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

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1	IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
2	FOR THE DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS
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5	STUDENTS FOR FAIR ADMISSIONS, INC.,
6	Plaintiff,
7	vs. Case No.
	1:14-cv-14176-ADB
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	PRESIDENT AND FELLOWS OF HARVARD
9	COLLEGE (HARVARD CORPORATION),
10	Defendant.
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15	DEPOSITION OF
16	Palo Alto, California
17	Monday, July 24, 2017
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22	Reported By:
23	TAVIA A. MANNING
24	CSR No. 13294, RPR, CLR, CCRR
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Do you recall when those meetings took place?

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1	A. No, I have not.
2	Q. Do you know whether Dr. Chen is still a board
3	member of SFFA?

- A. No, I don't know that.
- Q. Do you know whether SFFA members had the ability to elect either of these board members, Dr. Zhou or Dr. Chen?
 - MR. PARK: Objection.
- 9 BY MS. SANDALS:

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- Q. No, I don't know that.
- Were you involved in any elections of SFFA board members?
- MR. PARK: Objection.
- I am going to instruct the witness not to answer that question.
- MS. SANDALS: On what basis?
- MR. PARK: The Court's order from last month
 saying that the indicia of membership test doesn't apply
 to SFFA. So your continued efforts to seek discovery on
 those very indicia that are not part of this case are
 not proper. They're not relevant. They are in
 violation of the Court's order and they're harassing.
 - MS. SANDALS: Mike, I was just trying to clarify if this was a First Amendment or other privilege ground, and that's all you need to say.

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1	THE WITNESS: No, I don't believe so.
2	BY MS. SANDALS:
3	Q. Did you discuss Exhibit 2 with anybody after
4	you received it by e-mail?
5	A. No, I did not.
6	Q. Okay. You can set this document aside.
7	Do you know whether your father has provided
8	input to SFFA?
9	A. No, I don't know.
LO	Q. Have you donated money to SFFA?
L1	A. I don't believe so.
L2	Q. Has your father donated money to SFFA?
L3	A. I don't know.
L 4	Q. , you have completed your first year at
L5	; is that correct?
L 6	A. Yes, that is correct.
L 7	Q. Do you intend to apply to transfer from
18	to Harvard College?
L 9	A. I would do it if Harvard were to end
20	affirmative-action-based admissions.
21	Q. And you're using affirmative action in the same
22	way you were using it earlier that we've already
23	discussed?
24	A. Yes.
25	O. So if I told you that Harvard was not engaging

- 1 MR. PARK: Objection.
 2 THE WITNESS: Potentially
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- 4 BY MS. SANDALS:
- Q. If Harvard continues to use race as one factor of many in its whole-person admissions process, would you apply to transfer to Harvard this coming academic year?
- 9 MR. PARK: Objection.
- 10 THE WITNESS: I most likely would not.
- 11 BY MS. SANDALS:
- Q. Have you looked into the eligibility
 requirements for transferring to Harvard College?
- MR. PARK: Objection.
- THE WITNESS: No, I have not.
- 16 BY MS. SANDALS:
- Q. If I represent to you that you would be ineligible to transfer to Harvard College after this year, would you consider applying to transfer to Harvard this coming year?
- MR. PARK: Objection.
- 22 THE WITNESS: If I were ineligible, I would not
- 23 apply to transfer.
- 24 BY MS. SANDALS:
 - Q. So if I told you that you would be ineligible

1 I, the undersigned, a Certified Shorthand Reporter of the State of California, do hereby certify: 2 That the foregoing proceedings were taken 3 4 before me at the time and place herein set forth; that any witnesses in the foregoing proceedings, prior to 5 testifying, were placed under oath; that a verbatim 7 record of the proceedings was made by me using machine shorthand which was thereafter transcribed under my 8 9 direction; that the foregoing transcript is a true record of the testimony given. 10 11 Further, that if the foregoing pertains to the 12 original transcript of a deposition in a Federal Case, before completion of the proceedings, review of the 13 14 transcript [] was [X] was not requested. 15 I further certify I am neither financially interested in the action nor a relative or employee of 16 17 any attorney of any of the party to this action. 18 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have this date 19 subscribed my name. 20 21 Dated: August 3, 2017 22 23 TAVIA A. MANNING CSR No. 13294, RPR, CLR, CCRR 24