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EDMUND ALPARONE and GRACE
ALPARONE,

CIVIL ACTION

Plaintiffs,

ORAL EXAMINATION
OF

vs. ADAM R. HECHT, MD

MEDEMERGE, KENT R. ELLIS,
M.D., CHIRAG D. BHAVSAR,
M.D., JOHN DOES 1-10
(fictitious names) and ABC
CORPS. 1-10 (fictitious
names),

Defendants.

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notes of the proceeding, taken in the above-entitled
matter, by and before KELLY A. MC ARDLE, a Certified
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A D A M R. H E C H T, M. D., having been duly
sworn by the Notary Public, testified as follows:

DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MS. BALDINGER:

Q. Good morning, Dr. Hecht. My name is
Beth Baldinger. I'm an attorney with Mazie, Slater,
Katz & Freeman. We represent Mr. Alparone and we're
here to take your deposition in this matter in which
you have rendered an expert report.

How many times have you been deposed
before?

A. Twenty to 30 maybe.

Q. So you are familiar with the
instructions of the deposition?

A. Yes.

Q. Just so the record is clear, I'm going
to be asking you questions regarding your report and
the basis for your opinions, the statement in your
report in this matter. I'm going to be asking any
questions regarding your background, experience and so
forth. If at anytime you do not understand the
question that I ask you of you, please let me know.
Otherwise, the record will assume that you understood
my question and your answer is responsive to it.

Do you understand that instruction?

A. Yes.

(Curriculum vitae received and marked Hecht-1 for identification.)

3 Q. Very good. I'll show you what's been
 4 marked as Hecht-1. Is that a copy of your CV?
 5 A. Yes.
 6 Q. Is it current?
 7 A. Yes, except the address has changed.
 8 Q. Okay. What is your current address?
 9 A. 11 Briar Lane, with a B, Basking Ridge,
 10 New Jersey, 07920.
 11 Q. Is that a home address or an office
 12 address?
 13 A. Home address.
 14 Q. Do you have an office where you practice
 15 radiology?
 16 A. I primarily practice at Overlook
 17 Hospital.
 18 Q. Do you have a private practice or
 19 clinical office in which you work out of separate and
 20 apart from the hospital?
 21 A. We have an outpatient imaging center in
 22 Westfield.
 23 Q. What's the name of that?
 24 A. Westfield Imaging Center.
 25 Q. And is that part of Overlook Hospital,

1 A. We are also contracted out to read the
 2 imaging studies at Summit Medical Group in Berkeley
 3 Heights.
 4 Q. And who do you contract with to read
 5 those studies?
 6 A. Summit Medical Group.
 7 Q. What kind of practice is Summit Medical
 8 Group?
 9 A. It is a multi-disciplinary physicians
 10 group.
 11 Q. Is it a walk-in facility, or is it one
 12 in which appointments are made?
 13 A. Both.
 14 Q. And when you say "we've been
 15 contracted," is that you individually or your
 16 radiology practice?
 17 A. Summit Radiology Associates.
 18 Q. And is the Summit Radiology Associates a
 19 different organization than the Westfield Radiology
 20 Office?
 21 A. Summit Radiology Associates owned
 22 Westfield Imaging Center.
 23 Q. Approximately how many hours a week do
 24 you work at Overlook Hospital as attending radiologist
 25 currently?

1 or is that something that you have an ownership
 2 interest in?
 3 A. I have an ownership interest in it.
 4 Q. And what is your ownership interest in
 5 that facility?
 6 A. I'm a partner of a radiology group that
 7 owns that facility.
 8 Q. How long have you had that facility?
 9 A. I'm not exactly sure.
 10 Q. What was the name of it?
 11 A. Westfield Imaging Center.
 12 Q. Where is it located?
 13 A. In Westfield on Elm Street.
 14 Q. All right. Approximately how much of
 15 your time is currently devoted to working at the
 16 hospital?
 17 A. 95 percent.
 18 Q. And that's Overlook Hospital where
 19 you -- what is your current position?
 20 A. Attending radiologist.
 21 Q. How long have you been an attending
 22 radiologist?
 23 A. Ten years.
 24 Q. And what do you spend the other 5
 percent of your working time doing?

1 A. Sixty.
 2 Q. And approximately how many hours a week
 3 do you work at doing the reads for Summit Medical
 4 Group?
 5 A. I take call at Summit Medical Group and
 6 I occasionally work there on any given day of the
 7 week, so it is hard to tell or it's hard to say,
 8 rather, how many hours a week I spend there.
 9 Q. And how much time do you spend at
 10 Westfield Imaging Center, average per week?
 11 A. For the past couple of years, none.
 12 Q. Do you actively practice radiology
 13 through Westfield Imaging Center?
 14 A. Yes.
 15 Q. And how do you actively practice
 16 radiology with Westfield Imaging Center without
 17 spending any time there?
 18 A. Via the computer.
 19 Q. In your CV you indicate that from 2005
 20 to 2007 you had a two-year stint as the chairman of
 21 the Department of Radiology at Overlook Hospital, is
 22 that correct?
 23 A. Yes.
 24 Q. At the same time that you were chairman,
 25 you were also attending radiologist there?