13. Deposition of Janine Arvizu, filed in *State v. Anderson*, Hillsborough County Case No. 87CF008047, taken on April 4, 2008

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14	DEPOSITION OF:	JANINE ARVIZU	
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- 1 JANINE ARVIZU
- 2 was called as a witness, and being duly sworn by the
- 3 notary, was examined and testified as follows:
- 4 DIRECT EXAMINATION
- 5 BY MR. HARMON:
- 6 Q. Please state your name.
- 7 A. Janine Arvizu.
- 8 Q. And how are you employed, ma'am?
- 9 A. I am a quality assurance consultant and
- 10 quality auditor.
- 11 Q. Okay. And who do you work for?
- 12 A. I work as a independent contractor in that
- 13 capacity.
- Q. Okay. Are you incorporated or have a
- 15 business?
- 16 A. No, no.
- 17 Q. And my understanding is you're a resident
- 18 of New Mexico.
- 19 A. That's correct.
- Q. And what city?
- 21 A. It's not really a city. Pijeras, it's the
- 22 outskirts of Albuquerque.
- Q. Okay. And how do you pronounce your last
- 24 name again?
- 25 A. Arvizu.

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1 Q. Arvizu, okay. Ms. Arvizu, my name is
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- 2 Scott Harmon, I'm an Assistant State Attorney. And
- 3 you are sitting in a conference room in the homicide
- 4 unit of the Major Crimes Division of the State
- 5 Attorney's Office here in Tampa, Florida, and we're
- 6 set to take your deposition today. Also present are
- 7 attorneys from the Attorney General's Office. And
- 8 together, we represent the State of Florida in the
- 9 State of Florida versus Richard Anderson case.
- 10 Okay.
- 11 My understanding is that you've been
- 12 retained by the Office of Capital Collateral Relief
- 13 to give a consultation or opinion in this case.
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 O. All right. When were you retained?
- 16 A. In this particular case?
- 17 Q. Yes, ma'am.
- 18 A. I'm not sure of the exact date. The
- 19 records that were the basis for my review were
- 20 received I think for the first time in -- I received
- 21 them in November, if I recall. Yeah, November 13th.
- 22 I'm not sure when I actually received the letter
- 23 that I signed that retains me in the case.
- Q. Okay. That's November 13th of '07?
- 25 A. That's correct.

- 1 Q. Have you worked on any other cases with
- 2 that office dealing with training methodology of the
- 3 Department of Corrections?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. What cases?
- 6 A. Schwab.
- 7 Q. That's the only other one?
- 8 A. That's the only one I recall, yes.
- 9 Q. When were you retained on the Schwab case?
- 10 A. Again, I'd have to check the original
- 11 retainer letter. But I wrote a report in August so
- 12 it was prior to that period.
- 13 Q. August of '07?
- 14 A. Correct.
- 15 Q. All right. So it was some time before
- 16 that?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 O. Was it before '07?
- 19 A. I don't think so.
- Q. Okay. Have you ever testified before as a
- 21 expert in the area of quality assurance when it was
- 22 dealing with the issue of either lethal injection or
- 23 execution other than Schwab or this case?
- 24 A. No.
- Q. Have you ever been consulted on any other

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- 1 cases dealing with that issue?
- 2 A. No.
- 3 Q. Okay. And you have been employed or
- 4 retained in the past by the Office of Capital
- 5 Collateral Relief on dealing with other issues such
- 6 as D.N.A. analysis.
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. Okay. And when was the first time that
- 9 you worked for the Capital Collateral Relief Office?
- 10 A. I don't remember the first time but it's
- 11 been several years.
- 12 MR. CANNON: I think it's the Capital
- 13 Collateral Regional Counsel.
- MR. HARMON: Okay. I'll just say C.C.R.C.
- MR. CANNON: That's the best way.
- 16 BY MR. HARMON (RESUMING):
- 17 O. I'm sorry. I didn't -- what was your last
- 18 response?
- 19 A. It's been several years. But I don't
- 20 remember the specific date.
- Q. Okay. Has it been since 2000?
- 22 A. Yes, I believe so.
- Q. Other than your work with the C.C.R.C.
- 24 office here in Florida, have you ever worked on any
- other death penalty cases in any other states?

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1 A. It's my understanding that some of the
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- 2 cases that I've testified in were capital cases, but
- 3 my testimony came during the trial phase or
- 4 evidentiary phase rather than post conviction. I
- 5 think this was the only post conviction case.
- 6 Q. And you were retained by C.C.R.C. to do
- 7 work in the Sean Hector Smith a.k.a. Dolan Darling
- 8 case --
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. -- out of Orlando.
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. And you testified in a hearing in that
- 13 case?
- 14 A. Correct.
- 15 Q. When was the first time you consulted in a
- 16 forensic setting?
- 17 A. In the late nineties.
- 18 Q. And do you remember the first time you
- 19 testified as an expert in a criminal case?
- 20 A. I believe it was in a District Court in
- 21 New Mexico. It was a controlled substance case.
- 22 Q. And did your testimony have to do in that
- 23 case with the analysis of the controlled substance?
- 24 A. Yeah. It had to do with the quality
- 25 assurance of the measurement process.

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1 Q. And you have testified in the State of

- 2 Florida in cases not involving C.C.R.C.
- A. Yes.
- 4 Q. I'm aware of the Siebers, Siebers case,
- 5 whatever it's called, out of Panama City.
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. Any other cases?
- 8 A. Recently I've testified in Melbourne in a
- 9 blood alcohol case; in Plantation Keys, also a blood
- 10 alcohol; a breath alcohol case somewhere in the
- 11 Orlando area; and a blood alcohol case in the
- 12 Orlando area.
- 13 Q. Do you know the names of the defendants in
- 14 those cases?
- 15 A. I can probably remember. Let's see. The
- 16 one in Melbourne was Taylor-Christianson.
- 17 Q. Taylor-Christianson.
- 18 A. Uh-huh.
- 19 Q. Okay.
- 20 A. The breath alcohol case -- I don't even
- 21 know who the defendant was. It was before like ten
- 22 judges and it was a bunch of things rolled into one.
- 23 So I don't know who it was.
- 24 The blood case was Watts in the
- 25 Orlando area, W-A-T-T-S.

1 And Plantation Keys is -- was

- 2 Latorre, L-A-T-O-R-R-E.
- Q. Okay. And you testified on behalf of the
- 4 defendant in those cases?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. All right. Have you ever been retained
- 7 by -- in a criminal case, by the State or the
- 8 federal government?
- 9 A. No.
- 10 Q. And what is the rate that you're charging
- 11 in this case?
- 12 A. I bill at \$150 an hour.
- Q. And how many hours have you accumulated up
- 14 to this point?
- 15 A. Again, I'd have to check my records. It's
- 16 been -- other than the time getting here and spent
- 17 here today, it's only been a few hours.
- 18 Q. How do you bill for your travel?
- 19 A. How do I bill for my travel?
- 20 Q. Yeah. Do you charge --
- 21 A. My charges plus my time.
- 22 Q. Plus your time. Okay. So you don't
- 23 charge like a flat rate as far as when your en
- 24 route, or anything like at that?
- 25 A. No.

- 1 Q. You charge per hour.
- 2 A. Per hour.
- 3 Q. Okay. Do you have any other source of
- 4 income other than your employment as a forensic
- 5 consultant or a consultant as far as quality
- 6 assurance?
- 7 A. Yes. I work for a local public utility in
- 8 New Mexico.
- 9 Q. And what's the name of that utility?
- 10 A. P.N.M.
- 11 Q. P-M-M?
- 12 A. P-N-M.
- 13 Q. And what does that stand for?
- 14 A. Public Service Company of New Mexico.
- 15 Q. And what do you do for them?
- 16 A. Quality Manager.
- 17 Q. How many hours a week do you do that work?
- 18 A. Forty.
- 19 Q. Is it a eight-to-five Monday through
- 20 Friday thing?
- 21 A. No. It's much more flexible than that.
- 22 But, yes, essentially a full-time staff position.
- Q. And what is the title that you hold there?
- 24 A. Quality Assurance Manager.
- Q. Okay. Do you supervise anyone in that

- 1 position?
- 2 A. About nine people.
- 3 Q. And are you supervised?
- 4 A. Am I supervised?
- 5 Q. Yes. Do you have a supervisor or boss
- 6 over you?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. Okay. And who is that?
- 9 A. His name is Brent Rice.
- 10 Q. All right. And what's his position or
- 11 title?
- 12 A. He's the -- I'm not sure exactly what his
- 13 title is at this moment. It's customer -- customer
- 14 solutions executive director, or something close to
- 15 that.
- 16 Q. And do you work out of one office or do
- 17 you travel amongst different offices?
- 18 A. In that capacity, just one.
- 19 Q. Just one. All right. What percentage of
- 20 your annual income comes from your work as a
- 21 consultant?
- 22 A. A minor percentage. I actually am just
- 23 giving my stuff to my accountant right now. In
- 24 years past, it has been on the order of ten percent.
- Q. I'm assuming you hold both secondary

- 1 school degrees. Can you tell me your educational
- 2 history.
- 3 A. I have a Bachelor of Science in
- 4 Biochemistry from California Polytechnic State
- 5 University at San Luis Obispo, and a B.D. in
- 6 chemistry from the University of New Mexico. That's
- 7 a designation that indicates that I completed all
- 8 the course work and examination for Ph.D and was
- 9 advanced to candidacy but did not complete my
- 10 dissertation.
- 11 Q. So you don't hold a doctorate of any kind?
- 12 A. No.
- Q. Any do you have any background in
- 14 pharmacology?
- 15 A. No.
- 16 Q. And my understanding is -- well, why don't
- 17 you go ahead and tell me your employment history.
- 18 A. I started at EG&G Idaho, which was the
- 19 operating and maintenance contractor for the Idaho
- 20 National Engineering Laboratory. It's one of the
- 21 Department of Energy's National Laboratories that
- 22 are spread around the country.
- 23 And during my employment there, I
- 24 established and managed a full-service analytical
- 25 testing laboratory and became involved in large

- 1 scale interagency quality assurance initiatives.
- Q. Okay. Interagency would be the Department
- 3 of Energy?
- 4 A. Department of Energy, Department of
- 5 Defense, Environmental Protection Agency.
- 6 Q. E.P.A.
- 7 A. Yeah.
- 8 Q. But while you were at that facility in
- 9 Idaho -- was it in Idaho?
- 10 A. It's in Idaho, yes.
- 11 Q. You established an analytical testing
- 12 facility, you said.
- 13 A. Analytical testing laboratory, yes.
- 14 Q. Laboratory -- okay. And what did they
- 15 test there?
- 16 A. Quite a variety of samples. It was a
- 17 full-service lab that did the full suite of organic,
- 18 inorganic, and classical testing on samples that may
- 19 or may not have contained radionuclide.
- Q. And what is that, radionuclide?
- 21 A. Radioactivity.
- Q. Radioactivity. So you're testing for
- 23 levels of radioactivity?
- A. That was done in another lab, the
- 25 radiological testing. We handled samples that had

- 1 appreciable dose rates that had radioactivity
- 2 associated with them.
- Q. And how long did you work at that
- 4 facility?
- 5 A. I'd have to check my resume, but I think
- 6 it was about eleven years.
- 7 Q. Okay. Did you work at any other facility
- 8 or in any other capacity with the Department of
- 9 Energy?
- 10 A. While I was employed by EG&G, at the end
- 11 of my service there, I accepted a detail -- what was
- 12 called a detailed assignment to D.O.E. Headquarters.
- 13 So I was still -- although I was still physically
- 14 located in Idaho, I worked on national analytical
- issues on behalf of D.O.E. Headquarters.
- 16 Q. Is that in Washington, D.C.?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. You said you worked on national --
- 19 A. Analytical.
- Q. Analytical.
- 21 A. And quality assurances.
- 22 Q. Now, when you say analytical issues or
- 23 analytical -- what does that mean?
- 24 A. Chemistry.
- Q. All right. So for the -- and would that MILLS REPORTING GROUP, INC. (813) 272-1814

- 1 include the eleven years you were there?
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. Okay. So for those eleven years you were
- 4 dealing with analytical analysis, chemistry,
- 5 radioactivity, which is being also analyzed in a
- 6 laboratory setting.
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. Was most of your work dealing with the
- 9 laboratory setting?
- 10 A. A lot of it dealt with field operations,
- 11 the collection of samples, the quality assurance
- 12 associated with all steps of the process from
- 13 initial collection through transport analysis
- 14 ultimate reporting.
- 15 Q. Okay. So all the way up to testing,
- 16 analysis, and report.
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 O. And the samples are being collected from
- 19 nuclear facilities or --
- 20 A. Yes, Department of Energy facilities both
- 21 in Idaho and all over the country.
- 22 Q. And what did you do after that employment?
- 23 A. I started my own company doing quality
- 24 assurance consulting.
- Q. That's the company you're doing now or MILLS REPORTING GROUP, INC. (813) 272-1814

- 1 what you're doing now?
- 2 A. That's -- that actually was a corporation.
- Q. Okay.
- 4 A. And we had maybe as many as fifteen
- 5 full-time employees.
- 6 Q. Where was that located?
- 7 A. We had an office in Albuquerque and one in
- 8 Maryland.
- 9 Q. And you founded that company and started
- 10 it?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. Were there any other quality assurance
- 13 auditors that worked under you in that company?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. Okay. So you weren't the only one.
- 16 A. That's correct.
- 17 Q. And that fifteen employment -- fifteen
- 18 full employees included support staff, I'm assuming.
- 19 A. It did.
- 20 Q. Okay. And how long did you do that or had
- 21 that company?
- 22 A. Probably about ten years. I'm not sure
- 23 exactly when it went inactive. And since then I've
- 24 been working only as an independent consultant.
- Q. Okay. But the company no longer exists.

- 1 A. That's correct.
- 2 Q. Okay. Do you remember when that occurred?
- 3 When you --
- 4 A. I don't. I'd have to go look it up.
- 5 Q. Okay. You said earlier that the first
- 6 criminal case you testified in was in the late
- 7 nineties; is that right?
- A. Yes.
- 9 Q. Okay. Were you outside of that company at
- 10 that point?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. Okay.
- 13 A. Well, no. Actually, when I -- I think the
- 14 first few times I gave testimony it was still under
- 15 the auspices of that company.
- 16 Q. Okay. Now in the case in Panama City, my
- 17 understanding is you testified about quality
- 18 assurance of laboratory testing of the victim's body
- 19 or parts of her body.
- 20 A. Yes. It was testing of autopsy samples.
- Q. Of autopsy samples.
- 22 A. Right.
- Q. Okay. And they were looking for a certain
- 24 chemical or toxic chemical of some type?
- 25 A. They were testing for the presence of

- 1 succinylmonocholine.
- Q. Okay. And so you were testifying about
- 3 quality assurance measures that were followed in a
- 4 laboratory setting; is that right?
- 5 A. That's correct.
- 6 Q. What laboratory was that?
- 7 A. There were two laboratories involved in
- 8 that testing. It was National Medical Services in
- 9 Pennsylvania, which is a private commercial
- 10 laboratory, and the F.B.I. laboratory in D.C.
- 11 Q. And then the other cases that you
- 12 testified in, here in Florida, dealing with
- 13 either -- well, dealing with blood draws. I'm
- 14 assuming that's, again, quality assurance in the
- 15 laboratory setting dealing with the analysis of
- 16 blood for ethyl alcohol.
- 17 A. It doesn't -- it doesn't just constraint
- 18 to the testing at the point it's received by the
- 19 laboratory, because the quality of the final result
- 20 is dependent on the integrity of the sample received
- 21 by the lab. So it also addresses all the control
- 22 points prior to receipt by the laboratory.
- 23 Q. So you start with the legal blood draw
- 24 kit. How it was administered --
- 25 A. Exactly.

- 1 Q. -- how they drew the blood, and the
- 2 maintenance of the blood from the point of draw
- 3 until it got to the laboratory, that type of thing.
- 4 A. Yes, sir.
- 5 Q. Okay. And then the D.N.A. case that you
- 6 testified in -- I've read some of the transcripts
- 7 from the Darling case. It appears you testified to
- 8 quality assurance measures that are followed in the
- 9 laboratory.
- 10 A. That's correct.
- 11 Q. Where the D.N.A. was analyzed.
- 12 A. That's correct.
- 13 Q. Prior to being consulted in this case and
- in Schwab, had you ever worked or consulted with any
- 15 Department of Correction in any state, or the
- 16 Federal Department of Correction?
- 17 A. No.
- 18 Q. When you worked with the Department of
- 19 Energy did you ever visit or do a review of any
- 20 facility owned by the Department of Correction --
- 21 Federal Department of Correction --
- 22 A. No.
- 23 Q. -- or whatever it's equivalent is. I'm
- 24 not sure that's the correct reference.
- MR. NUNNELLEY: Bureau of Prisons.

- 1 MR. HARMON: What's it called?
- 2 MR. NUNNELLEY: Bureau of Prisons.
- 3 MR. HARMON (RESUMING):
- 4 Q. Bureau of Prisons.
- 5 A. No.
- 6 Q. Prior to your consultation on this case
- 7 and Schwab, had you ever worked or given any
- 8 consultation or review of any other execution
- 9 method?
- 10 A. No.
- 11 Q. Or any training dealing with executions?
- 12 A. No.
- 13 Q. Okay. And I'm assuming you've never
- 14 worked at any Department of Corrections or a prison
- 15 system anywhere.
- 16 A. That's correct.
- 17 Q. Okay. Have you ever worked or given a --
- 18 well, let me start with working. Have you ever
- 19 worked or given a review of any hospital analysis?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. Okay. Hospital laboratories?
- 22 A. I have not worked in a hospital
- 23 laboratory, but I have done quality assessments of
- 24 work performed by hospital laboratories.
- 25 O. Other laboratories?

- 1 A. Yes.
- 2 Q. Okay. Have you ever given reviews or
- 3 assessments of quality assurance when it comes to
- 4 phlebotomy in a hospital or drawing of the blood or
- 5 introduction of any kind of medicine into a person's
- 6 body through an I.V.?
- 7 A. I'm not sure I understand your question --
- 8 Q. Okay --
- 9 A. -- I have --
- 10 Q. -- it was compound. Go ahead.
- 11 A. I have addressed issues relating to
- 12 collection of blood samples for blood alcohol
- 13 testing. Would that conform to what you were asking
- 14 me?
- 15 Q. In a hospital setting?
- 16 A. Not in -- those are generally not in the
- 17 hospital setting. Those are more typically in the
- 18 field, although in some cases they have been in a
- 19 hospital.
- 20 Q. Okay. Other than those, though, you have
- 21 never dealt with or assessed the quality assurance
- 22 measures when you're dealing with, like, a
- 23 phlebotomist, a person that's drawing blood in a
- 24 hospital?
- 25 A. That's correct; that's correct.

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1 Q. You've never done that.
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- 2 A. No.
- Q. Okay. Or with any type of procedures used
- 4 for I.V.s in a hospital?
- 5 A. No.
- 6 Q. Like the introduction of, say, liquid
- 7 antibiotics or anesthesia or anything like that?
- 8 A. No.
- 9 Q. Have you ever done or consulted on quality
- 10 assurance in a non-laboratory setting?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. Okay. Can you tell me about that.
- A. As an example, for high-tech clients that
- 14 do manufacturing and that have very specific
- 15 preparation controls that are necessary to ensure
- 16 that their ultimate product meets specifications.
- In this case, they're actually --
- 18 they were actually manufacturing powders with very
- 19 specific chemical and physical composition and so
- 20 controlling aspects of the process was very
- 21 important to them.
- Q. Okay. What type of powders were they?
- 23 A. They had some very special proprietary
- 24 applications related to their electrical and
- 25 physical properties.

- 1 Q. Okay.
- A. Micro powders, very, very, small powders;
- 3 very small spheres.
- 4 Q. All right. Any other non-laboratory
- 5 quality analysis?
- 6 A. Yeah. Over the course of my career --
- 7 when you -- when you conduct a quality assessment,
- 8 even if it's at the laboratory, part of that is an
- 9 evaluation of sort of the back office systems, if
- 10 you will, that go into ensuring the qualifications
- 11 of the individuals that participate. So that's a
- 12 routine part of the quality assessment process.
- 13 For the utility, it's a question of
- 14 ensuring that the meters are appropriately making
- 15 the measurements and then the bill that's produced
- 16 conforms to the metered amount, and so forth.
- 17 So the quality assessment process,
- 18 that is having complete and accurate procedures and
- 19 protocols that describe, practice, describe the
- 20 control points and the criteria that must be met in
- 21 order to ensure the acceptable production of a
- 22 product at the back end of the process. That's
- 23 pretty much independent of the type of process that
- 24 it's applied to.
- Q. Okay. What percentage of your work in MILLS REPORTING GROUP, INC. (813) 272-1814

1 your career has been outside of the laboratory

- 2 setting, would you say?
- 3 A. Would you call outside of the laboratory
- 4 setting including things in the field that
- 5 ultimately may end up in the laboratory?
- 6 Q. Like a collection of samples?
- 7 A. Yes. Field measurements and collections
- 8 of samples, that's really outside of the laboratory.
- 9 Q. Yeah. Let's go outside of anything
- 10 laboratory-related, okay --
- 11 A. Okay.
- 12 Q. -- and that means collection of samples,
- 13 and that would include in a forensic setting,
- 14 collection of blood or breath.
- 15 A. Okay. It has probably -- well, over the
- 16 course of my career it's probably been a minor but
- 17 significant percentage. It's less than half, but I
- 18 would say maybe thirty, forty percent. I don't know
- 19 if that helps.
- 20 Q. Okay. You started out with this high tech
- 21 manufacturing of very small powders or micro
- 22 powders. Any other quality analysis outside of a
- 23 laboratory setting, meaning outside of analysis of
- 24 the sample or collection of the sample in a
- 25 manufacturing setting like that, other than what

- 1 you've told me about, other than the powders?
- 2 A. Other than manufacturing outside --
- 3 Q. Actually, any outside manufacturing is
- 4 what I'm talking about. Have you ever consulted
- 5 with or reviewed any other manufacturer's situation?
- 6 A. No. No. I -- part of -- part of testing
- 7 laboratory substances is assessing procurement
- 8 quality of material specs. So I often will, for
- 9 example, review the manufacturing protocols for the
- 10 people. For example, who prepare blood kits or
- 11 something like at that. I don't know if that's what
- 12 you're referring to.
- 13 Q. Okay. With the Department of Energy --
- 14 you may have already answered this question. It
- 15 seemed as if what you were telling me was most of
- 16 your work was a laboratory setting.
- 17 A. It was either a laboratory setting or
- 18 related in some measure to a laboratory.
- 19 Q. And are you talking about going out and
- 20 assessing the quality assurance as far as collection
- 21 of samples --
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 Q. -- or collection of --
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 Q. -- items that were being analyzed?

- 1 A. Yes, sampling designs.
- Q. Now let's go to this case. You were
- 3 retained -- and how were you retained, by someone
- 4 calling you?
- 5 A. By a letter.
- 6 Q. By a letter. Okay.
- 7 A. Well, actually, I probably got the phone
- 8 call first, but it was followed up by a letter.
- 9 Q. Who retained you by phone?
- 10 A. Peter Cannon.
- 11 Q. Okay. And Mr. Cannon retained you by
- 12 phone and then he confirmed his retaining you by
- 13 letter form.
- 14 A. Correct.
- 15 Q. Okay. And is there any type of a contract
- 16 between you and C.C.R.C.?
- 17 A. There's a letter that I had to sign that
- 18 talked about rates, that type of thing.
- 19 Q. All right. By the State.
- 20 A. I guess that's a contract. You'd know
- 21 better than I would.
- Q. Okay. Other than that though, you don't
- 23 have any contract that you enter into where you
- 24 bring a contract to the table?
- 25 A. No, I don't.

- 1 Q. Okay. What items or documents were you
- 2 provided for your work in this case?
- 3 A. In this case?
- 4 Q. Yes, ma'am.
- 5 A. There are approximately twenty pages of
- 6 records from training scenarios that were conducted
- 7 on August 15th and August 22nd of 2007. In
- 8 addition, there are a number of records from a
- 9 training scenario that was conducted on August 1st
- 10 that I had previously received and looked at under
- 11 Schwab. In addition, there was a report by G.D.
- 12 Lunsford relating to the statistical analysis in
- 13 this case.
- 14 And I had previously reviewed the
- 15 protocol, the lethal injection protocol, both the
- 16 August 1st version and the previous -- I believe it
- 17 was May version.
- 18 Q. Okay. Protocol that's promulgated by the
- 19 Department Of Corrections.
- 20 A. Correct. That was essentially context for
- 21 my review.
- 22 Q. Prior to Schwab, was that your first
- 23 exposure to a lethal injection protocol?
- 24 A. Yes.
- Q. You said there was a number of pages

1 provided from the August 1st training scenario, I

- 2 believe you said under Schwab.
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. Did you see that?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. Okay. All of those pages and documents
- 7 are all Department Of Corrections documents or
- 8 pages?
- 9 A. I believe so. The protocol, I understand,
- 10 is not Department Of Corrections. But the training
- 11 records, it's my understanding, are Department Of
- 12 Corrections' records.
- 13 Q. So those are all training records that you
- 14 received?
- 15 A. Yes. Logs of training attendance and the
- 16 records generated during the course of training
- 17 exercises.
- 18 Q. And then you received the report from G.D.
- 19 Lunsford, you said?
- 20 A. Yes.
- Q. Okay. And that's a statistical analysis
- 22 of some type.
- 23 A. Yes.
- Q. Do you hold yourself out as a
- 25 statistician?

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1 A. I do not. I've had college courses in
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- 2 statistics as part of my certification as a quality
- 3 auditor. The test that you take to achieve that
- 4 certification does include an assessment of sampling
- 5 statistics and descriptive statistics.
- 6 So I have a -- the typical chemist's
- 7 familiarity with the subject of statistics. I'm not
- 8 a statistician. I do, however, have a lot of
- 9 experience over the years working with
- 10 statisticians.
- 11 Q. Okay. You talked about certification.
- 12 Who you are certified by?
- 13 A. The American Society for Quality, A.S.Q.
- Q. Okay. And you're certified as a --
- 15 A. Quality auditor.
- 16 Q. Quality auditor. Okay. Is that an annual
- 17 certification?
- 18 A. There is a recertification requirement
- 19 every three years. There's -- initially you're
- 20 required to sit for a five-hour, I believe,
- 21 examination that has an appreciable failure rate.
- 22 If your successful in that, then
- 23 there are recertification requirements dealing with
- 24 experience and professionalism and continuing
- 25 education.

- 1 Q. What's the continuing education
- 2 requirement?
- 3 A. There are actually a number of -- I
- 4 suppose it's quite analogous to -- you have to get
- 5 C.L.E credits, you have to accumulate a certain
- 6 number of points or units. And you can get that by
- 7 delivering instruction, by receiving instruction, by
- 8 publishing, by employment; a variety of types of
- 9 experiences.
- 10 Q. And you report those every three years?
- 11 A. I believe it's every three years, yes.
- 12 Q. When was the first time you were
- 13 certified?
- A. I don't remember. I -- in the nineties
- 15 sometime, I don't remember the first time I got my
- 16 certification.
- 17 Q. Is that the only certification you hold?
- 18 A. That's correct.
- 19 Q. Okay. All right. So those are all the
- 20 materials you were sent by C.C.R.C. on this case,
- 21 that you've already told me.
- 22 A. Yes.
- Q. Did you review those?
- 24 A. Yes.
- Q. All right. And then my understanding is

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1 you generated a letter -- I've got a letter here
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- 2 dated April 1st of '08 and a type of a graph.
- 3 A. Payroll attachment, yes.
- 4 Q. Okay. What did Mr. Cannon ask you to do
- 5 in this case when he first retained you?
- 6 A. I'm trying to remember if it was any
- 7 different than essentially what I was asked to do in
- 8 Schwab but just for a different set of records. My
- 9 recollection is just that we got additional training
- 10 records.
- 11 And so I was asked to essentially
- 12 conduct the same kind of a quality assessment on
- 13 those records that I had earlier done on the July
- 14 records for Schwab.
- 15 Q. For Schwab. Okay.
- 16 A. Yeah.
- 17 Q. So before you -- give me one moment.
- 18 Before you wrote this letter, you
- 19 reviewed these documents given to you by Mr. Cannon.
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. And that's what you based your opinions on
- 22 in this letter --
- 23 A. Yes.
- Q. -- your findings.
- 25 A. Yes.

- 1 Q. Did you ever talk to any of the people
- 2 involved in the training or contact them by phone or
- 3 meet with them?
- 4 A. No. As you can see from the record,
- 5 they're not identified by name.
- 6 Q. Okay. There's no names identified --
- 7 A. That's correct.
- 8 Q. -- I've never seen the records.
- 9 A. That's correct.
- 10 Q. Okay.
- MR. HARMON: Do you have anything?
- MR. NUNNELLEY: Yes.
- 13 DIRECT EXAMINATION
- 14 BY MR. NUNNELLEY:
- 15 Q. Ms. Arvizu, you don't have any medical
- 16 training, do you?
- 17 A. No.
- 18 Q. Do you have any -- I guess you've never
- 19 attended an execution, have you?
- 20 A. No.
- 21 Q. And other than the procedures that you
- 22 have reviewed that were prepared by the Department
- 23 Of Corrections, the training logs that you've
- 24 reviewed, is that the only source of your
- 25 information about how an execution is carried out by

- 1 lethal injection?
- 2 A. Yes. The records I've received in this
- 3 case and in Schwab represent my entire exposure to
- 4 this subject.
- 5 Q. And you have no particular knowledge of
- 6 the mechanism of action of any of the drugs employed
- 7 to carry out an execution by lethal injection, do
- 8 you?
- 9 A. Certainly not an expert's knowledge. The
- 10 other questioner had asked me about the case in
- 11 Panama City that was succinylmonocholine, which is
- 12 chemically, mechanistically very similar to the
- 13 pancuronium bromide.
- 14 So I'm familiar with them from a
- 15 chemistry perspective, but not -- I'm not a
- 16 medical -- have no medical expertise, per se.
- 17 Q. So your familiarity is not from the
- 18 perspective of pharmacology or pharmakinetics, is
- 19 it?
- 20 A. That's correct.
- Q. You said that a drug, that I'm not going
- 22 to try to pronounce, from your Panama City case was
- 23 similar to pancuronium bromite in mechanism of
- 24 action.
- 25 A. In effect.

- 1 Q. Okay. And so the affects of this drug is
- 2 similar to pancuronium bromide.
- A. Yes.
- 4 Q. What do you understand the affect of
- 5 pancuronium bromide to be?
- 6 A. Essentially immobilizing the muscles.
- 7 Q. Do you know how it does that?
- 8 A. Mechanistically, no.
- 9 Q. Do you know how rapidly it acts?
- 10 A. Again, it's really not my area of
- 11 expertise. I've heard a lot of testimony about
- 12 succinylmonocholine in that regards. But my
- 13 understanding is it's quick. But that's not my area
- 14 of expertise.
- 15 Q. Do you understand what order the drugs
- 16 that are used in carrying out an execution by lethal
- injection are injected into the condemned inmate?
- 18 A. Do I understand the order? Yeah, I've
- 19 read the procedure.
- 20 Q. And what is that order?
- 21 A. The first -- do you want by each specific
- 22 syringe?
- 23 Q. I'm asking you if you remember without
- 24 looking at the protocols.
- A. Yeah. The first is the depressant; the MILLS REPORTING GROUP, INC. (813) 272-1814

- 1 second is the pancuronium bromide; and the third is
- 2 the potassium chloride.
- 3 Q. And what is the depressant, as you call
- 4 it, that's used?
- 5 A. Yeah. Give me minute and I'll think of
- 6 it. Please continue, and if you'll give me a
- 7 minute, I'll think of it.
- BY MR. NUNNELLEY: Let us chat for just a
- 9 second here.
- 10 THE WITNESS: Sure.
- 11 [A brief discussion was held off
- 12 record.]
- 13 BY MR. NUNNELLEY (RESUMING):
- 14 Q. How many members does the American Society
- 15 for Quality have? Do you have any idea?
- 16 A. I don't. It's the primary professional
- 17 society for practicing quality professionals, so I'm
- 18 guessing it would be on the order of tens of
- 19 thousands. I just don't know.
- Q. Is that something I could, like, find that
- 21 off the internet?
- 22 A. ISQ.org.
- .23 Q. Okay. Are you opposed to capital
- 24 punishment, Ms. Arvizu?
- 25 A. I am.

- 1 Q. Well, let me ask you this. It sounds to
- 2 me as if your forensic work is relatively limited;
- 3 it's not a big part of what you do. Is that a fair
- 4 assessment?
- 5 A. That's fair. Over the -- especially over
- 6 the course of my career.
- 7 Q. Let me get back -- do you have to be a
- 8 member of the American Society for Quality to hold
- 9 your position that you hold in your day job working
- 10 for the utility in New Mexico?
- 11 A. Do you have to? I don't know that it's a
- 12 mandatory prerequisite. It probably says something
- 13 like desired.
- 14 Q. Have you ever lived in Florida?
- 15 A. No.
- 16 Q. Do you advertise your services?
- 17 A. No, I do not.
- 18 Q. Do you have any idea how Mr. Cannon
- 19 located an expert in New Mexico to come to Florida?
- 20 A. I don't. You'd have to ask him.
- 21 MR. HARMON: Can I jump in real quick?
- MR. NUNNELLEY: Sure.
- 23 FURTHER DIRECT EXAMINATION
- 24 BY MR. HARMON:
- Q. Have you ever spoke to any defense MILLS REPORTING GROUP, INC. (813) 272-1814

- 1 attorney associations?
- 2 A. Yes. Quite a number all over the country.
- 3 I've lectured on the subject of analytical quality
- 4 assurance to trial lawyers, to defense lawyers, and
- 5 to federal and state appellate judges at a
- 6 continuing education session for judges.
- 7 Q. And when you spoke to trial lawyers, are
- 8 you talking about personal injury attorneys or civil
- 9 attorneys or criminal attorneys?
- 10 A. I understand it was a little bit of
- 11 everything.
- 12 Q. Okay. But you have spoke directly to
- 13 criminal defense attorney groups.
- 14 A. Yes. Defense attorney -- when they have
- 15 their C.L.E. sessions, yeah.
- 16 Q. Okay.
- 17 A. And I don't -- some of them are only
- 18 defense attorneys. My understanding is that some of
- 19 them let everybody in, but that's pretty much their
- 20 call, not mine.
- Q. All right. But you've lectured to them at
- 22 their seminars.
- 23 A. Yes.
- Q. Okay. And what were the subject matters
- 25 of what you've lectured about?

- 1 A. In general, my subject matter is always
- 2 the same, the subject of laboratory quality
- 3 assurance. I attempt to cater the content to the
- 4 interest of the particular group. So I always ask
- 5 what kinds of forensic evidence are relevant to the
- 6 audience in question so that I can use examples that
- 7 are meaningful to them.
- 8 But, in general, the subject is
- 9 quality assurance to ensure -- what is necessary to
- 10 ensure the consistent reliable production of
- 11 acceptable quality data and how you know whether
- 12 that's the case in any one given example.
- 13 Q. Acceptable quality data, meaning coming
- 14 out of a laboratory?
- 15 A. Yes. The product or service coming out of
- 16 a laboratory. And for the most part, it is data.
- 17 And so quality assurance is designed to ensure that
- 18 all the controls are in place to ensure consistent,
- 19 reliable production of good quality data that meets
- 20 the needs of the data user and that the quality
- 21 control points are all in place to prevent problems
- 22 from occurring. And in the event that problems do
- 23 occur, to be able to identify them.
- Q. Okay. So, it sounds like for the most
- 25 part what you're talking about is you've lectured

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1 about issues involving laboratory testing --
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- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. -- would that be fair?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. And I would assume the majority of what
- 6 people are asking you to talk about are blood draws,
- 7 breath samples in D.U.I. cases, drugs and drug
- 8 sampling.
- 9 A. Drugs, drug sampling, toxicology, D.N.A.,
- 10 gunshot residue.
- 11 Q. D.N.A. Have you ever testified in a
- 12 fingerprint or gunshot residue --
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. -- case?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. Okay. How many times?
- 17 A. I testified in the Plaza hearing in
- 18 Federal Court in Philadelphia before Judge Pollak.
- 19 It was a fingerprint case.
- I testified in quashot residue cases.
- 21 Let's see -- one was Baltimore. And there was a
- 22 Dauberts hearing in Houston last fall.
- 23 Q. Federal court?
- 24 A. I think that was state court.
- 25 Q. Okay.

- A. -- about the admissibility of the F.B.I.'s
- 2 gunshot residue evidence.
- 3 Q. Gunshot residue, not --
- 4 A. Yes, gunshot residue.
- 5 Q. -- bullet lead analysis?
- 6 A. Not bullet lead. This was gunshot
- 7 residue.
- Q. Okay. So how many times have you
- 9 testified, total, as to gunshot residue?
- 10 A. I'm trying to remember if I testified
- 11 twice in Baltimore or not. But there was a
- 12 Baltimore case and the case in Houston. Those are
- 13 the two gunshot residue cases.
- 14 Q. And prior to that, had you ever had
- 15 experience with gunshot residue or the collection of
- 16 gunshot residue --
- 17 A. No.
- 18 Q. -- or the science of gunshot residues?
- 19 A. No.
- 20 Q. Okay. Are you familiar with how gunshot
- 21 residue was analyzed --
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 Q. -- in the laboratory?
- 24 A. Yes.
- Q. Were you familiar with that prior to

- 1 your --
- 2 A. Yes. That's a conventionally applied
- 3 analytical technique that's used in a variety of
- 4 different analytical --
- 5 Q. Electron microscope?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. Okay. And your testimony in those two
- 8 cases was dealing with quality assurance as far as
- 9 collection of samples.
- 10 A. And analysis.
- 11 Q. And analysis.
- 12 A. That's correct.
- 13 Q. Okay.
- 14 A. And specifically dealing with the
- 15 contamination control issues that are relevant to
- 16 that subject.
- 17 O. And that was in Baltimore and in Houston,
- 18 Texas.
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. How were you retained in those cases?
- 21 A. I'm sorry. I don't understand the
- 22 question.
- 23 Q. Or how did they know about you, find out
- 24 about you as a witness?
- 25 A. I'm trying to think of the first time I
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- 1 met these people. Usually I just get a phone call.
- 2 I just don't remember how the guys in Baltimore
- 3 found out about me. I think the one in Houston was
- 4 a personal referral, probably from Fred Whitehurst.
- 5 Q. Who's that?
- 6 A. Fred was the F.B.I. laboratory
- 7 whistleblower who has since --
- Q. Okay.
- 9 A. -- become an attorney and gone into
- 10 private practice.
- 11 Q. All right.
- 12 A. Oft-times it's just people who heard me
- 13 speak at a C.L.E. session some time prior.
- 14 Q. Fingerprints, how many times have you
- 15 testified concerning fingerprint analysis?
- 16 A. I think the one in federal court was the
- 17 only time.
- 18 Q. And what jurisdiction was that in, in
- 19 federal court?
- 20 A. It was in Philadelphia, if that helps --
- 21 Q. Philadelphia.
- 22 A. -- I don't know.
- 23 Q. Okay. You said the Plaza hearing.
- 24 A. Yeah.
- Q. Okay. And was that a defense attack upon

- 1 the reliability of the science of fingerprint
- 2 analysis?
- 3 A. Yeah. Essentially -- I don't know if it
- 4 was some special kind of hearing or anything, but it
- 5 was basically about admissibility of fingerprints.
- 6 And I was speaking about the efficacy of their
- 7 proficiency testing program.
- Q. Efficiency of the examiners, the latent
- 9 print examiners?
- 10 A. That's correct, what objective evidence
- 11 was the laboratory able to produce to demonstrate
- 12 the proficiency and qualifications of the people who
- 13 conducted the analysis.
- 14 Q. So your testimony did not deal with the
- 15 science or, let's make it even more specific, with
- 16 the discrimination of fingerprint analysis?
- 17 A. It dealt with the rigor of the proficiency
- 18 programs, but not to the underlying, if you can call
- 19 it, science of latent print identification.
- 20 O. So you've testified concerning D.N.A,
- 21 lethal injection in the Schwab case, fingerprints,
- 22 gunshot residue, blood draws, breath sampling, and
- 23 D.N.A. -- or D.U.I. cases; is that right?
- 24 A. And controlled substance testing.
- Q. And I was going to get to that. And

- 1 controlled substance testing.
- 2 Anything else in forensic work you've
- 3 testified about?
- A. I think that's pretty much it. If I think
- 5 of anything else, I'll tell you.
- 6 Q. Okay. How about blood pattern analysis?
- 7 A. No.
- 8 Q. Okay.
- 9 A. You mean blood spatter --
- 10 Q. Blood spatter --
- 11 A. -- patterns?
- 12 Q. -- blood patterns.
- 13 A. No.
- 14 Q. How about firearm and tool mark
- 15 examinations?
- 16 A. I've assessed it. In the case in Oklahoma
- 17 City -- Terry Nichols case.
- 18 O. Uh-huh.
- 19 A. I don't remember if that actually came up
- 20 during the course of my testimony. I don't think it
- 21 did. I believe my testimony dealt more with the
- 22 classical testing of the ammonia nitrate.
- Q. Okay. That's laboratory testing.
- 24 A. That was laboratory testing, yes.
- Q. And you testified on behalf of the defense

- 1 in that case?
- 2 A. Yes.
- Q. In all these cases we've talked about up
- 4 to this point in this statement, have you -- all of
- 5 those include testifying on behalf of the defense;
- 6 is that right?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. Have you ever lectured or spoke to any
- 9 prosecuting organizations? Whether it be the United
- 10 States Attorney's Office or any state prosecuting
- 11 agency.
- 12 A. No. But I'd be happy to.
- 13 Q. Okay.
- 14 A. Judges -- does that count? I mean,
- 15 they're not ---
- 16 Q. Well, you said you've talked -- you've
- 17 lectured to appellate judges.
- 18 A. Judging science, yeah.
- 19 Q. Okay. Would it be fair to say that the
- 20 speeches or lectures you give at these seminars to
- 21 defense attorneys, to trial attorneys, maybe even
- 22 possibly the judges, to some extent is a marketing
- 23 aspect for your business; isn't it?
- A. It certainly happens that that's how a lot
- 25 of my clients have found out about me was as a

- 1 result of those -- as a result of those lectures.
- 2 I'm a frustrated teacher at heart. I
- 3 just -- if you'll give me a podium and blackboard,
- 4 I'll speak to anybody that will sit through and
- 5 listen to an hour of chemistry.
- 6 Q. Do you focus -- when you speak to the
- 7 trial attorneys or defense attorneys, do you focus
- 8 on any particular area of forensic science?
- 9 A. No. I generally try -- it's part of the
- 10 argument. It's part of understanding the
- 11 principles. But the principles of quality assurance
- 12 are largely independent of the arena to which it's
- 13 applied. So the principles of understanding sample
- 14 integrity and controlling elements of the
- 15 measurement process, are independent and ensure the
- 16 qualifications of the people conducting the work,
- 17 are independent of whether or not it's fingerprint
- 18 testing, D.N.A., toxicology, or controlled substance
- 19 testing.
- 20 So I try -- unless it's a very
- 21 specific audience, like unless it's just a D.U.I.
- 22 conference in which case I only talk about alcohol,
- 23 then I try to give a little bit of a variety of
- 24 different applications.
- Q. Okay. So you have lectured at seminars MILLS REPORTING GROUP, INC. (813) 272-1814

- 1 that deal specifically with certain areas of
- 2 forensics?
- 3 A. I think just one. I think -- well, no --
- 4 two. One in Las Vegas and one in Arizona on that
- 5 were just --
- 6 O. D.U.I.?
- 7 A. -- about, yeah, D.U.I.
- 8 Q. And what group was that to?
- 9 A. It was a state association in Arizona --
- 10 Q. Okay.
- 11 A. -- and the initials A.A.C.G. stick in my
- 12 head. C.J. sticks in my head, but I'm not sure what
- 13 it stands for.
- 14 Q. Okay.
- 15 A. And the one in Las Vegas was some kind of
- 16 a national thing for D.U.I. lawyers. I don't
- 17 remember the name of the association. Sorry.
- 18 Q. For the most part, when you consult, these
- 19 defense attorneys are looking to either exclude
- 20 evidence or to attack scientific evidence; is that
- 21 true? Wouldn't that be a fair characterization?
- 22 A. Yeah, I think that's fair.
- 23 Q. Okay. You mentioned Fred Whitehurst, he
- 24 had referred you to someone.
- 25 A. He gets a lot of calls from attorneys

looking to look into forensic evidence and if it's

- 2 something that would benefit from an independent
- 3 quality assessment audit, then he will refer them to
- 4 me sometimes.
- 5 Q. All right. How long have you known
- 6 Mr. Whitehurst?
- 7 A. I -- he's how I got into the business of
- 8 forensics, I suppose. Because I read the Inspector
- 9 General's report on the problems in the F.B.I.
- 10 forensic laboratory. I downloaded them and read the
- 11 entire multi-volume set. And after I read that, I
- 12 contacted Fred, and he responded. And we met and
- 13 have worked together since then.
- 14 Q. Have you ever worked on a case together
- 15 with him?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. What case was that?
- 18 A. The Terry Nichols case. It was all
- 19 very -- we both showed up at the airport. And he
- 20 didn't know I was going to be there and I didn't
- 21 know he was going to be there. They had kept us
- 22 very separate. But we were both there at that same
- 23 time.
- Q. Oh, okay. And the Terry Nichols case was
- 25 the Oklahoma bombing of the Fred --

- 1 A. Murrah Building, yes.
- 2 Q. -- Murrah Building. Okay.
- 3 A. Oh -- we also worked on the Ressam case
- 4 in -- the one about bringing explosive materials
- 5 across the border from Canada in 2000.
- 6 MR. NUNNELLEY: Can you spell that,
- 7 please.
- 8 THE WITNESS: R-E-S-S-A-M.
- 9 MR. CANNON: I don't mean to interrupt
- 10 you. Is that the Washington case where they
- 11 came --
- 12 THE WITNESS: Yes.
- MR. CANNON: Okay.
- 14 THE WITNESS: The customs inspector, I
- 15 guess, noticed and found stuff in his trunk.
- MR. CANNON: I think that's the Millennium
- 17 case.
- 18 THE WITNESS: Millennium Bombing, yeah.
- MR. NUNNELLEY: Oh, okay.
- 20 MR. HARMON: Can we take a break for a
- 21 second.
- 22 (A brief discussion was held
- off the record.)
- 24 MR. HARMON (RESUMING):
- Q. How many times do you think you spoke to MILLS REPORTING GROUP, INC. (813) 272-1814

- 1 defense attorney associations or groups?
- 2 A. I don't know. There is some years when I
- 3 won't do it and there is some years when I'll do it
- 4 three or four times. So maybe -- maybe fifteen
- 5 times. I don't know.
- Q. You had stated that you would agree that
- 7 you were opposed to capital punishment --
- 8 A. Yes, I am.
- 9 Q. -- as a form of punishment. Do you
- 10 participate in any kind of organizations or groups
- 11 that advocate against the death penalty?
- 12 A. No.
- MR. HARMON: Do you have anything?
- 14 MR. NUNNELLEY: Okay.
- MR. HARMON: Come on up.
- 16 FURTHER DIRECT EXAMINATION
- 17 BY MR. NUNNELLEY:
- 18 Q. Just real quickly -- just to try to make
- 19 sure we're clear on this. You testified that you
- 20 reviewed the execution procedures, right?
- 21 A. Two different versions of the procedure.
- 22 Q. July 2007 procedures and August -- May
- 23 2007 and August 2007 procedures.
- 24 A. Right.
- 25 Q. Training logs --

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1 A. Yes.
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- 2 Q. -- and the Lunsford letter.
- 3 A. Yes.
- Q. Is there anything else that you reviewed
- 5 in connection with your work in this case?
- 6 A. No.
- 7 Q. Is there anything else that you intend to
- 8 review in connection with your work in this case?
- 9 A. Well, I'd hoped to get training records
- 10 from training after August to be more reflective of
- 11 current practice in the event that they change. But
- 12 I understand that that's something I don't have any
- 13 control over.
- 14 Q. So there's nothing else that you intend to
- 15 review?
- 16 A. Not unless -- not unless those records are
- 17 produced.
- 18 Q. Is your opinion -- are your opinions and
- 19 conclusions, to the extent that they're stated in
- 20 your April 1 letter, final as of this time or do you
- 21 expect to change them?
- 22 A. They are final, based on the records
- 23 received to date. As I've indicated, I reserve the
- 24 right to update those or change my conclusion if
- 25 later records are received.

1	Because you always hope for
2	continuous improvement. You always hope they're
3	doing a better job. And if the subsequent records
4	would so indicate, I would be prepared to change my
5	conclusion.
6	MR. NUNNELLEY: I don't have anything
7	else. No other questions.
8	MR. HARMON: You got anything, Peter?
9	MR. CANNON: Yeah, just real quick.
10	(Mr. Harmon exits the deposition
11	room.)
12	CROSS EXAMINATION
13	BY MR. CANNON:
14	Q. I'll touch on your experience here.
15	Ms. Arvizu and just for the
16	record, this is Peter Cannon. I'll just ask you
17	some real quick questions.
18	You indicated that you work in some
19	capacity for the Department of Energy. Any other
20	governmental agencies or labs?
21	A. I worked for the U.S. Navy and managed
22	their national laboratory evaluation program. And
23	in that capacity, I authored the standards, the
24	quality standard that served as the basis for
25	approval of those laboratories; conducted audits,
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- on-site audits, of the laboratories to evaluate
- 2 their compliance with the standard; and then, on an
- 3 ongoing basis for approved labs evaluated the
- 4 quality of the data produced by the laboratories.
- 5 Q. And that's, again, in a sense related to
- 6 this issue of quality assurance.
- 7 A. Yes. For both government and commercial
- 8 laboratories providing analytical work to the U.S.
- 9 Navy.
- 10 Q. Okay. And just so it's clear, have you
- 11 been accepted as an expert in federal courts?
- 12 A. In quality assurance, yes.
- 13 Q. Okay. State courts?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 O. Courts with military jurisdiction or
- 16 military courts?
- 17 A. Yes. I testified in military hearings
- 18 related to the subject of quality assurance.
- 19 Q. And any international courts not within
- 20 the jurisdiction of the United States?
- 21 A. Yes, in the Supreme Court of Palau.
- 22 Q. And you were tendered in these cases as an
- 23 expert witness?
- 24 A. Yes.
- Q. And have you ever not been accepted as an MILLS REPORTING GROUP, INC. (813) 272-1814

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1 expert witness after being tendered?
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- 2 A. No.
- 3 Q. And could you just, real quick, what's the
- 4 definition of quality assurance? What we're all
- 5 talking about.
- A. What are we all talking about? Quality
- 7 assurance is a system wherein, through quality
- 8 control and quality assessment, you put in place the
- 9 practices that are necessary to ensure consistent
- 10 and reliable production of acceptable quality work.
- 11 And the controls are designed to
- 12 prevent problems and to identify them in the event
- 13 that they occur. And the quality assessment piece
- 14 is necessary to constantly monitor and assess the
- 15 quality of the work that's being produced.
- 16 So quality assurance, as a practice,
- 17 is really important and disciplines where it's
- 18 really important to control the variables and ensure
- 19 the outcome of the results.
- So, as a result, it's a discipline
- 21 that is universally applied in industries where
- 22 those kinds of considerations are important. From
- 23 the environmental industry, the food industry,
- 24 manufacturing, the automotive industry, the airline
- 25 industry; virtually any industry where controlling

- 1 variables and ensuring consistent acceptable
- 2 production of reliable results is important.
- 3 Q. So when you say it's universally applied,
- 4 the same principles that are applied in
- 5 manufacturing would be consistent with those quality
- 6 assurance principles applied in laboratory testing,
- 7 non-laboratory testing, or any other field that --
- 8 the basic quality assurance?
- 9 A. Yes. Quality auditors are, by virtue of
- 10 training and experience, able to conduct assessments
- of quality systems in any discipline. The value
- 12 added -- and in my case, my specialization in the
- 13 laboratory side is because of my chemistry
- 14 background and expertise.
- But the principles of making the
- 16 assessment, judging whether or not the protocols and
- 17 the procedures that are in place will serve the
- 18 desired result, and then whether they actually
- 19 adhere to their own procedures is a universal
- 20 practice in the quality field.
- Q. And those principles that you talked about
- 22 are the same principles that you applied in your
- 23 work on the Richard Anderson case?
- 24 A. Yes.
- Q. And if you ever were called to testify,
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1 you would be able to testify to issues that are not

- 2 contained, I guess, in your report dealing with, I
- 3 guess, the general principles of quality assurance
- 4 and so forth?
- 5 A. Yeah. I didn't attempt in my report to
- 6 address the body of knowledge of quality principles.
- 7 It was really just the conclusion that was
- 8 discretely applicable to this case.
- 9 Q. Right. So those conclusions in your
- 10 report deal with what you were asked to do in the
- 11 Richard Anderson case.
- 12 A. Yeah. They're based on the foundational
- 13 principles of quality assurance.
- Q. Okay. And those foundational principles
- 15 are not explained in the report.
- 16 A. That's correct.
- 17 O. Okay. But that is something that you can
- 18 testify about.
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. I guess that's it.
- 21 One real quick question. With
- 22 regards to the additional records, you were in the
- 23 courtroom during that hearing with the D.O.C. and
- 24 Counsel; is that correct?
- 25 A. Yes.

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Q. And do you recall his arguing or --
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              MR. NUNNELLEY: Object to the form; object
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         to the relevancy. You can answer it, if you
         can. It's legally improper.
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              MR. CANNON: Right.
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              MR. NUNNELLEY: And you know it is.
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              MR. CANNON: Thank you.
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              MR. NUNNELLEY: This is outside the scope
         of this deposition. It's my deposition; not
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         yours.
              MR. CANNON: This goes to the records.
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         She's been asked about it.
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               MR. NUNNELLEY: Well, the records have
          been ruled on. The records are outside the
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          scope of the hearing. It's improper.
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     BY BY MR. CANNON (RESUMING):
               Real quick. Mr. Changis testified that
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     the trainings occur, and that, in itself is good and
     therefore we don't need the records.
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                    Would you be able to add to that as
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     to whether that's correct or incorrect --
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               MR. NUNNELLEY: Objection. This is
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          improper. This is why we asked the witness to
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          be excluded from the courtroom. You objected
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          to it, and now you're trying to use it against
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- us. That is absolutely improper, Mr. Cannon,
- 2 and I object to it.
- 3 BY MR. CANNON (RESUMING):
- Q. Okay. If you can answer the question.
- 5 A. Okay. Based on my experience as a quality
- 6 auditor, the mere fact that training occurs does not
- 7 mean it's sufficient to ensure the qualifications of
- 8 the individuals, particularly in the event that the
- 9 training provides objective demonstration of the
- 10 fact that the individuals are not performing in
- 11 accordance with the standard.
- MR. CANNON: Okay.
- MR. NUNNELLEY: You done?
- 14 MR. CANNON: Yes.
- MR. NUNNELLEY: Now I have a few more for
- 16 her, since you opened it up.
- 17 REDIRECT EXAMINATION
- 18 BY MR. NUNNELLEY:
- 19 O. How many times have you testified as an
- 20 expert witness, Ms. Arvizu?
- 21 A. Just over thirty, I believe.
- 22 Q. You testified, I believe, and you said
- 23 under oath just now, that you have testified in
- 24 state court, federal court, military court, and in
- 25 the Supreme Court of Palau; is that correct?

- 1 A. Yes.
- Q. What states have you testified in?
- 3 A. I've testified here obviously, in Florida,
- 4 in Texas, Arizona, Wisconsin, Oklahoma,
- 5 Pennsylvania, District of Columbia's Superior Court
- 6 in District of Columbia, Maryland, one of the
- 7 Carolinas -- I think South Carolina, Arkansas.
- 8 I probably have missed some, but I
- 9 think that's a pretty fair representation.
- 10 O. Okay. And these states that you just
- 11 listed are states where you testified in the state
- 12 court, correct?
- 13 A. Not all of them. I forgot New Mexico in
- 14 there. Most of them were state court. Philadelphia
- 15 was federal court. Some of my testimony -- two of
- 16 my -- the two times I've testified in New Mexico, it
- 17 was in federal court. I think all the rest of those
- 18 were state. Sometimes I've done it telephonically.
- 19 Q. Okay. Well, let me ask it this way.
- A. Okay.
- 21 Q. Maybe I can get this kind of focused a
- 22 little bit here.
- How many times have you testified in
- 24 a federal court?
- 25 A. Three times, that I'm aware of.

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O. Well, I mean surely you know whether you
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- went to the federal courthouse or the state
- 3 courthouse.
- 4 A. You know, I have learned that it's a
- 5 really important thing to the lawyers whether it was
- 6 federal or state. I didn't know that when I started
- 7 doing this --
- 8 Q. Okay.
- 9 A. -- and I just go to the courthouse they
- 10 tell me to.
- 11 O. Were you ever, in connection -- you
- 12 testified, I believe you said three times in federal
- 13 court.
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. In any of those three federal cases, were
- 16 you ever required to generate a list of other cases
- in which you had testified?
- 18 A. I have generated such lists. I don't know
- 19 that it was in those federal cases. I think more
- 20 typically it was in other state cases when I've been
- 21 asked to provide such a list.
- Q. When was the last time you completed such
- 23 a list?
- 24 A. That I provided one to somebody?
- 25 Q. Yes, ma'am.

- 1 A. It may have been a year or so ago. A year
- 2 or two ago. I don't remember exactly.
- 3 Q. Can you provide one to me?
- A. Yes, sir, I can. May I have a business
- 5 card?
- 6 MR. NUNNELLEY: And for the record, I'm
- delivering a business card that has my email
- 8 address and fax address on it to Ms. Arvizu and
- 9 I would ask that she provide a copy of her list
- of cases in which she has testified to me via
- 11 either fax or email.
- MR. CANNON: Do you want one to go the
- 13 State, too?
- MR. NUNNELLEY: I'll just send it later.
- 15 MR. CANNON: Okay.
- 16 BY MR. NUNNELLEY (RESUMING):
- 17 Q. Okay. We got three federal cases, three
- 18 federal court cases.
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. How many times have you testified in
- 21 military proceedings?
- 22 A. Once.
- Q. Where was that?
- A. I did it on the phone. My understanding
- 25 was that the hearing was in New Mexico. I don't

- 1 remember where I was at the time, but I did it over
- 2 the phone.
- 3 Q. Was it a military court martial?
- A. No. I'm not sure what they called it. It
- 5 was the National Guard and it was relevant to a
- 6 urine drug test.
- 7 Q. You testified for the person who
- 8 presumedly failed the drug test?
- 9 A. Yes, that's correct.
- 10 Q. Do you have the outcome?
- 11 A. I don't. I'm sorry.
- 12 Q. So -- okay. Let me make sure I've got
- 13 this right. We've got the Supreme Court of Palau.
- 14 That was also a defense testimony, correct?
- 15 A. Correct.
- 16 Q. And what was the substance of that
- 17 testimony?
- 18 A. That was controlled substance testing that
- 19 had been performed by the Guam Police Department.
- 20 Q. And this was your testimony related to
- 21 what?
- 22 A. The quality assessment of the results
- 23 reported by that laboratory.
- Q. And your testimony in the military case
- 25 for the National Guardsman, the failed the drug

- 1 test, also related to the quality assessment?
- 2 A. That's correct.
- 3 Q. What about the three times you testified
- 4 in federal court? What did your testimony relate to
- 5 there?
- 6 A. The two in New Mexico were both drug
- 7 cases, controlled substance testing. The one in
- 8 Philadelphia was fingerprint, F.B.I. fingerprint.
- 9 Q. But you're not a fingerprint examiner, are
- 10 you?
- 11 A. I'm not. It was the quality assurance.
- 12 Q. So -- okay. And based on this, you
- 13 testified about twenty-five times in state court; am
- 14 I right?
- 15 A. Probably right.
- 16 Q. Have you ever testified about any subject
- 17 matter other than quality assurance or quality
- 18 assessments?
- 19 A. I was a fact witness in a trial one time.
- 20 But as an expert, no. My area of expertise is
- 21 quality assurance.
- Q. You don't hold yourself out to be an
- 23 expert in any other field?
- 24 A. No, I don't.
- MR. NUNNELLEY: Anybody else got anything
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for her?
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               MR. CANNON: I'm done.
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