

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 17TH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR
BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

Case No. 09-062943 (07)

RAZORBACK FUNDING, LLC, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

SCOTT W. ROTHSTEIN, et al.,

Defendants.

DAY 9 - MORNING SESSION

DEPOSITION OF SCOTT W. ROTHSTEIN

DATE TAKEN: December 22, 2011
TIME: 8:37 [REDACTED] - 12:00 [REDACTED].
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1 A I masterminded -- the way you're asking it,
2 yes, I utilized phony lawsuits to continue to perpetrate
3 the fraud.

4 Q Phony court orders?

5 A Yes, ma'am.

6 Q Phony settlement agreements?

7 A Yes, ma'am.

8 Q Phony promissory notes?

9 A Yes, ma'am.

10 Q Forged emails?

11 A Yes, ma'am.

12 Q Phony case file documents?

13 A Yes, ma'am.

14 Q Phony flight manifests?

15 A No, we didn't phony up flight manifests. We
16 used --

17 Q You didn't phony up a flight manifest where
18 you added Bill Clinton and Prince Andrew and young
19 girls' names to a Jeffrey Epstein flight manifest for
20 purposes of showing perspective investors how the
21 settlement system worked and why important people might
22 want confidentiality in exchange for large sums of money
23 to be paid to the plaintiff?

24 A My best recollection is, is we used -- I think
25 I testified to this yesterday or the day before -- we

1 used real flight manifests during that meeting with
2 the -- Mr. Scherer's clients. And I told them about
3 fake flight manifests. I don't recall that we created
4 one. If you have one, you can show it to me, that would
5 refresh my recollection, but I actually don't recall
6 that being a document that I created.

7 Q Phony bank websites?

8 A Yes.

9 Q Phony bank statements?

10 A Yes. Screen shots.

11 Q Phony opinion letters?

12 A Yes.

13 Q Phony audit letters?

14 A Yes.

15 Q Fake legal bills?

16 A Yes.

17 Q Phony court case bonds?

18 A Yes.

19 Q Fake law enforcement investigations?

20 A Yes.

21 Q Phony attorney's fees statements?

22 A Yes.

23 Q Fictitious loans?

24 A Yes.

25 Q And, of course, being a successful con means

1 varied.

2 BY MR. RABIN:

3 Q Okay. I want to break these down into groups
4 and try and get your best recollection as to what you
5 told different people in order to engage them in your
6 scheme. And I want to start first with the people in
7 your law firm. Okay?

8 A Sure.

9 Q All right. Russell Adler, you generally
10 described the fact that he helped you round up other
11 lawyers to provide false verifications that they were
12 either sending business or cases to your firm, correct?

13 A That is one of the things that he did, yes.

14 Q And what was the -- what was it that you told
15 him was the reason why you needed those lawyers?

16 First of all, was it honest or a lie and what
17 was the --

18 A No, it was honest.

19 Q Okay. And what -- it was honest, what you
20 told him?

21 A I told Mr. Adler -- to the best of my
22 recollection, I told him that we had the hedge funds
23 coming in town and that in order to convince them to
24 continue to do business with us, that I needed these
25 people to lie about the number of cases we had.

1 Q So, essentially, what you're saying is, you
2 honestly told him aspects of the scheme or he already
3 knew aspects of the scheme and you told him the honest
4 purpose for which you were lining up these lawyers? Is
5 that what you're saying?

6 MR. SCHERER: Object to form.

7 A I don't understand the question but you
8 have --

9 BY MR. RABIN:

10 Q Let me rephrase it.

11 MR. SCHERER: Objection to form.

12 BY MR. RABIN:

13 Q I don't want you to answer a question you
14 don't understand.

15 Is your -- what you just summarized or just
16 testified to is that you told Adler that you needed
17 these lawyers to provide false information?

18 A I told Adler -- yes, I told Adler I needed
19 these lawyers to lie.

20 Q Okay. David Boden, generally what was David
21 Boden's role?

22 A He was my general counsel, and he ran a
23 sub-Ponzi scheme, as we've come to call it.

24 Q All right. And what was the lie that you told
25 or the honest information that you gave David Boden in

1 moment, please.

2 I think --

3 MR. SCHERER: I'm going to object to the
4 question, Sam, unless you can ask the witness
5 to identify who saw him get the cash so he can
6 have a complete answer, since I can't have any
7 more examination.

8 MR. RABIN: I'm happy to ask that
9 question.

10 MR. SCHERER: Thank you.

11 BY MR. RABIN:

12 Q Did you hear Mr. Scherer's question?

13 A I'm sorry, no.

14 Q Who was the person that witnessed you obtain
15 the cash that you claim that you gave to Mr. Weintraub?

16 MR. LAVECCHIO: Objection --

17 MR. RABIN: So much for your question.

18 MR. SCHERER: Take all the joy out of
19 this.

20 MR. LICHTMAN: That seemed like a perfect
21 way to end the transcript.

22 BY MR. RABIN:

23 Q One other area, just real fast, two questions.
24 You remember the Kroll project you discussed with Ken
25 Jenne?

1 A I don't.

2 Q All right. Did Ken Jenne ever propose to you
3 starting a business similar to Kroll's?

4 A Yes.

5 Q And what he -- what -- explain that to us,
6 what he was purposing in that.

7 A We were hiring a lot of retired law
8 enforcement at the time, former ABT agents, FBI agents,
9 IRS agents, and he wanted to put together something to
10 rival Kroll.

11 Q And did that go beyond any discussions?

12 A Other than him and I hiring people to kind of
13 get it started up, no.

14 Q And did Ken Jenne have any role in your
15 illegal activities?

16 A No, sir.

17 Q Other than, perhaps, that one occasion where
18 he carried boxes -- the Epstein boxes into your office
19 that people are claiming that he did?

20 A No, sir. He had no involvement.

21 MR. RABIN: I'm going to cede the balance
22 of my time to Mr. Rasco.

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