

EXHIBIT 29

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, :
vs. : OF
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JONAH, ARTHUR GOLDBERG, ALAN : TRIAL
DOWNING and ALAN DOWNING LIFE :
COACHING, L.L.C., :
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Defendants. :
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Jersey City, N.J. 07306

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B E F O R E:

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

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1 thought it was appropriate would you put in the
2 religious basis for your views?

3 A Yes.

4 Q Let's, for example -- I don't want to spend
5 too much time on it. But plaintiff 419 that you were
6 shown this morning.

7 MR. LI MANDRI: Can we scroll down a little
8 bit please?

9 Q At some point in this -- for example, --

10 MR. LI MANDRI: Just stop there and enlarge
11 the bottom half of the page where it says, "what is the
12 healing power of teshuva".

13 Q Again, what type of information were you
14 trying to convey when talking about issues that Mr.
15 Dinielli asked you about, using that, that particular
16 term "teshuva"?

17 A To say here, teshuva is a gift that God gave the
18 Jewish people. And then, of course, any other groups
19 that follow the Torah's moral rules. And it's a
20 process of repentance, that we all make mistakes and we
21 all have problems, and we all have underlying issues.
22 And we all have the choice to deal with them or not to
23 deal with them.

24 Q Does that theme that you've just articulated
25 flow throughout all of your work for JONAH?

1 A Absolutely. One of the most important things that
2 we want our guys to know is that they weren't born
3 different. They're just like you and they're just like
4 me. And they have these issues and other issues, like
5 all of us, because of things that have happened in
6 their lives. And they freely came to JONAH. They
7 freely leave JONAH. And they're free to deal with
8 these issues or not to deal with them.

9 Q Let's look at D-325 that was shown to you by
10 Mr. Dinielli.

11 MR. LI MANDRI: Can you enlarge the first
12 paragraph please?

13 Q Can you read the first sentence?

14 A "Cure is not the word we use to describe the
15 change that occurs when men and women journey away from
16 same sex attractions." Go on?

17 Q Yeah, read the next sentence.

18 A "We think of SSA as being similar to other
19 disorders and/or addictions and/or problems, like
20 obesity, alcoholism, gambling, et cetera. The SSA is
21 just a symptom of unresolved childhood pain."

22 Q Go ahead and finish the paragraph.

23 A "Homosexuals are us and we are them. Homosexuals
24 are just heterosexuals with problems in the area of
25 psycho-sexual development."

1 Q Why do you compare SSA to something like
2 obesity, alcoholism, gambling?

3 A Because all of these issues are also just symptoms
4 of underlying pain, fear and shame. And which symptom
5 any one of us take on, and we all take on symptoms
6 because we all have underlying pain, fear and shame,
7 depends on the circumstances of our life. So someone
8 might -- one person might become obese. Another person
9 loves gambling. Another person is SSA. Another person
10 is heterosexually promiscuous.

11 Q Okay.

12 MR. DINIELLI: Objection, Your Honor. That's
13 expert opinion. She's a lay witness. I'd move to
14 strike.

15 THE COURT: I'm not going to strike the
16 answer. I'm going to allow it to stand because the
17 question was why she compares it to those other
18 incidents. So that's her mind-set. The jury already
19 knows that she's not an expert witness. I'll allow it.

20 MR. LI MANDRI: Thank you.

21 Q Do you see these things that you've
22 mentioned, obesity, alcoholism, gambling as a
23 diagnostic condition where you would be licensed --
24 have to be licensed to talk about it? Is that your
25 understanding, that those things are -- like obesity,

1 gambling are things that you would need a professional
2 license to talk about those?

3 A No, these are just problems that any one of us can
4 face.

5 Q We'll see some other e-mails you sent. But
6 you contrast those with other things that you do feel
7 you would need to send someone out to professional
8 license (sic).

9 Q Like what other --

10 A Depression, obsessive-compulsive disorder,
11 schizophrenia, these are mental problems that belong
12 with a professional.

13 Q Do you know if there's groups that are self-
14 help groups that deal with issues like obesity,
15 alcoholism and gambling?

16 A Absolutely. That's part of the model that our
17 groups are based on.

18 Q Okay. For example, do you know of AA or
19 Sexaholic Anonymous and those things are always staffed
20 by licensed professionals?

21 A No, they're not. They're, you know, generally
22 staffed by people who have been through the issue and
23 are colleagues to help a person.

24 Q If someone came to you and you thought they
25 had a more serious situation, would you refer them out