 2003, did it turn out that Mr. Miliken's company had overpaid

- 1 for Lexecon?
- 2 A. No. They got a very good deal, actually, in terms of
- 3 subsequent history.
- Q. What was Lexecon sold for by Mr. Miliken's company in 2003
- 5 when they sold it to FTI?
- 6 A. I think approximately \$125 million.
- 7 Q. There was also a reference made -- again this question of
- 8 neutrality and impartiality -- reference was made to the fact
- 9 that a RICO lawsuit, a civil RICO lawsuit at one point in time,
- 10 was prosecuted against Lexecon.
- 11 Do you remember that question?
- 12 A. I do.
- Q. Would it be fair to say that over the years Lexecon, through
- 14 its testimony, has been adverse to a number of very powerful and
- 15 influential lawyers?
- 16 A. That's certainly fair.
- 17 Q. And was one of those powerful and influential plaintiff
- 18 firms involved in the process of prosecution of that civil RICO
- 19 suit?
- MR. WISE: Your Honor, I'm going to object.
- 21 First, he's leading.
- 22 And secondly, I simply asked if one of the counsel at
- 23 the table had represented him in that suit. I didn't ask about
- 24 the suit at all. And -- I mean, this is way beyond the scope of
- 25 what I did. I simply wanted to establish that he in fact

- 1 personally had worked with counsel on that suit.
- 2 It was, I think, three questions.
- 3 MR. BERNICK: Well, you could have easily elicited --
- 4 the only purpose was to show that there had been historical ties
- 5 between Mr. Fischel's firm and counsel in this case or other
- 6 counsel involved for the industry, that would have been simple.
- 7 But counsel went out of the way to point out that this was a
- 8 civil RICO lawsuit, just like the kind of lawsuit we're talking
- 9 about here, against Mr. Fischel's firm, and we're entitled to
- 10 bring out exactly what that lawsuit was about and what
- 11 ultimately happened to it.
- 12 MR. WISE: Your Honor, the testimony was elicited
- 13 ultimately counsel won dismissal of the suit. It was simply to
- 14 orient the witness --
- 15 THE COURT: The objection itself is overruled. But,
- 16 number one, I do know what happened to the lawsuit, obviously
- 17 based on the cross-examination. And why don't you bring out
- what you need to as quickly as possible. It has limited
- 19 relevance.
- 20 BY MR. BERNICK:
- 21 Q. Is it a fact that the lawsuit was prosecuted by the Milberg
- Weiss firm on behalf of the plaintiffs?
- 23 A. Yes.
- Q. Did it subsequently emerge that the Milberg Weiss firm
- 25 actually was involved in unlawful conduct when it came to the

- 1 prosecution of that case?
- 2 MR. WISE: Your Honor, again it's leading and --
- 3 MR. BERNICK: I'm trying to get through to the point.
- 4 THE COURT: No, the objection is overruled. Let the
- 5 witness answer.
- 6 BY MR. BERNICK:
- 7 Q. Tell us what happened.
- 8 A. Basically what happened was after the suit was dismissed we
- 9 believed that the suit was, as well as collateral-related
- 10 conduct, was improper and unlawful, and we then sued the lawyers
- 11 who sued us. And if you want the capsule version of the full
- 12 story, after a period of time we eventually prevailed, got a
- jury verdict, a substantial jury verdict, \$45 million, and the
- 14 case was settled before the punitive damages' phase for
- 15 \$50 million.
- 16 Q. Was that the financial windfall that you referred to earlier
- 17 on that then led to your gift to the University of Chicago Law
- 18 School?
- 19 A. It was.
- 20 Q. Let's talk about another fact that was brought out as part
- 21 of the examination, which is the fact that both in connection
- 22 with that case and in connection with other cases, that your
- firm has had relations with some of the law firms that represent
- 24 the tobacco industry in this case. And in order to be
- 25 noncontroversial as possible, I'll pick out my own firm.

- 1 Is Kirkland & Ellis a firm with whom Lexecon has had
- 2 professional relations over the years?
- 3 A. Yes, I would say close professional relations over the
- 4 years.
- 5 Q. Now, tell us, have you been involved in lawsuits where
- 6 Lexecon has been retained by Kirkland & Ellis?
- 7 A. Yes, many times.
- 8 Q. Have you also been in lawsuits where you've been retained by
- 9 clients to testify against Kirkland & Ellis' clients in cases
- 10 where Kirkland & Ellis is on the other side?
- 11 A. Yes, also many times. I have several large cases currently
- where I've testified recently against Kirkland & Ellis, against
- 13 clients represented by Kirkland & Ellis.
- Q. In fact, just a few days ago lawyers from my firm
- 15 cross-examined you in one of those cases.
- 16 A. That's correct.
- 17 Q. Let's also talk about another situation where sometimes
- 18 you've been for, sometimes you've been against, let's talk about
- 19 the Department of Justice.
- 20 Has your firm or have they not done significant work
- 21 for the Department of Justice over the years?
- 22 A. Yes. I would say in the last six or seven years the
- 23 Department of Justice has been our largest client.
- 24 Q. In connection with those matters have you provided testimony
- as an expert in economics and damages?

- 1 A. Yes, many, many times.
- 2 Q. Could you tell us in connection with those matters roughly
- 3 how much money you believe that the United States Government may
- 4 well have saved in connection with your work on those cases, if
- 5 you can?
- 6 A. Well --
- 7 MR. WISE: Your Honor, I object.
- 8 THE COURT: Sustained.
- 9 BY MR. BERNICK:
- 10 Q. Let me put it this way. The cases in which you have worked
- 11 for the Department of Justice, are they multibillion dollar
- 12 cases?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. Have you been recognized, Professor Fischel, by the courts
- for the quality of your work?
- 16 A. Yes, many times.
- 17 Q. I want to show you remarks made by Judge Ackerman of the
- 18 District Court for the District of New Jersey in March of 2004.
- 19 MR. WISE: Your Honor, I'm going to object on relevance
- 20 grounds.
- 21 THE COURT: I'm going to sustain the objection.
- 22 I'm sorry. I don't need to hear what other judges,
- 23 federal or state, have concluded. Every case is different. The
- 24 testimony is different in every case. Obviously, the
- 25 presentation, the expert witness presentation is different. It

- 1 is different. Objection sustained.
- 2 MR. BERNICK: That's fine, Your Honor.
- 3 The only real purpose was to make sure, in light of the
- 4 objection that the government has lodged to his qualifications,
- 5 that in fact these decisions are of record in this case.
- 6 THE COURT: You presented that to me when we had the
- 7 earlier argument.
- 8 MR. BERNICK: I understand that, but I just want to
- 9 make sure -- that was the purpose for the proffer, is to make
- 10 sure it was in the record.
- 11 THE COURT: It's in the record.
- 12 BY MR. BERNICK:
- 13 Q. Let's turn to the work that you did in connection with this
- 14 case specifically.
- 15 First of all, there was reference made to a meeting
- 16 where there was discussion about who involved with Lexecon
- 17 should be addressing what issues; that there was an allocation.
- 18 What was the nature of that allocation? Just tell us in your
- 19 own words.
- 20 A. Just based on the issues that were involved, the relative
- 21 areas of expertise of really myself and another individual,
- 22 Dennis Carlton.
- 23 Q. I want to try to capture now on the subject of the substance
- of the work that you did the following question.
- 25 Your purpose in connection with your testimony -- was

- 1 it your purpose in connection with your testimony to offer an
- 2 independent analysis of what remedies might be appropriate in
- 3 this case or was there a different purpose for your work in this
- 4 case?
- 5 A. Very different purpose.
- 6 Q. Tell us what the purpose was of the work that you did in
- 7 this case.
- 8 A. The purpose was to analyze I would say the real world
- 9 applicability of the opinions and testimony of Professor
- 10 Bazerman in terms of his recommendation that, subsequent to the
- 11 court's ultimate decision in this case, the court should appoint
- 12 monitors who should then consider all of the different possible
- 13 structural changes that he discussed.
- Q. So we have an evaluation of Bazerman.
- 15 A. Correct. That really was the sole purpose.
- 16 Q. Now, counsel asked you a whole bunch of questions about did
- 17 you look at litigation history for the tobacco industry. Do you
- 18 recall those questions?
- 19 A. I do.
- 20 Q. Do you recall he asked you whether you had done an analysis
- 21 to find out whether there were, you know, criminal or grand jury
- 22 investigations? Do you recall that?
- 23 A. I do.
- Q. Do you recall him asking whether you had analyzed the
- 25 industry's compliance with court orders? Do you recall that?

- 1 A. I do.
- 2 Q. He just got done, I think right after lunch, asking you
- 3 questions about, Gee, did you go back and do some work dealing
- 4 with some kind of other survey that was done with respect to
- 5 turnover of CEOs. Do you remember that?
- 6 A. I do.
- 7 Q. Did you on your own conduct any independent review of any of
- 8 these things, as litigation history against the industry,
- 9 criminal investigations, industry compliance with court orders
- or a thorough investigation of CEO turnover?
- 11 A. No, I did not.
- 12 Q. Just tell the court why it is that that was not something
- 13 that you did given the purpose of your testimony in this case.
- 14 A. Because I wasn't offering any opinions on either the
- liability or the damage phase of this case.
- 16 I understand there's evidence and testimony about those
- 17 issues, and the court will ultimately decide, but those were not
- issues that were part of the work that I did .
- 19 The work that I did, as I said, was limited to
- 20 analyzing whether the proposals that Dr. Bazerman made were
- 21 consistent with relevant economic theory and evidence of what
- occurs, not in these laboratory experiments, but in the real
- 23 world.
- Q. So your touchstone was him?
- 25 A. Correct, as I think my testimony makes clear.

- 1 Q. Now, I want to ask you some questions that relate to that.
- 2 During the course -- you reviewed his testimony in this
- 3 case?
- 4 A. I did.
- 5 Q. And I think that you were asked, you know, in what detail
- 6 you reviewed different parts of it. Not to go back over it, but
- 7 let me ask you this.
- 8 Do you see anywhere where Dr. Bazerman himself analyzed
- 9 the full history of litigation against the tobacco industry?
- 10 A. No.
- 11 Q. Do you see anywhere where Dr. Bazerman himself went through
- 12 and did an analysis of what kinds of criminal investigations had
- taken place at the industry and what their outcome was?
- 14 A. No.
- 15 Q. Now, there was a reference to a court order in this case.
- 16 Do you recall that?
- 17 A. I do.
- 18 Q. Do you see anywhere where Dr. Bazerman actually went back
- 19 and took a look systematically at all of the different orders
- 20 that have been issued against the tobacco industry over time and
- the industry's track record of compliance?
- Did Dr. Bazerman go back and do that kind of thorough
- 23 analysis?
- 24 A. Not that I saw.
- 25 MR. WISE: Your Honor, I'm sorry, I didn't get up

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1 quickly enough. I have two problems with these questions.
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- 2 First, it's a assuming facts not in evidence.
- 3 Professor Fischel has testified he didn't read all of
- 4 Dr. Bazerman's testimony.
- 5 Second, these are Professor Fischel's opinions. It's
- 6 just not relevant whether or not Dr. Bazerman conducted work
- 7 that Professor Fischel said was essential to making the opinions
- 8 he's made.
- 9 MR. BERNICK: Saying that just doesn't make it so.
- 10 It's just the opposite way around. It is they who have
- 11 misconceived the burden that was undertaken by this witness.
- 12 I brought out the fact that it was not his burden, and
- 13 moreover, based upon his review of what their witness has done,
- 14 he didn't even do these things.
- 15 MR. WISE: Your Honor, those are the factors he
- 16 identified in his testimony, not that Dr. Bazerman identified in
- 17 his testimony.
- 18 THE COURT: Everybody, those were factors you -- you
- 19 meaning the government -- asked this witness about.
- 20 Now, Mr. Bernick in his redirect is attempting to turn
- 21 the tables, if you will, and find out whether Dr. Bazerman's
- 22 testimony addressed the very issues which the government raised
- with this witness in cross-examining him about his analysis.
- 24 The objection is overruled.
- 25 BY MR. BERNICK:

- 1 Q. Do you see anywhere where Dr. Bazerman did a thorough
- 2 investigation of CEO turnover anywhere?
- 3 A. No.
- 4 Q. You testified -- you were asked on cross-examination about
- 5 things that you said in your direct examination concerning the
- 6 appropriateness of issuing an injunction with contempt
- 7 sanctions. Do you recall that?
- 8 A. I do.
- 9 Q. Based upon your review of what Dr. Bazerman has testified
- 10 about, is there anything that he testified about that, based
- 11 upon your economic analysis, would make compliance issues in
- 12 this industry different from compliance issues elsewhere?
- 13 MR. WISE: Your Honor, I'm going to object. I think
- 14 we're getting -- that question gets us dangerously close to
- 15 testimony that was struck.
- 16 MR. BERNICK: Absolutely not. He testified, and it was
- 17 not stricken in his direct examination, as to the
- 18 appropriateness of injunctive relief.
- 19 There were questions this morning that probed the basis
- 20 for his making those statements; that is, his statements about
- 21 injunctive relief.
- I am focusing like a light beam on that specific thing
- 23 and asking him whether anything that he learned from
- 24 Dr. Bazerman would single out this industry as being different
- 25 from the point of view of injunction compliance.

- 1 It's nothing to do with the opinions of Dr. Bazerman.
- 2 It has to do with the facts that Dr. Bazerman set out in order
- 3 to touchstone for this witness's analysis.
- 4 MR. WISE: Dr. Bazerman discusses a theory from
- 5 behavioral decision research in a section of his testimony that
- 6 addresses this very issue.
- Now, to the extent that Mr. Bernick is asking Professor
- 8 Fischel to comment on that and to provide an analysis of that,
- 9 it goes clearly to issues that were struck from the testimony.
- 10 MR. BERNICK: That's not what I'm doing.
- 11 THE COURT: But this witness was allowed to testify,
- 12 and I did leave in his direct testimony and he was
- 13 cross-examined on the issue of compliance with court orders. So
- 14 the objection is overruled.
- 15 BY MR. BERNICK:
- 16 Q. Was there anything that you learned from the facts set
- 17 forward by Dr. Bazerman that would tell you that the compliance,
- 18 the facts relating to injunction or order compliance with
- 19 respect to this industry are different from other industries?
- 20 A. No. If anything, I think because this industry is so
- 21 scrutinized and so closely monitored by so many different public
- 22 and private monitoring entities, I think, if anything,
- 23 compliance would be easier in this industry than other
- 24 industries.
- 25 Q. I want to ask you this question and get it in the following

- 1 way.
- 2 You were asked a whole bunch of questions on a
- 3 hypothetical basis about various potential structural changes, I
- 4 think they were called, that were outlined by Dr. Bazerman. I
- 5 think it was Bazerman direct 2-3.
- 6 Do you recall being asked a whole series of potential
- 7 structural changes that were described by Dr. Bazerman?
- 8 A. I do.
- 9 Q. And you were also asked about monitoring. Not monitoring,
- 10 but monitors. And I got this question for you.
- 11 As you understood Dr. Bazerman's testimony, did
- 12 Dr. Bazerman actually recommend any structural change to the
- 13 industry?
- 14 A. No. I think he was very clear in not recommending any
- 15 specific structural change to the industry.
- 16 Q. I want to show you the following question and answer from
- Dr. Bazerman's examination. This is at Page 20360.
- 18 The court asked the question. "And is it also your
- 19 testimony that you are not actually recommending that particular
- 20 action at this point, but rather you are simply including that
- 21 action as a possible option for the court and its advisers to
- 22 consider. Is that a fair summary?"
- 23 And the witness says, "That's an excellent summary,
- 24 Your Honor."
- 25 Is that consistent or inconsistent with your own

- 1 analysis of Dr. Bazerman's work; that is, he did not recommend
- 2 anything other than that monitors be appointed for potential
- 3 consideration of further changes?
- 4 A. That's my understanding of his testimony.
- 5 Q. Now, when you were asked about these monitors this morning
- 6 there were questions put to you about your level of expertise
- 7 with respect to monitors. Do you recall that?
- 8 A. I do.
- 9 Q. Let me just begin with some facts.
- 10 As you understood Dr. Bazerman's recommendation for the
- 11 appointment of monitors, would these be monitors whose charge
- 12 was to actually assure compliance with given remedies or were
- these monitors, monitors who had a different role?
- 14 $\,$ A. My understanding of Dr. Bazerman's testimony was in his view
- 15 the court did not have enough information or expertise to decide
- on what the appropriate remedy was and instead there was a need
- 17 to appoint monitors.
- 18 I didn't fully understand what -- the process that the
- 19 monitors would follow, but that the monitors were the ones who
- 20 were going to consider the structural changes in some
- 21 unspecified interaction with the court as opposed to enforcing
- 22 compliance with the remedies that the court eventually decides
- 23 to impose in this case, if that's what the court eventually
- 24 decides to do.
- 25 Q. So we have in this case discovery and pretrial proceedings,

- 1 we have a trial on liability, we have a trial on remedies, and
- 2 then Professor Bazerman comes in and says at some point
- 3 thereafter monitors would be appointed and they would then
- 4 consider and make recommendations regarding remedies rather than
- 5 entering the remedies now.
- 6 Is that your understanding?
- 7 A. That is my understanding.
- 8 Q. Aside from whether you have a particular expertise in
- 9 monitors, are you aware of any provision of the civil rules,
- 10 evidentiary rules or any rules, that would authorize the court
- 11 to hold an entire trial and then appoint monitors to go ahead
- 12 and make recommendations for the ultimately relief in the trial?
- 13 MR. WISE: Your Honor, I'm going to object.
- 14 THE COURT: Sustained.
- 15 BY MR. BERNICK:
- 16 Q. Let's talk a little bit about injunctions.
- 17 You were asked questions with respect to this testimony
- 18 here. At Page 15 of your direct examination you were asked,
- 19 "What tools does the court have available to it to provide
- 20 incentives to current management to refrain from engaging in
- 21 misconduct?"
- 22 And your answer was, "The one that first comes to mind
- is the court's power to identify certain wrongful conduct and
- 24 enter an injunction preventing defendants from engaging in such
- 25 conduct in the future."

- 1 And the part that was quoted to you this morning was
- 2 "Indeed, such a solution would be a much more direct and
- 3 efficient means of accomplishing the goals of preventing future
- 4 misconduct than to require the wholesale replacement of senior
- 5 managers" -- and it goes on to completion.
- 6 You were asked questions about whether you actually had
- 7 performed an analysis of the costs that would be involved in the
- 8 enforcement activities in connection with an injunction. Do you
- 9 recall that?
- 10 A. I do.
- 11 Q. Did you, in fact, perform a specific analysis for this
- 12 industry of the particular costs that would be associated with
- 13 an injunction?
- 14 A. No, other than noting that it would depend on what the
- 15 injunction was, what the court ultimately decides to do.
- 16 Q. Conversely, or on the other side of the equation, did you
- 17 actually perform an analysis of the costs of what would be
- 18 involved, specific costs that would be involved, in replacing
- 19 senior managers?
- 20 A. In general terms, yes, I did.
- 21 Q. Now, this comparison that you're drawing here, what is the
- 22 basis of the comparison?
- 23 In particular, is this a comparison that hinges on the
- 24 particular facts of what the injunction involves or what the
- 25 change in management provides?

- 1 A. No. It's a general statement that I think would have broad
- 2 applicability.
- 3 Q. What is the basis for that statement?
- 4 A. That you have a comparison of two remedies.
- 5 One is an injunction against engaging in conduct, which
- 6 I'm assuming the court concludes that there was sufficient
- 7 misconduct to warrant an injunction, although obviously I don't
- 8 have any opinion on the liability, let alone prediction about
- 9 what the court might do, which is targeted to this basic
- 10 proceeding: the fact finding, the testimony of the witnesses as
- 11 well as the conclusions of the court.
- 12 As I stated, I believe in the current environment in
- 13 which tobacco companies operate, any injunction by a court
- 14 would -- a compliance with that injunction would be closely
- 15 followed by analysts, regulators, rating agencies, plaintiffs
- 16 attorneys, consumer watch dog groups, and all the other
- 17 different types of monitoring entities that I discuss in my
- 18 testimony.
- 19 That's to be compared with a wholesale remedy of
- 20 eliminating a set of managers who have expertise in running
- 21 tobacco companies, which includes the ability to reform, to do
- 22 things in the future such as I discuss in my testimony,
- 23 manufacture, just as an example, a safer cigarette, where's
- there no showing that the people removed had any involvement in
- 25 misconduct or, more importantly, perhaps, that the new people,

- 1 in addition to lacking expertise, won't have the same or worse
- 2 incentives to engage in misconduct than the removed people if
- 3 such incentives exist.
- 4 MR. WISE: Your Honor, I'm going to object to
- 5 Mr. Bernick writing. It seems like he's filling in the blanks
- on his own chart while Professor Fischel was testifying.
- 7 I couldn't tell if any of what Professor Fischel was
- 8 testifying to had to do with what Mr. Bernick has written. And
- 9 I just think -- I mean, it's one thing to lead the witness, but
- 10 to put notes on the board for him.
- 11 THE COURT: Oh, I don't really think that's what he's
- 12 doing.
- 13 MR. BERNICK: Every word that the witness I've got
- 14 written on here the witness has already said, and the blank that
- 15 I've left is the blank for him to fill in based upon my next
- 16 question.
- 17 THE COURT: That's correct. So the objection is
- 18 overruled. Let's have the next question, please.
- 19 BY MR. BERNICK:
- Q. You testified just now, Professor Fischel, that an
- 21 injunction could be targeted, specifically targeted on
- 22 misconduct, and I want to flip to the next question, which is if
- you're replacing management, if you're simply replacing
- 24 management who historically was involved in the operation of the
- company, is that targeted or is that not targeted specifically

- 1 to misconduct?
- 2 A. It's the opposite of targeted. It's not targeted.
- 3 Q. Now you were asked questions on Page 16 -- I thought this
- 4 was an interesting kind of question. In fairness, you paused,
- 5 making it even more interesting what your answer was going to
- 6 be. But the question that got put to you related to the
- 7 question and answer that appears at lines 9 through 19 of
- 8 Page 16.
- 9 Do you recall being asked the question about, well,
- 10 gee, if it turns out that this industry in fact has engaged in
- 11 RICO violations -- that is, Judge Kessler decides that my client
- 12 and other clients have been involved in RICO violations --
- doesn't that give lie to the notion that the usual checks and
- 14 balances are adequate to assure compliance with the law? And
- 15 that's the question I want to go back to. Let me ask you this
- 16 question.
- 17 We are here in the middle of a trial concerning conduct
- 18 that has taken place in the past and may take place in the
- 19 future. At the end of this trial the court will decide whether
- 20 there's liability and, if so, what relief and may issue an
- 21 injunction.
- One of the things we've been talking about is whether
- 23 the injunction is a good idea or whether some more novel remedy
- 24 would be better.
- The hypothetical that counsel gave you this morning,

- 1 which is that it turns out that there was unlawful conduct in
- 2 the past in whatever corporate governance context there was,
- does that tell you whether, in fact, the same companies will be
- 4 able or unable to comply with a traditional injunction backed up
- 5 by contempt sanctions.
- 6 A. No. They are very different and that's the reason that I
- 7 paused, because there's a big difference between litigating your
- 8 position in good faith and losing on the one side, and
- 9 deliberately violating an order of a court, particularly again
- in the context in which this industry is operating for reasons
- 11 that I've already described and won't repeat.
- 12 Q. In talking about compliance with orders and compliance with
- 13 the law, you were asked about this article that you wrote with
- 14 Judge Easterbrook, I guess while he was still -- before he had
- 15 been elevated and he was a Professor of Law at the University of
- 16 Chicago. This was Exhibit 93821. It was called Antitrust Suits
- by Targets of Tender Offers. Do you recall that?
- 18 A. I do.
- 19 Q. And a question was raised concerning a footnote, if I can
- 20 lay my fingers on it.
- 21 THE COURT: I remember it quite well, Mr. Bernick.
- MR. BERNICK: That's why I'm asking, Your Honor.
- 23 Q. It was an eye popper here, Professor Fischel, so I went back
- 24 and decided whenever you get a footnote, you got to see what
- 25 else is there, but I don't know how you're going answer the

- 1 question and I'm interested in it.
- 2 This says, footnote 57, "As we have argued in part 1,
- 3 however, managers do not have an ethical duty to obey economic
- 4 regulatory laws just because the laws exist."
- Now, let's be clear on that. Does that mean that, are
- 6 you saying affirmatively that managers don't have to behavior
- 7 ethically?
- 8 MR. WISE: Your Honor, I'm going to object because this
- 9 is really leading now.
- 10 THE COURT: Sustained.
- 11 BY MR. BERNICK:
- 12 Q. I'll go on.
- 13 THE COURT: What are you saying.
- 14 THE WITNESS: This reflects a very well known principle
- 15 in law and economics literature, Your Honor, that the
- 16 difference --
- 17 THE COURT: That anything that earns money is okay;
- 18 right?
- 19 THE WITNESS: No, no, no.
- THE COURT: Sorry.
- 21 MR. BERNICK: That's the way that it sounded, Professor
- 22 Fischel.
- 23 THE WITNESS: Then we should write more -- we should
- 24 write our footnotes more artfully.
- 25 But the basic idea is that there are some types of

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1 regulatory offenses, and elsewhere we have a careful distinction
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- 2 between regulatory offenses and other types of offenses that are
- 3 more serious, involve health and safety and things of that
- 4 nature, but there are some times of regulatory offenses that
- 5 have a fine associated with them. Because the idea, as the
- 6 footnote suggests, is that the fine is the penalty that Congress
- 7 or a regulatory body sets for whether or not you choose to
- 8 comply.
- 9 A trivial example, but one that communicates the idea,
- 10 is a parking ticket. That there are times that if you have a
- 11 medical emergency you might be willing to park in a No Parking
- 12 area, or if you're in a rush or whatever it is, because you know
- 13 that you can either park legally or park illegally and pay the
- 14 fine. As long as you pay all the parking tickets you're not, at
- 15 least from the framework that we're discussing in this article,
- 16 you're not doing anything that's unethical or immoral because
- 17 the regulatory body sets the penalty for a parking ticket. And
- there's all kinds of economic regulations that have that
- 19 quality. That you can repeat the offense so long as you pay the
- fine and you're not behaving in an unethical way.
- 21 That's why the focus is on economic regulations as
- opposed to, for example, health and safety regulations, which at
- 23 other points we carefully distinguish as the type of law that
- has to be obeyed in every case and is not the type of law where
- 25 Congress sets or a regulatory body sets a price for violating

- 1 the particular regulation at issue.
- 2 As I said, it's a very well recognized, widely written
- 3 about concept in law and economics.
- 4 BY MR. BERNICK:
- 5 Q. In fairness to you, Professor Fischel, unless the court
- 6 believed that this is an illustration of your talents as a
- 7 witness in responding to questions, footnote 1 does -- footnote
- 8 57 does refer to part 1 of the paper. Do you see that?
- 9 A. Correct.
- 10 Q. Let's go to part 1. I've got a whole bunch of notes here
- 11 which I will remove. Do we see in part 1 a discussion of the
- 12 role of antitrust sanctions.
- 13 A. Yeah. That's a further elaboration on the same point.
- 14 Q. Is there a doctrine that is kind of shorthand for talking
- 15 about this concept; that is, the Congress or the law maker sets
- 16 a sanction that's appropriate for the nature of the injury and
- there's kind of a commensurate relationship?
- 18 A. Yeah. It's really the application of the economic -- excuse
- 19 me -- the efficient breach principle from contracts which has
- 20 evolved into this literature on prices versus sanctions.
- 21 Q. Does this have anything to do with, you know, moral or
- 22 societal laws? Is this a commentary on ethics?
- 23 A. No. In fact, elsewhere Judge Easterbrook and I explicitly
- 24 make that distinction that for certain types of offenses,
- 25 particularly health and safety offenses, the understanding in

- 1 terms of compliance is very different precisely because of
- 2 the -- it's not a situation where the right thing to do, if the
- 3 legislature sets a certain fine, is to violate and pay the fine.
- 4 Q. Where you have an injunction with contempt sanctions, does
- 5 the court or does it not have the flexibility to set the
- 6 sanction at a level depending upon the kind of conduct that is
- 7 sought to be prevented?
- 8 MR. WISE: Your Honor, I think that calls for a legal
- 9 conclusion. Does the court have the power to set a sanction?
- 10 THE COURT: Sustained.
- 11 BY MR. BERNICK:
- 12 Q. The doctrine of injunctions and contempt sanctions, does
- 13 this or does this not offer the flexibility to accommodate the
- 14 economic balancing that you've just referred to?
- 15 A. It's clearly related because an injunction in effect denies
- 16 firms the choice of engaging in a certain conduct and paying a
- fine or not engaging in the conduct.
- 18 An injunction is a prohibition on engaging in a certain
- 19 type of conduct. So that remedy in effect would take the whole
- 20 situation out of the context that we were writing about in this
- 21 article.
- 22 Q. Got it. A couple of miscellaneous questions and then I've
- got one last topic.
- 24 First, with regard to the Business Roundtable. You did
- 25 make reference to the fact that you at least had the impression

- 1 that they might be involved in conducting also research in
- 2 addition to their advocacy activities. Do you recall that?
- 3 A. Correct.
- Q. In fact, has the Business Roundtable sponsored research?
- 5 A. Yes, they sponsored a lot of research, which is one of the
- 6 reasons I was hesitant to characterize it as purely an advocacy
- 7 organization.
- 8 Q. What kind of research are you familiar with?
- 9 A. They've sponsored a lot of research on board structure.
- They've sponsored a lot of research on the effect of
- 11 the choice between federal and state law in the -- particularly
- 12 in the tort area in connection with various proposals for tort
- 13 reform.
- 14 They've been involved in trying to assess the effects
- of certain types of litigation on companies and the economy as a
- 16 whole. Those are the things that I'm aware of.
- 17 Q. Let's talk a little bit about the hypothetical questions
- 18 that you were asked. I'm sorry, I forgot one other
- 19 miscellaneous thing.
- 20 THE COURT: When you're done with your miscellaneous
- 21 questions, we ought to take a short break.
- MR. BERNICK: I'm not going to run into time problems
- 23 this afternoon, Your Honor.
- 24 THE COURT: I know, but our court reporter.
- 25 MR. BERNICK: I understand. I'm saying any time you

- 1 would like to --
- 2 THE COURT: Let's finish the miscellaneous and then we
- 3 will take a short break.
- 4 BY MR. BERNICK:
- 5 Q. Showing you an excerpt from Exhibit 93827, which was the
- 6 book that you co-authored with Judge Easterbrook. It says here
- 7 at Page 83, "As we have emphasized, there's no reason why those
- 8 who supply capital to the firm should have an interest or
- 9 expertise in managing the firm's affairs. Given the combination
- 10 of a collective action problem and easy exit through the stock
- 11 market, the rational strategy for most dissatisfied shareholders
- 12 is to sell rather than incur costs in attempting to bring about
- 13 change through votes."
- Now, this was offered up by way of questioning to what
- 15 extent institutional or other shareholders really could be
- 16 counted on to perform a monitoring kind of function. Do you
- 17 recall that?
- 18 A. I do.
- 19 Q. The specific context of this quote is a chapter on voting
- and the quote relates to voting. Let me ask you this.
- 21 Whether or not shareholders decide to stick around or
- 22 instead to sell and vote, is voting the only way that
- 23 shareholders reactions to corporate conduct make a difference?
- 24 A. No. No.
- 25 Q. In what other ways --

- 1 A. Particularly for institutional shareholders.
- 2 Q. In what ways do institutional shareholders make a difference
- 3 other than in their votes?
- 4 A. Well, frequently the management of the firm is responsive to
- 5 the interests of the larger shareholders, and when the
- 6 performance of the firm is inferior, meaning that the profits
- 7 are too low or the firm is involved in scandal or anything of --
- 8 any other reason to cause dissatisfaction on the part of the
- 9 institutional investors, they can -- first of all, they can
- organize together, they can pressure management as they
- 11 frequently do to make changes. Sometimes management are
- 12 designated by institutional investors so they can be replaced by
- institutional investors as sometimes occurs.
- MR. BERNICK: Your Honor, I am done with the
- 15 miscellaneous, and I have got one more topic left and I'll be
- 16 done.
- 17 THE COURT: All right. About how long will you be?
- 18 MR. BERNICK: I think it will probably take about 10 or
- 19 15 minutes.
- 20 THE COURT: Let me ask one final question before we
- 21 break for a few minutes.
- I am operating on the assumption, I hope correctly,
- that we are going to be able to finish Dr. Carlton's testimony
- on Thursday, June 2nd.
- 25 MR. BERNICK: I certainly would hope so, but that's --

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1 THE COURT: I do, too, since I just made two
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- 2 appointments for that morning. But, Mr. Brody, and I didn't
- 3 forget or blank out, Mr. Brody.
- 4 MR. BRODY: Your Honor, it will be close by our current
- 5 estimate. It will be very close.
- 6 THE COURT: Okay. Let's just take 10 minutes,
- 7 everybody.
- 8 (Recess began at 3:13 p.m.)
- 9 (Recess ended at 3:25 p.m.)
- 10 THE COURT: Mr. Bernick.
- MR. BERNICK: Thank you, Your Honor.
- 12 BY MR. BERNICK:
- Q. I want to show you Page 2 of Dr. Bazerman's direct
- 14 examination, which was the subject of some of the hypothetical
- 15 questions that were asked of you this morning by the government.
- 16 I want to go through each of these and ask you to make some
- 17 hypothetical assumptions as well.
- 18 First, I want you to assume -- these are all the
- 19 structural changes that Dr. Bazerman recommends that the court
- 20 consider. Do you recall that?
- 21 A. I do.
- Q. We look at A. A is eliminating economic incentives for
- defendants to sell cigarettes to young people. And I want you
- 24 to assume that the -- probably the better word would have been
- 25 market, because I want you to assume that the defendants here do

- 1 not actually sell cigarettes directly to young people. So let's
- 2 make that, eliminating economic incentives for defendants to
- 3 market cigarettes to young people.
- I further want you to assume that, according to the
- 5 government's own economist, changes in the defendants' marketing
- 6 practices are not expected to change youth smoking.
- 7 A. Okay.
- 8 Q. And the question is, would eliminating profits actually
- 9 earned by the tobacco companies from sales that do take place to
- 10 young people, regardless of the defendants' marketing practices,
- 11 would that make economic sense from your point of view?
- 12 A. No, it would not from my point of view.
- 13 Q. And why is that?
- 14 A. Because there's a disconnect between the conduct of the
- 15 defendants, which if I understood the hypothetical correctly,
- 16 they either did not engage in misconduct or stopped engaging in
- 17 misconduct, and the remedy, it would just be a tax on the
- defendant companies as a result of no wrongdoing of theirs, if
- 19 I'm making that assumption.
- 20 And moreover, it would create perverse incentives for
- 21 other firms to increase their efforts to sell and to market to
- young people because the penalty would not be borne by those
- firms, it would be borne by the firms that haven't engaged in
- 24 any wrongdoing.
- Q. I see the court has got a little bit of a frown. Let me go

- back over the hypothetical to make sure that it's --
- 2 THE COURT: No, I understand. You're asking him to
- 3 assume that there's been no misconduct.
- 4 MR. BERNICK: I'm sorry?
- 5 THE COURT: You're asking him to assume that there has
- 6 been no misconduct.
- 7 MR. BERNICK: Well, actually, that's part of why I want
- 8 you to go back.
- 9 BY MR. BERNICK:
- 10 Q. I want you to assume that the testimony from the
- 11 government's own experts is that the defendants' marketing
- 12 practices, whether they change or not -- whether they change or
- not -- and I'm obviously having reference, Your Honor, to
- $\ensuremath{\text{Dr.}}$ Gruber -- whether they change or not is not going to affect
- 15 youth smoking, would it make economic sense to nonetheless
- 16 remove all of the profits that accrue to the sale of cigarettes
- 17 to young people from the defendants even though their marketing
- 18 practices are assumed not to have an impact on youth smoking?
- 19 A. It wouldn't make economic sense for the reasons that I
- 20 stated.
- 21 There's a disconnect between the assumption that you're
- 22 asking me to make and the remedy, which is not -- under the
- assumption, the challenge for wrongful conduct is not causally
- 24 related to the harm, and because of that absence of causal
- 25 relationship there would be this disconnect in the remedy that

- 1 would be imposed.
- 2 Q. Let's go to B. B says, changing compensation and promotion
- 3 policies for managers and executives -- that's understandable,
- 4 fair?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. But it says, for executives to produce outcomes inconsistent
- 7 with misconduct.
- 8 Can you parse that for us? Changing compensation and
- 9 promotion practices for managers and executives to produce
- 10 outcomes inconsistent with misconduct. Do you know what that
- 11 means?
- 12 A. I think I understand what it means.
- 13 Q. Tell us what you think it means.
- 14 A. I think he is advocating that the monitor consider, and then
- 15 ultimately the court consider depending on the conclusions of
- 16 the monitor, that the compensation and promotion policies for
- 17 managers and executives -- managers and executives of tobacco
- 18 companies be changed in order to produce outcomes that do not
- 19 involve misconduct. That's my best --
- 20 Q. Do you understand -- let me give you a different
- 21 hypothetical.
- 22 Would it make economic sense, if you wanted to assure
- that managers and executives did not engage in misconduct, would
- 24 it make economic sense, to make this a little simpler --
- 25 THE COURT: What's the objection?

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1 MR. WISE: Your Honor, the questions that were asked of
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- 2 Professor Fischel on cross were whether these remedies flowed
- 3 logically from the assumptions.
- 4 To ask Professor Fischel in this broad way if it makes
- 5 economic sense when his proffer was for a very specific purpose
- 6 I think takes us outside of what he was proffered for and back
- 7 into the problems we had yesterday where it was sort of -- it's
- 8 almost like an ambush.
- 9 Again, it's sort of whatever -- whatever can be labeled
- 10 as economics is appropriate for Professor Fischel to testify
- 11 about. That's not -- I think that's not the case.
- 12 And to the extent that we asked -- that I asked whether
- 13 a certain response was logical does not mean that then opens the
- 14 door for discussion of the economics of a particular principal
- 15 when that is not what the witness has been proffered for.
- MR. BERNICK: I think I understand the point.
- 17 The point is the government can ask their hypothetical
- 18 questions and then ask whether the result makes logical sense,
- 19 but we can't ask our hypothetical questions and ask whether the
- 20 remedy makes economic sense.
- 21 MR. WISE: That uses the word --
- MR. BERNICK: I'm sorry. I don't believe that counsel
- 23 can control the scope of the redirect examination quite so
- 24 finally.
- 25 They have opened the door for hypothetical questions of

- 1 this witness regarding these different possible remedies, and
- 2 I'm simply asking him a question that falls directly within the
- 3 scope of his original direct examination, no part that was
- 4 stricken, that deals with the economic reality of how decisions
- 5 get made. And this door is squarely open.
- 6 MR. WISE: Your Honor, the use of the word "logical"
- 7 came from Professor Fischel's deposition where he repeatedly
- 8 referred to his criticisms as flowing from logic, as being
- 9 logical criticisms, and the choice of the word "logic" was very
- 10 deliberate.
- 11 As a result of that, further to change the hypothetical
- 12 like this does not place us within the scope of the cross. If
- 13 the questions were within the hypothetical, that would be one
- 14 thing, but to morph it in this way and attempt to bring in new
- 15 expert testimony is inappropriate.
- 16 THE COURT: The objection is overruled.
- 17 BY MR. BERNICK:
- 18 Q. Within the spirit of B, would a simpler way of putting this
- 19 B, to change the compensation and promotion practices for
- 20 managers and executives, not geared to outcomes consistent or
- 21 inconsistent but simply geared to misconduct?
- 22 MR. WISE: I object, Your Honor. I think the question
- 23 is vague.
- 24 THE COURT: Sustained. I don't think I heard a
- 25 question.

- 1 BY MR. BERNICK:
- Q. Well, I'll put it this way?
- 3 Would it make -- if you want to provide economic
- 4 disincentives for misconduct by changing compensation and
- 5 promotion practices so that it is targeted to misconduct, how
- 6 should this read?
- 7 A. It should read --
- 8 MR. WISE: Objection, Your Honor. How should this
- 9 read? This is the kind of the literary criticism that I raised
- in the objection.
- 11 THE COURT: Sustained.
- 12 Honestly, Mr. Bernick, I don't understand what you're
- 13 trying to elicit from this witness.
- 14 Are you trying to ask him what, in his expertise, what
- 15 structural changes would accomplish a particular goal? Namely,
- 16 how would he change compensation and promotion policies in order
- 17 to provide disincentives for misconduct. Is that what you're
- 18 asking?
- 19 MR. BERNICK: That's pretty close, and that's fair.
- 20 I'm trying to bring out, Your Honor, the language here
- 21 is --
- 22 THE COURT: We're not correcting that language. That's
- done, and done.
- MR. BERNICK: Fine. I won't pursue it any further.
- 25 BY MR. BERNICK:

- 1 Q. Dr. Fischel, if you want to misconduct economically, how do
- 2 you target misconduct economically?
- 3 A. I think it's very important to have a remedy that is
- 4 directly related to the misconduct because otherwise you're
- 5 penalizing conduct that might be socially beneficial and might
- 6 be beneficial for the company, its consumers, employees,
- 7 investors and the like.
- 8 And I think the problem, if I understand this provision
- 9 correctly, is that it doesn't limit the changes to any specific
- 10 findings of misconduct.
- 11 Q. Let's talk about D, requiring subcontracting of all research
- 12 to private companies monitored by the court.
- 13 Does Dr. Bazerman anywhere in his testimony indicate
- 14 what research can even be done by subcontractors for the tobacco
- 15 industry?
- 16 MR. WISE: Your Honor, I just want to make it clear
- 17 that his answer is confined by the scope of Your Honor's
- 18 rulings. We are again going into what I think is dangerous
- 19 territory.
- 20 THE COURT: I don't think my rulings, though, excluded
- 21 anything on this particular issue.
- MR. WISE: I agree, Your Honor. It's the issue of when
- 23 Mr. Bernick asks Professor Fischel to go into analyzing
- 24 Dr. Bazerman's -- I'm looking for the specific line.
- 25 THE COURT: Subcontracting of research.

1 MR. WISE: Right. Does he indicate what research --

- 2 I'm sorry.
- 3 MR. BERNICK: What research can even be done by
- 4 subcontractor for the tobacco industry.
- 5 THE COURT: Objection is overruled. I think this
- 6 witness can answer it.
- 7 BY MR. BERNICK:
- 8 Q. Does Dr. Bazerman anywhere indicate what research actually
- 9 could be subcontracted by the tobacco industry?
- 10 A. No. He just said something the monitor should consider.
- 11 Q. E, requiring defendants to sell intact their research and
- 12 development, current product development activities, and all
- other relevant material regarding safer cigarettes.
- 14 Let me ask you this. I want you to assume for purposes
- of my question that the industry believes and does safer
- 16 cigarette research as a central part of their competition both
- 17 among themselves and with nondefendants. I want you to make
- 18 that assumption.
- 19 If safer cigarette research is a central part of their
- 20 competitive effort, does it make any economic sense to require
- 21 that industry members be forced to sell their R&D activities in
- 22 a safer cigarette area?
- 23 A. If I make that assumption, then this particular remedy would
- 24 inflict a lot of harm.
- Q. Going back to the discussion that we had here at the outset

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1 this morning referring to J-DEM 010426, the factual difference
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- 2 that you pointed out between the hypothetical -- the railroad
- 3 hypothetical on the one hand and business decisions and
- 4 compliance decisions in the real world as you discussed them on
- 5 the other.
- 6 Is there any fact that was brought to your attention on
- 7 cross-examination, any fact, that would call into question the
- 8 factual contrasts that you identified between the hypothetical
- 9 and the real world?
- 10 A. No.
- 11 MR. BERNICK: I have nothing further, Your Honor.
- 12 THE COURT: All right.
- 13 MR. WISE: Your Honor, I'd like to make a motion that I
- 14 think would best be done out of the presence of the witness, but
- 15 I'll ask the witness not to be released yet.
- 16 THE COURT: Do you want to do it at bench or ask him to
- 17 step outside?
- 18 MR. WISE: Perhaps stepping outside would be easiest.
- 19 THE COURT: All right, Professor Fischel.
- 20 (Professor Fischel left the courtroom.)
- 21 MR. WISE: Your Honor, I'd like to renew or make anew
- 22 the 702 and Daubert objections that we raised initially based on
- 23 the content of the cross and the redirect. And I think it
- 24 really, without taking too much time, it really boils down to a
- 25 couple of salient features.

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- 2 reliably looked at in reaching a conclusion.
- 3 MR. BERNICK: Very briefly, Your Honor.
- 4 THE COURT: All right.
- 5 MR. BERNICK: First, we have -- it's kind of an irony,
- 6 but there's been a consistent misapprehension of what Professor
- 7 Fischel was offered to do.
- 8 It is the government's burden to present witnesses who
- 9 have the ability to support their recommendations and opinions
- 10 regarding remedies. That's their burden.
- 11 The sole purpose of calling Professor Fischel was to
- 12 expose in a sense the irrelevance of the data that had been
- 13 gathered by Dr. Bazerman and to explore the absence of factual
- 14 support introduced by Dr. Bazerman.
- 15 Professor Fischel did not purport to have done his own
- analysis. He didn't purport to have ruled out the null
- 17 hypothesis. He didn't purport to have done any kind of
- 18 controlled study and, for that matter, offer any ultimate
- 19 economic opinion about what remedies should be offered here. He
- was directly a response to Dr. Bazerman and the factual
- 21 predicates for Dr. Bazerman's testimony.
- 22 So to say that he didn't go ahead and do his own study
- 23 completely misses the point. He was there to point out that the
- 24 government through its witness did not discharge its burden of
- 25 proof.

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With regard to the two tables that are at issue. Again
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       there's a misapprehension of even what the tables purport to
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       say. The table dealing with the highest ranking officers of
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       tobacco companies was not even designed to be specific to these
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       defendants. It was designed to talk about a characteristic of
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       the tobacco industry and that's what it says.
                "Experience in the tobacco industry appears to be
       particularly important in running a tobacco company." So any
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       tobacco company would do, and that's what he did, he listed a
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       whole bunch of tobacco companies. They want him to have been
       dealing with these particular defendants, but that's not what
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       the table was offered for.
                With respect to the survey, the survey in his own
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       testimony was designed to be exemplary. Those are his words.
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       Here are some examples. They are set forth here.
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                And all the quarreling with whether it's one company or
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       more than one company is kind of generally instructive on how
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       precise the analysis is, but it certainly doesn't go to undercut
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       substantially the weight of what he was saying which is, Look
       all around you. It's happening. Read the newspapers every day.
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       It's happening.
                To perform a more detailed study would certainly have
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       been instructive but it was not our burden. It's the burden of
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       their witness to do it. And that is the ultimate irony is all
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these statement about empirical data, null hypothesis, we

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1 completely endorsed the idea that they ought to be applied to
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- 2 this case, but first and foremost they ought to be met by the
- 3 government's own witnesses, and that's why we are filing the
- 4 motion we are filing because they haven't done it.
- 5 All that Professor Fischel did was not to try to make
- 6 Dr. Bazerman's evidence better than it was or to bring more
- 7 evidence to the table, it was to point out the absence of
- 8 supported data for Dr. Bazerman's testimony.
- 9 So, this is just a mismatch. This not a question of a
- 10 witness who has performed a formalized analysis and is offering
- 11 an opinion based upon a thorough going analysis of all the
- 12 literature and data.
- 13 He completely disavowed that. That's not what he's
- 14 there. We do have a unique situation where their witness have
- 15 failed to carry that burden, we're certainly entitled to call
- our own witnesses to point out that fact.
- 17 MR. WISE: Your Honor, there aren't two sets of rules.
- 18 One set for government experts and another set for defense
- 19 experts. The same rules apply.
- 20 And regardless of whether defendants called Professor
- 21 Fischel to respond to Dr. Bazerman or do something else, he
- 22 still needed to do the work, and I think that's what came out on
- 23 cross.
- 24 There are not sufficient bases for the opinions that he
- 25 has reached. You know, identifying or conceding that those

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1 opinions are criticisms, they still need to be supported in
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- 2 order to be evidence in this proceeding.
- 3 But Mr. Bernick -- I mean, at one point to say that,
- 4 you know, he relied on the fact that it's out there. They are
- 5 in the newspapers. That's exactly right. That's what that
- 6 table amounted to. And the court doesn't need someone to tell
- 7 the court what's in the newspapers. That's not scientific
- 8 expert testimony. And that is really the core problem with
- 9 Professor Fischel's testimony.
- 10 Even if it's simply criticism, it still needs to
- 11 satisfy the rules in order to be evidence, and it's only
- 12 evidence if it's based on reliable principles and methods.
- We're not quarreling with the outcome.
- 14 But again the cross has revealed that there were
- significant methodological problems both in the conclusory
- 16 statements he made that were based on no study and in the two
- 17 attempts to collect some data to support more conclusory
- 18 statements.
- 19 THE COURT: The government's correct about one thing
- 20 and that is that the Daubert and the Rule 702 rules apply
- 21 across-the-board even when an expert witness is, as was the case
- 22 with Professor Fischel, being proffered to submit a critique of
- an opposing expert witness. The critiquer still has to meet the
- 24 standards and still has to have the requisite credentials, et
- 25 cetera, and meet all the requirements that we know are in Rule

- 1 720 and Daubert.
- 2 I don't think that different rules apply when an expert
- 3 is being used, not to proffer his own independent remedy -- in
- 4 this case, independent substantive remedies for the court but
- 5 rather to critique a prior witness.
- 6 Having said that, I ruled initially as to what portions
- 7 of his testimony could be admitted and what portions did meet
- 8 the Daubert standards. I think at this point the issue before
- 9 the court goes to the weight of the testimony.
- I think the government certainly brought out in cross
- 11 many additional things that I did not know about in my initial
- 12 ruling, but all of those issues that were raised in the cross in
- 13 terms of matters that were not considered by the witness and in
- 14 terms of what bias might or might not exist as to that witness,
- 15 it seems to me that all of those questions or issues, I should
- say, go to my weighing as a fact finder the validity and
- 17 accuracy and usefulness of his testimony. They don't go to the
- antecedent issue of admissibility. I think at least at a
- 19 minimum level the witness met those standards. And so,
- 20 therefore, the government's motion is denied at this time.
- 21 I think we're done for today, everybody. Tuesday at
- 9:30. I have not begun to look at those papers yet and so we
- 23 will have to, not discuss them, but make rulings on Tuesday
- 24 morning, everyone.
- 25 And I think that counsel are going to be submitting

Τ	some very short papers this afternoon. I don't know what time
2	you all are planning. I think we said 5:00 o'clock.
3	MR. FREDERICK: Ours has been filed and it's on its way
4	over.
5	THE COURT: I see. Thank you.
6	And I hope everybody has a safe trip to wherever they
7	are going and gets at least some relaxation this weekend. I
8	don't think anybody will be taking the whole weekend off.
9	Thank you, everybody.
LO	(Proceedings concluded at 3:50 p.m.)
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