

<p>DISTRICT COURT, DENVER COUNTY, COLORADO</p> <p>1437 Bannock Street Denver, CO 80202</p>	<p>DATE FILED: August 21, 2018 3:45 PM FILING ID: B8879EF5C6B88 CASE NUMBER: 2018CV33011</p>
<p>GERALD ROME, Securities Commissioner for the State of Colorado,</p> <p>Plaintiff,</p> <p>v.</p> <p>GARY DRAGUL, GDA REAL ESTATE SERVICES, LLC, and GDA REAL ESTATE MANAGEMENT, LLC,</p> <p>Defendants.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">▲ COURT USE ONLY ▲</p>
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<p>MOTION FOR TELEPHONE TESTIMONY OF REVA HERSCH WITH REQUEST FOR EXPEDITED RULING</p>	

Gerald Rome, Securities Commissioner for the State of Colorado, by and through the Colorado Attorney General, hereby requests leave to take testimony by telephone of investor Reva Hersch pursuant to C.R.C.P. 43(i)(1), and in

support thereof, states the following:

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE WITH C.R.C.P. 121 § 1-15(8)

The undersigned counsel hereby certifies that she has conferred with counsel for the Defendants regarding the relief sought herein. The Defendants indicated they wanted to know the names of the investors and would take it under advisement. At the time of filing, undersigned counsel does not know the Defendants' position but assume they oppose.

1. This matter is currently set for hearing on a request by the Commissioner for a preliminary injunction on Wednesday, August 22, 2018 at 1:30 PM.

2. C.R.C.P. 43(i)(1) provides that a party may request leave to present "absentee" testimony to be presented by telephone or some other suitable and equivalent method, and that such request shall be made by written motion "as soon as practicable after the need for absentee testimony becomes known." *Id.*

3. The Commissioner intends to call Reva Hersch, who has invested in two of the Defendants' projects, specifically CrossPointe and Plaza Mall of Georgia North. Ms. Hersch resides in Monee, Illinois. Her testimony is material to the Commissioner's case, and generally includes the circumstances of the investments she made with the Defendants, statements made to her about the investments or lack of disclosure, and whether she has received a return on her investments. Ms. Hersch has indicated that she will be available to testify by telephone. The Commissioner estimates that Ms. Hersch's testimony will

take a half hour.

4. The Commissioner believes that the credibility of Ms. Hersch is not at issue. Even assuming the contrary, audible indicia of a witness's demeanor is sufficient for the court to make an adequate judgment as to credibility.

Bodensieck v. Industrial Claim Appeals Office, 183 P.3d 684, 686 (Colo. App. 2008) (citing *Babcock v. Employment Div.*, 696 P.2d 19, 21 (Or. App. 1985)).

5. Given the expedited nature of the hearing and the time and expense to have Ms. Hersch travel to Denver from Illinois, the Commissioner believes this request for telephone testimony is reasonable.

6. The potential relevant exhibits to Ms. Hersch's testimony listed as and attached hereto, are EXHIBITS 8 and 9.

WHEREFORE, based on the foregoing, the Commissioner respectfully requests an order permitting the testimony of Reva Hersch by telephone at the hearing on Wednesday, August 22, 2018, a request for expedited ruling, and for any other relief the Court deems just and proper.

Respectfully submitted this 21st day of August, 2018.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that I have duly served the within **SECURITIES COMMISSIONER'S MOTION FOR LEAVE TO TAKE TELEPHONE TESTIMONY OF REVA HERSCH AND EXHIBITS 8-9** upon all parties herein by e-filing pursuant to C.R.C.P. 121, or by depositing copies of same in the United States mail, first-class postage prepaid, at Denver, Colorado, this 21st day of August, 2018, addressed as follows:

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