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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
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                FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
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     DONALD R. SHORT, JAMES F.
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     GLEASON, CASEY MEEHAN, MARILYN
     SHORT, PATTY WESTERVELT, and
     DOTTIE YELLE, individually,
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     and on behalf of all other
     similarly situated,
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               Plaintiffs.
                                      ) NO. GIC877707
          VS.
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     CC-LA JOLLA, INC., a Delaware
                                     ) VOLUME I
     Corporation, CC-LA JOLLA,
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     L.L.C., a Delaware limited
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     liability company,
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    CC-DEVELOPMENT GROUP, INC.,
    CLASSIC RESIDENCE MANAGEMENT
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    LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, an
     Illinois Limited Partnership,
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     and DOES 1 to 110, inclusive,
               Defendants.
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          Videotaped Deposition of MARILYN M. SHORT,
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          taken at 12531 High Bluff Drive, Suite 100,
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          San Diego, California, commencing at 3:41 p.m.,
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          Wednesday, October 17, 2007, before
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          Shuri Gray, CSR No. 3786.
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	22	JAMES GLEASON
	23	DONALD SHORT
	24	PATTY WESTERFELT
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	1	exercise room, just all the facilities.	4:	03PM
	2	Q. And that was on the first on you	r first	
	3	visit to the Towers?		
İ	4	A. I think so.		
	5	Q. And Linda McGrath was employed in t	he marketing 4:	03PM
	6	department, correct?		
	7	A. Yes, she was.		
	8	Q. So other than receiving a tour of t	he	
	9	facilities, including the pool, the model, t	he library,	
	10	the billiards, the exercise facilities, can	you remember 4:	03PM
	11	anything else from that first visit?		
	12	A. She gave us brochures. I can't rem	ember which	
	13	ones or how many. I can't remember what els	e.	
	14	Q. Now, you mentioned the model. You	specifically	
	15	remember her taking you to go see a model on	your first 4:	03PM
	16	visit to La Jolla Village Towers?		
	17	A. I believe it was the first visit.		
	18	Q. And where was that model?		
	19	A. I believe it was located downstairs	on the P1	
 	20	level.	4:0	04PM
	21	Q. And what did she tell you about the	model?	
) 	22	A. Just that it was a representation o	f what was	
	23	there at that time, and it had a model it	included a	
	24	model of the proposed second tower, which was	s a separate	
	25	building on the same property.	4:0	04PM 19
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1	Q. So you did realize on this first visit that a	4:04FM
2	second tower would be built on that on that same	
3.	property?	
4	A. Yes.	
5	Q. And you mentioned brochures that she gave you.	4:04PM
6	Do you recall anything specific about the brochures she	
) 7 1	gave you on that first visit?	
8	A. Not particularly, and I can't be sure if it was	
9	the first visit or not. I do believe it was the first	
10	visit. She mentioned the 24-hour nurse availability,	4:05PM
11	which was important to me, having gone through that	
12	situation with my mother and with my brother-in-law.	
13	Q. And what did she tell you about that?	
14	A. That there was a pull cord in every apartment	
15	or several in each apartment. If we needed help, we	4:05PM
16	could always call the the nurse or pull the cord if	1
17	we were unable and we would get emergency we would	I
18	get a nurse. And I asked, "A nurse 24 hours a day?" I	,
19	just made very, very clear of that. I was at that time	•
20	recovering from a stroke, and that was probably the most	4:05PM
21	important to me.	j
22	Q. Did you ask her anything about else about	
23	that 24-hour nursing program?	
24	A. From that time until the time we moved in, I	
25	must have asked her several times.	4:06PM 20
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1	Q. And I do want to be clear. I want to stick	4:06PM
2	with this first visit. So on that first visit, can you	
3	recall anything that she told you about the 24-hour	
4	nursing program?	
5	A. Not specifically.	4:06PM
6	Q. Other than what you told me, can you remember	
7	anything else about your that first visit to La Jolla	
8	Village Towers?	
9	A. No.	
10	Q. How far after that first visit was your next	4:06PM
11	visit to La Jolla Village Towers?	
12	A. I don't remember.	
13	Q. Within weeks of that first visit?	
14	A. Yes.	
15	Q. And what do you recall about your second visit?	4:06PM
16	A. I'm not sure on what visit it was. She took us	
17	to see an occupied apartment.	
18	Q. Do you recall the name of the resident that	
19	that apartment was?	
20	A. I think it was George Cooper. I'm not sure.	4:07PM
21	It was a long time ago.	
22	Q. And so on that visit that she showed you this,	
23	the occupied apartment, do you remember anything else	
24	about that visit?	
25	A. I remember the man, I think George Cooper,	4:07PM 21
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1	saying that his main reason for living there, the thing	4:07PM
2	they liked best about it was the people, the people who	
3	lived there. It was such a happy, open group of people.	
4	And we had already noticed that. That's what pulled us	
5	to that place versus Pacific Regents. Everybody seemed	4:07PM
6	so open and happy and have their little dogs around and	
7	just very, very friendly environment.	
8	Q. Do you remember that resident, George Cooper,	
9	saying anything else to you on that visit?	
10	A. No.	4:08PM
11	Q. How many visits total do you believe that you	
12	made prior to making the decision to move into the	
13	community?	
14	A. At least five.	
15	Q. So you have told me about two of those visits,	4:08FM
16	the first where you received the tour, another one where	
17	you went to an occupied apartment. Can you remember,	
18	tell me what you remember about your other visits to La	
19	Jolla Village Towers?	
20	A. I think I just had to be absolutely sure on the	4:08PM
21	24-hour nursing. I just kept asking on that, and wanted	
22	to make sure it would be a safe place for me. As I	- 1
23	said, I was just recovering from a stroke, and that was	1
24	just so important to me.	
25	Q. Anything else that you remember Linda McGrath	4:09PM 22
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1	telling you?	4:09PM
2	A. The only thing I can think of is she did say,	
3	"You have to realize this is a a rural location."	
4	She said that when a siren went by outside and made a	
5	lot of noise.	4:09PM
6	Q. Anything else about any of your visits that you	
7	remember that we haven't already discussed before you	
8	made the decision to move into the community?	
9	MR. CONGER: Object to the use of the word	
10	community. But you can answer.	4:09PM
11	THE WITNESS: Right. At that time we yes,	
12	of course we discussed the money. We discussed the fact	
13	that we were paying for long-term care for the rest of	
14	our lives. That was so important, and that was the	
15	long-term care for the rest of our lives and the 24-hour	4:10PM
16	nurse and the meals, the beautiful location, the	
17	wonderful amenities. It all sounded like a very good	
18	package, and I just had to confirm each time, I think I	
19	even called her a few times to confirm that this is	
20	paying we are paying all this money in advance for	4:10PM
21	our health care coverage for the rest of our lives, and	
22	we have 24-hour care, because that was important to me.	
23	BY MS. LANE:	
24	Q. So we have talked about the 24-hour care. Is	
25	there anything else that you can remember on that	4:10PM 23

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1	subject that Linda McGrath told you before you decided	4:11PM
2	to move into the community?	
3	MR. CONGER: Object to the use of the word	
4	community	
5	THE WITNESS: Right.	4:11PM
6	MR. CONGER: for the reasons previously	
7	stated. You can answer.	
8	THE WITNESS: I can't think of anything else	
9	that she said in that subject.	
10	BY MS. LANE:	4:11PM
11	Q. Okay. Now, about the long-term care. Tell me	
12	everything that she told you about the long-term care.	
13	A. She said that a large portion of what we were	
14	paying would be put aside in a trust for our long-term	
15	care, and that a portion of that was deductible on our	4:11PM
16	tax on our income tax, a portion of our entrance fee,	
17	and that the residents every year had been allowed to	
18	take this deduction on their entrance fee, and that	
19	later we'd have a deduction, a small deduction on our	,
20	monthly fee.	4:12PM
21	Q. Anything else that you can remember she told	
22	you about that subject?	
23	A. Not that I can think of right new.	
24	Q. Now, you said she said that a large portion	ĺ
25	would be put aside. Did she tell you what portion? And	4:12PM 24

1	apartment.	4:21PM
2	Q. And that was in fact the case, correct?	
3	A. Yes, it was.	
4	Q. What specific amenities were you seeking at a	
5	continuing care retirement facility?	4:21PM
6	A. It's a 24-hour availability of a nurse, of a	
7	trained medical professional, the promise of continuing	
8	care for the rest of our lives. We did not want to have	
9	to move again. And a place of peaceful enjoyment. In	
10	this case, luxury living, La Jolla Village Towers seemed	4:22PM
11	to present a a luxurious lifestyle. And we figured	
12	it's our last move, let's do it right. So we wanted a	
13	nice place. The swimming pool, their swimming pool was	
14	absolutely gorgeous. The social life, the social	
15	amenities and with that maybe more more important the	4:23PM
16	atmosphere of the people who lived there. We didn't	
17	want to be in with a bunch of people who didn't smile at	
18	each other. It seemed to be a very friendly group of	
19	people. It was just very inviting.	
20	Q. Any other amenities that you can recall that	4:23PM
21	you were looking for upon moving in the community?	
22	A. The dining, of course, the meals provided. I	
23	can't think of anything else right now.	
24	Q. And when you moved into the property, there was	
25	in fact 24-hour nursing care available, correct?	4:23PM 31

1	very disappointed by the care of themselves or their	4:32PM
2	spouses, the medical care they have received in the care	
3	center or the attitudes that they have run up against	
4	with Hyatt on many issues.	
5	BY MS. LANE:	4:33PM
6	arrho. And when you are referring to this poor	
7	atmosphere, then you are referring to a social	
8	atmosphere; is that correct?	
9	A. The poor atmosphere in the building, yes. It's	
10	a very troubled atmosphere.	4:33PM
11	Q. And again you are talking about on a social	
12	aspect?	
13	A. Yes, in the Towers. It's not a happy place.	
14	Q. You mentioned that you remember receiving	
15	brochures during these initial visits to the Towers. Do	4:34FM
16	you recall that testimony?	
17	A. Yes.	
18	Q. I am going to have you look at some of these.	
19	This has previously been marked as Exhibit 64.	
20	Mike, this may be one that you have a cleaner	4:34PM
21	copy of. This copy is not great. I think it's one you	ı
22	looked at this morning.	
23	MR. CONGER: Short 1275? Yeah, I have got that	{
24	around here somewhere, Linda.	
25	Here you go, Marilyn. That might be an easier	4:34FM 38
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1	copy to look at. That's the original.	4:34PM
2	THE WITNESS: Okay.	
3	BY MS. LANE:	
4	Q. Do you recall ever seeing this document before?	
5	A. I think so, or one very similar to it, the same	4:35PM
6	colors. Yes.	
7	Q. And when was the first time that you saw that	
8	brochure?	
9	A. Prior to moving in. I don't know if it was	
10	visit one or two, but early on.	4:35PM
11	Q. And do you believe this to be one of the	
12	brochures that you saw in those initial 2000 year	
13	2000 visits with Linda McGrath?	
14	A. Either this one or one very similar to it, yes.	
15	Q. Okay. Did you rely on anything in particular	4:35PM
16	in this brochure in making your decision to sign your	
17	continuing care residency agreement?	
18	MR. CONGER: It's over broad. You can answer.	
19	THE WITNESS: Well, obviously the pictures are	
20	beautiful, and they are, as I remember, the pool. We	4:35PM
21	showed this to friends and let me read it here.	
22	Yes, what they say in here, conveniences	
23	include 24-hour concierge service, underground parking,	
24	valet parking service, scheduled transportation, grounds	
25	and apartment maintenance, housekeeping.	4:36PM 39
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1	Under our continuing care plans, residents will	4:36PM
2	be able to move this is the last paragraph will be	
3	able to move to our on-site care center. I am thinking	
4	this might be a later document than we received, but I	
5	can't be sure of that.	4:37PM
6	BY MS. LANE:	
7	Q. As you sit here today, you don't know whether	
8	or not you saw this brochure prior to moving into the	
9	community?	
10	A. I'll have to say that, because we did not have	4:37PM
11	an on care center an on-site care center at that	
12	time. And this says nothing about the 24-hour care.	
13	Q. So because you don't remember whether or not	
14	you received this brochure prior to moving into the	
15	community, can you recall whether you relied on any of	4:37PM
16	those statements that you just pointed out to me?	
17	A. Well, those statements were part of the whole	
18	Hyatt package that we were given, either verbally or in	
19	marketing information.	
20	Q. But as far as this specific brochure goes, you	4:38PM
21	don't recall, as you sit here today, whether you saw	
22	this brochure prior to moving into the community?	
23	A. That's true. I can't be absolutely sure that	
24	this is the one we saw.	
25	MS. LANE: That's Exhibit 63.	4:38PM .

1	that.	4:41PM
2	Oh, the bottom paragraph: "Residents who	
3	require such services, assisted living, Alzheimer's and	
4	nursing, may may relocate to a designated nearby care	
5	center." And that was the case when we moved in. I	4:41PM
6	know they were sending people for nursing care over to	
7	Pacific Regents. And they went through that with us	
8	before we moved in, that if we needed care, they would	
9	at their expense send us to a similar place elsewhere.	
10	So I think this was the form that we saw,	4:41PM
11	Q. And this would again be one of the brochures	
12	that you were given by Linda McGrath prior to moving in?	1
13	A. Right. I don't know if this was a brochure or	1
14	what it's form was, but I think we saw this.	
15	Q. If you take a look at the form, the first and	4:42PM
16	second page, it's divided into three sections on that	
17	first and second page. The rental agreement coverage	
18	section, do you see that?	
19	A. Uh-huh.	
20	Q. The continuing care agreement coverage prior to	4:42PM
21	the care center completion, do you see that?	
22	A. Uh-huh.	
23	Q. And there is a continuing care agreement	
24	coverage after the completion of the care center. Do	
25	you see that?	4:42PM 42

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1	document prior to moving in in April of 2001, correct?	09:07
2	A. Correct.	
3	Q. And therefore you did not rely on this document	
4	in deciding to move in in April of 2001, correct?	
5	A. Correct.	09:07
চ	Q. And this is Exhibit No. 68, correct?	
7	A. Yes.	
8	Q. This has previously been marked as Exhibit	
9	No. 22.	
10	A. All right.	09:08
11	Q. Have you ever seen this document before?	
12	A. Yes, I have, when it was issued in	
13	December 2001.	
14	Q. So you recall seeing this document in	
15	December 2001?	09:08
16	A. Yes.	
17	Q. And because you moved into the community in	
18	April of 2001, you did not rely on this document in	
19	determining whether to move into the community, correct?	
20	A. Correct.	09:08
21	Q. Okay. Why do you specifically recall or what	
22	do you recall about receiving this document in December	
23	of 2001?	
24	A. A couple things. When they said we expect	, I
 25	liability insurance to increase a thousand percent in	09:09
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	1	the next fiscal year, I thought that was very high. I	09:09
	2	don't even recall the number 1000 percent. But I knew	
	3	when we had a business and we were facing an insurance	
	4	expense increase, I just know they were going through	
	5	the same thing we had gone through a few years earlier.	09:09
	6	And I especially paid attention to the last	
	7	paragraph when it says that we are finding ways to	
Ì	8	reduce we it says "to find ways of reducing the	
	9	impact of such increases." I relayed on relied on	
	10	that, that they really were trying to get the best deal	09:09
	11	for our money.	
	12	Q. Anything else about the letter?	
ļ	13	A. No. Those were the things that caught my	
	14	attention at that time.	
	15	Q. Did you talk with anyone that was employed by	09:10
	16	Classic Residence by Hyatt about this letter or anything	
	17	contained in the letter?	
	18	A. I did not.	
]	19	Q. I am going to hand you what's been marked as	
 	20	Exhibit 26.	09:10
 	21	A. Twenty-six you said?	
	22	Q. Yes.	
	23	A. All right.	
	24	Q. Have you seen this document before?	
	25	A. I don't think so.	09:11
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1	Q. And this document, Exhibit No. 26 is dated	09:11
2	November 14, 2000, correct?	
3	A. Correct.	
4	Q. And you were not a resident of this date,	
5	correct?	09:11
6	A. That's true.	
7	Q. Do you have any reason to believe that you saw	
8	this document prior to moving into the community in	
9	April 2001?	
10	MR. CONGER: That's over broad. You can	09:11
11	answer.	l
12	THE WITNESS: I don't know.	
13	BY MS. LANE:	ĺ
14	Q. But as you sit here today, you don't recall	{
15	having seen this document prior to moving into the	09:11
16	community, correct?	
17	A. Correct.	
18	Q. This has previously been marked as Exhibit	
19	No. 71.	
20	A. Okay.	09:12
21	Q. Have you ever seen this document before?	
22	A. I think so.	}
23	Q. And you recognize this as an income tax	
24	deduction letter from Carolyn Zuehl dated December 6,	}
25	2001?	09:12
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1	A. Correct.	09:12
2	Q. When do you recall seeing this document?	
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3	A. Yes.	
4	Q. When when did you recall first seeing this	
5	document?	09:12
6	A. When it was issued, December 2001.	
7	Q. Did you in fact take a tax deduction for the	
8	amount of your entrance fee or monthly fees specified in	
9	this letter?	
10	A. We forwarded this information on to an	09:12
11	account to our accountant, and how he used it, I'm	
12	not sure. He does our taxes.	
13	Q. And who is your accountant?	
14	A. Gerald, G-E-R-A-L-D, Bernard. He's in Phoenix.	
15	Q. If you could take a look at the fourth	09:13
16	paragraph down which reads: "Additional information	
17	regarding the percentage of your monthly fee related to	
18	health care in the wellness center will follow in	
19	February after the close of the calendar year." Do you	
20	see that language?	09:13
21	A. Yes, I do.	
22	Q. Do you recall having any questions about that	
23	language when you received this letter?	
24	A. I don't remember.	
25	Q. And is it your understanding that you did	09:13

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1	A. Yes, I do.	09:18
2	Q. Did you have any questions or any discussions	
3	regarding this letter with anyone?	
4	A. If I did, it would only have been with Don.	
5	Q. And do you recall having any questions	09:19
6	specifically or any conversations specifically about	
7	this letter with your husband?	
8	A. Not specifically, no.	
9	Q. And do you know whether a tax deduction was	
10	taken based on this letter, Exhibit 28?	09:19
11	MR. CONGER: Assumes facts not in evidence.	
12	You can answer.	
13	THE WITNESS: I don't know.	
14	BY MS. LANE:	ı
15	Q. This has been marked as Exhibit 30.	09:19
16	A. Okay.	
17	Q. Have you seen this document before?	
18	A. I'm not sure. I probably did when it was	
19	issued.	
20	Q. And it was issued on March 15, 2004, from	09:20
21	Carolyn Zuehl regarding medical tax deduction, correct?	
22	A. Right.	
23	Q. And you recognize this again as a letter	
24	concerning the medical tax deductions?	
25	A. From the monthly fees, yes, yes, correct.	09:20 64
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1	site?	09:23
2	A. Frobably in late 2000 I looked at that Web	
3	site, plus other facilities located in the area. I was	
4	looking when we were still shopping for a place.	
5	Q. What do you remember about the La Jolla Village	09:23
6	Towers Web site?	
7	MR. CONGER: Assumes facts not in evidence.	
8	THE WITNESS: Right.	
9	MR. CONGER: Class Residence by Hyatt Web site.	
10	BY MS. LANE:	09:23
11	Q. Do you remember anything specifically about the	
12	Classic Residence by Hyatt Web site?	
13	A. Well, I was just pleased to see that they did	
14	have a Web site. I didn't notice it any different from	ĺ
15	anybody else's.	09:24
16	Q. And do you remember anything specifically that	
17	was on that Web site?	
18	A. No, I don't.	
19	Q. This has been marked as Exhibit 34.	
20	A. All right.	09:24
21	Q. Do you recall ever having seen this page of the	
22	Classic Residence by Hyatt Web site?	
23	A. Not really.	
24	Q. And the date on the bottom of this printout of	
25	the Web site is October 29, 2006. Do you see that?	09:24

1	A. Yes, I do.	09:25
2	Q. Do you have any reason to believe that this	
3	same information was present back when you were looking	
4	at the Web site in April or in late 2000?	
5	MR. CONGER: Over broad. Calls for	09:25
6	speculation. You can answer.	
7	THE WITNESS: I don't recall.	
8	BY MS. LANE:	
9	Q. This has been marked as Exhibit 35.	
10	A. All right.	09:25
11	Q. Have you ever seen this page of the Classic	
12	Residence by Hyatt Web site?	
13	A. Prior to just the last few months, I am not	
14	sure. I mean, I may have seen it in going through the	
15	things about this case, but I don't have any idea when	09:26
16	it was issued, and it's a black-and-white copy. If it	
17	had colors or something, I might remember it. I don't	
18	specifically remember seeing this.	
19	Q. So as you sit here today, other than involved	
20	in the litigation, you don't recall ever having seen a	09:26
21	copy a copy of this Exhibit No. 35?	
22	A. I'm just not sure. I know we the	
23	information in here is information that we considered in	
24	moving in. Whether it was from this particular	
25	publication, I don't know, but it does restate or state	09:27 68

1	the things that we were looking for, luxury retirement	09:27
2	living, peace of mind, continuing to pay the same	05.27
3	monthly fee after moving to the care center.	
4	Q. Anything else?	
5	MR. CONGER: Vague and ambiguous. You can	09:27
6	answer.	
7	THE WITNESS: No, not that I can recall.	
8	BY MS. LANE:	
9	Q. And it is your understanding, isn't it, that if	
10	you moved to the care center tomorrow, you would	09:27
11	continue to pay the same monthly fee as you are paying	
12	today; is that right?	
13	A. That is correct.	
14	Could I say one more thing on that?	
15	Q. Of course.	09:27
16	A. Yeah, I understand that we everybody would	
17	pay the same monthly fee when they move over to the	
18	other side, and that has always raised a question in my	
19	mind. People who pay half of what we pay move into the	
20	care center and continue paying half of what we pay, and	09:28
21	when we move over to the care center, we would continue	
22	paying double of what they pay.	
23	Q. Who are you referring to?	
24	A. So I am just general, just general.	
25	Q. People who moved in prior to you are you	09:28 69

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1	BY MS. LANE:	09:32
2	Q. This has been marked as Exhibit 51.	
3	A. Okay.	
4	Q. And do you recognize this as being your	
5	continuing care residency agreement signed on August 5,	09:33
6	2001?	
7	A. Yes.	
8	Q. And on the first page of that document, is that	
9	in fact your signature under Donald Short's signature?	
10	A. Yes.	09:34
11	Q. Did you read this document prior to signing?	
12	A. Yes.	
13	Q. And did you have any questions about the	
14	contract prior to signing?	
15	A. I had a lot of questions.	09:34
16	Q. What were those questions?	
17	A. Well, it was very confusing, but and Don and	
18	I talked about it several times before we signed it.	
19	First, I have to go back. This is August 2001. We had	
20	already moved in in March of 2001, so this would have	09:34
21	been a second agreement. But before we even signed the	
22	first one, we had a lot of questions and confusion, and	
23	we just came to the agreement that, hey, it's Hyatt.	
24	They must know what they are doing, and we just have to	
25	trust, and we signed on trust.	09:35
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1	Q. And what were the questions that you had	09:35
2	specifically?	
3	A. Well, the promissory note was confusing. We	
4	really didn't understand what that was all about. And	
5	at this point I can't recall specifics. I really can't.	09:35
6	Q. So other than the promissory note, you don't	
7	remember what sort of questions you had prior to signing	
8	the contract?	
9	MR. CONGER: Well, that question as phrased	
10	is misstates evidence in this case. This is not the	09:36
11	entire contract. But you can answer.	
12	THE WITNESS: I would have to go through and	
13	read every page to find things that I really questioned,	
14	and so right now, sitting here, I I really can't give	
15	specific answers.	09:36
16	BY MS. LANE:	
17	Q. Did you ask those questions to any employee of	
18	Classic Residence by Hyatt?	
19	A. For the August 2001, I don't believe so.	
20	Q. How about in April of 2001?	09:36
21	A. We just recall just asked many, many times	
22	wanted to make sure that we had the long-term care plan,	
23	the extensive continuing care plan.	
24	Q. And that is in fact the plan you have?	
25	A. Right. We were just paying everything up front	09:37 74

1	for medical care in the care center, if necessary, or	09:37
2	whenever for the rest of our lives.	
3	Q. And is it your understanding that you did sign	
4	a CCRA in April of 2001?	
5	A. If that's when we first moved in, yes.	09:37
6	Q. And that would have been moving into that	
7	second floor apartment?	
8	A. Right. I was at that time still in recovery	
9	mode from my stroke, and I really had to just depend on	
10	Don and trust in the Hyatt name, period.	09:38
11	MS. LANE: The reason I ask is, Michael, I	
12	don't think that we have a version signed in April of	
13	2001.	
14	MR. CONGER: Well, I suppose that would be a	
15	violation of Title 22, then, for your client, but thanks	09:38
16	for bringing it to my attention. I don't have one or	
17	else we would have given it to you, because as I said	
18	before, we have given you everything that we have to	
19	date, although I have found a couple of tape recordings	ı
20	that we have of meetings.	09:38
21	MS. LANE: And you'll be giving those to us?	
22	MR. CONGER: Of course. And I was able to make	
23	a copy last night of that a color copy. I kind of	
24	sweet talked the fellow over at Staples, and I have got	
25	that coming to you, that newspaper insert that I was	09:38 75

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	1	showing you.	09:39
	2	Yeah, you can tell me how you want these tape	
	3	recordings copied. Maybe we can send them to your video	
	4	people and they can copy it.	
	5	MS. LANE: Okay. That will be fine.	09:39
	6	BY MS. LANE:	
	7	Q. So, as you sit here today, can you recall any	
	8	other specific questions that you asked an employee of	
	9	La Jolla Village Towers other than the ones that we have	
	10	already discussed?	09:39
	11	A. Well, the only employee that we would have	
	12	asked questions would have been our our agent, Linda	
	13	McGrath, and the only questions that I recall is just	
Ì	14	reconfirming information that we understood from the	
	15	contract.	09:39
	16	Q. And you never felt rushed or hurried through	
	17	the signing of the contract process, did you?	
	18	A. We did not. We took our time.	
	19	Q. And did anyone tell that you you couldn't take	
	20	your time or that you had to hurry and couldn't read or	09:39
	21	understand every provision?	
	22	A. No.	
	23	Q. Did you have any lawyer or outside person	
	24	review the contract for you?	
•	25	A. I don't think so.	09:40 76

1	THE WITNESS: I'm not quite sure right now.	09:47
2	BY MS. LANE:	
3	Q. If it does help you, you can go ahead and take	
4	a look at Section IV.	
5	MR. CONGER: And you are asking her what she	09:47
6	thought at the time seven years six years ago.	
7	MS. LANE: When she signed this agreement.	
8	MR. CONGER: You can do that if you like. If	
ā	you have a recall, please tell her.	
10	THE WITNESS: As I have said before, one of the	09:47
11	main reasons we moved in is for the long-term care	
12	coverage, if necessary, and I was recovering from a	
13	stroke, and I could see that that might very well be	
14	something I would need.	
15	BY MS. LANE:	09:48
16	Q. And Section IV, if you took a look on that on	
17	Page 8, Short 1433, is entitled "Long-term Care Plans	
18	and Services."	
19	A. Uh-huh.	
20	Q. And on the following page it lists the	09:48
21	extensive continuing care plan which you have testified	
22	is the plan that you all signed up for; is that right?	
23	A. I believe so.	
24	Q. So back to the provision I was asking you about	
25	under "Services Included in Monthly Fees Including	09:48 83

1.	Long-term Care," set out in that Section IV, which is	09:48
2	your extensive plan	
3	A. Right.	
4	Q you understood that that long-term care was	
5	a portion of your monthly fee?	09:48
6	MR. CONGER: That's vague and ambiguous as	
7	phrased. You can answer. And it misstates what the	
8	document says.	
9	THE WITNESS: I understood that our monthly	
10	fee, if I if we ever needed extensive continuing	09:48
11	care, that that was part of our monthly fee.	
12	BY MS. LANE:	
13	Q. Also part of your monthly fee right above is	
14	No. 12, "Emergency Response." Do you see that?	
15	A. Yes, I do.	09:49
16	Q. And it states: "Emergency call response, 24	
17	hours per day." Do you see that language?	
18	A. Yes, I do.	
19	Q. And anywhere in that provision does it say that	
20	emergency call response would be by a nurse?	09:49
21	A. No, it doesn't, but the salespeople repeatedly	
22	told us it was a nurse on call 24 hours a day.	
23	Q. And you say "salespeople." This is Linda	
24	McGrath that you are referring to?	
25	A. Right.	09:49
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1	Q. And did you understand this provision prior to	10:00
2	signing?	
3	A. Well, first of all, I thank you for finding it,	
4	because that's the primary thing I had questions about.	
5	I did point this out to my husband, and we were	10:00
6	aware that there were so many things we were being told	
7	by the salespeople that are not specifically in this	
8	contract, and we thought it's not in the contract, but	
9	we were told we have the pool. We were told this, this,	
10	this and this. And that paragraph, more than any other,	10:01
11	bothered me. And this was the one that truly made us	
12	say we just have to go on trust.	
13	Q. So prior to entering into the agreement in	
14	2001, you considered this provision, Provision I,	
15	"Entire Agreement," very carefully with your husband,	10:01
<u>1</u> 6	correct?	
17	A. Right.	
18	Q. And did you specifically ask any questions	
19	regarding that provision to anyone other than your	
20	husband?	10:02
21	A. I don't think so.	
22	Q. If you could to the bottom of that page under	
23	"L," it says "Classic Residence by Hyatt's right to	
24	contract for services." Do you see that?	
25	A. Yes.	10:02 9 4

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1	answer again.	10:36
2	THE WITNESS: No, I didn't understand it, and	
3	we did not see the master trust. We were just having to	
4	trust. This was just given to us rather quickly, and we	
5	signed it.	10:36
ε	BY MS. LANE:	
7	Q. Did you ask for a copy of the master trust	
8	agreement at any time?	
9	A. Yes.	
10	Q. Who did you ask?	10:36
11	A. I think it was we asked our sales agent. We	
12	asked Carolyn Zuehl. We asked the secretary and Sandy.	
13	We were just told that this was not given to the	
14	residents.	
15	Q. Who told you that it was not given to the	10:37
16	residents?	
17	A. I don't recall which one, but we could not get	
18	the trust the master trust.	
19	Q. So when did you first begin asking people for	
20	copies of the master trust?	10:37
21	A. When we when we got this joinder. I mean,	
22	you are signing something to become part of the master	
23	trust. We wanted to see the master trust. We were told	
24	we couldn't.	1
25	Q. So at the time of the signing of the joinder on	10:37