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1	MORNING SESSION	
2	TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 2023 - 9:51 A.M.	
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5	PROCEEDINGS	
6	THE COURT: Good morning.	
7	MS. ARMENTA: Good morning.	
8	MR. WATTERS: Good morning, Your Honor.	
9	MS. CANNON: Good morning, Your Honor.	
10	THE COURT: What was the problem?	
11	MS. CANNON: I'm sorry, Your Honor?	
12	THE COURT: You were supposed to start at 9:30.	
13	MS. CANNON: Oh, my apologies. I had to borrow a	
14	printer. Andrew Watters, and, actually, his client, have	
15	my printers. They seized them in another action, so I had	
16	to borrow a printer to print out some documents this	
17	morning and it ran out of paper and I had to go get some	
18	paper. It's not really an excuse, but I offer it as an	
19	explanation only.	
20	THE COURT: All right. Let's continue with	
21	questions.	
22	MS. CANNON: My apologies.	
23	MR. WATTERS: I have one motion, Your Honor.	
24	Apparently, the defense intends to offer a number of	
25	photos, which I've never seen and have not been provided,	

1 and so I move to exclude those items in advance. THE COURT: Are we in the middle of -- we are in 2 the middle of your questions? 3 MS. ARMENTA: Yes. We're in the middle of the 4 5 examination of Ms. Cannon on the defense case in chief. THE COURT: Right. The problem is that new 6 7 photos have been produced this morning. 8 MR. WATTERS: I still haven't seen the photos 9 that apparently are going to be offered. 10 THE COURT: What is the explanation for new materials never turned over to the other side? 11 12 MS. ARMENTA: My explanation is that I was just 13 engaged over the weekend, and I asked for photos of what was going on since I saw -- and, actually, picked them up, 14 because Mr. Watters provided photos apparently of the 15 premises in the condition of November of 2021, so I asked 16 for photos of what it looked like when Mr. Watters was 17 18 actually occupying it. 19 I wasn't counsel at the time. They weren't produced. I don't think any trial exhibits were exchanged 20 2.1 in this case, Your Honor. THE COURT: Can you speak into the microphone. 22 23 You don't think what? 24 MS. ARMENTA: I don't think any trial exhibits 25 were exchanged in this case, Your Honor, which is why I

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- brought that motion at the inception of the trial, which
 was to exclude anything that hasn't been exchanged, but
 that motion was denied.
 - THE COURT: Well, if you will recall what happened yesterday, that's not correct. What happened yesterday is you made the motion, and the reason it was denied was because the materials that the plaintiff had were actually produced to your side. You didn't get a copy of it, but it was produced, and you saw what the items were, and I held that there was no prejudice.
 - This is different. This is a situation in which the plaintiff has never seen these documents before. We are on direct examination. I don't see yet a reason why they should be allowed.
- MS. ARMENTA: Fair enough, Your Honor. I can proceed without them. That's not a problem.
- THE COURT: The witness is free to describe, to talk about things, anything that she wants to talk about 19 I'm prepared to listen to.
- MS. ARMENTA: That's fine, Your Honor.
- 21 THE COURT: So, let's continue with our 22 questions.
- LADY BENJAMIN PHILIP DIAZ CANNON,

 a defendant, being previously duly sworn to tell the

 truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, under

penalty of perjury, was examined and testified further as 1 2 follows: 3 DIRECT EXAMINATION - RESUMED BY MS. ARMENTA: 4 5 Ms. Cannon, if you can turn to Exhibit No. 3 in Ο. your exhibit book, please. 6 7 Α. Yes. 8 O. So, in this email, assuming -- let's assume for the moment that is an accurate email, because it's in 9 10 evidence and we will be looking at it. In the section where it says "Data center 11 12 features," and there is a number of lines under there. 13 These were some of the items that Mr. Watters was talking about, and if you could just explain to us, were these 14 features that the data center was going to have or had? 15 Where does it -- how are these features related 16 to the data center that you were looking for, colocation 17 18 services for? 19 Well, we were building a data center, so that 20 process, you know, takes years and years. This spec sheet 2.1 is designed to -- it would indicate the specifications of the property once it's complete, once the construction is 22 23 complete. 24 As Mr. Watters knew, this was a start-up, so 25 let's just go and address the first item. The diverse

1 | carrier and fiber --

- Q. Hold on a second, and let me ask, if that's okay?
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- Q. I do want to go through these features, and what
 I want to ask you is, first, what they are, and then if
 they existed, and if these services were actually provided
 to Mr. Watters.
- 9 A. Very good.
- Q. So, let's start with the first one, what is it and was this feature provided to Mr. Watters?
 - A. The diverse carrier fiber entry means that there's multiple fiber cables carrying the Internet that connect to the building.

You can think of telecom like railroads, and there are railroads between cities that connect the cities. Telecom works the same way. There's cables in the ground connecting the cities. And if you can imagine a train station with one track feeding it, and if that train were to derail or the train track were to break, the train station would not be able to service any more trains.

But if you were to connect two railways to one building, you would have redundancy. You would have a redundant path out of the building, and that is what

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- 1 diverse carrier and fiber means.
- Q. Okay. So, diverse carrier refers to multiple carriers?
- A. Yes. Multiple carriers over multiple physical paths, so it's a twofold redundancy system, and we did provide that.
 - Q. What's the next item, 24x7x365.25, and so on?
 - A. That means there is someone on-site at the building that is trained in the use -- of various roles in the company and can enact those various roles as needed; and 24x7x365 means they are on-site around the clock, even during holidays, even during Christmas Eve, New Year's, et cetera.
 - We always have someone on-site, whether it's Kar, myself, Chris, Bobbie, Pascal, you name it. Someone is always on-site, that's what that means.
 - Q. What is the next line about access, is that the same thing? Access to whom?
 - Our customers. So, at our facility, access is "escorted only," and in most secured data centers, access is escorted only. You can't go to your cabinet by yourself. We have to watch you. We have guards that come and escort you and let you in the building.
 - What that means is that you can get into the building after hours. You can get into the building at

- 1 | 1:00 in the morning if you have an outage, for instance.
- 2 I believe Mr. Watters tried to and did.
- 3 Q. The next item, UPS and diesel generator backup,
- 4 | and my question is: Did you actually have access to
- 5 generator backup when 6x7 was providing services to Mr.
- 6 | Watters?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. At any time during that contract that Mr.
- 9 Watters' server was in 6x7's custody, was there any need
- 10 | to use that backup generator power at that time?
- 11 A. Not to my knowledge, no.
- 12 Q. Let's skip down to the end of that, sort of,
- 13 | section where it says: "Full premises video
- 14 | surveillance."
- Did the 6x7 facility where Mr. Watters' equipment
- 16 | was located have video surveillance?
- 17 A. Yes. It had both video and still motion photo
- 18 | surveillance.
- 19 Q. The next, sort of, paragraph where it says "Dual"
- 20 A&B generators and ATS," what does that mean?
- 21 A. So, A&B generators means we have access to more
- 22 | than one generator, so the generator is not a single point
- 23 of failure in our design.
- 24 And ATS stands for automatic transfer switch.
- 25 | That's the switch in the pictures that switches between

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- 1 utility feed and battery feed and/or generator feed, as
 2 appropriate in the event of a power failure.
 - Q. After Mr. Watters came and placed his equipment in the 6x7 facility in San Francisco, were the dual A&B specifications that are listed on Exhibit 3 actually provided to Mr. Watters?
- 7 A. Yes. Not only that, I believe we provided a 8 picture.
 - Q. We are not going to talk about pictures.
- 10 A. My apologies.
- 11 Q. So, let's leave the pictures alone for a minute.
- 12 A. Oh, okay.
- Q. The next item has to do with pricing, so -- let's see. The minimum order and below, were there any other items and features that were provided to Mr. Watters?
 - A. Well, these lists -- certainly minimum orders, specifications, and prices. We actually gave Mr. Watters better pricing than what is on this list, so...
- 19 Q. What do you mean, explain that?
 - A. Well, if you see bandwidth for \$2,500 a month for 10 GigE, we gave Mr. Watters that for a mere \$800 month.
 - Q. Did 6x7 actually provide Mr. Watters with a 10 GigE during the time that his equipment was at --
- 24 THE COURT: Excuse me. I think I'm confused. It 25 says bandwidth is going to be \$500 a month, but you

1 | charged him \$800?

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THE WITNESS: Your Honor, if you look, there is two columns that said bandwidth. \$500 per month for one Gbps, that's 1 gigabit per second, 1 billion bits per second for \$500. Then we have another option at \$2500 a month for 10 gigabits per second, or 10 billion bits per second.

8 THE COURT: What did you actually charge?

THE WITNESS: We charged \$800 a month, and we delivered 10 gigabits per second, which normally would have been \$2500 a month.

12 THE COURT: Thank you.

THE WITNESS: And we actually "no charge" him for the cabinet, which we normally would have charged for, as well.

16 BY MS. ARMENTA:

- Q. Thank you for that clarification.
- 18 A. My pleasure.
- Q. What is on the bottom, "Cross Connects," \$150 a month? Explain what it is.
 - A. Typically, when you lease colocation space, you bring in multiple fiber connections to your equipment for redundancy reasons.

For reasons unknown to me, Mr. Watters did not elect to do that, and he brought in only one. But those

- are called cross connects, and that means they go from the fiber carriers' equipment and routers in our data center
- 3 to the customer rack.
- If you will recall, that 42U rack cabinet, like
 the closet where you put the servers, so the cross connect
 is the fiber optic cable from the closet where Andrew
 Watters had his servers to our main switchboard, if you
- 8 | will.

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- O. Was Mr. Watters provided with cross connects?
- 10 A. He was at no charge.
- Q. Okay. So, is there anything on this list on
 Exhibit 8 that was offered to Mr. Watters that he didn't
 actually receive? I mean, aside from the pricing? I
 mean, in terms of features and functionality?
- A. Yes. Aside from the pricing, absolutely. He received everything on this list.
 - Q. What do you think the disconnect is in terms of -- you heard Mr. Watters say he doesn't think he got these things, what do you attribute that disconnect to?
 - A. You know -- oh, Cris. I think it's twofold. I think there's two factors at work here simultaneously, if I were to hazard a guess, and I have to guess at this.
 - Q. Well, I don't want you to guess.
- A. Maybe I'm making an educated inference based on Mr. Watters' behavior, but that's the best I can do.

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- My assessment, then -- my assessment as to what
 the disconnect here is twofold. Mr. Watters can't seem to
 call me by my true and correct name. According to him,
 the disconnect began when he discovered I was a woman in
 the first place. I think that if you -- if you hate
 somebody so much you'd swear the sky is red, because all
 you can see is red, but the sky is actually blue.
 - Q. I'll stop you and come back to the issues that are in that complaint here, if we can.
 - A. Well, I think there is a technical issue, too.
 - Q. Yes. What is the technical --
 - A. And I think that's actually the crux of the matter, so I do want to get to that.
 - Q. So, what is the technical reason that someone might not -- that Mr. Watters appears to suggest that he didn't receive these things that are on Exhibit 3, as far as you understand it?
 - A. Well, the truth is, Cris, not a lot of people actually know what this stuff is supposed to look like in the first place.
 - This is all very highly technical. I realize -I've been studying this for my entire lifetime, and even
 I, you know, struggle to get my ears around it sometimes.
- So, I can see how it could be easy to confuse, if
 you are staring at something, an electrical panel, for

- 1 | instance. If you're not an electrical engineer or you're
- 2 | not an electrical contractor, you might not know what's in
- 3 | that panel, or you might not know what it means, or you
- 4 | might not know that it's connected to a PG&E meter rather
- 5 | than a round one. You wouldn't be able to hold the
- 6 | certifications to make those assessments, and very few
- 7 | people have those certifications to make those
- 8 assessments.
- 9 It's hard to figure this stuff out, and it's easy
- 10 to assume the worst in a vacuum of information. I think
- 11 | that's all I have.
- 12 Q. Let's turn to Exhibit 7, if we can. This is the
- 13 | first agreement, the colocation agreement. Are you at
- 14 | Exhibit 7?
- 15 A. Yes -- yes.
- 16 Q. Now, the first page calls for a five-year term on
- 17 | this agreement with Andrew Watters. One of the issues
- 18 | that he raised was that he didn't have a lease or an
- 19 option to purchase for that long.
- 20 He showed us the unlawful detainer complaint with
- 21 | the lease attached. Did you have any separate discussions
- 22 | with the owner of that building about purchasing the
- 23 | building?
- MR. WATTERS: Objection. Hearsay.
- 25 THE COURT: Not yet. Overruled.

1 THE WITNESS: Yes, I had. I had --2 MS. ARMENTA: Just hold on. 3 THE COURT: Just answer the question, and we'll take it question by question. 4 5 THE WITNESS: Yes, Your Honor. BY MS. ARMENTA: 6 7 O. I have to take this one piece at a time, okay? 8 So, did you have any discussions with the owner about the 9 option or the ability to purchase the building? 10 Α. Yes. 11 Q. Did you enter into any agreements, oral 12 agreements with the landlord about your ability to 13 purchase the building? 14 Α. Yes. Did you ever enter into any written agreements, 15 Ο. 16 separate and apart from the lease, with the landlord about your ability to purchase the building? 17 18 Α. Yes. 19 Ο. Did lawyers negotiate that for you? 20 Α. Yes. 2.1 Is that agreement a matter of public record? Ο. 22 Α. Yes. 23 Did you ultimately purchase the building? Ο. 24 Α. No. 25 Q. Now, let's turn to -- let's turn back to -- so,

1 let's turn to the Master Service Agreement, which is 2 behind this. Is this two pages from the back? 3 THE COURT: There is -- so, this is -- we 4 MS. ARMENTA: Yes. 5 are on Exhibit 7, and we are going to go to --6 THE WITNESS: I have it on page 3, Exhibit 7, 7 Your Honor. 8 BY MS. ARMENTA: 9 Page 3 -- one of the -- sorry about that. Ο. So, one of the issues that Mr. Watters raised was 10 11 the heat in the basement, and so my question for you is: 12 Was the temperature in the basement for Mr. Watters' 13 equipment, was it regulated? 14 Α. Yes. To your knowledge, did any damage come to Mr. 15 Ο. Watters' equipment or did he report any damage to his 16 equipment as a result of the temperature in the 17 18 basement? 19 No to both questions. If you look on Exhibit 7, the first -- after the 20 Ο. 2.1 quotation there is a 13-page document, could you turn to page 2 of 13, please. 22 23 Okay. I'm at page 2. Α. 24 Q. At the bottom there is a paragraph about

insurance, and it talks about the customer's

1 responsibilities.

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Do you know if Mr. Watters ever made any claim to any insurance that he was obliged to keep concerning anything that happened at the data center?

- A. Not to my knowledge.
- Q. Now, if you could turn to page 4 of 13?
- 7 A. I'm here.
- Q. Now, we just saw a little bit on the quote where it defined the term as five years. On paragraph 12 it talks about term again.
- So, what was your understanding of the length of the term of the colocation contract with Mr. Watters?
- A. So, all of our contracts under MSA are term

 contracts. They exist as a term, usually in years, and in

 this case, it was five years. That is the length of the

 time that the contract is to be paid and we rely on

 that.
- Q. Did Mr. Watters actually pay you for the five-year term of the contract?
- 20 A. No.
- Q. Did Mr. Watters ever provide you written notice pursuant to paragraph 12 of the Master Service
 Agreement?
- 24 A. No.
- Q. I notice on the first page on the Quotation, it

- 1 does indicate the location in San Mateo, but as we have
- 2 | all heard that the equipment was ultimately placed in San
- 3 Francisco.
- 4 At the time Mr. Watters placed his equipment in
- 5 | San Francisco, did he make any complaints at that time
- 6 about the change in location?
- 7 A. No.
- 8 Q. Did he ask you to amend the contract or change
- 9 | the location so that it specified the correct location?
- 10 A. No.
- 11 Q. Did he complain to you that it wasn't as
- 12 | convenient a place for him, because his office was in San
- 13 | Mateo?
- 14 A. No.
- 15 Q. When was the first time you heard that
- 16 | complaint?
- 17 A. Oh --
- 18 | O. If you can recall?
- 19 A. Within the last year. Certainly -- probably when
- 20 | I read his complaint.
- 21 Q. Has 6x7 filed any claim against Mr. Watters for
- 22 | the balance of the contract under the five-year term
- 23 | agreement, under the Master Service Agreement?
- A. No, we haven't.
- 25 Q. Why not?

- A. Well, fully accelerating Mr. Watters' contract,
 as we are allowed to do under the MSA, would be \$800 times
 60 months.
- THE WITNESS: I don't have a calculator in front of me, Your Honor. That's what, 50K, Your Honor?
- 6 BY MS. ARMENTA:

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- 7 Q. Let's say it is.
 - A. Plus or minus 50K for purposes of discussion, that's not worth paying you to go -- I would have had to pay you much more than that to have to go recoup that debt, so it's not a good debt. And then we have a duty to mitigate our damages -- so, there we are.
 - Q. So, let's turn to page 5 of 13, and this one talks about 6x7's right to terminate the customer's uses of the colocation services.
 - I am pointing at the bottom there were it says in the event that 6x7's rights to use the facility terminates or expires for any reason --
- 19 THE COURT: Which paragraph are you reading from?
- 20 MS. ARMENTA: 13.5, page 5.
- 21 THE COURT: I thought you said at the bottom?
- 22 BY MS. ARMENTA:
- Q. Paragraph 13.5, where it says toward the end of that particular paragraph, and it talks about 6x7 having the right to terminate: "In the event that 6x7's rights

- 1 | to use the facility terminates or expires for any reason."
- 2 | Was that section in the Master Service Agreement
- 3 | when Mr. Watters signed it?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. At the time, did Mr. Watters voice any objection
- 6 | to the fact that he wanted a -- his five-year contract to
- 7 be certainly in one place and to be sure that 6x7, as the
- 8 | landlord, could never be evicted, moved, or change
- 9 locations?
- 10 A. No, he didn't do any of that.
- 11 Q. Was there any -- were there any functional
- 12 | features of the data center that, as far as you know, were
- 13 | made unavailable or were not given to Mr. Watters as
- 14 | contemplated?
- 15 A. I can't think of any.
- 16 Q. Let's move to the breach of contract claim, which
- 17 | is a claim against 6x7 for wages, \$250,000 a year for his
- 18 | time as chief legal officer.
- 19 MS. ARMENTA: I just want to get that in front of
- 20 me, Your Honor.
- 21 O. So, now at the time Mr. Watters was engaged as
- 22 | chief legal officer, the Joint Venture Agreement was
- 23 | already in effect or did that come after?
- 24 A. You know, I'm not sure.
- 25 Q. Well, the Colocation Services Agreement came into

- 1 | effect, and we just saw it in 2019?
- A. I imagine that would have been first. I believe that was our first document with each other.
- Q. At any time after 6x7 began doing business with Mr. Watters, did Mr. Watters raise with you the potential of a conflict of interest that would arise if he were then
- 7 to act as 6x7's attorney?
- 8 A. No.
- 9 Q. Did you have an understanding that Mr. Watters
 10 was a member of the State Bar of California?
- 11 A. Yes.
- Q. Did Mr. Watters, as a member of the State Bar of California, accept employment or to do legal services with 6x7 without giving you a written disclosure of a potential conflict of interest?
- 16 A. I'm not sure as to employment, but he provided
 17 legal services without doing that, absolutely.
- Q. Have you ever -- you have a number of lawyers in other matters, is that right?
- 20 A. Oh, yes.
- Q. So, do I represent you in some matters?
- 22 A. Indeed -- and very grateful.
- Q. Who are your lawyers in Delaware for the Chancery?
- 25 A. Well, there's Patrick, and Jackie, and Bret, and

- 1 -- I guess, Maria is actually not on the East Coast, but
 2 she's with that same firm in Los Angeles.
 - Q. Have you learned something about the manner in which legal engagement agreements are sometimes documented now?
- 6 A. Oh, yes.

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- Q. Of all the lawyers that you or 6x7 have had since Mr. Watters left you, have any of those lawyers provided you with conflict of interest waivers, where you had -- conflicts were disclosed to you when you had to understand them and sign?
 - A. If there was any potential for a conflict, absolutely, yes. Those have been provided many times.
 - Q. So, are there -- have you entered into any -- have you or 6x7 entered into any business arrangements with other lawyers that also represent you or 6x7?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. And in that instance -- oh, who is that lawyer?
- A. Marc Indeglia, who is a now with a new firm,
- 20 | Patty's firm.
- 21 O. Glaser and Weil?
- 22 A. That's the one.
- Q. So, you entered into a business relationship with Marc Indeglia and an attorney-client relationship?
- 25 A. Yes.

- Q. In that instance, was a conflict waiver prepared and signed?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. Did you ever come to learn before or after Mr.
- 5 Watters came into your life that he had previously applied
- 6 | to be a special agent with the FBI?
- 7 MR. WATTERS: Objection. Relevance.
- 8 | THE COURT: What is the relevance of this?
- 9 MS. ARMENTA: It goes to employment history and
- 10 | suitability for employment.
- MR. WATTERS: It's not relevant, Your Honor.
- 12 THE COURT: I don't see the relevance.
- 13 | Sustained.
- MS. ARMENTA: Okay.
- Q. Just to be clear, the business that Mr. Watters
- 16 | was doing with 6x7 -- it was with 6x7, correct? That was
- 17 | the colocation agreement?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. And the legal services he offered, or gave, were
- 20 | also to 6x7?
- 21 A. My understanding is that there was just 6x7 and
- 22 | myself.
- 23 O. And no conflict waiver for either of those
- 24 relationships?
- 25 A. No.

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- Q. Let's talk about the sixth cause of action, which is the cause of action for conversion.
 - This is about the \$5,000 -- I don't know what you would call it, a setup fee and the \$800 a month, and so that was the agreement we were looking at.
- 6 Mr. Watters, or you, who brought Mr. Watters' 7 equipment to the San Francisco location and put it in?
- A. Mr. Watters toured the San Francisco location,
 and then, I believe, a week later he brought his equipment
 in and began his install.
- 11 Q. So, what was the purpose of the \$5,000 payment 12 that Mr. Watters made?
- 13 A. I believe that was the nonrecurring charge, which 14 is intended to partially offset our expenses in designing, 15 delivering, and engineering a fiber service.
 - There is construction associated and the costs are high. It costs us more than \$5,000 to connect a building. It costs us more than \$5,000 just to design the service.
 - Q. Did 6x7 actually incur costs in connection with that that exceeded the \$5,000?
- 22 A. Yes.
- Q. At any time, other than by filing a complaint, did Mr. Watters ever demand the return of those moneys from 6x7?

- 1 A. Not to my knowledge, no.
- Q. Let's talk about the declaratory relief claim.
- 3 | It has got a request to rescind four different contracts.
- The first one was the colocation contract, and
- 5 | we've talked about that one already.
- There was a sales representative contract,
- 7 | whatever happened with the sales representative agreement
- 8 | between 6x7 and Mr. Watters?
- 9 A. We spent a lot of time, energy, money, and effort
- 10 training Mr. Watters, but he never made a single sale.
- 11 Q. So, there is no relationship ongoing there?
- 12 A. No.
- Q. And what about the residential fiber and office
- 14 | fiber contracts, did those ever go into effect?
- 15 A. No.
- 16 Q. We have already talked about the joint venture,
- 17 | is there some reason you wouldn't want a judgment of
- 18 rescission of these contracts?
- 19 A. Well, I'm fearful that Mr. Watters will post
- 20 | things on his website defaming me.
- 21 I'm fearful that he will contact my lawyers and
- 22 | try to interrupt my legal representation and undermine my
- 23 | access to the courts.
- Q. Have those things already happened?
- 25 A. All of those things have already happened.

What was the reaction of your lawyers who are in 1 2 your Court of Chancery case when they found out that Mr. Watters is now on your DOT (phonetic) case? 3 MR. WATTERS: Objection. Relevance. 4 5 THE COURT: What is the relevance? MS. ARMENTA: I'll withdraw it. 6 7 Okay. So, let's talk about the false advertising Ο. 8 claim, which is the eighth cause of action. 9 We saw some photos of data centers and you told us that they were clip art. On those images of the data 10 11 center, was there any caption representing that those data 12 centers were, in fact, pictures of 6x7's data centers? 13 Α. No. In fact, I think you can see the clip art stock photo logo in the corner. 14 When it came to features and functionality, 15 16 however, were the representations on 6x7's website as to what features and functionality its data center offered 17 18 consistent with what actually was offered? 19 Oh, yes. The photo had concrete floors; we had concrete floors. It had rack cabinets; we have rack 20 2.1 cabinets. It had overhead power distribution; we have overhead power distribution. Essentially, an equivalent 22 23 facility. 24 Ο. I'd like to go to the relationship between 6x7

and Mr. Watters during the time that he was providing

- 1 | legal services. Did he ever provide those legal services
- 2 | inside the 6x7 facility?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. Did he provide them from his own office, as well?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. Where did he spend more time?
- 7 A. His office.
- 8 Q. Did he have, to your knowledge, permanent work in
- 9 | -- outside of 6x7 that were sort of the usual course of
- 10 his business? In other words, did he act as a lawyer
- 11 | outside for others?
- 12 A. He told me he had a functioning law firm, yes.
- 13 Q. Your understanding is that he had been a lawyer
- 14 | already for some time?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. Did you even know that he had hired staff on your
- 17 | matters?
- 18 A. No.
- 19 Q. So, did you exercise any degree of control over
- 20 | how he performed the legal services?
- 21 A. No.
- 22 | O. Or who he hired?
- 23 A. No.
- Q. Did you require Mr. Watters to keep a time card
- 25 or report hours or tasks to you?

- A. No. We did not want to do his time in any way.

 O. Did he actually provide you time records or
 - Q. Did he actually provide you time records or reports on completions of tasks or anything like that?
 - A. No.

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- Q. Okay. Was Mr. Watters essentially free from control of 6x7 or did you exercise control over his performance of his duties as chief legal officer?
- 8 A. No. He had full control over his duties.
- 9 MS. ARMENTA: I have no further questions, Your 10 Honor.
- 11 THE COURT: Thank you.
- For cross-examination, do you want to -- do you

 need a five- or ten-minute break, or anybody need a break

 before we have cross? If anybody does, please let me

 know.
- We will go to cross-examination now.
- 17 THE WITNESS: Thank you, Your Honor.
- MR. WATTERS: Yes, Your Honor.
- 19 CROSS-EXAMINATION
- 20 BY MR. WATTERS:
- Q. You mentioned some discussions to purchase the building for which the San Francisco facility was located, do you recall that?
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 Q. You did not ultimately purchase the building,

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1 right? 2 Α. Yes. 3 Q. Why did you not ultimately purchase the building? 4 5 Α. We --6 MS. ARMENTA: Objection. Relevance. 7 THE COURT: Go ahead. I will overrule the 8 objection. 9 THE WITNESS: We couldn't put the financing 10 together. BY MR. WATTERS: 11 12 And you indicated at some point that the unlawful Q. detainer that was filed in 2019 was settled, correct? 13 14 Α. Yes. 15 O. But there were two unlawful detainer cases 16 against you and 6x7, is that correct? 17 Α. No. 18 Are you not aware of the other cases? O. 19 Sir, they don't exist. You are sure that there are no other unlawful 20 0. detainers involving you and 6x7 at the property? 21 22 Α. There were two cases; one was settled and was one 23 dismissed. 24 Q. So, there were --

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              MR. WATTERS: Your Honor?
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              THE COURT: If you --
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              THE WITNESS: Or if you want to ask me -- I'm
     confused as to what I should do here, Your Honor. Maybe
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    you can help me.
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              THE COURT: I think you should assume that it is
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    a different question. That's fine. Not a problem.
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              I think I will rephrase it. The question is:
    Are you aware of any writ of execution against the
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    property?
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              THE WITNESS: Not for me.
              THE COURT: No, what?
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              THE WITNESS: Not for me.
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             Not for you individually, but for 6x7?
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     of an unlawful detainer proceeding for your portion of the
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              MR. WATTERS: I have a request for judicial
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    notice, Your Honor. I will exchange a copy with defense
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              THE COURT: This is in writing?
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             MR. WATTERS: I'd actually like to offer this as
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    a request at this time.
              THE COURT: They will have an opportunity to
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    respond to it. We can take care of that after the
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    hearing.
              MR. WATTERS: That's fine, Your Honor. I just
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    have some impeachment evidence I need to get in on this
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     request.
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              THE COURT: Let's have a look at it. You can
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     certainly ask questions of the witness based on the
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     document, but go ahead and let's have a look at it and see
     if there is an issue.
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              MR. WATTERS: May I approach, Your Honor?
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              THE COURT: Please.
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             MR. WATTERS: (Handing to Court, opposing
     counsel, and witness.)
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              THE COURT: Thank you.
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Is defense counsel ready to tell me their 1 2 positions on these three requests? MS. ARMENTA: Technically, there is no objection; 3 substantively, relevancy would be the objection. 4 5 THE COURT: Relevancy. First of all, the Request 6 for Judicial Notice, which is dated April 13, 2023, 7 consists of three requests. 8 Relevancy is, in fact, an issue that can be 9 considered when there is a request for judicial notice. 10 I would like an explanation for the relevancy of the third request, the bench warrant. 11 12 MR. WATTERS: Yes, Your Honor. THE COURT: What is the relevance of that to this 13 14 proceeding? MR. WATTERS: In yesterday's testimony, Lady 15 16 Cannon indicated that she was unaware of any criminal proceedings in Sonoma County against her, and this is an 17 18 impeachment exhibit, because the warrant indicates that, 19 at a minimum, Lady Cannon was arraigned and then failed to appear, so, therefore, she was aware of the criminal 20 2.1 charges. 22 THE COURT: So, this is one of credibility? 23 MR. WATTERS: Yes, Your Honor. 24 THE COURT: I will grant the Request for Judicial 25 Notice. I will say that with request to the -- certainly

- 1 | the third one, the relevancy is marginal. If we were in a
- 2 | bench trial -- well, we are in a bench trial, but if we
- 3 | were in a jury trial, I'd probably -- under 352 I would
- 4 | exclude it, because it seems to be so marginal, and its
- 5 | impact on the jury would be something that would outweigh
- 6 | its relevancy.
- 7 But, because this is a bench trial, I will accept
- 8 | it, and I will use it solely with respect to the
- 9 credibility issue and will not use it for the prejudicial
- 10 purposes for which, apparently, it is being proposed, but
- 11 | I will take your word for it, that's not what is going on
- 12 here.
- So, it's a long-winded way of saying: The
- 14 | Request for Judicial Notice is granted.
- THE CLERK: Do we need a description of this?
- 16 THE COURT: The Request for Judicial Notice,
- 17 | dated April 11, 2023, consisting of three requests:
- Writ of possession, a writ of possession, and a
- 19 bench warrant.
- 20 Let's proceed.
- 21 BY MR. WATTERS:
- 22 Q. Lady Cannon, please take a look at Exhibit 8 of
- 23 | the Request for Judicial Notice, which is the return writ
- 24 of possession in a case filed by Mr. Charles Jadallah
- 25 | against 6x7 Networks LLC.

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No.

Go ahead and flip to the last page of the exhibit 1 2 when you are ready. THE COURT: The last page of the exhibit? 3 MR. WATTERS: Yes. This is the San Francisco 4 5 Sheriff's Office return on the writ of possession. 6 THE WITNESS: I'm here. 7 BY MR. WATTERS: At the bottom of the table in the middle of the 8 0. 9 page, there is a date there, November 3rd, 2021, and that 10 indicates that the writ was executed on November 3rd, 11 2021, do you see that? 12 Perhaps I'm looking at the wrong page, but, no. Α. 13 Q. Toward the middle of --THE COURT: Let me help the witness. This is 14 what the page looks like (pointing). Do you see the date 15 16 of November 3, 2021? 17 THE WITNESS: Yes. 18 THE COURT: All right. 19 BY MR. WATTERS: Just to confirm, that's the date that you are 20 0. 2.1 indicating I broke in and robbed your house? 22 Α. Yes. Does this change your view at all, that there was 23 0. 24 a writ of possession for the property?

- Q. In any case, will you agree with me that this is the writ of possession for the 6x7 Networks space at that location?
 - A. No.

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- 5 Q. Why not?
 - A. The space is not described as such.
 - Q. Okay. So, in any case, this is a different case number than the Exhibit 15 that we saw yesterday, so it's the second unlawful detainer filed against 6x7 Networks LLC, correct?
 - A. I don't have that document in front of me.
 - Q. Go ahead and turn to Exhibit 15, if you need to refresh your memory of what we discussed yesterday.
 - THE COURT: Give her a specific instruction, because if you just tell a witness to refresh his or her memory, they might just sit here for a couple of hours and read through the pages, so that's not going to be really helpful.
- MR. WATTERS: Yes, Your Honor.
- Q. Please turn to page 1 of Exhibit 15, which is the summons on an unlawful detainer against yourself and 6x7

 Networks LLC.
- 23 Are you there?
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 Q. Do you see the case number in the case number

Transcript of Proceedings 1 section? 2 Α. Yes. It starts with CUD-19? 3 Ο. 4 Α. Yes. 5 So, that's the case you are indicating was Ο. settled, right? 6 7 Α. I don't recall which was one settled. 8 0. In any event, the case in which the writ of 9 possession was executed was not settled, true? 10 I don't think so, but I'm not certain. Your question confuses me. 11 12 Please turn to Exhibit B of the Request for Ο. 13 Judicial Notice, which is the writ of possession on 14 Charles Jadallah v. Lady Ben Cannon. Are you there? Sorry. I'm there. 15 Α. 16

- Now, this case was filed in 2022, and it starts Ο. with CUD-22. This was the unlawful detainer that Mr.
- 18 Jadallah filed against you personally, correct?
- 19 He filed many against me personally.

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- 20 So, do you now recall how many unlawful detainers Ο. that have been filed against 6x7? 2.1
 - I recall -- my recollection has not changed. Α.
- 23 You mentioned that you did not know whether I had Ο. 24 hired staff on behalf of 6x7, do you recall that?
- Yes. Your staffing was your decision, not mine. 25 Α.

1 Do you recall interviewing one of my employees at 2 the 6x7 facility before she was hired? 3 Α. Vaquely. So, you vaguely recall that one of my employees 4 5 came to 6x7 in San Francisco and was interviewed with 6 you? 7 You wanted my opinion on her for your firm. Α. 8 MR. WATTERS: If I may, Your Honor, I would like to reserve for a rebuttal case. 9 10 THE COURT: I'm sorry? MR. WATTERS: I would like to reserve the rest of 11 12 my commentary on the evidence for my rebuttal case -- if I 13 may? THE COURT: You want to put on a rebuttal, that's 14 fine. Are you finished with cross-examination? 15 16 MR. WATTERS: Yes, Your Honor. My point is the subject matters will return in the rebuttal, that's all 17 18 I'm saying. 19 THE COURT: Well, the only question I have for you, have you completed your cross of this witness? 20 2.1 MR. WATTERS: Yes, Your Honor. THE COURT: All right. Any further redirect? 22 23 MS. ARMENTA: Just briefly. 24 REDIRECT EXAMINATION BY MS. ARMENTA: 25

- Q. Mr. Jadallah came to the 6x7 facility on November of 2021, were the security cameras still in operation at the building?
 - A. Yes.

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- Q. And, so, did you watch how it happened when Mr.
 Jadallah came to the building, as he was authorized to do
 by legal process?
 - A. Well, I was on vacation in Mexico, and we thought he had no authority to enter the building, because he dismissed the UD against me personally, so, therefore, he could not proceed with a writ.
- 12 Q. Thank you for that clarification.
- Did you observe Mr. Watters in the building at that time?
- 15 A. Yes.
 - Q. Did Mr. Watters, as far as you know, have any relationship at all with any of the unlawful detainer cases, either as counsel of record or as a party?
- 19 A. At that time, no. I don't think so -- at all.
 - Q. Do you have any understanding as to -- did anyone tell you beforehand that Mr. Watters would be at the building more than a year after your relationship and 6x7's relationship with him had ended?
- 24 A. No.
- 25 Q. And, at the time, were you already litigating

1 this case with Mr. Watters? 2 Α. I believe so, but I don't recall specifically. Did anyone in this case, your lawyer at the time, 3 0. or anyone inform you that Mr. Watters would be going over 4 5 the property in the second case? 6 Α. No. No. 7 Did Mr. Watters, to your knowledge, provide or Ο. 8 serve any demand for inspection of the premise in this case for the 6x7 facility? 9 10 Α. No. 11 MS. ARMENTA: No further questions, Your Honor. 12 THE COURT: Thank you very much. You are 13 excused. THE WITNESS: Thank you, Your Honor. I 14 15 appreciate you. 16 (Witness excused.) THE COURT: We will take a short recess now. 17 18 I think, Mr. Watters, you have in mind some 19 rebuttal testimony, is that right? 20 MR. WATTERS: Yes, but I'm not sure if they are 2.1 finished yet. 22 MS. ARMENTA: The defense rests. 23 MR. WATTERS: Yes, I have some rebuttal 24 testimony. 25 THE COURT: Could you tell me who the witnesses

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              MR. WATTERS: Just myself, Your Honor.
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     we will finish our rebuttal.
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              MS. ARMENTA: Thank you, Your Honor.
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              THE COURT: Thank you very much.
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              THE COURT: We will turn to plaintiff's rebuttal
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              MR. WATTERS: Thank you, Your Honor.
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              THE COURT: You are still under oath as you speak
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     as a witness.
              MR. WATTERS: Understood, Your Honor.
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    plaintiff, being previously duly sworn to tell the truth,
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     the whole truth and nothing but the truth, under penalty
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1 the microphone, approximately one inch away from the mic. 2 MR. WATTERS: Yes, Your Honor. 3 THE COURT: You can pull it toward you. 4 MR. WATTERS: Okay. 5 Yesterday Lady Cannon testified that it was my server as the equipment, not her and 6x7 Networks or power 6 7 that caused my sever false, that is not true. 8 That came up a few times during her testimony. The reason I know it's not true is that there was a PG&E 9 10 power outage on one occasion in May or June of 2020, and Lady Ben blamed the power outage on PG&E, and my server 11 12 crashed as a result. From that I infer that the power was 13 the issue, and, therefore, the statement that my server was -- or I was somehow at fault is untrue on that 14 subject, the issue with the generators and other features 15 16 that were represented to me, Lady Benjamin has said repeatedly that she did provide the services -- or 6x7 17 18 provided the services that were represented on her initial 19 email, but that is not true. 20 The Cogent outage in approximately June of 2020 2.1 took down my server, and that was attributed by 6x7 personnel, that Cogent, which was also confirmed on a 22 23 Cogent website, so, again, not my equipment. 24 It was the Internet service provider, and that's 25 what led me to discover that my Internet service at the

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cabinet was actually provided by Cogent and not by 6x7
Networks LLC.

There was also a separate outage in June of 2020 at 450 Mission Street in San Francisco. Lady Benjamin and I attended the -- sidewalk, or whatever. I'm not sure that's the appropriate term, but there was a tour of the 450 Mission facility where I and Lady Benjamin went in together and looked around with a bunch of personnel from Salesforce and other companies who were users of that facility and tried to determine what was going on. So, the 450 Mission outage was another Internet outage that took down my server.

Now, that shows a couple things; number one, the service at my cabinet was not redundant or diverse as was represented to me, and when that service was actually provided by Cogent.

In terms of the escort-only policy at 6x7, it was never done that way. I didn't have to show a badge or anything to get into the building. I had to ring the doorbell, and then the on-site staff person would open the door for me and let me walk down to the data center. So, it was not escort-only, nor did I have to do escort-only on my subsequent data center facility in Santa Clara, which was a Digital Realty facility, and that's considered their flagship. There were no escorts there either.

So, in terms of generator access, as I mentioned, the PG&E power outage took down my server in late May or early June of 2020. Had there been a generator, an automatic transfer switch, then even the server wouldn't have crashed, because the generator would have taken over with the ATS automatically, and that's how I know there was no generator or automatic transfer switch. Had there been a generator or automatic transfer switch, there would be no interruption of my service.

In terms of providing true A&B power, that was not the case. My equipment was plugged into the power tap that was -- or power receptacle that was shown on Exhibit 10, the third page of Exhibit 10. I know that because when the work crews pulled out the power cable on November 3, 2021, upon the eviction of 6x7, I heard all the customer equipment shutting down, and that also confirms there was no generator and automatic transfer switch.

Turning to the issue of provisioning services for my San Mateo office, it appears that Lady Cannon does not recall my July 29, 2020, email, which I read into the record yesterday.

That's the one where I talk about a phone call on the morning of July 29, 2020, and I go into all the reasons I am rescinding my contracts with 6x7 and resigning as chief legal officer. That is at page 13 of

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the complaint, by the way, if the Court would like a
printed version.

In any case, it had been seven months after the agreed install date when I resigned and terminated my contracts. The agreed install date was 45 days from the date of payment of the nonrecurring charges, which was the \$5,000, and I paid the charges.

Lady Cannon stated that she -- Lady Cannon stated that I wanted her to check herself into a mental hospital, that is true. I did suggest that in June of 2020.

Lady Cannon testified that I wanted a power of attorney from her, that is not the case. I suggested a power of attorney as an option for preserving the business of the company in light of Lady Benjamin's incapacitation.

I should note that the power of attorney was limited to 6x7's business activities, and myself and Mr. Kar Dhillon were the holders of the power of attorney. In any case, the power of attorney was subsequently rescinded when Ms. Cannon returned to the business.

Lady Cannon testified that she did not recall receiving a refund request for the \$5,000 and charges for my fiber, but I would, again, refer to the July 29, 2020, email where I specifically asked for the refund of the deposit.

Lady Cannon testified that I was soliciting her

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from the beginning to be her attorney, that is not the

case. I was excited about the prospects of the colocation

services at a bargain price, and that's the extent of the

interest that I recall in the April 2018 time frame.

We did have phone calls from that point forward where we talked about various ideas, inventions, things like that, that were interesting to us. It seemed like Lady Cannon and I had a substantial amount in common in terms of ideas, or possible joint ownership, or business ventures, but that is not meant to being -- or offering to be her attorney or 6x7's attorney at that point in time.

Lady Cannon testified I was hired as her general counsel and her personal counsel, that's not true. I was hired as chief legal officer as an employee from June 1st, 2020, to July 12th, 2020. It was on a salary basis, as I indicated, and so I didn't keep track of my time specifically or issued normal bills like I would in a normal attorney-client relationship.

Lady Cannon testified that she said she had no employees in 2020. That's true, she said that, which would surprise her 20 employees at the time.

Lady Cannon testified I gave her no advice concerning the illegality of her employment agreements.

As I testified yesterday, that's not true. There was advice in that area, and Lady Cannon had waived the

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1 | privilege on that specific question.

In terms of my visits to the property, the property is a marked contrast -- or was a marked contrast from the photos that were offered by the defense at the time I installed my equipment in December of 2019.

The photos that were offered as Defense A were significantly different from the condition of the property in December of 2019. The photos represent, to me, a major cleanup effort or staging, because it did not look like that at any time from late 2019 to mid-2020 when I departed. As an example, there were boxes everywhere, to the point it was difficult to walk from the entrance into the basement facility.

Concerning the time required to build the data center, indeed, I now know that it takes years and years to build a data center. However, there was no indication from Lady Benjamin or 6x7, at any time, that the features represented to me in the initial email were still under construction. As I indicated, many, if not all, the features never existed at the facility as built.

Lady Cannon testified that I brought in only one fiber connection for reasons unknown. That's true, I brought in one fiber connection, although my server had two connectors. It was represented to me that the connection provided was by 6x7, not Cogent, and,

therefore, the single connection that I had was understood
to be redundant. That's what is represented by diverse
carrier and fiber service.

At no point was it disclosed to me that Cogent was my actual ISP. I only discovered that when I searched probably available IP address assignment information and learned that my IP address was on the Cogent network.

Indeed, this is a highly technical area that takes years of study, but it doesn't take an expert to understand what is being sold in this initial email. The facility was drastically different from what was represented.

In terms of the temperature in the basement, during Lady Benjamin's absence during June and/or July of 2020, the temperature was, at least, 105 degrees

Fahrenheit. I know what 105 feels like, and that does not represent a safe environment for computer equipment.

Concerning the change in location from San Mateo to San Francisco, at some point I either agreed or accepted the fact that I would be changed to San Francisco, which was less convenient. But I recall the incentive was getting a 10 gigabit connectivity in San Francisco for the same price I would have paid for 1 gig in San Mateo. That is a strong incentive, because it's a 10 times faster Internet.

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1 In terms of the unpaid wage claim, I don't recall 2 ever raising a conflict of interest waiver with Lady Benjamin, that is true. However, my understanding is that 3 the -- when the entity is a client, that is a corporation 4 5 LLC, et cetera, that the rules of professional conduct may permit an exception in that conflict waiver when the 6 7 person is becoming an employee. 8 THE COURT: Issues like that, I'm not going to listen to what you have to say as a witness. 9 10

listen to what you have to say as a witness. That's a legal issue. You may be right, you may be wrong, but your testimony on that isn't useful. We will have to deal with that in briefing.

MR. WATTERS: Understood, Your Honor.

THE COURT: Okay.

MR. WATTERS: Lady Cannon testified that the legal services were provided for 6x7 and herself. As I indicated, I was an employee of 6x7, and 6x7 Networks LLC was my client, not Lady Benjamin Cannon.

Although, I may have handled ancillary matters on behalf of the entity that might have benefited Lady Cannon individually, 6x7 Networks was my client.

Lady Cannon testified that I spent a lot of time -- that she spent a lot of time, energy, and money training me to do sales, but I never made a sale. It's true that I never made a sale. It's not true that she

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spent a lot of time, energy, and money training me. I received no training, if you can call it that, of any kind. All I received was a customer list and directions to contact those individuals to -- as prospects.

Lady Cannon testified she is fearful of me posting on my website defaming her. However, I note that I've never been sued for defamation in response to my website, and that's because what I say on there is true and 100 percent fair to Lady Cannon.

Lady Cannon testified that there were no captions, or that she thinks the stock photo logo is visible on the photos on her website. I don't think that is true, but I -- admittedly, on the printouts you don't see any clip art logos or stock photo watermarks.

But, in any case, her testimony that the features shown in the photos were essentially equivalent to her facility is not accurate.

The facility was not equivalent to a real data center, such as Digital Realty or other heavy hitters in the marketplace. Indeed, I had to retain replacement services from Digital Realty and other entities that have -- the facilities that are the same quality represented on 6x7's website.

My point is the quality level of the website is reflective of a real data center operator, such as Digital

1 | Realty, but was not reflective of 6x7's facility.

I do, and did, have a fully functioning law firm.

That is in 2020 to the present, I have been continuously

practicing law. I have a law firm in Redwood Shores with

5 | three attorneys, a law clerk, and a legal assistant; and,

6 | so, yes, that is a fully functioning law firm.

And I did have my practice in mid-2020, and, at that time, my intention was to transition to a more part-time law practice role so I could pursue my other business ventures, and a big component of that was joining 6x7 as an employee, but after that I ended up returning to a full-time law practice and have been ever since.

Lady Benjamin stated she did not know whether I had hired staff, and she conceded on cross she vaguely recalls interviewing one of my employees at 6x7's facility before she was hired. That was in mid-June 2020, that was Ms. Lizbeth Guatemala, and Lady Benjamin did, in fact, interview Ms. Guatemala at 6x7's facility, because Ms. Guatemala was going to be an employee shared between myself and Lady Cannon.

Lady Cannon testified that I had full control over my day and she did not supervise me, that's not accurate. I attended many, nearly daily, conference calls with Lady Benjamin and her staff in which Lady Benjamin repeatedly castigated her staff -- or coached them on

1 improving in terms of their responsiveness and other 2 business-related commentary. So, I didn't consider myself to have full control over my day, because I was beholden 3 to attend these, nearly daily, conference calls, which I 4 5 did. 6 Concerning the eviction from the premises in 7 November of 2021, I later on -- in 2022, per the other 8 writ of possession, I had coordinated with Mr. Jadallah in an effort to serve Lady Cannon and 6x7 Networks in an 9 10 unrelated proceeding. My role at the November 3rd, 2021, 11 eviction was simply as a process server, and I had the 12 permission of Mr. Jadallah to enter the facility pursuant 13 to his writ of possession. Also, there were sheriff deputies in attendance, 14 and Lady Cannon was speaking to them through the Ring 15 16 doorbell, but I, obviously, deny taking anything or robbing her in any way. I simply did not do that, nor 17 18 would I. The attendance of the sheriff deputies would 19 make that difficult, as well. 20 MR. WATTERS: That's all I have, Your Honor. 2.1 THE COURT: Thank you. Cross-examination? 22 23 MS. ARMENTA: Yes. 24 CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MS. ARMENTA: 25

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- Q. Mr. Watters, what features, specifically, on the photos that you showed on the website misrepresented what was available at the data center?

 THE COURT: Let's have the notation as to exactly
 - THE COURT: Let's have the notation as to exactly which exhibit we're talking about now.
 - MS. ARMENTA: Yes. Thank you, Your Honor.

 That's a good point. Let's look at Exhibit 6.
 - Q. If you could tell me in Exhibit 6, is it the -- so, just look at the photos first without looking at the caption, and then we will look at the captions.
 - On the first page, is there anything about those photos to you that grounds your case in falsity?
 - A. Yes. The first photo on page 1 of Exhibit 6 shows what appears to be two turbine generators in a data center facility on polished, concrete floors, and those two generators are very heavy duty.
 - Q. Anything in the second picture?
 - A. That is just a picture of a switch with some fiber running into it. I would consider that inaccurate.
 - Q. What on the second page are features that you are saying weren't available to you?
 - A. The second page shows what I would consider a premier or world-class data center facility, such as run by TELx or Digital Realty. On the left side you see there

- 1 is a raised floor. Those tiles would come off and they're
- 2 removable, so you can run cables under the floor. That's
- 3 | an example of a highly desirable feature that would be
- 4 found in a normal data center.
- Q. So, why did you put your equipment there when you went there and saw that it didn't look like that?
- A. I didn't go there initially. I met Lady Cannon and installed my equipment the first time I had been at
- 10 Q. Well, then, why did you install it if you saw it?
- 11 A. I was pretty stuck after spending more than
- 12 | \$2,000, and then I didn't want to delay the start-up any
- 13 | longer.

- 14 Q. Did you look for other facilities at that time?
- 15 A. No.

the facility.

- Q. Did you express in writing that you were
- 17 disappointed of the state of the facility?
- 18 A. I'm not sure I did that.
- 19 Q. Did you then, thereafter, go on to enter into a 20 business with 6x7?
- 21 A. Yes.
- Q. Did you then go on to represent the company as
- 23 | its chief legal officer and one of your responsibilities
- 24 | was facility management?
- 25 A. I wasn't, say, facility management; but, yes, I

- 1 | did continue with the company.
- Q. Okay. Then you continued month after month for
- 3 | about six months, and you kept your equipment there, is
- 4 | that right?
- 5 A. That's true.
- 6 | Q. You paid for those months each month?
- 7 A. I fully paid 6x7.
- 8 Q. Yet, at the time, you knew that the facility
- 9 | didn't look like you say in the photos, correct?
- 10 A. It didn't look that way, you are correct.
- 11 Q. During the time that you say there were power
- 12 outages, that was in the summer of 2020?
- 13 A. Yes.
- Q. That is part of the time that Ms. Cannon was also
- 15 | hospitalized?
- 16 A. I'm not sure it coincided, but it's possible.
- 17 Q. So, you suggested that you be the person that
- 18 | have the power of attorney to keep the business running
- 19 | properly, correct?
- 20 A. I suggested that Mr. Dhillon and myself, as joint
- 21 | holders of the power of attorney.
- 22 | Q. But you were the person that became the power of
- 23 | attorney, correct?
- A. Mr. Dhillon and myself both received the power of
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- Q. You didn't suggest that she obtain a higher-level person, an engineer with credentials be the person that be appointed to run the facility in her absence, did you?
 - A. I believe I brought up key man insurance at some point -- key person insurance.
 - Q. But as 6x7's chief legal officer, you suggested, and your suggestion was accepted, that you be the person that be designated as the power of attorney to continue the business operations when Lady Benjamin was incapacitated, is that correct?
 - A. You didn't hear my prior answer, which was Mr. Dhillon and myself were joint holders of the power of attorney.
 - Q. Do you have a degree in electrical engineering?
 - A. No.
 - Q. It was either shortly after or during Ms.

 Cannon's hospital stay, and during or after the time

 period that you, yourself, held -- or co-held the power of

 attorney that you terminated the contract with Ms. Cannon,

 is that correct?
 - A. No. She had returned from the hospital at that point, and it had been a couple weeks, at least, when I terminated the contracts.
 - Q. So, you terminated the contracts a couple weeks after the period that she was unavailable, is that

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              MS. ARMENTA: No further questions, Your Honor.
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              THE COURT: Is there anything that you want to do
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     on redirect, Mr. Watters?
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              MR. WATTERS: No, Your Honor.
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              THE COURT: Have you concluded your rebuttal
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     case?
              MR. WATTERS: Yes, Your Honor.
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              THE COURT: All right. Let's go off the record
     and talk about briefing, and then when we've decided what
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     we want to do, we will put it on the record -- and
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     anything else you want to put on the record.
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              THE COURT: So, the parties have agreed that the
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     Court will order the following briefing schedule:
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              Plaintiff's opening brief, no more than 20 pages,
     due on May 15th.
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1 The defendant's opposition, no more than 20 2 pages, due on May 29. Plaintiff's reply brief of no more than 10 pages, 3 due on June 9th. 4 5 And, at that point, the matter will be submitted, and I will then issue a statement of decision. 6 7 Just a couple of things that I want to bring your 8 attention to in terms of what I'm looking for in these briefs. 9 10 Because you've decided to get a transcript, you will be citing the record in your briefs, which I will 11 12 find very helpful. 13 You are also going to be providing to me a copy of the transcript, because, otherwise, I won't understand 14 what your citations refer. 15 You can provide the transcript in electronic 16 form. For example, on a USB key, and that will work just 17 18 If you would like a free USB key, I'm happy to give 19 you one -- they're pretty cheap today. With respect to the claims in this case, it's 20 important for me to understand from the plaintiff that --2.1 22 and, of course, then there will be a response from the 23 defense, what the elements are for each of the causes of 24 action.

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- 1 damages that flowed from -- for example, each instance of 2 fraud or each breach of contract. So, if there was a breach of contract and you are seeking contract damages, 3 and I will get to that in a couple minutes as to whether 4 5 you are really seeking that or not, I want to know if this fraud caused that damage. This breach of contract, the 6 7 benefit of the bargain, which is a phrase, I think, Mr. 8 Watters has mentioned, flowing from that breach is X, or whatever it is. 9
 - So, to have those things tied up is important, especially in the opening brief, so that the defendants understand what it is they are being confronted with.
 - I don't think it's clear from the current state of the record whether -- what the plaintiff is really seeking in the contract arena. Is it rescission or the benefit of the bargain damages?
 - The word rescission has been used very frequently. It is used, for example, in some of the emails that went from Mr. Watters to the defendant about rescinding contracts.
 - But Mr. Watters has also sought -- or said he is seeking benefit of the bargaining damages, and some of the damages he has talked about seem to fall within that category.
 - It's possible that you have to choose. It's

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possible that rescission wipes out a contract and puts the parties back to where they were; whereas, benefit of the bargain damages kick in after a contract is agreed to have existed and damages flow from its breach.

It's possible that those two things are inconsistent. I don't know, and I'm not saying it one way or another. I'm just raising the issue, especially for Mr. Watters to consider as he goes through his analysis of what he thinks I should be doing with respect to the contract.

With respect to attorney's fees and punitive damages, although nobody has said this, I assume that what we are practically doing here is bifurcating those issues out.

With respect to attorney's fees, I think the entitlement to them should be discussed in the briefing. In other words, assuming that the plaintiff succeeds on causes of action X, are attorney's fees available?

I will have to answer that yes or no. If I say yes, then we will have a separate proceeding of what those fees should be.

The same thing with punitive damages, we've had no evidence of what the damages themselves would be. We have no evidence, for example, the net worth of any of the defendants. So, I assume what has been really going on

1 here is we are bifurcating punitive damages.

But, in this first phase of the case, I have to decide whether or not there has been fraud, malice, or oppression proved. If I don't think so, then there won't be a second phase. If I think it has been proved, then we will have to get back together again to decide what to do about punitive damages.

Again, just to repeat. One issue, before I finish, with respect to fraud -- and I'm going to need to know which false statement or representation or admission caused what damages, and to the extent breach of contract is being claimed, I will need to know which breach caused what damages.

Finally, a last comment. We spent a considerable amount of time on what I think could be peripheral issues, whether Mr. Watters was serving a summons on that November 3rd unlawful detainer event, or he wasn't, or he was stealing something from the premises, or he wasn't, or what capacity he was acting at, and why he was there, things like this. And there are a variety of other things having to do with -- I'll just leave it at that. There are a variety of things we spent some time on that I'm not clear really go directly to whether or not the claims can be proven, whether there are good defenses to the claims.

So, I hope that you use your pages wisely. You

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- do have these page limits of up to 20 pages and up to ten pages. That doesn't mean you need to use all of those pages.
 - So, do try to really have me focus on the merits of the case, because that's really where I'm going to be spending my time. I am really going to be looking for help from you to really focus me in on the actual merits of the case.
- 9 Other than that, I think we're done. Let me just
 10 turn first to Mr. Watters and then to counsel for the
 11 defense.
- 12 Anything else you would like to get done today?

 13 MR. WATTERS: No, Your Honor.
 - MS. ARMENTA: I just -- at the risk of -- because we may not come back, I would just like to thank the Court and the clerk. It has been a pleasure to be in trial and in this courtroom. Not every courtroom is as patient and kind, and clearly listens and cares, and it means a lot to me as an attorney, so thank you for that.
 - THE COURT: I return the compliment to both of you. It's always a pleasure to have lawyers in this courtroom who can present their cases in one and a half days.
- So, thank you so much, and I look forward to receiving your briefs.

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