Students for Fair Admissions, Inc. v. President and Fellows of Harvard College et al

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EXHIBIT 15

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1	IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
2	FOR THE DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS
3	BOSTON DIVISION
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5	Civil Action No. 1:14-cv-14176-ADB
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	DEPOSITION OF: June 16, 2017
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8	STUDENTS FOR FAIR ADMISSIONS, INC.,
9	Plaintiff,
10	v .
11	PRESIDENT AND FELLOWS OF HARVARD COLLEGE
12	(HARVARD CORPORATION),
13	Defendant.
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16	PURSUANT TO NOTICE AND SUBPOENA, the
17	deposition of was taken on behalf of the
18	Defendant at 1225 17th Street, Suite 2600, Denver,
19	Colorado 80202, on June 16, 2017, at 8:54 a.m., before
20	Sherry Wallin, Certified Realtime Reporter, Registered
21	Merit Reporter and Notary Public within Colorado.
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Page 37 1 offerings for upperclassmen? 2 Α. Not as thoroughly, but yes. 3 Ο. Are there any specific courses you are 4 thinking of taking at ? 5 Α. I have some in mind. For example -obviously the courses required for the computer 6 science major. I -- there aren't any very specific 7 courses I'm thinking of. Like I've looked more at the 8 9 major and minor than I have at specific courses. 10 Ο. Understood. Are there any professors 11 you are looking forward to studying with at ?? 12 Α. Not in particular. 13 Ο. Are there any extracurricular activities 14 you intend to participate in at ?? 15 Α. Possibly. Especially, like, the 16 Computer Science Club and Quiz Bowl, but I have 17 decided to basically make those decisions once I get 18 there, for the most part. 19 That makes sense. Are there any student Q. 20 groups at that you anticipate joining? 21 Α. Again, those same clubs. 22 Q. Sitting here today, do you expect that 23 you will graduate from **the spring of 2021**? 24 Α. I hope so, yes. 25 0. Do you intend to apply to transfer from

Page 38 1 to any other college or university? 2 Α. I don't anticipate that at the moment, 3 no. , has 4 Q. offered 5 you any scholarship? Α. 6 No. 7 Ο. Has offered you any merit-based financial award? 8 9 Α. No. I did win the National Merit 10 Scholarship, but that applies to any university. So 11 it's not through 12 MR. DULBERG: All right. I think we've 13 been going for a little under an hour. Why don't we 14 take a quick break. 15 That sounds good. MR. PARK: Yeah. 16 MR. DULBERG: Thank you. 17 (Recess taken, 9:43 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.) 18 Q. (BY MR. DULBERG) During the break, 19 , did you discuss the deposition with your 20 attorney? 21 Α. Briefly. 22 Q. And what did you discuss? 23 I just asked him if I was doing well, Α. and he said yes, I should just slow down a little bit. 24 25 Always good advice. Ο.

1 reimburse? 2 Α. No. 3 Q. What's your understanding of the current status of this case? 4 5 Α. So --MR. PARK: Objection. I just want to 6 7 warn you, like, not the contents of what we have discussed about the case, but, you know, your 8 9 understanding without revealing, you can discuss. 10 Α. So as I mentioned, I've been following 11 the case on Justia dockets' website, and I understand 12 that the case is in discovery, so both sides are 13 asking for -- each side is asking for evidence from 14 the other side, including -- that's what this 15 deposition is part of, and I know that later next year 16 the judge will either decide the case or hold a trial. 17 (BY MR. DULBERG) That information that Ο. 18 you just described is based on your review of publicly 19 available information in this case; is that correct? 20 Α. Yes. 21 Ο. Have you ever voted to elect anyone who 22 has any role with respect to SFFA? 23 Instructing the witness not MR. PARK: 24 to answer the question, concerns SFFA's governance and 25 your rights as a member of SFFA.

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Page 80 1 I don't know of anyone who I know is a Α. 2 member. There may be people who I know who happen to 3 be members, but I don't know that they're members. (BY MR. DULBERG) Have you ever attended 4 Q. 5 a meeting of SFFA? 6 MR. PARK: You can answer that. You can 7 answer. 8 No, I have not. Actually, I should Α. revise that. I was on a phone conference for SFFA 9 10 this past December. 11 (BY MR. DULBERG) Is that a phone Ο. 12 conference that was open to all SFFA members, to the 13 best of your knowledge? 14 It was. All SFFA members received an Α. 15 email a couple days before that stating there will be 16 this phone conference, dial in if you want to attend 17 it, and so I did. 18 Was that the only time you were invited Q. 19 to participate in a phone conference that all SFFA 20 members were invited to? 21 Α. Yes. 22 Q. Do you know whether there have been any 23 other phone conferences of SFFA members as a whole? 24 Α. I don't think there have been any 25 because, as I said, I have been a member since

Page 81 1 November 2014, with my email address on the list. So I should have been contacted if there were others. 2 Do you know if there has ever been a 3 Ο. meeting of all SFFA members that you could have 4 5 attended? 6 MR. PARK: Objection. 7 I don't know of any such meeting, no. Α. 8 Ο. (BY MR. DULBERG) To the best of your 9 knowledge, there have been no such meetings, correct? 10 MR. PARK: Objection. 11 Α. To the best of my knowledge, yes, there 12 have not been. 13 MR. DULBERG: Let's mark the next 14 exhibit. 15 (Deposition Exhibit 2 was marked.) 16 (BY MR. DULBERG) Showing you what's Ο. 17 been marked as Exhibit 2, this is a document entitled 18 Annual Report of Students for Fair Admissions Re: 19 (SFFA) dated June 30, 2015. Do you recognize this 20 document? 21 Α. Vaguely, yes. 22 Q. Have you seen it before? 23 I received it as an email. Α. Yes. 24 Q. When? 25 I believe it was on June 30, 2015. Α.

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