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            BEFORE THE HONORABLE DALE A. KIMBALL
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- 5 THE COURT: We're here this morning in the
- 6 matter of SCO Group vs. Novell, Inc., 2:04-CV-139. For
- 7 Plaintiff, Mr. Stewart Singer.
- 8 MR. SINGER: Good morning, Your Honor.
- 9 THE COURT: Good morning. And Mr. Edward
- 10 Normand and Mr. Mark Chaney.
- MR. NORMAND: Good morning, Your Honor.
- 12 For defendant, Mr. Michael Jacobs.
- MR. JACOBS: Good morning, Your Honor.
- 14 THE COURT: Mr. Thomas Mr. Karrenberg.
- MR. KARRENBERG: Yes, Your Honor.
- 16 Mr. Brakebill had to step out for a minute.
- 17 THE COURT: I was going to say Mr. Brakebill is
- 18 here, but I don't see him.
- MR. KARRENBERG: He'll be in, in just a
- 20 secdond.
- 21 THE COURT: All right. Now, first we're going
- 22 to argue the cross motions on the Fourth Counterclaim
- 23 regarding the SVRX licenses, correct? No?
- 24 MR. SINGER: I think it's a motion and a cross
- 25 motion on the fourth claim.

- 1 THE COURT: Yeah. The cross motion. What did
- 2 I say, the cross claim? Cross --
- MR. SINGER: We understand we're going to argue
- 4 both motions at the same time.
- 5 THE COURT: So, how do you want to do this?
- 6 MR. JACOBS: Your Honor, I think we moved
- 7 first on this one.
- THE COURT: So you go first, and you're going
- 9 to tell me why $\ensuremath{\text{I}}$ ought to grant your motion and not grant
- 10 his.
- And you're going to do the same.
- 12 And you each get a brief reply.
- 13 How much time are you going to take on this
- 14 one?
- 15 MR. JACOBS: Half an hour.
- 16 THE COURT: All right. Go ahead, Mr. Jacobs.
- MR. JACOBS: Good morning, Your Honor.
- 18 THE COURT: Good morning.
- MR. JACOBS: When we were here on our previous
- 20 4.16-B) related -- 4.16 related motion, we argued our
- 21 claim to money that SCO had received from ${\tt SUN}$ and
- 22 Microsoft based on the contention that all or some of
- 23 that money was SVRX royalties within the meaning of the
- 24 Asset Purchase Agreement. The focus of SCO's opposition
- 25 to that motion was a source-versus-binary distinction and

- 1 a distinction between then existing SVRX licenses and
- 2 future SVRX licenses.
- On this motion, which goes to Novell's rights
- 4 under 4.16-B), to waive claims that SCO has made against
- 5 IBM and Sequent, the focus of SCO's argument has shifted,
- 6 and now they are arguing really with intense focus on
- 7 this product-supplement-versus-software -- software
- 8 agreement distinction that's found in the structure of
- 9 the SVRX licenses that Novell inherited from AT&T.
- 10 So I thought what I would do is spend a little
- 11 bit of time walking through the structure of the UNIX
- 12 licenses so we can see exactly what SCO is arguing and
- 13 what legal effect it might have. And I'm going to be
- 14 relying on the Brakebill declaration that came with this
- $15\ \text{motion}$ and some exhibits that are attached to it. Do you
- 16 have that?
- 17 THE COURT: Go ahead.
- 18 MR. JACOBS: And I'm going to be -- of course,
- 19 we have the binder from Thursday. Do you have your copy
- 20 of that?
- 21 THE COURT: She can go get it.
- 22 MR. JACOBS: That's all right. We have an
- 23 extra one. Do you have one?
- 24 THE COURT: I guess I thought you would give me
- 25 a new one today.

- 1 MR. JACOBS: And I've also given you, Your
- 2 Honor, a copy of the draft Amendment No. 2 to the Asset
- 3 Purchase Agreement that's attached to the Amadia
- 4 declaration, which is submitted formally as part of our
- 5 motion for summary judgment on the copyright claim. As
- 6 we will see, it has relevance to arguments SCO is
- 7 advancing on 4.16-B).
- So, if you have the Brakebill declaration
- 9 there, Your Honor, let's start with Exhibit 25, which is
- 10 where the dispute begins.
- 11 THE COURT: Okay.
- MR. JACOBS: Exhibit 25 is the March 6, 2003
- 13 letter from SCO to IBM in which SCO says: We're the
- 14 successors to a set of UNIX-related licensing agreements.
- 15 Because of the Asset Purchase Agreement, we have rights
- 16 to enforce under those agreements, and we accuse you of
- 17 violating those agreements, and we're going to terminate
- 18 the license that you received from AT&T and that was
- 19 made, quote, irrevocable, unquote, by Amendment X.
- 20 And you know lot of that history from the IBM 21 motion.
- Just as an aside, at the top of page 3, the
- 23 claim that SCO is advancing at this point is a violation
- 24 of their trade secrets rights which, as we know, is no
- 25 longer in the case. And so, if you look at the top of

- 1 the letter, you will see that SCO is referring to
- 2 Software Agreement Number SOFT 15, Sublicense Agreement
- 3 Sub 15-A, Substitution Agreement, Side Letter and
- 4 Amendment X.
- Now, if you take a look at Amendment X, which
- 6 is Exhibit 13 to the Brakebill declaration, you will see
- 7 in the recitals how Amendment X incorporates the previous
- 8 agreements that related to this version of UNIX, and, in
- 9 particular, it cites the version of UNIX. So it's UNIX
- 10 System V Release 322 in the second line of the recitals.
- 11 And then Amendment X recites a series of agreements that
- 12 licensed to IBM, UNIX System V Release 3.2, and there's
- 13 the SOFT 15 agreement referenced there. There's the
- 14 sublicensing agreement referenced there, and there's a
- 15 supplement number 170.
- 16 And what that agreement -- now, this is an --
- 17 this is an agreement that was concluded after months of
- 18 negotiation between SCO, Novell and IBM, so the lawyers
- 19 are intensely involved in this.
- 20 THE COURT: You mean Amendment X?
- 21 MR. JACOBS: Amendment X, yes. The agreement
- 22 says Novell acquired AT&T's rights under the related
- 23 agreements, and the related agreements are all the
- 24 agreements; the SOFT 15, Sub 015, Supplement 170. And
- 25 then there's the Asset Purchase Agreement, and SCO

- 1 purchased, and -- it says: SCO purchased and Novell
- 2 retained certain rights with respect to the related
- 3 agreements.
- 4 So, right there in the recitals, it's
- 5 specifying that Novell retained rights with respect to
- 6 the related agreements; not merely the supplement, but
- 7 the entire package of licensing agreements. So, right
- 8 there in 1996, close to the time of the Asset Purchase
- 9 Agreement, the parties are documenting their
- 10 understanding at the time, and it is making clear that
- 11 Novell retained rights with respect to the entire package
- $12\ \text{of}$ agreements that licensed UNIX System V Release 3.2 to
- 13 IBM.
- 14 Well, as I mentioned, SCO is focusing -- and as
- 15 the briefing makes clear, SCO is focusing on this Product
- 16 Supplement distinction, so let's look at the supplement.
- 17 And that's Exhibit 12 to the agreement. Now the
- 18 supplement starts out by crossreferencing the agreement
- 19 to which it relates, and that's SOFT 15, and then at the
- 20 top it says Supplement 170. And if you look at the
- 21 supplement, you will see that it is a lengthy list of
- 22 locations for designated CPU's, the name of the specific
- 23 software product, and per-copy fees.
- 24 And perhaps importantly, depending on how you
- 25 view these agreements, it makes it quite clear that

- 1 there's a lot of source code involved in the supplement.
- 2 In fact, there's reference after reference after
- 3 reference to source in the supplement. It's just on the
- 4 right-hand column of the supplement.
- Now, if you go -- now, as I mentioned, 190 --
- 6 and as you have seen from the other documents, 190
- 7 relates to SOFT 15, so let's take a look at SOFT 15,
- 8 which is Exhibit 5 to the Brakebill declaration. And
- 9 this is, if you will, the master agreement. And it sets
- 10 up the basic structure of the SVRX licensing arrangements
- 11 that AT&T established. And in paragraph 2 of the
- 12 software agreement, it makes clear that the way you make
- 13 a software product -- say UNIX System V Release 3.2 --
- 14 part of this agreement is you execute a Product
- 15 Supplement. And the Product Supplement or Product
- 16 Supplements then become a part of the software agreement.
- 17 It says that in paragraph 2.
- 18 And then if you look at the body of the
- 19 agreement, of the SOFT agreement, you will see that it's
- 20 in Article 2 that the licensee is actually granted
- 21 rights, granted rights to use the software product
- 22 identified in the supplement. And then importantly, in
- 23 terms of the way SCO has tried to tee up the argument,
- 24 it's Article 5 that actually says the licensee has an
- 25 obligation to pay.

- 1 So the supplement will set forth the fee
- 2 Schedule, but it's Article 5 that actually establishes
- 3 the binding obligation on the part of the licensee to pay
- 4 the fees that are set forth in the Product Supplement,
- 5 and the reason I focus on that at this stage is that part
- 6 of SCO's core argument here is that all of this
- 7 section -- Article 4 -- these Article 4 provisions,
- 8 including 4.16-B), were about protecting Novell's revenue
- 9 stream.
- 10 And that's why we should focus exclusively on
- 11 the Product Supplement because that's where the prices
- 12 are. But the obligation to pay is set forth in Article 5
- 13 of the software agreement. So, in short, it is the
- 14 software agreement that grants the substantive rights to
- 15 the SVRX products listed in the supplement, including the
- 16 rights to use, modify, distribute, prepare derivative
- 17 works and, in the case of Supplement 19 -- 170, those are
- 18 rights with respect to source code.
- 19 So, back to the dispute. IBM has threatened to
- 20 terminate -- I'm sorry. SCO has threatened to terminate
- 21 IBM's SVRX license. The industry is in an uproar, and
- 22 Novell steps in at Exhibit 27. And Exhibit 27 is the
- 23 letter from Novell to SCO in which Novell laid out its
- 24 view that "irrevocable" meant "irrevocable" and that SCO
- 25 didn't have the right to terminate IBM's software

- 1 agreement and that it -- it was directing SCO, pursuant
- 2 to Section 4.16-B), to waive termination of the license.
- 3 SCO responds at Exhibit 28 of the Brakebill
- 4 declaration, and in the very first paragraph, the
- 5 capitalized term "SVRX License," is used. So it's a
- 6 letter to the CEO of Novell from SCO: Dear Jack. This
- 7 letter is in response to yours of June 9, 2003. In your
- 8 June 9 letter, you attempt to assert claims on behalf of
- 9 IBM with respect to its SVRX capital "L" license with
- 10 SCO.
- So, at this stage, SCO has not come up with a
- 12 theory why IBM's SVRX small "l" licenses are not also
- 13 capital "L" licenses, although the letter does go on to
- 14 explain SCO's view about why Novell doesn't have the
- 15 right Novell asserts.
- 16 Then in Exhibit 31, Novell writes again to SCO
- 17 and says: We have the right under 4.16-B) to direct you.
- 18 If you don't take the action we direct you to take, then
- 19 we have the right to take that action on your behalf. We
- 20 are hereby taking that action on your behalf, and we are
- 21 waiving termination.
- 22 And then, in Exhibit 33, Exhibit 33 is the
- 23 letter in which Novell directed SCO to waive its claims
- 24 regarding IBM-developed code. And, again, you have the
- 25 issue in the IBM case of what the license agreement

- 1 means. Novell had a view. Novell expressed that view in
- 2 that letter and said to SCO: We disagree with you. We
- 3 direct you to waive your claims about the use of
- 4 IBM-developed code, and if you don't, we will take action
- 5 on your behalf, which Novell subsequently did.
- 6 So that sets up the dispute that we are asking
- 7 you to rule on summary judgment. You've seen the
- 8 language of 4.16-B) for many times, I'm sure, but just to
- 9 remind ourselves that the second sentence says: In
- 10 addition, at seller's sole discretion and direction,
- 11 buyer shall amend, supplement, modify or waive any rights
- 12 under or shall assign any rights to any SVRX license to
- 13 the extent so directed in any manner or respect by
- 14 seller. In the event that buyer shall fail to take any
- 15 such action concerning the SVRX licenses, as required
- 16 herein, seller shall be authorized and hereby is granted
- 17 the rights to take any action on buyer's own behalf.
- Now, we established, I think, in the last
- 19 hearing that this set of provisions in Article 4 of the
- 20 Asset Purchase Agreement set up SCO as Novell's agent and
- 21 its fiduciary with respect to the administration of SVRX
- 22 licenses. And this provision, Section 4.16(b)is, in that
- 23 sense, then, the -- both the grant -- part of the grant
- 24 of and a restriction on the rights of Novell's agent and
- 25 fiduciary SCO and makes it clear that Novell retained

- 1 plenipotentiary authority over the administration of the
- 2 SVRX licenses and, after all, Novell could even demand
- 3 that the license be assigned back to Novell under the
- 4 assignment clause of that provision.
- 5 As I mentioned, SCO says that SVRX licenses are
- 6 only the Product Supplements and they have a parsing of
- 7 the included-assets list that they believe supports that
- 8 argument. We think this argument makes very little
- 9 sense, and let me show you why. Suppose we go with SCO
- 10 on this argument and we say that Novell retained 4.16(b)
- 11 rights only with respect to Product Supplement 170.
- 12 That's the supplement at issue in the waiver of SCO's
- 13 claims against IBM. That's the supplement that makes
- 14 UNIX System V Release 3.2 subject to the software
- 15 agreement.
- Now, just as an aside, if you go to look at the
- 17 list of SVRX licenses, UNIX System V Release 3.2 is
- 18 there. So there's no question that UNIX System V Release
- 19 3.2 in some way falls within the scope of SVRX licenses.
- 20 Under SCO's reading of 4.16(b), if we
- 21 substitute Product Supplement 170 for the language, it
- 22 would read: In addition, at seller's sole discretion and
- 23 direction, buyer shall amend, supplement, modify or waive
- 24 any rights under or shall assign any rights to Product
- 25 Supplement 170 to the extent so directed in any manner or

- 1 respect by seller.
- 2 And then there would be the right of Novell to
- 3 take action on SCO's behalf if SCO didn't follow that
- 4 direction. All of the rights of the licensor and the
- 5 rights of the licensee with respect to Product Supplement
- 6 170, and hence, all the rights with respect to UNIX
- 7 System V Release 3.2 are set forth in the software
- 8 agreement in Amendment X and the other instruments that
- 9 relate to Product Supplement 170.
- 10 Product Supplement 170 is legally inert. It
- 11 grants no rights. It imposes no obligations. It's a
- 12 menu. It's a price list, but it is not a definition of
- 13 legal rights and obligations. So, in order to waive
- 14 rights with respect to product 170, you have to look at
- 15 what those rights are, what, in this case, SCO's rights
- 16 are. And where do you go to find what SCO's rights are
- 17 with respect to Product Supplement 170? You go to the
- 18 documents that Product Supplement 170 is expressly made a
- 19 part of and integrated into. And in that case, that
- 20 would be SOFT 15 or Amendment X.
- 21 Now, SCO basically ignores this problem in the
- 22 analysis that it gives the Asset Purchase Agreement. It
- 23 says that its issues had do with -- it's IBM issues had
- 24 to do with source code and so it tries to draw the
- 25 source/binary distinction again. But Product Supplement

- 1 170, as we have seen, is all about source code. It's all
- 2 about a grant of rights to IBM, the price list and
- 3 Schedule with respect to source code.
- 4 So Novell retained the right, even under their
- 5 theory, to direct SCO to amend, modify, supplement or
- 6 waive any rights under the source code for UNIX System V
- 7 Release 3.2. Again, this is their -- even assuming that
- 8 you sort of start in looking at the definition of SVRX
- 9 license with Product Supplements.
- 10 Now, I've handed you a -- the exhibit from the
- 11 Amadia declaration because it not only is relevant to the
- 12 copyright argument but it's relevant to SCO's Amendment
- 13 No. 2 argument. And SCO's argument, if you look at
- 14 Amendment No. 2, in paragraph (b)(5) it says: This
- 15 amendment does not give Novell the right to increase any
- 16 SVRX licensee's rights to SVRX source code, nor does it
- 17 give Novell the right to grant new SVRX source code
- 18 licenses. In addition, Novell may not prevent SCO from
- 19 exercising its rights with respect to SVRX source code in
- 20 accordance with the agreement.
- Now, the plain language of Amendment No. 2 is
- 22 that this paragraph 5, first of all, relates to buyouts
- 23 because it's indented from Section B of Amendment No. 2,
- 24 and, secondly, it's internal to the amendment. This
- 25 amendment does not give Novell the right -- well, we have

- 1 never claimed that Amendment No. 2 gave Novell some
- 2 rights with respect to SVRX licensee source code.
- And then it says: Novell may not prevent SCO
- 4 from exercising its rights with respect to SVRX source
- 5 code in accordance with the agreement.
- 6 Again, we have never argued that we were trying
- 7 to prevent SCO to exercise some right with respect to
- 8 SVRX source code that was granted by the Asset Purchase
- 9 Agreement. So the plain language of Amendment No. 2
- 10 defeats SCO's argument. But, if you look at the draft
- 11 that was sent over by Steve Sabbath of Santa Cruz in
- 12 1996, and you look at the -- at the out-to-the-margin
- 13 paragraph underneath C, SCO -- Santa Cruz proposed
- 14 Amendment No. 2 to say: As stated in Amendment Number 1
- 15 to the agreement, Novell has no rights or interest in the
- 16 source code pertaining to the SVRX licenses.
- 17 THE COURT: Your argument is that that didn't
- 18 survive?
- 19 MR. JACOBS: I'm sorry?
- 20 THE COURT: Your argument is that that didn't
- 21 make it into the final agreement?
- MR. JACOBS: Exactly. And we know what it
- 23 means -- clearly we know what it means to say what the
- 24 APA said versus what this amendment says. Moreover, it's
- 25 quite clear what's happening by way of, again, the

- 1 geography of the amendment, that it's moving into an
- 2 indented position enumerated under B.
- Our view, Your Honor, is that Amendment No. 2
- 4 and paragraph 5 of Amendment No. 2 has absolutely nothing
- 5 to do with the issues pertaining to Section 4.16(b) and
- 6 Novell's rights to direct SCO in that connection. What
- 7 happened in 2003 is that SCO made a sudden turn of
- 8 business direction. They broiled the industry. They
- 9 upset well-settled expectations about the meaning of SVRX
- 10 license provisions.
- 11 As I mentioned, you already have the IBM motion
- 12 on the meaning of the licenses, but Novell took a
- 13 position about the meaning of the licenses and exercised
- 14 its rights over its fiduciary, its agent SCO, to rein it
- $15\ \mathrm{in},\ \mathrm{in}\ \mathrm{what}\ \mathrm{Novell}\ \mathrm{viewed}\ \mathrm{as}\ \mathrm{SCO}\ \mathrm{asserting}\ \mathrm{an}\ \mathrm{untenable}$
- 16 position with respect to what the license meant.
- 17 We ask that the Court, on summary judgment,
- 18 rule with the plain language of Section 4.16(b), that
- 19 Novell had the right to direct SCO to take any action
- 20 with respect to SVRX licenses and to give the waiver that
- 21 Novell executed with respect to the claims SCO asserted
- 22 their full force and legal effect.
- 23 THE COURT: Thank you, Mr. Jacobs.
- Mr. Singer.
- 25 MR. SINGER: Your Honor, if I might approach, I

- 1 have a couple of books.
- 2 THE COURT: All right. Thank you.
- 3 MR. SINGER: Your Honor, first of all, I'd like
- 4 to thank the Court and also thank Novell for the
- 5 consideration paid in rescheduling this argument for me
- ${\bf 6}$ due to the loss of my mother last week. I appreciate
- 7 that.
- 8 THE COURT: Sorry about your mother. And
- 9 that's no problem.
- 10 MR. SINGER: Thank you, Your Honor.
- 11 Thank you for your cooperation.
- 12 I'd like to begin with an observation that
- 13 applies both to this motion and the one that we argue
- 14 later regarding copyright ownership because if the Court
- 15 sits back for a moment and looks at Novell's twin
- 16 positions, those positions would mean that SCO paid over
- 17 \$200 million for a UNIX and UnixWare business where it
- 18 did not get the Court intellectual property protection,
- 19 copyrights protecting UNIX and UnixWare, and left in
- 20 Novell's hands the absolute right to reach in,
- 21 countermand, waive and direct how SCO would conduct that
- 22 business in the future.
- We submit that is contrary to the intent of the
- 24 APA as reflected in that document itself. If one turns
- 25 to our tab number 1, one sees that Novell's claim would

- 1 allow any SVRX licensee to use, disclose and profit from
- 2 source code without any protection or compensation to
- 3 SCO. Their position would say they could reach in and
- 4 waive any material breach of any contract related to SVRX
- 5 source code, and it would destroy the value of UnixWare
- 6 source code and licensing, which are built on that prior
- 7 SVRX technology.
- 8 By contrast, at tab 2, we show that in the
- 9 agreement itself, it was contemplated that the APA would
- 10 transfer all rights and ownership of UNIX and UnixWare to
- 11 Santa Cruz. That was expressly stated in Section
- 12 1.3(a)(1) of the APA: It is the intent of the parties
- 13 that all of the business, which is a defined term, and
- 14 all of the seller's backlog relating to the business be
- 15 transferred. And "business" is defined as the business
- 16 involving UNIX and UnixWare.
- 17 On the Schedule, which we will talk about more
- 18 later this morning, the Schedule of included assets
- 19 provides that all of seller's right, title and interest
- 20 to the assets are being sold; all rights and ownership of
- 21 UNIX and UnixWare are being sold. It is fundamentally
- 22 inconsistent with the transaction provided for in the APA
- 23 to give Section 4.16(b) the reading that Novell has asked
- 24 you to give it. It does not make sense that any party
- 25 would pay \$200 million for a business and not have the

- 1 right to run that business.
- We would like to turn to 4.16, and I would like
- 3 to spend time on that because we submit it has a meaning.
- 4 It has a limited meaning to protect the binary royalty
- 5 stream and existing binary royalties, which Novell was
- 6 counting on for part of the purchase price, but not more
- 7 than that. And it specifically does not have this broad
- 8 interpretation based on the plain language meaning.
- Now, I have taken Section 4.16 and put it on
- 10 this board. It also appears at tab 4 in the book. SVRX
- 11 licenses are not specifically defined as such in the APA.
- 12 They are referred to under 4.16(a). There is not a
- 13 definition which says, for example, that an SVRX license
- 14 is every contract that relates to any binary code, source
- 15 code or relates to SVRX products. You won't find that in
- 16 this section or any section of the APA.
- 17 What you have is a provision under A, which
- 18 says SVRX licenses, as listed in detail under Item 6 of
- 19 Schedule 1.1(a) hereof and referred to herein as SVRX
- 20 royalties. Schedule 1.1(a) is a Schedule of the assets
- 21 being sold by Novell to SCO in the transaction. If we
- 22 turn, for a moment to that particular provision -- and
- 23 that's also found -- the point I'm making is at tab 5.
- 24 What do we learn?
- We do not have a provision under 6 which

- 1 says -- and this is, I think, the key misunderstanding
- 2 upon which Novell's argument is predicated. They act as
- 3 though this Item 6 says: SVRX licenses are all contracts
- 4 relating to the following products.
- It doesn't say that. What it does, in
- 6 transferring assets to SCO, it says that all contracts
- 7 relating to the SVRX licenses. And then that was amended
- 8 from just those to auxiliary product licenses, which are
- 9 collectively the SVRX licenses, the SVRX licenses and the
- 10 auxiliary product licenses listed below. It
- 11 distinguishes between all contracts, which is what's
- 12 being transferred to SCO in Section 6 of this Schedule,
- 13 and the SVRX licenses themselves, which are the ones
- 14 supposed to be listed below.
- 15 Of course the confusion engendered here is that
- 16 licenses, as such, are not listed below. Products are
- 17 listed below, which is, we submit, an ambiguouity that is
- 18 created by the way this was put together and, therefore,
- 19 requires one to go back to the 4.16 to understand what
- 20 was the scope of rights that was retained by Novell.
- 21 And when you look at 4.16, we think it follows
- 22 from -- all of this deals with royalties, which, as we've
- 23 argued before, meant the existing royalty stream on
- 24 binary code products. The source code royalties, to the
- 25 extent there was any confusion about that, were given up

- 1 by Novell in Amendment 1. And B is a protection that
- 2 should be read related to those royalties, and there is
- 3 nothing in here which says, when it says SVRX license,
- 4 that any contract relating to an SVRX license is within
- 5 the scope of what Novell could waive.
- And specifically, we submit, it doesn't include
- 7 the contracts that are at issue here because those
- 8 contracts were in fact transferred by a different Section
- 9 of the APA Schedule 1. Section 3 of that document
- 10 provides that all of seller's rights pertaining to UNIX
- 11 and UnixWare under any software development contracts,
- 12 licenses and other contracts to which seller is a party,
- 13 including, without limitation -- and then you go to the
- 14 next page of the Schedule of Assets which are sold, and
- 15 you come to Item L, Software and Sublicensing Agreements.
- 16 This includes the source code and sublicensing
- 17 agreements that seller has with OEM's, which obviously
- 18 includes IBM as an original equipment manufacturer. The
- 19 software and sublicensing agreements are not part of
- 20 Section 6. They are part of Section 3. If the parties
- 21 contemplated that Novell, for some reason, would have a
- 22 right to interfere with SCO's administration of 3-L, then
- 23 that would have been what is set forth somewhere in the
- 24 APA. It isn't there.
- 25 Their misunderstanding is that they are reading

- 1 Section 6 wrong. They are reading Section 6, where it
- 2 says that all contracts relating to the SVRX licenses are
- 3 transferred to SCO, as meaning something it doesn't say.
- 4 It does not say that SVRX licenses means all contracts
- 5 relating to the following products. That's not in
- 6 Schedule 1. It's nowhere in the APA. And that is the
- 7 foundation on which the entire argument being made by
- 8 Novell rests.
- Now I'd like to spend just a moment talking
- 10 about the role of the Product Supplements in connection
- 11 with this because -- and the software and sublicensing
- 12 agreements, as opposed to the SVRX licenses. Software
- 13 agreements, such as the ones under Section 3(1) -- and we
- 14 address this at tab 7 in our book. Software agreements
- 15 give original equipment manufacturers, like IBM, the
- 16 right to use source code in UNIX to have created their
- 17 own UNIX flavor.
- 18 So the original agreements which we are suing
- 19 IBM under are related to giving them the source code of
- 20 UNIX, saying you can make derivative products. They made
- 21 those flavors, like AIX and Dynix, and they were subject
- 22 to restrictions. The sublicensing agreements give those
- 23 manufacturers the right to duplicate and distribute those
- 24 UNIX flavors in a binary code format that doesn't
- 25 disclose the actual code in usable form if someone wants

- 1 to take it and put it in another product.
- 2 And those two agreements, the software
- 3 agreements and the sublicensing agreements, are part of
- 4 what's transferred under Section 3(1) of Schedule 1 as to
- 5 which there is no right in the APA for Novell to
- 6 intervene and interfere with how SCO runs that business.
- Now, the Product Supplements are
- 8 product-specific licenses that have to be signed by the
- 9 OP, the manufacturer, before you sell the product to end
- 10 users for use on specific CPU's, central processing
- 11 units, and which set the royalties, the binary royalties,
- 12 which is what Novell has a retained interest in and is
- 13 what, we submit, therefore, was the purpose of B, to
- 14 protect those royalties, and is what was the intent of
- 15 listing products in this Section. It is the only
- 16 interpretation that makes sense in light of the
- 17 structure, language of this provision.
- 18 And, in fact, contrary to what Novell suggests,
- 19 the Product Supplements do set forth rights, the rights
- 20 for payments of the applicable fees set forth in those
- 21 Product Supplements. And those Product Supplements and
- 22 the binary rights were subject to buyouts, like occurred
- 23 with IBM and Hewlett-Packard and others, whereby a party
- 24 would come in, as IBM did, and seek, for one lump sum, to
- 25 buy out those rights. And especially after that occurs,

- 1 Novell has no right to come in then, years after the
- 2 fact, and say: Now we want to come back and we want to
- 3 revisit how SCO administers its source code contracts
- 4 with IBM.
- Now, Novell has suggested that somehow there is
- 6 some interest that they are protecting because they don't
- 7 like SCO's position in the IBM case. If SCO's position
- 8 is warranted, this Court will so rule, and Novell is
- 9 under no jeopardy from IBM under any of these agreements
- 10 where royalties have been paid up. If SCO is wrong, then
- 11 no rights take effect as a result of SCO's litigation, as
- 12 well, on Novell. Novell has no interest that it is
- 13 legitimately seeking to protect by the actions that it is
- 14 seeking to take.
- 15 Your Honor, I think it's also important that
- 16 the Court interpret these provisions in light of the rest
- 17 of the APA. It is, as the Court is aware, settled law
- 18 that one should interpret a clause consistently with
- 19 other provisions in a contract and in a way that doesn't
- 20 render those other provisions in the contract
- 21 meaningless. We have put some of that law into our
- 22 argument exhibits at tab 9. I don't think there can be
- 23 much dispute with that principle.
- Let us consider, though, what it would mean --
- 25 at tab 9, I should say, and at tab 10 which says the APA

- 1 must be construed to effectuate the purpose of the
- 2 contract. And at tab 11 we give just a few examples of
- 3 how Novell's interpretation would make a sham of the APA.
- 4 Whereas Schedule 1.1(a) grants SCO all rights and
- 5 ownership of UNIX and UnixWare, under Novell's
- 6 interpretation, they would have a veto under every
- 7 decision which SCO might seek to make, either directing
- 8 SCO how to take action or, if SCO disagreed with it, to
- 9 take that action itself.
- Schedule 1.1(a) granted SCO all of seller's
- 11 rights pertaining to UNIX and UnixWare under these
- 12 software development contracts, like the IBM contract.
- 13 It doesn't say: Except for Novell's right, as the
- 14 seller, to come back in and change any decision that SCO
- 15 seeks to make.
- Schedule 1.1(a) grants SCO all of seller's
- 17 claims arising after the closing date, but Novell takes
- 18 the position that they can come in here and, when SCO
- 19 believes its business is threatened by a breach by IBM,
- 20 that SCO is 80 percent of the UNIX-on-Intel market, and
- 21 IBM's actions in distributing code were undermining that
- 22 business by giving it away to Linux, and seeks to protect
- 23 it's intellectual property rights, SCO says: You can't
- 24 do that. You don't have these claims. You don't have
- 25 these rights. We still have them. We can tell you not

- 1 to exercise them.
- 2 That is fundamentally at odds with and, we
- 3 submit, makes a sham of all these other provisions of the
- 4 APA for which SCO paid over \$200 million.
- Now, there's one additional part of the APA
- 6 which we think makes it even clearer that Novell does not
- 7 have these rights, and that is Amendment 2. First of
- 8 all, how did Amendment 2 arise? Amendment 2 and
- 9 Amendment X, which you have heard Novell's counsel talk
- 10 about, came about at the same time in connection with the
- 11 negotiations with Novell and with IBM that arose when
- 12 Novell tried unilaterally to enter into an agreement with
- 13 IBM for a buyout.
- And as we'll get to a little bit later in more
- 15 detail when we talk about extrinsic evidence, it was
- 16 principally because Novell -- if Novell had the rights
- 17 which they claim they have under 4.16, you wouldn't have
- 18 an Amendment X. You wouldn't have an Amendment 2. They
- 19 could have just taken this action unilaterally.
- 20 Amendment 2 made clear that Novell's rights
- 21 do not extend to taking action that affects SCO's rights
- 22 regarding source code, such as the rights it is seeking
- 23 to pursue in its claims against IBM under these
- 24 contracts. Section B of Amendment 2 said:
- 25 Notwithstanding the provisions of Article 4.16 -- so it's

- 1 a limitation on 4.16, Sections B and C -- any potential
- 2 transaction with an SVRX licensee which concerns a buyout
- 3 of such licensee's royalty obligations shall be managed
- 4 as follows.
- Now, IBM was such a licensee. There was a
- 6 buyout concerning its royalty obligations. There is no
- 7 reason why this an amendment, which arose in the context
- 8 of a dispute involving IBM, somehow doesn't apply to
- 9 Novell's future relationship with IBM. Of all third
- 10 parties out there, these restrictions should apply to
- 11 Novell's relationship with IBM.
- 12 In restriction 5, which says that not only did
- 13 the amendment not give Novell the right to increase an
- 14 SVRX licensee's rights to SVRX source code, it says: In
- 15 addition, Novell may not prevent SCO from exercising its
- 16 rights with respect to SVRX source code in accordance
- 17 with the agreement, with the APA. That language, we
- 18 think, is key because it confirms that Novell cannot do
- 19 exactly what it's seeking to do here.
- Now, in response to that, Novell says: Well,
- 21 this was moved from a draft from outside of the whole
- 22 Section to a subparagraph of (b)(5), and, therefore, it
- 23 should be considered limited to buyout transactions. And
- 24 I would suggest to that, two things. Number 1, this was
- 25 a buyout transaction involving IBM. So, even if one

- 1 accepted that limitation, it still should apply to IBM
- 2 going forward.
- 3 It doesn't say that once the buyout is over,
- 4 you can come back later and suddenly waive rights that
- 5 you couldn't waive in connection with the buyout. And,
- 6 secondly, the reason it refers to buyouts, we submit, is
- 7 that outside the context of a buyout, there was no
- 8 plausible basis for Novell to assert --
- 9 THE COURT: No what?
- 10 MR. SINGER: Excuse me?
- 11 THE COURT: There was no what?
- MR. SINGER: No plausible basis for Novell to
- 13 assert it had any rights to interfere with source code or
- 14 the administration of source code by SCO. It was only in
- 15 this buyout scenario that the issue came up. And if you
- 16 look -- another way of looking at it is this, we submit,
- 17 Your Honor: If Novell could waive rights in advance of a
- 18 buyout or waive rights after a buyout, unilaterally, it
- 19 would be meaningless to restrict what Novell could do
- 20 during the buyout process itself. They could either do
- 21 it before or afterwards.
- The only sensible interpretation of this
- 23 language is that it prevents the very action which Novell
- 24 seeks to take here, unilaterally reaching into the
- 25 relationship between SCO and a third party, such as IBM,

- 1 and trying to restrict SCO from exercising its rights
- 2 with respect to source code in connection with the
- 3 agreement.
- It is on this basis of the language that we
- 5 believe we are entitled to our cross motion for summary
- 6 judgment on plain language of the agreement being
- 7 granted, saying that this language precludes the
- 8 interpretation that Novell advances.
- Now, if the Court were to disagree and, after
- 10 looking at these different provisions, find that there is
- 11 ambiguity, I want to spend a few moments in discussing
- 12 the role of extrinsic evidence both in terms of what the
- 13 parties said at the time, as well as their subsequent
- 14 actions. I'm not going to belabor the legal authorities,
- 15 which the Court has heard us argue on several other
- 16 occasions regarding the role of extrinsic evidence in
- 17 interpreting the APA under California law. We have set
- 18 forth those authorities at tab 13.
- 19 The basic principle is that if a contract is
- 20 reasonably susceptible to a particular interpretation,
- 21 that extrinsic evidence should be considered to aid in
- 22 its interpretation by the Court.
- At tab 14, and on a chart which I'm going to
- 24 put up now for Your Honor, we see here what that
- 25 extrinsic evidence indicates with respects to the issue

- 1 before the Court. And what it reflects is that Novell's
- 2 own executives, at the time; not Novell's executives that
- 3 are currently in office, but the Novell executives at the
- 4 time that the APA was agreed to and amended, agreed that
- 5 Section 4.16 did not give Novell the rights to waive
- 6 SCO's intellectual property protection in the way in
- 7 which they have sought to do it here with respect to IBM.
- 8 That starts with -- and I'd like to just
- 9 mention a few of those individuals. Mr. Frankenberg, who
- 10 was the CEO at the time, he said: It delt with SVRX
- 11 licensing fees. That was the purpose of 4.16.
- 12 Duff Thompson, personally involved in
- 13 negotiations with Santa Cruz officials. He said that
- 14 it's simply wrong to say that they had right -- that
- 15 Novell retained rights to waive claims that Santa Cruz or
- 16 its successors might have regarding breaches of System V
- 17 source code agreement. That does not comport with the
- 18 instructions he received or the negotiations.
- 19 Ty Mattingly, who was Mr. Frankenberg's
- 20 personal liaison with the Novell negotiating team and
- 21 heavily involved in the negotiatings: Novell simply
- 22 doesn't have the right to waive IBM breaches. And he
- 23 says, basically, it's an absurd position that Novell is
- 24 taking.
- 25 The same is true for Ed Chatlos, Burt Levine,

- 1 the Novell attorney, Mr. Broderick. So here's a half a
- 2 dozen people who don't work for Santa Cruz, they work for
- 3 Novell at the time, and they all agree that Novell's
- 4 interpretation is simply wrong.
- 5 At tab 16 and, briefly, on another chart which
- 6 I will put before Your Honor, is the other side of the
- 7 transaction from Santa Cruz. And the senior executives
- 8 there involved in the transaction, including the CEO,
- 9 General Counsel, the Chief Negotiator, all agree that
- 10 that is not the intent of Section 4.16(b). And in the
- 11 book at tab 17, we have more quotes from those
- 12 individuals indicating that.
- 13 It is well established, Your Honor, that
- 14 post-contract behavior by the parties are an important
- 15 guide to interpreting the intent. Those authorities are
- 16 set forth at tab 18 in the book. One case from
- 17 California says a practical construction placed by the
- 18 parties is sometimes the best evidence of their
- 19 intention.
- 20 I'd like to focus just on a couple of those
- 21 post-contract pieces of evidence to show how they confirm
- 22 our position. At tab 16 -- excuse me -- at tab 19, we
- 23 discuss Novell's conduct in the IBM buyout, and I focus
- 24 on that conduct, that episode in 1996, because it simply
- 25 can't be reconciled with Novell's current motion. The

- 1 APA was closed in December of 1995. Very soon
- 2 thereafter, a dispute arose because in April of 1996,
- 3 Novell unilaterally negotiated a buyout of IBM's royalty
- 4 obligations, and it included things such as source code
- 5 Santa Cruz objected to that. They told
- 6 Mr. Frankenberg that our agreements provide SCO with
- 7 exclusive rights regarding source code. There was then
- 8 an exchange of correspondence in April and June of 1996
- 9 between Mr. Frankenberg of Novell and Mr. Mohan who was
- 10 the CEO at Santa Cruz. In those letters Mr. Frankenberg
- 11 never asserted that SCO had the right, under Section
- 12 4.16(b) to simply do this unilaterally, which is the
- 13 right which SCO -- Novell maintains today.
- 14 What happened after that is you had a
- 15 three-party agreement. Novell and Santa Cruz, together
- 16 with IBM, entered into Amendment X. And you also had
- 17 this Amendment No. 2. If, at any time there, Novell
- 18 believed that they could simply exercise these rights,
- 19 they would have done that. They had already signed an
- 20 agreement with IBM. If they belived, at the time, they
- 21 had the right that Novell today maintains they have, they
- 22 simply would have said: We insist, under Section 4.16(b)
- 23 that you go along with the buyout that we agreed with
- 24 IBM.
- 25 That isn't what happened.

- 1 If one turns to tab 20, one looks at the HP
- 2 buyout, and there you have a written statement by Novell
- 3 which says Novell has no present or future reversionary
- 4 interest in any source code royalties and that Novell's
- 5 rights regard HP binary royalty obligations, which is a
- 6 distinction between source code and binary that we have
- 7 been drawing throughout this case.
- 8 The same is true of Novell's admissions in the
- 9 Cray buyout in tab 21. In addition, Novell's position
- 10 here is completely inconsistent with statements made
- 11 publicly after the APA was signed. Very shortly after
- 12 the APA was signed, Larry Bouffard, Novell's worldwide
- 13 sales director for UNIX, stated on October 18, 1995 --
- 14 and we reproduce this at tab 23.
- 15 He said: With respect to SCO and the UnixWare
- 16 and UNIX business, they have, quote, bought it lock,
- 17 stock and barrel. Once the transaction is closed in
- 18 November or December, we will have no more involvement
- 19 with this business.
- 20 But, of course, here you have Novell arguing
- 21 they have such rights and involvement they can
- 22 countermand any decision they want by SCO regarding that
- 23 business.
- I would like to raise one final point, your
- 25 Honor, that even if one interpreted the agreements as

- 1 broadly as Novell interprets them here, they are still
- 2 violating the implied obligation of good faith and fair
- 3 dealing in seeking to waive the rights we have asserted
- 4 against IBM.
- 5 At tab 24 we have the general law, which is
- 6 that every contract has that implied obligation. At tab
- 7 25, the fact that under California law, it specifically
- 8 is applicable where a party gives -- a contract gives a
- 9 party discretionary authority. Tab 26, we indicate that
- 10 in fact, until 2006; in other words, during the time
- 11 relevant to this case when this agreement was entered
- 12 into, California law prohibited the disclaimer of such an
- 13 obligation of good faith.
- 14 The only exception, which is dealt with at tab
- 15 27, is where limiting the discretion of the party would
- 16 contradict the express rights of a party, such as in the
- 17 Carma case where it was an express understanding that the
- 18 landlord could cancel the lease so as to increase the
- 19 rental rate by entering into a new lease.
- 20 Section 4.16 does not give Novell such rights.
- 21 Instead, it gives it discretion. And like the Locke vs.
- 22 Warner Brothers case and other cases, that discretion is
- 23 bounded by good faith.
- Now, Novell's final argument there is to say:
- 25 Well, we can't have a good faith obligation to SCO

- 1 because SCO is our fiduciary. But SCO's fiduciary status
- 2 is only with respect to collecting and turning over the
- 3 royalties under Section 4.16(a), royalties that we
- 4 believe are limited to existing binary licenses. Nothing
- 5 creates a fiduciary relationship on SCO with respect to
- 6 the rest of the UNIX and UnixWare business which it's
- 7 been sold.
- In fact, I would submit, Your Honor, that if
- 9 Novell's position were correct, and it had the rights to
- 10 come in and countermand how SCO ran its UNIX and UnixWare
- 11 business, it would be charged in with being a fiduciary
- 12 because it would then be in a position of not only
- 13 advising us but basically controlling that business. And
- 14 as we indicate in the case cited at tab 28, in that
- 15 situation they would not only have a good faith
- 16 obligation to us but a fiduciary obligation to us.
- 17 Finally, at tab 29, we point out the obvious,
- 18 that Novell doesn't even try to argue as a matter of
- 19 summary judgment, that their exercise of these rights is
- 20 an exercise of good faith and fair dealing.
- 21 Your Honor, for all these reasons, we submit
- 22 that Novell's motion should be denied and SCO's cross
- 23 motion should be granted, and I would like to save my
- 24 remaining minutes for rebuttal.
- 25 THE COURT: Thank you, Mr. Singer.

- 1 Mr. Jacobs, what do you say about the last half
- 2 of Mr. Singer's argument? He makes a plain meaning
- 3 argument, but then he says when you look at the extrinsic
- 4 evidence and the post-contract conduct and documents, he
- 5 wins. Talk to me about that
- 6 MR. JACOBS: Let's start with the IBM buyout
- 7 because it cuts in exactly the opposite direction. It is
- 8 four months after the closing of the Asset Purchase
- 9 Agreement, and Novell does exactly what SCO says it
- 10 should have done in order to confirm that it had the
- 11 rights that it believed it had. It went out and it
- 12 actually executed an amendment, a buyout amendment with
- 13 IBM in April.
- 14 SCO objected. As SCO has put it, SCO has
- 15 demonstrated in its evidence, it threatened a lawsuit.
- 16 The parties went ahead and agreed on a buyout. SCO was
- 17 paid a settlement amount. That is a settlement
- 18 agreement. Its has an express no-admission clause in it,
- 19 so that settlement agreement is out for evidentiary
- 20 purposes. If you look at the way the money was allocated
- 21 from the buyout, SCO took its 5 percent fee, confirming
- 22 that the buyout is all about SVRX licenses, precisely as
- 23 prescribed in Article 4 in Section 4.16.
- 24 So the extrinsic evidence entirely supports
- 25 Novell here. Now, Novell settled that dispute with SCO,

- 1 but, again, four months after the Asset Purchase
- 2 Agreement is signed, Novell is directing SCO -- Santa
- 3 Cruz. I'm trying to keep the distinction straight
- 4 here -- is directing Santa Cruz to execute a buyout with
- 5 IBM. Frankenberg testified: We kept a lot of the
- 6 protections in the agreements in order to do buyouts.
- 7 It's true that, later on, when Novell and Cray
- 8 and HP are doing some buyouts, that Novell decided to
- 9 give some more rights to SCO in the context of those
- 10 specific buyouts, but that is no confirmation and no
- 11 waiver of Novell's rights under Section 4.16(b), which
- 12 survives to this day.
- 13 So the IBM buyout really cuts very much against
- 14 SCO. Yes, there was settlement of a dispute, but
- 15 virtually contemporaneously with the execution and
- 16 closing of the Asset Purchase Agreement, Novell is
- 17 starting to execute these buyout agreements with IBM and
- 18 others. SCO, as you can tell from the letters they
- 19 submitted, Santa Cruz thought this was a huge issue for
- 20 them.
- 21 The issue was compromised in the context of
- 22 IBM, but the rights in Section 4.16(b), aside from the
- 23 modification of the management of buyouts -- a key word
- 24 in Amendment No. 2, the "management" of buyouts. Aside
- 25 from that compromise about future buyouts, Section

- 1 4.16(b) remained unchanged, and the parties had an
- 2 opportunity, at that moment, to change 4.16(b) more
- 3 generally. The parties could have written in, at that
- 4 moment: This provision applies only to the protection of
- 5 Novell's binary royalty retained interest.
- 6 That's the way SCO wishes 4.16(b) read. They
- 7 are trying to change the plain language of 4.16(b) to
- 8 something that just isn't there.
- 9 As for this global point that we paid all this
- 10 money and look what we got, first of all the price keeps
- 11 on going up. There is -- right there on the board it's
- 12 125 million. Now it's 200 million. There are documents
- 13 that suggest it was even less. It was 6.7 million shares
- 14 of SCO, of Santa Cruz, whatever they were valued at at
- 15 the time. But, secondly, it's very clear what happened
- 16 here. The original idea was a straight out asset
- 17 purchase, a sale from Novell to Santa Cruz that mirrored
- 18 the purchase by Novell from AT&T.
- 19 We now know much more than we did earlier on in
- 20 this lawsuit about the negotiating history. We now know
- 21 that, in the last three weeks, the documents were changed
- 22 substantially to document the fact that Novell was
- 23 retaining this interest in the SVRX revenues, and that is
- 24 why the agreement gets changed and these provisions get
- 25 added. 4.16 gets added in the last couple of weeks of

- 1 the negotiations.
- 2 But that doesn't take away their force. The
- 3 fact is that, as to SVRX, in contrast to UnixWare, as to
- 4 SVRX, Santa Cruz had very, very limited rights. They got
- 5 essentially the right to administer the relationship with
- 6 the customer and a 5 percent fee so that they could have
- 7 the contact with the customer and try to upgrade the
- 8 customer to UnixWare. As to UnixWare, they got the
- 9 business, and, in a larger sense, they got to keep the
- 10 royalties unless they hit a certain threshold.
- 11 That's the deal SantaCruz cut. That's the deal
- 12 SCO inherited when it bought from Santa Cruz. To now go
- 13 back and say: Well, sure, they retain the 95 percent,
- 14 but all the protections that Novell built in to protect
- 15 that 95 percent were only going to read very narrowly.
- 16 When those narrow limitations aren't in the contract,
- 17 that's rewriting the contract, and that's what the law
- 18 prohibits. Thank you.
- 19 THE COURT: Thank you, Mr. Jacobs.
- 20 Mr. Singer.
- 21 MR. SINGER: Your Honor, first of all, with
- 22 respect to the buyout agreement, if Novell had the rights
- 23 which it claims here, when it reached its original
- 24 agreement unilaterally with IBM, and SCO objected, IBM --
- 25 or rather Novell would simply exercise its rights under

- 1 4.16 and say: We are directing you to accept this
- 2 buyout. We are directing you to amend these licenses
- 3 with these terms. And if SCO further protested, it would
- 4 seek to do what it sought to do here and take that action
- 5 itself.
- 6 On the contrary, Novell did no such thing, and
- 7 even in its letters back and forth, Novell's executives
- 8 never asserted that 4.16(b) gave them the right to take
- 9 this action. The whole reason you had a resolution of
- 10 this is because there were rights of SCO which Novell
- 11 could not overturn. Those rights were then clarified and
- 12 made stronger by Amendment 2, which came out of that
- 13 process, and SCO received not 5 percent, but \$1.5 million
- 14 plus additional source code payments if IBM would buy
- 15 additional source code properties, plus protections in
- 16 Amendment 2.
- 17 You cannot reconcile their actions with either
- 18 4.16 or what we had quoted not as simply giving rights to
- 19 SCO with respect to HP and Cray, but admissions they make
- 20 about what rights Novell had if those are limited to
- 21 binary protection.
- Mr. Jacobs refers to being uncertain as to what
- 23 was actually paid for this business. At tab 3 in the
- 24 book we have provided, it indicates it was 17 percent of
- 25 Santa Cruz common stock which, at the time, was about \$50

- 1 million in valuation; the royalty stream on existing
- 2 licenses, which resulted in more than \$200 million being
- 3 paid, and potential royalties on future UnixWare sales
- 4 under certain conditions that expired in December of
- 5 2002.
- 6 To believe that they paid over \$200 million and
- 7 didn't have the right to run their business and protect
- 8 their intellectual property makes no sense. The final
- 9 position is, Mr. Jacobs says: Well, what we got was
- 10 great with respect to UnixWare, but virtually nothing
- 11 with respect to UNIX and SVRX, but that is not what the
- 12 agreement says. The agreement doesn't say: You're
- 13 getting the UnixWare business but just limited rights in
- 14 UNIX.
- 15 It says: You're getting all of the business.
- 16 And we went over that intent coming right out of the
- 17 language of the APA earlier.
- 18 And, in addition, Mr. Jacobs says: We didn't
- 19 get this. But the people who ran his client at the time
- 20 of this deal uniformly say something different.
- 21 Mr. Jacobs can't point to one Novell executive, at the
- 22 time of the APA, who defends, as consistent with the
- 23 contract, the position that Novell articulates today with
- 24 respect to Section 4.16.
- 25 THE COURT: Thank you, Mr. Singer.

- 1 Let's take a break. We have left the copyright
- 2 ownership motion, correct?
- 3 MR. SINGER: Yes, Your Honor, and we moved
- 4 first on that one.
- 5 THE COURT: So you argue first on that one
- 6 MR. JACOBS: That is fine.
- 7 THE COURT: About how long are you going to
- 8 take on those?
- 9 MR. SINGER: 30 minutes in total between
- 10 principal and rebuttal.
- 11 MR. JACOBS: Same, Your Honor.
- 12 THE COURT: All right. Let's reconvene at
- 13 about 10:15. Thank you.
- 14 (Short break.)
- Mr. Singer.
- 16 MR. SINGER: Thank you, Your Honor. Again,
- 17 with your permission, if I can approach and give you a
- 18 copy of our argument exhibits.
- 19 THE COURT: Yes.
- 20 MR. SINGER: Your Honor, I think of Novell's
- 21 position with respect to the issues on this motion, which
- 22 concern our ownership of the copyrights, that Novell is
- 23 seeking to defend the indefensible. We point out at tab
- 24 1 this is a case involving the sale of a software
- 25 business, UNIX and UnixWare business. And yet Novell's

- 1 position is we did not get the core intellectual property
- 2 that protects those operating systems, the copyrights on
- 3 UNIX and UnixWare.
- 4 So when you have a party that seeks to defend
- 5 that type of a position, what do you see? You see a
- 6 party arguing that conveyance of all rights and ownership
- 7 of UNIX and UnixWare, without limitation, did not convey
- 8 copyrights to UNIX and UnixWare. There's no dispute with
- 9 respect to the case law that generally determines a
- 10 transfer of all right, title and interest to computer
- 11 programs can, in the words of the Southern District of
- 12 New York, who construed the case, can only mean that the
- 13 transfer of the copyrights, as well as the actual
- 14 computer programs, are meant.
- 15 You also find a party like Novell struggling to
- 16 obscure Amendment 2's clarification that excluded assets
- 17 did not include copyrights required for the UNIX business
- 18 and ignoring clear testimony from senior executives and
- 19 business negotiators, again on both sides.
- Now, why is this important? This arises in the
- 21 context of a slander of title claim that we have brought.
- 22 In 1995, the APA conveyed from Novell to Santa Cruz the
- 23 UNIX and UnixWare businesses. From 1996 to 2003, as I
- 24 will get into in more detail, Novell never disputed that
- 25 Santa Cruz owned these copyrights, and their actions are

- 1 inconsistent with their position that they retained
- 2 ownership.
- 3 However, after the dispute with IBM arose in
- 4 May of 2003, Novell publicly claimed it still owned the
- 5 UNIX copyrights; in fact, in a press release that
- 6 evidence in the record indicates was timed to inflict
- 7 maximum damage on SCO. In June of 2003, Novell, by that
- 8 time, had received Amendment 2. They, in deposition
- 9 later, admitted they had it in their files but they never
- 10 looked at it when they made their May 28 announcement,
- 11 and on June 26 they issued what appeared to be a
- 12 retraction.
- 13 They admitted that Amendment 2, quote, appeared
- 14 to support -- those words -- "appeared to support" SCO's
- 15 claims of ownership to the copyrights. And then, after
- 16 that, they did a 180 degree reversal and appeared to
- 17 retract the retraction and went back to their position
- 18 that they did not convey the copyrights.
- 19 And so that is why we are here, and that is why
- 20 we are seeking, as a matter of summary judgment on the
- 21 issue of copyright ownership, that the copyrights were
- 22 conveyed.
- Now, as a general observation, if you look at
- 24 Novell's papers, particularly their reply papers and
- 25 their opposition papers to our motion, they seek to have

- 1 this Court interpret Amendment 2 in a vacuum. Amendment
- 2 2 does not exist in a vacuum. Amendment 2 amends the
- 3 APA, and it has to be interpreted together with the
- 4 instrument which it amends. The APA, Amendment 1,
- 5 Amendment 2, and ancillary documents like the bill of
- 6 sale are one agreement which must be interpreted
- 7 together. That's Black Letter law. We give an examplel
- 8 of it at tab 3.
- On the other hand, interpretation of the APA,
- 10 as though Amendment 2 doesn't exist and you had the
- 11 language before the amendment is, we would submit, both
- 12 meaningless and irrelevant. And yet that is what the
- 13 bulk of Novell's argument amounts to.
- Now, we submit the starting place for this
- 15 argument is really where we left off in the last
- 16 argument, that the APA was intended to transfer all
- 17 rights in ownership of UNIX and UnixWare to Santa Cruz.
- 18 And I won't go over these provisions again because I just
- 19 discussed it. It comes right from the plain language of
- 20 the agreement.
- Now, that was effectuated here by the Schedule
- 22 of Assets that were conveyed, and I'd like to spend some
- 23 time talking about that Schedule because it makes plain
- 24 that the transfer of copyrights is included. This is
- 25 page 1 of a four-page Schedule of the assets being sold.

- 1 We have it. In addition, it appears behind tab 5 of the
- 2 binder. And the Schedule makes plain that all rights and
- 3 ownership of UNIX and UnixWare and that it includes
- 4 source code, all copies, without limitation, are being
- 5 transferred.
- 6 And then it provides specificity as to the
- 7 products, so there's no issue with respect to what
- 8 copyrights are being transferred. They are the
- 9 copyrights relating to UnixWare 2.0, as described in the
- 10 UnixWare 2.0 licensing Schedule, and the other products
- 11 listed specifically here on Schedule 1.1(a). In
- 12 addition, the Schedule went on to say that all of
- 13 seller's claims arising after the closing date against
- 14 any parties related to any right, property or asset
- 15 included in the business is being transferred.
- 16 We submit there has been no dispute about this.
- 17 You need the copyrights in order to enforce those rights
- 18 against infringers and third parties. All seller's
- 19 rights pertaining to UNIX and UnixWare under any software
- 20 development contracts. In short, we got the entire ${\tt UNIX}$
- 21 and UnixWare business. And we submit, if this is all you
- 22 had, Schedule 1.1(a), there could not be any issue under
- 23 the case law or otherwise that this transfers the whole
- 24 business, copyrights included.
- 25 The issue which Novell has raised relates to

- 1 the Schedule of Excluded Assets, and I'd like to turn to
- 2 that as amended. The first page of excluded assets dealt
- 3 principally with NetWare, which is a system which the
- 4 parties agree was not being sold. And virtually every
- 5 category here deals with NetWare. And then you turn to
- 6 Section Roman Numeral V of the list of excluded assets.
- 7 And as amended by Amendment 2, that provides that what
- 8 Novell retains as excluded assets in the sale are all
- 9 copyrights and trademarks except the copyrights and
- 10 trademarks owned by Novell as of the date of the
- 11 agreement, which is the date of the APA, required for SCO
- 12 to exercise its rights with respect to the acquisition of
- 13 UNIX and UnixWare technologies.
- Now, we submit that, as amended, this taking
- 15 out the language which was originally in there, which
- 16 just excluded copyrights, there no longer is any conflict
- 17 between the Schedule of sold assets, Schedule A, and the
- 18 Schedule of Excluded Assets, Schedule B. Schedule A
- 19 transfers all right, title and interest in these
- 20 programs, all rights of ownership in UNIX and UnixWare
- 21 which, under the law and really is not disputed, includes
- 22 copyrights, by definition.
- This, while retaining copyrights by Novell,
- 24 does not retain copyrights required for SCO to exercise
- 25 its rights with respect to the acquisition of UNIX and

- 1 UnixWare technologies. There is no dispute, we submit,
- 2 other than an issue we will get to in a moment, as to
- 3 whether we just got a license, as opposed to acquisiton
- 4 of the assets themselves, that SCO needed copyright
- 5 rights, needed copyrights to exercise its rights for UNIX
- 6 and UnixWare; to be able to run the business, to license
- 7 it to third parties, to enforce rights against
- 8 infringers.
- On this basis we are entitled to summary
- 10 judgment. There is not an issue there. There is no
- 11 inconsistency that requires resolution at trial. This is
- 12 also consistent with another part of the APA, and that is
- 13 the technology licensing agreement because, under the
- 14 APA, the parties agreed that there would be a related
- 15 agreement called the Technology Licensing Agreement,
- 16 under which Novell would have the license to use the
- 17 intellectual property and technology which it had sold
- 18 subject to certain restrictions.
- 19 And those restrictions were part of the
- 20 argument which was before Your Honor last Thursday for
- 21 the breach of those promises not to use that technology
- 22 to compete with SCO with an operating system that
- 23 embraced the very technology that they had sold us.
- 24 But the point of this, as we indicate at tab 9
- 25 in our book and on the board -- but this transaction

- 1 makes no sense if SCO did not get the copyrights. If SCO
- 2 did not get the copyrights, you would have seen not a
- 3 license back to Novell, but a license from Novell to
- 4 Santa Cruz for the copyrights which were maintained,
- 5 which were essential for Santa Cruz to run a UNIX and
- 6 UnixWare business. Instead, this is Novell retaining a
- 7 license to the technology which it sold.
- And the only thing which Novell has sought to
- 9 say about this is: Well, maybe there's other types of
- 10 intellectual property like trade secrets, or knowhow
- 11 other than copyrights, which this was referring to. Of
- 12 course that's not how the agreement is written with
- 13 respect to those specific forms of intellectual property.
- 14 It covers everything. And of course it is the copyrights
- 15 on UNIX and UnixWare which is the core intellectual
- 16 property for the business which was sold.
- 17 So that provides a strained and, I would
- 18 suggest, unacceptable interpretation of an agreement
- 19 which, as Mr. Frankenberg and other Novell witnesses have
- 20 admitted, only makes sense in the context of Novell
- 21 having sold those copyrights.
- Now, we think the combination of the TLA, the
- 23 purpose of the agreement is transferring the business,
- 24 the embracing language of Schedule 1.1(a), and now
- 25 Schedule 1.1 B as amended by Amendment 2, not creating

- 1 any inconsistency, is a firm and solid plain language
- 2 basis on which the Court should grant summary judgment
- 3 that we received the copyrights.
- 4 I will discuss at the end of my argument the
- 5 Section 204 copyright transfer issue.
- 6 But if one turned to the extrinsic evidence,
- 7 again, the extrinsic evidence fully supports our
- 8 position. Now, it is well established that extrinsic
- 9 evidence is admissible to give effect to the intent of
- 10 the parties, and we submit that, as we have before, at
- 11 tab 10 in our book, what Novell has done in response is
- 12 raise a whole series of evidentiary objections, mainly
- 13 in a 60-page set of objections filed after their reply
- 14 brief on Tuesday of last week.
- The short answer to those is, first of all,
- 16 it's silly to suggest that there would be separate
- 17 evidence of intent regarding, for example, the Bill of
- 18 Sale. You look at the transaction as a whole and what is
- 19 the intent of that deal. At tab 11 we cite California
- 20 Civil Code, which makes clear that particular clauses of
- 21 a contract are subordinate to its general intent. At tab
- 22 12, we briefly deal with the litany of objections which
- 23 are being raised to this and other of the extrinsic
- 24 evidence. The Court doesn't need to reach it if it
- 25 agrees with our plain language interpretation.

- 1 But clearly what the people who put the deal
- 2 together at the time believed they were transferring is
- 3 relevant evidence. As we will see, those witnesses had
- 4 personal knowledge of the transaction. It's not hearsay
- 5 when a Novell witness makes that statement about what was
- 6 said. And this doesn't turn on issues of expert opinion.
- 7 And, to the extent we use any depositions from the IBM
- 8 case, those certainly stand equal to declarations which
- 9 we can also use on summary judgment.
- If we turn to tab 14, we have a list of the
- 11 individuals, and it gives a little bit about the
- 12 foundation on which they testified from personal
- 13 knowledge. And if we turn to tab 15, I'd like to go over
- 14 some of that in a little more detail, and, again,
- 15 starting with the Novell witnesses.
- 16 Your Honor, I've litigated a lot of cases over
- 17 the past 20 years, and I'm sure Your Honor has litigated
- 18 many cases. I can't think of a case where -- you have
- 19 cases where maybe you get one witness on the other side
- 20 who agrees with your position, and you're fortunate to
- 21 get that. I can't think of a case where virtually every
- 22 witness, with the exception of a couple of lawyers we
- 23 will talk about in a moment, but every businessman
- 24 involved in the transaction in structuring the deal, from
- 25 the Novell side, agrees with our position, starting with

- 1 the CEO, Mr. Frankenberg, who repeatedly, clearly
- 2 testified it was his understanding that the sale of all
- 3 rights and ownership included the copyrights associated
- 4 with UNIX and UnixWare.
- Now, what do they do with testimony like this?
- 6 They try to create uncertainty where there is none. For
- 7 example, at tab 16, where we have longer excerpts from
- 8 each of these witnesses, you have, first of all,
- 9 Mr. Frankenberg's clear statements that that was the
- 10 intent at the time the APA was signed, when the deal
- 11 closed, and it was always his intent.
- 12 On the next page, behind tab 16, you have
- 13 Novell's quotation of Mr. Frankenberg where they point to
- 14 the fact that he recalled discussing with the negotiation
- 15 team the fact that retaining the copyrights might
- 16 facilitate Novell's exercise of rights. And then you
- 17 have the full testimony at that point in his deposition,
- 18 on the right-hand-side column, where, after he says: I
- 19 recall vaguely discussing that. He specifically says:
- 20 It would have been inconsistent with selling UNIX to SCO
- 21 that they wouldn't get the copyrights.
- On the next page, you have Novell's quotation
- 23 of Frankenberg saying it's possible, supposedly, that the
- 24 negotiation team excluded copyrights from the transfer of
- 25 assets. And then, on the right-hand column, you look at

- 1 what that possibility was mentioned as.
- 2 He's asked at deposition: Is it possible the
- 3 negotiating team acted outside of its authority in
- 4 drafting the original exclusionary language -- you
- 5 remember the language that was then changed by amendment.
- 6 He says: It's possible. Maybe there was a
- 7 drafting error.
- 8 He's then asked: Are there any other
- 9 possibilities?
- 10 He says: Not that I can think of.
- 11 And then it's Novell's counsel that says:
- 12 Well, is it possible that they effectuated your
- 13 directions by obtaining the UNIX copyrights?
- 14 And he says: Well, I guess that's possible as
- 15 well.
- 16 That is the type of counter extrinsic evidence
- 17 that Novell is reduced to trying to rely upon in the face
- 18 of their own CEO at the time's clear testimony that he
- 19 intended the copyrights to be sold.
- 20 And it doesn't stop with the CEO. If we go
- 21 back to tab 15 on the chart here before the Court, you
- 22 have Duff Thompson, who formed the Novell team,
- 23 personally involved in face-to-face negotiations with
- 24 Santa Cruz officials, who specifically and unmistakably
- 25 says that it was the intent that the UNIX copyrights were

- 1 transferred to Santa Cruz.
- 2 Ty Mattingly, the personal liaison between the
- 3 CEO and the negotiating team, who was very heavily
- 4 involved in the negotiation. And he says that we sold
- 5 them the entire business, including the copyrights.
- 6 Ed Chatlos, the lead negotiator for Novell:
- 7 The copyrights were included. It was intended to sell
- 8 the entire business, including the copyrights.
- 9 Burt Levine, at the time a Novell attorney
- 10 involved in drafting parts of the APA. Mr. Broderick,
- 11 who was part of the Novell licensing group, and
- 12 Mr. Masley.
- 13 And then, if you turn to the next page, you see
- 14 that on the Santa Cruz side, the people involved in the
- 15 deal, beginning with the CEO and working your way down,
- 16 also all agree that the transaction involved the transfer
- 17 of the copyrights.
- Now, what does IBM rely upon to try to deal
- 19 with this overwhelming testimony?
- 20 THE COURT: Novell?
- 21 MR. SINGER: Did I say "IBM?"
- THE COURT: Yes.
- 23 MR. SINGER: I meant Novell. IBM has echoed
- 24 the same arguments.
- THE COURT: But he said IBM once, too.

- 1 MR. SINGER: Okay. So we're even.
- 2 THE COURT: Let's try to keep all the parties
- 3 straight.
- 4 MR. SINGER: I will try to. In this case, it
- 5 is Novell that is relying on the Braham and Bradford
- 6 declarations, Braham being a lawyer and Bradford being an
- 7 in-house counsel. And at tab 17 we explain why those
- 8 declarations do not create a factual conflict. They
- 9 don't controvert the business deal for the sale of the
- 10 entire business, including the copyrights. Amendment --
- 11 they deal with the language which was changed by
- 12 Amendment 2.
- 13 They basically say that in the last ten days
- 14 before the agreement was signed, they amended the
- 15 language to try to exclude copyrights. There is no
- 16 testimony that this was ever discussed with or agreed to
- 17 by Santa Cruz. And to the extent they got away with
- 18 changing that language by putting into an asset -- a list
- 19 of excluded assets that language, that was changed by
- 20 Amendment 2.
- 21 And you can't create, we submit, a factual
- 22 conflict on a material issue of disputed fact by relying
- 23 on language which has been excised from the agreement by
- 24 amendment.
- Now, the other points they rely on of extrinsic

- 1 evidence, the board minutes. The boards minutes recited
- 2 that Novell will transfer UNIX and UNIX technology
- 3 assets. You have press releases at the time that said
- 4 that the UnixWare business was sold, that Mr. Frankenberg
- 5 said it was a joint release.
- 6 The other testimony they rely on is
- 7 Mr. Amadia -- or Ms. Amadia and Mr. Tolonen's
- 8 declarations with Amendment 2, where they say Amendment 2
- 9 created only an implied license. At tab 19, I deal with
- 10 this argument. The argument doesn't make any sense. The
- 11 word "license" is not used in Amendment 2. Amendment 2
- 12 is an amendment to a schedule of assets excluded from the
- 13 sale of assets. It's not anything to do with a license.
- 14 Moreover, under the law, that cannot be a
- 15 tenable position. You can't have an implied exclusive
- 16 license. That's Black Letter law. If it's a
- 17 non-exclusive license, SCO would not be able to enforce
- 18 it's IP rights. That's also Black Letter law. Holders
- 19 of a non-exclusive license don't have standing to sue.
- 20 Novell admits that we have the rights to sue. Those are
- 21 one of the rights under Section 3 of Schedule 1, the
- 22 rights to bring claims.
- 23 So you cannot have an implied license as the
- 24 way by which SCO obtained the rights it needed to operate
- 25 this business. And, of course, that's not what the

- 1 agreement says. It deals with amending an asset
- 2 transfer.
- 3 Similarly, Amendment 2 didn't create a process
- 4 to ask Novell for permission. Now, there are other
- 5 post-contract actions that are consistent with this. If
- 6 you turn to tab 22, you see that Santa Cruz transferred
- 7 the copyrights to Caldera in 2001, and Mr. Keller, who is
- 8 an attorney there, says that that included the
- 9 understanding that Santa Cruz owned the UnixWare and UNIX
- 10 copyrights.
- 11 The actual copyright registrations, which were
- 12 in New Jersey in a building, Novell didn't say: Give us
- 13 those. We are retaining those in the deal. Those went
- 14 along with all the other assets. And that is, while not
- 15 dispositive evidence, it is evidence suggesting that they
- 16 didn't intend to retain the copyrights. That's also at
- 17 tab 22.
- In addition, there were changes in the
- 19 copyright notices made my Novell after the APA, with
- 20 Novell's assistance, which, in one case, it specifically
- 21 said in the documents: SCO will replace Novell as the
- 22 copyright owner in UnixWare 2.1 online books. On other
- 23 copyrights Santa Cruz was added and Novell was left on
- 24 because they owned the copyright at earlier periods of
- 25 time.

- 1 The position we have briefed regarding
- 2 Microsoft; Santa Cruz referred to itself as the copyright
- 3 owner in a very public issue, and Novell never objected.
- 4 I'd like to deal with one final issue, Section
- 5 204 of the Copyright Act, sort of a Statute of Frauds and
- 6 evidentiary requirement they would have some right. As
- 7 we indicate in our brief and at tab 25, both -- all the
- 8 cases indicate there is no particular form of writing
- 9 required. No magic words are required. A one-line pro
- 10 forma statement will do. Here, of course, you have a
- 11 complette agreement with schedules, and we submit the
- 12 APA, with Amendment 2 and the Bill of Sale, constitute a
- 13 set of documents easily sufficient to convey title under
- 14 Section 204, and, in the alternative, could also satisfy
- 15 the requirement where you have an oral assignment that's
- 16 ratified or confirmed by a written memorandum of the
- 17 transfer.
- 18 So, clearly, Section 204 is not grounds on
- 19 which Novell can rest. We are entitled, Your Honor, to
- 20 summary judgment on this issue.
- 21 THE COURT: Thank you, Mr. Singer. Mr. Jacobs,
- 22 I suppose you have a different view.
- MR. JACOBS: I do, Your Honor, and, ultimately,
- 24 I hope you will, too. Let me start with just a review of
- 25 the bidding on this issue.

- 1 THE COURT: A review of the what?
- MR. JACOBS: Of the bidding because, of course,
- 3 we're back again on ownership, and you parsed the
- 4 agreements in your ruling on the motion to dismiss. In
- 5 that ruling, you noted that the Asset Purchase Agreement,
- 6 pre-Amendment 2, specifically excluded the UNIX and
- 7 UnixWare copyrights from the transfer, and as to
- 8 Amendment Number 2, you noted that it doesn't identify
- 9 which copyrights are required for SCO to exercise its
- 10 rights. You noted that it's not retroactive to the date
- 11 of the APA. You noted that it does not state that a
- 12 transfer of copyrights is to occur as of the date of the
- 13 amendment, and it suggested that perhaps a separate
- 14 writing was contemplated in order effectuate a transfer.
- You noted that the use of the word "required"
- 16 was troublesome, given the number of copyrighted works
- 17 involved in the transaction. Amendment Number 2, the
- 18 Court's decision notes, doesn't state which works are
- 19 being transferred or what rights within each copyrighted
- 20 work are being transferred.
- 21 And then, citing the Apex Associate case, the
- 22 Court's ruling noted the policy behind Section 204(a) of
- 23 the Copyright Act, to force a negotiation to determine
- 24 precisely what rights are being transferred.
- 25 Well, as the Court anticipated in not ruling

- 1 definitively on the motion to dismiss, the parties have
- 2 now amended their pleadings so there are more causes of
- 3 action relating to ownership. They have taken discovery.
- 4 We have got lots of testimony in the form of transcripts
- 5 and declarations, and we have provided you with a
- 6 voluminous report. And the question is: Are there
- 7 genuine issues of material fact that defeat Novell's
- 8 motion for summary judgment that copyright ownership
- 9 didn't and shouldn't transfer?
- 10 Well, the APA still specifically excludes UNIX
- 11 and UnixWare copyrights from the transfer. Only two UNIX
- 12 trademarks are identified as included IP assets in
- 13 Section 5 of the included-assets list. We tend to not
- 14 focus so much on the included-assets list, but remember
- 15 there is a specific provision for intellectual property,
- 16 and all that it refers to is two trademarks.
- 17 No declaration or other extrinsic evidence can
- 18 be considered to vary the clear terms of the Asset
- 19 Purchase Agreement. None of the business people have
- 20 testified to knowing the details of the negotiations in
- 21 the last few weeks. Now, we don't think we need this
- 22 evidence in order to win on summary judgment, but if you
- 23 look at the Braham declaration or the Bradford
- 24 declaration, you're not just talking about people and
- 25 their memories. We are talking about a documented

- 1 negotiating history that specifically describes what went
- 2 back and forth between the lawyers who were negotiating
- 3 the final transaction.
- 4 In it there are detailed declarations supported
- 5 by contemporaneous documentary evidence. SCO has nothing
- 6 like that about the negotiations of the Asset Purchase
- 7 Agreement. They have business people who perhaps didn't
- 8 understand the legal technology involved in converting a
- 9 very simple deal to the complicated structure that
- 10 ultimately was executed in connection with the Asset
- 11 Purchase Agreement. The Bradford and Braham
- 12 declarations, they can be considered because they are
- 13 consistent with the plain language of the Asset Purchase
- 14 Agreement. They are not necessary, but they can be
- 15 considered.
- 16 All the declarations, all the depositions that
- 17 are contradictory to the plain language of the Asset
- 18 Purchase Agreement, they are out on the Parol Evidence
- 19 Rule.
- 20 Since the motion to dismiss, we have also spent
- 21 more time on Amendment Number 1, the TLA, the Operating
- 22 Agreement and the Bill of Sale. Amendment Number 1 shows
- 23 that the parties spent several months puzzling over the
- 24 Asset Purchase Agreement and scrubbing it and working it
- 25 through on a very fine grain basis. The parties

- 1 specifically included and considered Schedules 1.1(a) and
- 2 1.1(b), and they amended both of those schedules in
- 3 Amendment Number 1 without changing the copyright
- 4 exclusion.
- 5 The TLA we have talked about, it provides
- 6 Novell with a retained license, and it says that the
- 7 licensed technology is owned by SCO, but licensed
- 8 technology is unambiguously defined as the assets and
- 9 derivative of the assets, which excludes the copyrights
- 10 at issue.
- 11 The Bill of Sale transfers only the assets and,
- 12 by the way, harkening back to our argument on Thursday,
- 13 it says that if there is an inconsistency between the
- 14 Bill of Sale and the Asset Purchase Agreement, the Asset
- 15 Purchase Agreement controls.
- 16 The Operating Agreement, which we haven't spent
- 17 a lot of time on, describes in greater detail the
- 18 business Santa Cruz was supposed to operate after the
- 19 closing, and it grants it specific permissions with
- 20 respect to the UnixWare business.
- 21 And that brings us to Amendment Number 2. It
- 22 still suffers from the same flaws that were present at
- 23 the motion-to-dismiss stage. It does not effectuate a
- 24 transfer in the sense of a present A transfers to B. It
- 25 is not retroactive to the date of the Asset Purchase

- 1 Agreement's closing. There are a lot of ways that the
- 2 parties could have done that differently had they so
- 3 intended in the summer of 1996.
- 4 They could have said that it was effective as
- 5 of the earlier date. They could have had a provision
- 6 which says that the parties acknowledge and agree that
- 7 the transaction or conveyance occurred as of the earlier
- 8 date. They could have said that it shall be deemed to
- 9 have occurred. They could have said that Amendment
- 10 Number 2 was merely a clarification for the avoidance of
- 11 doubt. They could have said that the transferer has
- 12 transferred or licensed, and, to the extent not already
- 13 transferred or licensed, hereby transfers or licenses.
- 14 All of these are familiar drafting styles if
- 15 you want to make sure that a document is clear as to
- 16 whether a transfer is taking place or whether you are
- 17 trying to incorporate the document back into an earlier
- 18 document. And, critically, the Asset Purchase Agreement,
- 19 even as amended by Amendment Number 2 or Amendment Number
- 20 2 on its own still doesn't specify what versions of UNIX
- 21 or UnixWare or what rights within copyright are being
- 22 transferred.
- Now on Amendment Number 2, once again, there is
- 24 only one set of probative evidence before Your Honor
- 25 about the negotiating history and what set the stage

- 1 for the copyright provision, and that's the Allison
- 2 Amadia declaration. Only two people apparently were
- 3 actually involved in the interactions between the two
- 4 companies. That's Amadia and Sabbath.
- 5 Sabbath testified in his deposition that he
- 6 didn't remember anything about Amendment Number 2. He
- 7 has submitted a -- completely contrary declarations about
- 8 his understanding of the deal. In the IBM case, he
- 9 earlier submitted a declaration that said that Santa Cruz
- 10 didn't own all the copyrights, and then, later on, Boies
- 11 Schiller, the SCO lawyers talk to him, and he submitted a
- 12 completely contradictory declaration. So I think
- 13 Sabbath's testimony is effectively dead for purposes of
- 14 this litigation.
- 15 As with the Braham declaration and with the
- 16 Bradford declaration, Ms. Amadia's declaration is backed
- 17 by documents, specifically a prior version, which I gave
- 18 to Your Honor, Santa Cruz's initial proposal, which is
- 19 very probative of their intent. They wanted the
- 20 copyrights acquired through Amendment Number 2. It
- 21 wasn't a clarification but a proposed change to the
- 22 original Asset Purchase Agreement which had not
- 23 transferred the copyrights.
- 24 This sequence of an earlier draft and the final
- 25 agreement reinforces the plain reading of the amendment.

- 1 There is no present transfer included by virtue of
- 2 Amendment Number 2. SCO needed to demonstrate that
- 3 something was required for it to operate the business,
- 4 and, ultimately, as the declaration of Ms. Amadia makes
- 5 clear, the purpose of that language was to reassure Santa
- 6 Cruz that the exercise of its rights to develop and
- 7 distribute UnixWare would not run afoul of Novell's
- 8 retained copyrights.
- It was a confirmation of what had gone on in
- 10 the many months before already. Santa Cruz is off
- 11 running its UnixWare business. Novell isn't coming after
- 12 it, for what was obviously contemplated by the parties
- 13 and is specifically set forth in the Asset Purchase
- 14 Agreement and in the Operating Agreement.
- So, as we come before the today, the only
- 16 significant issue is: What is or was required for Santa
- 17 Cruz or SCO to exercise its rights with respect to the
- 18 acquisition of UNIX or UnixWare technologies? The
- 19 natural reading of "required" is that it imposes a pretty
- 20 substantial burden on SCO to make a sufficient showing
- 21 that some right within copyright is essential -- not just
- 22 nice to have, not just desirable, but essential for SCO
- 23 to carry out the particular business activities that were
- 24 contemplated by the Asset Purchase Agreement and the
- 25 Operating Agreement. To exercise its rights with respect

- 1 to the acquisition, what SCO was supposed to do with
- 2 respect to the acquisition was set forth in the APA and
- 3 associated documents.
- 4 Now, here we come to a huge fundamental problem
- 5 with SCO's argument. It is a bolder in their road to
- 6 victory. The industry is replete with companies that are
- 7 in the UNIX business that didn't own the underlying UNIX
- 8 copyrights. The biggest example in front of Your Honor
- 9 is IBM. You know all about how IBM developed AIX, how it
- 10 added the UNIX codes with its AIX code and then
- 11 redistributed AIX to its customers.
- 12 AIX is a UNIX flavor. You've heard that term
- 13 often in this litigation. You know that AIX was based on
- 14 SVRX. We have discussed that in the previous argument.
- 15 IBM never owned the SVRX code. It owned its
- 16 enhancements, just as we have acknowledged SCO owns all
- 17 the enhancements it wrote as it carried out the
- 18 activities contemplated by the Asset Purchase Agreement.
- 19 But IBM did just fine in the AIX business for several
- 20 tens of years without ever owning the underlying
- 21 copyrights to System V.
- 22 And the Operating Agreement of the APA refers
- 23 to Hewlett-Packard's 64 bit UNIX product then under
- 24 development. HP never owned the underlying UNIX code.
- 25 We talked about, in the other motion, how SCO terminated

- 1 Sequent's SVRX license related to Sequent's flavor or
- 2 the Silicon Graphics's flavor that is at issue in the
- 3 litigation. All of these companies had UNIX businesses
- 4 but didn't own the underlying UNIX copyrights.
- 5 Even SCO itself, Santa Cruz, as is referenced
- 6 in the APA, they had a license before the Asset Purchase
- 7 Agreement, pursuant to which they modified UNIX and had
- 8 an Open Server product, and they provided it to
- 9 customers. It was a business that they had even before
- 10 the APA. They never owned the underlying UNIX
- 11 copyrights. None of these commercial strategies,
- 12 perfectly viable commercial strategies, are premised on
- 13 ownership of the underlying UNIX copyrights.
- 14 That ownership went from AT&T to Novell. There
- 15 is no intermediate grant of copyright ownership rights.
- So, when SCO gets right down to it, they say it
- 17 actually pretty crisply. It's in their reply brief at
- 18 page 45. The issue between the parties as of late 1996,
- 19 concerned the legal rights and entitlements necessary for
- 20 Santa Cruz lawfully to copy, modify, distribute and
- 21 sublicense the copyrighted code and otherwise to take the
- 22 steps it had been taking -- the steps it had been taking
- 23 -- in operating the business it had acquired.
- We submit that, as a matter of law, Your Honor,
- 25 the only rights that are required in that context are not

- 1 outright ownership of the copyrights, they are the --
- 2 they are the license rights to carry out those
- 3 activities, the permission to engage in those activities;
- 4 in other words, the non-exclusive right under copyright
- 5 to copy, modify, distribute and sublicense.
- 6 That is precisely how SCO got into the Open
- 7 Server business, how IBM got into the AIX business, etc.
- 8 They all had these non-exclusive rights under the license
- 9 agreements to carry out these activities. And the Asset
- 10 Purchase Agreement and the Operating Agreement give SCO
- 11 specific permissions.
- For example, in the Operating Agreement, at
- 13 6(b)(iv), quote: SCO will begin offering Eiger binary
- 14 and source offerings when it becomes available. SCO will
- 15 also offer a binary and source offering of the merged
- 16 product sometime within the first half of 1997. SCO
- 17 shall have discretion to name and market this product as
- 18 SCO deems appropriate.
- Or Section 6(b)(i): As of the closing date --
- 20 this is critical -- As of the closing date, SCO will
- 21 begin to distribute, offer, promote and market UnixWare
- 22 through existing UnixWare distributor and reseller
- 23 channels as well as through SCO's existing resellers --
- 24 reseller channels.
- 25 Section 4.16(b), our famous -- favorite provision

- 1 says SCO has the right to -- refers to SCO's right to
- 2 sell and license the assets or the merged product or
- 3 future versions thereof, of the merged product.
- 4 So, in the Asset Purchase Agreement are all the
- 5 permissions Santa Cruz and SCO need to carry out the
- 6 business that was contemplated by the Asset Purchase
- 7 Agreement. So we believe those rights were conferred in
- 8 the APA. It's not in a formal grant of license. And
- 9 you've seen how the agreement evolved from an outright
- 10 asset purchase into this kind of hybrid agreement, and
- 11 that explains why perhaps it isn't in the exact form that
- 12 SCO submits such an agreement should have.
- 13 It's also critical, in connection with the
- 14 heart of the copyright ownership dispute, which is the
- 15 copyright rights to System V Release SVRX. SCO's rights
- 16 with respect to SVRX under the Asset Purchase Agreement
- 17 were very narrow. They were not supposed to enter into
- 18 SVRX license except in the most narrow circumstances,
- 19 this incidental provision that you may recall from our
- 20 previous argument a few months ago.
- 21 They were supposed to remit 100 percent of the
- 22 royalties to Novell, and Novell paid over the 5 percent
- 23 administration fee. They have made no showing of why the
- 24 SVRX copyrights are required, when really Novell retained
- 25 the SVRX business and enormous rights over it. SCO

- 1 administered the license agreements, but under Article 4,
- 2 Novell retained plenipotentiary rights to tell SCO what
- 3 to do with those license agreements.
- 4 Now, that's all that's necessary, we submit,
- 5 for you to rule on our motion for summary judgement. The
- 6 APA didn't transfer copyright ownership before or after
- 7 Amendment Number 2 because SCO has not made the requisite
- 8 showing of necessity for such a transfer, and we submit
- 9 that that's an issue of law for the Court.
- Now we've learned some more, however, about the
- 11 transaction which I think should make all of us a little
- 12 bit more comfortable with the answer that we think the
- 13 documents drive at. We know, from the Braham declaration
- 14 why the copyrights were retained. We know that Novell
- 15 was concerned. Its lawyers were concerned about
- 16 protecting Novell's interest with respect to the retained
- 17 revenue stream and that by owning the copyrights, Novell
- 18 would be much more than merely an unsecured creditor if
- 19 Santa Cruz went bankrupt. It would have the right to
- 20 assert the copyrights.
- 21 The documents that you've seen show how the
- 22 Asset Purchase Agreement evolved and that it did, indeed,
- 23 evolve, with full notice to the negotiators. There's a
- 24 document showing the revised exhibit going over to Jeff
- 25 Higgins, Jeff Higgins, the lawyer for Santa Cruz on the

- 1 deal, an empty chair before Your Honor. We have no
- 2 substantial evidence from anyone on the Santa Cruz side,
- 3 who was actually doing the last several weeks of
- 4 negotiations, to explain how it is that the copyrights
- 5 were excluded from the deal, from their standpoint.
- 6 But there's a fascinating document that came in
- 7 through one of SCO's other briefs. It's the James --
- 8 it's in the TLA opposition, and it's James Exhibit 70.
- 9 And what it does is it highlights the distinction that
- 10 the parties were drawing between physical ownership of
- 11 the UNIX source code, the asset -- the included asset in
- 12 the first section of the Included-Asset Schedule and the
- 13 underlying intangible intellectual property rights.
- 14 SCO undeniably got ownership of the physical
- 15 source code. How that code would be treated, though, for
- 16 tax purposes, was very closely scrutinized, and in
- 17 Amendment Number 1, part of the changes to Article 1 of
- 18 the APA, they specify exactly how the source code is
- 19 going to get delivered to Santa Cruz. So what this Peat
- 20 Marwick tax planning document does is show us how much
- 21 forethought went into all of this. There was major
- 22 distinction between how the physical embodiments were
- 23 going to be treated for tax purposes, and then the Peat
- 24 Marwick document itself says there is no intangible being
- 25 transferred here, so we don't need to worry about it.

- We now know something that we didn't know at
- 2 the time of the motion to dismiss, that the copyright
- 3 ownership issues surfaced in 2001 during the Santa Cruz
- 4 to Caldera, now SCO, transaction.
- Now, we have given you the documents. They
- 6 have a lawyer who says that what I will refer to as the
- 7 Novell exception in the 2001 asset transfer dealt only
- 8 with the location and transfer of copyright
- 9 registrations.
- Now, we have objected on a variety of
- 11 admissibility grounds to Keller's declaration, but the
- 12 documents just show exactly what was going on. In the
- 13 Brakebill opposition declaration at Exhibit 5, there's
- 14 talk about a proposed form for a Novell IP assignment.
- 15 The penultimate draft of the 2001 intellectual property
- 16 assignment -- that's at Exhibit 6 of the Brakebill
- 17 declaration -- says: Except for the inability to obtain
- 18 third-party acknowledgements to establish a chain of
- 19 title.
- 20 Exhibit 7 says that Santa Cruz -- it's an
- 21 e-mail. It says: Santa Cruz will try to get Novell to
- 22 sign a global IP assignment. And the final, line of this
- 23 intellectual property assignment agreement says: Except
- 24 that Santa Cruz, in brackets, may not be able to
- 25 establish a chain of title from Novell, Inc., but shall

- 1 diligently endeavor to do so as soon as possible.
- Now, interestingly, Keller says that the
- 3 Caldera team evaluated Amendment Number 2. He says that
- 4 right in his declaration. But still the issue of
- 5 establishing the chain of title remained. There is no
- 6 evidence in the record that Santa Cruz actually sought
- 7 the global assignment from Novell that's referenced in
- 8 the Novell exception in the IP assignment agreement. And
- 9 when we asked SCO's witnesses about it, they were
- 10 instructed not to answer.
- But we do know that it wasn't until about a
- 12 year and a half after the Santa Cruz/Caldera transaction
- 13 closed, and hence after the control of the original Asset
- 14 Purchase Agreement asset changed hands from Caldera to
- 15 now SCO, that SCO embarked on an effort to obtain a
- 16 transfer of title from Novell to clear up this issue,
- 17 that Novell resisted SCO's efforts and that this lawsuit
- 18 followed.
- 19 What's most interesting to us is not the Novell
- 20 silence during that period that SCO talks about because
- 21 Novell wasn't seized with the copyright issue until 2003,
- 22 but what's most interesting is that, for a total of
- 23 nearly seven years, neither Santa Cruz nor SCO thought it
- 24 necessary to document a chain of title from Novell, and
- 25 yet both were fully able to operate the business that

- 1 Santa Cruz bought and to which SCO ultimately succeeded.
- 2 Again, I emphasize, for about a year and a half
- 3 SCO was perfectly fine operating the UNIX business
- 4 without clarifying this chain of title promise that they
- 5 were fully on notice about as a result of the Santa
- 6 Cruz/Caldera transaction.
- 7 The business strategy changed, and now it
- 8 depends on the assertion of SVRX copyrights in Linux, but
- 9 as we have seen, SVRX is the area where SCO has the
- 10 smallest role and the greatest restrictions on it. It's
- 11 even more difficult for SCO to establish that it was
- 12 entitled to a transfer of SVRX copyrights.
- SCO's argument has shifted back and forth on
- 14 this and, on summary judgment, I don't know how much it
- 15 matters that they can't quite figure out exactly what
- 16 their argument is. Was it the Asset Purchase Agreement
- 17 that originally transferred it? Was it Amendment Number
- 18 2? Do you read them all as a whole? They are all over
- 19 the map on this. I think their fundamental problem is
- 20 that the Asset Purchase Agreement itself is clear. The
- 21 negotiating record of the Asset Purchase Agreement is
- 22 clear. Amendment Number 2 imposes a heavy burden on
- 23 them, a burden they have simply not met, and the
- 24 negotiating history of Amendment Number 2 reinforces that
- 25 heavy burden.

- 1 For those reasons, Your Honor, we think our
- 2 motion for summary judgment should be granted and SCO's
- 3 denied.
- 4 THE COURT: Thank you, Mr. Jacobs.
- 5 Mr. Singer.
- 6 MR. SINGER: I'd like to start with the
- 7 observation by Mr. Jacobs that: Why do we need the
- 8 copyrights? IBM and other licensees got along fine
- 9 without owning the copyrights. This was the UNIX
- 10 business was sold to Santa Cruz. We weren't a licensee
- 11 like IBM and Hewlitt-Packard. Santa Cruz, and now SCO's
- 12 business was UNIX. It paid \$200 million, plus, for that
- 13 business. And it's suggested they were in the same
- 14 position as the license that any other licensee got? It
- 15 makes no sense whatsoever.
- 16 And even the Operating Agreement which
- 17 Mr. Jacobs points to, together with all the other
- 18 agreements, Section 7 of that agreement says: It is the
- 19 intent of the parties to transfer the agreements and
- 20 associated rights and obligations which relate to
- 21 Novell's UNIX System business to SCO.
- 22 All of these agreements talk about a sale of
- 23 the business. We weren't just to be a licensee, and if
- 24 we were to be licensee, we need an express license
- 25 because one argument that Mr. Jacobs -- I did not hear a

- 1 response to is the following: If one was going to imply,
- 2 as they argued, a license out of these various
- 3 transactions, even though the word "license" to SCO was
- 4 never mentioned. It talks about selling assets -- but if
- 5 one were to indulge the fiction that we were just a
- 6 licensee, by implication, we would not have the right to
- 7 bring suits because to bring suits to enforce your
- 8 intellectual property rights, you either have to be an
- 9 exclusive licensee or the owner of a copyright, which
- 10 both require an express transfer of either the license or
- 11 the ownership.
- 12 You, therefore, cannot reconcile the sections
- 13 of the transferred assets that say we have rights to
- 14 bring claims and the rights, with all rights and
- 15 ownership of UNIX, to sue IBM, to enforce our
- 16 intellectual property, to take whatever steps are prudent
- 17 to take as the owner of business with the idea that we're
- 18 operating under just some type of an implied license.
- Now, the first part of Mr. Jacobs' argument is
- 20 simply what the reply brief does in seeking to separately
- 21 deal with the Amendment 2 issue from the APA and to try
- 22 to interpret the APA as though Amendment 2 never existed.
- 23 So when they're looking at sections of the APA,
- 24 everything has been excised. They took out the language
- 25 excluding copyrights. And to have interpretations of

- 1 that language from Braham and Bradford, whatever they
- 2 tried to do in the last ten days, they tried to change
- 3 the business deal.
- 4 Number 1, it was contrary to the intent of the
- 5 business people, and you haven't heard anything denying
- 6 all the business people on both sides of the transaction
- 7 intended there to be a sale of the UNIX and UnixWare
- 8 copyrights. So, first, it's contrary to the intent of
- 9 the deal.
- But, second, their work, their language, which
- 11 created confusion in the Excluded-Asset Schedule was
- 12 changed, and you don't look, on the other hand, at
- 13 Amendment 2 just standing alone and is it specific
- 14 enough? Does it transfer title? Amendment 2 amends a
- 15 schedule which is part of a broader agreement, and when
- 16 you then look at that broader agreement with the
- 17 amendment, there is no inconsistency, and you have
- 18 specificity.
- 19 Section 1.1(a), that schedule on page 1,
- 20 specifically identifies the products to which everything,
- 21 the copies and all right, title and ownership are being
- 22 transferred for, UnixWare 2.0, as described in the
- 23 schedule, and all prior products, SVR 4.1 and on through
- 24 here. This is as specific a list as anyone could ever
- 25 require of a transfer of not only all the source code but

- 1 the copyrights as part of all right, title and interest.
- 2 And I note, does it make any sense that you
- 3 would have a transaction where Novell retained the
- 4 copyrights but every last copy of source code has been
- 5 given and transferred to Santa Cruz? The arguments
- 6 Novell is making before Your Honor are predicated upon
- 7 Amendment 2 either not existing, and it does exist, or on
- 8 one looking at Amendment 2 with blinders as though it
- 9 wasn't part, now, of a broader agreement and an
- 10 amendment, an amendment which clearly is retroactive in
- 11 the sense that it amendmends a schedule of assets that
- 12 closed at the time the APA closed with the Bill of Sale,
- 13 which clearly satisifies Section 204 as being a writing
- 14 or other memorandum which, because it is part of this
- 15 agreement, it didn't have to spell out these assets which
- 16 were transferred.
- 17 It's a schedule of excluded assets. It's the
- 18 copyrights related to these products that are now
- 19 transferred as part of all right, title and ownership,
- 20 without contradiction from Amendment 2.
- 21 And so the only argument that Mr. Jacobs has
- 22 left is that, well, Amendment 2 does not require these
- 23 copyrights. At tab 23 -- excuse me -- at tab 22 -- that
- 24 isn't quite right either. It's tab 21. We have the
- 25 factual evidence, and we think it is a factual issue as

- 1 to whether UNIX copyrights are required for a UNIX
- 2 business. And all the same witnesses who say that the
- 3 assets were sold, the copyrights were sold, say you need
- 4 the copyrights to run the business.
- 5 But even Novell doesn't contend we don't need
- 6 those rights. It just says we got them from a license,
- 7 and if you don't buy the idea that somehow Amendment 2,
- 8 which doesn't talk about a license, nevertheless gave us
- 9 a license rather than, together with the rest of the APA,
- 10 the actual ownership of the copyrights, you never get to
- 11 an issue of whether UNIX copyrights are required.
- 12 If there is an issue there, it's a factual
- 13 issue which would require a trial on that issue, but we
- 14 don't think there is any genuine dispute that UNIX and
- 15 UnixWare copyrights themselves, the ones specifically
- 16 related to the products being sold in Schedule 1, are
- 17 transferred to SCO in the transaction.
- Now, the other arguments made are simply --
- 19 they are in tab 22. Mr. Keller deals with, in his
- 20 testimony, the fact that when Santa Cruz transferred
- 21 these copyrights to Caldera, that included ownership of
- 22 the copyrights, and the language about excepting the
- 23 chain of title was referring to physical possession of
- 24 all the copyrights, which they didn't have in their hand
- 25 at that time. And that's in his sworn and unrefuted

- 1 testimony.
- With respect to our possession of the
- 3 copyrights, I didn't hear anything as to why, if Novell
- 4 retained them, they didn't take them with them when they
- 5 left the New Jersey offices. I didn't hear anything
- 6 about why, if Novell retained these copyrights, they went
- 7 ahead and changed the designation in copyright books and
- 8 other forms to show SCO to be -- Santa Cruz to be the
- 9 copyright owner.
- I didn't hear anything about why, publicly,
- 11 Santa Cruz, in the Microsoft dispute, referred to itself
- 12 as the copyright owner of UNIX, and Novell never said a
- 13 word.
- 14 The only thing I heard Mr. Jacobs say is that
- 15 in 2003, we asked for a transfer of the copyrights.
- 16 That's inconsistent with the belief we already owned
- 17 them. But if you look at tab 23, you will see that
- 18 Novell's General Counsel, Mr. Jones, at his deposition,
- 19 admitted that what SCO's request was for was a document
- 20 that would clarify the issue; not a transfer, but to
- 21 clarify SCO's ownership and that this was simply a
- 22 clerical error in the Excluded Assets Schedule of the
- 23 APA, which is completely consistent with the position
- 24 which we have taken throughout this lawsuit.
- 25 And, lastly, as with the prior argument, you

- 1 have not heard any dispute that all of the Novell and
- 2 Santa Cruz witnesses who actually put the business deal
- 3 together intended for there to be a sale of these
- 4 copyrights. The plain language and the extrinsic
- 5 evidence and the parties' conduct all agree here that at
- 6 the sale of the UNIX and UnixWare business to Santa Cruz,
- 7 the copyrights went with it.
- 8 THE COURT: Thank you.
- 9 Mr. Jacobs.
- 10 MR. JACOBS: Your Honor, I think Mr. Singer
- 11 put his finger on the heart of the issue sort of in the
- 12 middle of what he was talking about when he asserted that
- 13 in SCO's view what is required for is a factual issue and
- 14 not a legal issue and, therefore, not susceptible of
- 15 decision on summary judgement. We disagree. We think
- 16 it's legal from start to finish. It's legal in terms of
- 17 interpreting the required-for language, whether on its
- 18 plain meaning or with the benefit of the consistent
- 19 extrinsic evidence provided by Ms. Amadia and only
- 20 Ms. Amadia.
- 21 We think it's a legal question as to what, in
- 22 fact, is necessary to carry out the business that was
- 23 contemplated by the Asset Purchase Agreement. I don't
- 24 want to get into whether Mr. Singer should have heard
- 25 something or should have read something in the briefs,

- 1 but as we have made clear, it is our view that the Asset
- 2 Purchase Agreement conferred express rights on SCO to
- 3 carry out the business as contemplated.
- 4 And what Ms. Amadia makes clear in her
- 5 declaration is that she was trying to get past a dispute
- 6 between the companies by offering SCO something -- Santa
- 7 Cruz something that would make them happy, and it was an
- 8 assurance, but it was not intended to be a transfer.
- Now, I did miss one issue before that
- 10 Mr. Singer raised again, and that's the question of
- 11 whether the Asset Purchase Agreement contemplated that
- 12 Santa Cruz would sue for copyright infringement and,
- 13 therefore, Santa Cruz or SCO needs the copyrights in
- 14 order to sue. The language is very carefully worded.
- 15 It's all of seller's claims arising after the closing
- 16 date against any parties relating to any right, property
- 17 or asset included in the business.
- 18 But, of course, copyrights were specifically
- 19 excluded from the business and, therefore, could not have
- 20 been contemplated that Santa Cruz would bring copyright
- 21 infringement suits. Otherwise, as Mr. Singer asserted,
- 22 some basis would have been required to give them
- 23 standing, and that's not present in the Asset Purchase
- 24 Agreement. So we think this argument cuts in our favor,
- 25 not in favor of SCO.

- 1 And as we explored on Thursday, there are
- 2 actually a variety of causes of action available to a
- 3 licensor. And what the deal here was, was that Novell
- 4 would retain the copyrights. Novell would retain the
- 5 right to bring various forms of action, whether by
- 6 terminating an agreement or rescinding it and then suing
- 7 for infringement or bringing a contract claim, Santa Cruz
- 8 retained the right to bring contract claims subject to
- 9 Novell's exercise of its Section 4.16(b) right. When
- 10 they launched the IBM lawsuit, they didn't assert a
- 11 copyright infringement claim for breach of the SVRX
- 12 license against IBM, they asserted a breach of contract
- 13 claim, and that allowed them to plead a billion dollars
- 14 in damages.
- 15 So there's plenty of basis in contract law
- 16 itself to bring a claim, but Novell wanted additional
- 17 assurance. That's set forth in the Bradford declaration.
- 18 They really have no contrary testimony. They do have a
- 19 lot of business executives who were not a part of that
- 20 detailed structuring, and if we get to trial if you rule
- 21 against us, we will have to deal with that.
- 22 They will tell you, they will tell the jury
- 23 that they did not know what was going on with the
- 24 schedules. They did not study them. They did not
- 25 explore the detailed implementation of the plan to retain

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1 the SVRX revenues. But we hope we don't need to get
 2 there.
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            Thank you very much, Your Honor.
             THE COURT: Thank you, Mr. Jacobs.
             Thank you both.
             I will take these motions under advisement. I
 7 appreciate your efficient arguments and your brilliant
 8 briefs. We will be in recess.
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