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                                                                                       THE COURT: Good morning, everyone.
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                                                                                       MS. HENSLEY: Good morning
   IN THE COURT OF CHANCERY OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE
                                                                                       THE COURT: Good morning. You may
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 SELECTICA, INC . a Delaware
                                                                     call your witness, unless there are housekeeping
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 corporation.
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                                                                     details.
                       Plaintiff.
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                                                                                       MS HENSLEY: We do have one
                                         C A No 4241-VCN
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                                                                     housekeeping matter, just a protocol.
 VERSATA ENTERPRISES, INC., a )
Delaware corporation, and TRILOGY.)
INC , a Delaware corporation.
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                                                                                       We received, I think, three
                                                                     demonstrative exhibits from the other side that will
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                                                                     pertain to the rebuttal testimony of
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                       Defendants.
                                                                     Patricia Pellervo, that I understand you'll hear later
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           -and-
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                                                                     on today.
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                                                                                       Our suggestion is, since these were
 VERSATA ENTERPRISES. INC . and
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                                                                     out of time under the pretrial order, is either they
           Counterclaim-Plaintiffs.
                                                                     not be allowed, or, if they are, that Elliot Freier,
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                                                                     who will testify now, be allowed to call -- be called
                                                                     back for a very limited purpose to discuss whatever it
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 SELECTICA, INC., JAMES ARNOLD.
ALAN B. HOWE, LLOYD SEMS, JIM
THANOS and BRENDA ZAWATSKI.
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                                                                     is that Miss Pellervo will testify with respect to
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                                                                     those three demonstrative aids
           Counterclaim-Defendants )
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                                                                                       MR VARALLO: May I respond, Your
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                                                                     Honor?
                            Chancery Courtroom No. 12B
                            New Castle County Courthouse
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                                                                                       THE COURT: Good morning Yes
                            Wilmington, Delaware
                                    May 1, 2009
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                                                                                       MR VARALLO: Good morning to you,
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                                                                     sir
 REFORE: HON JOHN W NOBLE, Vice Chancellor
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                                                                                                             A couple of thoughts First of all,
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                                                                                       as Your Honor had indicated, this trial is being
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LISA A. SCHMIDT, ESQ.
JOHN D. HENDERSHOT, ESQ.
ETHAN A. SHANER, ESQ.
SCOTT W PERKINS. ESQ.
JILLIAN M. GROB, ESQ.
Richards, Layton & Finger. P. A.
-and-
JONATHAN S. KITCHEN, ESQ.
CHRISTIAN H. CEBRIAN, ESQ
of the California Bar
Cox, Castle and Nicholson LLP
for Plaintiff and Counterclai
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                                                                                       timed, and we have a number of rebuttal witnesses. We
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                                                                                       would like to call four of number, as of right now.
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                                                                                       And we believe that we will need the time this
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                                                                                       afternoon to do exactly that.
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                                                                                                             My friends are not quite out of time,
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                                                                                       but they have used more time than we have. And we
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                                                                                       would object to having to cut short that opportunity
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                                                                                       to finish the case as plaintiffs, Your Honor.
                  for Plaintiff and Counterclaim Defendants
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                                                                                                             Secondly, yes, these rebuttal slides
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                                                                                       were presented this morning but, honestly, they were
               MARTIN P. TULLY, ESQ.
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               MEGAN WARD CASCIO, ESQ.
LESLIE A. POLIZOTI. ESQ
RYAN D SIOTIMANN, ESQ
Morris, Nichols. Arsht & Tunnell LIP
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                                                                                       put together late last evening. So we presented them
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                                                                                       at the first opportunity. They're nothing more than
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                                                                                        demonstratives, Your Honor It's not as though the
               -and-
NOEL M. HENSLEY, ESQ
NICHOLAS EVEN. ESQ
JOHN TANCABEL, ESQ.
SARA FRANKFURT GAIL, ESQ
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                                                                                        slides constitute new substantive evidence or new
                                                                                        opinions.
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                                                                                                             THE COURT: I will allow the use of
                of the Toxas Bar
Haynes and Boone LLP
for Defendants and Counterclaim-Plaintiffs
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                                                                                        the demonstratives. I will afford Trilogy the
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                                                                                        opportunity to put its expert witness back on the
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                                                                                        stand to comment on them. And whether folks are out
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                                                                                        of time or not at the end of the day is something I
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                                                                                        won't know until we get to near the end of the day.
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                                                                                                             MS HENSLEY: Your Honor, we call
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    remember that?
                                                                with those purchases.
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                                                                               So that's the only interpretation one
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                    Mr Brogan, I take it, could have
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                                                                could make about listing, because the number adds up
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                                                                to the total shares, is that fair?
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    assumption?
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                                                                                MS. HENSLEY: Your Honor, I move for
                    That's my understanding, yes
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                                                                admission of DX-615
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           Q.
                    And was Mr. Brogan acting for the
    company? Did he have an obligation in doing a 382
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                                                                               MR KITCHEN: No objection
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                                                                               MS HENSLEY: No further questions
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    study to get that information?
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                                                                                THE COURT: It's admitted without
                    I believe so, although the company
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                                                                objection
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    could have told him that they didn't want him to do
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                                                                                (Defendants' Exhibit No. 615 was
    it. And obviously they're paying him, so he'll do
                                                                received in evidence.)
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    what they tell him to do.
                                                                                THE COURT: Do you have anything
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                    Was there any showing that that
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     attempt had been made?
                                                                further, Mr. Kitchen?
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                                                                                MR. KITCHEN: No, Your Honor, at least
                    Not that I saw.
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                    There was some testimony or
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                                                                not at this time. I understand he may be recalled.
    questioning about fluctuations in value. And I think
                                                                               MS HENSLEY: Thank you, Your Honor
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                                                                                Your Honor, we call Dr. Thomas Porter.
    you were shown -- what exhibit is it? --about an
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                                                                                THOMAS L PORTER, having been first
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     article just now; right?
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                                                                duly sworn, was examined and testified as follows:
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                    Right
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                                                                                 DIRECT EXAMINATION
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                    Okay And as to Selectica, what does
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                                                                BY MS HENSLEY:
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     that rule apply to?
                    It applies to their pre-IPO period.
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                                                                       Q.
                                                                                Dr. Porter, how are you currently
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                                                                  employed?
                    Does the selection of methods of
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    treatment referable to fluctuation in value have any
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                                                                                  I'm currently a vice president at NERA
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     impact materially on the conclusion you reached that
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                                                                  Economic Consulting
                                                                                  Let's talk a little bit about your
     an ownership change had occurred by November the 14th,
                                                                  background. Describe, if you will, your professional
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    2008?
                                                                  development?
                     I don't believe so, no.
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            Α.
                     I'm going to show you what is DX-615
                                                                                  I have a bachelor's degree from the
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                                                                  University of Maryland, master's in business from
    that has already been entered into evidence in this
    case. Is this what you were referring to in answer to
                                                                  Georgia Tech, and a Ph.D. in accounting from the
    Mr. Kitchen's questions about the information on
                                                                  University of Washington
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     Trilogy's share ownerships?
                                                                                  Between my bachelor's and master's
                     Yes, it is. It's the Schedule 13D
                                                                  degree, and my master's and Ph.D., I worked for public
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                                                                  accounting firms as an auditor and a systems
     filed by Versata and Trilogy that shows -- the pages
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                                                                  consultant. And after my Ph D. program, I had an
     are not numbered But towards the back it shows the
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                                                                  academic position at Boston College, where I taught
     listing of all of their share purchases which
                                                                  accounting and financial reporting, and also at
     corresponds with their share ownership at that time.
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                                                                  Georgia State University
                    Does that say anything about whether
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     or not at some point Trilogy had a zero balance in
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                                                                                  But between those, I worked at the
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     shares of Selectica?
                                                                  Financial Accounting Standards Board on the research
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                                                                  and technical activities staff. And I've been
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                     Well, it doesn't say it directly But
           Α.
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    by looking at the listing of their share purchases and
                                                                  employed at NERA for the past six years.
     when they were, in comparison to what their ownership
                                                                                  I may have missed it in that
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                                                                  recitation. Do you hold a professional license?
     was as of the date of the filing, you could see that
                                                                                  I do. I'm a CPA currently licensed in
24 they had to have started at zero in order to get there
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