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IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS **DALLAS DIVISION**

In re:	Chapter 11
HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.P.	Case No. 19-34054 (sgj)
Reorganized Debtor.	

HIGHLAND CLO MANAGEMENT, LTD. AND JAMES DONDERO'S SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL WITNESS LIST, DEPOSITION DESIGNATIONS, AND EXHIBIT LIST WITH RESPECT TO HEARING **TO BE HELD ON DECEMBER 18, 2024**

Highland CLO Management, Ltd. ("HCLOM") and James Dondero ("Dondero"), by and through its undersigned counsel, submits the following second supplement to its witness and exhibit list [Dkt. 4186] with respect to Highland Capital Management, L.P.'s Objection to Scheduled Claims 3.65 and 3.66 of Highland CLO Management, Ltd. [Docket No. 3657] (the "Motion"), which the Court has set for hearing at 9:30 a.m. (Central Time) on December 18, 2024 (the "Hearing") in the Bankruptcy Case.

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Ex.	Date	Dkt.	Description	Offered	Admitted
55	11/13/24		Deposition Transcript –		
			Timothy Cournoyer		
			This exhibit replaces HCLOM		
			Exhibit 48.		

HCLOM and Dondero reserve the right to amend and/or supplement this Witness and Exhibit List should they determine that any other document may be helpful to the trier of fact.

Dated: December 17, 2024 Respectfully submitted, STINSON LLP

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that on December 17, 2024, a true and correct copy of this document was served electronically via the Court's CM/ECF system to the parties registered or otherwise entitled to receive electronic notices in this case.

/s/ Deborah Deitsch-Perez

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Exhibit 55

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11	TIMOTHY JOSEPH COURNOYER
12	NOVEMBER 13, 2024
13	VIA VERITEXT VIRTUAL
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16	REMOTE ORAL DEPOSITION OF
17	TIMOTHY JOSEPH COURNOYER, produced as a witness at the
18	instance of Highland CLO Management, Ltd. and duly
19	sworn, was taken in the above-styled and numbered
20	cause on the 13th of November 2024, from 1:00 p.m. to
21	2:44 p.m. CST, before Jennifer Quick Davenport, CSR in
22	and for the State of Texas, reported by machine
23	shorthand, in the City of Dallas, County of Dallas,
24	State of Texas, pursuant to Notice and the Federal
25	Rules of Civil Procedure.
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1 APPEARANCES	1 PROCEEDINGS
2 FOR HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.P.	2 THE REPORTER: Going on the record at
AND THE WITNESS: 3 John A. Morris	3 1:00 p.m. My name is Jennifer Davenport, Texas
Hayley Winograd	4 Shorthand Reporter Number 1683. I am reporting the
4 Pachulski Stang Ziehl & Jones LLP	5 deposition by stenographic means remotely from Dallas,
780 Third Avenue, 34th Floor 5 New York, New York 10017-2024	
212.561.7700	6 Texas. The witness is located in Dallas, Texas.
6 jmorris@pszjlaw.com	7 Will all counsel please state their
hwinograd@pszjlaw.com 7	8 appearances for the record at this time.
8 FOR HIGHLAND CLO MANAGEMENT, LTD.:	9 MR. AIGEN: Michael Aigen from Stinson on
Michael P. Aigen 9 Deborah Deitsch-Perez	10 behalf of Highland CLO Management, Ltd., and I'm here
STINSON LLP	11 with my partner Deborah Deitch-Perez and my paralegal
10 2200 Ross Avenue, Suite 2900	12 Tricia Tomasky.
Dallas, Texas 75201 11 214.560.2201	13 MR. MORRIS: This is John Morris from
michael.aigen@stinson.com	14 Pachulski Stang Ziehl & Jones for Highland Capital
12 deborah.deitschperez@stinson.com	15 Management, L.P. I'm here with my colleague Hayley
13 ALSO PRESENT:	16 Winograd, and we're here representing the witness
14 Patricia Tomasky	17 today.
15	18 TIMOTHY JOSEPH COURNOYER,
16 17	19 having been first duly sworn or affirmed, testified as
18	20 follows:
19	21 EXAMINATION
20 21	22 BY MR. AIGEN:
22	23 Q. Good afternoon, Mr. Cournoyer.
23	24 A. Hello.
24 25	Q. Can you state your full name for the record,
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1	me ask the question in full before your answer.	1	markets group, and got some experience to private
2	Does that make sense?	2	funds and capital markets and particularly
3	A. Makes sense.	3	credit-focused funds in that role.
4	Q. And if you don't understand a question, which	4	When I joined Highland, I would consider
5	will certainly happen at times, feel free to tell me	5	myself to be sort of a point transactional attorney
6	that the question makes no sense or you don't	6	for stuff that was going on in what I'll call the
7	understand it, and I will gladly rephrase it for you.	7	private fund side of the Highland complex.
8	Does that make sense?	8	The distinction, I guess, I'll draw there
9	A. Makes sense.	9	is there's what I call a private fund platform and a
10	Q. You said you've been deposed a few times	10	retail platform, you know, funds that were regulated
11	before?	11	by the Investment Company Act versus with, you know,
12	A. Just once before.	12	larger institutional investors. So I was working on
13	MR. MORRIS: Object to the form of the	13	the private side.
14	question.	14	I did a lot of things, right? As I sit
15	Q. (By Mr. Aigen) Was that related to Highland?	15	here today, what I can think of is, you know, fund
16	A. It was, yeah well, it was actually, it	16	formation; reviewing, you know, fund-governing
17	was in a proceeding that Highland wasn't a party to,	17	documents, investor subscriptions, and redemptions
18	but it was Josh Terry dispute with some either Dondero	18	from those funds.
19	or Dondero-affiliated entities.	19	We had CLOs. There were private
20	Q. Can we I just want to start off with a	20	equity-focused funds that were doing transactions,
21	little bit of your background.	21	M&A-type transactions, and I may have worked on those.
22	Can you just give me at a high level your	22	Things like NDAs, just any number of transactional
23	educational background, where you went to school and	23	matters.
24	what degrees you got?	24	Q. And so you started in April of 2016. Between
25	A. Sure. Went to Emory University in Atlanta	25	then and let's say the time of the Highland bankruptcy
	Page 6		Page 8
1	for undergrad. Graduated in 2007.	1	in October of 2019, did your position change in any
2	Went to New York University School of Law	2	way at Highland?
3	and graduated in 2010.	3	A. Yeah. At some point prior to or around the
4	I stayed in New York after law school,	4	time of the bankruptcy, I became more involved with
5	and I worked at O'Melveny Myers and Paul, Weiss. I	5	the private equity platform in a business capacity.
6	did two secondments at Apollo Capital Management while	6	My title today is managing director and assistant
7	I was at Paul, Weiss.	_	my the today is managing director and assistant
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3	the office very often. Thomas Surgent was in the	3	would be Thomas Surgent. In my managing director
4	office almost every day. So, I mean, I worked with	4	capacity, it would be Jim Seery.
5	Thomas very closely. And so I think, you know, Thomas	5	Q. We're going to talk about a couple of
6	reported to Scott in his Thomas's deputy general	6	entities today, and I'm going to use shorthand names
7	counsel role, and I reported to both of them. But, I	7	for them. So the first entity I want to put out
8	mean, day to day, I was interacting with Thomas	8	is the is the entity I'm representing here, and
9	certainly a lot more than Scott.	9	it's called Highland CLO Management, Ltd.
10	Q. Did you ever report directly to Mr. Dondero?	10	Are you familiar with that entity?
11	A. Not that I'm aware of. I had discussions	11	A. Yes, I am.
12	with him directly, but in terms of how the org chart	12	Q. And I'll refer to that entity as HCLOM Ltd.
13	was set up, I don't believe that I did.	13	Will that work for you?
14	Q. And we'll get into it in more detail.	14	A. That works for me.
15	But did you ever have discussions with	15	Q. And there's another entity that we'll talk
16	Mr. Dondero about any of the issues related to this	16	about at some point called Highland CLO Management,
17	transaction?	17	LLC.
18	MR. MORRIS: Objection to the form of the	18	Are you familiar with that entity?
19	question.	19	A. I am also familiar with that one.
20	A. Not not that I can specifically recall.	20	Q. And will it work for you if, when I'm
21	However, I have seen calendar invites, meeting invites	21	referring to that entity, I say HCLOM LLC?
22	that suggest we were in meetings together, and my	22	A. That works for me.
23	belief is that, yes, but I don't have a specific	23	Q. Those will be the two entities we're mostly
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25	Q. (By Mr. Aigen) Okay. We'll get into those.	25	try to use the full name. But if you don't know who
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1	conference room that attached to Scott's office,	1	October 27th 12:07 p.m. on this whole email chain.
2	right?	2	MR. MORRIS: So let me just interject
3	I remember there being meetings, multiple	3	here, Tim. I don't know that you've ever taken a
4	meetings, around that time, Josh Terry and the	4	given a deposition by Zoom before.
5	arbitration being the general subject of those	5	THE WITNESS: I have not.
6	meetings. I can't remember if they took place prior	6	MR. MORRIS: It's a little awkward
7	to the formation of HCLOM Ltd., after, at the same	7	because you're not in the room with the lawyer or the
8	time, and I can't remember specifically what was said	8	documents, and I would just encourage you to ask
9	in any, you know, one of those meetings.	9	Mr. Aigen to show as much of the document as you think
10	Q. And we can bring them up if it helps, but I	10	is necessary to have a full understanding of context
11	think you said you saw these already.	11	and terms.
12	There were emails where Mr. Sevilla was	12	MR. AIGEN: Yeah. And to help probably
13	getting these companies created by Maples.	13	put this into context, the first email is not actually
14	Do you remember seeing those emails?	14	on the last page. It's the second well, it looks
15	A. I do remember seeing those.	15	like it's Page 4 of 6. There's an email from JP.
16	Q. And we can bring them up, but are you aware	16	Scroll down a little more. Yeah, right there.
17	that within that chain, you were eventually added to	17	Q. (By Mr. Aigen) Take a look at it. This is
18	that email correspondence of the asking for these	18	where it starts.
19	entities to be created?	19	Does this look I know you're not on
20	A. Yes. I mean, I think there was a lengthy	20	this, but you testified that you're aware that
21	correspondence, right, over a number of months with		Mr. Sevilla is the one who asked to get these funds
22	respect to the different entities that are the subject	22	put together.
23	of the email. I do know at some points I may have	23	So let me just ask you is this an email
1	been copied in. But I also know that, you know, in	24	that you have seen before?
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1 A. I've had lots of conversations with Mr. Klos, 1 of different entities with similar names and a lot of 2 first really in preparing Jim Seery for his deposition 2 different transactions and restructurings that were 3 as 30(b)(6) witness. I don't recall having discussed taking place over whatever, the three- or four-month this email specifically with him. period leading up to January 18th, 2018. And it was Q. And we started off on this. I asked about certainly difficult to keep that straight in your 5 the formation, and let me just sort of close that head, right, without referring back to the documents 7 loop. because things were formed very quickly. Maybe 8 Did you have any role with respect to the something else happened with it; maybe it didn't. 9 formation of Ltd.? 9 Maybe it sat there. 10 10 A. No, not that I recall. And it's emails such And so I do have a general recollection 11 as this that, you know, sort of corroborate my 11 of needing to go back frequently to review the docs, 12 recollection where, you know, if I had known or if I 12 right, when questions were asked about all of these 13 had access to the information to answer the question, 13 entities that were formed around this time and all of 14 my expectation is I would have answered it. I don't 14 these transfers that took place around this time. 15 15 have a specific recollection, but that's what I would But, yeah, that's just a general -- a 16 have expected to see, and instead I was asking JP if 16 general memory. 17 he had the information. 17 Q. Well, sitting here today, do you remember any 18 Q. Any idea why Mr. Klos would be asking you 18 specific work you did at Highland related to **HCLOM Ltd.?** 19 about this specific entity? A. I know that I reviewed the transfer agreement 20 A. Well, he first asked Helen Kim. I guess he 20 21 never asked me specifically, right? 21 and that JP drafted, but I have that knowledge from 22 Helen Kim was a paralegal, and I, at having reviewed email communications more recently. 23 least, had a practice of any time I had executed 23 Q. Other than reviewing your emails as part of 24 preparation for this litigation, you have no documents, I forwarded them to Helen in order for her to save them down on our internal SharePoint system. 25 recollection as to any work that you did related to Page 26 1 And so she is sort of the starting place, 1 HCLOM Ltd.; is that correct? 2 you know, anyone that had been around Highland for a 2 A. Not specifically. It wouldn't have surprised 3 long time would probably reach out to for a question 3 me either way, you know. 4 such as this. Q. Do you remember any discussions you had with 5 5 anyone else at Highland about HCLOM Ltd.? And we're But, you know, what this suggests to me 6 is no such document was ever forwarded to her, and I talking about prior to the Highland bankruptcy. didn't know it as of that time either. At least 7 A. Oh. Again, I absolutely have general that's what the email suggests to me. recollections of discussions with folks like 9 Q. So as of, let's say, the date of this email, JP Sevilla, Isaac Leventon, Scott Ellington. 10 which is January 2018, you told me you had no role 10 I can't remember exactly when they had --11 with respect to the formation of the Ltd. entity. 11 what was said in any specific conversation or meeting, 12 A. Uh-huh. 12 et cetera. But I have a general recollection of that, 13 Q. Subsequent to its formation, do you remember and I have a general recollection of HCLOM Ltd., along 14 doing any work at all with respect to the Ltd. entity? 14 with all these other entities, being a topic of A. Specific recollection, again, from seven 15 discussion. 16 years ago, no. 16 Q. Were you involved in any discussions with 17 I know that the note, the note from the 17 Mr. Dondero about HCLOM Ltd. in any way? 18 Acis participation agreement, was purportedly assigned 18 Again, not that I can specifically 19 to HCLOM Ltd. prior to January 18, 2018. 19 recall. I will caveat that answer by saying I have 20 Q. Is that something you knew at the time, or is 20 seen meeting invites, right, that suggests I was one 21 that something you learned as part of this litigation? of a number of Highland employees, right, that were in 2.1 A. I don't know for sure. I would guess that I meetings around this time where it appears this was

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the topic of discussion, but I can't specifically

Q. Sitting here today, do you remember any

recall, you know, seven years ago.

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probably would have known it at the time.

25 I also have a general recollection of there were a lot

Maybe to provide some additional context,

1 specific discussions? Because you told me there might Q. And the assignment you're talking about is 2 have been general discussions. 2 the November 3rd, 2017 Assignment and Transfer 3 Do you remember anything specific you 3 Agreement; is that correct? 4 discussed with either Scott, Isaac, or JP about 4 A. Yes. 5 Q. And you stated before that it's your belief HCLOM Limited? A. Specifically, as I sit here right now, not that that was drafted by Mr. Sevilla; is that right? 7 7 specifically. A. In the first instance, yes. Q. And at the time it was being formed, you've 8 Q. What do you mean "in the first instance"? 9 testified that it was your understanding that 9 A. I've also seen email communications where I 10 HCLOM Limited was being formed in order to receive provided comments to his draft. And I think two 10 11 assets from Acis; is that correct? versions of the agreement were actually executed. JP 12 A. Generally, yes, yeah. 12 sent a document to the director of HCLOM Ltd., John 13 Q. And at that time, did you believe there was 13 Cullinane, and then I think we subsequently made some 14 anything improper about that? modifications to the agreements and scrapped the first A. I don't -- I don't remember what was in my one, and he executed the second one. 15 16 head, you know, seven years ago. So I -- I don't 16 Q. And that's what I was getting at. 17 recall at the time whether I thought it was proper or 17 You were involved in some way in the 18 improper. 18 preparation of the Assignment and Transfer Agreement; 19 Q. Okay. Fair to say that you remember at the 19 is that correct? 20 20 time it was created why it was being created to A. Yes. In that way, having provided comments, 21 receive the assets, but you don't remember whether you 21 yes. believed it was improper or proper at that time? 22 Q. And why were you specifically the one 23 23 A. Yeah. I don't recall, as I sit here today, providing comments? 24 whether I believed then it was proper or improper. MR. MORRIS: Objection to the form of the 24 25 Q. And at some point in time, is it fair to say 25 question. Page 30 Page 32 1 that you did form a belief as to whether forming that 1 A. Yeah, I don't -- I don't specifically recall, 2 entity to receive the assets of Acis was proper or 2 but it doesn't surprise me that I would have been, 3 just as a general corporate attorney, you know, on the 3 improper? A. I guess I'm struggling with, you know, how do 4 legal team. 5 you define "proper" or "improper." But, yeah, I 5 Q. (By Mr. Aigen) And at the time you assisted 6 have -- I have beliefs and impressions and 6 in the preparation of the Assignment and Transfer Agreement, did you believe there was anything improper 7 perceptions, and I've drawn conclusions since about 8 HCLOM Ltd. and this transaction. 8 about it? 9 Q. Sitting here today, do you believe that there MR. MORRIS: Objection to the form of the 10 was something improper about creating HCLOM Ltd. to 10 question. 11 receive the assets of Acis? 11 A. I don't know if this is a different question 12 A. In and of itself and theoretically, not 12 than what was asked before, but I don't -- I don't 13 necessarily. 13 specifically recall seven years ago if I thought it 14 Q. I don't mean theoretically. I mean --14 was proper or improper. 15 A. Yeah. 15 Q. (By Mr. Aigen) And just to be clear, I think 16 Q. -- in reality. 16 the previous question I was talking about the formation of Ltd., and that's why this question is a 17 A. Yes. So, I mean, in reality, there's a 18 document, the transfer agreement, right, that 18 little different. 19 19 purportedly assigns the note to HCLOM Ltd. Does that change your answer in any way? 20 My belief today is that document states a 20 MR. MORRIS: Objection to the form of the 21 number of things that are simply incorrect, and it 21 question. 22 states additional things, obligations, covenants that 22 A. Same answer. I don't have a specific 23 HCLOM Ltd. was purportedly going to do, none of which 23 recollection of what was in my head at that time. 24 happened and none of which HCLOM Ltd. was ever really 24 Q. (By Mr. Aigen) Sitting here today, is it 25 capable of making happen. 25 your understanding or belief that there is something

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1	improper about the Assignment and Transfer Agreement?	1	issues with the transactions?
2	MR. MORRIS: Objection to the form of the	2	A. I don't have a specific recollection of
3	question.	3	telling somebody that at the time.
4	A. What do you mean by "improper"?	4	Q. You said "specific," so let me ask you,
5	Q. (By Mr. Aigen) Well, we've been using the	5	generally, do you have any recollection as to having
6	term "improper" for throughout this deposition.	6	any discussions with anyone about consideration issues
7	A. Well, I have been saying I don't have a	7	with respect to the Assignment and Transfer Agreement
8	recollection one way or the other, so it didn't matter	8	at the time it was being drafted?
9	as much what the definition was. But you're asking me	9	A. At the time it was drafted, I don't have a
10	today	10	general recollection. I do have general recollection
11	Q. Well, then.	11	subsequent to the agreement being executed.
12	A. Yeah.	12	Q. Okay. Let's break that down a little bit.
13	Q. So I'm asking if that changed at some point.	13	Are you talking about after the Highland
14	As you're sitting here today, do you now	14	bankruptcy or before the Highland bankruptcy?
15	believe that the transaction and the Assignment and	15	A. I'm talking about before the Highland
16	Transfer Agreement was improper?	16	bankruptcy but after the transfer agreement was
17	MR. MORRIS: Objection to the form of the	17	executed.
18	question.	18	Q. Tell me about that.
19	A. I don't have a recollection from seven years	19	What sort of recollection do you have
20	ago about what was in my head one way or another	20	about discussing potential consideration issues with
21	Q. (By Mr. Aigen) Yeah, and I'm not talking	21	respect to the Assignment and Transfer Agreement prior
22	about	22	to the Highland bankruptcy?
23	A proper or improper.	23	A. I just have a general recollection of
24	If you want me to answer today do I think	24	discussing that the transfer agreement calls for
25	it was proper or improper, I'm asking what do you mean	25	HCLOM Ltd. to do a bunch of stuff, and, hey, none of
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1	by "proper"?	1	that stuff has gotten done. When are we doing that
2	Q. Do you think there was anything wrong	2	stuff? And, ultimately, I have a general recollection
3	sitting here today, do you believe there was anything	3	of this acknowledgement and waiver agreement that was
4	wrong with the Assignment and Transfer Agreement?	4	executed in advance of at the time what we were trying
5	MR. MORRIS: Objection to the form of the	5	to do with the Acis 3 CLO reset.
6	question.	6	Q. And these conversations that you had about
7	A. There is a number of things. Some of the	7	consideration potentially being an issue, who would
8	things that I can recall right now is I think there	8	you have had those with?
9	was no consideration given by Highland to consent to	9	MR. MORRIS: Objection to the form of the
10	the transfer.	10	question.
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11	I believe there was no consideration	11	A. I don't I don't have a specific
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1	just bring this up. And let's mark this what are	1	of a Band-Aid, best-we-can-do sort of document to
	we on? Exhibit 3.	2	address the fact that HCLOM Ltd. did none of the stuff
3	MR. MORRIS: I think 2.	3	that it was supposed to have done under the Transfer
4	MR. AIGEN: Well, I wanted to mark that	4	Agreement.
5	second email, HCLOM9418, as Exhibit 2, so I don't	5	Whether it was effective in accomplishing
6	remember if I did that. So let's make that Exhibit 2,	6	that goal, you know, then or now, you know, I don't
7	and then the Acknowledgement and Waiver document will	7	know.
8	be Exhibit 3.	8	But that's the concern was, you know,
9	(Exhibit No. 3 marked.)	9	somehow the note ends up back at Acis. And what
10	Q. (By Mr. Aigen) Tim, do you recognize this,	10	started out with a left-pocket/right-pocket tax
11	and is this the Acknowledgement and Waiver document	11	planning transaction, the original CLO participation
12	you were talking about?	12	interest agreement, is no longer left pocket/right
13	MR. MORRIS: Just one second. Let me get	13	pocket.
14	the document.	14	Q. Okay.
15	MR. AIGEN: Sorry.	15	A. That's what I recall generally.
16	MR. MORRIS: Okay. Go ahead.	16	Q. And that recollection, tell me who you had
17	A. Yes, I do recognize the document, and this is	17	conversations with about that at or about the time
18	the document I was referring to.	18	this document was created.
19	Q. (By Mr. Aigen) Okay. Did you have any role	19	A. Again, I don't have a specific recollection
20	with respect to this document's preparation?	20	of any specific conversation, but I believe those
21	A. I believe I'm the one that drafted it.	21	conversations would have been had with JP, Isaac,
22	Q. Who would have asked you	22	Scott, and Thomas. There could have been others.
23	A. I don't recall specifically from the email	23	Q. Sitting here today, do you remember any
24	communications whether I've seen that or not, but I	24	specific conversations you had with anyone about why
25	believe I'm the one that drafted it.	25	the Acknowledgement and Waiver document was being
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1	Q. And is your recollection that you may have	1	created on or about the time it was created?
2	been the one to draft it coming from your general	2	A. Not not specifically.
3	memory or documents that you have seen in preparation	3	Q. And I believe you said one of the reasons
4	for today?	4	that this was created or your recollection was because
5	A. This is general memory.	5	the Ltd. entity was not doing anything with respect to
6	Q. And what do you remember about being asked to	6	the reset; is that correct?
7	create this document?	7	A. Yeah. So the
8	A. I remember that we were getting very close to	8	MR. MORRIS: Objection to the form of the
9	resetting the Acis 3 CLO. And part of the structure	9	question.
10	of the Acis 3 CLO reset involved Acis Capital	10	A. Yeah. What I was saying was, once the Acis 3
11	Management, LP, being replaced with Highland CLO	11	reset was closed and done, the contemplated structure
12	Management, LLC, as the collateral manager.	12	was for a completely different entity, Highland CLO
13	And I remember, you know, at that point,	13	Management, LLC, not Ltd., to be the go-forward
14	everything that was said in the note transfer	14	portfolio manager.
15	agreement around HCLOM Ltd. becoming a successor	15	And so at that point, the transfer
16	manager was clearly out the window, right, and never	16	agreement calling for HCLOM Ltd. to become a successor
17	even going to happen in the most metaphysical,	17	manager for the CLO was absolutely never going to
18	theoretical sense.	18	happen.
19	And the concern was Josh Terry has an	19	Q. (By Mr. Aigen) And I think that's the
20	award against Acis Capital Management. I don't	20	language you used before, so let me try to use that.
21	remember this specifically, you know, having these	21	At the at or about the time this
22	thoughts at the time, but it's clear he's coming for	22	Acknowledgement and Waiver was being created, you
23	Acis Capital Management, for lack of a better phrase.	23	were it's your general recollection that the Ltd.
24	And my general recollection with respect	24	entity was never going to do any of the things that it
25	to the purpose of this document was it was really kind Page 39	25	was supposed to do under the transfer agreement; is Page 41
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1	that correct?	1	Q. Is it your recollection that during that time
2	A. I don't recall specifically. I just know it	2	period, you were aware that Ltd. was not performing
3	was the lead-up to the Acis 3 reset. So for at least	3	obligations it was supposed to do under the transfer
4	with respect to Acis 3, that CLO, it clearly wasn't	4	agreement?
5	going to happen.	5	MR. MORRIS: I'm sorry. Can I have
6	Q. Okay. But I'm talking specifically about	6	•
7	what it was supposed to do under the transfer	7	A. Yeah, I
8	agreement.	8	MR. MORRIS: Hold on. I got distracted
9	So leading into	9	for just a second. Can I can I get that question
10	A. Okay.	10	again?
11	Q the Acknowledgement and Waiver, did you	11	MR. AIGEN: Probably not, but let me try.
12	have a recollection at the time that the Ltd. wasn't	12	MR. MORRIS: Yeah. I apologize.
13	doing what it was supposed to do under the transfer	13	MR. AIGEN: That's all right.
14	agreement?	14	Q. (By Mr. Aigen) Between the date of the
15	A. Specifically, as of that time, no, I don't	15	transfer agreement, which was October 7th sorry
16	have a recollection.	16	November 3rd, 2017, and the date of the
17	Q. Again, because you said "specifically," let	17	Acknowledgement and Waiver, which was January 19th,
18	me ask the follow-up.	18	2018, so in that time period, was it your belief that
19	A. Yeah.	19	HCLOM Limited was not performing its obligations under
20	Q. Generally, at the time the Acknowledgement	20	the transfer agreement?
21	and Waiver was being drafted, was it your general	21	A. Generally, yes, yeah.
22	belief that the Ltd. entity wasn't doing what it was	22	Q. Do you remember telling anyone that HCLOM
23	supposed to be doing under the transfer agreement?	23	Limited wasn't performing obligations it was supposed
24	A. Yeah, generally, yes.	24	to be performing?
25	Q. And let me ask you this.	25	A. I I don't have, again, specific
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1	Is that something you figured out on your	1	recollections of specific conversations. I do have a
2	own, or is it your recollection that someone told you	2	general recollection of this being discussed, meaning,
3	that?	3	like, HCLOM Ltd. said it was going to do stuff under
4	A. I don't recall that either way. I do	4	this transfer agreement, and it hasn't.
5	generally recall being aware of it. I also know,	5	And I also know from having reviewed more
6	right, from more recent review of email communications	6	recent email communications, like, that, at least
7	in response to your discovery requests, there were	7	1 2 1 2 2
8	sort of checklists, right, that I put together.	8	that were shared with various members of the legal
9	And I believe, if I'm recalling	9	team.
10	373	10	Q. What do you mean by that, "partially pointed
11	one or multiple versions of these checklists was the		out"?
12	fact that, hey, like, HCLOM Ltd. never notified the	12	A. I don't recall specifically what issue, you
13	controlling class of any CLO that it wants to be a	13	know, I wrote in the checklist, but I do recall, you
14	successor manager. It's never done anything to	14	know, having reviewed stuff coming up to today that,
15	qualify as an SEC-registered portfolio manager. All	15	Hey, you know, Highlands never gave the notice to Acis
16	of the stuff that was in the transfer agreement, like,	16	that Highland was going to cut off the shared services
17	we haven't done any of that yet.	17	and sub-advisory services, right, that that was stated
18	Q. And the transfer agreement was in November,	18	in the recitals of this agreement.
19	November 3rd, 2017, and this acknowledgement waiver	19	HCLOM Ltd. never provided a notice to the
20	was January 19th, 2018, so we're talking, what, two	20	controlling class of the CLOs, which it would have had
21 22	and a half months later. Does that sound about right?	21 22	to do in order to become the successor manager of the CLOs.
23	A. Between the transfer agreement and the Acknowledgement and Waiver?	23	So, yeah, I do have a general
24	Q. Correct.	23	recollection of those items being discussed in this
25	A. Yeah, yeah.	25	two-and-a-halfish-month period.
23	A. Tean, yean. Page 43	23	Page 45
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- 1 Q. Did you find it troubling in any sort of way
- 2 that HCLOM Limited wasn't performing obligations that
- 3 it was contractually obligated to perform?
- 4 A. I -- again, you know, these recollections
- 5 are, you know, not perfect, and this isn't specific,
- 6 but, generally, I mean, depending on what you mean by
- 7 "concern," I, at a minimum, thought it was an issue.
- 8 And I also believe that thinking it was an issue is a
- 9 big part of the reason why this Acknowledgement and
- 10 Waiver document even came to exist.
- 11 Q. Have you had any discussions about the
- 12 transfer agreement with Mr. Seery?
- 13 A. Yeah.
- 14 Q. When was the first time you had a discussion
- 15 about the transfer agreement with Mr. Seery?
- MR. MORRIS: So let me just interrupt
- 17 here and say, Tim, just like I allowed Jim to testify
- 18 as to communications with you regarding factual
- 19 matters, I'm going to allow you to do the same thing
- 20 to the extent that you were discussing them with Jim
- 21 for purposes of either preparing our objection or
- 22 preparing him to testify as the Rule 30(b)(6) witness,
- 23 but please don't divulge any attorney-client
- 24 communication, any advice that I gave you. But
- 25 otherwise we're not waiving the privilege. I just
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A. Yes.

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- Q. You and Mr. Surgent are the two?
- A. Correct.
- Q. And both you and Mr. Surgent were aware of
- 5 the Assignment and Transfer Agreement at the time it
- 6 was entered into; is that correct?
- 7 MR. MORRIS: Objection to the form of the
- 8 question.
- A. Again, you know, specific memory, difficult
- 10 to recall specifically. But my belief and expectation
- 11 is that, yes, I absolutely was.
- I also believe Thomas was as well, but I
- 13 can't say for certain.
- Q. (By Mr. Aigen) And same question with
- 15 respect to the Acknowledgement and Waiver. Is it fair
- 16 to say that both -- well, let's start off with you
- 17 were certainly aware that the Acknowledgement and
- 18 Waiver was entered into at the time it was created,
- 19 correct?
- A. Correct.
- Q. That's because you created it?
- A. Correct.
- Q. Do you know whether Mr. Surgent was aware of
- 24 the Acknowledgement and Waiver at the time that it was
- 25 created?

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- 1 want you to have that distinction in your mind.
- 2 A. I don't know if it was the first time I ever
- $3\,\,$ discussed it with him. The first time I can recall
- 4 discussing it with him, as I sit here today, I believe
- 5 was sometime in the last couple of years, but I can't
- 6 recall more specifically than that.
- 7 Q. (By Mr. Aigen) Are you aware that there was
- 8 disputes between Acis and Highland over this note in
- 9 the Acis bankruptcy?
- 10 A. I -- I'm aware of that generally now, yes.
- 11 Q. During that time, did you ever talk to
- 12 Mr. Seery about the note?
- 13 A. Not that I can recall.
- 14 Q. Did you ever tell Mr. Seery that the
- 15 Assignment and Transfer Agreement existed during the
- 16 time that Acis and Highland were having this dispute
- 17 about the note?
- 18 A. I don't recall having discussions with Jim
- 19 Seery about the Acis dispute at all during that time
- 20 whether in regards to this note or otherwise.
- Q. How many people are in the legal department
- 22 of Highland currently?
- A. Currently, there's two.
- Q. And that -- are you counting yourself as one
- 25 of them?

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- A. Same -- same answer. I believe that he was,
- 2 but I can't specifically recall for sure.
- 3 Q. Is there any specific reason that you
- 4 wouldn't have told Mr. Seery about the Assignment and
- 5 Transfer Agreement during the time that Acis and
- 6 Highland were having a dispute over the note?
- 7 MR. MORRIS: Objection to the form of the
 - 8 question.
- 9 A. Yeah. I mean, the specific reasons were I
- 10 just -- I wasn't involved in the settlement of the
- 11 Acis claims and wasn't having discussions with Jim
- 12 Seery about it, so, you know.
- Q. (By Mr. Aigen) But at the time those
- 14 discussions were going on, even though you weren't
- 15 asked, you were aware of the Assignment and Transfer
- 16 Agreement.
- 17 Is that fair to say?
- MR. MORRIS: Objection to the form of the
- 19 question.
- 20 A. Was I -- the question is was I aware of the
- 21 existence of the transfer agreement at that time?
- Q. (By Mr. Aigen) Yes.
- 23 A. Yeah.
- Q. Touching on something you said earlier,
- 25 again, I don't like putting words in witness's mouths,

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1	but I thought you said the reason you might have	1	that note?
2	been well, let me ask you a different question.	2	A. The note itself?
3	Did you say that you were doing some work	3	Q. Correct.
4	at the time of the judgment related to Mr. Terry with	4	A. Yeah. So I know I didn't draft that note. I
5	respect to taking assets out of Acis?	5	know Mark Patrick was working with outside counsel. I
6	MR. MORRIS: Objection to the form of the	6	believe it was Hunton & Williams, or maybe they had a
7	question.	7	different name then. But outside counsel drafted both
8	A. I believe what I said, if we're thinking	8	the purchase agreement and the note.
9	about the same answer, is you were asking why I might	9	I know I provided limited comments to the
10	have been included ultimately later on down the email	10	agreement just from having reviewed emailed
11	thread, where JP had reached out to Christina Bodden	11	communications at the time.
12	at Maples to form these entities.	12	If you're asking me what I remember
13	Q. (By Mr. Aigen) Yeah.	13	specifically, I do remember I remember Mark Patrick
14	A. And my guess was that ultimately I had	14	walking over to the legal department side of the
15	involvement around the transaction documents that	15	building to talk about the transaction, and I remember
16	effectuated these various transfers into these	16	Isaac not being particularly happy about it simply
17	entities that were being formed.	17	because we had I don't remember the dates, but it
18	Q. Can you give me a little more detail and just	18	was very close in time to when either the litigation
19	tell me what transfers you were talking about with	19	against Josh or the arbitration I guess it wouldn't
20	respect to that testimony?	20	have been the arbitration. It must have been the
21	A. Yeah. They they happened at different	21	original litigation that Highland filed against Josh
22	times. But there was the Acis portfolio management	22	had started.
23	agreement with a private fund vehicle called Acis Loan	23	And it was a little bit, like, really, we
24	Funding, Ltd., referred to as ALF.	24	have to do a transaction right now involving, you
25	Ultimately, the name of that fund vehicle	25	know, assets of Acis, you know, right as we're getting
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2	the time, I'm not sure that I even did or would have	2.	Highland had issued under the new risk retention
3	concerned myself with it. And I can give you some	3	rules.
4	contextual reasons for why that is, if you want, but	4	We had set up what I referred to earlier
5	I'm not sure that I even did understand at the time.	5	as this Acis CMOA structure in order to satisfy those
6	Q. Are you aware as to whether there was any	6	rules.
7	desire to have the payments from the promissory note		And Highland CLO Management, LLC, was the
8	delinked from the payments under the participation	8	bottom-tier entity in what we were now calling the
9	agreement for tax purposes? Is that something that	9	Highland CMOA structure, which was a complete dupe of
10	you're familiar with at all?	10	the Acis CMOA structure and governing documents, in
11	MR. MORRIS: Objection to the form of the	11	order to create a structure that flowed not up to Acis
12	question.	12	but to Highland and could satisfy the risk retention
13	A. Am I familiar with it from that time?	13	rules for either new CLO issuances or resets of
14	Q. (By Mr. Aigen) Sitting here today, are you	14	existing CLOs.
15	familiar with that being an issue?	15	Q. Would it be accurate to say that HCLOM LLC
16	A. I mean, as I'm sitting here today, you know,	16	was created to become the collateral manager of the
17	I think there could be a number of issues with that	17	Acis CLOs?
18	original tax planning transaction, as I'll call it.	18	A. Post postreset of those Acis CLOs, yes,
19	But at the time, I'm not sure that I was	19	that was contemplated.
20	attuned to that issue, and I also think I would have	20	Q. Is there any particular reason that you're
21	bucketed that in sort of the category of, like,	21	aware of that HCLOM LLC was created for that purpose
22	that's that's a tax issue and criteria that needs	22	when you had HCLOM Ltd., who had a contractual
23	to be satisfied, and we have Mark Patrick, internal	23	obligation that you discussed earlier?
24	tax counsel, as well as outside tax counsel's, you	24	A. HCLOM LLC was actually contemplated and
25	know, blessing it for those reasons.	25	formed prior to HCLOM Ltd., so it's the other way
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1	Q. So you wouldn't have worked on any tax issues	1	around.
2	related to these transactions at the time.	2	Q. Can you repeat that? I kind of blanked on
3	Is that fair to say?	3	that for a second.
4	A. Absolutely not.	4	A. HCLOM LLC was both contemplated and actually
5	Q. Let's talk a little bit about the other HCLOM	5	formed prior to HCLOM Ltd., so it's actually the other
6	entities, so Highland Capital Management, LLC.	6	way around. You could ask why would we put the note
7	You're familiar with that document	7	in HCLOM Ltd. when HCLOM LLC already existed?
8	A. I'm familiar with that	8	Q. Let me ask you was there any reason that
9	Q with that entity with that entity?	9	HCLOM Ltd. was not used to become the collateral
10	A. Yes, I'm familiar with that entity.	10	manager postreset?
11	Q. And you worked on creating that entity; is	11	MR. MORRIS: Objection to the form of the
12	that correct?	12	question, asked and answered.
13	A. I did, correct.	13	A. Yeah, I think there's a number of reasons.
14	Q. And you signed the certificate of formation	14	HCLOM Ltd. had no capital. HCLOM Ltd. was never
15	for that entity; is that correct?	15	registered as an investment advisor. HCLOM Ltd. did
16	A. I I don't recall if I signed it or not,	16	not have a structure around it that would have allowed
17	but it wouldn't surprise me either way.	17	it to satisfy risk retention rules postreset.
18	Q. Okay. Why were you involved in the creation	18	HCLOM Ltd. had no employees. HCLOM Ltd.
19	of HCLOM LLC?	19	had no sub-advisory or shared service agreements in
20	A. So, again, in my role as sort of the lead	20	place that could, you know, allow it to perform
21	transactional attorney on the private fund side of	21	investment advisory services despite not having
22	things, you know, CLOs fell, you know, in that in	22	employees.
23	that universe.	23	And those are all things that we knew how
	that universe. We had just, or not that long prior to that, had completed the Acis 7 CLO issuance, which was	23 24 25	And those are all things that we knew how to do, right, and did very recently for other structures in the Highland complex.

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1	But when it came to HCLOM Ltd., never got	1	question.
2	done.	2	A. Well, I mean, for Acis 3, right, that was a
3	Q. (By Mr. Aigen) Is there anything about the	3	CLO that, you know, the reset was actually priced, I
4	fact that HCLOM Ltd. was an offshore entity that would	4	think. And, yeah, it ultimately didn't happen
5	have prevented it from being the collateral manager?	5	following Acis's or it wasn't Acis's filing but I
6	A. Of of anything or of, like, the CLOs or	6	guess Josh Terry filing an involuntary bankruptcy
7	Q. Like the CLOs.	7	petition for Acis.
8	A. I just don't know. I don't know if its	8	Q. (By Mr. Aigen) Did that involuntary
9	status as an offshore entity somehow prevented it from	9	bankruptcy have an effect on Acis's reputation in the
10	being a portfolio manager of the CLO.	10	market with respect to the CLOs?
11	Q. And was it common for Highland to use	11	MR. MORRIS: Objection to the form of the
12	offshore entities in this time period?	12	question.
13	A. I would say it was not common to use offshore	13	A. Not that I'm aware of. Not that I can
14	entities to serve as the portfolio manager or	14	recall.
15	investment advisor for advisory clients. We certainly	15	Q. (By Mr. Aigen) Why would the do you know
16	had offshore entities in other contexts and for other	16	whether the litigation between Josh Terry and Highland
17	purposes.	17	had any effect on Acis's reputation in the market?
18	Q. What would be the other contexts and purposes	18	MR. MORRIS: Objection to the form of the
19	that Highland would typically use offshore entities?	19	question.
20	A. The one that comes to mind right now is, you	20	A. I'm not aware of well, I guess I'll
21	know, in private fund structures, we often use what's	21	qualify it.
22	referred to as a master feeder structure.	22	I mean, I can't recall any indication
23	So you have a master fund, which actually	23	from the, quote/unquote, marketplace about Acis and
24	holds the asset assets, right, that limited	24	the, quote/unquote, marketplace's perception of Acis
25	partners or investors are investing in, but then you	25	period, so I can't recall.
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1	might have onshore and offshore vehicles sitting on	1	Q. (By Mr. Aigen) What was and I always
2	top of the master fund to facilitate the investment	2	pronounce the name incorrectly but Mizuho's role
3	from either U.S. investment U.S. investors versus	3	with respect to these resets?
4	foreign, non-U.S. investors.	4	A. Mizuho, yeah. They were the placement agent.
5	Q. Switching a little bit back to what you	5	They're the ones that are, you know, going up and
6	discussed earlier.	6	trying to figure out who is going to purchase the debt
7	So HCLOM LLC took steps to become the	7	that the CLO is issuing as part of the reset.
8	manager of the CLOs; is that correct?	8	Q. Did you have any conversations with anyone at
9	MR. MORRIS: Objection to the form of the	9	Mizuho about these potential placements?
10	question.	10	A. I don't recall if I was ever on phone calls
11	A. You're referring to the Acis CLOs, correct?	11	with Mizuho directly or not. It wouldn't surprise me
12	Q. (By Mr. Aigen) Right.	12	if I was, but I don't recall.
13	A. Yeah. HCLOM LLC signed engagement letters, I	13	Q. Are you aware of whether anyone at Mizuho had
14	believe, at least with respect to Acis 3, 4, and 5.	14	a view that the litigation between Josh Terry and
15	HCLOM LLC certainly took steps and came	15	Highland had a negative effect on the Acis CLOs?
16	very, very close to becoming a successor portfolio	16	A. Repeat the question one more time.
17	manager for reset Acis 3. Ultimately, it didn't. I	17	Q. I'll try.
18	can't recall whether it took other affirmative steps	18	Are you aware as to whether anyone at
19	to become a replacement manager for the other Acis	19	Mizuho had a belief that the litigation between Terry
20	CLOs.	20	and Highland had a negative effect on the Acis CLOs?
21	Q. Do you remember whether the LLC entity ever	21	MR. MORRIS: Objection to the form of the
22	became the manager of any of the Acis CLOs?	22	question.
23	A. I don't believe that it ever did, no.	23	A. I don't recall being aware either way.
24	Q. Why not?	24	Q. (By Mr. Aigen) And at some point, it came
25	MR. MORRIS: Objection to the form of the	25	about that Mizuho stopped working on this placement;
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1	is that correct?	1	that I would know about them if they existed, and I
2	A. No, I don't think that's correct. I think it	2	expect that I would have found them if they did exist.
3	was I think Highland CLO Management, LLC well,	3	Q. Would you given what transpired in this
4	I'll pause there because I actually can't recall who	4	case, would you have expected there to be some sort of
5	signed that engagement letter.	5	agreement between those two entities for some reason?
6	But where I was going was I think Goldman	6	MR. MORRIS: Objection to the form of the
7	Sachs was actually involved, and Mizuho sort of	7	question.
8	stepped in once Goldman fell away.	8	A. Not for any reason I can think of right now.
9	Q. And then did Mizuho complete it, or did they	9	Q. (By Mr. Aigen) So at the time you were
10	stop doing the work on it?	10	working on drafting the Acknowledgement and Waiver
11	A. Goldman or Mizuho?	11	document that's from January of 2018, at that time,
12	Q. Mizuho.	12	you were aware that HCLOM LLC was taking the steps
13	A. I can't recall the sequence, but basically I	13	necessary to become the CLO manager that HCLOM Ltd.
14	think there was if I'm recalling correctly, there	14	was supposed to do under the Assignment and Transfer
15	was a motion in the bankruptcy court to stop, right,	15	Agreement.
16	like, any traction that would result in the portfolio	16	Is that fair to say?
17	management agreements that Acis was a party to from	17	A. Yes. I mean, I don't recall specifically,
18	leaving Acis, which effectively stopped the reset of	18	but I would have been aware of that, yes.
19	Acis 3 because Highland CLO Management, LLC, was going	19	Q. Was there did you consider at the time
20	to replace Acis as collateral management or portfolio	20	possibly doing some sort of agreement with the two
21	manager, whichever phrase it was.	21	parties where you would have assigned the obligations
22	Q. So that injunction or order in the Acis	22	from HCLOM Ltd. to LLC?
23	bankruptcy prevented HCLOM LLC from becoming the	23	A. I don't recall either way.
24	manager of those CLOs; is that correct?	24	Q. Okay. Do you remember having any discussions
25	A. I don't know if that's technically correct or	25	with anyone about potentially doing some type of
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5	least become the replacement manager for Acis 3.	5	Is that fair to say?
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7	that instead of HCLOM Ltd., in lieu of HCLOM Ltd.,	7	question.
8	with HCLOM Ltd., you know, in mind at all, I I	8	A. Have I been involved in a situation where
9	don't recall that.	9	we've changed the manager of a CLO?
10	Q. (By Mr. Aigen) Putting aside intent I	10	Q. (By Mr. Aigen) Outside of a reset.
11	understand that.	11	MR. MORRIS: Objection to the form of the
12	But the steps that HCLOM LLC was taking	12	question.
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14	supposed to do under the Assignment and Transfer	14	I've been involved in the actual change of a portfolio
15	Agreement; is that correct?	15	manager of a CLO, period, whether it was in connection
16	A. Yes, with the caveat that HCLOM LLC was only	16	with a reset or completely separate from reset.
17	going to become a replacement manager postreset.	17	Q. (By Mr. Aigen) So this work that you did
18	Q. Is that different than what was contemplated	18	with the reset of the one Acis entity, the attempted
19	for Ltd. under the Assignment and Transfer Agreement?	19	one with the LLC, that was the only time you've worked
20	A. I don't I don't recall as to intent again,	20	on this?
21	but, I mean, theoretically, you know, the transfer	21	A. As best I can recall, yes.
22	agreement calls for this, right, like, giving a notice	22	Q. Fair to say you don't have an expertise on
23	to the controlling class of the CLOs today, promptly,	23	when and how managers are usually replaced with
24	whatever it says, to become the successor manager.	24	respect to CLOs?
25	Q. That sorry.	25	A. I've I've reviewed the governing documents
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1	A. That's sort of irrespective, right, of a	1	of our CLOs in detail, so I know the contractual
2	reset transaction.	2	mechanics that can take place, how that can take
3	Q. And correct me if I'm wrong, but my	3	place.
4	understanding, the way it typically works are notices	4	What other CLO managers unaffiliated with
5	of change in managers are usually done in coordination	5	Highland or Acis do out in the marketplace, I agree
6	with resets. Isn't that how it's usually done in this	6	I'm not an expert and don't have a lot of knowledge
7	industry?	7	about.
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11	usually done. That's a way it could be done. I think	11	minutes? I want to consider whether I have anything
12	there's lots of different ways.	12	to ask.
13	Q. (By Mr. Aigen) That	13	MR. AIGEN: Sure.
14	A. Some other entity could become a replacement	14	MR. MORRIS: The time right now actually
15	manager to a CLO.	15	is 3:34. Give me until 3:45.
16	Q. But it's not your understanding that it's	16	MR. AIGEN: Sounds good.
17	usually done in conjunction with a reset, to have a	17	THE REPORTER: Off the record at 2:34.
18	change in manager?	18	(Recess 2:34-2:42.)
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21	A. No well, sorry.	21	MR. MORRIS: This is John Morris for
22	I don't know this. Like, I'm not I'm	22	Highland Capital. We have no questions for this
23	not an expert on, you know, the CLO marketplace.	23	witness at the time. We do have an agreement, though,
24	But my expectation would actually be the	24	and I'd ask Mr. Aigen to confirm that he will not make
25	opposite, that typically when there's a reset, there's	25	any attempt to call Mr. Cournoyer on HCLOM Limited's
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8	Is that fair?		
9	MR. AIGEN: That sounds consistent with		
10	what we already put in writing, but to the extent there's any differences between that and what's in		
11 12	writing, I'll defer to what's in writing per our		
13	agreement.		
14	MS. DEITSCH-PEREZ: And the only other		
15	thing, John, I would say is that HCLOM can also submit		
16	whatever testimony is appropriate from the deposition.		
17	MR. MORRIS: I just said that.		
18	MS. DEITSCH-PEREZ: Okay. I didn't know		
19	whether you were saying if, in fact if you bring		
20	him live, then somehow we can't submit the testimony,		
21	we have to only cross-examine. So I'm just confirming		
22	we can do both, submit the testimony and		
23	cross-examine.		
24	MR. MORRIS: Let's make it clear. We can		
25	both use the transcript. Only Highland can call him	25	Job No. TX7022352
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