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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF NEW YORK

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, BY LETITIA JAMES, ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK,

Index No. 451625/2020 Hon. Joel M. Cohen

Plaintiff,

v.

THE NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA, WAYNE LAPIERRE, WILSON PHILLIPS, JOHN FRAZER, and JOSHUA POWELL,

Defendants.

DEFENDANT WILSON H. PHILLIPS'S STATEMENT OF UNDISPUTED MATERIAL FACTS PURSUANT TO RULE 19-a

Defendant Wilson H. Phillips ("Phillips"), pursuant to Commercial Division Rule 19-a, and the Individual Rules of this Court, submits this Statement of Undisputed Facts in support of his Motion for Summary Judgment. Citations herein are to the documents annexed to the Affidavit of Rebecca M. Loegering dated February 10, 2023 ("Loegering Aff."), which is submitted herewith.

A. The Consulting Agreement

- 1. Mr. Phillips served as the Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer of The National Rifle Association ("NRA") from 1993 to 2018. (*See* Loegering Aff. Ex. C, Phillips Dep. 18:8-11.).
- 2. Mr. Phillips retired from the NRA in the fall of 2018. (See Loegering Aff, Ex. C, Phillips Dep. 18:12-21.)
- 3. Prior to his retirement from the NRA, Mr. Phillips entered into an Independent Consulting Agreement with an effective date of December 31, 2018. (See Loegering Aff. Ex. D,

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Phillips Dep. Ex. 3; see also Loegering Aff. Ex. C, Phillips Dep. 78:4-12).

4. NRA President Pete Brownell and NRA Vice-President Carolyn Meadows signed and executed the Consulting Agreement on behalf of the NRA in May 2018. (See Loegering Aff. Ex. D, Phillips Dep. Ex. 3; Loegering Aff. Ex. C, Phillips Dep. 77:8-25-78:1-3).

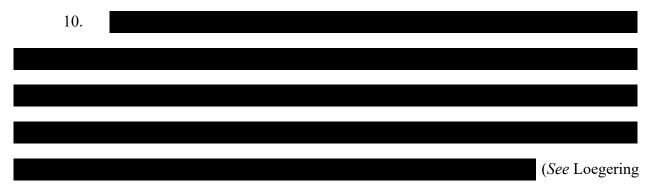
- 5. Steven Hart, counsel to the Board of Directors, presented the Consulting Agreement to Mr. Brownell for his signature. (See Loegering Aff. Ex. H, Brownell Dep. 200:17–208:9).
- 6. Counsel for Mr. Phillips, Mr. Dycio, negotiated the terms of the Consulting Agreement on Mr. Phillips's behalf. (See Loegering Aff. Ex. C, Phillips Dep. 71:6-21; 81:21-24).
- 7. Mr. Phillips countersigned the Consulting Agreement on his own behalf. (See Loegering Aff. Ex. D, Phillips Dep. Ex. 3).
- The Consulting Agreement required Mr. Phillips to perform post-retirement 8. services for the NRA for a period of four years in exchange for a fee of \$30,000 per month and reimbursement of certain expenses related to those services, including providing rented office space for Mr. Phillips. (See Loegering Aff. Ex. D, Phillips Dep. Ex. 3 at ¶¶ 1.b.i – ii; 2.a-b; 3.).
- 9. Pursuant to the Consulting Agreement, Mr. Phillips was required to "provide advisory services and the benefit of his expertise in all appropriate areas including, but not limited to, areas related to his prior duties as CFO and Treasurer of the Organization." The Consulting Agreement also required Mr. Phillips to "coordinate activities with NRA's Executive Vice President, Treasurer and CFO and Executive Director, Office of Advancement, to build and maintain relationships with major gifts donors, identify and cultivate relationships with fundraising partners and identify prospective high net worth individuals to solicit for major gifts." The Consulting Agreement further required Mr. Phillips to "communicate periodically with NRA employees, officers, board members and others as deemed necessary in the performance of stated

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services." (See Loegering Aff. Ex. D, Phillips Dep. Ex. 3 at ¶ 1.b.i – ii).



Aff. Ex. E, Phillips Dep. Ex. 5 at Bates NRA-BK-00040373).

- Mr. Phillips performed his obligations under the Consulting Agreement, including 11. investigating the potential for an online education program affiliated with the NRA, working on the Young Guns program, and maintaining contact and relationships with NRA donors in Texas. (See Loegering Aff. Ex. C; Phillips Dep. 83:4–86:18).
- 12. Consistent with the terms of the Consulting Agreement, the NRA paid Mr. Phillips a monthly fee and reimbursement of office rental expenses for approximately 5 months before ceasing to comply with its payment obligations. (See Loegering Aff. Ex. E, Phillips Dep. Ex. 5; see also Ex. C; Phillips Dep. 85:25–86:1-6; 87:20-25–88:1-13; 93:16-25–94:1-7).

В. The HomeTelos Contract

- In September 2014, the NRA contracted with HomeTelos L.P. to develop software 13. for a website to support the NRA's Outdoors Outfitters programs. (See Loegering Aff. Ex. F, Phillips Dep. Ex. 20; *see also* Ex. G, Phillips Oct. Dep. 50:19-25–52:17).
- 14. Mr. Phillips introduced NRA staff members, including Tony Hayes, the NRA's Managing Director of Information Services, to HomeTelos. (See Loegering Aff. Ex. G, Phillips Oct. Dep. 50:4-11).
- 15. Mr. Phillips was in a romantic relationship with the principal of HomeTelos from approximately 2005 to 2010, and afterward maintained a friendship with her. (See Loegering Aff.

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Ex. C, Phillips Dep. 108:3-23).

16. Both Mr. Phillips and Mr. Hayes negotiated the terms of the HomeTelos Contract and prepared the Business Case Analysis. (*See* Loegering Aff. Ex. F, Phillips Dep. Ex. 20; Loegering Aff. Ex. C, Phillips Dep. 230:2-6).

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(See Loegering Aff. Ex. J, Cotton

Dep. Ex. 20 at Bates NRA-NYAG-00008038-39; Loegering Aff. Ex. I, Cotton Dep. 362:17–364:3; 387:24–388:16).

- 18. Michael Blaz from the NRA's Office of General Counsel reviewed the Business Case Analysis and proposed contract. The NRA's Executive Vice President, President and First Vice President all approved the HomeTelos Contract, as well, before Mr. Phillips executed it on behalf of the NRA. (*See* Loegering Aff. Ex. F, Phillips Dep. Ex. 20; Loegering Aff. Ex. C, Phillips Dep. 231:5-16).
- 19. The Contract Review Signature Sheet contains the signature of Michael Blaz of the NRA's Office of General Counsel, dated September 2, 2014. (*See* Loegering Aff. Ex. F, Phillips Dep. Ex. 20).
- 20. The Contract Review Signature Sheet also contains signatures of NRA President James W. Porter, Executive Vice-President Wayne LaPierre dated September 5, 2014, and First Vice President Allan D. Cors dated September 13, 2024. (*See* Loegering Aff. Ex. F, Phillips Dep. Ex. 20; Loegering Aff. Ex. C, Phillips Dep. 231:5-16).
- 21. Mr. Phillips executed the HomeTelos Contract on behalf of the NRA on September 24, 2014. (*See* Loegering Aff. Ex. F, Phillips Dep. Ex. 20; *see also* Ex. C, Phillips Dep. 231:5-

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(See Loegering Aff. Ex. J, Cotton Dep. Ex. 20

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