## EXHIBIT 18

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY LAW DIVISION - CIVIL PART HUDSON COUNTY DOCKET NO. HUD-L-5473-12 APP. DIV. NO.

MICHAEL FERGUSON, et al.,

: TRANSCRIPT

Plaintiffs,

OF

VS.

JONAH, ARTHUR GOLDBERG, ALAN : TRIAL DOWNING and ALAN DOWNING LIFE

COACHING, L.L.C.,

Defendants.

Place: Hudson County Superior Court

Administration Building

595 Newark Avenue

Jersey City, N.J. 07306

Date: June 16, 2015

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BEFORE:

HONORABLE PETER F. BARISO, JR., A.J.S.C. and a Jury.

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just read.

THE COURT: It was not read correctly? Well, why don't we show the  $\ensuremath{\mathsf{--}}$ 

MR. BROMLEY: No. It was read correctly, but the question misstated it. There's no reference of sexual orientation.

MR. LI MANDRI: Identity then.

- Q Identity. They tended to change -- non-heterosexuals tended to change their identity a lot more than heterosexuals, correct?
- A They're in the process of identity development.
  - Q So the answer's yes?
- A Yes.
- Q Thank you. That study, by the way, came from a study -- it was called an "ADD Health Study of 17,000 Adolescents"?
- A There is some controversy about that data. So it's not really conclusive how much to rely upon. There are some arguments about the validity of that data.
- Q Thank you, Doctor. But my question simply was, was that an ADD Health Study of 17,000 Adolescents? Do you know?
- A I can't remember that article in particular, but I know it's out there.

## Beckstead - Cross/LiMandri

- Q All right. And now as to your own experience with what you call conversion therapy, you understand my clients call it gender affirming processes or gender wholeness, right?
- A I think that's their phrase for it.
- Q Thank you. And they -- are you aware that they testified they're not trying to convert anybody, that people come to them for help and they try to get help, but they're not trying to make anybody into something they don't want to be? Have you heard that, that's their testimony?
- A Here in the trial?
  - Q Yes.
- A I have not sat through.
- Q Okay. In any event, you were in a program sponsored or affiliated with the Mormon Church, the Church of the Latter Day Saints, called Evergreen for was only what, one to two months?
- A One month or so.
- Q Okay. And then you met with an individual counselor for just six months after that?

  A Yes.
- Q And that was the sum total of your own personal experience with trying to change your or deal with your same sex attraction in a formal basis,