Peter Morton's Fraudulent Activities Pertaining to the Hard Rock Hotel & Casino

April 14, 1990
Peter and Tarlton marry

April 6, 1992
Amended antenuptial agreement: Peter gives Tarlton 1% voting ownership interest in "Hard Rock Hotel business venture"

July 2, 1992
Tarlton gives birth to son Mathew Morton

August 13, 1993
Lily Pond Investments is incorporated

August 30, 1993
Hard Rock Hotel, Inc. (HRHI) is formed; 60% of its shares are owned by Lily Pond

September 17, 1993
Hard Rock Hotel naming rights assigned to Lily Pond and Hard Rock Hotel for 55 years, for 20% interest

September 1, 1994
Peter transfers to Tarlton the 1% share of HRHI stock in the form of a 1.772% non-voting share of stock in Lily Pond

November 11, 1994
Tarlton gives birth to daughter Grace Morton

June 7, 1996
Peter enters into trademark license and cooperation agreement with Rank Licensing, Inc.

June 24, 1997
Peter and Tarlton divorce; divorce decree notes Tarlton's 1% interest in the Hard Rock Hotel & Casino as her separate property

October 15, 1997
Tarlton's 1% interest increases to 1.67% with HRHI buyout of Harvey's Resorts Inc. interest

October 16, 1997
Peter creates new Hard Rock license, cutting out Lily Pond and terminating on loan payoff; Peter doesn't disclose

October 23, 1997
Nevada Gaming Commission (NGC) approves 40% interest transfer

March 23, 1998
Hard Rock Hotel appraised at $120 million

May 1, 2004
Ernst & Young (E&Y) comparative valuation ordered for management and tax planning purposes, and minority non-voting stock

May 21, 2004
E&Y draft valuation analysis

September 1, 2004
Peter's fully-owned corporation, PM Realty Inc., purchases approximately 23 acres of land adjacent to the Hard Rock Hotel & Casino for $84 million; Peter doesn't disclose

November 2004
E&Y prepares report in "formal" form, without the year-to-year comparison

December 20, 2004
Peter enters into stock purchase agreement with Tarlton; claims her stock shares are worth $451,000 based on the E&Y valuation

November 15, 2005
Peter misrepresents to the NGC that the E&Y valuation had been jointly obtained by him and Tarlton, and that it represents the fair value of her interest

November 23, 2005
E-mail reveals plans for Hard Rock Hotel & Casino sale/expansion

December 2005
Stock sale is recorded based on Peter's representations

February 2006
Peter announces intention to sell Hard Rock Hotel & Casino business venture

May 2006
Peter announces final sale agreement of all Hard Rock Hotel & Casino venture assets for $770 million; **Tarlton's 1.67% interest would have been worth about $11 million**

August 2006
Tarlton obtains copy of E&Y valuation analysis upon notification of sale; discovers valuation was improper

January 5, 2007
Tarlton files lawsuit

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