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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRD CIRCUIT
STATE OF HAWAII

PAUL J. SULLA, JR., an)
individual, and PAUL J.)
SULLA, III, an)
individual,)

CIVIL NO. 12-1-417

Plaintiffs,)

PARTIAL TRANSCRIPT OF
PROCEEDINGS HELD ON
JANUARY 4, 2013

vs.)

LEONARD G. HOROWITZ, an)
individual; SHERRI KANE,)
an individual; et al.,)

Defendants,)

and)

LEONARD G. HOROWITZ, an)
individual; SHERRI KANE,)
an individual,)

Defendants/
Counterclaimants,)

vs.)

PAUL J. SULLA, JR.;)
PAUL J. SULLA, III;)
HERBERT M. RITKE, an)
individual; et al.,)

Counterclaim)
Defendants/Third-)
Party Defendants.)

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1 son has a good background and a good grasp of the
2 subject matter that he studied in his early years,
3 when he was a teenager, and has encouraged him to go
4 further with that.

5 Q. Mr. Sulla, do you run a church or have
6 anything to do with a Church of Ayahuasca?

7 A. Nothing with ayahuasca, no, not by that
8 name.

9 Q. Do you have anything to do with a church?

10 A. I have to do with several churches. I
11 have -- all through my career I've been involved
12 with churches. One church was the Church of
13 Samari- -- Samaritan of Many Affections, called
14 SOMA, back in the days when I was in Cambridge,
15 Massachusetts. I've assisted many --

16 Q. Anything locally?

17 A. -- I'm an ecclesiastical expert, I
18 believe, in law, because I've studied a lot about
19 ecclesiastical law relative to First Amendment
20 rights and privileges.

21 Q. Do you have a local church on the
22 Big Island?

23 A. There is a local church on the Big Island
24 that I am affiliated with, yes. There's actually a
25 few. I go to the church in Church Row also, in

1 Waimea. But there is one in eye-oh (phonetic
2 spelling) -- there is one that I am involved in,
3 yeah.

4 Q. And you just said "eye-ah." Is that
5 "ayahuasca"?

6 A. No. I said "I am."

7 Q. Oh. In --

8 A. I am aware of and I am involved with --

9 Q. What's your position in the church?

10 A. I think it would be -- I do have a
11 position called "protector" in the church.

12 Q. And do you perform rituals at that church
13 with ayahuasca?

14 MR. SULLA: Your Honor, at this time I'd
15 like to assert my rights to not have to answer this
16 question under my rights under the First Amendment,
17 of the freedom of religion, because I believe that
18 this is going far afield from -- and he's trying to
19 cast aspersions on that and my beliefs.

20 THE COURT: Are any of your claims for
21 defamation involving statements that have been made
22 regarding your affiliation with churches?

23 MS. KANE: Yes.

24 MR. SULLA: Only that, I guess, he has
25 been -- alleged that I created a church for my

1 client that was fraudulent, and I would answer to
2 that issue. But there's been no other allegations
3 that I put in my complaint there about that, so --
4 irrelevance, again.

5 THE COURT: Sustained.

6 Move on, Mr. Horowitz.

7 Q. (By Mr. Horowitz) Do you recognize the
8 name of Michael Sakell?

9 A. Oh, yeah, I recognize that name.

10 Q. And how do you know Michael Sakell?

11 A. Michael Sakell is someone who called me
12 and said that he was approached by you and Ms. Kane
13 to write -- to sign an affidavit, an affidavit that
14 would have -- that you prepared and Ms. Kane here
15 prepared. And that he was looking for a job and he
16 really wanted to work there, and you had promised
17 him a job, that you promised him money, if he would
18 sign that affidavit. So he signed it, he said.

19 Later on he said to me -- he called me
20 up another time and said, "You know, that was all
21 false. I'm sorry I made that. I apologize."

22 I asked him to come in to sign an
23 affidavit to that effect, and I have not been able
24 to reach him since then. I have heard, however,
25 that he's made allegations to other friends that