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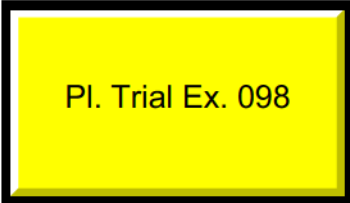
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**HEARING ON MOTION FOR TEMPORARY INJUNCTION**

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1 opinions on the science related to the treatment of  
2 gender dysphoria in minors to give in this case?

3 A. Yes, I do.

4 Q. Okay.

5 MR. STONE: At this time, Your Honor,  
6 defendants designate Dr. Cantor as an expert on the  
7 science relating to the treatment of gender dysphoria  
8 in minors.

9 MR. GONZALEZ-PAGAN: Objection,  
10 Your Honor. Pursuant to Rule 705(b) of the Rules of  
11 Evidence, we're allowed to conduct a voir dire. I  
12 don't believe that enough has been presented.

13 THE COURT: You can conduct a voir dire  
14 at this moment, yes.

15 MR. GONZALEZ-PAGAN: And, Counsel, have  
16 you shared the exhibits with -- plaintiffs' exhibits  
17 with Dr. Cantor?

18 MR. STONE: We shared the exhibits that  
19 you provided to us previously.

20 **VOIR DIRE EXAMINATION**

21 BY MR. GONZALEZ-PAGAN:

22 Q. Good afternoon, Dr. Cantor.

23 A. Good afternoon.

24 Q. You're not a physician, correct?

25 A. Correct.

1 Q. You do not hold any medical degree; is that  
2 right?

3 A. Correct.

4 Q. You have only practiced clinical psychology in  
5 Canada; is that right?

6 A. Correct.

7 Q. Earlier you referenced that you provided  
8 testimony in a transgender rights -- in a case  
9 involving transgender youth. Do you recall that?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. Are you familiar with the *Eknes-Tucker v. Ivey*  
12 case in Alabama?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. You testified in a hearing in that case; is  
15 that correct?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. Dr. Cantor, if you can open what's been  
18 designated as Plaintiffs' Exhibit 37.

19 MR. STONE: Yeah. Your Honor --

20 THE WITNESS: 37.

21 MR. STONE: -- we don't have 37. We've  
22 never been provided a copy of 37. This is one of --  
23 this is one of the supplemental things that came in  
24 this morning, and we -- we don't -- we don't even have  
25 a copy of it.

1 THE COURT: Let me see if I do.

2 MR. GONZALEZ-PAGAN: Just to clarify,  
3 Your Honor, counsel has been provided a copy. They  
4 were rebuttal exhibits that in the interest of Cantor  
5 were --

6 THE COURT: Well, I don't think you can  
7 do rebuttal -- I also think it's not probably not  
8 proper on a voir dire to --

9 MR. GONZALEZ-PAGAN: Well, it goes -- it  
10 just goes to his qualifications, Your Honor.

11 MR. STONE: But --

12 MR. GONZALEZ-PAGAN: I can just -- I can  
13 ask the direct question without relying on the exhibit.

14 THE COURT: Yeah. Just -- let's not  
15 admit an exhibit at this time.

16 MR. GONZALEZ-PAGAN: Yeah. Your Honor --

17 THE COURT: Why don't you just ask  
18 questions.

19 Q. (BY MR. GONZALEZ-PAGAN) Dr. Cantor, have you  
20 reviewed the Court's decision in *Eknes-Tucker*?

21 A. Portions of it. Not in its entirety, no.

22 Q. Did you review the portions relating to  
23 yourself?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. Okay. In the Court decision in *Eknes-Tucker*,



1 the Court stated, Dr. Cantor admitted that his patients  
2 are on average 30 years old. He had never provided  
3 care to trans- -- to a transgender minor under the age  
4 of 16. He had never diagnosed a child or adolescent  
5 with gender dysphoria. He had never treated a child or  
6 adolescent with gender -- for gender dysphoria. He had  
7 no personal experience monitoring patients receiving  
8 transitioning medications, and he had no personal  
9 knowledge of the assessments or treatment methodologies  
10 used at any Alabama gender clinic.

11 Do you recall that portion of the  
12 *Eknes-Tucker* decision?

13 A. Yes, roughly.

14 Q. Do you dispute the Court's description of your  
15 experience?

16 A. I can't say that that's a complete --

17 Q. Is anything in --

18 A. I -- I -- the content of it is complete, but  
19 removed from the context around it isn't exactly the  
20 full story.

21 Q. It is not an incorrect representation; is that  
22 right?

23 A. Of that content of the decision, yes.

24 Q. Okay. And to follow up, do you have any  
25 personal knowledge of the assessments or treatment

1 methodologies used in Texas gender clinics?

2 A. I don't believe any has made any official --  
3 oh. Yes, there would -- no. There was a  
4 recently-closed clinic in Texas which published a  
5 report of the methods that it used, and it said it  
6 used, I think it was, the Endocrine Society guidelines.

7 Q. But you don't have any personal knowledge.  
8 This is something you read in a study; is that correct?

9 A. Personal knowledge? No.

10 Q. And you have not con- -- conducted any  
11 original scientific research on the efficacy or safety  
12 of the medical treatment of gender dysphoria; is that  
13 right?

14 A. Not on that specific question for original  
15 research, no. I've conducted comprehensive reviews of  
16 the research in order to make theoretical conclusions  
17 about it.

18 MR. GONZALEZ-PAGAN: Your Honor, at this  
19 point in time, we would object to the qualification of  
20 Dr. Cantor as an expert. As the Court concluded in  
21 *Eknes-Tucker*, which involved similar issues to the case  
22 at hand, the Court gave very little weight to  
23 Dr. Cantor's opinion regarding the treatment of gender  
24 dysphoria.

25 THE COURT: Well, but you just said

1 going to take a ten-minute break, and I'll see  
2 everybody back at 3:10.

3 MR. GONZALEZ-PAGAN: Thank you,  
4 Your Honor.

5 THE COURT: Thanks.

6 *(Recess was taken.)*

7 THE COURT: Dr. Cantor, if you're still  
8 with us, we're now going to have cross-examination.

9 MR. GONZALEZ-PAGAN: Thank you,  
10 Your Honor.

11 **CROSS-EXAMINATION**

12 BY MR. GONZALEZ-PAGAN:

13 Q. Dr. Cantor, can you hear me?

14 A. Yes, I can.

15 Q. Thank you. Earlier today you expressed some  
16 opinions pertaining to when a child with gender  
17 dysphoria will desist in their -- in their gender  
18 identification; is that right?

19 A. Yes, roughly.

20 Q. No medical treatment is recommended under any  
21 care model prior to Tanner Stage 2 of puberty; is that  
22 correct?

23 A. It depends on what you consider a medical  
24 intervention.

25 Q. No puberty blockers are recommended prior to

1 Tanner Stage 2 of puberty; is that correct?

2 A. Correct.

3 Q. No hormone treatment is recommended prior to  
4 Tanner Stage 2 of -- of puberty; is that correct?

5 A. Correct.

6 Q. No surgery is recommended prior to Tanner --  
7 prior to puberty; is that correct?

8 A. Correct.

9 Q. Okay. The desistance studies to which you  
10 referred, and I believe there were 11, all pertained to  
11 prepubescent children; is that right?

12 A. Well, I wouldn't call them a desistance study.  
13 There were follow-up studies no matter what happened.

14 Q. Did they all pertain to prepubescent children?

15 A. The first set of 11 cohorts studies, yes.

16 Q. Okay. Isn't it correct that these studies --  
17 the -- the youth that were the subjects of these  
18 studies were not diagnosed with gender dysphoria under  
19 the DSM-V?

20 A. That's kind of a misleading question. The --  
21 there were several DSMs under effect over the past  
22 30 years, and the outcomes from the DSM-III, III-R, IV,  
23 and IV-TR were the same.

24 Q. It --

25 A. It takes --

1 Q. All right.

2 A. -- 10 to 15 years to --

3 Q. Dr. Cantor, if you can --

4 MR. GONZALEZ-PAGAN: I'm going to object  
5 based on narrative.

6 Q. (BY MR. GONZALEZ-PAGAN) Dr. Cantor, the  
7 question is --

8 MR. STONE: Your Honor --

9 THE COURT: I -- I mean, I think the  
10 objection was nonresponsive, which I would sustain and  
11 narrative, yes.

12 MR. GONZALEZ-PAGAN: Thank you,  
13 Your Honor.

14 THE COURT: So the objection is  
15 sustained.

16 Q. (BY MR. GONZALEZ-PAGAN) Dr. Cantor, I -- I  
17 understand that there are various DSMs. I'm asking a  
18 very direct question. The desistance stu- -- the  
19 studies in which -- that follow prepubescent children  
20 that you indicated in support of desistance rates, the  
21 subject of those studies were not diagnosed with gender  
22 dysphoria under the DSM-V, correct?

23 A. That's correct.

24 Q. They were diagnosed with gender identity  
25 dis- -- disorder under prior DSM versions; is that

1 correct?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. And the diagnostic criteria of gender  
4 dysphoria under the DSM-V differs from the diagnostic  
5 criteria of gender identity disorder under those prior  
6 DSM versions; is that right?

7 A. Slightly, yes.

8 Q. Okay. Dr. Cantor, do you agree that the  
9 number and percentage of adolescents with gender  
10 dysphoria who do not go on to identify as transgender  
11 is currently unknown?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. Dr. Cantor, would you agree that under mo- --  
14 any of the models of care, including the Dutch model,  
15 puberty blockers and hormone treatments are not  
16 recommended to be started until after the onset of --  
17 of puberty; is that correct?

18 A. Correct.

19 Q. Dr. Cantor, sexual orientation and gender  
20 identity are distinct concepts; is that correct?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. And a transgender person may identify as gay  
23 or lesbian; is that correct?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. Dr. Cantor, you also made reference to a

1 in the affirmative?

2 A. Again, I can't remember the exact question and  
3 answer then, but the context -- but the authors of that  
4 study themselves were -- noted that psychotherapy --  
5 that they themselves couldn't use their own data to  
6 suggest improvement because it was people who were  
7 already doing well -- continuing to do well rather than  
8 people who were doing poorly, then coming to do well.

9 Q. Okay. Dr. Cantor, you cannot cite to any  
10 study showing that psychotherapy alone can resolve an  
11 adolescent's gender dysphoria; is that correct?

12 A. That's correct.

13 MR. GONZALEZ-PAGAN: That's it for  
14 plaintiffs on cross, Your Honor.

15 THE COURT: Anything further from you?

16 MR. STONE: No, Your Honor.

17 THE COURT: Okay. Then, Doctor, you are  
18 excused. You are free to disconnect yourself and free  
19 to go. Thank you.

20 MR. STONE: Thank you, Dr. Cantor.

21 THE WITNESS: My pleasure. Good luck,  
22 everyone.

23 MR. STONE: And, Your Honor, could I get  
24 a time check before we call our -- this is our last  
25 witness.