
SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

LORETTA GRUBER,)
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 Petitioner,)
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 vs.) Case No. BD 621662
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 BRADFORD GRUBER,)
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 Respondent.)
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DEPOSITION OF
BRADFORD GRUBER

DATE: September 24, 2019

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Tuesday, September 24, 2019
9:09 a.m.

1999 Avenue of the Stars
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1 Deposition of BRADFORD GRUBER, called as a witness by
2 the Petitioner, before WILLIE ANDERSON, JR., Certified
3 Shorthand Reporter Number 13385, for the State of
4 California, with principal office in the County of Los
5 Angeles, commencing at 9:09 a.m., Tuesday, September 24,
6 2019, at 1999 Avenue of the Stars, Los Angeles,
7 California.

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2 Loretta Gruber

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Examination

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(None.)

PETITIONER'S EXHIBITS

(None.)

QUESTIONS WITNESS INSTRUCTED NOT TO ANSWER

(None.)

INFORMATION REQUESTED

(None.)

1 MR. BAKMAN: Very well. We're on the record.
2 Okay.

3 MR. TROPE: My name is Michael Trope. I
4 represent the deponent, who is here today, pursuant to a
5 notice of deposition and production of documents.

6 We have brought the documents pursuant to the
7 production request with us. The deponent, Mr. Gruber,
8 was in the conference room but is now sitting,
9 approximately, 25 feet -- I might be off a little bit --
10 in the waiting area outside because the -- is she the
11 petitioner?

12 MR. POSNER: Yes.

13 MR. TROPE: Because the petitioner, Loretta
14 Gruber, showed up. There are restraining orders in
15 effect. Apparently, at a prior deposition this,
16 happened and Ms. Gruber was excluded from the
17 deposition. I wasn't there, so I'm making that as a
18 comment, not as a representation.

19 So Mr. Gruber is not going to sit in the same
20 room with Ms. Gruber in violation of the restraining
21 order, but we do -- since we are here, we did bring the
22 documents.

23 Do you want to just go through the documents so
24 we know that we're --

25 MR. BAKMAN: Well, let me make my record,

1 Mr. Trope. So this is not just a noticed deposition.
2 This is a court-ordered deposition.

3 Mr. Gruber's failure to attend, if he so elects,
4 is a violation of the court order. There is an
5 automatic carveout for parties to attend depositions.
6 My client has an absolute right to attend Mr. Gruber's
7 deposition in this case.

8 This is something that is habitually done and
9 ordered by the Supervising Judge, Thomas Trent Lewis.
10 In every case in which I've had a restraining order and
11 this has become an issue, Judge Lewis has ordered the
12 party to attend the deposition. The restraining party
13 is allowed, by operation of law, to attend that
14 deposition.

15 If, in fact, you're client chooses not to go
16 forward with the court-ordered deposition, I'm giving
17 you ex parte notice this morning that I will appear in
18 front of judge -- I believe it's Judge Mackenzie in
19 Department 23.

20 I'll give you written notice as well, but I will
21 be appearing on Thursday morning with a motion to compel
22 and a request for an order to shorten time as well as
23 the fact that I will be filing a contempt against your
24 client should this deposition not go forward, pursuant
25 to the court order.

1 So with that being said, why don't we go through
2 the production of documents, and then you can have a
3 chat with your client to see if he really wants to go
4 forward with his position.

5 MR. TROPE: Before we get to that point, the
6 extortion of the contempt is not well taken.

7 MR. BAKMAN: It's not an extortion, Counsel.

8 MR. TROPE: You're an extortionist. You're --

9 MR. BAKMAN: Counsel, it's not --

10 MR. TROPE: -- you're being an extortionist.

11 MR. BAKMAN: -- an extortion.

12 MR. TROPE: You can go ahead and file your
13 contempt.

14 MR. BAKMAN: It's a violation of --

15 MR. TROPE: We'll see you in court.

16 MR. BAKMAN: -- a court order.

17 MR. TROPE: Let's go through the production. My
18 client is here.

19 MR. BAKMAN: Counsel, don't step over my words.

20 MR. TROPE: I was the one speaking. You were
21 stepping over my words.

22 MR. BAKMAN: Okay. Well, don't excuse me of
23 being an extortionist.

24 MR. TROPE: Oh, you're an extortionist. When
25 you start talking about contempt --

1 MR. BAKMAN: Counsel --

2 MR. TROPE: -- as a means to get an advantage
3 here --

4 MR. BAKMAN: It's not a means.

5 MR. TROPE: -- it's extortion.

6 MR. BAKMAN: Counsel, it's not a means. He's --
7 this is a court-ordered deposition.

8 MR. TROPE: You are an extortionist.

9 MR. BAKMAN: Mr. Trope -- Mr. Trope, stop.

10 MR. TROPE: No. You're an extortionist.

11 MR. BAKMAN: We're done.

12 MR. TROPE: Shut up.

13 MR. BAKMAN: We're done.

14 MR. TROPE: Okay. Fine.

15 MR. BAKMAN: Did you get the "shut up" on the
16 record --

17 MR. TROPE: Yeah.

18 MR. BAKMAN: -- by Mr. Trope?

19 MR. TROPE: Okay. So you don't want the
20 documents, then?

21 MR. BAKMAN: Counsel --

22 MR. TROPE: Okay. Goodbye.

23 MR. BAKMAN: -- we'll see you in court.

24 MR. TROPE: See you Thursday morning, big boy.

25 MR. BAKMAN: You bet, asshole.

1 MR. TROPE: Did you get the asshole on the
2 record? Did you get the asshole on the record? Did you
3 get that? Did you get him calling me an asshole on the
4 record?

5 Great. Okay, putz. You're a putz.

6 MR. BAKMAN: And you're a joke.

7 MR. TROPE: You're a putz. That's why the state
8 bar is chasing you --

9 MR. BAKMAN: Okay.

10 MR. TROPE: -- for extortion --

11 MR. BAKMAN: Yeah.

12 MR. TROPE: -- because that's your speciality.

13 MR. BAKMAN: You're a joke.

14 MR. TROPE: You're a specialist in extortion.

15 MR. BAKMAN: You're a joke.

16 MR. TROPE: And by the way, you also encouraged
17 your client to violate the court order by having her
18 come here.

19 MR. BAKMAN: Well, let's see you file a
20 contempt.

21 MR. TROPE: I'm not going to file a contempt.
22 I'm just letting you know what you are, scumbag.

23 MR. BAKMAN: Did you get that? We're off.

24 (Whereupon, the proceedings recessed at the
25 hour of 9:13 a.m.)

1 STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
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 3 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES)
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6 I, WILLIE ANDERSON, JR., Certified Shorthand
 7 Reporter qualified in and for the State of California,
 8 do hereby certify:

9 That the foregoing transcript is a true and
 10 correct transcription of my original stenographic notes.

11 I further certify that I am neither attorney
 12 or counsel for nor related to or employed by any of the
 13 parties to the action in which this proceeding was
 14 taken; and furthermore, that I am not a relative or
 15 employee of any attorney or counsel employed by the
 16 parties hereto or financially interested in the action.

17 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my
 18 hand this 24th day of September, 2019.

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 23 WILLIE ANDERSON, JR.
 24 CSR No. 13385
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