## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF MARYLAND - BALTIMORE DIVISION

ALBERT SNYDER,
Plaintiff

ν.

Civil Action No. 06-CV-1389 RDB

FRED W. PHELPS, SR., SHIRLEY L. PHELPS-ROPER, REBEKAH A. PHELPS-DAVIS, and WESTBORO BAPTIST CHURCH, INC. Defendants

PLAINTIFF'S APPENDIX IN SUPPORT
OF RESPONSE TO DEFENDANTS PHELPS-DAVIS AND PHELPS-ROPER'S
POST-TRIAL MOTION FOR STAY

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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

DISTRICT OF MARYLAND

**EXHIBIT A** 

ALBERT SNYDER, )

Plaintiff

Vs.

FRED W. PHELPS, SR., Civil Action No:

SHIRLEY L. PHELPS-ROPER, ) 1:06-CV-13890RDB

REBEKAH A. PHELPS-DAVIS,

BAPTIST CHURCH, INC.,

Defendants

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Thursday, June 14, 2007

Linthicum Heights, Maryland

The Videotape Deposition of:

SHIRLEY L. PHELPS-ROPER,

A Defendant, called for examination by counsel For Plaintiff, pursuant to notice, held at the Country Inn & Suites by Carlson, 1717 West Nursery Road, Linthicum Heights, Maryland, beginning at 12:27 p.m., before Chris Fox, Notary Public in and for the State of Maryland, when were present on behalf of the respective parties

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- pursuant to this letter?
- $^2$  A. Not pursuant to this letter, no.
- Q. Now, I'm going to ask you questions
- <sup>4</sup> about the same sentence I asked your sister
- $^5$  about. And I'll read it to you.
- You need to get your glasses?
- $^7$  A. Yes, I'm afraid so. Thank you. Okay.
- Q. Before we get into specific document,
- 9 did you review any documents prior to coming
- here today?
- A. No. I didn't review any documents
- prior to coming here today, no.
- Q. Did you review -- you know that
- Mr. Katz and I, on behalf of our respective
- clients, exchanged documents. Did you review
- the documents that I provided to Mr. Katz?
- A. I don't know what documents you speak
- of, but I have seen some documents that you've
- filed, that are court filings.
- Q. Okay. Other than the court filings?
- A. I have seen no documents that you've
- produced, that I can recall, at all.

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- Q. Okay. So, any documents that you
- reviewed in this case, either were court
- filings, or things that you did not receive
- from us, meaning the Plaintiff?
- $^{5}$  A. That's correct.
- <sup>6</sup> Q. Did you review any deposition
- <sup>7</sup> transcripts?
- $\mathsf{A}$ . No, I did not.
- Q. To include your father's video?
- A. No. I have never seen my father's
- video.
- Q. And you're certain you didn't review
- any documents produced by the Plaintiff?
- A. I don't believe I have seen any
- documents produced by the Plaintiff.
- Q. Now, getting back to Phelps-Davis No.
- <sup>17</sup> 4.
- A. Yes.
- Q. If you look at the second paragraph,
- second sentence says: Therefore, we recognize
- that our message though once quite traditional
- will not be well received by some factions of

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### **EXHIBIT B**

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Plaintiff

Vs.

FRED W. PHELPS, SR.,

Civil Action No:

SHIRLEY L. PHELPS-ROPER,

REBEKAH A. PHELPS-DAVIS,

BAPTIST CHURCH, INC.,

Defendants

)

Thursday, June 14, 2007

Linthicum Heights, Maryland

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Page 94 1 No. Α. Ο. None? I haven't asked him to produce Α. No. any documents. 5 I know you haven't in your independent Ο. 6 individual capacity --7 Α. Right. -- asked him to produce anything. Ο. Α. Right. 10 But that wasn't exactly my question. Ο. 11 My question was: Did you review any 12 that were requested by Mr. Katz on his --13 behalf of his clients? 14 Α. No. 15 Ο. None? 16 Α. Nope. 17 Ο. Certain? 18 Α. Certain. 19 Did you review any documents your Q. 20 father or WBC produced as part of this 21 litigation? 22 Not that I -- no. I did not review Α.

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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF MARYLAND

### **EXHIBIT C**

ALBERT SNYDER,

Plaintiff

Vs.

FRED W. PHELPS, SR., Civil Action

JOHN DOEs, and

No: 06-CV-1389 RDB

WESTBORO BAPTIST

CHURCH, INC.,

Defendants

Friday, April 20th, 2007

Silver Spring, Maryland

The Deposition of:

TIMOTHY B. PHELPS,

Taken at the Law Offices of Marks & Katz, LLC, 1400 Spring Street, Suite 410, Silver Spring, Maryland, scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m., before Chris Fox, Notary Public, when were present on behalf of the respective parties.

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- <sup>1</sup> necessary.
- Q. Do you regularly sign off on checks to
- $^{3}$  pay bills for WBC?
- <sup>4</sup> A. No, sir.
- <sup>5</sup> Q. Are you and Brent Roper the only two
- 6 that have that authority?
- A. I don't know. I know that we have it.
- <sup>8</sup> And I would assume that if there's anyone
- else, it's just something that he's worked up.
- Q. The property, the real property that
- the WBC sits on, who owns that?
- A. WBC.
- Q. Is there a mortgage on that property?
- A. I don't believe so, but I know that
- they recently did some renovations and there
- may have been a loan. But I think it's paid
- off now, so I think it's owned outright.
- Q. How many members, WBC members are
- there?
- A. I believe there is 71. But I -- we
- don't keep a roster, so it's just those that
- are in the church, that when we sit at the

#### **EXHIBIT D**

## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COUR' DISTRICT OF MARYLAND

ALBERT SNYDER, Plaintiff

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SHIRLEY L. PHELPS-ROPER,
REBEKAH A. PHELPS-DAVIS, and
WESTBORO BAPTIST CHURCH, INC.
Defendants

# PLAINTIFF'S REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS DIRECTED TO DEFENDANT WESTBORO BAPTIST CHURCH, INC. - SECOND SET

Pursuant to Fed.R.Civ.P.34 and L.R. 104, Albert Snyder, by his undersigned attorneys, requests that Defendant Westboro Baptist Church, Inc., respond to this Request within the time prescribed by the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, and produce the following documents.

#### **INSTRUCTIONS**

- 1. If, in responding to this Request for Production, the responding party encounters any ambiguities when construing a request or definition, the response shall set forth the matter deemed ambiguous and the construction used in responding.
- 2. Whenever in this Request you are asked to identify or produce a document which is deemed by you to be properly withheld from production for inspection or copying.
- A. If you are withholding the document under claim of privilege (including, but not limited to, the work product doctrine), please provide the information set forth in Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(b)(5) and Discovery Guideline 9(c)(ii)(b), including the type of document, the general subject matter of the document, the date of the document, and such other information as is sufficient to identify the document, including, where appropriate, the author, addressee, custodian, and any other recipient of the document, and where not apparent, the relationship of the author,

- 5. The federal and state income tax return for Westboro Baptist Church, Inc., for the year 2006.
- 6. Any and all documents reflecting a Westboro Baptist Church, Inc. financial liability in excess of \$500.

BARLEY SNYDER LLC

By:

Paul W. Minnich Rees Griffiths Sean E. Summers 100 East Market Street P.O. Box 15012 York, PA 17405-7012 (717) 846-8888

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#### IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF MARYLAND Baltimore Division

ALBERT SNYDER,	)
Plaintiff	) Case No. 1:06-CV-01389-RDB
FRED W. PHELPS, SR., et al,	
Defendants.	) }

# DEFENDANT WESTBORO BAPTIST CHURCH, INC.'S RESPONSES TO PLAINTIFF'S SECOND REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS

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1. All statements for the period January 1, 2006, to date, for all bank accounts held by Westboro Baptist Church, Inc.

Without waiving said objection, Defendant has no such documents, and is is not required to file income tax returns.

5. Any and all documents reflecting a Westboro Baptist Church, Inc., financial liability in excess of \$500.

<u>Response</u>: Objection as overbroad, and, therefore, not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admisible evidence. Further objection for seeking private financial information that is not relevant to pursuing a punitive damages claim. Without waiving said objection, Defendant has no such documents.

Respectfully submitted,

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## **EXHIBIT E**

# IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF MARYLAND

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not intended to impose a discovery obligation on any person who is not a party to the litigation or to limit the Court's jurisdiction to enter any appropriate order.

- 6. *Person:* The term "person" is defined as any natural person or any business, legal or governmental entity, or association.
- 7. You/Your: The terms "you" or "your" include the person(s) to whom this Request is addressed, and all of that person's agents, representatives and attorneys.
- 8. The present tense includes the past and future tenses. The singular includes the plural, and the plural includes the singular. "All" means "any and all"; "any" means "any and all." "Including" means "including but not limited to." "And" and "or" encompass both "and" and "or." Words in the masculine, feminine or neuter form shall include each of the other genders.
- 9. If the requested documents are maintained in a file, the file folder is included in the request for production of those documents.
- 10. Website: The term "website" means the websites identified in paragraph 17 of the Amended Complaint.

#### **DOCUMENT REQUEST**

- 1. All statements for the period January 1, 2006, to date, for all bank accounts held by Westboro Baptist Church, Inc.
- 2. All statements for the period January 1, 2006, to date, for all investment or brokerage accounts or other financial accounts held by Westboro Baptist Church, Inc.
- 3. The check register for Westboro Baptist Church, Inc., for the period January 1, 2006, to date.
- 4. Any and all financial statements, both audited and unaudited, prepared by or on your behalf since January 1, 2006.

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<u>Response</u>: Objection as overbroad, and, therefore, not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admisible evidence. Further objection for seeking private financial information that is not relevant to pursuing a punitive damages claim. Defendant plans to provide Plaintiff with redacted bank statements confirming Defendant's monthly total balances.

2. All statements for the period January 1, 2006, to date, for all investment or brokerage accounts or other financial accounts held by Westboro Baptist Church, Inc.

<u>Response</u>: Objection as overbroad, and, therefore, not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admisible evidence. Further objection for seeking private financial information that is not relevant to pursuing a punitive damages claim. Without waiving said objection, Defendant has no such accounts.

3. The check register for Westboro Baptist Church, inc. for the period January 1, 2006, to date.

Response: Objection as overbroad, and, therefore, not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admisible evidence. Further objection for seeking private financial information that is not relevant to pursuing a punitive damages claim. Defendant will provide the redacted bank statements detailed in response 1, and herein incorporates Defendant's response 1 by reference.

4. Any and all financial statements, both audited and unaudited, prepared by or on your behalf since January 1, 2006.

<u>Response</u>: Objection as overbroad, and, therefore, not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admisible evidence. Further objection for seeking private financial information that is not relevant to pursuing a punitive damages claim. Without waiving said objection, Defendant has no such documents.

5. The federal and state income tax return for Westboro Baptist Church, inc., for the year 2006.

<u>Response</u>: Objection as overbroad, and, therefore, not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admisible evidence. Further objection for seeking private financial information that is not relevant to pursuing a punitive damages claim.

Statement Date 6/29/07

WESTBORO BAPTIST CHURCH INC

Beginning Balance 6/01/07

34,692.41

## **EXHIBIT F**

#### **DECLARATION**

I hereby declare, under penalty of perjury, that the information contained in the attached "Financial Statement – Westboro Baptist Church" is true and correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

10-29-07

Date

Timothy B. Phelps, Clerk

Westboro Baptist Church, Inc.

# FINANCIAL STATEMENT Westboro Baptist Church 10/29/2007

Amount in Dollars

442,800
442,800
 442,800
-
37,000
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-
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\$ 13,136
\$

#### Liabilities **Amount in Dollars**

Current Debt (Credit cards, Accounts)	\$	19,288
Notes payable		-
Taxes payable		-
Real estate mortgage		86,696
Other liabilities	• •	-
Other liabilities		_
Total Liabilities	\$	105,984
Net Worth	\$	386,952

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Signature: Timothy Phelps, Church Clerk	Date:	

## **EXHIBIT G**

#### **DECLARATION**

I hereby declare, under penalty of perjury, that the information contained in the attached "Personal Financial Statement – Rebekah Phelps-Davis" is true and correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Date

Rebekah A. Phelps-Davis

# PERSONAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT Rebekah Phelps-Davis

10/29/2007

Assets	Amount in Dollars		
Cash - checking accounts	\$	306	
Cash - savings accounts			
Certificates of deposit		-	
Securities - stocks / bonds / mutual funds		-	
Notes & contracts receivable		-	
Life insurance		-	
Personal property		35,000	
Retirement Funds		20,000	
Real estate NOTE: This is our homestead and my husband has a 1/2 interest in this property		146,600	
Other assets (specify)			
Other assets (specify)		-	
Total Assets	\$	201,906	

Liabilities Amount in Dollars

Current Debt (Credit cards, Accounts)	\$ 4,000	0
Notes payable	25,000	5
Taxes payable		_
Real estate mortgages	65,016	5
Other liabilities		_
Other liabilities		_
Total Liabilities	\$ 94,016	5
Net Worth	\$ 107,890	<b>)</b>

All or nearly all of the above net worth is exempt under the Kansas homestead exemption (K.S.A. 60-2301, a homestead "shall be exempted from forced sale under any process of law, and shall not be alienated"), as well as the automobile, retirement, and personal property exemptions among others (see K.S.A. 60-2301, 60-2304, 60-2308, etc.).

Signature: Rebekah Phelps-Davis	Date:

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Page 165 is basically net worth, so that's what I'm going to ask you some of these questions. because I'm nosy. And if you want to object, fine, object. But this is my one and only chance to ask you questions. 6 With that in mind, it's my 7 understanding that your only employment is Phelps-Chartered, correct? Α. That's correct. 10 Is your only real property -- you Ο. 11 understand what real property is, correct? 12 Α. Yes. 13 Is your only real property your 14 residence? 15 Α. Yes. 16 Is the deed in you and your husbands Ο. 17 name? 18 Α. No. 19 Whose name? 0. 20 Α. Mine. 21 Is Phelps-Chartered a partnership, or Ο. 22 how is that configured from a legal

### Shawnee County Appraiser

**EXHIBIT H** 

Parcel ID:

0973503030004000

Owner Name:

PHELPS-DAVIS REBEKAH ANNE

**Owner Address:** 

1216 SW CAMBRIDGE AVE TOPEKA KS 66604

**Property Address:** 

1216 SW CAMBRIDGE AVE TOPEKA 66604

Subdivision:

DEVONSHIRE HEIGHTS #2

Zoning:

For zoning information call City of Topeka at

(785) 368-3728 or Shawnee County at (785) 291-5410.

NeighborHood

SW MCALISTER-OAKLEY, 10TH-HUNTOON

**NBHD Code** 

1672

**Census Tract:** 

West Topeka

\* Property Description: CAMBRIDGE AVE LOT 51 DEVONSHIRE HEIGHTS SUB NO 2

\* Condensed legal desc. ; Do not use for legal purposes.



Class: RU 10,340 Land: 136,260 Improvement: 2007 Appraised Value 146,600 by Class: 2007 Total Appraised

**Total Assessed** 146,600 16,859 Value: Value: 2006 Total Appraised **Property Value** 43.30% 102,300 Value: INCREASE

11/26/2007