Volume I Pages: 1-28 Exhibits: 0 COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS NORFOLK, SS. SUPERIOR COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT RODGERS POWERS & SCHWARTZ, LLP* Plaintiff * DOCKET NUMBER 1682CV00749 v. * * NATALY MINKINA, M.D., ET AL Defendant HEARING BEFORE THE HONORABLE DIANE C. FRENIERE APPEARANCES: For the Plaintiff: Casher Law Offices P.O. Box 848 Wilbraham, Massachusetts 01095 By: Dana E. Casher, Esq. For the Defendant: 25 Baker Circle Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts 02467 By: Nataly Minkina, M.D., Pro Se Dedham, Massachusetts July 10, 2018 Recording produced by digital audio recording system. Transcript produced by Approved Court Transcriber, Donna Holmes Dominguez

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1	<u>PROCEEDINGS</u>
2	(Court called to order.)
3	COURT OFFICER: Court is now in session.
4	THE CLERK: Next case is Norfolk Civil Action 2016-0749,
5	the case of Roger, Powers and Schwartz vs. Dr. Nataly Minkina.
6	Please step forward and introduce yourself to the Court.
7	DR. MINKINA: Your Honor, Your Honor? May I ask your
8	permission for my husband to sit next to me and aid help me
9	with exhibits so I can find them?
10	THE COURT: You may.
11	DR. MINKINA: Thank you.
12	MS. CASHER: Good afternoon, Your Honor, Dana Casher for
13	the plaintiff Rodgers, Powers and Schwartz.
14	THE COURT: Good afternoon, Counsel.
15	DR. MINKINA: Good afternoon, Your Honor, Dr. Minkina,
16	pro se.
17	THE COURT: Okay. I have looked through a number of
18	documents in this case, including some filings that I received
19	from this morning from my Clerk. I'm just going to say
20	what they are so that the both parties know what I've looked
21	at.
22	I have the defendant's emergency motion regarding the
23	Court order of June 4th, 2018, order. There's a memo that
24	goes along that and there's about a hundred page attachment of
25	exhibits that go along with that.

I also have before me Judge Hallal's order of June the 4th, 2018 which is entitled clarification of findings and further order on plaintiff's amended verified complaint for contempt.

5 I've also reviewed enough of the file to have seen that 6 the defendant sought an appeal from the Appeals Court which 7 looks like it was denied on the 9th. Well, looks like it was 8 docketed here on the 9th, dated on July 6th which just says, 9 "After review of the petition, the memo of law, appendix and 10 opposition to the petition is denied. The plaintiff's request 11 for the award of costs is also denied."

12 And I quess we're here on, independent of those 13 pleadings, we're here on Judge Hallal's order that you appear 14 today and you -- the defendant appear today, and -- and 15 deposit, I guess, \$78,000 into an escrow account into the 16 Clerk's office by 2 p.m. today. We're here at the 2 p.m. 17 hearing even though it's a little before 4 at this point. And 18 under paragraph two of Judge Hallal's order, it indicates that failure to pay will result in this Court remanding -- is it 19 20 Doctor -- I don't want to mispronounce your name -- McKinnon? 21 DR. MINKINA: Minkina. 22 THE COURT: Minkina? 23 DR. MINKINA: Minkina. 24 THE COURT: Minkina. 25 DR. MINKINA: Yes.

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1	THE COURT: "To the custody of the sheriff of the
2	Norfolk County County of Norfolk to be incarcerated in the
3	House of Correction in said County of Norfolk or another
4	facility determined by the sheriff for ninety days or until
5	such payment of the \$78,000 is made."
6	So, that's initially what I want to tell you with regard
7	to the documents that I've reviewed in this case. I wish to
8	hear from the parties with regard to whether or not the
9	\$78,000 was paid and I guess first that's what I'll hear
10	about.
11	MS. CASHER: It was not, Your Honor.
12	THE COURT: Okay.
13	DR. MINKINA: I did not pay, Your Honor, because I don't
14	have that money.
15	THE COURT: All right. Well, I understand that, but
16	there are ramifications to the Court orders and those
17	ramifications were clearly enumerated in Judge Hallal's order
18	of June the 4th, and I will tell you that I there's no
19	procedural basis for you being here any anymore. And by
20	that I mean, you filed a motion to reconsider Judge Hallal's
21	order, and he considered that and denied it.
22	You filed an appeal, it was considered and denied.
23	And so under that sort of the procedures have run out.
24	I will tell you that in reviewing the attachments to the
25	emergency filing, I I don't wish to hear any further

argument about the amounts of money that were paid to your brother and to the credit cards. I'm not going to revisit those issues. Frankly I don't have to revisit anything at this point.

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5 But I -- I can't ignore the attachments that you made to -- with regard to the Fidelity accounts and with regard to 6 this idea that certain sums of money were taken out by 7 Fidelity as a result of you taking this money from a 8 9 retirement account. And if I credit those statements, as they 10 appear on the face to be, it looks like there's a gross amount 11 and a net amount. And so re -- I only want -- I want you to 12 limit your discussion today to that issue; do you understand? 13 DR. MINKINA: Yes.

THE COURT: Okay. And at the end of the day, it may be 14 15 moot because I am not going to disturb, in any way, Judge 16 Hallal's order with regard to what I accumulate is \$44,000; that is, in paragraph -- the paragraph that's entitled 17 18 Contempt of the Ricciuti Order, it says, "That the Court finds 19 by clear and convincing evidence that there was a violation of 20 the Ricciuti Order knowingly and intentionally." And, in paragraph 2, it indicates that you wrote three checks to your 21 22 brother, totaling \$26,000; and an additional amount of \$18,000 23 paid in credit card bills during the enumerated time periods 24 in his order -- I'm not going to read it all, and that those 25 payments were not expenses in the ordinarily course of paying

usual household and personal expenses and were thus in direct violation of the Ricciuti order.

I know you don't agree with that, but that's not open for debate. So, I can tell you that if you don't, if you didn't come with at least \$44,000 today, I'm going to order that this order be effectuated and that's going to result in you going to jail.

I am going to leave open, and I want to hear argument 8 9 from both sides with regard to whether or not, and I've 10 spoken, I can do the math myself -- I can see how Judge Hallal 11 reached \$78,000. It is the \$44,000 that I just enumerated, 26 12 to the brother, 18 to credit card bills. And an additional \$34,000 which is the remaining sum between the amount that 13 Judge Hallal found which transferred out of the Fidelity 14 15 account, \$98,000, and the amount that was used to pay 16 attorney's fees, \$64,000. So that \$34,000 is what Judge 17 Hallal attributed to -- you took this money out of the 18 Fidelity account and you -- and that was in violation of the 19 Ricciuti order because it was not authorized by Judge 20 Ricciuti.

It seems to me, I just want to make sure that he got that right.
DR. MINKINA: May I say something, Your Honor?

THE COURT: You may, relative to that issue.
DR. MINKINA: You -- you got it right, but there was just

pure arithmetic order -- error in those calculations. 1 2 THE COURT: In which calculation? DR. MINKINA: The calculations, well, you told me that I 3 cannot talk about my -- the checks I wrote to my brother. 4 5 THE COURT: I'm not going to revisit that. DR. MINKINA: No, no, no, I understand. But I would 6 like to just bring this up, that if I would withdraw money 7 from my retirement account, \$30,000, and just give it to 8 9 Attorney Casher, that would not be a violation. So, I was not 10 able to withdraw that money myself. So, my brother paid on my 11 behalf. All I did -- I just returned the money, number 1. 12 Number 2, as I mentioned the difference which confused Judge Hallal, was the twenty-five percent of the amount which 13 he calculated 98,000 correctly, was -- never made it to my 14 account, because they were withheld by Fidelity. So the 15 16 amount of money I received was much lower. Number 3 --17 18 THE COURT: So, just sticking with that last point for a 19 second. 20 DR. MINKINA: Yes. 21 THE COURT: In Exhibit 3 to your pl -- excuse me --22 Exhibit 4 to your pleading, you attach what appears to be 23 statements. 24 DR. MINKINA: Yes. 25 THE COURT: From your -- is this -- statement from your

Fidelity accounts. 1 2 DR. MINKINA: Correct. THE COURT: And so I looked to the first one which is 3 dated -- well it says -- we'll use the request date in the 4 5 middle of it. The defense -- the plaintiff has this, is that 6 right? 7 MS. CASHER: I'm sorry, Your Honor? THE COURT: Plaintiff has this -- you have this 8 9 attachment, so you can follow along? 10 MS. CASHER: She gave it to me when I came into Court, 11 yes. 12 THE COURT: Okay. So the request date is 9-8 of 2017 for 13 that first one. 14 DR. MINKINA: Uh-huh. 15 THE COURT: It seems to indicate that the cash withdrawal amount is \$7460.11. 16 17 DR. MINKINA: Yes. 18 THE COURT: And then that the federal tax withholding is 19 listed there \$1,400 and some change, 380 in state and there's 20 an estimated cash amount you will receive that then says 21 5587.63 --22 DR. MINKINA: Correct. 23 THE COURT: -- for the total transaction amount. It 24 seems to me that in calculating the \$98,000, that Judge Hallal 25 included that 7,460 figure. I don't know that. It seems to

me that that's the case.

DR. MINKINA: Well, it's not about this particular figure. Because both Judge Hallal and I, we came to the same number \$98,000 plus/minus a little bit. But what happened, attorney and actually Judge Hallal even asked Attorney Casher during hearing, are you going to present statements from the Citibank account and she said it's not necessary.

Well, unfortunately it was very necessary, because what 8 9 she showed Judge Hallal is how much money I requested to 10 withdraw and then, she showed how much money I paid to my 11 attorneys from Citibank account, and there was a gap and that 12 qap is accountable by -- because I paid twenty-five percent minimal tax and that's the whole issue became about the tax. 13 And also, unfortunately, Judge Hallal did not include some of 14 15 the checks which I paid to my attorneys into his calculations.

16 During -- Exhibit 1, during the hearing Attorney Casher 17 presented list of these checks that were compiled not by date, 18 but by payee. And that was very confusing and also some of the checks were missing. So, as a result, Judge Hallal had an 19 20 impression that I got much more money than I paid to my 21 attorneys, plus he was under the impression that by refunding 22 my brother money, which he paid to Attorney Casher, which I was supposed to pay but could not, because I was in jail, I 23 24 could not withdraw money from my retirement account by 25 refunding him that money, not even all -- part. I violated

1	the law.
2	And number 3
3	THE COURT: You violated his rule.
4	DR. MINKINA: His rule. I'm sorry.
5	THE COURT: His ruling.
6	DR. MINKINA: Yes. And number 3, about the credit card
7	payments. I explained several times. I was absolutely
8	honest, did not hide anything, I said that I have no money on
9	my in my bank. Money comes and goes, and how do I finance
10	my bills because I have bills to pay. And I have very limited
11	funds and my salary is garnished. My wages are garnished.
12	I, because I, so far I had very good credit history. I
13	get offers from credit cards. I can get cash advance at three
14	percent and pay zero interest, for example, for six months.
15	That's what I do. I take this money which allow me to pay my
16	legal bills. I pay minimal amount. At the end when I have to
17	start paying higher interest, I borrow money from another
18	credit card, pay this bill in full and then I continue this
19	process. It is a legal process. I did not violate anything.
20	Didn't steal anything. I told Judge Hallal about what I was
21	doing.
22	So at some point he was under the impression that I had
23	this money which I spent on credit cards. That I had money
24	which I paid my brother. And I had money which is the

25 discrepancy between what Judge Hallal was under the impression

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I paid my attorneys and what I really paid. Plus, I also had legal expenses like Court filing fees, transcript fees and other fees which I paid by credit card and they accounted for approximately \$4,500.

5 So at the end I did not spend a cent of money which I 6 took out of my retirement account on anything but my legal fees, whatever I owed doc -- whatever I owed Attorney Casher 7 or whatever I owed my attorneys. That's all I did, plus you 8 said to me earlier that you will not disturb Judge Hallal's 9 10 ruling. That if I don't come with money, I will be 11 incarcerated. Well, I am not an attorney, and I know that you 12 probably think that it was foolish of me to represent myself, 13 but I'm doing this not because I want to, but because I don't 14 have money to afford legal representation.

15 So, being instructing medicine at Harvard Medical School 16 I have access to Harvard's Library and I did a lot of research 17 and I mention in my memorandum a case regarding Birchall in 18 which SJC explains that, "If debtor has no non-exempt properly [sic], and is unable to pay the judgment, either in full or 19 20 through partial payments, the proceedings may be dismissed. 21 The Court may at any time renew, revise, modify, suspend or 22 revoke any order made in any proceedings." So, you have complete right according to SJC to do whatever you feel is 23 24 right.

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THE COURT: Well, I'm doing exactly that, and that's why

you're even standing having an argument this afternoon because 1 2 I did think, despite the fact that you're rights of appeal have really been extinguished, that there is a limit to the 3 number of times you can ask somebody and ask a Court, I need 4 5 you to reconsider. And you've exhausted those. But despite the fact that you've exhausted those, I do think there's 6 something not to your argument with regard to paying your 7 brother -- I -- I understand your view. And I understand you 8 -- you presented that argument previously to Judge Hallal. I 9 10 said I'm not going to disturb that because I think it was a 11 violation -- I -- I understand the practical reasons why 12 you're doing -- playing -- playing this kind of moving the money with the credit cards and taking advantage of the fact 13 that your -- your credit rating is good enough that you can 14 15 get cheap and move it, but you didn't have the authority to make those decisions and to remove the money from that account 16 17 under the order. And so you violated the order when you did 18 that.

I understand the reasons, logically, I hear what you're saying. I understand the reasons why you did that. I still doesn't make it permissible under the Ricciuti order. And for those reasons I'm not going to disturb Judge Hallal's order with regard to that.

The window that I've opened up here today is I have a factual concern with regard to the facts. I wasn't here for

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1	that hearing. I have a factual concern based on the exhibits
2	that I'm seeing that there that there is merit to this idea
3	that the amount of money that you got out of the Fidelity
4	account was less than what Judge Hallal believed based on the
5	statements that I'm seeing attached.
6	I'll hear form defense counsel.
7	MS. CASHER: Actually, I'm plaintiff's counsel.
8	DR. MINKINA: I'm sorry.
9	MS. CASHER: Judge Ricciuti's order very specifically
10	said you may pay legal fees for this case and the pro-mutual
11	case out of your Fidelity accounts. Anything else you have to
12	first get Court permission. Anything else would include those
13	tax payments.
14	At the hearing on May 31st, Dr. Minkina made the same
15	pitch that she just did to you. That when she takes money out
16	of Fidelity, she doesn't get exactly the amount she takes out
17	of Fidelity. They withhold state and federal taxes because
18	those funds have been deposited on a pretax basis, the way
19	retirement accounts typically work.
20	In the motion for reconsideration that she presented to
21	Judge Hallal after the June 1st order, but before the June 4th
22	order, she made all those same arguments.
23	THE COURT: Were these documents before Judge Hallal?
24	MS. CASHER: Not the
25	THE COURT: were the attachments?

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1 MS. CASHER: -- ones she's given you today, Your Honor. 2 THE COURT: The attachment 4 was not? MS. CASHER: No. 3 THE COURT: Or Exhibit 4 was not? 4 5 MS. CASHER: No, this is the first time I've seen those particular documents. 6 DR. MINKINA: Well --7 THE COURT: You wait. 8 9 MS. CASHER: At the contempt trial, Dr. Minkina's one 10 Exhibit was the -- a blank representation of the form that she 11 has to submit to Fidelity in order to deduct money --12 THE COURT: Okay. 13 MS. CASHER: -- from her accounts. And that showed that taxes would be -- would come out of those monies. Then with 14 15 the motion for reconsideration, again, it wasn't these 16 documents, but she did submit a chart that showed that the 17 gross amount withdrawn from Fidelity and then the amounts that 18 had been withheld for taxes. 19 But again at no point did she ask the Court for 20 permission to have those taxes paid. And withdrawal from her 21 retirement account is clearly outside the ordinary course of 22 business. 23 So, while there was a provision in Judge Ricciuti's order for her to do things properly, she didn't. And Judge Hallal 24

was made aware of these circumstances and denied her motion

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for reconsideration, just as she's made these same arguments to the Appeals Court, that denied her appeal.

So, I would ask, Your Honor, to do the same thing. She had the opportunity to do it correctly and elected not to do so. I -- I would appreciate the opportunity before we close to speak to the emergency motion, however, Your Honor.

7 THE COURT: So your basic argument is that even if it was 8 paid for purposes of paying the federal and state taxes, that 9 does not qualify as an expense in the ordinary course of 10 paying usual household and personal expenses, and as a result 11 of that it had to be in violation of the Ricciuti order?

MS. CASHER: Without prior permission, yes, Your Honor. THE COURT: Okay. I'll hear from you with regard to your -- whatever other additional argument you want to make on the emergency motion.

MS. CASHER: I think it's clear to, Your Honor, whatever the number may be, that the finding of contempt is well founded by Judge Hallal. On the other hand, no one's interests are served by the defendant going to jail and losing her job.

21 What I would propose is, first of all, an award of the 22 fees. This is now the fourth hearing that I've attended in 23 conjunction with this particular contempt action. I have an 24 affidavit to support that, and I would ask, Your Honor, to 25 accept that and to make it.

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1	Secondly, I would ask that the Court postpone the
2	incarceration date for two weeks. During that two week time
3	for for Dr. Minkina to demonstrate that she has filed a
4	completed application for either an equity loan or
5	refinancing, financing of some form sufficient to pay the
6	plaintiff's judgment and the award of costs I've asked Your
7	Honor to enter.
8	And that all other aspects of the order by Judge Hallal
9	remain in place. Judge Hallal's initial order, Your Honor,
10	was dated June 1st. The amended order was June 4th. In over
11	a month's time, the defendant took no action. If you read her
12	motion she's not even made inquiry with regard to refinancing
13	her property to pay this judgment. This is an action
14	THE COURT: Why do you think that two weeks more is going
15	to give her the impetus?
16	MS. CASHER: Well, because otherwise she goes to jail.
17	THE COURT: That's been hanging over her head since the
18	moment that she stepped in today without a check.
19	MS. CASHER: I'm well aware of that, Your Honor.
20	THE COURT: And and was aware ware of that for the
21	last, more than the last month.
22	MS. CASHER: Your Honor, put her in jail. No one
23	deserves it more in my opinion, however, I would rather see
24	this case come to resolution. And my client would certainly
25	rather this case came to resolution. This woman makes

1	\$180,000 a year. In order to qualify even though she's got
2	over \$800,000 in equity in her home, in order to qualify for
3	that refinancing, I imagine she's going to need gainful
4	employment. It is not in anyone's interests for her to lose
5	her job. I'm just trying to bring this case to a close, but I
6	also know that well, to me, and I imagine to, Your Honor,
7	Judge Hallal's order clearly suggested that that would be a
8	way to resolve this contempt issue and, in fact, the whole
9	case. He didn't actually state it. I'm asking, Your Honor,
10	to state it.
11	THE COURT: He didn't actually state what?
12	MS. CASHER: That refinancing her home. He made
13	reference to the fact that she had \$814,000 in equity in her
14	home. He did not state that if she was unable to repay the
15	\$78,000 in some other fashion, that she should utilize that
16	asset to satisfy this judgment. I'm asking, Your Honor, to
17	make that very clear to this pro se litigant and within two
18	weeks you can readily complete an application for financing.
19	If she doesn't do it within that timeframe, Your Honor, she
20	never will and she might as well just be locked up. But I'm
21	trying to find some kind of just pathway to resolution here.
22	THE COURT: Okay. I'll here from the defendant one last
23	time.
24	DR. MINKINA: Thank you, Your Honor. First of all
25	Attorney Casher's statement that she did not see the Exhibits

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1	until today is misleading. Because on the 1st of June when I
2	was filing the motions there was disc filed. It's in Court
3	and it's documented that the disc with all the information was
4	filed so it is available.
5	THE COURT: Did you send her a copy?
6	DR. MINKINA: Yeah, of course.
7	THE COURT: Of the disc?
8	DR. MINKINA: Yes. So she has and this is not the
9	first time she's stating that she doesn't. And in the past,
10	she was forced to apologize to Judge Hallal because she
11	mislead him; Number 1.
12	Number 2, yes, there is that magic number \$800,000 equity
13	in the house which both Judge Davis and Hallal brought up
14	several time. In fact, Judge Ricciuti during September 29th
15	hearing stated, "She can't repossess your house. That's the
16	problem."
17	I said well, then what about the valuation, is it
18	relevant? And Judge Ricciuti said, "Not really." So the
19	potential valuation of \$800,000 is not relevant.
20	Number 3, I have two mortgages on this house. So, it's
21	not like I have \$800,000 lying in my safe deposit box or
22	deposited in a hidden account where I can walk in and just
23	withdraw it. I don't. And we're talking about my retirement
24	account and about my home, which I own jointly with my husband
25	and which have declared Homestead. So these are exempt

1	equities. I do not have any non-exempt equities. Not to
2	mention that when RPS, client of Attorney Casher, "Represented
3	me," and butchered my case, I sustained damages of \$100,000.
4	After that I spent \$300,000 on legal fees in legal malpractice
5	case. That's where my money went. I'm not printing money in
6	my basement. Yes, I have good salary, but my salary is
7	garnished to the maximum amount allowed by the law. And
8	Attorney Casher loves to talk about how rich I am, but she
9	always forgets to mention about my debt. How much do I owe?
10	To how many places. That kind of eludes her.
11	And the final issue, what she said about taxes. This is
12	such nonsense. I never heard anything like that in my life.
13	Because when I asked Fidelity to transfer money from my
14	retirement account, I was not ordered. I did it voluntarily.
15	They will not release the money, if they will not withhold
16	taxes.
17	Attorney Casher is a debt collection attorney. If she
18	doesn't know that, what are we talking about? I would be left
19	with nothing. And I'm really puzzled because she attached
20	herself to my other case, which is slowly but surely moving to
21	resolution. ProMutal tried file for summary judgment. Judge
22	Sullivan denied it and during last hearing, Judge Hallal
23	ordered that the trial will start in February. So, Attorney
24	Casher attached RPS to that case.
25	So, in case of any award, she will be first in line to

1	get the money. All she needs to do, let me finish the case.
2	But what she's trying to do, she's trying to derail the other
3	case and ruin me emotionally, financially and psychologically.
4	And the only thing I can find as an explanation that maybe
5	she's trying to help ProMutual. Because she would be she
6	should be very interested that I finish the case and pay the
7	money. Right now I'm paying what I can. I'm not running
8	anywhere; what's the point of putting me in jail? I have a
9	job. I go to work every day. I am writing my motions after
10	work. I work five days a week. What else can I do? Do you
11	think I would escape to Mexico or Canada?
12	THE COURT: I don't know, ma'am. I know that there were
13	several orders of this Court that you have ignored. And
14	DR. MINKINA: May
15	THE COURT: and and and/or chosen to interpret
16	in a way that you now today you think was reasonable and
17	permissible. And two other Judges have found that they were
18	not. I know that you have exhausted your appeals rights for
19	those and I know that the only reason that I came out here
20	today to listen to your emergency motion was because of the
21	attachments that you applied, that you attached to the motion
22	with regard to Fidelity. It seemed to me a fairness issue,
23	and although it may be technically in violation of Judge
24	Ricciuti's order, because he ordered that you could not mix
25	expenses in this way, and you, as a practical matter, for you

1	to get this money to pay your attorney you needed to to get
2	the money out of the Fidelity account you needed to
3	effectively take a larger amount of money. You needed to ask
4	permission to do so under his order. And that was plain under
5	the language of that order.
6	DR. MINKINA: Paying taxes
7	THE COURT: Your property is Homesteaded and I'm not
8	going to order, as the as the plaintiff has asked me to do,
9	something that I think is beyond the scope of what the law
10	allows me to do.
11	DR. MINKINA: Your Honor, may I just ask you one
12	question?
13	THE COURT: No.
14	MS. CASHER: For what it's worth, Your Honor, I raised
15	that only because that was the basis she put in her emergency
16	motion for seeking a delay.
17	THE COURT: I understand that, but I don't think I can
18	order her to do what you've asked me to do under Homestead
19	law.
20	MS. CASHER: I understand.
21	THE COURT: And she's not
22	DR. MINKINA: But if I if I will try? If I will try
23	to get this and I wrote in my motion that I will go and I
24	will try. I don't know how much I will get, but I will try.
25	Give me two weeks and I will report to you on the progress.

Again, I'm not running anywhere. I will come and you can incarcerate me then.

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THE COURT: I want to hear from counsel within, I'm going to give you the amount of time and I -- I -- I speak to this in terms of days. I'm going to do two different things.

6 I'm going to order that you -- you -- first I want to 7 hear from plaintiff's counsel with regard to whether or not if 8 I order defendant to take steps to refinance her house, and 9 whether or not that order can withstand the law under the 10 Homestead rule.

If it cannot -- and -- and this is presuming that she 11 12 agrees to do so, and that she seeks the appropriate waivers of 13 her husband to do so. If the law permits me to order you with the agreement of your husband to refinance your house, then I 14 15 will allow that to take place and I will put you on a very 16 short order. That is, you're going to have to have filed 17 that, all the necessary documents, with the waiver of your 18 husband within two weeks.

If the law doesn't permit me to do so, you're going to see an order that you must show up with the amount that Judge Hallal has ordered. And in light of what I've heard today, I'm not going to change that amount, \$78,000.

How long does -- do -- counsel do you need to look into this issue for the Court?

MS. CASHER: I don't, Your Honor. The Homestead Act

1	provides, my understanding is, Dr. Minkina is under sixty
2	years old. The Homestead Act protects up to \$500,000 worth of
3	equity in the property. By her own financial statements on
4	file with this Court she has \$814,000 in equity
5	THE COURT: Even after the two mortgages?
6	MS. CASHER: in the property.
7	THE COURT: Even after the two mortgages?
8	MS. CASHER: That's after the two mortgages. The two
9	mortgages together, Your Honor, total less than \$200,000. She
10	has two
11	THE COURT: What's the outstanding amount of the
12	judgment?
13	MS. CASHER: The judgment?
14	THE COURT: So the divide of between the Homestead Act
15	of \$500,000 and the three and the \$814,000 if that's a
16	correct figure, there's a divide of \$314,000?
17	MS. CASHER: The existing amount of the judgment
18	including interest, Your Honor, is \$249,702.82. I have a
19	chalk to that effect if you're interested.
20	THE COURT: But there's enough equity in the house to pay
21	it off?
22	MS. CASHER: There is. Without intruding on the
23	Homestead protection.
24	THE COURT: All right. Ms. Minkina, I am going to issue
25	the following order.

1	That by 2 p.m., in two weeks from today, that you need to
2	be here. And you need to be here with provision of documents
3	that ensure the Court that you have filed an application to
4	refinance your property. If you do not, have not filed an
5	application to refinance your property and then we'll take
6	it from there what the next step is going to be. If you have
7	not filed an application to refinance your property with a
8	legitimate bank, bring your toothbrush that day because I'm
9	going to send you to jail. That's the order of the Court.
10	DR. MINKINA: I understand, Your Honor.
11	THE COURT: There is no more appeals. I don't want you
12	to file anything else. I don't need any more paper. You
13	don't have any more rights of appeal, at this point. You've
14	exhausted your rights of appeal.
15	DR. MINKINA: Your Honor, there is one technical issue.
16	I have a lien on my property. So plaintiff needs to lift it,
17	otherwise I will not get anything.
18	MS. CASHER: Not so, Your Honor. At the time of closing
19	the lien would be paid and I would get paid and the lien would
20	be dissolved, Your Honor.
21	THE COURT: Right. The lien would get paid. You do the
22	refinancing. The lien gets paid. And if there's anything
23	left over, you get it.
24	DR. MINKINA: I'm very confused. So
25	THE COURT: There's a lien for the judgment.

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DR. MINKINA: Yes.

THE COURT: So you get it -- you get -- you refinance. DR. MINKINA: Yes.

THE COURT: Get a new mortgage. They'll give you a new mortgage in a certain amount. And the amount of money that -the first amount of money is going to go to satisfy that lien. DR. MINKINA: But --

8 THE COURT: And you're going to be done with this case. 9 DR. MINKINA: Okay. I was under the impression, that I 10 will be asking when I will be -- either refinancing or asking 11 to increase my equity line. We are talking about \$78,000, not 12 \$250,000 roughly.

13 THE COURT: No. You're going to have to get a loan for a 14 larger amount of money. To pay off the debt that you owe to 15 these people.

DR. MINKINA: Well, what will happen if I will file, I will go through all the procedures and bank will refuse. They will say I have too much debt. I have debt on credit cards and other obligations and I have equity, so they will not lend me this money.

THE COURT: If that happens, then you're back to this -to square one. But we're going to take it one step at a time. But if you don't make a good faith basis to file the application within two weeks, you're not going to find out whether the banks going to give it to you or not. The time

1	has come that you need to pay this debt that's owed.
2	Refinance your house and get on with it. Pay what they owe
3	you and move on with your life what you owe them and move
4	on with your life. That's what needs to happen at this point.
5	DR. MINKINA: I'll do my best.
6	THE COURT: I will see you back here in two weeks at 2
7	p.m.
8	THE CLERK: Return date of July 24th at 2 p.m.
9	MS. CASHER: Thank you, Your Honor.
10	COURT OFFICER: All rise.
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