1 Dominic Morgan - as on cross 2 THE COURT: Is that correct? 3 MS. FITZGERALD: I'm sorry. I --4 THE COURT: At the hearing before 5 Judge Maier? 6 MS. FITZGERALD: July of '04. 7 THE COURT: Was it in '04 or '05? 8 MS. FITZGERALD: '05. 9 THE COURT: Did Mr. Friedman represent Mr. Morgan in that proceeding? 10 11 MS. FITZGERALD: He did and perhaps he can explain. There was a directive from 12 Judge Bernstein regarding his withdraw. 13 14 DR. FRIEDMAN: Your Honor, at the 15 time after I was -- the plaintiffs had 16 received permission to add a defendant, not to 17 amend their complaint. I was added as a defendant. I then filed a request to be 18 19 removed as counsel. 20 There was a hearing in front of 21 Judge Bernstein. Mr. Morgan came also, so 22 did, I believe, Mr. Lapat. Judge Bernstein 23 listened to this and said to me, he said 24 "Counsel, I don't think you should be 25 withdrawing now. I'm going to deny your

1	Dominic Morgan - as on cross
2	motion to withdraw, and I am going to change
3	this. I am going to sign the order" which
4	he did, giving me permission to withdraw at
5	any time that I would in the future file a
6	precipe based upon my feeling that I needed to
7	withdraw.
8	He was talking about there's a big
9	difference between getting involved with a
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	case where you're sued and then as opposed to
11	be already being involved in a case and
12	then being sued and make that distinction.
13	I continued as counsel. There were
14	certain meetings in chambers later with Judge
15	Rizzo where I said one was a scheduled
16	meeting. I believe it had something to do
17	with plaintiff's again filing to have me
18	removed as counsel.
19	We went in front of Judge Rizzo.
20	Judge Rizzo said, "I'm very disturbed by the
21	position the plaintiffs take in you as the
22	defendant. I am equally disturbed by the
23	position that you now have, but what I'm going
24	to rule is that all deposition all these
25	discovery requests do not have to be answered.

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2	None of them have to be answered. They were
3	all be taken by depositions duces tecum.
4	That's my deposition and Mr. Morgan's
5	deposition. All but duces tecum
6	deposition.
7	THE COURT: You know what's
8	happening here? I have to calm this down.
9	We're getting into other areas that might be
10	extraneous, and I'm here to make certain
11	decisions. I don't want to start an infight
12	here about when between counsel here as to
13	what Mister what Dr. Friedman's status was.
14	We're going to get sidetracked. It's
15	tangential. Very well.
16	Let's proceed.
17	BY MR. SILVERMAN:
18	Q Mr. Morgan, do you see the request for
19	admission?
20	A Did you give me the book?
21	Q It's on your desk. It's Tab 43. I opened it
22	to that tab.
23	Did you find it?
24	A Yes.
25	MR. SILVERMAN: May I approach the

1 Dominic Morgan - as on cross 2 witness, Your Honor? 3 THE COURT: Yes. 4 MS. FITZGERALD: Your Honor, may I 5 have a continuing objection to this line of 6 questioning for each admission. 7 THE COURT: Very well. 8 MS. FITZGERALD: Thank you. 9 THE COURT: I understand your 10 position. 11 BY MR. SILVERMAN: Admission No. 8 in Plaintiff's Exhibit 433 12 Q states: "Admit that you were examined by 13 Dr. Labson (ph) for the purpose of seeking medical 14 15 treatment." Did I read that correctly? 16 17 А Yes. 18 "Admit that Dr. Labson -- that Dr. Labson did 0 not find anything improper about the Lasik 19 procedure performed to your eyes." 20 21 Did I read that correctly? 22 А Yes. 23 Q Okay. 24 "Admit that Dr. Labson" -- excuse me. 25 "Admit that Dr. Labson did not state that you

1 Dominic Morgan - as on cross were not a proper candidate for Lasik surgery." 2 3 Do you see that? 4 А Yes. 5 "Admit that you were examined by Dr. Beer for Q 6 the purpose of seeking medical treatment." 7 See that? That's No. 11: "Admit that Dr. Beer did not find anything improper about the 8 Lasik procedure performed to your eyes." 9 10 Do you see that? That's No. 12. 11 No. 13: "Admit that Dr. Beer did not state that you were not a proper candidate for Lasik 12 13 surgery." 14 Do you see that? 15 A Yes. "Admit that you were examined by Dr. Dugan for 16 Q the purpose of seeking medical treatment." 17 18 See that? That's No. 14. 19 А Yes, sir. "Admit that Dr. Dugan did not find anything 20 0 improper about the Lasik procedure performed to 21 22 your eyes." 23 Do you see that? 24 А Yes. 25 "Admit that Dr. Dugan did not state that you 0

1 Dominic Morgan - as on cross were not a proper candidate for Lasik surgery." 2 3 Do you see that? 4 A Yes. No. 17: "Admit that you were examined by 5 Q Dr. Harland for the purpose of seeking medical 6 7 treatment." 8 That's No. 17. 9 А Yes. 10 "Admit that Dr. Harland did not find anything Q improper about the Lasik procedure performed to 11 12 your eyes." 13 No. 19: "Admit that Dr. Harland did not state 14 that you were not a proper candidate for Lasik surgery." 15 No. 20: "Admit that you were examined by 16 Dr. Deglin for purpose of seeking medical 17 18 treatment." "Admit that Dr. Deglin did not find anything 19 proper about the Lasik procedure performed to your 20 21 eyes." 22 Did I read that correctly? 23 А Yes. "Admit that Dr. Deglin did not state that you 24 Q were not a proper candidate for Lasik surgery." 25

1 Dominic Morgan - as on cross 2 Did I read that correctly? 3 А Yes. 4 "Admit that you were examined by Dr. Belling Q (ph) for the purpose of seeking medical treatment." 5 6 Did I read that correctly? 7 Α Right. 8 "Admit that Dr. Belling did not find anything Q improper about the Lasik procedure performed to 9 10 your eyes." 11 Did I read that correctly? 12 А Correct. 13 "Admit that Dr. Belling did not state that you Q were not a proper candidate for Lasik surgery." 14 15 Did I read that correctly? 16 А Right. No. 26: "Admit that you were examined by 17 Q Dr. Tamara (ph) for the purpose of seeking medical 18 19 treatment.? 20 Did I read that correctly? 21 Correct. A "Admit that Dr. Tamara did not find anything 22 0 improper about the Lasik procedure performed to 23 24 your eyes." 25 Did I read that correctly?

1	Dominic Morgan - as on cross
2	A Correct.
3	Q No. 28: "Admit that Dr. Tamara did not state
4	that you were not a proper candidate for Lasik
5	surgery."
6	Did I read that correctly?
7	A Correct.
8	Q "Admit that you were examined by Dr. Feyol
9	Silva (ph) for the purpose of seeking medical
10	treatment."
11	Did I read that correctly?
12	A Right.
13	Q No. 30: "Admit that Dr. Feyol Silva did not
14	find anything improper about the Lasik procedure
15	performed to your eyes."
16	Did I read that correctly?
17	A Right.
18	Q "Admit that Dr. Feyol Silva did not state that
19	you were not a proper candidate for Lasik surgery."
20	Did I read that correctly?
21	A Right.
22	Q "Admit that you were examined by Dr. Fisher
23	for the purpose of seeking medical treatment."
24	Did I read that correctly?
25	A Right.

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2	Dominic Morgan - as on cross Q No. 33: "Admit that Dr. Fisher did not find
3	Haute that DI. Fisher did not find
	anything improper about the Lasik procedure
4	performed to your eyes."
5	Did I read that correctly?
6	A Right.
7	Q "Admit that Dr. Fisher did not state that you
8	were not a proper candidate for Lasik surgery."
9	Did I read that correctly?
10	A Right.
11	Q No. 35: "Admit that you were examined by
12	Dr. Morior (ph) for the purpose of seeking medical
13	treatment."
14	Did I read that correctly?
15	A Right.
16	Q Admit that Dr. Morior did not find anything
17	improper about the Lasik procedure performed to
18	your eyes."
19	Did I read that correctly?
20	A Right.
21	THE COURT: Mr. Silverman, what's
22	the purpose of this? To show that these were
23	requests for admissions that he never
24	answered? Is that what you are trying to do?
25	What you are driving at here?

1	Dominic Morgan - as on cross
2	MR. SILVERMAN: What I'm driving at,
3	Your Honor, is that he was examined by
4	numerous physicians at his request, none of
5	them, none of them found that there was
6	anything improper about the operation that was
7	performed and that he was a proper subject
8	THE COURT: He admitted this in
9	these requests for admissions?
10	MR. SILVERMAN: Correct.
11	MS. FITZGERALD: He didn't answer
12	them.
13	THE COURT: Pardon me?
14	MS. FITZGERALD: He did not answer.
15	THE COURT: He didn't answer?
16	MS. FITZGERALD: They are
17	unanswered.
18	THE COURT: Very well.
19	MR. SILVERMAN: Your Honor, if you
20	would prefer, I will just submit these.
21	THE COURT: You may submit them.
22	MR. SILVERMAN: And stop the
23	THE COURT: Yes. Let's move on.
24	MR. SILVERMAN: Okay.
25	MS. FITZGERALD: Just note my

1	Dominic Morgan - as on cross
2	objection.
3	THE COURT: Yes. It's not
4	admissible against your client.
5	MS. FITZGERALD: Thank you.
6	MR. SILVERMAN: I am moving for the
7	admission in Plaintiff's Exhibit 43 of the
8	Admissions No. 8 through 43.
9	THE COURT: Realizing the convoluted
10	nature of this case and looks like almost
11	half of Commonwealth pleas Court of
12	Philadelphia was involved some way or another
13	in it I can't attribute this to your
14	client, Dr. Friedman, any of these what was
15	not answered, what was answered.
16	I think we may be getting far afield
17	here for the purpose of this trial. I've sat
18	here patiently for almost a week, and I think
19	we should start to finish up, wrap this up.
20	MR. SILVERMAN: I have one last
21	question, and you can stay there, Mr. Morgan.
22	BY MR. SILVERMAN:
23	Q Did you provide Brett Hansen
24	THE COURT: I'm sorry. What was
25	that?

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1	Dominic Morgan - as on cross
2	BY MR. SILVERMAN:
3	Q Did you provide Mr. Hansen, who also has a
4	website related to Lasik, with a CD of the
5	information that you posted on your website?
6	A I have an email no. Mr. Hansen downloaded
7	my website multiple times.
8	Q Did you ever send him a CD that contained the
9	content of your website?
10	A I don't remember sending him a CD.
11	Q Have you spoken to Mr. Hansen?
12	A When?
13	Q At any time.
14	A Years ago, yes.
15	Q Not recently?
16	A Not recently, no.
17	Q Do you recall?
18	A May I add, I do have an email that I
19	requested I have it if you give me a few minute.
20	Q Why don't you just describe it.
21	A I did request Mr. Hansen remove Dr. Friedman's
22	letters, and he refused. Actually, I can bring it
23	up on the screen, if you'd like.
24	THE COURT: Is that H-A-N-S-E-N?
25	MR. SILVERMAN: Yes.

1 Dominic Morgan - as on cross 2 THE WITNESS: I have it on here, if 3 you would like to read it. 4 BY MR. SILVERMAN: 5 You have requested Mr. Hansen to remove Q 6 Mr. Friedman's letters? 7 A Yes. 8 But you didn't remove Mr. Friedman's letters Q 9 from your website; did you? 10 А Yes, I most certainly did. 11 Q When did you do that? 12 When Judge Maier ordered me to. А 13 MR. SILVERMAN: No further 14 questions. 15 THE COURT: Ms. Fitzgerald, do you 16 have questions for Mr. Morgan? 17 MS. FITZGERALD: Just a few. 18 He can -- do you want him back up to 19 the stand? 20 THE COURT: Whatever is easiest for 21 both of you. 22 MS. FITZGERALD: Why don't you stay 23 there. It's just a few. 24 BY MS. FITZGERALD: 25 Mr. Morgan, when Dr. Friedman sent you the Q

1	Dominic Morgan - as on cross
2	December 4, 2003, letter, he was your attorney,
3	correct?
4	A Yes.
5	Q And he was sending it to you as a client?
6	A Yes.
7	Q Okay.
8	You and you alone were responsible for the
9	posting of that letter on your website?
10	A As I stated many times, yes.
11	Q Dr. Friedman did not tell you to post that
12	letter, did not encourage you to post that letter,
13	did not suggest you post that letter, correct?
14	A No, he did not.
15	Q And that would be true for the other three
16	letters, the December 20, 2001, December 28, 2001,
17	January 4, 2002, and the August 10, 2002 letter.
18	A He did not give me permission to post or
19	mention anything regarding posting them. I posted
20	them on my own.
21	MS. FITZGERALD: No questions, Your
22	Honor.
23	THE COURT: Anything further?
24	MR. SILVERMAN: No, Your Honor.
25	THE COURT: Thank you, Mr. Morgan.

1	Dominic Morgan - as on cross
2	MR. SILVERMAN: Can we take a quick
3	bathroom break?
4	THE COURT: Very well.
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6	(Recess taken.)
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8	MR. SILVERMAN: I move the admission
9	of all of the documents that have been
10	referenced. I think they have all been
11	admitted by me, all the documents.
12	THE COURT: I believe so.
13	MR. SILVERMAN: And the Plaintiff
14	rests.
15	THE COURT: Very good.
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17	(Pause.)
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19	MS. FITZGERALD: On behalf of
20	Dr. Friedman, I make a motion for nonsuit as
21	to the defamation count against him.
22	THE COURT: I think there's a
23	factual issue here created concerning whether
24	the publication his roll in the publication
25	was malicious.

1 Nevyas v. Morgan & Friedman 2 MS. FITZGERALD: Can I --3 THE COURT: You just can't -- your argument is that since he never -- he himself 4 5 never published it, Mr. Morgan did, he's 6 automatically absolved. I disagree. I 7 vigorously disagree with that because the issue -- one of the issues in defamation is 8 9 the communication. 10 Now, if it was not malicious by 11 clear and convincing evidence, then you prevail; but it's clearly a -- I believe a 12 13 factual issue. 14 MS. FITZGERALD: Could I just be 15 heard on that point, Your Honor? 16 The case that the Plaintiffs rely on 17 is a case called Wills versus Hardcastle. 18 It's a 1902 decision --19 THE COURT: I am relying on the -- I'm relying on all -- I'm not relying 20 on the 1902. I'm relying on all these cases 21 that I've -- that I cited in the -- in the 22 23 motions in limine on Monday. I'm relying on 24 what the law is that if you -- there's a 25 distinction between negligent

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2	publication and publication is part of it.
3	Merely because the material is defamatory,
4	that's one step. This next step is was it
5	published. And in publishing it, if you're
6	using the negligence standard, was it
7	negligently published. If it's a malicious
8	standard, was it done maliciously.
9	MS. FITZGERALD: Your Honor, the
10	cases that are out there are not cases where
11	an attorney communicates with a client. The
12	case that they rely on and cite is a case
13	where a defendant had a defamatory article, a
14	magazine article, and handed it to a magazine
15	editor.
16	In that case the Court held the jury
17	may consider evidence that by handing that to
18	a publisher, a magazine publisher, the
19	THE COURT: Let me say this
20	MS. FITZGERALD: If you have an
21	attorney communicating with his client
22	THE COURT: That's a factor you can
23	argue and say was it malicious. After all, he
24	was Mr. Morgan wanted the wanted these
25	matters to the sent to the FDA, and as an

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2	attorney, he gave copies to the to his
3	client. That's one argument you can make.
4	Now, there's a counterargument here,
5	and I as the fact finder have to take this
6	into consideration.
7	Let's strip this all bare at this
8	point. I have listened almost a week to all
9	of this testimony, but the issue I have to
10	decide is whether he knows he your client,
11	knows that Mr. Morgan has all these websites.
12	He knows that the first three letters were
13	published by Mr. Morgan on the website. Did
14	he know or have reason to know? That's the
15	negligence standard. But was it malicious for
16	him to give this letter even though he was his
17	client
18	MS. FITZGERALD: Your Honor,
19	respectfully, Your Honor, I think you're
20	analysis is a negligence analysis.
21	THE COURT: It may be. It may be a
22	negligence analysis; if it's a negligence
23	analysis and here is where I think you
24	disagree you prevail.
25	MS. FITZGERALD: I ask the Court to

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2	look at the
3	THE COURT: I believe there is if
4	this were a jury trial, I would have submit
5	the malicious aspect to the jury.
6	MS. FITZGERALD: Okay.
7	THE COURT: So I'm submitting it to
8	myself.
9	MS. FITZGERALD: With
10	THE COURT: I deny your motion.
11	And
12	MS. FITZGERALD: With the
13	understanding that the plaintiff must prove
14	that Dr. Friedman published these letters
15	THE COURT: By clear and convincing
16	evidence.
17	MS. FITZGERALD: with actual
18	malice.
19	THE COURT: The Blackwell case and
20	the Bartlett case.
21	MS. FITZGERALD: Bartwell, correct.
22	MS. LAPAT: Your Honor, if I may
23	just may respectfully state that I think the
24	Blackwell and Bartlett case talk about the
25	proof of actual malice must be by a clear and

1	Nevyas v. Morgan & Friedman
2	convincing evidence. I don't believe that
3	there's anything in those cases that state
4	that the clear and convincing standards,
5	therefore, that spills over into other
6	aspects
7	THE COURT: I think it does spill
8	over to the publication. That's part of the
9	malice. Part of the malice is the
10	publication. You can't extricate the malice
11	from the publication.
12	Something could something could
13	be defamatory and then you got it published,
14	and was that publication malicious in this
15	case? That is knowing falsehood, reckless
16	disregard. That's one aspect. The other is
17	was it malicious to give it to Morgan knowing
18	Morgan, Mr. Morgan, was going to publish it.
19	All of that is in.
20	MS. FITZGERALD: But there is
21	no Plaintiff has not put forth any evidence
22	that Doctor that anybody knew that
23	Dr. Friedman was that Mr. Morgan was
24	actually going to publish
25	THE COURT: Oh, please. Please.

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2	I've been listening to this case for a week.
3	Mr. Morgan's going to publish anything
4	about anything is going to be go on his
5	websites. The question is was there an
6	attorney-client relationship. The question is
7	did what Mister did what Mister
8	Dr. Friedman, was it malicious in turning
9	it over, and that's the issue.
10	MS. FITZGERALD: One final point, I
11	asked the Court to consider the case of Wok
12	W-O-K, versus Teladine (ph) industries.
13	That's an Eastern District Case 2007, 475
14	THE COURT: It's an Eastern District
15	Case
16	MS. FITZGERALD: In that case, the
17	Court held an attorney's communication with
18	his client is absolutely privileged,
19	absolutely privileged.
20	THE COURT: Yes, but this is an
21	MS. FITZGERALD: Even if the client
22	then goes and does
23	THE COURT: Turning it over I
24	agree if Mr. Friedman if Dr. Friedman after
25	he sent the letters to the FDA then turned it

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2	OV	er to Mr. Morgan
3		MS. FITZGERALD: It's a complaint
4		THE COURT: If I want to get ahold
5	of	those letters from Mr. Morgan let's say
6	the	ere's no communication there's no
7	pul	plication there's an attorney-client
8	pri	vilege. I would agree with that. But
9	tha	t's this went a step further. He
10	the	n he, Mr. Morgan, then publishing it.
11		Now, the question is
12		MS. FITZGERALD: He also
13	pub	lished
14		THE COURT: what was
15	Dr.	Friedman's motivation here? Was it
16	mal	icious to get back at the Nevyases because
17	he	was being sued or
18		MS. FITZGERALD: No.
19		THE COURT: was it he felt, look,
20	I re	epresent him. He's got a right to this
21	leti	cer
22		MS. FITZGERALD: Your Honor, he
23	wası	't sued.
24		THE COURT: At the time?
25		MS. FITZGERALD: No. Not at all.

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2	THE COURT: I said his client was
3	sued.
4	MS. FITZGERALD: He filed
5	THE COURT: His former client.
6	MS. FITZGERALD: He filed an answer.
7	THE COURT: He wasn't sued at that
8	time?
9	MS. FITZGERALD: No.
10	THE COURT: Okay. That's a factual
11	issue you can raise.
12	MS. FITZGERALD: I wasn't he
13	filed an answer and attached a counterclaim
14	and with that a number of documents, a lot of
15	the material he had since gotten from the FDA
16	and filed it and gave it to Mr. Morgan.
17	Mr. Morgan got a copy of the answer.
18	THE COURT: Okay.
19	MS. FITZGERALD: It's public record.
20	THE COURT: That's what I'm not
21	clear of. You better have your client
22	testify.
23	MS. FITZGERALD: Mr. Morgan
24	testified to it.
25	THE COURT: We may be going outside

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2	the record here.
3	MS. FITZGERALD: No. No.
4	Mr. Morgan testified yesterday afternoon he
5	got the answer and this was what the answer
6	looked like. It had a ton of exhibits. That
7	letter was one exhibit.
8	Simply by the fact that it's already
9	judicial record, it's privileged. And then
10	it's privileged for the additional reason that
11	it's an attorney-client communication.
12	THE COURT: It's not privileged to
13	put it on the internet.
14	MS. FITZGERALD: There's no evidence
15	that Dr. Friedman did.
16	THE COURT: I agree.
17	MS. FITZGERALD: Non whatsoever.
18	THE COURT: I agree.
19	MS. FITZGERALD: That has to be
20	shown by clear and convincing evidence.
21	THE COURT: I agree, but it's a jury
22	question. That's what I keep saying here.
23	You want me to direct the verdict in
24	favor of Dr. Friedman. Under no circumstances
25	would I do that. There's plenty of evidence

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1	Nevyas v. Morgan & Friedman
2	here for a jury to consider.
3	I'm in the saying at this point I'm
4	making that ruling. I'm merely saying there's
5	plenty of evidence in this case for a jury to
6	make that determination.
7	MS. FITZGERALD: Okay.
8	Can I have a clarification are
9	you have you held that the communications
10	to the FDA are privileged?
11	THE COURT: You see you, want me
12	to
13	MS. FITZGERALD: All right. I
14	THE COURT: You want to put me in a
15	bind.
16	MS. FITZGERALD: I want to
17	understand before I put my case on.
18	THE COURT: That's not the end of
19	it. The end of it is some certain other
20	things happened.
21	MS. FITZGERALD: Okay.
22	THE COURT: If that's all that was
23	done, yes. But that's not what was done here,
24	and I'm not I'm not the one thing the
25	jury is not going to do is compartmentalize