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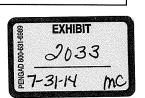
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1	PROCEEDINGS	
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4	called as a witness, and having been first duly	
5	sworn, was examined and testified as follows:	
6	EXAMINATION BY COUNSEL FOR THE PATENT	
7	OWNER	
8	BY MR. FAHMI:	
9	Q Okay. Would you state your name for the	
10	record, please.	
11	A Michael Ian, I-A-N, Shamos, S-H-A-M-O-S.	
12	Q Dr. Shamos, we met earlier, but my name	
13	is Tarek Fahmi. And I represent the patent owner,	
14	Clear With Computers. We are here today to take	
15	your deposition in connection with Covered Business	
16	Method Review 2013-00055 relating to U.S. Patent	
17	8,266,015. And you submitted a declaration in	
18	connection with that proceeding. Do you recall	
19	that?	
20	A Yes.	
21	Q Have you ever been deposed before?	
22	A Yes.	

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1	Q How many times?	
2	A Close to 60.	
3	Q Okay. Just real quick ground rules.	
4	I'll try not to talk over you when you're answering	
5	the question and would ask that you wait until I	
6	finish a question before answering, that way the	
7	court reporter can keep an accurate record of	
8	what's being said. Is that okay?	
9	A Yes.	
10	Q Okay. Is there any reason why you can't	
11	give your best testimony today?	
12	A No.	
13	Q Are you taking any medications that might	
14	affect your memory?	
15	A No.	
16	Q Any other reason why you couldn't give	
17	your best testimony in this proceeding today?	
18	A No.	
19	Q I have handed you what I've previously	
20	marked as CWC Exhibit 2001. Do you recognize this	
21	claim?	
 22	A Well, yes, in a sense.	

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1   	Q How's that?	
2	A Well, in the year 2000, I filed five	
3	provisional patent applications. I don't even	
4	recall whether there were any claims submitted with	
5	the provisionals. Subsequently, those provisionals	
6	were taken over by a different patent firm and the	
7	prosecutors read their applications and claims were	
8	added. And this appears to be one of those claims.	
9	Q I'll represent to you that it's claim one	
10	of U.S. Patent 7330839. Are you the inventor of	
11	that patent?	
12	A I don't recall it by number, but I	
13	recognize the subject matter of the claim.	
14	Q Does this claim recite a law of nature?	
15	A I don't think so.	
16	Q Why not?	
17	A Because I don't know what the law of	
18	nature would be. This is specifying a process for	
19	doing something that's not based on a nonlaw of	
20	nature.	
21	Q Does the claim recite a natural	
22	phenomenon?	

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	1	A Well, if natural phenomenon means	
	2	something that previously occurred in nature that	
	3	was merely discovered by the inventors, I don't	
	4	think so.	
	5	Q Why not?	
	6	A Because I'm not sure what the phenomenon	
	7	is that one would regard as a natural phenomenon.	
	8	Q Does the claim recite a mere abstract	
	9	idea?	
	10	A Well, I think these days it probably	
	11	would it might be regarded as reciting an	
	12	abstract idea.	
	13	Q How did you reach that conclusion?	
	14	A Because a lot has happened since the year	
	15	2000. The Bilski Decision, for example. The	
	16	decisions of the Patent Trial and Appeal Board.	
	17	And yeah, maybe today, it would be regarded that	
	18	way.	
	19	Q How would you conduct an analysis to	
	20	decide whether it recites an abstract idea?	
	21	A Okay. Your question is whether this	
	22	one I listed a number of tests in my	

declaration. One of them would be, would it be 1 feasible to perform this using pen and paper? And 3 I think the answer is it would. I create a survey sample, bring a bunch 5 of people in, keep them in separate rooms. go from one room to another offering them a 6 7 particular product at a particular price, and I could measure the uptake of the -- what fraction of 9 the time people accept various prices and use that 10 to make an optimal price determination. 11 So it doesn't recite a computer, other 12 than through the words "computer-implemented 13 method." It appears to be the only place in the 14 claim that even talks about a computer. And so we 15 know that these days, formal recitations of that nature are not sufficient to take it out of the 16 17 realm of an abstract idea, so I think it is. 18 Does the fact that there's a processor limitation in the determining step (d) change your 19 20 opinion at all? 21 No, I don't think so. I think that's a 22 formal recitation. It's a -- these days -- well,

there was a time when it was common to add such a 2 limitation in the hope that it would render the 3 claim patentable. 4 What do you mean there was a time when 5 that was common? 6 Well, I think it's recognized now that 7 merely reciting a processor in a claim is not going 8 to cause it -- the claim to survive a 101 9 Examination. There was a time certainly prior to 10 Bilski when it was relatively common, for example 11 in the year 2000, to throw the word "processor" 12 into a claim in the hope that it would tie it to something physical. 13 14 But it's your understanding that's not sufficient today? 15 That certainly by itself is not 16 17 sufficient. I mean, there certainly are patentable inventions that involve processors and there are 18 19 processes that are performed that can be performed 20 on a computer that aren't statutory subject matter. 21 So when does a process that can be 22 performed on a computer become statutory versus not

10 statutory? Oh, make me a Supreme Court justice and 2 3 I'll be able to tell you. It's influx. think within the next month we're going to have a 5 lot more guidance from the Supreme Court on that 6 issue. Why is that? Because with Alice versus CLS case that's 8 9 going to come out in the next month. So does that mean that you can't make 10 that determination until that opinion is rendered? 11 Well, you're asking me a matter of law. 12 13 I can give you my understanding of the law. 14 So what's your understanding of the law 15 regarding Section 101? Well, that's -- there's a lot to it, but 16 17 you were asking specifically about abstract ideas. 18 So an abstract idea, there are tests for 19 determining whether or not the idea is abstract or 20 not. One of them is that if it -- if it basically 21 preempts all possible ways of performing the 22 process, then it's abstract because it's not tied

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1	to any particular mechanism or apparatus. That's	
2	one way.	
3	If it is something that can be simply	
4	performed by human beings in tying in the claim to	
5	a computer is essentially formalistic and	
6	meaningless, then it can be regarded as an abstract	
7	idea.	
8	Q Is there anything that a computer can do	
9	that a human being can't do?	
10	A Yes.	
11	Q Like that?	
12	A Generate an electrical signal.	
13	Q So reciting a generalization of an	
14	electrical signal in a claim would be sufficient to	
15	recite a statutory process?	
16	A It mischaracterizes my testimony. You	
17	didn't ask me that question. You asked me whether	
18	there was something a computer could do that a	
19	human couldn't. You didn't ask me whether	
20	whether that would make it statutory or not.	
21	Q Would it?	
22	A It might.	

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1	Q Under what conditions?	
2	A If one weren't claiming the signals	
3	themselves, for example, then I think it could.	
4	Q So would a claim that recites a processor	
5	generating a signal be a statutory process?	
6	A If you wanted me to tell you whether a	
7	claim is statutory or not, you have to give me the	
8	whole claim. You can't just give me a piece of the	
9	claim.	
10	So what's the claim that you're asking me	
11	about?	
12	Q So is it correct, then, that in assessing	
13	whether a claim recites an abstract idea, you must	
14	review the claim language in its totality as it's	
15	written?	
16	A Oh, I think so. Yes.	
17	Q Okay. And when you're assessing whether	
18	a claim to a computer-implemented invention recites	
19	an abstract idea, you have to read the claim as a	
20	whole. Is that right?	
21	A Yes.	i
22	Q Okay. You have to read the claim	

13 according to its expressed terms. Is that right? 1 And with the claim that's recited on 3 Exhibit 2001, is that the analysis you undertook in order to determine whether it recites an abstract 5 6 idea? 7 You're joking. You threw this in front of me this morning, I had -- I had 15 seconds to 9 review the claim and answer the question. 10 obviously didn't undertake a thorough review, as 11 one might have if I were writing a declaration, for 12 example, in a CBM case. 13 So I can't tell you that I went through 14 all of the steps. I had a prior familiarity with 15 the subject matter of the claim. And I'm not sure 16 I even read every word of it while I was sitting 17 here. 18 How long would it take you to do that analysis for this claim? 19 20 Fifteen minutes. Something like that. 21 How long did you spend with the claims in 22 the Johnson patent?

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1	A Oh, many hours.	
2	Q How many?	
3	A Probably 20.	
4	Q Why don't you take a few minutes and	
5	consider the claim that's on 2001 and let me know	
6	when you're ready to proceed in respect to this	
7	claim.	
8	A Proceed in the 101 direction?	
9	Q Well, with respect to the 101 analysis,	
10	yes?	
11	A Sure.	
12	Okay.	
13	Q Do you have an opinion about whether or	
14	not the claim recited in Exhibit 2001 is statutory	
15	under 35 U.S.C. 101?	
16	A Yes.	
17	Q What's your opinion?	
18	A I don't think it is.	
19	Q Why not?	
20	A Because everything that is recited here,	
21	except for the formal mention of computer-implement	
22	method, Internet website and processor, everything	

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15 can be performed by humans engaging in a 1 statistical study. And I already outlined what the 2 3 experiment would be in a previous answer. 4 What we talked about in the specification 5 of this patent was we were relying on the fact that 6 different visitors to a website don't all have to 7 be presented with the same price for the product. Unlike in a retail store, where there's -- either 9 the product has a price marked on it or on the 10 shelf, there's a price listed. 11 And so it's not feasible to do 12 experiments of this kind in the store. One could 13 do experiments of that kind, however, in an 14 experimental situation in which one asked or hired 15 potential subjects to come in and actually 16 participate in the experiment. 17 Earlier you mentioned that a processor producing an electrical signal was an example of 18 19 something that a computer can do that a human can't 20 Is that right? 21 Yeah. I should clarify that. Of course, 22 the human brain does produce electrical signals,

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- 1 but it can't produce electrical signals to a
- 2 specification. So if I say I want a processor that
- 3 produces a signal at the following frequency or the
- 4 following amplitude, a human can't do that.
- 5 Q Are there other things that a computer
- 6 can do that a human being can't do?
- 7 A Yes. So a computer can receive inputs of
- 8 various kinds. Again, those are always electrical
- 9 signals that are received by a computer. A human
- 10 being doesn't receive electrical signals, a human
- 11 being receives inputs to its sensory system. But
- 12 those inputs, in general, are not electrical in
- 13 nature. It can do that.
- 14 There are models that one can imagine
- 15 that there's no way of representing in the human
- 16 brain. For example, the retina of the human eye
- 17 only has a certain resolution palette, only a
- 18 certain number of rods and cones in the eye. So a
- 19 computer is capable of processing images that have
- 20 far more information in them than a human eye can
- 21 process.
- 22 And if that were reflected in a claim

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	1	limitation, it may draw a distinction between what	
	2	a human can do and what a computer can do.	
	3	Q Let's look at another example. This	
	4	is I've handed you what's been previously marked	
	5	as CWC Exhibit 2002. This recites another claim.	
	6	And I'll give you a minute to look it over.	
	7	A So these numbers, 2001, 2002, these are	
	8	deposition exhibit numbers?	
	9	Q Yes.	
	10	A They don't correspond to the exhibits in	
	11	the CBM case.	
	12	Q They haven't been entered in the CBM case	
	13	as yet. I'm just marking them for identification	
	14	purposes.	
	15	A No, I understand. I'm just confused,	
	16	because there is an Exhibit 2001 in the CBM case.	
	17	Q I don't think so. That's	
	18	A It should be on your computer.	
	19	MR. MCKEOWN: You may confuse 1001 and	
	20	generally, the petitioner numbers are a	
	21	THE WITNESS: I get that.	
	22	MR. MCKEOWN: Okay.	

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1	THE WITNESS: So, however, let's clarify	
2	this then. There is an Exhibit 2001. It's the	
3	involuted decision from the Eastern District of	
4	Texas.	
5	MR. MCKEOWN: Okay.	
6	THE WITNESS: That's why I was confused,	
7	because there already is a 2001 in the case, and so	
8	this is not that.	
9	BY MR. FAHMI:	
10	Q Thank you.	
11	A I get it. Yes.	
12	The pending question?	
13	Q Are you done reviewing it?	
14	A No. No, I'm not.	
15	I've reviewed it.	
16	Q Do you recognize this claim?	
17	A Yes.	
18	Q How do you recognize it?	
19	A Well, it's it was one of the claims	
20	I described the process earlier where I wrote some	
21	provisional applications, and later they were taken	
22	over by a firm that drafted claims. I recognize	

19 this as one of the claims from one of the patents at issue from the provisional that I wrote and that I was an inventor on. Did you have any input into the drafting 4 5 of this claim? 6 I'm not sure. And the reason I'm not 7 sure is I don't recall whether claims were submitted with the provisionals or not. If they 8 9 weren't, then I had no input in drafting it, other 10 than having drafted the specification of the 11 provisional. 12 If this was taken from a claim that I drafted originally with the application, then maybe 13 14 you could say that I had some role in it. I had -let's put it this way: I had no interaction 15 whatsoever with the law firm that prosecuted the 16 provisionals, either at the time or subsequent. 17 18 Q Why not? 19 Because the company and I had a falling-out and they -- they bought out my 20 21 interest. 22 Okay. Do you have an opinion about

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1	whether or not the claim that was recited on what's	
2	been marked as Exhibit 2002 recites a statutory	
3	method under 35 U.S.C. 101?	
4	MR. MCKEOWN: Objection.	
5	THE WITNESS: I think it's better.	
6	Oh, I'm sorry.	
7	MR. MCKEOWN: Objection. It calls for a	
8	legal conclusion.	
9	THE WITNESS: I think it's better.	
10	BY MR. FAHMI:	
11	Q Better than the	
12	A Previous	
13	Q claim	
14	A Better than 2001, yes.	
15	Q Why is it better?	
16	A It's better because it's talking about	
17	the receptivity of a person to an advertisement on	
18	a web page. And one can only measure that by	
19	actually presenting the ad on a web page in the	
20	physical context with particular fonts and colors	
21	and things like that.	
22	And so if I handed you an ad on a piece	

21 1 of paper and said, "How do you like this? 2 you buy the product," that scientifically wouldn't 3 be conducting the same experiment as you would be 4 conducting by having them actually view a web page. And so that -- it seems to be more 5 closely tied to a computer than the claim is -- the 6 claim was in the 2001 exhibit. 7 8 Is there any particular claim language 9 that you're looking at to help you reach that conclusion? 10 11 Yes. So there's -- this is in Limitation 12 C at the bottom: "Randomly distributing web pages 13 comprising the plurality of experimental 14 advertisements, one of the plurality of 15 experimental advertisements being output per 16 received user web page request in the sample of requests." 17 18 So it seems to me that you have to -- if 19 you're doing experiments on web pages, I think you 20 have to use web pages. I don't know whether that's 21 going to make it statutory or not. I'm not the 22 tribunal.

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1	Q I'm just asking for your opinion about	
2	it.	
3	A I think it's better. I think I could	
4	make better arguments for 2002 than I could for	
5	2001.	
6	Q Anything else about the claim that makes	
7	it better than the one in 2001?	
8	A No.	
9	Q How would you make the case for the	
10	patentability for the claim in 2002?	
11	A I just did. I said if you're doing	٠
12	experiments on user uptake of web pages, it seems	
13	to me you have to present them with actual web	
14	pages. And I'm not sure how I would conduct that	
15	experiment without using a computer. That's all.	
16	That's that's right now, that's the best	
17	argument I'm thinking.	
18	Q How would that help make the case that	
19	this is a statutory method?	
20	MR. MCKEOWN: Same objection.	
21	THE WITNESS: It helps make the case	
22	because it's tied it's inextricably tied to a	

23 1 computer. It's not something that could be 2 performed by a human with pen and paper. 3 BY MR. FAHMI: 4 Is that the only test that would be 5 applicable in analyzing this claim under 101? 6 No, I don't think so. But that's -- you 7 asked me for my argument -- what argument I would 8 give for 2002 that I couldn't give for 2001, that's 9 the answer. 10 Q Okay. I've got one more example for you. 11 This has been marked for identification as CWC Exhibit 2003. I'll let you take a few 12 minutes to review the claim and let me know when 13 14 you're done. 15 Α Okay. 16 I'm done. 17 Do you recognize this claim? Vaguely, for the same reason. 18 19 definitely know I didn't draft this claim. 20 Q Okay. 21 But it's a claim that is in an issued 22 patent in which I'm an inventor.

24 Do you have an opinion about whether or 2 not this claim would recite a statutory method under 101? 3 I think it's better than 2001, and I 5 think it's on par with 2002. The reason being essentially the same reason, is that I don't know 6 how to construct an experiment that would measure what's being measured here without using actual web 8 9 pages and a computer. What portion of the claim language are 10 you looking at that helps you reach that 11 conclusion? 12 Okay. Well, in -- these limitations 13 14 aren't labeled, but the third one, the third step, "Responsive to the particular customer not 15 16 interacting with the web marketing site for a 17 period of time." Whether a customer interacts with a 18 website or not over a time interval depends very 19 sensitively on what's going on on the web page; are 20 there things there that interest them, are there 21 22 things that are moving, are there things that are

25 brightly colored. 1 And it's a dynamic thing. 2 And I don't know how to take that 3 experiment out of the context of having somebody physically sit and be presented with things on the 4 5 computer screen. In the same way that in 2002, I 6 couldn't dream of doing it with pen and paper. I 7 don't think this can be done with pen and paper. Now, whether it preempts an abstract 9 idea, I haven't considered that. Whether it 10 preempts all possible methods of doing this 11 measurement or not, I don't know. 12 How would you conduct an analysis for 13 preemptory? 14 Oh, I would see if I could think of ways 15 of coming to the same result that are -- would not be covered by this claim. And if so, then it --16 17 it's -- you know, it wouldn't preempt all possible methods of doing it, including methods not invented 18 19 by the inventor, me. 20 Would you agree, then, that under Section 21 101, the eligibility of a claim doesn't turn on 22 whether any individual element of that claim is

26 1 itself patent eligible? Objection. 2 MR. MCKEOWN: Form. 3 THE WITNESS: No, I don't agree with I think one can throw patent ineligible 4 limitations into a claim that would cause you to 5 not have to look at the rest of the claim and say, 6 7 "Oh, well, since that's in there, it's obviously nonstatutory." 8 Now, for example, I put a step in there 9 that recites performance of something in the 10 human brain, or I claim transitory signals, or 11 something like that, I mean, there are things 12 that one could put in there that would disqualify 13 the entire claim, but as a normal matter, one 14 15 does have to read the entire claim in order to 16 make a 101 determination. 17 BY MR. FAHMI: 18 Does every element of an individual claim 19 have to be novel in order to recite a statutory 20 claim under Section 101? 21 Α No. 22 Okay. Does every element of the claim

27 1 have to be nonobvious in order to recite a 2 statutory claim under 101? 3 Α No. 4 0 Would you agree a computer is a form of a 5 machine? 6 Α If you're talking about under the Patent 7 Act, under the statutory classes of invention, a computer is a machine. 8 9 Would you also agree that a computer functions through physical manipulations of 10 11 switches in order to bring about a result? 12 Α The -- you have to clarify the question, 13 because through physical manipulation of switches 14 tends to conjure up the image of the human being 15 flipping switches. On the other hand, a computer 16 has electrical devices in it which are referred to as switches and gates. And those devices are 17 18 manipulated by the machine itself to perform 19 certain computations. 20 And so getting away from the human 21 physically flipping switches, a computer is an 22 autonomous device that would be statutorily

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1	classified as a machine, yes.	
2	Q Okay. The switches that we're referring	
3	to are really transistors. Right?	
4	A Yes.	
5	Q Okay.	
6	A That's an example, yeah.	
7	Q Okay. And it's the manipulation of	
8	turning those transistors on and off that allows	
9	the computer to perform computations. Right?	
10	A Yes.	
11	Q And it's these computations and series of	
12	computations that are conducted that allow the	
13	computer to arrive at a result. Correct?	
14	A Yes.	
15	Q And the computer can be configured	
16	through programming to perform a variety of	
17	different functions through the manipulation of	
18	those transistors. Is that right?	
19	A Yes.	
20	Q Are you currently employed, Dr. Shamos?	
21	A Yes.	
22	Q What's your employment?	

29 1 I'm employed as a professor by Carnegie 2 Mellon University. And you would probably also 3 consider that I'm employed by Expert Engagements, 4 LLC, which is a company owned by me and my wife. 5 What's the business of Expert 6 Engagements, LLC? 7 It's finding expert witnesses for law 8 firms, but the principal expert witness they find 9 is me. 10 Are you compensated in your capacity as president of the company? 11 12 Α Not specifically so. That is not because of my role as president. My -- all of the income 13 14 of Expert Engagements, LLC, after deduction of 15 expenses is distributed to me and my wife. I don't 16 receive a salary, let's put it that way. 17 Does that compensation vary depending 18 upon the success of the company's clients? No. It -- it -- it -- the only 19 20 compensation model that it has is hourly time 21 billed. And so if we bill a lot of hours in a 22 year, then we make more money, but it has nothing

30 to do with the performance of its clients. MR. FAHMI: Let's take a five-minute 2 3 pause, if you don't mind. (Recess from 9:36 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.) 4 BY MR. FAHMI: 5 Dr. Shamos, we were talking a little 6 earlier about computers and human beings performing 7 things by pen and paper. Do you recall that? 8 9 Α Yes. Are there circumstances under which it 10 0 becomes infeasible, although, perhaps possible, for 11 a person to do something by pen and paper, but when 12 done by a computer, that process becomes statutory? 13 14 It's conceivable, so if the claim recites So let's consider the realtime control of an 15 anti-ballistic -- an anti-missile missile. 16 17 there's a target coming in and I have to do the computations necessary to guide a missile up into 18 the sky to destroy it, and this all has to happen 19 within seconds or less. There, even though on --20 with pen and paper, given three years, a human 21 being might be able to do the necessary 22

31 computation, that wouldn't be sufficient to 1 2 accomplish the result within that time. And so if there were a claim limitation 3 4 requiring something to be performed, for example in 5 a fraction of a second, then I think that would 6 harm the argument that a human could do it with pen 7 and paper. 0 Does that desired result have to be 9 recited in the claim in order to make the claim 10 statutory? 11 Well, I don't know if I can make a Α 12 general statement to that effect. But it sounds as 13 though it would, because otherwise, the claim as 14 written, would read on a process that could be performed by a human with pen and paper. 15 16 have to have things in the claim that would cause 17 it to not read on that. That's the way it seems to 18 me. 19 So is it correct that your understanding of the current law is that any process that reads 20 21 on something that can be done by a human being with 22 pen and paper is not a statutory process?

32 Objection. 1 MR. MCKEOWN: Calls for a 2 legal conclusion. 3 THE WITNESS: Well, I think "anything" is a really broad word. And I think I would have to 4 5 look at the specific claim that was at issue. BY MR. FAHMI: 6 7 So it's possible there are some things Q that read on the human being doing something with 8 9 pen and paper that would nevertheless be a 10 statutory process? 11 When you begin a question with, "Is it 12 possible that," I have to give you the stock answer 13 that anything's possible, because I -- I don't know 14 the entire universe of possibilities. 15 conceivable? I suppose. 16 Would you agree that in analyzing a claim 17 under 35 U.S.C. 101, it's the standpoint of the 18 person of ordinary skill in the art that matters 19 for the analysis? 20 MR. MCKEOWN: Objection. 21 THE WITNESS: I would say that the 22 standpoint of ordinary skill in the art matters in

33 terms of understanding what the claim says and what 1 2 the scope of the claim is. I don't think it's 3 whether one of ordinary skill in the art would consider the claim statutory as a matter of law. It's not what ordinary skill in the art would 5 6 consider, it's how ordinary skill in the art would 7 understand words of the claim. 8 I could imagine, for example, chemical claims, or something, that are -- that's not 9 10 understandable to a layperson and so you would have to bring in one of ordinary skill in the art 11 12 that viewpoint. But I don't -- I don't think it matters 13 14 whether one of ordinary skill in the art considers a claim statutory. I don't think 15 16 that's what makes it statutory or not. BY MR. FAHMI: 17 18 So is it correct, then, that one first 19 construes the claim from the standpoint of a person of ordinary skill in the art and then analyzes that 20 21 claim to determine whether it's statutory under the 22

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34 Well, that sounds right. The -- so there 1 2 are -- with respect to construing the claim. there are expressed constructions, for example, the 3 Board construed certain claims in arriving at 4 its -- certain claim language in arriving at its 5 institution decision. Then there is all the other 6 words in the claim, though not subject necessarily to an expressed construction, nonetheless have to be understood within the context of the claim. that's done from the point of view of one of 10 ordinary skill in the art. And once that's done, 11 then one can proceed with the legal analysis as to 12 13 whether it's statutory. Given that understanding, then, and going 14 back to your example about the anti-missile 15 missile --16 17 Α Uh-huh. -- if the person of ordinary skill in the 18 art understood that the activities recited in a 19 claim to that process had to be done in, I think 20 you said, fractions of a second, but that literal 21 fraction of a second language wasn't in the claim, 22

35 would the claim nevertheless be statutory? 1 Well, I'm not sure how they would arrive 2 at that understanding. They would only arrive at 3 that understanding from something in the claim. And since we're not looking yet at a specific 5 hypothetical claim, I don't know what language that 7 would be that would get them there. If language in the claim existed such that the person of ordinary skill in the art did 9 10 arrive at that understanding, is that sufficient to 11 make the claim statutory? 12 Well, I think you have to -- we have to 13 go back and say what that understanding is. 14 You mean the understanding that it could not be conceivably performed by a human being? 15 16 Feasibly performed by a human being within the time required, I think is the way you 17 constructed the example. 18 19 Okay. So the example I did construct was 20 one very specifically oriented to a very short time 21 interval within which possibly even less than human 22 reaction time. So it would be completely

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- 1 impossible for a human to do it, human reaction
- 2 time being about a tenth of a second.
- 3 If the claim recited an anti-ballistic
- 4 missile system -- or a method for shooting down a
- 5 missile comprising the steps of dot, dot, dot, it's
- 6 conceivable in that situation, that one of the
- 7 ordinary skill in the art would understand that
- 8 it's absolutely impossible for a human being to do
- 9 it.
- 10 That doesn't necessarily make it
- 11 statutory. It may still be an abstract idea, but
- 12 it's not some -- it wouldn't be disqualified under
- 13 the grounds it could be performed by pen and paper.
- 14 Q What additional grounds would you have to
- 15 consider?
- 16 A Well, that's an abstract idea.
- 17 Q How do you know whether a claim recites
- 18 an abstract idea or not?
- 19 A I just said, make me a Supreme Court
- 20 justice. We're going to find out within a month
- 21 what that means. It's up in the air now.
- 22 Q So sitting here today, you don't know.

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1	Is that right?	
2	A Don't know what?	
3	Q What makes a claim an abstract idea?	
4	A I don't know if anybody knows. I think	
5	there are things that definitely do make it an	
6	abstract idea. And I think that there's a line,	
7	and we don't know exactly where that line sits	
8	between ideas that are abstract and ideas that	
9	aren't.	
10	Q What definitely makes a claim an abstract	
11	idea, in your opinion?	
12	A The computation of a mathematical	
13	formula.	
14	Q Can you explain that a little more?	
15	A Yeah, sure. I I I discover a	
16	formula for something, maybe even not previously	
17	known to man, and I write a claim to determining	
18	the a number of comprising the steps of, and	
19	I list the formula in the claim. It's a law of	
20	nature, it's an abstract idea, it's a mental	
21	process, there's all there are all kinds of	
22	reasons that that would not be statutory.	

38 1 Any other examples of what would be definitely an abstract idea? 2 I -- I don't have them for you. 3 the kind of thing where if I were to prepare a 4 lecture for my course on law of computer 5 technology, it would probably take me 15 hours to 6 7 prepare one hour of lecture. I'm not ready to give you a discourse on the law of abstract ideas. 8 How would you go about preparing that 9 10 course? I would -- well, I have prepared the 11 course. How would I prepare that lecture? I would 12 13 look at all the current case law, look at the examples of claims that have been found to be 14 15 nonstatutory and claims that had been found to be 16 statutory and attempt, as legal scholars to, to find a line that would separate them. 17 18 Which case law are you referring to? 19 Well, there's patent office law, there's 20 district court law, federal circuit law, supreme 21 court law. 22 Do any of those matter more than others?

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	A Yes. The Supreme Court matters more than	
	anybody.	
	Q Any particular Supreme Court cases that	
	4 are particularly relevant to this topic?	
	There's about there's one about to	
	6 come out that's particularly relevant, as I	
	7 mentioned before.	
	Q Any others?	
	9 A Yeah. Bilski matters. There are	
1	O Ultramercial matters. There are a bunch of cases	
1	1 that matter.	
1	MR. FAHMI: I don't have any further	
1	3 questions. Thank you.	
1	4 MR. MCKEOWN: Nothing further. No	
1	5 redirect here.	
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