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1 MR. MALLAS: I think for the --

2 MR. DOODY: I will make sure we do that.

3 COURT OFFICER: All rise, jurors entering.

4 (Whereupon, the jury enters the courtroom.)

5 THE COURT: Thank you very much. You may all

6 have a seat.

7 MR. MALLAS: Your Honor, plaintiff calls Dr. Paul

8 Ladopoulos.

9 (Whereupon, the witness takes the witness stand.)

10 THE CLERK: Just remain standing for me, Doctor.

11 THE WITNESS: Yes.

12 THE CLERK: Please step forward.

13 Raise your right hand, place your left hand on

14 the bible.

15 D R. P A U L L A D O P O U L O S, a witness

16 called on behalf of the Plaintiff after having been first

17 duly sworn and having stated his address as 30-33 36th

18 Street, Astoria, New York 11103, took the witness stand and

19 testified as follows:

20 THE CLERK: You may be seated, sir.

21 Please state your name.

22 THE WITNESS: Paul Ladopoulos.

23 THE CLERK: Spell your last name, please.

24 THE WITNESS: L-A-D-O-P-O-U-L-O-S. --

25 THE CLERK: And your business address, sir.

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1 THE WITNESS: 30-33 36th Street, Long Island
2 City, New York 11103.

3 THE CLERK: Thank you.

4 MR. MALLAS: May I, Your Honor?

5 THE COURT: You may.

6 DIRECT-EXAMINATION

7 BY MR. MALLAS:

8 Q. Good morning, Doctor.

9 A. Good morning.

10 Q. I just ask you to keep your voice up this way
11 Mr. Huntley back here can hear you. Okay?

12 A. Okay.

13 Q. Can you tell the jury what you do for a living?

14 A. Excuse me, I'm sorry, I didn't hear you.

15 Q. Can you tell the jury what your occupation is?

16 A. I'm a psychiatrist.

17 Q. And can you tell the jury are you licensed to practice
18 medicine in the State of New York?

19 A. Yes, it is.

20 Q. And can you tell the jury what psychiatry is?

21 A. Well, psychiatry itself is involved in treating
22 patients for emotional issues and it's a broad -- actually it's
23 a broad category involving both the treatment, the care, whether
24 it's using medication or therapy, talk therapy, and testing at
25 times. But it's a combination of all that.

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1 Q. And can you tell the jury how long you've been
2 practicing psychiatry?

3 A. It's going to be 20 years in July.

4 Q. And can you tell the jury a little about your
5 educational background?

6 A. Yes, I went to school at Manhattan College in the
7 Bronx. I did my medical school training at the University of
8 Monterey in Mexico, and I finished my residency training in
9 psychiatry at New York Medical College up in Westchester.

10 Q. And did you do any residencies anywhere?

11 A. Yes, that was at New York Medical College in
12 Westchester in Valhalla.

13 Q. And can you tell the jury a little bit about your
14 professional background?

15 A. Well, my professional background I have been
16 practicing psychiatry throughout the years since I finished
17 residency training in July of 1991. I've done treatment in
18 clinics throughout the Bronx. I've worked with methadone in the
19 methadone program. I worked in different programs doing
20 psychiatric care. I currently work in the south Bronx in a
21 clinic there and also do private practice in my office in
22 Astoria.

23 Q. And now, the jury has already learned from other
24 doctors what board certification is but can you tell the jury if
25 you're board certified?

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1 A. Yes, I am.

2 Q. In what area?

3 A. In psychiatry.

4 Q. Now, are you on staff at any hospitals?

5 A. Yes, I am.

6 Q. Can you tell the jury what hospitals you're on staff
7 with?

8 A. At Mount Sinai Hospital of Queens.

9 Q. And has your experience in your practice include
10 dealing with patients with severe scarring because of injuries?

11 A. I've treated patients with scarring as a resident in
12 my residency program. Otherwise, I've dealt with people who
13 have had scars from different injuries and things like that.

14 MR. MALLAS: Your Honor, I offer Dr. Ladopoulos
15 as an expert in the field of psychiatry.

16 THE COURT: So deemed.

17 Q. Now, Doctor, have you ever testified for me before
18 today?

19 A. No.

20 Q. Now, are you being compensated for your time in court
21 here today?

22 A. Yes, I am.

23 Q. Now, I want to talk to you about Chris Peat.

24 At some point did he come under your care?

25 A. Yes, he did.

1 Q. And when --

2 MR. MALLAS: Your Honor, may Dr. Ladopoulos use
3 his record to refresh his recollection?

4 THE COURT: Yes.

5 THE WITNESS: Thank you.

6 A. The first time that I got a chance to see Christopher
7 Peat in an evaluation was on October 10, 2008.

8 Q. I'm sorry?

9 A. October 10, 2008.

10 Q. And at that time did Chris make any complaints to you?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Can you tell the jury what complaints Chris made on
13 that initial visit with you?

14 A. Basically he told me that he was depressed since his
15 accident.

16 Q. Any other specific complaints that he made to you,
17 Doctor?

18 A. Well, he was complaining about having flashbacks and
19 nightmares from the time that he had his burn. Symptoms that I
20 was able to discuss with him included lack of desire, feelings
21 of helplessness and hopelessness, feeling generally down and
22 isolated since his accident.

23 Q. And initially you examined him; correct?

24 A. Yes, I did.

25 Q. Did that entail as part of the psychiatric

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1 examination -- can you tell the jury what's entailed in the
2 psychiatric examination?

3 A. Sure.

4 A comprehensive psychiatric evaluation involves first
5 getting the patient to give you their complaint in his or her
6 own words. After that you try to get a complete history trying
7 to find out exactly what happened for the person to come in to
8 see you. You get questions, you get a complete information as
9 you can at the time. Together with that you try to get past
10 history, if there was any pertinent psychiatric history,
11 permanent medical problems, any family psychiatric history. You
12 work on getting -- complete a social history on the person and
13 then we do something called the mental status exam which are
14 specific questions geared psychiatrically that you ask and you
15 try to elicit on the patient to try to get ideas on both their
16 mood if there's any questions of suicidality, homicidality. If
17 there's any questions of what you call psychosis, hearing
18 voices, seeing things, getting a general idea of whether they're
19 responding to you as you speak. You're actually looking at the
20 patient at the same time as you're asking these questions
21 because in psychiatry, compared to a lot of other fields, a lot
22 of it is a personal one to one evaluation and also the
23 relationship you're having with the patient. It's not the same
24 as doing a medical test, a blood test or something else. So
25 you're evaluating the patient at the same time. And also you're

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1 trying to be able to develop some type of a rapport, a
2 relationship, because for most of us it's very difficult the
3 first time you go to see a stranger and try to discuss things
4 that's are going on in your life. So part of what we do as
5 psychiatrists is we want to develop a personal alliance. We
6 want to get the information and then after all that is elicited
7 we try to get an appropriate treatment plan.

8 What's involved with that is you're going to see what
9 you want to do in terms of therapy with the person and if
10 necessary medication and discuss that with the patient and work
11 on a plan to help him or her do better.

12 Q. Okay. Based on just your initial examination, did
13 you -- what did that examination reveal, Doctor, about Chris
14 Peat?

15 A. Well, I found him at the time to be having what we
16 call a post traumatic stress disorder.

17 Q. Can you tell the jury what that is?

18 A. Post traumatic stress disorder is a psychiatric
19 condition. It first became -- it first became in the public in
20 the 1960s because a lot of Vietnam vets were coming back with
21 horrendous stories of flashbacks and nightmares. And what
22 happened was that it became through the psychiatric
23 organization, the American Psychiatric Association, had a book
24 where they put specific diagnosis down of what is involved in
25 each psychiatric condition.

1 With post traumatic stress disorder someone that has
2 been exposed to something which is potentially dangerous or life
3 threatening to them, and what happens when they've been exposed
4 to this they respond to it with fear, avoidance, withdrawal,
5 anxiety, anger. There's a rainbow of symptoms that can be
6 involved but it's directly related to something that
7 specifically happened to them.

8 Q. And did your examination of Chris Peat reveal that he
9 suffered post traumatic stress?

10 A. Yes, it did.

11 Q. Can you tell us what signs or symptoms of post
12 traumatic stress was exhibited to you?

13 A. Well, he was complaining of the flashbacks and the
14 nightmares which are part of the symptoms that you can see in
15 post traumatic stress disorder. You can get what we call
16 reoccurrence thoughts which can be the nightmares, painful
17 recollections. There's sometimes you get avoidant behavior.
18 You might isolate yourself from other people. You're afraid to
19 go to places. You can start generalizing about things that
20 might not normally mean something to every other person except
21 for that person who's been exposed to it.

22 An example, if you see a trauma, if you've gotten into
23 a car accident and the next day you see a movie that shows a car
24 getting hit, it starts clicking my God, something like this
25 happened to me. And it might have a different response versus

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1 someone else who hasn't had that stress happen in their life.
2 To that other person it's just a movie. So this is one of the
3 things that -- this is one of the things that are part of post
4 traumatic stress. But again, it's a consolidation of different
5 symptoms.

6 Q. And can you tell the jury what are mood disorders?

7 A. Mood disorder is something in psychiatry we call it
8 secondary to a general medical condition. That being either a
9 major depression or what we call bipolar disorder which is manic
10 depression.

11 What happens with this compared to a general
12 depression that people can go through is this is directly
13 related to a specific injury or medical condition that happens
14 to the person. To make it clear, if someone out of the blue is
15 depressed, they might be exhibiting lack of desire, problems
16 with concentration, not feeling good about themselves, feelings
17 of helplessness and hopelessness but there's not a direct
18 relationship to something. So that's how we separate that from
19 something like a depression.

20 A mood disorder specifically in this case a major
21 depression is due to the fact that this person had an injury,
22 that being the burn that he suffered, and that directly caused
23 his mood symptoms which in this case are depression. Depressed
24 mood, anxiety, lack of desire. Those are all part of a
25 depression but it's under the category of a depression because

1 of the injury that he had.

2 A lot of the symptoms are similar and the symptoms
3 aren't really that important. It's just being able to identify
4 what was the cause or the effect of this and from everything
5 that was relayed to me and the history, that this was the reason
6 that I came with these two diagnoses for him.

7 Q. And did Chris undergo a course of treatment with you?

8 A. Yes, he did.

9 Q. That include prescription medication?

10 A. Yes, it did.

11 Q. Can you tell the jury what you prescribed for him?

12 A. Initially when he, Chris, came in, I wanted to start
13 him on a medication called Zoloft. It's an anti-depressant.
14 I'm sure everyone has heard of it. It's been used for both his
15 depression and anxiety. A lot of these medications are used for
16 multiple things. I wanted to get him started on something to
17 help cut the edge off some of the symptoms, the feelings that
18 were going on. You know, that was used together with therapy.

19 Q. Did this prescription ever change?

20 A. Yes, it did. During the interval of time I needed to
21 increase it.

22 Q. Just keep your voice up.

23 A. I'm sorry.

24 During the interval of time that I treated him, I
25 needed to increase the dose and actually near the end of our

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1 treatment I wound up switching the medication because I had a
2 conference with a neurologist that saw him and we decided to
3 switch him to another anti-depressant called Cymbalta.

4 Now, the reason why we did this was he was also having
5 pain. A type of pain called neuropathic pain and the Cymbalta
6 works both for the depression and the anxiety and the pain. So
7 basically we were using one medication to take care of two
8 problems instead of having two separate medications. So it
9 seemed like a good plan. I discussed it with a conference with
10 a neurologist and then we discussed it with Christopher and I
11 started him on it briefly before we stopped treatment.

12 Q. Now, how long did this treatment last?

13 A. Chris was treating with me from October, 2008 till
14 May 12, 2009.

15 Q. And generally during of the course of that treatment,
16 can you tell the jury what complaints, specific complaints,
17 Chris made to you?

18 A. Well, Chris was complaining about feeling depressed,
19 anxious, very ashamed of the burns that were on his body. He
20 talked about isolating himself. He talked about having concerns
21 about having significant relationships with people. He gave me
22 examples of even when he was on a train of being embarrassed to
23 hold a rail because there was burn marks on his hand and people
24 look at him. And even people he knew he told me would look at
25 him in a way and mock him. So I think there was a lot of

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1 feelings of very low self esteem and worthlessness because of
2 what happened.

3 Another example he gave me is he used to enjoy to
4 swim. He said I can't go swimming anymore. I have these burns
5 on my back. So his whole lifestyle has been changed completely
6 and, you know, he was suffering a lot and feeling like he was
7 really all alone in this.

8 Q. Doctor, did Chris stop treating with you?

9 A. Yes, he did.

10 Q. Do you know why?

11 A. I have no idea why.

12 MR. MALLAS: Your Honor, may I have this document
13 marked --

14 THE COURT: Sure.

15 MR. MALLAS: -- as Plaintiff's 42, Your Honor?

16 THE COURT: For ID?

17 MR. MALLAS: Yes.

18 (Whereupon, Dr. Ladopoulos' bills for treatment
19 of Christopher Feat were marked as Plaintiff's Exhibit 42
20 for identification.)

21 MR. MALLAS: Your Honor --

22 THE COURT: Show it to counsels.

23 MR. DOODY: No problem.

24 Q. Doctor, can you tell us what those two pages that you
25 were just handed marked Plaintiff's Exhibit 42 are?

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1 A. Yes, these are my bills for therapy during the 20
2 sessions that I saw him.

3 MR. MALLAS: Your Honor, I offer Plaintiff's 42
4 in evidence.

5 THE COURT: Any objection?

6 MR. DOODY: Can I just take one more look at
7 them, Judge?

8 THE COURT: Okay. Sure.

9 MR. DOODY: No objection, Your Honor.

10 THE COURT: Okay. 42 into evidence.

11 (Whereupon, Plaintiff's Exhibit 42 was marked in
12 evidence.)

13 COURT OFFICER: Plaintiff's 42 into evidence so
14 marked.

15 Q. Now, Doctor, these bills -- first of all, can you tell
16 the jury what the amount of the bills were? You have to take
17 them out. It can't be part of your record.

18 A. There's two bills for ten sessions a piece. The first
19 bill was for \$1,550 and the second bill for \$1,500. Basically
20 the first bill involved the initial psychiatric evaluation plus
21 the follow-up psychiatric sessions. And the second bill was
22 just the remainder of the psychiatric sessions that I had with
23 the patient.

24 Q. So roughly about \$150 a visit?

25 A. Yes.

1 Q. And these bills were never paid; correct?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. And at some point Chris stop treating with you;
4 correct?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Now, does Chris still need treatment?

7 A. He absolutely needs --

8 MR. DOODY: Objection.

9 THE COURT: Overruled.

10 A. He absolutely needs treatment.

11 Q. When Chris stopped seeing you, did you want to
12 continue seeing him?

13 A. Yes, I did.

14 Q. Why?

15 A. Because I felt that his condition was serious and he
16 required continued psychiatric care both for therapy and for
17 medication.

18 Q. Now, Doctor, I want you to assume that Chris testified
19 that in December of 2003 he was released from Burke to his home,
20 he wanted to return to Burke, is that common in these types of
21 cases?

22 A. It makes a lot of sense because when you're in a
23 protective environment such as a place like Burke, first of all,
24 you're with people that understand what you're going through,
25 you're dealing with professionals and you're kind of in a safe

1 womb, if I can say something like that, because you have people
2 that are treating like-minded problems that you're going
3 through. You're in a place like that you're dealing with other
4 people that have been through burns and other injuries. You
5 feel that they're supportive. They really are experienced and
6 professional in dealing with this. And you feel like you're
7 part of a team, that you're not on your own.

8 All of a sudden when you get out, that's all gone.
9 You're dealing with the fact that you're on your own. You don't
10 have that people that are supportive to you. In fact, you have
11 to deal with people that will be staring at you, not
12 understanding and not there to help you.

13 So it makes a lot of sense that he would want to
14 return there and stay there and also the feeling that as long as
15 you stay somewhere, you're able to avoid the reality that you're
16 going to have to be in the real world on your own and deal with
17 the stresses that are involved with the tragedy of what that
18 person has gone through.

19 Q. Now, Doctor, you have an opinion within a reasonable
20 degree of medical certainty whether or not the psychiatric and
21 psychological injuries and their residual effect as the well as
22 the treatments that are outlined for us were causally related to
23 the fire of July 1, 2003?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. What is that?

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1 A. I absolutely believe that the injuries that he
2 suffered on that date are directly related and causally related
3 to his psychiatric condition that's present.

4 Q. Now, are these injuries and their residual effects
5 permanent?

6 A. I believe they are permanent.

7 Q. Now, did you come to a prognosis with Mr. Peat based
8 on your examination of him?

9 A. Yes, I did.

10 Q. Can you tell the jury what that prognosis is?

11 A. Unfortunately I found his prognosis to be poor due to
12 the fact that these are going to be permanent physical and
13 unfortunately emotional scars involved with his injury and I
14 think it's going to be very difficult to get past this because
15 this is something that's not just going to get erased with
16 physical therapy, psychiatric therapy, but he's going to require
17 to need to get someone to help him deal with this day-to-day
18 stress. And he will go through different levels of this every
19 day of his life. And unfortunately we're in a society where a
20 lot of people aren't really sensitive to what people have gone
21 through something like this go through.

22 Q. Now, Doctor, you said that Chris needs future
23 psychiatric care but can you tell the jury specifically what
24 type of psychiatric care or psychological care he needs?

25 A. I think he's going to continue to need psychotherapy

1 in a few different ways. One is supportive psychotherapy which
2 is just basically listening, you're listening to the patient,
3 you're hearing, you're trying to help them deal with the
4 stresses that go on on a day-to-day basis. You want to be able
5 to feel like you're empathetic, that you're on that person's
6 side and you're not someone that they need to be afraid of or
7 ashamed of or feeling that they're going to be made fun of in
8 any way.

9 Together with that is what we call behavior
10 modification which is a type of relaxation that we try to do
11 with the patients. Examples of that are doing deep breathing
12 exercises. You try to help them relax more. Something else
13 that we call visual imagery which is helping the patient
14 imagining being in another place, in a relaxing place.
15 Sometimes with patients I tell them if you enjoy being at the
16 beach, imagine walking on a beach alone. Getting it so you can
17 start not focusing on all the problems that you're having,
18 helping to relax a little more. And on top of that the need for
19 continued medication which I believe he's going to require the
20 rest of his life.

21 Q. Now, Doctor, I want you to assume that there's been
22 testimony that on July 1, 2003 while Christopher Peat was
23 working at the Fordham Hill Oval refinishing floors in apartment
24 17D in building four, a fire erupted in the apartment causing
25 him to catch on fire.

1 I want you to assume that there's been testimony that
2 he exited the apartment, ran down 17 flights of stairs, on fire,
3 and was extinguished by the fire department in front of the
4 building. I want you to assume that there's evidence that
5 Mr. Peat was on fire for approximately six minutes. After the
6 flames were extinguished from his body he was taken by ambulance
7 to Jacobi Hospital. On route to the hospital saline was being
8 poured on the skin and he testified that he was in excruciating
9 pain.

10 I want you to assume that the medical records in
11 evidence indicate upon his admission to Jacobi Hospital he was
12 intubated and sedated. During his stay at the hospital he had
13 14 surgeries including escharotomies of both his upper
14 extremities and hands, debridement of burn tissue on his back,
15 arms, hands, neck, shoulders, chest, bilateral flank and right
16 leg.

17 I want you to assume that he had ventilatory support
18 from July 1, 2003 through August 21, 2003. I want you to assume
19 that the medical records in evidence indicate he required a
20 tracheostomy. That he was treated with a variety of medical
21 professionals including ophthalmology, physical therapy,
22 occupational therapy, infectious disease, anesthesiology and
23 psychiatry.

24 I want you to assume that there's evidence that on
25 September 8, 2003 he was released from Jacobi Hospital and

1 transferred to Burke Rehabilitation. I want you to assume that
2 there are medical records in evidence that indicate that at
3 Burke he underwent both physical therapy, occupational therapy
4 and four additional debridements to the affected areas,
5 additionally psychological counseling.

6 I want you to assume that Mr. Peat had testified that
7 while he was at Burke he was unable to walk and had to relearn
8 to walk. He was unable to perform his normal activities
9 including feeding and bathing himself, all of which had to be
10 retaught to him.

11 I want you to assume that there's evidence on
12 November 17, 2003 Mr. Peat was transported back to Jacobi
13 Hospital where he underwent scar contracture release of the
14 right axilla.

15 I want you to assume he returned to Burke
16 Rehabilitation on November 20, 2003. He was transferred back to
17 Jacobi Hospital and remained there until November 25, 2003.
18 During that time he had the cast and staples from his surgery
19 removed. He thereafter returned to Burke Rehabilitation where
20 he continued occupational physical therapy as well as
21 counseling. He remained at Burke Rehabilitation until
22 December 19, 2003 and he was released to his home.

23 When he returned to his home I want you to assume that
24 he testified that he wanted to return to Burke. I want you to
25 assume that he continued to treat at Burke as an outpatient

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1 until the end of 2004 including physiological treatment.

2 I want you to assume that Mr. Peat has testified he
3 continues to have problems including inability to work and
4 discomfort in his skin. I want you to assume that there is
5 evidence that Mr. Peat still has scarring from his injuries.

6 Doctor, do you have an opinion within a reasonable
7 degree of medical certainty that the fire of July 1, 2003 was
8 the competent producing cause of the psychological injuries he's
9 complaining of and the treatments we have discussed?

10 A. Yes, I absolutely believe --

11 MR. DOODY: Objection.

12 A. That his burn injury from that date is directly
13 related to his psychiatric condition.

14 Q. Doctor, do you have an opinion within a reasonable
15 degree of medical certainty whether or not the psychological and
16 psychiatric injuries, complaints and residual effects we
17 discussed are permanent in nature?

18 A. Yes, unfortunately I believe that they will be
19 permanent in nature.

20 Q. And, Doctor, do you have an opinion within a
21 reasonable degree of medical certainty whether or not the
22 psychiatric and psychological injuries, complaints of residual
23 effects will affect Chris into the future?

24 A. Unfortunately I believe that these problems are going
25 to affect him the rest of his life.

1 Q. And, Doctor, finally, do you have an opinion with a
2 reasonably degree of medical certainty whether or not Chris will
3 need the psychiatric and psychological treatment you outlined in
4 the future?

5 A. I absolutely believe that it's going to be imperative
6 that he get treatment both for his therapy and for medication
7 treatment and it's going to be very important for helping him
8 throughout his life.

9 Q. And how long will he need these treatments for?

10 A. I think he will require that the rest of his life.

11 MR. MALLAS: Thank you. Nothing further, Your
12 Honor.

13 MR. DOODY: May I, Your Honor?

14 THE COURT: Yes.

15 CROSS-EXAMINATION

16 BY MR. DOODY:

17 Q. He is going to need those treatments his entire life,
18 Doctor?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. Doctor, you testified that you've never testified for
21 Mr. Mallas before; correct?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. But you have worked with him on cases in the past;
24 correct?

25 A. No, I have not.

1 Q. You have not worked with him in the case of
2 Psihountakis versus L & L Contracting in 2009, injured
3 construction worker?

4 A. I'm not familiar with that. I really don't have a
5 recollection on that.

6 Q. Depressed construction worker? No recollection? 20
7 year old, young guy?

8 MR. MALLAS: Your Honor --

9 A. Honestly I really don't have a recollection.

10 Q. I will accept that.

11 MR. MALLAS: I did the mediation on that case. I
12 never met Dr. Ladopoulos.

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1 Q. It's fair to say that you don't testify all that
2 much, Doctor?

3 A. Not at all.

4 Q. But it would also be fair to say that any time you
5 do it's for plaintiffs?

6 A. When I testify, yes, it's for the patient that I
7 have treated.

8 Q. Never for a defendant, always for a plaintiff?

9 A. I always any time I have had to testify, and
10 literally it has been maybe two or three times in twenty
11 years, it is always for my patient. I treat my patients,
12 and I try to take care of my patients.

13 Q. Those patients always have been plaintiffs in
14 lawsuits, correct?

15 A. Yes, they have.

16 Q. Thank you.

17 Now, with respect to Christopher coming to see you in
18 October '08--

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. How did it come about that he came to see you?

21 A. He was referred to me by his attorney because he
22 said that he needed psychiatric care.

23 Q. Who said that he needed psychiatric care, the
24 lawyer?

25 A. The attorney was concerned about him and he said:

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1 You know what, I think you need psychiatric care so he
2 referred him to me.

3 Q. And that was in October '08. Do you know when this
4 case was originally going to trial?

5 A. I have no clue.

6 Q. First treatment, you performed your initial
7 evaluation, correct?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. Correct?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. And eventually you wrote a report?

12 A. Yes, I did.

13 Q. And you wrote that to the attorney who referred Mr.
14 Peat to you, correct?

15 A. Yes, I did.

16 Q. Do you have that with you?

17 A. Yes, I do.

18 Q. Take it out. I do want to ask you a few questions?

19 A. Sure.

20 Q. Just as to his present illness, you indicated that
21 he was working with polyurethane. Where did you get that
22 information from?

23 A. I think it was from the patient.

24 Q. Before Mr. Peat saw you for the first time were you
25 provided with any medical records to review?

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1 A. The only thing I had was some FDNY ambulance things,
2 they were very scanty, they weren't really any details
3 outside of the emergency treatment that he had.

4 Q. You didn't get the whole big file?

5 A. The sheets I have is very hard to read. But again,
6 they were emergency type procedures. It's outside of my
7 specialty but they were saying what drugs he was put on. I
8 guess they were all emergency, EMT treatments that were done
9 for him at the time of his accident.

10 Q. So, you didn't spend a lot of time reviewing a bunch
11 of records?

12 A. No, I did not.

13 Q. You indicate in the medical history that he received
14 burns to seventy percent of his body?

15 A. Right.

16 Q. Where did you get that from?

17 A. I think that was relayed to me.

18 Q. By the patient?

19 A. I believe so, the patient.

20 Q. Now, I see a medical history. There is nothing
21 about high blood pressure in there, is there?

22 A. No.

23 Q. Did you ever ---

24 Are you aware of Mr. Peat suffering from high blood
25 pressure or hypertension at any time?

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1 A. No, I am not aware.

2 Q. Second page, if you can go there for me.

3 A. Sure.

4 Q. Affect, what does that mean?

5 A. Affect is what the practitioner, such as myself,
6 sees the patient as being; compared to mood, which is in the
7 patient's own words what they are feeling at the time.

8 Q. Tell me what this means, no flight of ideas, no
9 looseness of association, no tangentiality?

10 A. Tangentially.

11 Q. Is that a type of disorder?

12 A. Yes. No flight of ideas, no looseness of
13 association and no tangentially, these are ways that someone
14 who has something called manic depression expresses
15 themselves. They feel like their thoughts are racing, they
16 are speaking very rapidly and loud. And their thoughts when
17 they talk to you one doesn't connect with the other. In
18 other words, they might say: The color is red, how are you
19 doing today. That is just an example but he wasn't
20 displaying any of these.

21 Q. He had none of that?

22 A. No.

23 Q. He denied any auditory or visual hallucinations.

24 Denies suicidal and homicidal ideation.

25 A. Correct.

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1 Q. He was alert, oriented to place and time?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Now, if you look down, it's indicated that, "Patient
4 has been started on Zoloft 50 milligrams a day"?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Fifty milligrams, not a hundred?

7 A. Initially fifty.

8 Q. And when was it changed?

9 A. It was changed I think, in fact, sorry, November of
10 '08.

11 Q. November of '08?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. And you wrote this report in---

14 A. This report was written in '09.

15 Q. April '09?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. That's a typo also. In April '09 he was on a
18 hundred milligrams, correct?

19 MR. MALLAS: Judge, objection.

20 THE COURT: Overruled.

21 A. Yes. This report was written then there was a
22 mistake made on that. It's on a hundred milligrams and then
23 again there was a switch of medication too.

24 Q. The report is dated April 30th, 2009?

25 A. Yes, it is.

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1 Q. And it would be perfectly fine with you having him
2 take the generic brand of Zoloft, correct?

3 A. Yes, it would.

4 Q. You said that ---

5 You indicated that you spoke to a neurologist who had
6 seen Mr. Peat?

7 A. Yes, I did.

8 Q. Who was that neurologist?

9 A. His name is Doctor Aric Hausknecht.

10 Q. And you know for what reason he saw Mr. Peat. Do
11 you know if that was for this litigation?

12 A. He had to see him for neurological evaluation. I
13 didn't discuss the litigation issues with him. I spoke to
14 him physician to physician, trying to get treatment for my
15 patient.

16 Q. And you know how many times Mr. Peat had seen him
17 for?

18 MR. MALLAS: Doctor Hausknecht?

19 MR. DOODY: Yes, Doctor Hausknecht?

20 A. No, I have no clue.

21 Q. Did you review any of plaintiff's deposition
22 testimony in this case?

23 A. No, I did not.

24 Q. So, do you know if the plaintiff took the medication
25 you prescribed for him?

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1 A. I would assume he's taking it.

2 Q. Do you know if he's on any medication at the
3 present?

4 A. I have no clue whether he is on any medication or
5 not since the last time I saw him.

6 Q. Do you know if he got any psychiatric or
7 psychological treatment from the end of 2004 until the first
8 time you saw him in 2008?

9 A. I am not aware of that.

10 Q. Do you know if he has gotten any since the last time
11 you saw him, since May 2009 to the present?

12 A. I'm not aware of that.

13 MR. DOODY: Thank you very much.

14 I have no further questions.

15 MR. WRIGHT: No questions.

16 MR. VAN ETTEN: No questions.

17 MR. JONES: No questions.

18 MR. MALLAS: Your Honor, no questions.

19 THE COURT: Thank you very much, Doctor.

20 You are excused.

21 We will take a quick recess.

22 THE COURT OFFICER: All rise, jurors exiting.

23 (Whereupon, the jurors are excused at eleven forty AM.)

24 (Recess.)

25 THE COURT OFFICER: All rise, jurors entering.