

1 Q. We are back after a few minutes of  
2 break. Is having a stable, regular income a  
3 component of stability?

4 A. Not necessarily.

5 Q. So, unemployment is conducive to  
6 stability for Andy?

7 A. No, not necessarily.

8 Q. Then explain.

9 A. People go through a lot of hard times  
10 in their life and it is not -- there's no rule  
11 book for parenting, and for you to suggest that  
12 there might be is kind of absurd. There's no  
13 rule book for parenting, and you do have to make  
14 the best of what your situation is and worth  
15 forth from there.

16 Q. Going back to Exhibit Number 13, on  
17 your attorney's letter to myself at the bottom  
18 of page 1 and the top of page 2, a visitation  
19 schedule is proposed. Do you see that?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. And your attorney was authorized to  
22 make this proposal, correct?

1           A.    Yes.

2           Q.    And explain why you believed at the  
3           time that this visitation schedule would be in  
4           Andy's best interest.

5           A.    Let's see.  This is July -- this is  
6           based on what we had been doing and what we had  
7           -- what we were discussing with our lawyers as  
8           we moved forward.  I -- I don't know why I  
9           thought it was best.  At the time, I think that  
10          I was still in the frame of mind that I was  
11          working in theater, which I wasn't, and I don't  
12          think I wanted to rock the boat because I was  
13          afraid of my spouse.  So, I was trying to be as  
14          -- I was trying to play nice.

15          Q.    Okay.  So, on July 12th, you were no  
16          longer working in theater.

17          A.    Correct, because as stated before, I -  
18          - my final day at Signature was July 8th.

19          Q.    Okay.  And do you believe this  
20          proposed visitation schedule is no longer in  
21          Andy's best interest?

22          A.    No.

1 Q. And why is that?

2 A. I don't know. It's outdated.

3 Q. And what do you mean by it's outdated.

4 A. It's from July of 2019. It's January  
5 of 2020.

6 Q. Besides the passage of time, is there  
7 any other reason why this schedule is not in  
8 Andy's best interest?

9 A. I'd have to look at it.

10 Q. Well, go ahead.

11 A. I filed for sole custody. That's why.

12 Q. So, what happened between July 12th  
13 and August 19th when you filed for sole custody?  
14 What made you change your mind?

15 A. I wasn't tired anymore.

16 Q. Tired of what?

17 A. Tired from my job. I wasn't tired  
18 from working sixty-hour work weeks.

19 Q. And when did you recover from this  
20 tiredness?

21 A. Probably by the time -- probably by  
22 August 1st. You know, I mean, I never liked the

1 and to normalize it for him. That's where we  
2 kind of started. You know, if he asks about it  
3 -- I remember a certain time I was in Target in  
4 Roanoke, and we were in the makeup section. He  
5 said, "You know, mom," I was in the makeup  
6 section and he said, "Mommy, is that makeup?"  
7 And I said, "Yes, it is." And he said, "Oh,  
8 daddy wears makeup." Like kind of like saying  
9 it to me like how do you feel about this. And I  
10 was like, "Yes, that's right. He does." And at  
11 that time, Erin had not chosen a name for my son  
12 to have or say that he wanted to call him  
13 mother, so he said daddy, and I went with it.  
14 And I said, "Yeah, that's true," and he said,  
15 "Yeah." And I said, "Well, what do you think  
16 about that, Andy?" And he said, "Daddy told me  
17 he wants to be a girl." And I said, "I don't  
18 think he wants to be a girl, Andy. I think that  
19 he feels he should have been a girl." And he  
20 said, "Oh." And I said, "I know, it sounds  
21 different, but it's important how you say it."  
22 And he said, "Oh. So, I won't have a dad

1     anyone." "Well, no. You still have two  
2     parents that love you." And that's kind of  
3     always the verbatim -- you still have two  
4     parents that love you.

5           Q.     Besides the movies that you mentioned  
6     -- Mrs. Doubtfire --

7           A.     Yeah, um-hum.

8           Q.     -- and Some Like it Hot, did you rely  
9     upon any other resources in helping your son to  
10    understand that his -- your spouse was going  
11    through a transition?

12          A.     I mean, we've talked about it. I  
13    tried to find a therapist in Roanoke that would  
14    see him, but no one would see a 4-year-old.  
15    Anybody under 5, they don't want to take, you  
16    know, because play therapy -- that probably  
17    would be good for him, because his parents are  
18    going through a divorce anyway, and that's a  
19    hard thing for a kid to understand, especially  
20    at the age of 4. You know, I did read him I am  
21    Jazz children's book, one of my friends has that  
22    copy. I don't personally own one, but to help