

EXHIBIT A

1 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
2 FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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5 BLAKE LIVELY,

6 Plaintiff,

7 vs.

CASE NO. 24-CV-10049-LJL (LEAD CASE)

25-CV-449 (LJL) (MEMBER CASE)

8 WAYFARER STUDIOS LLC, ET AL.

9 Defendants.

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11 JENNIFER ABEL,

Third-party Plaintiff,

12 vs.

JONESWORKS, LLC,

Third-party Defendant.

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14 WAYFARER STUDIOS LLC, et al.

Consolidated Plaintiffs,

15 vs.

BLAKE LIVELY, et al.

Consolidated Defendants.

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17 **REPORTER'S TRANSCRIPT OF COURT CALL PROCEEDINGS**

18 TAKEN DURING THE VIDEO-RECORDED DEPOSITION OF

19 NICOLE ALEXANDER

20 WITH ALL PARTIES APPEARING TELEPHONICALLY

21 Monday, December 15, 2025

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23 Stenographically Reported by: Ashley Soevyn,

24 CALIFORNIA CSR No. 12019
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1 separately with the court reporter. But let me hear
2 from Mr. Fritz.

3 MR. FRITZ: Thank you.

4 MS. GOVERNSKI: Your Honor, I just want
5 to make one quick correction. We did not submit the
6 9/29 letter to the Court. I misspoke. We submitted
7 it to the other side. I just wanted to make sure
8 the record is clear.

9 THE COURT: Mr. Fritz.

10 MR. FRITZ: Thank you, Your Honor.
11 Unfortunately, Ms. Governski's recitation is
12 completely inaccurate. The way the deposition
13 started was Ms. Governski gratuitously asking the
14 witness what her illness was on the record. Even
15 though we had memorialized it in a writing to your
16 Honor, in general terms. And then to perhaps
17 attempt to embarrass the witness, Blake Lively's
18 counsel then asked her about her illness.

19 THE COURT: What is wrong? The illness
20 was what justified the extension, right?

21 MR. FRITZ: That's right. But the
22 specifics I don't believe were necessary, Your
23 Honor.

24 Then there was an objection and
25 instruction not to answer based on attorney-client

1 privilege.

2 THE COURT: With an expert? A testifying
3 expert? I don't think that's an objection that you
4 would enjoy with a testifying expert.

5 MR. FRITZ: The witness testified that
6 different counsel, not my firm or the Liner Freedman
7 firm had spoken to her. And Ms. Governski was
8 asking her about communications with that other
9 counsel who the witness was unable to identify. So
10 in an abundance of caution, I instructed her not to
11 answer. And I told Ms. Governski that I would meet
12 and confer with her about it after the deposition so
13 I could fully understand what counsel the witness
14 was referring to.

15 And then Ms. Governski proceeded to
16 lambaste into me, asked me if I knew what
17 attorney-client privilege was and was completely
18 improper, where I simply stated the basis for my
19 objection and I was willing to move on and meet and
20 confer off the record.

21 Then after two hours of questioning, Your
22 Honor, after the witness finished the answer, I
23 said, "We've been going for two hours, let's take a
24 break." Ms. Governski then said "I want to finish
25 my line of question" and she proceeded to then ask

1 another question. And then she tried to argue that
2 because the question was purportedly pending, it was
3 appropriate to ask for a break. We then conferred
4 with the stenographer and the stenographer conferred
5 my point of view and my recollection was that no
6 question was pending. After which point,
7 Ms. Governski finally backed down and allowed the
8 witness to take a break.

9 In the last instance, Your Honor, the
10 witness said she didn't understand the question or
11 she was confused. And she was explaining to
12 Ms. Governski why she was confused. And in the
13 middle of that explanation, Ms. Governski abruptly
14 and rudely and with a sharp tone interrupted her.
15 And those interruptions had been frequent by
16 Ms. Governski, and her tone and snide remarks to the
17 witness.

18 So I explained to Ms. Governski, "Why
19 don't you wait for the witness to explain to you why
20 she's confused so that perhaps the next question
21 will not be confusing." At which point,
22 Ms. Governski was the one who asked for the
23 conference with the Court. And of course I said,
24 "if you want to do that, fine."

25 So this summary by Ms. Governski about

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Dated: December 16, 2025



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