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- 1 BY THE WITNESS:
- 2 A. I have no idea. I was not made aware
- 3 of that.
- 4 BY MS. HAMILTON:
- 5 Q. At the time that you signed this
- 6 letter, did you know that this statement in the
- 7 letter was incorrect?
- 8 A. No.
- 9 Q. At the time that you signed this
- 10 letter, you had responsibility for payments to
- 11 partners both while they were partners and in
- 12 their retirement, is that correct?
- MR. CONWAY: Object to form.
- 14 BY THE WITNESS:
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 BY MS. HAMILTON:
- 17 Q. But yet you had no knowledge regarding
- 18 the time at which a partner of Sidley & Austin was
- 19 expected to retire, is that correct?
- 20 MR. HANNAFAN: Objection, argumentative.
- 21 But you can answer, unless Mike has an
- 22 objection.
- MR. CONWAY: I have the same objection in
- 24 form.

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- 1 But you can go ahead and answer.
- 2 BY THE WITNESS:
- Basically, when they alerted me when 3
- 4 the payments were to be made. You know, I didn't
- 5 make those decisions. People retired at different
- 6 times.
- 7 BY MS. HAMILTON:
- 8 Q. At the time that you signed this
- 9 letter, were you aware of the general expectation
- at Sidley & Austin that retirement would occur 10
- around age 65? 11
- 12 A. No.
- 13 Q. Does Karen Reber still work for the
- firm, to your knowledge? 14
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 What did you do with the copy of this Q.
- letter that you kept? 17
- A. It was put in my general correspondence 18
- file by my secretary. 19
- 20 Q. As a result of the change in status of
- 21 several or a group of partners in October of 1999,
- 22 were you aware of any change that was made to
- 23 Sidley's retirement policy?
- 24 A. No.

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- 1 Q. Why was Mr. Conlon providing you with
- 2 legal advice or assistance in February of 2006?
- 3 MR. CONWAY: Objection. Wait, wait. Can you
- 4 repeat that question? I think that's --
- 5 MR. HANNAFAN: He didn't say that.
- 6 MS. HAMILTON: I'm sorry.
- 7 MR. HANNAFAN: He didn't testify to that.
- 8 MS. ELKIN: All right. She's going to ask a
- 9 question.
- 10 BY MS. HAMILTON:
- 11 Q. Was Mr. Conlon providing you with legal
- 12 advice or assistance in February of '06?
- 13 A. Was he providing me with legal advice?
- 14 Q. Yes.
- MR. CONWAY: You can answer that yes or no.
- 16 BY THE WITNESS:
- 17 A. No.
- 18 BY MS. HAMILTON:
- 19 Q. Then what's the basis for the claim of
- 20 privilege with regard to that conversation between
- 21 Conlon, Bergen and White?
- 22 MR. CONWAY: This was a conversation by a
- 23 Sidley lawyer who was investigating the case. So
- 24 it's protected either by the attorney-client or

- 1 work product privileges or both. So I'm
- 2 instructing him not to -- or I'm requesting that
- 3 Mr. Hannafan instruct him not to answer on that
- 4 basis.
- 5 You're entitled to discover the facts.
- 6 You're asking him questions about the facts, but
- 7 you're not allowed to discover the communications
- 8 themselves.
- 9 MS. ELKIN: Under the work product?
- MR. CONWAY: Work product and attorney-client 10
- privilege, because --11
- 12 MS. ELKIN: What if he wasn't providing legal
- 13 advice?
- MR. CONWAY: He could have been. 14
- MS. ELKIN: The witness just said --15
- 16 MS. HAMILTON: -- he wasn't.
- BY MS. HAMILTON: 17
- Were you seeking Mr. Conlon's legal 18
- advice during the conversation that you had with 19
- 20 Mr. Conlon and Mr. Bergen in February of 2006?
- 21 Α. No.
- Who initiated the communication? 22 Q.
- 23 He did. Α.
- 24 What exactly did you say to Mr. Conlon Q.

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- 1 during the conversation?
- 2 MR. CONWAY: Objection --
- 3 MR. HANNAFAN: I'll let Mr. -- I'll let Mike
- 4 go first.
- 5 MR. CONWAY: Again, on privilege grounds.
- 6 MR. HANNAFAN: I'll instruct you not to
- 7 answer until -- this is not -- this is not our
- 8 battle.
- 9 THE WITNESS: Okay.
- 10 MR. HANNAFAN: So you should not answer the
- 11 question until it might be later determined by a
- 12 court that you should answer it.
- MS. HAMILTON: Let me explain to you, Mike,
- 14 why I don't --
- MR. CONWAY: I don't want to waste time with
- 16 you explaining to me your position. I understand
- 17 that you disagree with me. We're not here to
- debate the issue. I made my objection. He's been
- instructed not to answer. Why don't you just
- 20 continue with the deposition.
- 21 MS. HAMILTON: We'll just reserve the right
- 22 to recall Mr. White if necessary when we receive a
- 23 ruling on the issue from the Judge.
- 24 BY MS. HAMILTON: