IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT WESTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI CENTRAL DIVISION

TODD JANSON, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

No. 10-04018-CV-C-NKL

LEGALZOOM.COM, INC.,

Defendant.
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DEPOSITION OF EDWARD R. HARTMAN

Taken on behalf of Plaintiffs

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9:25 a.m.

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Exhibit C

Page 18 Page 20 1 A. No, sir. 1 LegalZoom? 2 2 Q. Did you say your job title was chief A. I do. 3 strategic officer? 3 Q. And you've reviewed the topics that are 4 A. I did not, sir. listed on Deposition Exhibit 1, the various subjects 5 5 What is your job title? O. of testimony? 6 Chief strategy officer. 6 The document in front of me is 7 O. Chief strategy officer? 7 Exhibit A. sir? 8 Yes, sir. 8 Α. Q. Yes. It says Exhibit A. It's Exhibit A 9 9 O. Could you describe for me, Mr. Hartman. to -- of Plaintiff's Exhibit 1. Do you see that? 10 what your duties and responsibilities are as chief 10 A. Yes, sir. 11 strategy officer? 11 And there are nine subject matters that 12 A. Yes, sir. I've been involved in the 12 are listed on pages 4 and 5. Do you see that? 13 technology of the web site and underlying company 13 A. I do. sir. 14 for many years. Following that, I've transitioned 14 Q. Are you prepared to offer testimony on 15 into issues involving the web site and also new 15 those subjects today? 16 product development. 16 A. Yes, sir. 17 Q. Do you report to anyone at LegalZoom? 17 MR. THOMPSON: And I would state within 18 I do, sir. 18 A. reason they're pretty broad, and if examination 19 O. And who is it you report to? 19 shows that you need somebody else, we can endeavor 20 John Suh. 20 to deal with that at that point, but he's prepared. Α. 21 Q. It sound like you said Johnson, but John 21 BY MR. BUTSCH: I want to ask you --22 Sung; is that right? 22 thank you. 23 A. No. sir. 23 I want to ask you some background 24 What is it? 24 information about LegalZoom, okay? 25 John Suh. 25 Where is the corporate headquarters of Page 19 Page 21 1 Q. Can you spell that last name? LegalZoom? 1 2 Yes, sir. S-u-h. 2 A. In Los Angeles. 3 3 And what is Mr. Suh's position at Q. Is that the address that you provided to O. 4 LegalZoom? 4 us before on Hollywood Boulevard? 5 A. He is the chief executive officer of 5 It is, sir. A. 6 6 LegalZoom.com. Q. Does LegalZoom, as far as you know, have 7 7 How long has Mr. Suh held that position? company offices other than the location on Hollywood 8 Boulevard in Los Angeles? Since 1997, sir -- or, sorry, since 8 9 9 2007, sir. A. Yes, sir. 10 O. Was he associated with a company prior 10 Q. And where are those offices located? 11 to 2007? 11 A. Austin, Texas. 12 12 A. He was, sir. Q. How many employees approximately are in 13 O. Mr. Hartman, do you have any felony 13 the Los Angeles office of LegalZoom? 14 convictions? 14 A. I do not know, sir. 15 15 A. No, sir. O. Is it more than 100? 16 Q. Any misdemeanor convictions of any kind? 16 A. I do not know that, sir. 17 17 No. sir. O. More than 50? 18 Q. We're not picking on you. We ask 18 A. I do not know that, sir. 19 19 everybody. Q. You have no idea? 20 20 A. I appreciate that, sir. A. No. sir. 21 21 Q. Let me hand you what we've marked as Q. How about in Austin? How many employees 22 Deposition Exhibit 1. I would draw your attention 22 are there? Did you want to say something? 23 23 to pages 4 and 5 of Exhibit 1. A. I'm sorry, sir. I thought you had been 24 Do you understand today, Mr. Hartman, 24 referring to the Austin office earlier. that you're testifying as a representative of 25 Okay. Let me ask the question again

Page 22 Page 24 just so the record's clear. 1 O. Is that the chief information officer? 2 2 Do you know approximately, Mr. Hartman, Yes, sir. 3 how many persons are employed by LegalZoom at its 3 O. Who is that? Los Angeles office? 4 Tracy Terrill. 5 5 Approximately, yes, sir. O. Is that a man or a woman? 6 6 Q. How many? A. It's a man. 7 Between 300 and 400, sir. 7 A. MR. THOMPSON: Dave, I don't know where 8 8 Have you ever been to the Austin office Q. this fits into your notice, but I won't be -- I'll 9 of LegalZoom? 9 give you some leeway, but he's prepared to talk 10 A. No. sir. 10 about issues you noticed. 11 Q. What functions occur at the Austin 11 Q. BY MR. BUTSCH: This is just so we 12 office: do vou know? 12 know -- is it Mr. Terrill, Tracy Terrill, is that 13 A. I'm aware of some of the functions at 13 what you said? 14 the Austin office, but my knowledge is not complete, 14 A. Terrill. 15 sir. 15 Q. How do you spell that? 16 16 Can you tell me about that? What do you A. T-e-r-i-l-l. 17 know about what the Austin office of LegalZoom is? 17 O. How long has he been a chief information 18 A. I know that the Austin office does some 18 officer at LegalZoom? 19 printing and shipping, sir. 19 A. Since the year 2008, if memory serves. 20 Q. Printing and shipping of legal 20 O. Who was his predecessor, if he had one. 21 documents? 21 as a CIO at LegalZoom? 22 A. Printing and shipping of LegalZoom 22 A. There was no predecessor to him. 23 orders, sir. 23 Who had overall responsibility for the 24 Q. Of LegalZoom orders? 24 web site prior to Mr. Terrill; do you know? 25 Yes, sir. 25 A. A. I did, sir. Page 23 Page 25 1 When was LegalZoom founded? 1 Q. I would like you, if you could, 2 In 2000, sir. 2 Mr. Hartman, to describe as best you can what the Α. 3 Did they actually start to conduct 3 business of LegalZoom.com is. 4 business in 2000? 4 A. LegalZoom.com is a web site whereby 5 A. If I take the conventional meaning of customers may, at their specific direction, create, 6 6 that, then, yes, sir. through our automated document technology, documents 7 7 What I mean by that is did they have that they select. 8 8 services or products that they sold to customers in What kind of documents? 9 the year 2000? 9 A. Some of the document categories include 10 Α. Yes, sir. business formations, estate planning documents, such 11 When did LegalZoom first have a presence 11 as wills, and intellectual property documents, such 12 on the Internet, a web site; do you know? 12 as copyrights. 13 13 A. In the year 2000, sir. Q. I'll get more into this later, but does 14 Were you involved in the development of 14 it also include bankruptcy documents? Ο. 15 that web site? 15 It does not, sir. 16 16 A. Yes, sir. Q. No documents that people would use in 17 the context of filing for bankruptcy? Q. Can you describe for me what you did in 17 18 terms of the development of that web site? 18 A. It does not, sir. 19 19 A. I oversaw most technical elements of the Q. How about name changes? 20 20 construction of the web site. A. It does, sir. 21 21 Who is currently at LegalZoom Q. Divorces? 22 responsible for the overall maintenance of the web 22 A. It does, sir. 23 23 site? Q. Real estate transactions? 24 24 A. Could you be more specific, please? Ultimate responsibility for technology 25 Deeds? Instruments of conveyance, real at LegalZoom rests with the CIO.

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Let me ask you this: When LegalZoom was originally founded in 2000 and started to conduct business, were they doing business in all 50 states as of that time, or did you later expand to more

23 states than California? 24 In the year 2000 I do not know in which 25 states we had customers, sir.

17 A. Members of the legal team would produce the content. Members of marketing team would review 18 19 the copy.

20 O. BY MR. BUTSCH: Is there someone who is 21 the head of the legal team; do you know?

There's a general counsel, sir.

23 And who was that? Q. 24 Charles Rampenthal. A.

25 He is currently the general counsel?

Page 36 Page 34 1 Yes, sir. 1 It's not a current page from your web 2 How long was Mr. Turner with LegalZoom? 2 O. Q. 3 3 Four years, sir. site? A. 4 4 O. And do you know why he left the company? Α. Yes. 5 5 He accepted a position at 1-800 O. Is that correct? 6 6 A. Yes. Dentists, sir. 7 7 1-800 Dentists? I want to draw your attention to -- at Q. O. 8 8 the fourth paragraph in the section titled Our Yes, sir. Α. 9 9 Story. Do you see that? Q. Is Mr. Turner still in Los Angeles as 10 A. Yes. 10 far as you know? It starts with, "To make LegalZoom." It 11 A. I have no knowledge of that, sir. 11 says, "To make LegalZoom the best legal document 12 12 You don't know where he -- do you know 13 13 service on the web, we assembled a team of legal if his job took him to another city? 14 A. I do not know, sir. 14 experts including retired judges and law school 15 15 professors." Who is responsible for marketing O. 16 16 currently at LegalZoom.com? Is that accurate as far as you know? That LegalZoom did, in fact, assemble a team that 17 That is an open position, sir. 17 included retired judges and law school professors? 18 But although nobody's there, somebody 18 must be working on marketing or be ultimately 19 19 20 Can you identify who the judges are that 20 responsible for it; are they not? Q. 21 were assembled on LegalZoom's team? 21 Those are two separate questions, sir. Our advisory board includes retired 22 Who is currently responsible for 22 23 marketing at LegalZoom? 23 judges and deans of law schools. Since it is an open position, sir, I 24 Do you know who those individuals are by 24 Q. 25 25 would believe the responsibility would lie upward. name? Page 37 Page 35 A. I couldn't tell you by name. 1 1 Q. And who would that person be? 2 2 O. Can you identify any of those people? A. The chief executive, sir. 3 3 A. I couldn't. MR. THOMPSON: When you find a place to MR. THOMPSON: David, could you identify 4 4 take a break, let me know. 5 5 for me what -- which of the nine paragraphs this is MR. BUTSCH: Yeah, we can take one, Bob. 6 6 within the scope of? MR. THOMPSON: Won't be long. 7 7 MR. BUTSCH: Bob, this is more or less (Recessed from 10:00 a.m. to 8 8 background information. 10:15 a.m.) 9 9 Q. BY MR. BUTSCH: Are we ready? MR. THOMPSON: Okay. MR. BUTSCH: I'm not going to have too 10 10 A. Yes, sir. Yes. 11 many more questions on this. 11 Q. Mr. Hartman, to your knowledge, has 12 LegalZoom ever marketed itself as a less expensive 12 MR. THOMPSON: Okay. 13 Q. BY MR. BUTSCH: That paragraph goes on 13 alternative to attorneys? to say, "All of our forms were developed by A. I would have to speculate on that, sir. 14 14 experienced attorneys." You see that? 15 I don't think we've ever specifically done that. 15 A. I do. 16 16 Let me hand you what we've marked as Q. 17 O. Is that statement accurate as well, 17 Exhibit 4. Mr. Hartman? 18 18 A. Um-hum. 19 A. It is. 19 Do you recognize Exhibit 4? Q. Q. The attorneys that LegalZoom utilized to 20 20 A. Yes. develop its forms, were those attorneys that were 21 And how do you recognize it? 21 Q. directly employed by LegalZoom or were those 22 22 This appears to be a page from our web Α. attorneys that were hired from the outside, outside 23 23 site. 24 And it was something that appeared on 24 attorneys that developed the forms? Can you tell me Q. 25 that? your web site in the past; is that right?

1 A. The attorneys were primarily employed by 2 LegalZoom. 3

- O. And do you still employ attorneys that assist in the development of your legal forms?
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- 6 O. Is there a person that is responsible 7 for the development of the legal forms that are used 8 on your web site? 9
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- 10 Who is that individual?
- 11 Vanessa Butnick. A.
- 12 Q. Would you spell her name, please?
- 13 A. B-u-t-n-i-c-k.
- 14 In the development of the forms, O.

15 Mr. Hartman, is it true that some of the forms have 16 to be tailored to suit the legal requirements in the 17 particular state in which the form may be used?

MR. THOMPSON: Object to form. It's outside the scope of the deposition. Calls for an invasion of the attorney-client privilege with the attorney that works for LegalZoom. Would you read back the question, please?

> (The reporter read the record as requested.)

MR. THOMPSON: You can answer that

1 order that they comply with the legal requirements 2 of the various states; is that correct? 3

MR. THOMPSON: Object to the form of the question, and I will instruct you not to answer that question. I think it necessarily invades the attorney-client privilege in asking him to tell you what attorneys employed by LegalZoom did or did not do.

MR. BUTSCH: Well, he's already told me 10 that they prepared the forms, Bob.

11 MR. THOMPSON: Well, I tried to give you some leeway on background that they have attornevs 12 that help them prepare forms. Now you're asking 13 specific advice about specific states, and I think 14 15 it invades the attorney-client privilege, and so 16 I'll instruct him not to answer that question.

- 17 BY MR. BUTSCH: As far as you know, 18 Mr. Hartman, has LegalZoom ever employed an attorney for the development of its forms that is licensed to 19 20 practice law in the state of Missouri?
- A. To the best of my knowledge, LegalZoom 21 22 has not employed an attorney specifically licensed 23 in the state of Missouri.
 - O. Besides Bob Thompson?
- 25 Just so, sir. A.

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- question, if you can. I'm not going to instruct you not to answer.
- A. Some forms must be or are tailored to specific states.
- Missouri, there are certain requirements to make a valid will. One of them being you have to have two disinterested witnesses sign the will as witnesses to its execution. Other states have different requirements for the valid execution of a will. Are 11 you aware of that?

O. BY MR. BUTSCH: Just as an example in

12 MR. THOMPSON: Objection, calls for a 13 legal conclusion, outside the scope of the deposition notice. You can answer.

- 14 15 A. I have no specific knowledge of Missouri 16 law.
- 17 BY MR. BUTSCH: Okay. But what you're telling me is that LegalZoom does tailor its 18 documents in order that they comply with the various 20 requirements of the law in the various states; is 21 that right?
- 22 A. LegalZoom has forms that are specific to 23 specific states.
- 24 Q. And the attorneys employed by LegalZoom are the ones who would have developed those forms in

- O. I was talking about the development of 1 2 the forms. You were telling me you haven't employed a Missouri attorney in the development of the forms; 4 is that right? 5
 - A. Yes.
- 6 Q. Let me hand you what we've marked as 7 Exhibit 5.

8 Mr. Hartman, do you recognize Deposition 9 Exhibit 5?

- A. I believe I do.
- Q. And is that content that was on the web 11 site of LegalZoom at some point in time? 12
 - A. Yes, sir.
- O. I'd like to refer you to the paragraph 14 that says "Lawyer Free Pricing." Do you see that? 15
- A. Could you show me where that is? 16
- O. It's about the third paragraph from the 17 bottom of the page. 18
- A. I'm sorry. I see "lawyer free service" 19 20 in the paragraph. Oh, just above it, sir. Yes.
- 21 Q. It says "Lawyer Free Pricing." Am I 22 reading that correctly?
- 23 A. Yes.
- 24 Q. And it says, "With LegalZoom's
- 25 lawyer-free service, you can save up to 85 percent

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- A. There is an officer at the company responsible for legal compliance. That is our general counsel.
- O. But it is not broken down by geography. this person's responsible for the Midwest, this person's responsible for the West Coast in terms of the legal compliance?
- 9 A. Not to the best of my knowledge, sir. 10 The general counsel has overall responsibility.
 - O. Mr. Rampenthal?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. Let's look at the last page of
- 14 Exhibit 12. That shows the makeup of the attorney 15 services division and you're showing yourself as the 16 profiler in chief; is that right?
- 17 It, once again, misstates my title.
- 18 Should be strategy officer? Q.
- 19 Chief strategy officer.
- 20 Q. Are there any changes or updates to that 21 structure as far as you know?
- 22 This structure is incomplete. Α.
- 23 In what way?
- 24 We have additional employees under Alan A.
- Rodriguez. 25

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- A. Yes.
- O. Are you conversant, knowledgeable about how a customer or consumer interacts with the LegalZoom web site?
- A. Yes. With one caveat, if I may.
 - O. Okav.
- Since adopting the CIO role, since Tracy Terrill's adoption of the CIO role, there have been significant changes to the web site and the underlying data. With that stipulation, yes, sir.
- O. Okay. I want to take you through a typical customer experience, okay. And we'll just use the development of a will as an example.

15 Let's say a customer decided that they 16 wanted a will and they decided to get on the 17 Internet and access LegalZoom's web site for that 18 purpose.

Can you describe for me what the customer would do in order to obtain a will?

- 21 A. There is no uniform way, as you suggest.
- 22 I could describe several different ways. 23
 - O. I just wanted Missouri. Just so you understand. I'm a person in Missouri. I want a will. Can you describe that?

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- 1 Q. His title is director of business 2 development-ASD. 3
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- Q. What does ASD stand for?
- A. As it says at the top of the page. 6
 - Oh, attorney services division.
 - What does Mr. Rodriguez do; do you know?
 - A. Mr. Rodriguez manages the phone support team, which includes Mr. Vernsal.
- 10 Q. Is that customer service that people
- call in with a question or something? 11
- 12 A. It will be.
 - Q. It's not currently?
- 14 A. Current demand for these new and
- 15 speculative products has not yet materialized.
- 16 Q. So this is the group that works on new projects, the development of new products? 17
- 18 A. New products.
- 19 Is that right? Q.
- 20 Yes. Α.
- 21 Q. I believe you said, Mr. Hartman, that
- you were involved in the development of LegalZoom's
- 23 web site; is that correct?
- 24 A. Yes.
- Are you familiar with the operation of 25

- 1 MR. THOMPSON: You can finish your 2 answer.
- 3 A. Again, sir, I can't give you the one single way, as your question would seem to suggest, that a person could do what you say.
 - O. BY MR. BUTSCH: Can you tell me if I was interested in the will and I accessed LegalZoom's web site, how would I go about obtaining that will?
- 9 A. The issue I'm having answering the question is simply that there's no one way. I can 10 11 tell you a suggested way.
 - O. Okay. Go ahead.
- 13 A. You might begin at the home page of
- 14 LegalZoom. On the home page of LegalZoom you might
- then suggest last will and testament from the top 15
- navigation. Then you would see a page describing 16 17
- the LegalZoom process. 18
 - Q. Okay.
- 19 A. Then from there you might -- you also
- 20 might not -- click a link leading you to a page
- 21 whereby you would sign into LegalZoom.
 - Q. And when you say sign in, what does that
- 23 entail?
- 24 A. You would either create a membership 25 user record at LegalZoom or, if you were already

- 1 possessed of such a record, you would log in.
- 2 So if you're a returning customer, you 3 would just log in?
 - Α. You would recredential yourself, yes.
 - O. Okay. And where would you take it from there?
 - A. The site would automatically take you to the first page of what we refer to as our branching intake process. Sometimes called the questionnaire.
 - Q. And what sort of questions would I expect to answer, if I was seeking to obtain a will and I'm a person in Missouri?
- 13 A. On the first page you would be asked for 14 your first name and your last name and your state of 15 residence.
- Wouldn't that be on the registration 16 Q. 17 part of it?
- 18 A. It would not, sir.

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- 19 Q. And then what? My name and address? 20 Telephone number?
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- 22 Name and address?
- 23 And not address. But name and state.
- 24 Then -- this is why we refer to it as the branch
- 25 intake process. What you would see would be

- 1 if you, say, have 12 children.
- 2 Q. So there's a -- as I understand it, 3 there's a sequence of questions that are asked, and 4 depending on those answers go one way or another way 5 or a third way or a number of different ways?
 - A. Yes.

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- O. And approximately, say, I'm preparing a simple will, have two or three children, are
- married. About how many questions would I answer? 9
- 10 A. Taking the specific instance of you have 11 two children or three children and you are married, you would -- and there are many other choices that 12
- 13 you would make, but you're asking for an average --14 on averages, perhaps 50.
 - Q. 50 various questions?
- 16 A. (Witness nods.)
- 17 Q. In order to get a final and complete
- 18 will: is that right?
- 19 A. No. To complete the branching intake 20 process.
- 21 Q. After I answer those 50 or so questions,
- 22 maybe more or less --
- 23 A. Yes.
 - -- what happens next? Q.
 - You're shown a page whereby you can

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- different depending on how you would answer the questions on the first page.
- Q. Okay. So I mean, if you were in a different state, obviously, you might go somewhere or -- what else would control where you wanted -what characteristics?
 - A. Whether or not you were married.
 - Q. Married or single?
 - Whether or not you had children.
- 10 Q. Any other factors that might lead you 11 one way or the other?
 - A. Yes, sir.
 - Q. Could you identify those, please?
- 14 A. Not completely. There are a voluminous 15 number of decision points.
- 16 Q. And depending on how the individual 17 makes that -- or selects -- answers the question, 18 that will lead him to another branch.
- 19 A. And here the word branch is not really 20 precise, in that the branch itself may be different 21 depending upon how you have answered the preceding 22 question.
- 23 An example of this would be if you say 24 that you have 2 kids, you would be shown the same branch, but it would be presented differently than

- 1 review your answers.
- 2 O. And then I either make corrections there 3 or move on to the next thing?
- 4 A. Yes. Well, that's not a precise answer.
- 5 The precise answer is you could either make 6
- corrections there, you could move on to the next 7 thing, as you say, or you may make a change that
- 8 requires you to go back into the branching
- 9 questionnaire process.
- Q. Assuming that everything is accurate and 10 11 according to what I answered, what would be the next 12 step?
- 13 A. Well, assuming that you go on to the 14 next step.
- 15 Q. Yes.
- 16 A. You would at that point be able to
- choose from one of several packages that LegalZoom 17 18 provides.
- 19 Q. At some point am I required to put my
- 20 credit card information into the system? 21
 - A. Yes.
 - O. Is that some point down the road or
- 23 before we start answering the questions?
- 24 A. It's on -- at a point down the road. 25
 - So there would be various programs or Q.

wanted to get a will, contacted LegalZoom through its web site.

You described how you would answer a series of questions. You'd put in your name and answer a series of questions, and then could select the manner of delivery of a will, correct?

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Q. You said that there were a couple of variables about how a person might obtain a will through LegalZoom, assuming a Missouri resident.

When you said that there were various ways, were you referring to the branching that you talked about before, where if you answered a question it might lead you one direction? If you answered it a different way, it would lead you in a different direction?

- 17 A. That's one part, sir, but not the 18 totality.
- Q. Well, can you give me more what the totality is?
- A. I can give you some of the additional elements.
- Q. Okay. Sure.
- A. How they entered the web site might not be through the home page, as it was in the

1 Q. Are there other variables that you 2 wanted to mention?

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Q. Okay.

A. A customer could enter through a search engine and not enter on the home page, as I described in the illustration that we discussed earlier.

- 9 Q. What you're referring to is -- are 10 various ways that people could access LegalZoom, 11 right?
- 12 A. Yes. That might substantially change 13 their experience.
 - Q. And how would that change their experience?
- 16 A. It would change whether or not they saw, 17 for instance, the home page of LegalZoom.
- Q. Okay. Are there any other variables that you can think of as to a person who wants to obtain a will through LegalZoom?
 - A. Yes. Many.
 - Q. Okay. Describe that for me, as best you can.
- A. A customer might choose to go in to the law library, what we term the law library. It's

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- illustration that you and I discussed earlier.
- Q. Could it be via a different web site than LegalZoom?
 - A. Yes, it could.
- Q. What are those other web sites, if you know what those are, that would give it access?
- A. LegalZoom has many affiliates from which a person could enter LegalZoom.
- 9 Q. Could you identify some of those, 10 please?
 - A. Off the top of my head, sir, no.
- Q. Is it like the LegalDocuments.com or something that sounds similar but is a different web site?
- 15 A. Frequently, sir, these would be going 16 concerns that do not have names similar to 17 LegalZoom.
 - Q. Okay. You can't identify any of those?
- 19 A. Not with accuracy, sir.
- Q. So you have -- LegalZoom has some kind
- 21 of a business relationship with these other web
- 22 sites, and a person could access ultimately
- 23 LegalZoom's products by going through a different --
- 24 another web site; is that right?
- 25 A. It is.

just a term, which is an area that furnishes information that might be useful to a customer.

The customer might go into our legal articles, which are not -- legal articles might not be the right term. Articles which are articles designed to be potentially repurposed for other web sites, talking about interesting things happening in the world that pertain to the law. The customer in short might go to many different areas of the web site before going to the branching intake that we described.

- Q. But ultimately everyone who is going to obtain a will is going to go through that branching mechanism?
 - A. Yes.
- Q. Let me hand you what we've marked as Exhibit 13. It starts with a Bates stamp LZ48.
- 18 This is a document provided to us by your attorneys.

19 Is this, Mr. Hartman -- and certain

20 information is blacked out. Is this an example of a will that was prepared through the LegalZoom web site?

A. I have no way of specifically knowing that. It does appear similar to one. It does appear similar to a LegalZoom will product that

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- 1 could be purchased by a customer.
 - Q. And how do you recognize it as being similar to a product being purchased by a customer of LegalZoom?
 - A. The font, in the words The Last Will and Testament seem similar to a will document that could be prepared by a customer.
- Q. In this case, Mr. Hartman, did you look at the will that a Mr. Janson obtained from LegalZoom, Todd Janson? 10
 - A. I believe I did.
- 12 Q. I want to ask you a few questions about 13 some other documents that your attorneys produced to 14 us. Let me hand you what we've marked as Deposition 15 Exhibit 14.

16 Do you recognize Exhibit 14,

17 Mr. Hartman?

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- 18 A. I don't specifically recognize
- 19 Exhibit 14, but it does appear similar to an email that might be sent by LegalZoom. 20
- O. You testified that a person could select 21 22 the manner of the document delivery, right?
- 23 A. I did.
- 24 O. And how long does it typically take --
- if I'm ordering a will, how long does it take

- 1 A. Depends upon the shipping method. It 2 could be variable depending upon the length of time 3 it would take to get from our place of shipment to 4 vour residence. 5
 - O. So it could be a week? Two weeks?
 - A. I imagine it could be a week or longer.
- 7 O. After the documents have been shipped by 8 LegalZoom to the customer, does LegalZoom typically
- 9 have further contact with that customer or is that the end of the business relationship unless the 10
- 11 customer would initiate another transaction?
 - A. LegalZoom will typically communicate with a customer after transaction by email.
- 14 Q. And is this an example? Is Exhibit 14 15 the type of email that LegalZoom would send to a 16 customer?
- 17 A. I imagine that the email would arrive 18 prior to the physical order.
 - O. Delivery of the order?
- 20 A. But I couldn't say that with any 21 certainty.
- 22 Q. After the delivery of the order, does
- 23 LegalZoom have any further contact with the 24 customer?
- 25 Yes. LegalZoom does. A.

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1 LegalZoom to prepare that document? 2

MR. THOMPSON: Object to the form.

- Q. BY MR. BUTSCH: I mean actually get the final product together to be shipped to the customer.
 - I have trouble with the word prepare.
- Yeah, I assume you do. But how long does it take for LegalZoom to get the final document in a final state ready to ship to the customer?
- 10 A. If I understand your meaning, the order 11 of a will document --
 - O. Yeah.

will in my hand?

13 A. -- is typically prepared -- is 14 typically -- I'm sorry. I'm using your word.

Is typically made ready to be shipped to 16 the customer within two or three business days.

- Q. Two or three business days?
- 18 A. Depending on the packet selected by the 19 customer.
- 20 Q. If I didn't order the premium package 21 but got the lowest level package, no rush, how long typically would that take, from the time I went to LegalZoom web site, put in all the information that 24 was needed? How long would it take me to get my

- Can you describe that, please?
- We send a regular newsletter to the customer. We also send promotional emails, advising the customer of discounts they may be eligible for.
 - O. Do those newsletters -- is that an email format, or is that hard mail?
 - A. It's an email format.
- 8 Q. Do you have any mail contact via the 9 mail system?
 - A. I don't believe we do.
- 11 Q. Let me hand you what we've marked as 12 Deposition Exhibit 15. Do you recognize this 13 document, Mr. Hartman?
- A. While I do not recognize this specific 14 document, it does resemble the email -- an email 15 16 that would be sent by LegalZoom.
- Q. Is that something that's sent -- it 17 refers to feedback and created a survey for you to 18 share your thoughts. Do you see that? 19
- 20 A. I do.
- 21 O. Is that something that the survey
- that -- do you send that to all the customers? 22
- A. The survey you're referring to is termed 23 24 a willingness to refer survey, or WTR. It is one of the best predicters of customer satisfaction. There 25

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- 1 are many scholarly articles that support the use of
- 2 WTR and related statistics. We have one of the
- 3 highest WTR ratings in the industry. Actually we 4 have one of the highest WTR ratings of most
- 5 companies in business today. 6
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- 8 O. And what is that? Does a customer then 9 give you information about potential other customers? Is that the idea? 10
- 11 A. It is not.
- 12 O. What is it willing to refer -- what does 13 that mean?
- 14 A. It's a measure of the customer 15 satisfaction with the web site and the overall business-like manner of the company. 16
- 17 Q. So it doesn't -- what does willing to 18 refer refer to? Are you willing to refer us to 19 other customers, or would you recommend us to other 20 customers? Is that what it's about?
- 21 A. It is. Although it is not a specific 22 request to refer us to anyone else. Instead it is a 23 gauge of customer satisfaction. One of a class of 24 statistics known as net promoter scores.
 - Q. Let me hand you what we've marked as

- 1 wills, this branching mechanism -- does that apply 2 as to other documents available through LegalZoom? 3
 - A. It does.
 - Q. And what are the types of other
- 5 documents that this -- it's called a question
- 6 branching mechanism? What other documents would 7 that apply to?
- 8 A. The question branching mechanism, as 9 you've termed it, applies to many documents.
- 10 Would that include trusts?
- 11 A. It would apply to trust orders.
- 12 Q. How about powers of attorney?
- 13 A. It would apply to powers of attorney.
 - O. Formation of business entities like
- 15 corporations and limited liability companies?
- 16 A. It would apply to the two business 17 entities that you have named.
- 18 Q. Are there others that you can think of,
- 19 Mr. Hartman, that it would apply to?
- 20 Yes. A.
- 21 Can you identify those, please? O.
 - That would be a long list.
- 23 I'd like you to do the best that you
- 24 can. 25
 - Would this be a good time to take a

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Exhibit 16, and I'll also hand you what we've marked

2 as Exhibit 17. These are documents that were 3 produced to us by your counsel.

Do you recognize those, Mr. Hartman, as wills that are LegalZoom products?

- A. I don't specifically recognize these documents, at they seem similar in form to a LegalZoom order for a will document.
- Q. Is that because of the font or how do you recognize that?
- 11 A. Yes, in general, sir, font and other 12 structural similarities.
- Q. If I had ordered my will through LegalZoom like we discussed before, after it was 15 prepared in final format for use by the customer, 16 would an attorney at LegalZoom look at that final 17 form before delivery to the customer?
 - A. No. sir.
- 19 Q. As we discussed before, in preparation of a will, you describe this branching procedure or 21 mechanism where a customer would go through and 22 answer a series of questions, and depending on that 23 answer may go in one direction on the web site or 24 may go in another direction.
 - Is that procedure or mechanism as to

1 recess?

- 2 Q. Well, can you answer the question and if 3 you can think of more during the break, then take it 4 up again.
- 5 A. Most of the documents available through the menu of LegalZoom are available via the 7 questionnaire branching mechanism, as you've termed 8 it, but not all.
 - Q. Okay.
- 10 This is a set of certainly in excess of
- 11 50 document types.
- 12 O. Let me ask you this: How about 13
- copyrights?
- 14 A. Yes.
 - Q. Patents?
- 16 A. Patents have several different forms.
 - We'll get back to that. Trademarks?
- 18 Yes. A.
- 19 Bankruptcy? O.
- 20 No. A.
- 21 Q. Divorce?
 - Depending upon the divorce, generally,
- 23 yes.
- When you say depending upon the divorce, 24 Q.
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- A. There was offered at LegalZoom a divorce -- I suppose you could call it product, for the customer, whereby they were -- their interest was simply transferred to an attorney.
- Q. Did you say before that LegalZoom never did -- or offer divorce products in Missouri? Is that right?
 - A. I did not state that.
- Q. So they did offer that product in
- 10 Missouri, as far as you know?
- 11 I believe so.
- 12 How about name changes?
- 13 A. Yes.

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- 14 Q. The branching mechanism applies there?
- 15 A. LegalZoom offers name changes in
- 16 Missouri and the branching mechanism applies to a
- 17 name change.
- 18 O. How about contracts?
- 19 Α. LegalZoom does not offer contracts in 20 the state of Missouri.
- 21 Q. Prenuptial agreements?
- 22 A. LegalZoom does not offer prenuptial
- 23 agreements in the state of Missouri.
- 24 Q. How about immigration? Is that 25 something that --

- O. Durable healthcare power of attorney, is that what you're talking about?
- A. It's a living will order from a customer at their option. It may or may not include a durable healthcare power of attorney.

I'm sure there are others.

- As far as small claims are concerned, has LegalZoom offered any documents that relate to small claims court in Missouri; do you know?
- 1.0 To the best of my knowledge, the answer 11 is no.
- 12 O. You said that LegalZoom did offer a 13 divorce document in Missouri; is that right?
- 14 A. LegalZoom would allow customers to 15 order, at their specific direction, an uncontested 16 divorce document at one --
 - Document or documents; do you know?
- 18 I don't know.
- 19 Do you know if that includes things such 20 as parenting plans that are required under Missouri 21 law?
- 22 MR. THOMPSON: Object to the form, and 23 here's my objection. You say includes, and I think he said used to. So I think it's a tense situation. 24
 - MR. BUTSCH: Okay. You -- let's try to

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- 1 clarify it.
 - 2 MR. THOMPSON: So clear it up. I'm not 3 trying to change --
 - Q. BY MR. BUTSCH: Did LegalZoom at one point offer some kind of document that relates to divorce in Missouri?
 - A. I believe that at one point LegalZoom allowed customers at their specific direction to order an uncontested divorce. Could have been a 10 document or documents, as you say. Customers from 11 the state of Missouri.
 - 12 When they did offer that product or 13 products, did that include a parenting plan; do you 14 know?
 - A. I don't know.
 - 16 O. Financial disclosure form?
 - I don't know.
 - 18 Does LegalZoom continue to offer any 19 divorce product or document in Missouri?
 - 20 A. LegalZoom does not.
 - 21 Q. And when did they stop offering such a 22 product?
 - 23 A. I have no specific knowledge, but I 24 would estimate five years or more ago.
 - So in 2005 or sometime prior to that Q.

- 1 A. LegalZoom does not offer immigration 2 services in the state of Missouri. 3
 - Q. Joint venture agreements?
 - A. I believe joint venture agreements do go through the branching questionnaire mechanism.
 - Q. Partnership agreements?
 - A. I believe the partnership agreement does go through the branching questionnaire mechanism. MR. BUTSCH: Well, we can take a break

10 now, and if you can think of other areas or 11 documents that this branching mechanism would apply

12 to, then we can take that up.

13 (Recessed from 11:17 a.m. to 14 11:37 a.m.)

Q. BY MR. BUTSCH: Mr. Hartman, before we took a break, I was asking you about various categories of documents available through LegalZoom in which this branching mechanism that you described

20 Were you able to think of any other 21 types of documents that that would apply to?

22 A. It would apply to many other documents, as I said. It would apply to a living will document would be one. There'd be a living will document

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- 2 A. I imagine prior to that point.
 - Q. Do you know why that's no longer offered in Missouri?
 - A. Every product carried by LegalZoom or really any company takes a certain amount of resource, and I suspect there just isn't enough of a market.
- 9 Q. You mentioned immigration before, or 10 maybe I did.

Does LegalZoom offer any documents on its web site that pertain to immigration, immigration issues?

- A. LegalZoom does not.
- Q. In any state?
- 16 A. Not in any state.
- Q. Let me hand you what we've marked as LegalZoom Exhibit 18, which is a document provided
- us by your counsel. Do you recognize the form of that document?
- A. The form of this document appears similar and possibly is a trust ordered by a LegalZoom customer.
- Q. Would the terms of a trust, such as the one in front of you, vary, depending on what state a

- A. I said that they were on an advisory board.
- 3 Q. Advisory board. And what's the function 4 of that advisory board?
 - A. To advise the company.
 - Q. On what?
 - A. General business matters.
- 8 Q. I want to hand you what we've marked as 9 Exhibit 19.

Mr. Hartman, do you recognize that as a 11 form for power of attorney available through the LegalZoom web site?

- A. I believe that I recognize this as a 14 power of attorney document which would be available through the LegalZoom web site at a customer specific direction.
- Q. I'm going to hand you what we've marked as Deposition Exhibit 20.
 - A. Yes, sir.
- Q. Exhibit 20 seems to refer to copyright; 21 does it not?
- A. I note that it has the URL at the bottom, eco.copyright.gov, and from that I would conclude that it does have something to do with copyright.

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- particular customer ordered from; do you know?
 - A. I believe that the text would differ.
- Q. Depending on that particular state's requirements; is that right?
 - A. I believe that it would.
- Q. Just so I understand this, the forms or the templates that are available through LegalZoom, those were developed by attorneys employed by LegalZoom; is that right?
 - A. As stated earlier, that is correct.
- Q. And the folks that were referred to on the web site page that we looked at earlier, the judges and the law professors, did they have input into the creation of the various templates for legal documents that are available through LegalZoom?

MR. THOMPSON: Object to the form. You can answer.

- A. It's a very broad question.
- Q. BY MR. BUTSCH: Can you answer that as 20 best you can?
 - A. To the best of my knowledge, there are no judges or law professors with direct input into these templates.
- Q. You said that they were on an advisory committee; is that right?

- Q. Do you recognize this as a document that would be used by a customer if they got -- contacted LegalZoom in reference to obtaining a copyright?
- A. I do not recognize this as a document that would be used by a customer, no.
- Q. Do you have knowledge about LegalZoom offering copyright-related products or services to the general public?
 - A. Yes.
- Q. And what products or services does
 LegalZoom offer to the general public in relation to
 copyrighting?
 A. LegalZoom offers a customer the access
- A. LegalZoom offers a customer the access
 to the branching intake questionnaire mechanism,
 whereby they can, at their specific direction,
 supply the information required for LegalZoom's
 document automation software application to create
 the necessary documents to allow the United States
 copyright office to create a copyright registration
 for the customer.
- Q. So there were certain documents that were needed by someone to register a copyright with the United States government; is that right?
- A. In general, that is correct.
- Q. And LegalZoom can offer to have those

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- LegalZoom can allow the customer to generate those documents themselves primarily through the auspices of the web site and the underlying document automation technology.
- So if I wrote a book and I wanted to copyright that book, I could contact LegalZoom and, through its web site, obtain the documents necessary that I would need to obtain a copyright from the United States government?

MR. THOMPSON: Object to the form. You can answer.

- A. Yeah, sir, I'm not sure what book it would be or if that would be appropriate. I mean. that's the sort of thing you would have to decide as the customer yourself, but certainly through the auspices of the LegalZoom web site, you could order a copyright. You could gain access to the branching intake mechanism, supply the necessary answers to the questions you'd encounter there, and then at that point the LegalZoom automated document technology, which we call Legal Zip would produce the documents you need.
- 24 Q. BY MR. BUTSCH: And those documents would be delivered to me?

- 1 government in connection with a copyright? Would it 2 be a copyright application?
 - A. I believe that's correct.
 - O. Any other documents that you know of?
 - A. Not to the government, no.
- 6 Q. Does LegalZoom offer to the general 7 public any products that relate to patents? 8
- A. LegalZoom does provide orders --LegalZoom does provide such a product to the 10 customer.
- 11 O. Could you describe that product for me. please? 12
- 13 A. Yes. LegalZoom offers a provisional 14 patent product. LegalZoom also offers a design 15 patent product, as well as a utility patent product.
- 16 Q. If I wanted to obtain -- let's just use 17 as an example a utility patent product, and I went 18 directly to the LegalZoom web site. How would that 19 work? Would it be the same as I -- as you described 20 before, where I enter my name and where I'm from and 21 then we go through this question and answer
- 22 branching mechanism?
- 23 A. In general, yes.
- 24 Q. And then what happens? What happens 25 from that point?

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- A. Actually I'd probably change the word "need" to "order," and then those documents would be delivered to the United States copyright office as you directed in your order.
- Q. So as to copyrights, LegalZoom would send those copyright documents to the U.S. government; is that right?
 - A. Loosely using the term document, yes.
 - Q. And why would that term be loosely?
- A. Because the electronic registration is more of an electronic record than a paper or physical document, frequently.
- So the information is provided by the customer as to a particular copyright. LegalZoom gathers that information, and then that information, with the various forms that the government requires. those forms are electronically transmitted to the government via electronic registration; is that right?
- A. If I -- and I'm -- now we're getting on 21 the fringe of my specific knowledge about exactly how the registration process works, but, yes, I 22 believe that's correct. 23
- 24 Q. Can you identify for me, Mr. Hartman, what particular documents are submitted to the U.S.

- 1 A. If you had begun the order, as I think 2 you're suggesting, as a provisional patent 3 application, you would go through the branching 4 questionnaire mechanism. You would furnish the 5 necessary information. You would select certain particulars of the purchase, like the package. At 7 that point you would enter your payment information. 8 And once payment was cleared, Legal Zip, which is 9 our document automation technology at LegalZoom, 10 would, as you ordered, convert your information into 11 a set of forms -- I mean one or more forms that by 12 filling in blanks in a form template with your 13 answers and removing those blanks that remain blank. 14
 - Q. And that would include a patent application that would be submitted to the U.S. government?
 - That would create a document. I believe it's a provisional patent application, which would, at your direction, be submitted to the government.
- 20 O. Let me hand you what we've marked as 21 Exhibit No. 21.

22 You have in front of you what we've 23 marked as Exhibit 21. Is that the provisional 24 patent application that you referred to before? 25

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- A. I have no specific knowledge of this form, but it certainly appears to be so, sir.
- Q. And this is the type of form that could be generated through LegalZoom's web site by a customer if they want to obtain a trademark for something; is that right?
- A. A customer could, by availing themselves in the branching intake process, purchase, pay 10 LegalZoom, the automated Legal Zip -- the Legal Zip 11 document automation software could then fill in the 12 blanks on a form such as this one.
 - Q. Let me ask you about these patent copyright trademark applications.

Does the customer directly input the information on to the government forms or is the information gathered through the question and answer process and then that information is downloaded or transferred, imputed into the various forms?

- A. We like to think that is the customer 21 inputting information into the forms via the branching intake mechanism; although the way that you've characterized it is, I believe, correct.
- 24 Q. It's not direct. It's somewhat 25 indirect?

- for you? Is she an employee of LegalZoom? 1
 - A. This suggests that she is; although I have no specific knowledge of Ms. Vasquez.
- So if somebody were to incorporate in Missouri, they could use a person who works at 6 LegalZoom as the incorporator, so to speak?
 - A. So to speak.
 - O. Is that true?
- 9 A. I think that you're using the word 10 incorporator in a legal sense that I don't have 11 specific knowledge of, certainly not under Missouri 12 law.
 - Q. But she's identified as incorporator on a document that was produced to us, and she's an employee of LegalZoom, or was; is that right?
- 16 A. Well, again, I'm not sure the status of 17 Ms. Vasquez. I don't know that I've ever met her.
- 18 Q. Do employees of LegalZoom ever serve as 19 incorporators for customers in Missouri that are 20 forming corporations?
- 21 A. I'm not sure of the legal sense of the 22 word incorporator legal you're using, and I'm not 23 conversant in the laws of the state of Missouri to 24 respond.
 - Looking at Exhibit 24, are these the O.

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- types of documents related to the formation of
 - 2 corporations that are available to a customer
 - 3 through the use of LegalZoom's web site? 4
 - Yes.
 - 5 And as we discussed before, this O. 6 branching method or mechanism would apply to the 7 formation of an incorporation?
 - A. It would apply to the method whereby the customer would indicate their order for a 10 corporation.
 - 11 Q. And some variables that might be 12 involved in that might include the number of shareholders or the purpose of the corporation, 13 14 things of that nature; is that right?
 - 15 A. Yes.
 - 16 Q. Are you familiar with what were referred to as professional corporations? 17
 - 18 A. Yes.
 - 19 O. Is that a product that is offered 20 through LegalZoom in Missouri; do you know?
 - 21 A. Not specifically sure if it's offered in 22 the state of Missouri.
 - Q. How about limited liability and partnerships, that type of business entity? Is that 25 one that could be created through the use of

- There's intermediary steps.
- LegalZoom offers to its customers in 3 Missouri the ability to form a corporation; is that right?
 - A. LegalZoom offers customers the ability to create the documents that the customer can then use to create a corporation. As well as certain additional services.
- 9 Q. Are those documents that a customer 10 could obtain by using a LegalZoom web site would be the things such as articles of incorporation, 11 incorporation by laws, action by the consent of the 13 incorporator, documents of that nature; is that
- 14 right?
- 15 Yes. That is correct. A.
- 16 Q. LegalZoom, I assume, still conducts business in Missouri, is that right, to this day? 17
- 18 A. LegalZoom does conduct business in 19 Missouri.
- 20 Q. Let me hand you what we've marked as 21 Exhibit No. 24. These are documents provided to us by your attorneys. 22
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- 24 Q. On the first page, it says -- there's a
- 25 name, Emelda Vasquez. Does that name ring a bell

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- Q. Has LegalZoom, ever, as far as you know, shared the identity of its customers with anybody else or sold their customer list to anybody; do you know?
- Α. LegalZoom has never, to the best of my knowledge, sold its customer list to anybody.
- Q. Has LegalZoom entered into agreements with third parties who may market products unrelated to LegalZoom; do you know?
- A. Yes. LegalZoom has entered into such arrangements.
- Q. Do those persons try to solicit business from those LegalZoom customers?
- A. No. LegalZoom customers can specifically state they wish to be contacted by such parties that we've entered into relationships with.

For example, American Express. If a customer who's ordering a business entity from LegalZoom indicates that they wish to be contacted or wish to apply for a credit card through American Express for their business, we facilitate that.

22 With respect to the database that's 23 referred to in paragraph 5 of your declaration of 24 February 3rd, 2010, Mr. Hartman, is there a person at LegalZoom who is responsible for the maintenance 1 part, or when you make a refund, do you always 2 refund all of the money that would be paid to 3 LegalZoom for a particular product?

A. I believe there are certain circumstances where we would only refund it in part.

- 6 And under what circumstances would those 7 be?
- A. I believe that if we've already paid state fees on behalf of a customer, we might not 10 remit that money back to a customer. Again, I'm 11 going off my memory here, sir. The satisfaction 12 guarantee on the web site will tell you in more 13 detail.
 - Q. I'd like you, if you could, Mr. Hartman, to refer to paragraph 13 of your declaration of February 3rd, 2010.
 - A. Yes.
- 18 O. It indicates there, does it not, that 19 LegalZoom received an estimated 14,000 orders for 20 documents by customers who provided a Missouri 21 shipping address between December 18, 2004, and December 17, 2009; is that right? 22
- 23 That is right.
- 24 It is now July -- I'm sorry. It is now Q. 25 August of 2010, which is about 8-1/2 months or so

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- A. Ultimately any technical structures at LegalZoom are the ultimate responsibility of the chief information officer.
- 5 And that would be Tracy Terrill; is that Q. 6 right?
 - A. Yes.
 - On occasion, does LegalZoom refund money to customers who previously paid them?
 - Yes. Α.
 - Under what circumstances would somebody receive a refund from LegalZoom?
 - A. If a customer is dissatisfied, they would receive a refund.
 - Q. Is that your policy, if somebody's dissatisfied, to refund all their money?
- A. In general we follow the terms of the -what we call the satisfaction guarantee. I know that those terms are stated on the web site. I'm not 100 percent conversant with what they state right now, but in general we strive for customer satisfaction, and if the customer is deeply dissatisfied, I believe it is our policy to refund 24 their money.
 - Are there times when you refund only in

following December 17 of 2009.

Has your business in Missouri continued at the same pace that it was occurring in 2009?

MR. THOMPSON: Object to the form. You can answer.

- 6 A. I'm not sure if it's exactly at the same 7 pace. There's been a recession and so forth, but in 8 general, sure.
- 9 O. BY MR. BUTSCH: So you think it's probably similar or, if anything, its slowed down 10 11 since that time?
- 12 A. I couldn't necessarily say that it is --13 those are the only two possibilities, but, yeah, in 14 general.
- 15 Q. But if you wanted to know for certain, 16 you could access your database and make that determination? 17
 - A. We could.
- 19 With respect to the \$14,000 -- or I'm sorry, 14,000 customers who provided the Missouri 20 21 shipping address, does the 14,000 -- would that 22 include people who made multiple orders from LegalZoom, or if a customer had three separate and
- 23 24 distinct orders from LegalZoom, would they be
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have a Missouri shipping address; is that right?

- A. They would not necessarily have a document shipped to a Missouri shipping address.
- O. So all the figures that are embodied in Exhibit No. 27, the number of transactions and the fees collected, those are all transactions in which an actual final document was shipped to a customer with a Missouri shipping address; is that right?
- A. In that it's all orders from customers with a Missouri shipping address, excluding these non-document order types such as LegalZoom minutes manager or logo design or trademark monitoring.
- 13 Q. I want to ask you about the transactions 14 of the plaintiffs involved in this particular case, 15 okay?
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- 17 Q. Have you looked at any records that 18 LegalZoom maintained in relation to its transaction 19 with Todd Janson?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. And what documents have you looked at in 22 that regard, Mr. Hartman?
- 23 A. I looked at the documents that were 24 discovered in preparation for this deposition.
- 25 What were those documents? Do you

- 1 A. The Legal Zip software put Mr. Janson's 2 answers into a template, and those templates that 3 were not filled in were removed.
 - O. BY MR. BUTSCH: When LegalZoom delivers the documents, in this case, a will, do they send a cover letter along with it to the customer?
 - A. Yes.
- 8 O. Let me hand you what we've marked as 9 Exhibit No. 28, and I'll ask you, Mr. Hartman, if 10 that is a copy of the cover letter that LegalZoom 11 sent to Todd Janson in connection with the delivery 12 of his will to Mr. Janson.
 - A. Yes. It appears to be so.
- 14 O. Let me hand you what we've marked as 15 Exhibit No. 29, and I'll ask you, Mr. Hartman, if that is a copy of a will that was delivered by 16 LegalZoom to Mr. Janson. 17
 - A. I believe so.
- 19 O. I would direct your attention to -- I'm 20 not certain what this is, but it -- page -- what's 21 Bates stamped LZ 000035.
- 22 Obviously this document, Exhibit 29 23 includes more than just Mr. Janson's will, does it 24 not?
 - A. I'd like to make sure I'm looking at the

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- recall what those were?
- A. I believe I have those in front of me. They were or appear to be a will, estate planning document prepared by Todd Janson.
- O. When you say Todd Janson prepared it. you mean he accessed LegalZoom's web site apparently? He did the question and answer and LegalZoom generated documents and they shipped that document, his will to his shipping address; is that 10 right?
- 11 A. Yes. Todd Janson answered the questions 12 of the branching intake that were then automated 13 into documents by LegalZoom and then sent to 14 Mr. Janson.
- 15 Q. And the templates, the form of the 16 document, that was something that was created by 17 LegalZoom and Mr. Janson answered the questions. 18 His answers or at least portions of those were 19 imputed into that template created by LegalZoom; is 20 that right?
- 21 A. Um-hum.

22 MR. THOMPSON: Objection, asked and 23 answered.

24 Q. BY MR. BUTSCH: Yes? 25

MR. THOMPSON: You can answer.

- 1 correct document.
 - 35. I'll just ask you about this.

Do you recognize what this is?

- 4 A. This appears to be a customer support --5 or sorry. A customer support team page used by a 6 customer support representative at LegalZoom.
 - O. And what does this indicate to you in relation to Mr. Janson's will that a customer support representative had some role in Mr. Janson's transaction?
- A. A customer support or processing 12 representative is employed by LegalZoom to inspect a 13 document for issues such as pagination untidiness, 14 bad margins, and other errata that would make the 15 document look anything less than quality.
 - O. So does that customer service representative inspect that document online or on a video screen, or do they have the actual hard copy of a document that they examine? How does that work?
 - They look at it on a screen.
 - There are various entries, looks like, Q.
- 23 on November 20th of 2004 and going to December 4th
- 24 of 2004. Do you see that? 25

- A. This would also seem to be a page within the LegalZoom tool suite used by a customer support rep or possibly a document rep.
- 15 Q. And it looks like it has his -- the 16 order number, the shipping address, and information 17 of that nature; is that right? 18
 - A. Yes, it does appear that way.

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19 Q. Let's look at the following page, Bates 20 stamped LZ37.

21 Is that a copy of an email message that 22 was sent by LegalZoom to Mr. Janson on 23 September 17th, 2009?

24 A. Just a moment, please. Yes. It looks like an automated email sent to Mr. Janson.

- in terms of sales?
 - A. Defining sales in terms of revenue dollars versus defining them in terms of orders, there are more will orders than any product at LegalZoom.
- 17 Q. In terms of -- you're talking in terms 18 of dollar revenue, wills are number one; is that 19 right?

20 MR. THOMPSON: No. Object to the form 21 of the question.

22 O. BY MR. BUTSCH: I didn't understand the 23 answer.

24 MR. THOMPSON: Go ahead. 25

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- will units, more will orders placed than any other 2 document type.
 - Q. BY MR. BUTSCH: By volume?
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- 5 O. How about in terms of dollar revenue? 6 What's the single biggest product?
 - A. I'm not sure. It might be wills. It might be business formation, particularly LLCs.
- 9 Q. Let me hand you what has been marked as 10 Deposition Exhibit No. 30.

11 Do you recognize the form of this 12 document?

- 13 A. Yes.
 - Q. And what is it?
- 15 A. Internally we would refer to this as a 16 suitcase. That is an internal convention that we 17 have for this document.
- 18 Q. And what information does that suitcase 19 contain?
- 20 Α. The suitcase contains the information 21 that the customer entered during the branching 22 questionnaire process.
- 23 So the branching questionnaire process, 24 the information that, in this instance, would have 25 been provided by Mr. Janson, that's contained in

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- A. This appears to be the same information contained in the suitcase but in a prettier format.
- O. Okay. Mr. Janson paid LegalZoom for the products that were provided to him?
 - - And he paid by credit card? O.
 - Yes. A.
- 9 Q. And what date did he make payment? Is 10 that reflected there on Exhibit 30?
- 11 A. I don't believe that that's reflected in 12 this exhibit.
- 13 Q. As to the date of payment to customers in Missouri -- as to customers in Missouri 14 15 generally, does LegalZoom have a record as to the date payment was made? 16
 - A. Yes.
- 18 Q. As far as you know, did LegalZoom 19 provide any services or sell any products to an individual named Chad Ferrell in Missouri? 20

21 Before I ask you about Mr. Ferrell, from 22 the documents that you've looked at, can you 23 determine whether or not Mr. Janson ever had any

24 contact with a customer service representative at

25 LegalZoom, by telephone or otherwise?

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- this document Exhibit 30; is that right?
 - A. If it was indeed Mr. Janson, yes.
- Assuming he put -- he imputed the information, that would be the information that Mr. Janson himself imputed?
 - A. Yes.
- Q. And is this information retained by LegalZoom? And I'm talking about customers in general, not just Mr. Janson. Do you retain such information?
- 11 Α. Yes.
- 12 Is there a time limit on how long you 13 retain such information, according to your document 14 retention policy?
- 15 There is not a time limit on the length 16 of time during which we preserve the answers of our 17 customers.
- 18 If you skip ahead to LegalZoom 43, the 19 second-from-the-last page, is that something 20 separate from -- what did you call this before? 21 Bread basket or --
- 22 A. Suitcase.
- 23 Q. Suitcase. Sorry.
- 24 Is that separate from a suitcase, or is 25 that also part of the suitcase? It just appears to

- This document doesn't indicate any such 1 2 contact.
- 3 Q. If he had such contact, would that 4 document reflect that?
 - This document might not reflect that.
 - Q. How would you determine whether or not Mr. Janson had any contact with -- direct contact with a customer service representative at LegalZoom?
- 9 A. I would look at the customer support 10 tool suite, of which you have already furnished a 11 page.
- 12 Q. Did that -- do you recall looking at 13 that? Did that show Mr. Janson had any contact with a customer service representative at LegalZoom? 14
- 15 A. That specific exhibit that you 16 furnished, it did not seem to. However, it might not have. There are other portions of that tool 17 18 suite that could be examined.
- 19 Q. Assuming that he did have contact with a 20 customer service representative and it was reported 21 somewhere by LegalZoom, would that record indicate what the subject matter, the contact was about, or

22 23 what was discussed?

24 MR. THOMPSON: Object to the form. You 25 can answer.

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- 1 O. And is this a document that was -- that 2 Mr. Janson obtained through use of a LegalZoom web 3 site?
 - A. This is a document that Mr. Janson would have purchased through LegalZoom.
 - Q. And did LegalZoom submit this to the Missouri Secretary of State or did Mr. Janson do that? I'm sorry. Not Mr. Janson. Mr. Ferrell.
- A. Yes. It is likely that Mr. Ferrell requested, through his order, that LegalZoom submit 10 11 this to the secretary of state.
 - Q. And LegalZoom did that; is that right?
- 13 A. I believe so, yes.
- 14 Q. And as to these -- this particular form,
- 15 Mr. Federal, didn't, as I understand it, fill it out
- himself, but he imputed information through the use
- 17 of LegalZoom's web site, and through the software at
- 18 LegalZoom this document was generated; is that
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- 20 A. When you say that Mr. Ferrell didn't
- 21 fill it in himself, Mr. Ferrell came to LegalZoom,
- 22 went through the branching intake questionnaire, put
- 23 in all the necessary information, requested this
- specific set of, you know, documents, to which he
- understood that his information would be placed

- A. Allowing for the fact that there are hundreds of employees at LegalZoom, I believe that this employee was employed at LegalZoom on this date.
- Q. Let's look at Exhibit 34. Mr. Hartman, 6 is that the certificate of organization that was issued by the Missouri Secretary of State for C&J Remodeling LLC?
- 9 A. Well, I don't have specific knowledge of 10 this document. It certainly has the seal of the 11 state of Missouri on it and says Certificates of 12 Organization. I believe it is exactly what you say 13 it is.
 - O. Let me hand you what we've marked as Exhibit No. 35. Mr. Hartman, is this a copy of the Operating Agreement for C&J Remodeling LLC that Mr. Ferrell obtained through the use of the LegalZoom web site?
 - A. I believe it is.
- 20 Q. Looking at the second-to-the-last page 21 of the exhibit, Mr. Ferrell is identified as the
- 22 president of the company, and Mr. Gerald Ardray is
- 23 identified as the vice president; is that right? 24
 - A. Yes.
- 25 Q. And that would have been something that

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- So there is the --
 - Q. That's --
 - A. There is that intervening step of the software, the automated software, the Legal Zip software placing the information that he had put into the document.
- 8 Q. And the software takes the information 9 that he provided and inputs it into the fields in 10 the documents?
 - A. And removes the blank fields.
- 12 Q. Looking at Exhibit 33 is the organizer 13 identified there?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. It's somebody by the name of Tamar
- 16 Beloshian who provided an address of 7083 Hollywood
- 17 Boulevard. That's LegalZoom's address, right? 18
 - That is LegalZoom's address.
- 19 Q. Is Tamar Beloshian an employee of
- 20 LegalZoom?
- 21 A. I do not believe that Tamar Beloshian is 22 a current legal employee, if I'm remembering the
- 23 correct individual.
- 24 Q. Was that individual employed at 25 LegalZoom in January of 2008?

- Mr. Ferrell presumably -- or whoever was on the 2 computer, they selected that information?
- 3 A. Well, they would have input that 4 information, not selected it.
- 5 O. And it would have been imputed into the 6 document by this Legal Zip software that you 7 referred to before?
 - A. Yes.
- 9 O. If you can look at page -- what's marked as LZ 14. Do you see that? 10
- 11 A. I do.
- 12 O. And that then identifies the members of 13 the LLC, does it not?
 - A. This appears to do that, yes.
 - Q. It identifies the two members as Chad
- 16 Ferrell and Gerald Ardray; is that correct?
 - A. Yes, it does.
- 18 Q. Each having a 50 percent percentage 19 interest in the LLC; is that right?
- 20 That is exactly what it states.
- 21 Q. And that is information that would have
- 22 been imputed by Mr. Federal or someone else in the
- branching process that you described earlier, and
- 24 then the Legal Zip software would have imputed that 25 information into this particular document; is that

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- 2 A. That is right.
- 3 Q. Let's look at Exhibit No. 36. Exhibit No. 31, is that what you described as a suitcase in 5 relation to Mr. Ferrell's formation of the LLC?
 - A. This is what I would describe as a suitcase if I were speaking internally to another LegalZoom employee.
- Q. And this contains all the answers that 10 Mr. Ferrell or someone on his behalf would have 11 imputed into the web site or the web page during the 12 question and answer or branching process?
- A. It contains all that information from 13 14 the questionnaire branching process.

15 MR. WICKS: David, make sure the record 16 reflects you were referring to that as Exhibit 36.

MR. BUTSCH: Yeah. Let the record reflect that we were referring to Exhibit 36, which is Bates stamped LZ 20 through LZ 23.

- 20 Q. BY MR. BUTSCH: Let me hand you what we 21 marked as Exhibit No. 37. Do you recognize the form 22 of that document, Mr. Hartman?
- 23 I do. A.
- 24 Q. And what is this?
- 25 This would be internally referred to as

- processor generated by an automated system.
- 2 Q. Would that indicate to you that
- 3 Mr. Ferrell or someone else on behalf of C&J 4 Remodeling would have initiated contact with
- 5 LegalZoom at that date, January 23rd, 2008? 6
 - A. It does not.
- 7 O. So he could have initiated contact prior 8 to that time?
- 9 A. If the customer had, in our general 10 course of business, that would have been recorded. 11 I see no such note here.
- 12 Q. So when do you think -- based on this, 13 can you determine when this transaction was 14 initiated?
- 15 A. I'm sorry. By transaction, do you mean 16 when was the order placed?
 - Q. Yeah.

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- 18 A. I can't tell from this.
- 19 Q. But presumably it would have been before 20 January 23rd of 2008 or not?
- 21 A. On or before.
- 22 On or before January 23rd, 2008, is when
- 23 this transaction was initiated?
 - A. In general, although this is not the

25 best source to get that information.

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- Q. And are these notes of customer service representatives as to the transaction involving C&J Remodeling?
- Generally, yes, these are notes taken by LegalZoom employees.
- Q. As to the status of the order and contact with the customer?
 - A. In most cases, ves.
- 10 At the very -- at the top it says Ryan 11 Moran, who I assume is the LegalZoom customer 12 service representative; is that right?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. And there's a date of January 23rd, 15 2008, and it says, "File Net." Does that indicate 16 anything to you or convey any information?
 - A. It does. Earlier I said in general these represent customer order work or contact, as you said. The first one, though, does not. That simply indicates that the File Net processing system, which is an automated system of document
- 23 corporation, assigned this file to Ryan Moran who 24 would have been responsible then for assigning it to
- 22 storage and management supplied by the IBM another available employee. In other words, it's a

- 1 Q. Looking at the fourth entry on that 2 document, do you see LVM for customer?
 - A. I do.
- 4 Q. And forming docs have been sent to the 5 state for -- what does LVM refer to?
- 6 A. I don't know specifically, but I would 7 suspect that that meant left a message.
- 8 Q. The next entry it says is dated 2/14 of 9 2008. Do you see that?
- 10 A. I do.
- 11 Q. It says "SOS sweep forward to do BCS."
- 12 A. Yes. Yes.
- 13 O. Do you know what that means?
- 14 A. Yes, I do. You may recall earlier I said some of these are processing steps. In this
- case an SOS sweep refers to a general quality
- 17 assurance step to ensure that all documents have
- been received back from the SOS. And here the fact 18
- 19 that the document is then forwarded to BCS, which is
- a team of specialists that work directly in 20
- 21 contacting the secretary of state.
- 22 The fact that they forward this to the 23 BCS probably indicates that the document was not yet
- 24 received back from the secretary of state, which
- 25 would sort of be outside of the bounds of when you

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- would expect it to come back from the secretary of 2 state.
 - Q. So what does BCS stand for? Is it an acronym for something?
 - A. I'm sure that it is. I don't actually know what BCS stands for myself.
 - Q. The last entry, it says, "Provided customer with status of order and turnaround time. 20 to 35 business days."

Do you see that?

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- 12 Q. Would that -- is that something that 13 occurs online by email or does that indicate that 14 they -- does it show whether they spoke to him 15 directly; do you know?
- 16 A. This does not give sufficient 17 information to determine whether or not it was done 18 by email or by phone.
- 19 Q. Was LegalZoom paid for that transaction 20 involving C&J Remodeling, the formation of that LLC?
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 Q. Let me hand you what we marked as
- 23 Exhibit No. 38.

24 Have you had a chance to look at

25 Exhibit 38, Mr. Hartman? more or less the same across the board?

- A. The training is conducted by the general counsel and his staff. I suspect it's quite comprehensive. I don't have specific knowledge.
- Q. Do you know if it's particularized in individual states?
- A. I don't have particular knowledge regarding that, but I do know it's extensive.
- 9 Q. Okay. What is this answer center --10 that's not something available to the general 11 public, is it?
- 12 A. It is not.
- 13 Q. That's referred to on Exhibit 38. This 14 is a tool that a customer service representative at 15 LegalZoom could avail themselves to; is that right?
 - Yes, it is.
- 17 If a person -- let's say a person from
- 18 Missouri were to call up and ask some question that
- 19 the person felt was a legal question that an
- 20 attorney should answer, does legal LegalZoom have a
- 21 service where they refer that person to a particular
- 22 lawyer or a particular group of lawyers in that
- 23 customer's geographic area? 24
 - A. In the state of Missouri, LegalZoom has no such service. However, in California, LegalZoom

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- 1 A. I have.
 - Q. Do you recognize what this is?
- 3 A. I do.

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- 4 Q. And what is it?
- 5 A. All customer care representatives at
- 6 LegalZoom, and, indeed, all employees at LegalZoom
- 7 to one degree or another, receive a great deal of 8 training on ensuring that they do not cross the line
- 9 into UPL, and this --
- 10 Q. You're referring to the unauthorized 11 practice of law, when you say UPL?
- A. Yes. They receive regular training, if 13 they are on the customer care team.

This document appears to be a summary of -- in form of an FAQ, frequently asked question, about the appropriate responses to a customer that asks for legal advice. If I might add, we regularly 18 inspect to ensure that our customer support reps comply with the letter of what we tell them in these regards, and they also are aware that it is a firing 21 offense to cross that line or even come close to it.

Q. Does the training that they receive --23 is it particularized to individual states, that is 24 in Massachusetts, you can do it this way, but in Georgia, you got to do it a different way, or is it

- is certified as a certified lawyer referral service.
- And that's some sort of state certification?
 - A. It is.
- O. And where is that certification obtained; do you know?
 - A. From the State of California directly.
- Q. Some office in Sacramento?
- 9 A. Yes. From the state agency regulating 10 lawyer referral services.
 - Q. Just so I'm clear, these are suggestions -- what appears on Exhibit 38 are suggested answers to a customer that needs legal
 - advise; is that right? A. A representative, in speaking with a
- 16 customer, is instructed that they can make statements such as "Because we are not a law firm.
- 17 18 our service is limited to legal document
- 19 preparation. We are not licensed to practice law.
- 20 Because we are not licensed to practice law, we
- 21 cannot speak to your particular situation" and not
- wind up with the sort of warning that might lead to
- 22 23 their immediate termination.
- 24 Q. Let me hand you what we've marked as 25 Exhibit No. 39. Do you recognize Exhibit No. 39,