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VS.

LAMPO GROUP

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3	NASHVILLE DIVISION
4	CAITLIN O'CONNOR,
5	Plaintiff,
6	vs. Case No. 3:20-cv-00628
7	THE LAMPO GROUP, LLC
8	a/k/a RAMSEY SOLUTIONS,
9	Defendant.
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13	***CONFIDENTIAL***
14	(UNTIL FURTHER DETERMINATION)
15	Video Deposition of:
16	MARK FLOYD
17	Taken on behalf of the Plaintiff June 30, 2021
18	Commencing at 9:51 a.m.
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2	STIPULATIONS
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5	The Video Deposition of MARK FLOYD was
6	taken by counsel for the Plaintiff, at Webb
7	Sanders, PLLC, 611 Commerce Street, Suite 3102, on
8	June 30, 2021, for all purposes under the Federal
9	Rules of Civil Procedure.
10	All formalities as to caption, notice,
11	statement of appearance, et cetera, are waived.
12	All objections, except as to the form of the
13	question, are reserved to the hearing, and that
14	said deposition may be read and used in evidence in
15	said cause of action in any trial thereon or any
16	proceeding herein.
17	It is agreed that Terri Beckham, RMR,
18	CRR, Notary Public and Licensed Court Reporter for
19	the State of Tennessee, may swear the witness, and
20	that the reading and signing of the completed
21	deposition by the witness are reserved.
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2	THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We are now on the
3	record. Today is Wednesday, the 30th of June, 2021.
4	And the time indicated on the video screen is
5	9:51 a.m. This is the video deposition of Mark
6	Floyd taken in the matter of O'Connor versus The
7	Lampo Group, LLC, also known as Ramsey Solutions,
8	Case Number 3:20-cv-00628, filed in the United
9	States District Court for the Middle District of
10	Tennessee, Nashville Division.
11	This deposition is being held today at
12	Webb Sanders PLLC, located at 611 Commerce Street
13	Nashville, Tennessee.
14	My name is Mary Ciezadlo, the
15	videographer. The court reporter is Terri Beckham,
16	both in association with Elite-Brentwood Reporting
17	Services.
18	Will counsel please introduce yourselves
19	and state whom you represent.
20	MS. COLLINS: Heather Collins and Ashley
21	Walter for the plaintiff.
22	MS. SANDERS: Leslie Sanders for
23	defendant.
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	MARK FLOYD,
was ca	lled as a witness, and after having been duly
sworn,	testified as follows:
	EXAMINATION
QUESTI	ONS BY MS. COLLINS:
Q.	Good morning. Could you state your full name
for th	e record, please?
A.	Sure. Mark Andrew Floyd.
Q.	What is your address?
Α.	, as in songwriters,
Brentw	ood, Tennessee 37027.
Q.	What is your phone number?
Α.	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Q.	Is that your cell phone?
Α.	Yes.
Q.	Is it a company-provided cell phone?
A.	Yes.
Q.	Where are you currently employed?
A.	Ramsey Solutions, The Lampo Group.
Q.	How long have you been employed there?
Α.	Oh, 12-plus years.
Q.	What is your job title?
Α.	Chief financial officer.
Q.	How long have you held that position?

1	A. I came in as chief financial officer 12-plus
2	years ago.
3	Q. What did you do before you were CFO at Ramsey
4	Solutions?
5	A. I was the CFO at the Nashville Predators.
6	Q. How long were you there?
7	A. Technically a year-and-a-half.
8	Q. What are your job duties as CFO of Ramsey
9	Solutions?
10	A. I lead the accounting and finance area. I
11	lead procurement and purchasing, and I used to lead
12	HR. I'm looking at Armando over there.
13	And then I serve on the operating board and
14	lead a couple of operating committees of the board.
15	That's we structure ourselves that way.
16	Q. Okay. What did you do in HR?
17	A. I led I just had the HR leader report to
18	me. But that is now six months ago.
19	Q. Okay. So six months ago that was no longer
20	one of your job duties?
21	A. Right.
22	Q. So the entire time that you worked there,
23	you the HR manager reported to you until six
24	months ago; is that right?
25	A. Not the entire time. Over time the duties

1	have changed. But a couple, two or three years in
2	there no, probably four, five years had HR
3	reporting to me until six months ago.
4	Q. Okay. Do you have a background in human
5	resources?
6	A. I do not.
7	Q. Have you had any specific training in human
8	resources or discrimination laws?
9	A. I I have not.
10	MS. SANDERS: Heather, before you go on,
11	I don't want to interrupt your flow, but just as a
12	reminder, this deposition, we're placing the whole
13	thing confidential under the protective order until
14	it's over, until we've had a chance to review it,
15	okay?
16	BY MS. COLLINS:
17	Q. So, Mr. Floyd, you've had no specific
18	training in HR antidiscrimination laws, correct?
19	A. We have had a couple of trainings, but I
20	haven't gone formal because I didn't lead the HR
21	department. I led the person who led the HR
22	department.
23	Q. Well, what was the extent of your job duties
24	in leading the person who led the HR department?
25	A. Helping with staffing needs, retention, I'll

1	call it more the basic operations, not the
2	day-to-day HR HR responsibilities.
3	Q. Did you have any role in enforcing or setting
4	policy?
5	A. Can you be more specific about "policy"?
6	Q. Discrimination policy.
7	A. In my not as in my role as leading the HR
8	department, no.
9	Q. Do you have knowledge of Ramsey's policies,
10	like employment policies and procedures
11	A. Yes.
12	Q and how they're to be enforced?
13	A. Yes.
14	Q. Okay. Who decides how Ramsey's policies and
15	procedures are to be enforced?
16	A. Well, ultimately the operating board would
17	make that decision, but we do put the power into the
18	leaders to, you know, play out those policies to
19	every decision does not have to come to the
20	operating board. We make overall policy and then
21	it's carried out by leaders.
22	Q. Okay. Who do you, as CFO, take direction
23	from or report to?
24	A. The CEO.
25	Q. And who's that?

1	A. Dave Ramsey.
2	Q. When the HR leader reported to you, did you
3	provide any sort of regular reports to Dave Ramsey
4	about the HR functions or what was going on in the
5	HR department?
6	A. On periodic occasion.
7	Q. What do you mean by that?
, 8	A. There was no set schedule for those updates,
9	just when as needed.
10	Q. Have you ever been on the HRC committee?
11	A. Yes.
12	Q. Okay. When?
13	A. For the last three years.
14	Q. Okay. Are you still on it?
15	A. I am.
16	Q. What is your role on the HRC committee?
17	A. Committee member.
18	Q. What do you do as a committee member?
19	A. I sit in committee meetings and, as the
20	agenda rolls through, help make decisions, approve
21	expenditures if there are those types of things
22	coming through, or approve performance improvement
23	plans. It's just whatever comes through the HR
24	committee.
25	Q. Okay. Are you involved in any hiring or

1	firing decisions?
2	A. Yes.
3	Q. Okay. Tell me the extent of that
4	involvement.
5	A. Which one?
6	Q. Either. Both.
7	A. Hiring would be more specific to areas that I
8	directly or roles that I either lead or are one
9	step removed from me. I'm not involved in hiring
10	decisions for the all of our new team members.
11	Q. And tell me about your involvement in firing
12	decisions.
13	A. If they are directly related to me, I would
14	be directly involved. If if they come to the
15	HRC, then I would be involved from an HRC member.
16	Q. Okay. When you say you were you may be
17	directly involved as an HRC member, explain that to
18	me. How would you be involved? Is there a vote to
19	decide if somebody's going to be terminated or what?
20	A. Restate state your question again. I'm
21	trying to follow.
22	Q. Well, I'm trying to understand your
23	involvement. You said you were involved as an HRC
24	member in terminations. What is the extent of your
25	involvement? Is it just voting as a member of the

1	HRC or what?
2	A. We are a committee, so we have discussion,
3	and then we eventually have a decision. And
4	generally we reach if a vote's needed, but most
5	the time we're pretty much in one accord on most
6	things.
7	Q. Okay. Do you consider yourself a Christian?
8	A. Yes.
9	Q. Do you go to a specific denomination church?
10	A. It's actually a non-denominational church.
11	Q. Which one?
12	A. Fellowship Bible Brentwood.
13	Q. Have you ever been divorced?
14	A. No.
15	Q. Did you say no?
16	A. No.
17	MS. SANDERS: Objection.
18	THE WITNESS: Okay.
19	MS. SANDERS: You already answered.
20	That's fine.
21	BY MS. COLLINS:
22	Q. Have you ever had an extramarital affair?
23	MS. SANDERS: Objection. I'm not going
24	to let him answer that.
25	MS. COLLINS: Why not?

1	MS. SANDERS: Because you're asking
2	personal things that could be incriminating to him
3	in this case. I don't know if they are, but they
4	could be.
5	MS. COLLINS: Incriminating?
6	MS. SANDERS: Yes. That's not on topic.
7	MS. COLLINS: That's not a basis for an
8	objection.
9	MS. SANDERS: It is. You know the rules
10	of this company. I don't know what his answer is
11	going to be to that. It could lead to something
12	that could result in his termination of employment.
13	BY MS. COLLINS:
14	Q. Are you refusing to answer the question?
15	MS. SANDERS: I'm telling him. I'm not
16	going to put him in the position to refuse.
17	MS. COLLINS: So does the company turn a
18	blind eye to certain people and just not ask about
19	other people? Is that what you're saying?
20	MS. SANDERS: They don't ask anybody.
21	MS. COLLINS: Okay, then I can ask the
22	question in a deposition.
23	MS. SANDERS: No, because the answer
24	you have the director of HR, you have the general
25	counsel for the company. I don't know what his

1	response is going to be.
2	MS. COLLINS: Okay. You're not
3	asserting a valid objection under the Federal Rules
4	of Evidence.
5	MS. SANDERS: I am. It's incrimination.
6	That is a valid objection.
7	MS. COLLINS: Incrimination in what
8	sense? It's not going to lead to you're not
9	asserting a Fifth Amendment right.
10	MS. SANDERS: Yes, I am. It could lead
11	to his termination from his employment.
12	MS. COLLINS: This isn't a criminal
13	case. You can only assert a Fifth Amendment right
14	in a criminal case. This isn't a criminal case.
15	MS. SANDERS: It's an incriminating
16	question. You can ask it, and I will ask them to
17	leave the room, and it will be under seal. That's
18	how we have to proceed with that. Because what
19	you're asking him, Heather, could lead to the
20	termination of his employment.
21	MS. COLLINS: The company seems to have
22	no problem getting in other people's business in an
23	extreme way, so, you know, I think it's really
24	hypocritical to sit here and say that an officer of
25	the company can't talk about something.

1	MS. SANDERS: I understand your personal
2	view on it
3	MS. COLLINS: It's not my personal view,
4	it's a legal view. The case is about the issue of
5	premarital or extramarital sex where a company feels
6	like they can get in someone's business and
7	terminate someone because of that.
8	MS. SANDERS: And you can ask any
9	question
10	MS. COLLINS: And you can't selectively
11	say, "Oh, we're not going to we're going to turn
12	a blind eye to these people and not to these
13	people."
14	MS. SANDERS: You can ask any questions
15	you want about people who have been terminated.
16	We've said that. And about people that the company
17	knows about. I don't know what Mr. Floyd's answer
18	to this question is. But I don't think he should be
19	in a position to provide information today that
20	could lead to the termination of his employment.
21	If it's something Ramsey doesn't know,
22	how is it relevant?
23	MS. COLLINS: Relevancy is not the issue
24	right now. I can ask him whatever questions I want
25	to ask him within the scope of this case.

1 2	MS. SANDERS: How does any affair he
	BY MS. COLLINS:
3	Q. Do you want to answer the question or not?
4	MS. SANDERS: I'm instructing him not to
5	answer at all.
6	MS. COLLINS: So you're continuing to
7	obstruct the deposition.
8	MS. SANDERS: No, I'm not.
9	MS. COLLINS: Yes, you are.
10	MS. SANDERS: No, I'm not. I'm simply
11	stating
12	MS. COLLINS: Yes, you are, with no
13	legal basis whatsoever.
14	MS. SANDERS: That is a basis. There
15	are bases to objections. It is not relevant because
16	Ramsey you don't know if Ramsey knows that he's
17	having an affair or not having an affair. You don't
18	know that. If it's not knowledge to Ramsey, his
19	answer is not relevant and it has a high likelihood
20	of whatever his answer may be, it has a
21	likelihood of prejudicing him in a way that is not
22	necessary. It's not even relevant to your case.
23	What's relevant is what Ramsey knows.
24	So you digging into his personal life is
25	not relevant in this case. And I gave you

1	parameters on which I'll allow it, but I can't allow
2	anyone at Ramsey
3	MS. COLLINS: Okay. You don't set the
4	parameters for this case. The Federal Rules of
5	Civil Procedure do.
6	MS. SANDERS: Yes. And there's a way
7	for you to
8	MS. COLLINS: And so do the Federal
9	Rules of Evidence.
10	MS. SANDERS: And I'm following the
11	Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and the Federal
12	Rules of Evidence. I'm providing you a valid
13	objection in discovery, which is relevancy that
14	leads to embarrassment, and I would file for a
15	motion for a protective order on this question.
16	MS. COLLINS: Embarrassment is not a
17	basis. Show me the rules.
18	MS. SANDERS: Yes, it is.
19	MS. COLLINS: Show me the rule.
20	Show me the rule. Show me the rule.
21	MS. SANDERS: Can we stop the deposition
22	and I'll go get the rule book right now?
23	MS. COLLINS: Sure, show me.
24	MS. SANDERS: And we'll go back on
25	record when I'm back.

1	THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Going off the record
2	at 10:07 a.m.
3	(Recess observed from 10:07 a.m. to
4	10:09 a.m.)
5	THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We are back on the
6	record at 10:09 a.m.
7	MS. SANDERS: Thank you. Ms. Collins, I
8	direct your attention to Federal Rule of Civil
9	Procedural Rule 26c1. And I'll read it. "A party
10	or any persons from whom discovery is sought may
11	move for a protective order in the court where the
12	action is pending or, as an alternative, on matters
13	relating to deposition in the court or district
14	where the deposition may be taken. The motion must
15	include certification that the movement has, in good
16	faith, conferred or attempted to confer with other
17	affected parties in an effort to resolve the dispute
18	without court action. The Court may, for good
19	cause, issue an order to protect a party or person
20	from annoyance, embarrassment, oppression or undue
21	burden or expense."
22	And then I can read the rest if you
23	prefer, but that's the section I'm referring to.
24	So I would move for a protective order
25	unless we're able to come up with a conclusion

1	today, that any of these witnesses, when you ask
2	them things that are embarrassing and that are not
3	knowledge of Ramsey, that could lead to the
4	termination of their employment, I will move for a
5	protective order for that.
6	MS. COLLINS: Well, first off, he hasn't
7	said that Ramsey knows.
8	MS. SANDERS: No.
9	MS. COLLINS: Because you've instructed
10	him not to answer altogether.
11	MS. SANDERS: Well, I instructed him not
12	to answer your question.
13	MS. COLLINS: Secondly, if he's making
14	HRC decisions, then it is relevant. And I think
15	that I've established that foundation. I've set the
16	foundation.
17	Thirdly, we already apparently have a
18	protective order in his case. You've asked for
19	basically everything under the sun to be sealed up
20	to keep it out of the public record. So I believe I
21	can ask this question.
22	Now, if you want to preserve your
23	objection and ask the two people that you think
24	might fire him if he answers in a way that you're
25	concerned about to leave the room, then that's fine.

1	But I feel like I'm entitled to ask the question
2	since the entire issue in the case is what when
3	Ramsey asks people about whether or not they've
4	engaged in premarital or extramarital sex and if
5	they terminate them.
б	MS. SANDERS: Ms. Collins, are you
7	agreeing this portion of the deposition will be
8	under seal until the court is able to rule on this?
9	MS. COLLINS: That's fine with me.
10	MS. SANDERS: Okay. That's all I'm
11	asking.
12	MS. COLLINS: That's fine with me.
13	MS. SANDERS: If you two will leave the
14	room, he can answer the question, and then I'll tell
15	you when it's time to come back in. Thank you.
16	(Mr. Cortez and Mr. Lopez left the
17	room.)
18	MS. COLLINS: Terri, can you reread the
19	question? I know you're going to have to scroll
20	back.
21	(The requested record was read back by
22	the court reporter.)
23	THE WITNESS: The answer is no.
24	BY MS. COLLINS:
25	Q. Okay.

1	MS. COLLINS: All right.
2	MS. SANDERS: Is that the only one?
3	MS. COLLINS: Everybody ready?
4	MS. SANDERS: For the record, Mr. Lopez
5	and Mr. Cortez are back in the room.
6	MS. COLLINS: And we're not under seal
7	anymore.
8	MS. SANDERS: That's right.
9	BY MS. COLLINS:
10	Q. Mr. Floyd, as CFO, can you confirm that
11	Ramsey Solutions is not a 501c3 or charitable
12	organization?
13	A. I can confirm that, yes.
14	Q. And as the CFO, can you confirm that Ramsey
15	Solutions is not getting tax breaks for being a
16	school or educational institution?
17	A. Correct, I can confirm.
18	Q. Do you know if Ramsey Solutions received any
19	PPP loans?
20	A. I know that we didn't.
21	Q. Okay. Did they apply for any?
22	A. No.
23	Q. Okay. Have they received any state grants
24	for funds?
25	A. Yes.

1	Q. For what?
2	A. The construction the buildings that we're
3	putting up in Berry Farms we applied for and
4	received grants from TVA and from the Tennessee
5	Economic Development Department for all related
6	to job creation.
7	Q. Okay. And TVA, are those federal funds?
8	A. I don't know.
9	Q. Okay. Have you ever been involved in any
10	spousal interviews in the hiring process?
11	A. Yes.
12	Q. Okay. A lot of them?
13	A. Can I say too many? No.
14	Q. Sure, you can say whatever you want to.
15	A. Not I don't know what you mean by "a lot."
16	Q. Okay. Well, you tell me. Is it 10 or less
17	or more than 10 or more than 50? Just a ballpark.
18	A. More than 10, less than 50.
19	Q. Okay. Is it just for people that are being
20	hired in your department, or what is your
21	involvement?
22	A. I would either be the leader or the next
23	level leader, and that's the spousals I've been
24	involved in.
25	Q. Okay. Who typically attends those spousal

1	interviews?
2	A. Candidate and spouse, immediate leader and
3	spouse, and then likely next level leader and
4	spouse.
5	Q. Are they typically at someone's home or do
6	you all go out to eat?
7	A. At a restaurant.
8	Q. Oh, okay. Do you have a favorite restaurant
9	you go to, or is it not your choice?
10	A. We give BrickTop's a lot of business.
11	Q. I like BrickTop's too. Do you get the
12	vegetarian burger? That's one of my favorites of.
13	A. No.
14	Q. You haven't tried that?
15	A. No.
16	Q. Tastes like a real burger.
17	MS. SANDERS: You can vouch for that.
18	THE WITNESS: My wife would like to know
19	that.
20	BY MS. COLLINS:
21	Q. Yeah, tell her. It's delicious.
22	In these interviews, do you-all go by any
23	sort of you-all have, like, goals or objectives,
24	or is it just to get to know people?
25	A. Clarify "these interviews."

1	Q. Those spousal interviews where you all go out
2	to eat.
3	A. Now that you've clarified that, ask your
4	question again, please.
5	Q. Is it do you-all have any objectives or
б	goals in the spousal interviews, things you want to
7	find out about?
8	A. Generally speaking, I'd say we want to get to
9	know the spouse and we want them to get to know us.
10	Q. Okay. Have you ever asked, in these
11	interviews, what religion or denomination someone
12	is?
13	A. I no. I'll clarify. If the subject of
14	church comes up and they talk about church, I would
15	ask, just like you asked me, "Oh, so where do you go
16	to church?"
17	Q. So you've asked that before in interviews,
18	"Where do you go to church?"
19	A. But only after it's come up.
20	Q. Have you ever hired anyone since you've been
21	at Ramsey Solutions that is not Christian, to your
22	knowledge?
23	A. To my knowledge, I don't know. Don't not
24	asking.
25	Q. Okay. Well, have you hired anyone who's

1	Muslim	1?
2	Α.	I don't know. Not to my knowledge.
3	Q.	Okay. What about someone who's Jewish?
4	Α.	I don't know. Not to my knowledge.
5	Q.	Okay. Do you go to the Wednesday morning
6	devoti	onals?
7	Α.	Yes.
8	Q.	What are those typically about?
9	Α.	Pardon?
10	Q.	What are those typically about?
11	Α.	Depends who the speaker is. It can be
12	very -	- is it a business speaker like Patrick
13	Lencic	oni. It could be on leadership. They could
14	also b	e very much based on the Bible, a section in
15	the Bi	ble.
16	Q.	About how long do they last, the devotionals?
17	Α.	30 to 40 minutes generally.
18	Q.	Do most of the employees go to those?
19	Α.	It appears, yes.
20	Q.	Do you-all sing during the devotionals?
21	Α.	No.
22	Q.	Do you listen to any sort of praise music?
23	Α.	No.
24	Q.	And you-all have bands come in on occasion to
25	the de	evotionals?

1	A. Not to devotionals. I'd say once in a
2	"rarely" is a better answer.
3	Q. Have you had any specific training to be on a
4	hiring team or to be part of the spousal interviews?
5	A. Yes.
6	Q. Tell me about the training.
7	A. Well, which one do you want? You asked two
8	different questions there.
9	Q. Okay. Well, let's break it down.
10	A. Okay.
11	Q. Let's start with the spousal interview.
12	A. Yes, we training is probably a strong
13	word, but we actually, it's the right word,
14	because we have new leaders that need to know how to
15	do spousal interviews. You don't want to make the
16	spouse uncomfortable; you want to make them super
17	comfortable. So it's so I've been I've been a
18	part of training and I've probably done some of the
19	training myself, taking a new leader through the
20	process.
21	Q. Okay. What is the process?
22	A. I think I just told you, just you're making
23	sure you don't ask the wrong questions and you
24	and you make sure that the candidate's comfortable
25	and the spouse is comfortable. You're just trying

1	to get to know them.
2	Q. Do you fill out any sort of report after the
3	interview?
4	A. Not that I'm aware of.
5	Q. Okay. And the hiring team, what sort of
6	training do you have for the hiring team? Tell me
7	about that.
8	A. Be specific. When you say "hiring team,"
9	what do what do you mean?
10	Q. Well, I asked you a moment ago if you're
11	trained to be on the hiring team or if you receive
12	any training to do the spousal interviews. And you
13	said yes. And then you wanted me to break it
14	down
15	A. Okay.
16	Q so I'm breaking it down.
17	A. Probably using the phrase "hiring team" makes
18	it sound like there's a team running around doing
19	the hiring. Each leader is responsible or you
20	know, is ultimately responsible for hiring, not a
21	team of people. So that's that was my confusion
22	there.
23	Q. Okay.
24	A. So are people trained to be hiring people?
25	Yes.

1	Q. Okay. Tell me about the training.
2	A. We learn what questions to ask and what
3	questions not to ask, because there are places you
4	can't go and
5	Q. What are the places you can't go?
6	A. The same stuff that you asked earlier about,
7	what the federal hiring practices thing I won't
8	say that right, but
9	Q. Such as?
10	A. You can't ask about religion, race. I don't
11	remember all the others.
12	Q. Okay. Anything else that you can recall?
13	A. No.
14	Q. Okay. You also mentioned what questions to
15	ask. What questions do you try to remember to ask?
16	A. I don't know that it's specifically talking
17	about questions to ask. It's more questions that
18	are going to open up dialogue and have conversation.
19	And, again, the basic premise is to get to know them
20	and ask them if they've got questions about us.
21	That's a question to ask is, "What do you want to
22	know about us?"
23	As a spouse, you ought to know.
24	Q. How many people do you directly supervise?
25	A. (Pause)

1	Four.
2	Q. Who are they?
3	A. Daniel Cortez, general counsel; Jeff
4	Williams, executive director of finance; Joleen
5	Wadlington, director of procurement.
6	Q. One more.
7	A. Yeah. Oh, my admin assistant
8	Q. Okay.
9	A Shelby Davis.
10	Q. And based on your earlier testimony
11	A. Oop, I've got somebody I left out. In case
12	they read the deposition, I don't want them to feel
13	bad. Thom Carlin, director of shipping.
14	Q. All right. And before that it was also the
15	HR director, right?
16	A. Right.
17	Q. Well, I guess before six months ago; is that
18	right? Is that what you said is about when it
19	changed?
20	A. Somewhere around six months ago, yeah.
21	Q. Okay. Have you seen a copy of Ramsey
22	Solutions' handbook or employee policies and
23	procedures?
24	A. Yes.
25	MS. COLLINS: Okay. I'm going to

1	well, I'm going to provide you a copy of that. It's
2	been previously marked as Exhibit No. 1 in this
3	case.
4	(WHEREUPON, the above-mentioned
5	document was presented, previously marked as
6	Exhibit Number 1.)
7	BY MS. COLLINS:
8	Q. Here you go.
9	A. (Reviewing)
10	Q. Is this the handbook that you've seen before?
11	A. Yes.
12	Q. Okay. Now, with respect to the top section,
13	the "Equal Employment Opportunity" section, have you
14	read that before?
15	A. I've read all this before, yes.
16	Q. Okay. Do you have any understanding as to
17	whether or not pregnancy is also a prohibited form
18	of discrimination?
19	A. I am not aware that it's a protected class or
20	whatever you just a form of discrimination.
21	Q. Okay. And what about religion? What is your
22	understanding as to religion being a protected
23	class?
24	A. You can't discriminate based on religion.
25	Q. Is it your understanding that that's based on

1	federal and state law?
2	A. That is my understanding.
3	Q. Okay. And is it important for Ramsey
4	Solutions to be in compliance with federal and state
5	law?
6	A. I would say it's important.
7	Q. And it's important to not discriminate
8	against people, isn't it?
9	A. According if it's in accordance with the
10	law, then, yes, we should not discriminate.
11	Q. Now, if you could turn to page 4 for me,
12	please. In the "Company Conduct" section on page 4
13	it says, "The image of Ramsey Solutions is held out
14	to be Christian."
15	What is your understanding of that?
16	A. Exactly that. I mean
17	Q. Well, how is that practically carried out or
18	applied?
19	A. We operate our company based on
20	Judeo-Christian principles.
21	Q. Okay. What do you mean by "Judeo-Christian
22	principles"?
23	A. Well, our mission statement is that we
24	provide biblically based education, and we use the
25	same biblically based traditions to help manage our

1	company.
2	Q. And are all the employees expected to abide
3	by those biblically based traditions?
4	A. They're expected to adhere to and live by our
5	core values.
6	Q. And the core values are biblically based?
7	A. I don't know that all core values are
8	biblically based. Some are for sure.
9	Others are just good business practice.
10	MS. COLLINS: Okay. Well, let me ask
11	you about that. I'm going to show you a copy of the
12	core values. This is Exhibit No. 2 in the case.
13	(WHEREUPON, the above-mentioned
14	document was presented, previously marked as
15	Exhibit Number 2.)
16	BY MS. COLLINS:
17	Q. Which ones would you say are biblically
18	based?
19	A. The core value entitled "Colossians 3:23" for
20	sure.
21	Q. That's an easy one.
22	A. Yeah.
23	Q. Give me a harder one.
24	A. Righteous living.
25	And maybe, in my personal opinion, we

1	don't by the way, this is all my personal
2	opinion because we haven't had that discussion,
3	other than clearly Colossians 3:23 is, because it
4	kind of states it in its title.
5	"Fear not," that's Mark Floyd's personal
6	opinion.
7	Q. Okay. Anything else that seems biblically
8	based?
9	A. Not off the top of my head.
10	Q. What is "Shoot Sacred Cows"? What does that
11	mean?
12	A. Well, if you look at the byline, "We
13	challenge traditions," would probably be the best
14	place to go. We don't just keep doing something for
15	the sake of doing something. "That's how we've
16	always done it" is not an acceptable answer. That's
17	not how you succeed in business. You need to take a
18	bigger look at things all the time.
19	Q. Okay. By challenging traditions, is that
20	just how business is typically run? Is that what
21	that means?
22	A. I don't know that I understand your question.
23	Q. Well, it says, in the "Shoot Sacred Cows, We
24	challenge traditions." Is that just how business is
25	typically run, you know, we what does that mean?

1	A. In my opinion, it would be don't get stuck in
2	a rut and keep making the same decisions because
3	that's how you've always done it.
4	Q. Oh, okay.
5	You also mentioned righteous living and
6	"fear not" seem to be biblically based. Let's
7	start with "fear not." Why do you think that's
8	biblically based?
9	A. And I said that was my opinion, so that's
10	that's never been discussed in the company. I've
11	never had a conversation around that. I just know
12	that, with my faith, I I don't don't fear man.
13	I don't I don't fear I fear a higher power.
14	Q. Okay. When you say you don't fear man, what
15	do you mean by that?
16	A. It's ultimately not where my where I'm
17	not worried about what man thinks, I worry about
18	what God thinks. Again, personal opinion.
19	Q. But you do believe in following manmade laws,
20	right?
21	A. Yes.
22	Q. Okay. All right. I've just got to be sure.
23	Just asking the question.
24	Okay. What is righteous living? What about
25	that is biblically based?

1	A. Because it's based on character and integrity
2	and how you conduct yourself. And the Bible speaks
3	to that a lot. So that's how I would say that's
4	how I would tie that into a biblically based core
5	value.
6	Q. Do you think the Bible speaks to, I guess,
7	the requirement that people should not engage in
8	premarital sex or a prohibition against premarital
9	sex?
10	A. Ask that question again, please?
11	Q. Yeah, it's kind of confusing to even state
12	because it's, like, a double negative.
13	A. That's
14	Q. Do you think the Bible contains something, a
15	verse, a story, do you think it speaks to the, I
16	guess, the thought or the theory that someone should
17	not engage in premarital sex?
18	A. Yes.
19	Q. Okay. Where? Do you have a story that
20	you're thinking of or do you have a verse that
21	you're thinking of? Or where in the Bible can you
22	think of that it states that?
23	A. I'm not a Bible scholar.
24	Q. Okay.
25	A. Okay?

1	Q. Sure.
2	A. So
3	Q. But you go to Fellowship Bible Church, and
4	I'm sure they talk about all that stuff.
5	A. They do. Do I retain it is a different
6	thing.
7	Q. I know. I hear you.
8	A. Just I don't have a specific verse or
9	story to point you towards other than you take the
10	Bible as a whole in context, and you gather from
11	that that of course, the word "righteous" is in
12	the Bible quite a bit, so that would be a tie to the
13	righteous living part of it.
14	And so, keep yourself pure, holy, all
15	those things I don't have a specific verse for
16	you, sorry.
17	Q. Okay. Was there a story about Jesus telling
18	people not to throw stones at other people? Do you
19	know that story?
20	A. I know I'm familiar with that story.
21	Q. What is your recollection of that story?
22	A. Don't be the let the first among you who
23	have not sinned cast the first stone.
24	Q. Okay. And that was Jesus
25	A. Don't ask me what book of the Bible.

1	Q. That was Jesus saying that, right?
2	A. I believe so, yes.
3	Q. In that story, was he talking about do you
4	remember who he was talking about?
5	A. I believe it was a woman.
б	Q. Do you remember if it was a married woman or
7	not a married woman?
8	A. I don't recall.
9	Q. Okay. Well, I'm going to try not to quiz you
10	anymore on the Bible, but I'm not going to make any
11	solid promises. Always learn a lot in depositions.
12	Do you have any understanding as to whether
13	or not Ramsey Solutions only hires Christians?
14	A. I don't know. We hire the best person for
15	the job, most qualified
16	Q. Okay.
17	A who aligns with our core values and is on
18	board with our mission.
19	Q. Okay. And that was the core values and
20	mission we just discussed on Exhibit 2, right?
21	A. We discussed the core values, and the mission
22	statement is on Exhibit 2 as well, yes.
23	Q. And do you-all provide that to prospective
24	people before you-all finalize the hiring of them?
25	A. It is my understanding that we cover those

1	things, yes.
2	Q. Okay. And going back to Exhibit No. 1, we
3	were talking about the "Company Conduct" section,
4	and it says, "Should a team member engage in
5	behavior not consistent with traditional Judeo
6	values or teaching, it would damage the image and
7	the value of our good will and our brand."
8	What is your understanding as to what that
9	means?
10	A. Specifically you're speaking of damaging the
11	image and the value?
12	Q. Uh-huh, yes.
13	A. So what that means?
14	Q. Yeah.
15	A. I believe the market views us as a again,
16	just like the first sentence says, a company that is
17	biblically based. And so if we contradict that in
18	our actions or our team members do, then that would
19	damage our brand and image.
20	Q. Okay. What market are you referring to?
21	A. The market that hands us dollars for our
22	products.
23	Q. Okay. Does part of that market include
24	public educational institutions?
25	A. Yes.

1	Q. Okay. And by "public educational
2	institutions," is that you-all sell products to
3	states, right? Is that right?
4	A. Not to states.
5	Q. Is it like the like departments of
6	education?
7	A. Let me help you with the we sell it to
8	Q. Perfect.
9	A school systems.
10	Q. Yes. Specific school systems. But do you
11	sell it by state or by county?
12	A. County, local, not state.
13	Q. Okay. Do you also provide that sort of
14	educational program to higher education, like
15	colleges, junior colleges that sort of thing?
16	A. We have a curriculum that we sell to higher
17	ed as well, yes.
18	Q. Okay. And that curriculum that you sell
19	to whether it's local school boards or higher
20	education, those educational programs are secular,
21	right?
22	A. We sell to both secular the particular
23	ones you're talking about feels like secular, yes.
24	We also sell to private middle schools and high
25	schools and colleges as well.

1	Q. So there's two different educational programs
2	is what you're saying, one that is more secular and
3	one that is not?
4	A. We don't sell two different educational
5	programs. There are two different I'm separating
6	those two market segments.
7	Q. Okay. I guess what I'm trying to understand
8	is the ones that you sell for, like, private schools
9	or home schools, those have Bible verses and things
10	in them and relate back to Bible verses and the
11	mission that it's biblically based. And the ones
12	that you sell to public entities, they can't have
13	Bible verses in them, can they?
14	MS. SANDERS: Object, but you can
15	answer. Object to the form of that.
16	THE WITNESS: Okay. The product is
17	exactly the same.
18	BY MS. COLLINS:
19	Q. Okay.
20	A. It contains some Bible verses, some quotes
21	from Abraham Lincoln and Teddy Roosevelt. It's
22	it contains a little bit of everything.
23	Q. Okay. Even the ones that you sell to public
24	institutions?
25	A. Right.

1	O Have seen beend that the semi-rest southest
1	Q. Have you ever heard that the company conduct
2	code is flexibly applied?
3	It's flexible?
4	A. I've never heard that.
5	Q. Okay. What about the core values? Is that
6	applied in a flexible way?
7	A. Can you be more specific with your question?
8	Q. Sure. Does it depend on the people who
9	are seems like it could be subjectively applied.
10	Like, if you're looking at it, you might see it one
11	way; someone else is looking at it, they might see a
12	possible infraction a different way. Is that fair?
13	A. Well, we're all human, and we all have our
14	individual opinions that we bring in to, say, the HR
15	committee, so we're all going to view it through a
16	different lens. And then every circumstance is
17	different.
18	So, yes, we're flexible, but we do not apply
19	it differently to different levels of people or
20	race, religion, sex within the company. But we all
21	have different, you know, frames which we look
22	through things, right?
23	Q. Right, right. But the policies that we've
24	discussed, whether it's the company conduct that's
25	set forth in the policies and procedures or the core

1	values, should apply across the board to every
2	single person in the company?
3	A. They are consistently applied.
4	Q. Okay. And the company stance against
5	premarital sex, that's not written down anywhere, is
6	it?
7	A. Not to my knowledge.
8	Q. Okay. Do you know why that is?
9	A. No.
10	Q. Did you know Caitlin O'Connor when she worked
11	at Ramsey Solutions?
12	A. A face maybe, but not Caitlin on an even
13	first-name basis, no.
14	MS. COLLINS: I'm going to jump to
15	another exhibit, a document that's been previously
16	marked as Exhibit No. 5 in this case.
17	(WHEREUPON, the above-mentioned
18	document was presented, previously marked as
19	Exhibit Number 5.)
20	MS. COLLINS: I'm sorry.
21	BY MS. COLLINS:
22	Q. There you go. If you can turn to page it
23	starts on the second page and goes to the third page
24	on the document, page 84, 85 is the Bates number.
25	A. Okay.

1	Q. Do you recall receiving a copy of this email?
2	A. Not from Caitlin, but from Armando to the
3	HRC, yes.
4	Q. Okay.
5	A. Because you're you're taking it over to 85
6	and that's just Caitlin only, so I would have been
7	forwarded the email from Armando.
8	Q. Right. And it looks like the on page 84,
9	Mr. Lopez sent it to the HR committee, Dave Ramsey
10	and Michael Finney specifically, but you're are
11	you included on the HR committee group emails, or
12	were you as of June 18, 2020?
13	A. Yes, I would have been included in that,
14	whatever we call that group, address.
15	Q. Okay. Now, when you got a copy of this email
16	that Caitlin O'Connor had sent to Mr. Lopez, did you
17	speak with anyone about it?
18	A. No.
19	Q. Okay.
20	A. You said "speak," right?
21	Q. Uh-huh.
22	A. Okay, no.
23	Q. Did you speak with anyone in the following
24	days about it?
25	A. In the pardon, day or days?

1	Q. In the following days, you know, let's go up
2	to a week, that you can recall?
3	A. I don't recall at some point, yes. I
4	don't know in the next week.
5	Q. Okay. And on the first page, the first
6	email, that looks like it's from you. It's at
7	5:17 p.m. on June 18, after Caitlin O'Connor had
8	sent the initial email that day at, like, 4:44.
9	You wrote back to the HR committee that it
10	was "Totally classless on her part."
11	What did you mean by that?
12	A. By "classless" I meant the fact that she
13	resigned via email and didn't go to her leader
14	directly. It had nothing to do with her
15	classless classless and pregnancy had nothing to
16	do with each other.
17	Q. Where do you get in her email that she
18	resigned?
19	A. I probably ought to say "notified" is
20	probably a better word than "resigned"; that she let
21	us know this rather large piece of news in an email
22	instead of sitting down with her leader. That's not
23	what how we do it at Ramsey.
24	Q. What do you base that on, that that's not how
25	you do it?

1	A. We're a highly relational company, so we
2	expect leaders to have one-on-one conversations with
3	the team that they lead and the team itself to go to
4	the leader and have one-on-one conversations.
5	Q. Who was her leader?
6	A. I'm not exactly sure.
7	Q. Okay. Do you know if her leader was even in
8	the office that day?
9	A. I don't know that.
10	Q. So you think it was classless on her part to
11	have sent an email as opposed to talking with her
12	leader; is that what you're saying?
13	A. Yes. I'm sure her leader was in the office
14	at some time in that period. I don't want to just
15	leave it to this day at 4:44 p.m.
16	Q. And when you wrote, "And, yes, I agree
17	there's precedent, a/k/a principles and values for
18	how we handle this."
19	What did you mean by "principles and
20	values"?
21	A. Our core values.
22	Q. Which ones?
23	A. In this case it would be the righteous
24	living.
25	Q. Okay. What about the righteous living?

1	A. What about it?
2	Q. Well
3	A. I don't understand your question.
4	Q. Well, what about righteous living was
5	precedent?
6	A. Our precedent is that we had seen the
7	situation before and we and I knew the end
8	where we would end up with this. It's consistent
9	with how we've applied righteous living core value
10	principle in the past.
11	Q. Okay. And when you say "this situation,"
12	what do you mean by that?
13	A. She had premarital sex, and that violates our
14	righteous living core value.
15	Q. And having premarital sex is I think we
16	already covered it's not written down anywhere,
17	right?
18	A. Not that I'm aware of.
19	Q. Okay. And what is your understanding as to
20	how employees are supposed to know that engaging in
21	premarital sex will cost them their job?
22	A. We they are talked it is discussed, if
23	they are a single team member when we're hiring
24	them, they know coming in that we expound upon what
25	righteous living means to us and needs to mean to

1	them.
2	Q. If it's that important and it could cost
3	someone their job, why don't you-all write it down
4	and have them sign it, sign some sort of pledge
5	saying they won't do that or they'll be terminated?
6	A. I don't know.
7	Q. Okay. So going back to the righteous living
8	clause it says that, "We believe character matters.
9	All the time."
10	And you said that's biblically based, right?
11	A. I believe that to be the case.
12	Q. And then an employee that engages in
13	premarital sex is, what, bad character? Is that
14	what that means?
15	A. I we haven't gone to that extent to define
16	it that to exactly say that's what that means,
17	bad character. I haven't heard that phrase. I just
18	know that we view it as and we've consistently
19	applied it as a violation of that core value.
20	Q. And you understand that not all people
21	believe in that, right, that believe that having
22	premarital sex is bad or something that should cost
23	them their job?
24	A. I understand that there are a lot of beliefs
25	out there, so I'm not surprised that they would

1	maybe believe counter to what we believe.
2	Q. Have you ever worked for another company that
3	told its employees they cannot engage in premarital
4	sex because the company was biblically based?
5	A. I have worked for other companies, but I
6	and I've never had that said to me.
7	Q. Have you ever worked for another company that
8	had a righteous living core value that was based on
9	the Bible?
10	A. No.
11	Q. I'm not sure the Predators didn't have
12	anything like that, did they?
13	A. Not that I'm aware of.
14	MS. COLLINS: Maybe I shouldn't be
15	making assumptions about hockey players.
16	Okay. Let's go off the record and take
17	a quick break.
18	MS. SANDERS: Sure.
19	THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Going off the record
20	at 10:59 a.m.
21	(Recess observed from 10:59 a.m. to
22	11:12 a.m.)
23	THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We are back on the
24	record at 11:12 a.m.
25	///

1	BY MS. COLLINS:
2	Q. Okay, Mr. Floyd. We were discussing
3	Exhibit No. 5 and your response to Caitlin
4	O'Connor's email that requesting information
5	about FMLA and notifying the company she was
6	pregnant. And you responded at 5:17 to Armando's
7	email where he forwarded that.
8	Would you say at that time, on June 18,
9	2020, at 5:17 p.m., that that was basically you
10	saying "Time for her to go," or you agreed with
11	letting her go?
12	A. I would say that, unless there was something
13	that I didn't know, that we would be consistently
14	applying our decisions that we've made in other
15	instances to this instance here.
16	Q. Okay. And you say, "What Jen said," and Jen
17	Sievertsen says, "We've dealt with this before and I
18	think we should handle it exactly the same way."
19	What was your understanding as to what that
20	meant, handle it exactly the same way?
21	A. Can you tell me where Jen's
22	Q. Oh, sure. It's on the next page, on 84, at
23	the top of the page, is her response.
24	A. Oh, there's Jen. Okay. Sorry.
25	Okay. Can you ask your question again?

1	Sorry. I was I was trying to find Jen. I've
2	got it now, but what was your question?
3	MS. COLLINS: What was my question,
4	Terri?
5	(The requested record was read back by
6	the court reporter.)
7	THE WITNESS: I can't read any more into
8	it than handle it exactly the same way, and that
9	it's if the facts are what we think they are,
10	when we go further into it, it will lead to a
11	dismissal or termination.
12	BY MS. COLLINS:
13	Q. Okay.
14	A. With lots of grace and lots of generosity.
15	Q. And you said a minute ago that you felt like
16	your comment that it was totally classless on her
17	part to not talk with her leader before she sent
18	this email; is that right? Did I get that right?
19	A. That the notification should not come via
20	email, it should have come via a one-on-one
21	conversation.
22	Q. Okay. And in Caitlin O'Connor's email,
23	she she states, "This is obviously uncharted
24	territory for me, so I'm not sure what my next steps
25	are regarding sharing the news with my leader,

1	getting FMLA and ADA paperwork in case it's needed
2	in the future, et cetera."
3	So could that be her just asking for advice
4	from Mr. Lopez, the HR doctor, about how to go
5	about handling that with her leader?
б	A. You ask "could be." Could be anything, yeah,
7	it could be.
8	Q. Well, should employees be able to go to HR
9	and ask questions like that, like, "How I do handle
10	this? What's the best way to handle this?"
11	A. They should be able to go to HR and ask
12	questions, yes.
13	Q. Okay.
14	A. I don't believe it was just about FMLA and
15	ADA was the reason for the email in the first place.
16	It was more about the notification.
17	Q. Notification of what?
18	A. To say "I'm pregnant."
19	If it would have been an only FMLA and ADA
20	question, then HR would make a ton of sense. I
21	think there was more in this than that.
22	Q. Okay. And so when you said it was totally
23	classless on her part, you felt like it was
24	classless of her to ask HR how to handle the
25	situation for guidance?

1	A. No. The "classless," again, had nothing to
2	do with had nothing to do with her being
3	pregnant, had nothing to do with guidance on FMLA or
4	ADA or whatever those things were or weren't. It
5	was more about the first-time notification to our
6	organization that "I'm pregnant" was not sitting
7	down with the leader and say, "Here's what's going
8	on" because she knew that was in violation of our
9	core values.
10	Q. But isn't she asking how to share the news
11	with her leader?
12	A. I don't know if that's what she's asking or
13	not.
14	Q. Okay. Well, she specifically states that,
15	"I'm not sure what my next steps are regarding
16	sharing the news with my leader."
17	Do you think that's fair to accuse someone
18	of being classless for seeking advice from HR?
19	A. Again, I think I've asked I've answered
20	the question, that "classless" has nothing to do
21	with her reaching out to HR. My comment was because
22	she did not sit down and talk to her leader first,
23	because she knew she was in violation of our core
24	values. That's the ultimate thing.
25	Q. Well, she doesn't say that she knows that

1	that's a violation of the core values, does she?
2	A. She does not say.
3	Q. Okay.
4	A. She knows.
5	Q. If you went and sought advice from HR, would
б	you appreciate being called classless?
7	A. I've been called worse.
8	Q. Yeah, me too.
9	All right. Are employees at Ramsey
10	Solutions expected to share medical information
11	with their leaders?
12	A. Expected to? I don't know. They tend to,
13	yes, because I said earlier we're highly relational
14	and our leaders care about our team and our team
15	cares about our leaders care about our team and
16	our teams want their leaders involved, if they do
17	want their leaders involved. If it was highly
18	confidential and they wanted to go straight to HR,
19	they could.
20	Q. Okay. So in Caitlin O'Connor's email
21	where I mean, she writes that it's confidential
22	or sensitive information, doesn't she? The top of
23	the email, the subject line says, "Sensitive
24	information"?
25	So if your position is that an employee can

1	go to HR to share medical information, and
2	pregnancy's a medical condition, right?
3	A. Yes. I think.
4	Q. Wouldn't that
5	A. I'm not a doctor.
6	Q. Wouldn't that wouldn't that be okay for an
7	employee to go to HR first and get advice about how
8	to share sensitive medical information?
9	A. It would be okay, yes.
10	Q. Okay.
11	A. It wasn't she wasn't stopped, right? She
12	did, so it would be okay.
13	Q. So I'm still just trying to understand, if
14	if it's okay for an employee to go to HR first to
15	ask for direction how to share sensitive medical
16	information, why would that garner being called
17	classless?
18	A. I'll answer it again, because I believe there
19	was my belief is that there was more to that,
20	that she was going to HR and not to her leader
21	because she knew she'd violated our core values.
22	Q. So whether she went to HR or her leader,
23	what's the difference between the two? Does it
24	matter? I mean, she's going to someone in upper
25	management. What is the distinction between the

1	two?
2	A. My belief, my personal belief is that you
3	should speak to your leader
4	Q. Okay. Is that written
5	A when you've violated a core value.
6	Q. Okay. Is that written in any policies,
7	procedures or rules of the company that you have to
8	go to your leader first?
9	A. I don't know of anything written.
10	Q. Okay. Is it an unwritten rule that you have
11	to go to your leader first or is it something that
12	you know that is regularly communicated to
13	employees, that you have to go to your leader first
14	before going to HR?
15	A. It is encouraged to speak with your leader
16	unless you have an issue with your leader themselves
17	and then you're encouraged to go find a different
18	leader or HR. But if it is not a situation with
19	your leader, that's what we strongly encourage, is
20	you sit down with your leader.
21	Q. Okay. But none of that that is written down,
22	that process?
23	A. Written, no. Spoken about, yes.
24	Q. Spoken about when and where?
25	A. In one-on-one we have one-on-one meetings

1	every week, if you lead somebody and it's very
2	apparent that there's an open dialogue and there's
3	conversation and it's encouraged. So it's I'd
4	call it a common practice.
5	Q. And you don't see any distinction in the fact
6	an employee might be sharing confidential medical
7	information?
8	A. I I see that distinction if that's what
9	it's solely about, yes, then I'm great with going to
10	HR.
11	Q. But because this was a pregnancy that
12	involved premarital sex, you draw a different line
13	in the sand, right?
14	A. Yes. It was a violation of our core value.
15	Q. But she was being honest about it, right?
16	A. Yes.
17	Q. That's a good thing?
18	A. Yeah. We'll take that.
19	Q. To your knowledge, was this the first notice
20	of her pregnancy she had provided to the company?
21	A. To my knowledge, yes.
22	Q. Okay. And is being pregnant without having a
23	husband or being married considered a violation of
24	righteous living?
25	A. I wouldn't say the pregnant part is, but the

1	act that got you there in the first place, which
2	would be premarital sex and sexual intercourse,
3	would be what would get you there.
4	Q. And did you assume, based on this email on
5	June 18, that she had engaged in premarital sex?
6	A. I did make that assumption.
7	Q. Okay. But she didn't say she engaged in
8	premarital sex, right? She just said she was
9	unmarried?
10	A. Correct.
11	Q. Wasn't Mary, Jesus's mother, unmarried when
12	she conceived with him?
13	A. Yes, she was.
14	Q. It's a good thing she didn't work for Ramsey
15	Solutions, huh?
16	MS. SANDERS: Objection.
17	THE WITNESS: Immaculate Conception.
18	BY MS. COLLINS:
19	Q. Well, nobody knew about that right off the
20	bat, did they?
21	MS. SANDERS: Objection.
22	THE WITNESS: I wasn't there.
23	BY MS. COLLINS:
24	Q. Have you been involved in the hiring of any
25	women at Ramsey Solutions?

1	A. Yes.
2	Q. Okay. I guess it goes without saying you
3	haven't hired any unmarried pregnant women, have
4	you?
5	A. No, not that I know of.
6	Q. Okay. If you did interview someone and you
7	found out they were pregnant and unmarried, would
8	you refuse to hire them?
9	A. I would, again, look at and say does that
10	violate our core value I mean, we're looking to
11	hire the person who's most qualified who fits our
12	core values and fits our mission. If I knew that,
13	then I would be able to make the decision that's
14	probably not the best, most qualified person for the
15	position.
16	Q. Based on the fact that they were unmarried
17	and pregnant?
18	A. (Pause)
19	Based on the fact that they didn't align
20	with our core value.
21	Q. And being unmarried and pregnant does not
22	align with the core values, right?
23	MS. SANDERS: That's fine.
24	THE WITNESS: If unmarried and pregnant
25	came about by premarital sex, then yes.

BY MS. COLLINS:

Would you ask that in an interview, if 0. someone had premarital sex? Α. No. Well, how would you figure that out? How 0. would you know that? They would have had to tell me. Α. Volunteered, or would you ask questions to Ο. figure out? They would have to volunteer. I can't ask Α. that question. They would have to volunteer. MS. COLLINS: I'm going to mark this next set of documents. (WHEREUPON, the above-mentioned document was marked as Exhibit Number 14.) THE WITNESS: Oh, I get the real sticker. (Reviewing) BY MS. COLLINS: Okay. I've handed you a set of documents 0. that we've marked as Exhibit No. 14. And these are related to a former employee named Did you know -- is it ? I'm probably mispronouncing it, if I had to guess. I don't know how you pronounce it. Α.

Q. Okay. We'll call him

A. And I wouldn't say that I know him.

Q. Okay.

A. Yeah.

Q. Do you recall being involved in his termination at all?

A. I'm looking at the date, _____, and I don't know if I was on the HRC then or not, and so I honestly don't remember specifically

Q. Okay. All right. Well, let me -- I think I'm just going to pull you to the back couple of pages. If you could turn to page -- it will probably help just refresh your recollection. Turn to page 1333.

A. Okay.

Q. And then start there and read to page 1331. No, you gotta go backwards because the way emails do. So you start at 1333 and go to 1331. Read that to yourself and then when you're done I'm going to ask you just a couple of questions, and that will probably refresh your recollection.

A. (Reviewing)

MS. SANDERS: I'm sorry, what number did you say, Heather?

MS. COLLINS: 1333 to 1331. THE WITNESS: (Reviewing) BY MS. COLLINS: Ο. Okay. You ready? Yeah, yeah. Α. Okay. All right. I'm going to start with 0. the email from Jack Galloway on , at 4:13 p.m. It starts on page 1332, it goes to 1333. And he sent it to the operating board. Do you recall if you were on the operating board at that time? Yes, I would be. Α. Okay. What is the difference between the 0. operating board and the HRC? HRC is -- I'll call it a committee that deals Α. specifically with HR-related things. The operating board helps run the operations of the entire company. Okay. Do you know why that discussions 0. regarding this particular employee involved the operating board instead of the HRC? I do not know. Α. Okay. One of the things Jack Galloway says Ο. that is very liberal -- well, he starts saying that two people have to come to him concerned that

-- I guess that's

and his fiancée are living together, and that he had met with that day, along with Finney and Ebert in his office. And the short version was that was nice, but guarded and hesitant to say anything other than they're living at the same address.

And then Mr. Galloway writes that, " is very liberal in his beliefs and shared with us that his fiancée's pastor recommended that they live together prior to marriage. We had some short discussion about the difference and varying interpretations of right and wrong versus agreeing to work here and respect our core values."

And then it looks like Mr. Finney wrote back that it was the fiancée's pastor at a

. Dave Ramsey wrote back, "Well, that makes it okay, then. Did you see the sarcastic font?"

And you wrote back, and this is on page 1331, that, "Dang, preachers apparently are now going to Lutheran seminary."

What did you mean by that?

A. That's -- if you saw lots of emails, you'd see that Mark has a tendency to be a little bit of a

funny -- what I think is funny. Everybody else may not agree with it sometimes. Smart aleck, so... Q. Okay. So did you mean that Lutherans are more liberal than Baptist preachers, as a general rule?

A. Since I'm the one that wrote it, then I can attest to that. I would say yes, on the spectrum of conservative to liberal, Baptist would definitely be over on the conservative side and Lutheran on the liberal side.

Q. Okay. So even if someone shares with you that they have a belief they're living with their fiancée and seeking guidance from their church about it, that doesn't matter, you still think they should be terminated from Ramsey Solutions?

A. Our core value is our company's belief, so it's not necessarily influenced by somebody else's beliefs sitting in ______. We would consistently apply that, and that's what we did. Q. Okay. Would you say that those core values are on the more conservative side of the spectrum, like you just described with the difference between Baptist and Lutheran?

A. We would lean conservative. That's how our interpretation of Judeo values would be.

Q. Is it your interpretation that Lutherans allow people to engage in premarital sex or live together?

A. First, it's not -- nobody from the company ever said anything about Lutheran, so this is just Mark. And I honestly was just having fun. I hadn't thought -- given two thoughts about what Lutherans believe and what they don't believe. I don't know what Lutherans believe and don't believe, so...

Q. But you do consider Lutherans a bit more liberal in their beliefs, right?

A. Yes.

Q. And in this instance it looks like was just living with his fiancée, but I didn't read anything that said he confirmed they were engaging in premarital sex.

Is living together also prohibited, or is it just assumed that if you're living together you must be engaging in sex, having sex?

A. I don't read it in here either, so I don't know.

Q. Okay. Do you remember this guy, _____, being terminated?

A. Not until I read my Baptist smart aleck answer. Then that rang a bell.

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1	Q. Okay. Now, I understand that the company
2	the company's prohibition against premarital sex
3	well, what do you consider the prohibition against
4	premarital or extramarital sex to be? What's your
5	understanding of that?
6	A. Sexual intercourse.
7	Q. Okay. What about oral sex? Is that
8	prohibited?
9	A. Sexual intercourse is where, to my knowledge,
10	and where I've drawn the line.
11	Q. Okay. So you would have not voted in favor
12	of impeaching Bill Clinton?
13	MS. SANDERS: Objection to form. I
14	don't think he had a vote on that, but he can answer
15	it.
16	THE WITNESS: I would have wanted him
17	impeached more from a political view standpoint,
18	so
19	BY MS. COLLINS:
20	Q. But you agreed with Bill Clinton, though,
21	that intercourse that having sex is only
22	intercourse
23	MS. SANDERS: Objection.
24	BY MS. COLLINS:
25	Q. Not oral sex, right?

1	A. I don't even know how to answer that.
2	MS. SANDERS: That's fair.
3	BY MS. COLLINS:
4	Q. Is drunkenness considered a violation of
5	righteous living?
6	A. We haven't drawn the line at that like we
7	have the premarital sex. It would then come down to
8	is it at work. What's the pattern of conduct that
9	has occurred to get to the point where we're having
10	a discussion about someone's drunkenness?
11	Q. Okay. But Ramsey does host events at times
12	that serve alcohol, right?
13	A. Yes.
14	Q. With respect to your involvement in hiring
15	single employees, is the assumption made that
16	they're not engaging in premarital sex?
17	A. Ask the question again. Sorry.
18	Q. Sure. With respect to your involvement in
19	hiring single employees, is the typical assumption
20	made that they're not engaging in premarital sex?
21	A. Yes, because we're not inquiring if they are
22	or not.
23	Q. Okay. Have you ever heard employees referred
24	to as "thoroughbreds" at Ramsey Solutions?
25	A. Yes.

1	Q. Okay. What is the context of that?
2	A. The context would be thoroughbreds are
3	well, you have to take it in the context of
4	thoroughbreds versus donkeys.
5	Q. Okay.
6	A. Who would you want in a race? I'd take a
7	thoroughbred every day over a donkey. So it's not
8	like some type of thoroughbred is better than a
9	different type of thoroughbred, it's just in the
10	context of a comparison of a racehorse versus a
11	stubborn donkey.
12	Q. Okay. So are employees who are terminated
13	from Ramsey Solutions considered donkeys?
14	A. I don't I don't think so.
15	Q. Okay.
16	A. Never heard it referred to that way.
17	Q. Okay. Have you ever heard former employees
18	referred to as donkeys?
19	A. No.
20	Q. Where did you hear that or who did you
21	hear that from, this distinction between
22	thoroughbreds and donkeys?
23	A. I don't recall exactly who. It's said on
24	stage occasionally when we we want to we want
25	to make sure we hire thoroughbreds and we don't hire

1	donkeys. Again, in the context of not calling
2	anybody a donkey, but we want the best, the
3	brightest, the fastest, in a context.
4	Q. And people who engage in premarital sex are
5	not considered thoroughbreds, I suppose? Is that
6	right?
7	A. Never had never drawn that correlation, so
8	I can't answer that question.
9	Q. Well, I'm asking you to draw the correlation
10	now.
11	MS. SANDERS: Personally? His opinion?
12	Is that what you're asking, Heather?
13	BY MS. COLLINS:
14	Q. I'm asking you, is someone who engages in
15	premarital sex not a thoroughbred?
16	A. Okay. Since we've never had that discussion
17	as a company, Mark Floyd's opinion would be I don't
18	know that I don't think I'd consider them a
19	thoroughbred. Never thought of it before until you
20	posed that question right there.
21	Q. Have you ever heard former employees referred
22	to as stupid?
23	A. I don't recall a specific instance.
24	Q. Do you recall any conversations where
25	employees who disagreed with the policy that

1	premarital sex was prohibited, that they were stupid
2	if they worked for that company and didn't believe
3	the same thing? Or something to that effect?
4	A. The "or something to that effect" is really
5	broad and vague. Can you
6	Q. Sure.
7	A just narrow it down to tell me what
8	you're asking.
9	Q. Have you ever heard someone at Ramsey
10	Solutions make the comment that an employee who
11	engages in premarital sex is stupid if they think
12	they should be allowed to work there and have that
13	belief?
14	A. I I don't recall anybody being called
15	stupid.
16	Q. Do you think people who have more liberal
17	views on Christianity are wrong?
18	A. Again, my personal view, I don't know that
19	they're wrong. It would depend. I need better I
20	need more context than that. I need to know what
21	specific things we're talking about. We may be far
22	apart on some things and some things we may be
23	really close. I have lots of good debates with good
24	friends all the time.
25	Q. Do you think that people who hold more

1	liberal views about premarital sex should be
2	prohibited from working?
3	A. Working at Ramsey?
4	Q. I'm just talking in general right now.
5	A. Working? No.
6	Q. But they should be prohibited from working at
7	Ramsey?
8	A. Start over with the question, then. So
9	are you asking Ramsey? Are you talking about
10	working in general, so
11	Q. I'm talking two different things.
12	A. Okay. Then let's start over.
13	Q. So working in general, do you think people
14	who hold more liberal views on premarital sex should
15	be prohibited from working?
16	A. No, it's a free country. They should work.
17	Q. But you do think they should be prohibited
18	from working at Ramsey?
19	A. It is a violation of our core values, and
20	that's who we are, so they're not going to be the
21	best fit, they're not going to be in alignment with
22	our core values or on our mission.
23	Q. Now, can a company just make up a core value,
24	even if it violates federal law?
25	A. Not not to my knowledge.

1	Q. Okay. Have you ever thought about that,
2	whether or not Ramsey's core values could violate
3	federal law?
4	A. Have I thought about it?
5	Q. Uh-huh.
6	A. I don't believe any of our core values do
7	violate, so I don't think I've put a lot of thought
8	into it.
9	Q. Do you think that eliminating discrimination
10	in the workplace is a good thing, that it's
11	important?
12	A. I don't believe in discrimination, so yes.
13	Q. Should a company be allowed to impose its
14	religious beliefs on its employees?
15	MS. SANDERS: Object to the form.
16	He can answer.
17	THE WITNESS: I don't think you should
18	be able to impose your religious beliefs. When
19	you're hiring you know what organization you're
20	stepping into, you know what if a core value is
21	based on a biblical view, then, again, it's the core
22	value, it's not the religious belief, it's our core
23	value.
24	BY MS. COLLINS:
25	Q. Do you think a company shouldn't impose its

1 religious beliefs on its employees, even if it's 2 couched as a core value? 3 Object to the form. MS. SANDERS: 4 You can answer it. 5 THE WITNESS: When you object it throws 6 me. 7 MS. SANDERS: I'm sorry. 8 THE WITNESS: No, I understand why you did it. 9 10 Can you ask the question again, then, 11 the exact same way. 12 MS. COLLINS: Terri, what did I say? 13 (The requested record was read back by 14 the court reporter.) 15 THE WITNESS: I don't think a company 16 should have -- be able to have a religious belief 17 couched in a core value that violates somebody's 18 religious beliefs. 19 MS. COLLINS: Okay. All right. Let's 20 go off the record. I just need to review my notes. 21 MS. SANDERS: Sure. 22 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Going off the record 23 at 11:52 a.m. 24 Recess observed from 11:52 a.m. to 25 11:59 a.m.)

1	THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We are back on the				
2	record at 11:59 a.m.				
3	BY MS. COLLINS:				
4	Q. Mr. Floyd, do you know who ultimately decides				
5	what is or is not a core living or righteous				
6	living violation?				
7	A. Generally speaking, it's the HR committee,				
8	because that's where those violations come.				
9	(Reporter asked for clarification.)				
10	THE REPORTER: What was the last thing				
11	you said? "That's where they come"				
12	THE WITNESS: That's where they come,				
13	yeah.				
14	BY MS. COLLINS:				
15	Q. Do you know who decided about that difference				
16	between oral sex and intercourse being a premarital				
17	sex issue? Do you know where that came from?				
18	A. I don't know the origins.				
19	Q. How long have you known about that				
20	distinction?				
21	A. I'm trying to maybe a couple of years.				
22	Q. What was the context where that was first				
23	discussed or where you first, like seems like a				
24	bit of a nuanced issue to grapple with.				
25	A. Yeah. I'm I don't remember way back, so				

1	I'm just going to my nearest memory. That would				
2	have been an instance where did they have I				
3	mean, if it's more about the did they have sexual				
4	intercourse. It was less about oral sex, it was did				
5	they have sexual intercourse. And that's where the				
6	line then was not the line, but that's where that				
7	distinction was, like, that's where we definitely				
8	draw the line.				
9	Q. Okay. Do you recall who that was?				
10	A. I don't yeah, I I think it was in				
11	the				
12	THE WITNESS: Can I answer that?				
13	BY MS. COLLINS:				
14	Q. You can yes, you answer it.				
15	MS. SANDERS: Yeah.				
16	(The following pages, 75 through 79, are				
17	for attorneys' eyes only.)				
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(Start of confidential portion.) BY MS. COLLINS: Q. You can't ask your attorney. Α. Okay. The most -- a time that I remember it is in the instance. Okay. Ο. MS. SANDERS: As we've already established, anything about will be under seal. BY MS. COLLINS: Okay. So the difference between whether oral 0. sex was a righteous living violation for having premarital sex came up when something came up with ? Is that the --MS. SANDERS: Objection -- sorry. BY MS. COLLINS: 0. -- best of your recollection? MS. SANDERS: Object to the form. You can answer. BY MS. COLLINS: Is that the best of your recollection? 0. That's the best of my recollection. Α. So is this, like, a whole discussion with the Ο. HRC, or did you-all receive direction from someone else as to the distinction between the two?

1	A. That was not at HRC level. That was at the					
2	operating board level.					
3	Q. Okay. So did the operating board have					
4	discussions about the distinction between oral sex					
5	and intercourse being a violation of the righteous					
б	living premarital sex ban?					
7	A. We had the distinction was drawn in that					
8	operating in an operating board conversation,					
9	yes.					
10	Q. Okay. Was it a discussion with the full					
11	operating board at the time?					
12	A. I believe so.					
13	Q. Okay. Do you know if any minutes were kept					
14	from that meeting?					
15	A. I we we aren't we don't do minutes					
16	because it's not a board of directors type of					
17	organization, how we we don't keep minutes,					
18	per se.					
19	Q. Okay. Does anyone typically take notes					
20	during operating board meetings?					
21	A. In our operating board meetings, when it is a					
22	general business update, we have an executive					
23	assistant in there taking notes. When we go to more					
24	sensitive matters, we do not have anybody in there					
25	taking notes.					

Q. Who do you recall being in on that meeting?
A. Wow. The -- in the -- we're talking specifically about the case, right?
Q. Yes, uh-huh.

A. I don't know that I can recall every name in there, but the general nature would be the full operating board.

Q. Who is that? Who do you recall?
A. Okay. Here we go. Myself -- I got to go around the room. Sorry. Jack Galloway, Jen Sievertsen, Suzanne Sims, Brian Williams, Jeremy Breland.

Two years ago...Daniel Tardy, Luke LeFevre, Jim King, Blake Thompson. This is when I feel bad when I can't remember who's on the board. Dave Ramsey, Daniel Ramsey, Rachel Cruze, Denise Whittemore, Winston Cruze. And I'm sure I've left one person out that I can't remember. I'd have to look over that list.

Q. Okay. So the operating board, not the HRC, dealt with the allegations that **manual** had engaged in premarital sex?

A. Yes, the operating board, not HRC.

Q. Okay. Was that -- what you're referring to, I'd initially started off asking you questions about

who decided this distinction between intercourse
versus oral sex, and the full operating board that
you just described, was that when that
discussion was had, or was that more recently when
was terminated?
A. It was
Q. Or both?
A. No. It would have been yeah,
over ago.
Q. Okay. Were you involved in the more recent
termination decision with respect to ?
A. Yes, because I'm on the operating board
Q. Okay.
A still.
Q. And why was he terminated recently?
A. Because we recently discovered that he was
having premarital sex no yeah, he's divorced.
So I'm sorry. I'm trying to think, was it
extramarital or premarital. But he was having sex
outside of marriage. How about that? And when that
news came to light, he was terminated.
Q. Okay. And how did that news come to light?
A. Oh. I don't know if I remember exactly how
it came to light. I know he was confronted and he
admitted.

1	Q. Who confronted him? Do you know?					
2	A. It would have been a subset of that of					
3	that operating board.					
4	Q. What is it?					
5	A. Well, in that case it probably would have					
6	been the personnel Jeremy Breland probably.					
7	Did I name Jeremy earlier?					
8	MS. SANDERS: Yes.					
9	THE WITNESS: He leads the personnel					
10	committee, so that would be the right chain, if you					
11	will.					
12	(End of confidential portion.)					
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1	(Continuation of regular,				
2	non-confidential testimony:)				
3	BY MS. COLLINS:				
4	Q. Okay. If you ever have a righteous living				
5	question, like, what all does that core value				
6	encompass, who do you go to?				
7	A. I don't I don't go to anybody. We let				
8	those questions come in to HRC and make that				
9	determination. We don't have a list.				
10	Q. Okay. But as a leader of a team, if you had				
11	a question about whether or not something impact				
12	or involved the righteous living core value, would				
13	you still take that to the whole HRC committee or				
14	would you just go to someone and ask, "Hey, what do				
15	you think about this?"				
16	A. If precedent has been set, there's no need to				
17	ask the question or right right? I mean, we've				
18	had precedent set before. But if there's a				
19	question, I would take it to HRC.				
20	Q. Do you know if Ramsey Solutions has any				
21	atheists or agnostics working for it?				
22	A. I have no idea.				
23	Q. Do you think that would be consistent with				
24	Ramsey Solutions' core values to hire an atheist or				
25	agnostic?				

1	A. I have no idea. We haven't had that brought				
2	up before.				
3	Q. Sure. I'm asking your opinion.				
4	Do you think it would be consistent with the				
5	core values to hire an atheist or agnostic?				
6	A. In my opinion I'm running through my				
7	righteous I'm running through the core values.				
8	Without more context I would say I would				
9	want to ask questions and understand, are they in				
10	alignment with our core values. Just you saying				
11	that, I don't know whether they are or not.				
12	Q. Is there any sort of set of guidelines for				
13	the HRC to follow, that you-all follow, or is it				
14	just based on established precedent that's				
15	unwritten?				
16	A. The latter.				
17	Q. Okay. And I think I've already asked you				
18	this. Is it your understanding that the core values				
19	apply to every single employee at Ramsey Solutions?				
20	A. Core values apply to everybody, yes.				
21	Q. Okay.				
22	A. I don't know that you've asked that exactly				
23	like that.				
24	Q. Okay. Have you ever had a situation that				
25	you've been involved in with the HRC where the				

1	committee just disagreed about something?			
2	A. It's a committee. So we would we've had			
3	lots of we'll have spirited discussion.			
4	Q. Well, what would you do if something like			
5	that happened, if you needed a tie breaker?			
6	A. If we needed a tie breaker and the again,			
7	I can't remember exactly in the three to three			
8	years plus that I've been on the HRC committee,			
9	never had to have one. If we absolutely ended up			
10	deadlocked or just even just in violent			
11	disagreement, the nature of our organization is then			
12	we would take that to the operating board to say,			
13	"Here's something we can't resolve at the committee			
14	level, let's resolve it at the operating board			
15	level."			
16	MS. COLLINS: Okay. All right. I think			
17	that's all I have.			
18	MS. SANDERS: Nothing from us.			
19	Other than, Terri, when you prepare the			
20	transcripts we don't have to do this on the			
21	record, sorry.			
22	THE VIDEOGRAPHER: The time is			
23	12:14 p.m. We are going off the record. This will			
24	conclude today's deposition.			
25	THE REPORTER: Do you want to read and			

1	sign?
2	MS. SANDERS: Yes.
3	THE REPORTER: And so you want copies?
4	MS. SANDERS: Yes.
5	(Proceedings adjourned at 12:15 p.m.)
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1	REPORTER'S CERTIFICATE
2	I certify that the witness in the
3	foregoing deposition, MARK FLOYD, was by me duly
4	sworn to testify in the within entitled cause; that
5	the said deposition was taken at the time and place
6	therein named; that the testimony of said witness
7	was reported by me, a Shorthand Reporter and Notary
8	Public of the State of Tennessee authorized to
9	administer oaths and affirmations, and said
10	testimony, pages 1 through 83, was thereafter
11	transcribed to typewriting.
12	I further certify that I am not of
13	counsel or attorney for either or any of the parties
14	to said deposition, nor in any way interested in the
15	outcome of the cause named in said deposition.
16	IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set
17	my hand on July 15, 2021.
18	STATE OF TENNESSEE
19	Jerri Dedek
20	Terri Beckham, RPR, RMR, CRR, LCR No. 355
21	My commission expires: 3/6/2022
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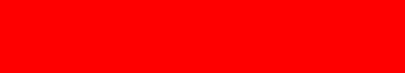
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4		and accurate transcript, with the following corrections, if any:					
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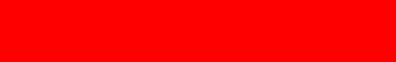
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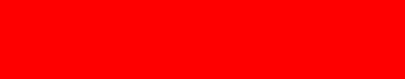
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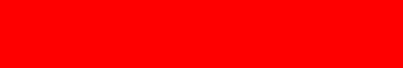
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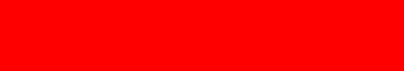
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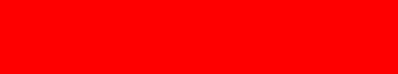


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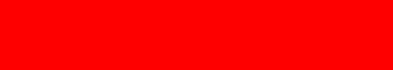


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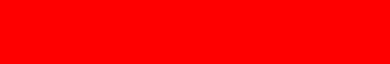
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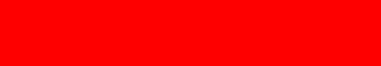
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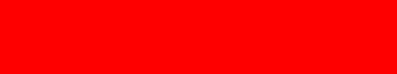
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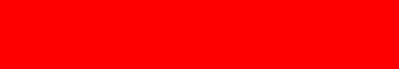
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