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2 SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
3 SAN DIEGO DIVISION

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4 IN RE: BANK OF AMERICA : CASE NO.  
5 CALIFORNIA UNEMPLOYMENT : 21-MD-02992-GPC-MSB  
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12 MINNUCCI, taken pursuant to Notice,  
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18 Certified Shorthand Reporter and  
19 Notary Public in the state of  
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THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Stand by.

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(By agreement of counsel, the reading, signing, sealing, certification and filing are waived, and all objections as to the form of the question, are reserved until the time of trial.)

Good morning. We are going on the record at 9:30 a.m. Eastern Time, on April 23rd, 2025.

Please note that the microphones are sensitive and may pick up whispering and private conversations.

Please mute your phones at this time. Audio and video recording will continue to take place, unless all parties agree to go off the record.

This is Media Unit 1 of the

1 video-recorded deposition of  
2 Jay Minnucci, in the matter of In Re  
3 Bank of America California  
4 Unemployment Benefits Litigation  
5 filed in the United States District  
6 Court Southern District of  
7 California San Diego Division, Case  
8 Number 21-MD-02992-GPC-MSB. The  
9 location of the deposition is  
10 Goodwin Proctor LLP, 3025 JFK  
11 Boulevard, 8th Floor, Philadelphia,  
12 PA 19104.

13 My name is Frankie Matus,  
14 representing Veritext Legal  
15 Solutions, and I'm the videographer.

16 The court reporter is Mary  
17 Hammond, also from the firm of  
18 Veritext Legal Solutions.

19 I am not authorized to  
20 administer an oath. I am not  
21 related to any party in this action,  
22 nor am I financially interested in  
23 the outcome.

24 Counsel will now state their

1 appearances and affiliations for the  
2 record.

3 MR. RIFFEE: Matt Riffée from  
4 Goodwin Proctor here on behalf of  
5 Defendant, Bank of America.

6 MS. MacCUNE: Marie MacCune,  
7 Goodwin Proctor, also on behalf of  
8 Defendant, Bank of America.

9 MR. JONES: Colin Jones,  
10 Altshuler Berzon, on behalf of the  
11 Plaintiffs.

12 MR. RIFFEE: All right.

13 Good morning. Before we get --

14 THE COURT REPORTER: I'm  
15 sorry.

16 MR. RIFFEE: Okay.

17 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Will the  
18 court reporter please swear in the  
19 witness.

20 THE COURT REPORTER: Please  
21 raise your right hand.

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23 JAY MINNUCCI, after having  
24 been first duly sworn, was examined

1 and testified as follows:

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3 THE WITNESS: Yes.

4 MR. RIFFEE: Good morning.

5 Before we get started, just  
6 like I had said, the transcripts  
7 will be kept as confidential, and  
8 the parties will designate the  
9 portions of the transcript that are  
10 confidential pursuant to the terms  
11 of our Protective Order.

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13 DIRECT EXAMINATION

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15 BY MR. RIFFEE:

16 Q. Good morning.

17 Can you please state your name for  
18 the record?

19 A. Jay Minnucci.

20 Q. Okay.

21 You've been deposed before,  
22 correct?

23 A. Correct.

24 Q. How many times?

1           A.     I think about five, five or six.

2           Q.     Okay.

3                   Were you serving as an expert in  
4 all of those cases?

5           A.     Yes.

6           Q.     Okay.

7                   So I assume you're familiar with --  
8 with this exercise and with the ground rules,  
9 but we'll just go over a few to refresh.

10                  I'll be asking the questions today.  
11 You're obligated to give complete truthful  
12 answers. I'll ask that you give audible  
13 answers, so the court reporter can take it  
14 down.

15                  You were sworn in earlier; do you  
16 understand that you're under oath as if you  
17 were in a court of law?

18           A.     Correct.

19           Q.     Okay.

20                  So your answer -- you understand  
21 that your answers need to be truthful today?

22           A.     Yes.

23           Q.     Okay.

24                  Is there any reason why you're not

1 able to provide truthful answers today?

2 A. No.

3 Q. Okay.

4 If at any point today you don't  
5 understand any of my questions, please let me  
6 know, I'm happy to clarify that for you.  
7 Just to that end, and just one -- or a couple  
8 little terminology before we get started.

9 You understand that the Bank of  
10 America had several call centers that  
11 serviced the EDD prepaid debit card program,  
12 correct?

13 A. Correct.

14 Q. When I say the "main call center"  
15 today or the -- the "servicing center" today,  
16 can we agree that I'm referring to Bank of  
17 America's general call center for prepaid  
18 cards?

19 A. Yes, the general being of first in  
20 line to receive the call from the IBR.

21 Q. Correct. Okay.

22 When I said the "Claims call  
23 center," can we agree that I'm referring to  
24 Bank of America's call center responsible for

1 Q. Okay.

2 In your work at -- at Service  
3 Agility in consulting with clients do you  
4 conduct forecasting for any of your clients  
5 for the hiring or retention of FTEs?

6 A. Yeah, I do that very often for my  
7 clients.

8 Q. Did you conduct any forecasting for  
9 any of your clients during that March of 2020  
10 through the end of 2020 time period?

11 MR. JONES: Objection. Vague.

12 THE WITNESS: Yeah, I helped  
13 them with the planning out of  
14 staffing needs and what they may  
15 need, so that's not just simple  
16 forecasting. There's a lot of  
17 factors that go into that.

18 But the objective was to get  
19 them to the right numbers -- the  
20 right staffing numbers to be able to  
21 manage their incoming call volume.

22 BY MR. RIFFEE:

23 Q. How many clients would you say you  
24 helped plan out staffing needs during that

1 time period, March 2020 through the end of  
2 2020?

3 A. So it would be the same group that  
4 was -- that was part of every discussion.  
5 The -- the details were all different, and  
6 the amount of detail that I would need to go  
7 into was different for each one, but it  
8 was -- it was a discussion with everybody.

9 Q. Okay.

10 Does -- do you -- in your work at  
11 Service Agility consulting with your clients,  
12 do you actually handle the -- the hiring of  
13 any Customer Service Representatives for your  
14 clients?

15 MR. JONES: Objection. Vague.

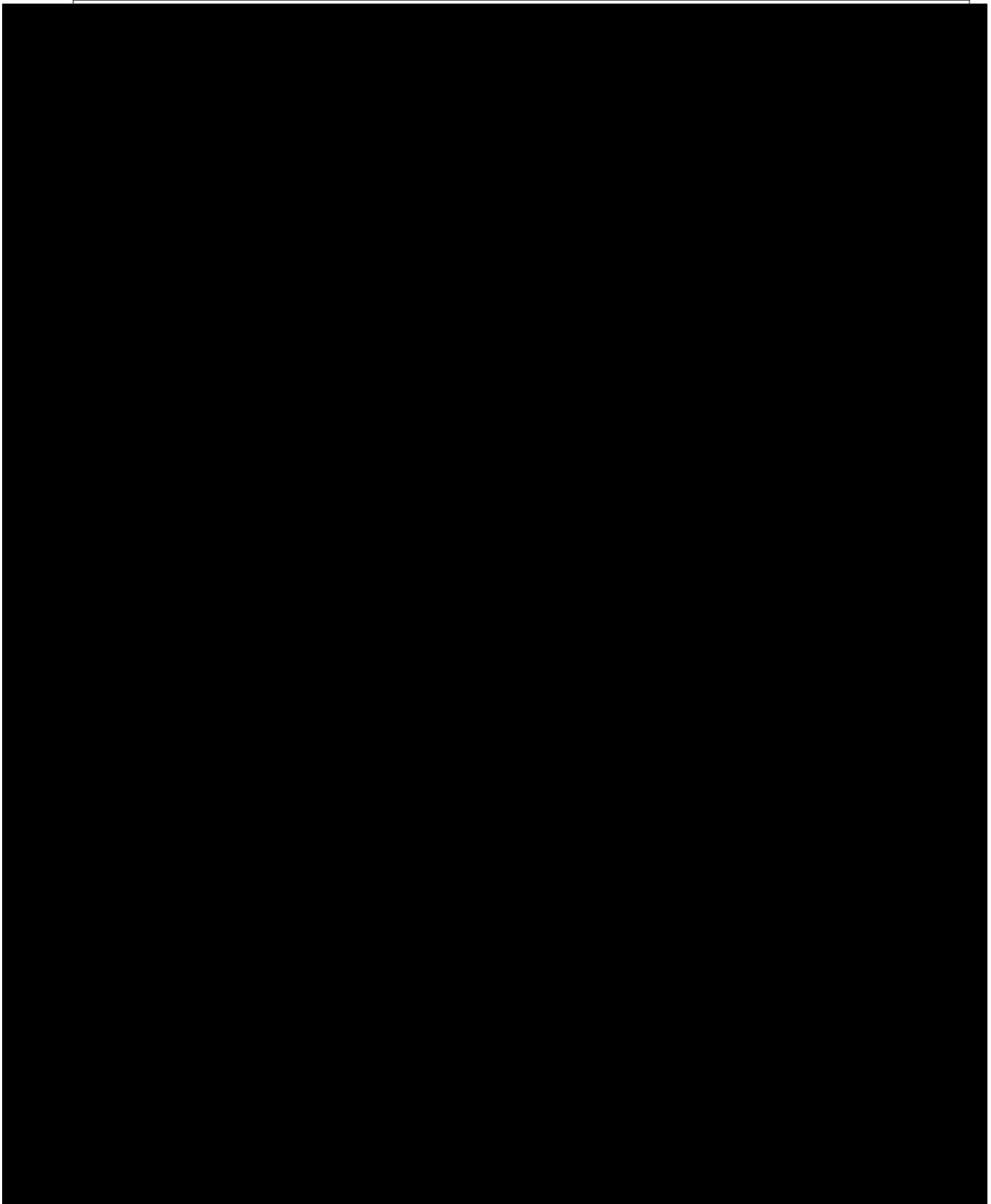
16 THE WITNESS: No.

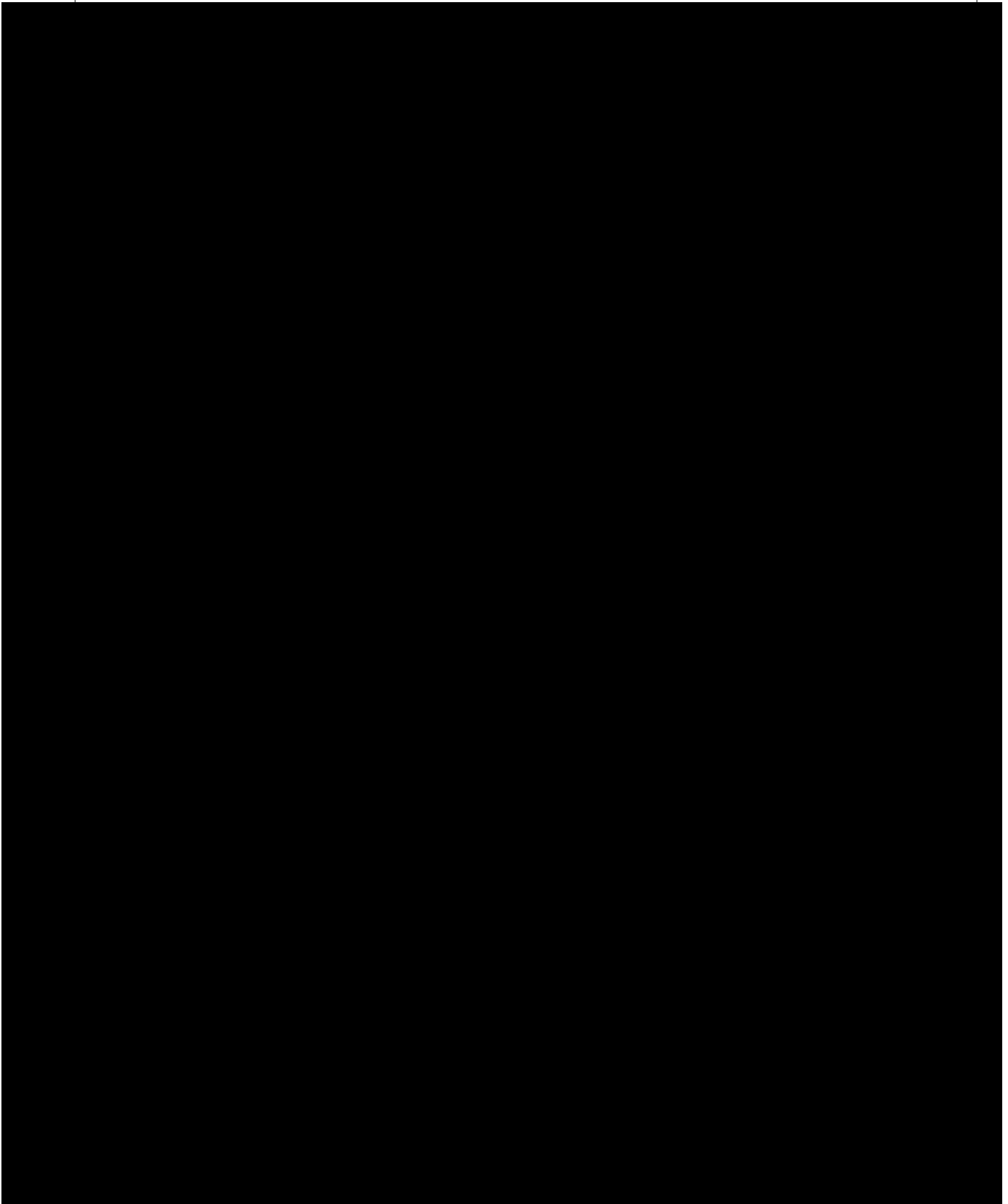
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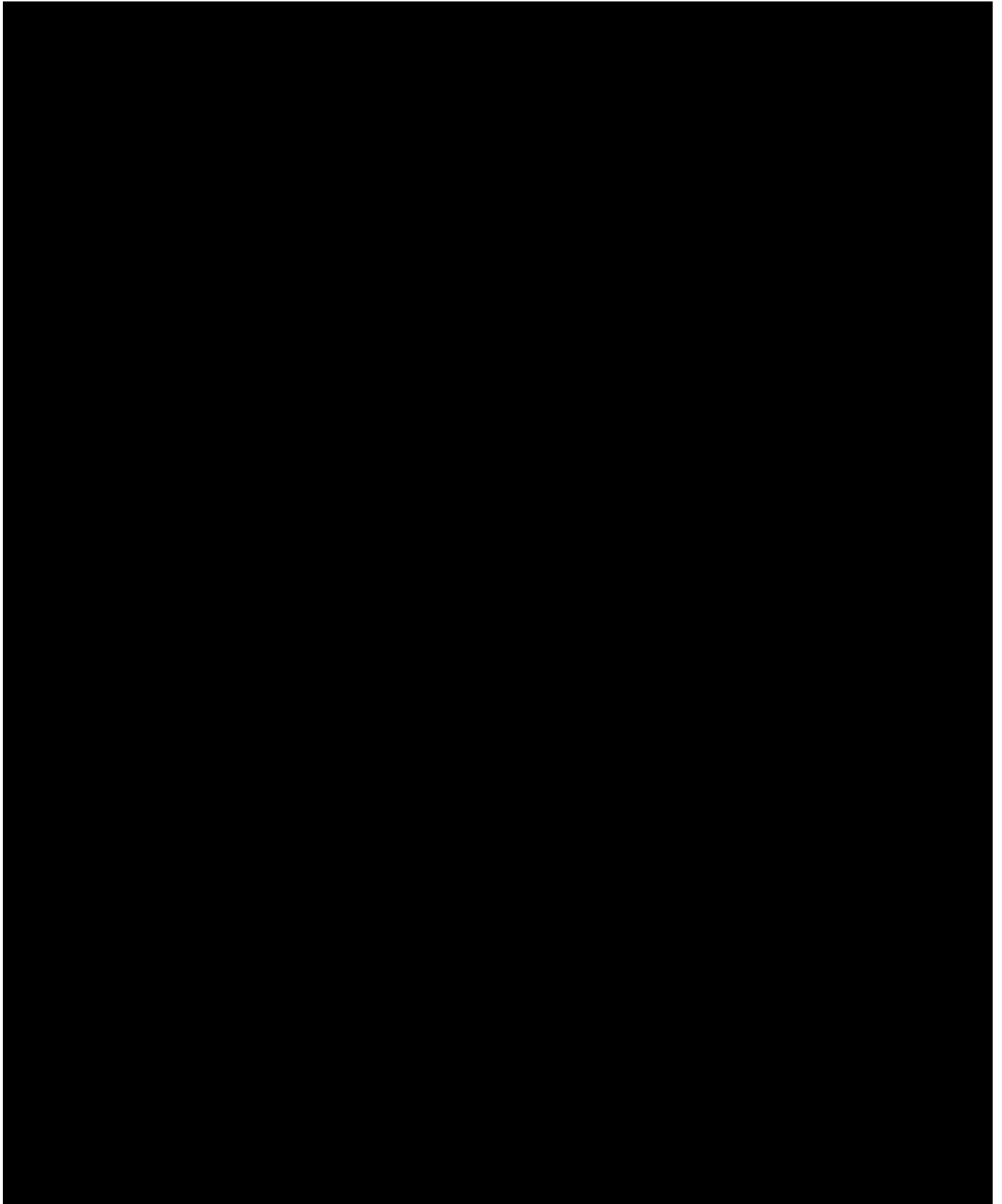
18 Q. Were you ever responsible for  
19 conducting background checks or setting up  
20 work-from-home environments for -- for your  
21 client's Customer Service Representatives?

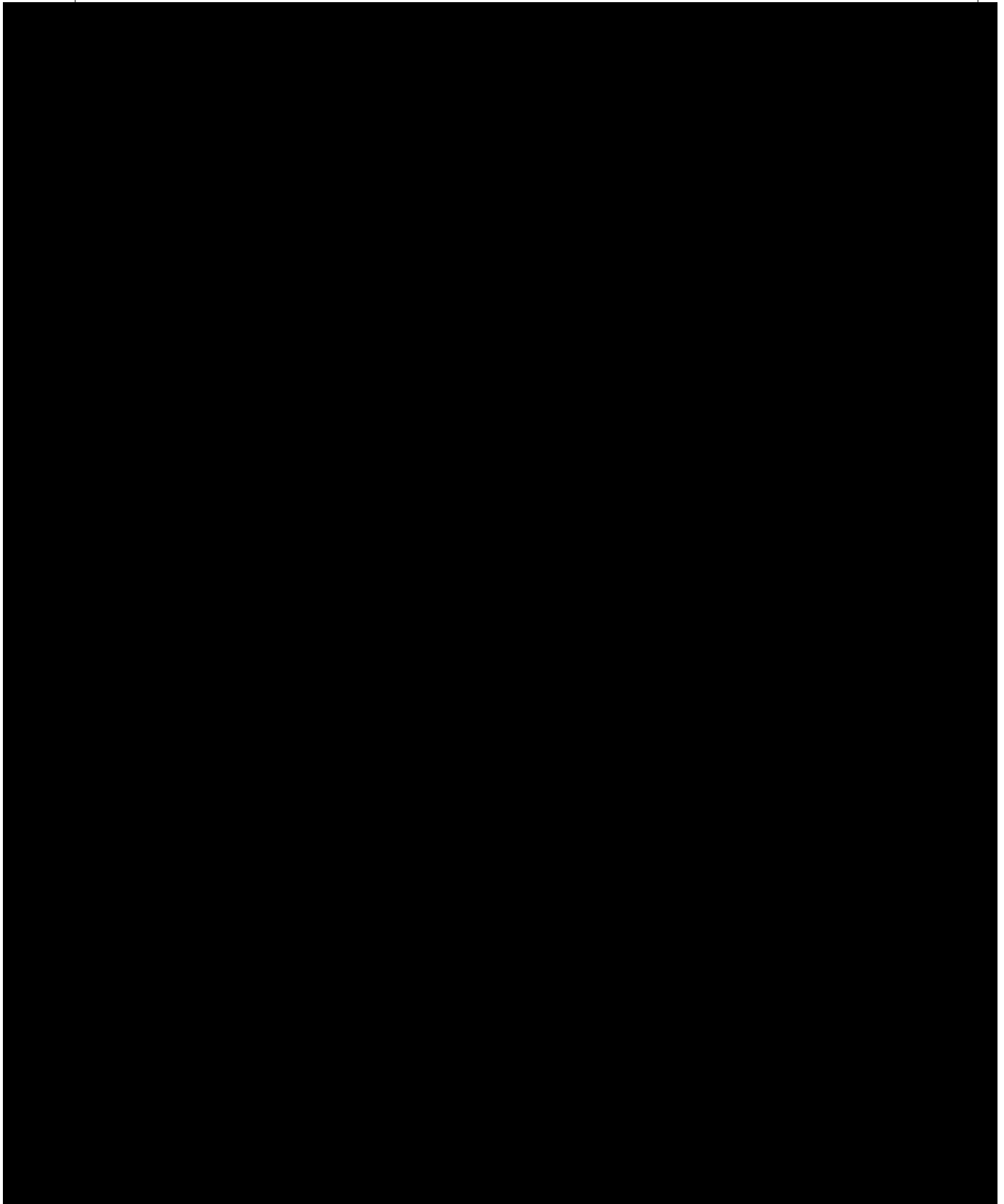
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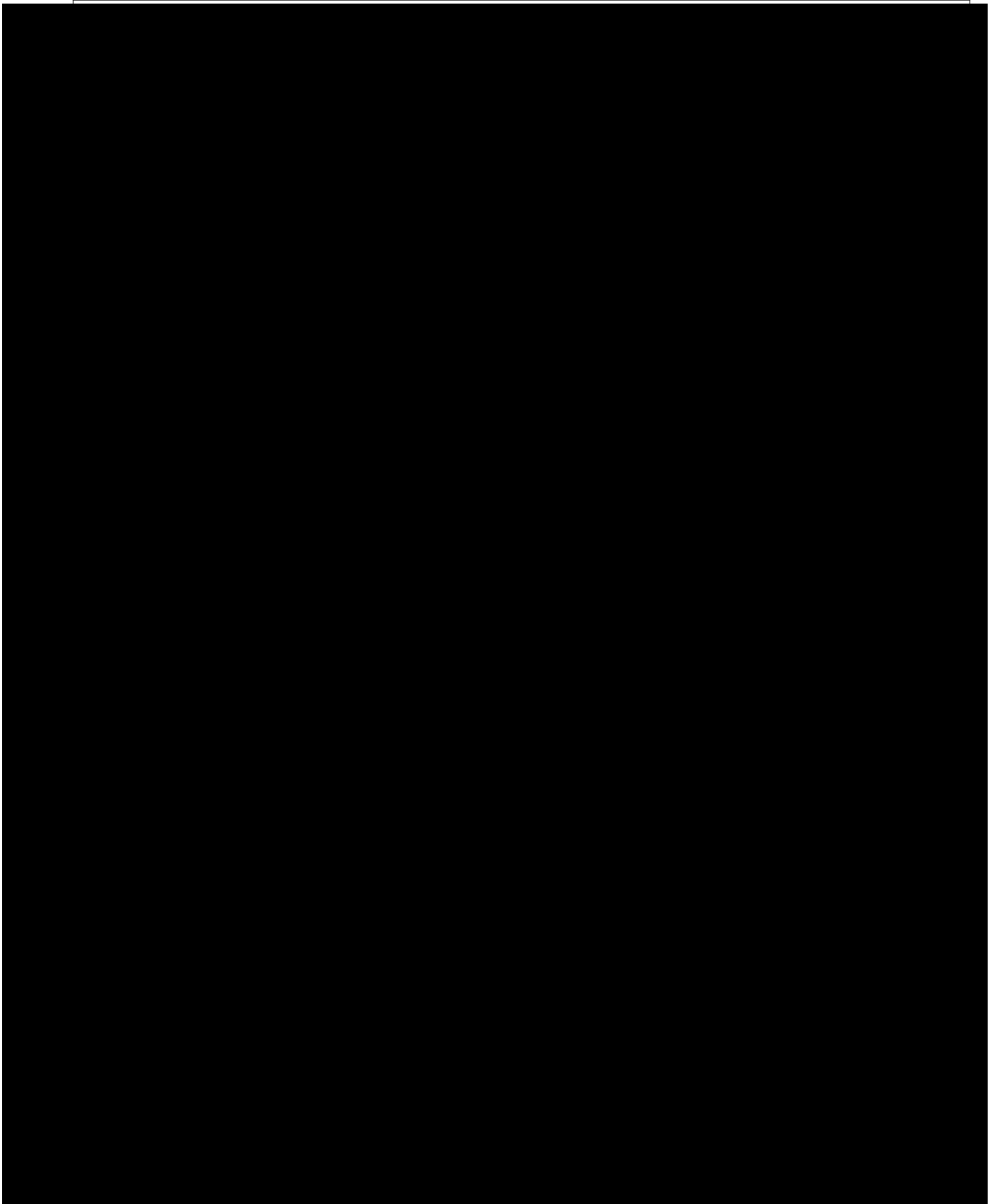
23 THE WITNESS: I'm sorry, which  
24 was the first one?











1 they'd probably have the data right at their  
2 fingertips, which is, you know, just ongoing  
3 results showing what they're ongoing yearly  
4 call abandonment rate was, what their ASA  
5 was, as well as other metrics as well.

6 Q. All right.

7 But you don't know how many of  
8 those call centers provided information prior  
9 to the pandemic or during the pandemic for  
10 2020?

11 MR. JONES: Objection. Vague.

12 THE WITNESS: Yeah.

13 Again, I don't know these  
14 specific people. I just know people  
15 that do this work. So, I -- you  
16 know, I'm fairly confident I know  
17 how they would have answered this.

18 BY MR. RIFFEE:

19 Q. When you do your consulting work  
20 for your clients, do you assess their --  
21 their ASA or their abandonment rates using  
22 the mean average speed to answer or the call  
23 abandonment rate from ContactBabel service?

24 MR. JONES: Objection.

1                   Compound. Vague.

2                   THE WITNESS: I can.

3                   The first thing I'm going to  
4                   compare them to is their own  
5                   targets. That's the one that's  
6                   going to matter the most.

7                   BY MR. RIFFEE:

8                   Q. "Their targets" being the SLA or  
9                   the contractual requirement, correct?

10                  A. In an internal call center, you  
11                  don't have a contractual obligation, but you  
12                  do still have a target, like, you know, they  
13                  all have targets.

14                  So the first thing I'm going to do  
15                  is compare them to what they say they want to  
16                  do because that's the most relevant. When  
17                  questions are asked about, "how do we compare  
18                  with others, how does your target compare to  
19                  what others are doing," that's when I would  
20                  go to this and say, "Well, this is kind of  
21                  those sources," and say, "Well, here's -- you  
22                  know, "here's" -- "here's what I know."

23                  Q. So the target for a -- a call  
24                  center, it could be an internal number, it

1                   for identification.)

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4                   handed to the witness.)

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6       BY MR. RIFFEE:

7           Q.     Do you recall reviewing this e-mail  
8     in preparing your report?

9           A.     Yes.

10          Q.     Are you offering an opinion about  
11     Bank of America's intent or state of mind in  
12     making staffing decisions?

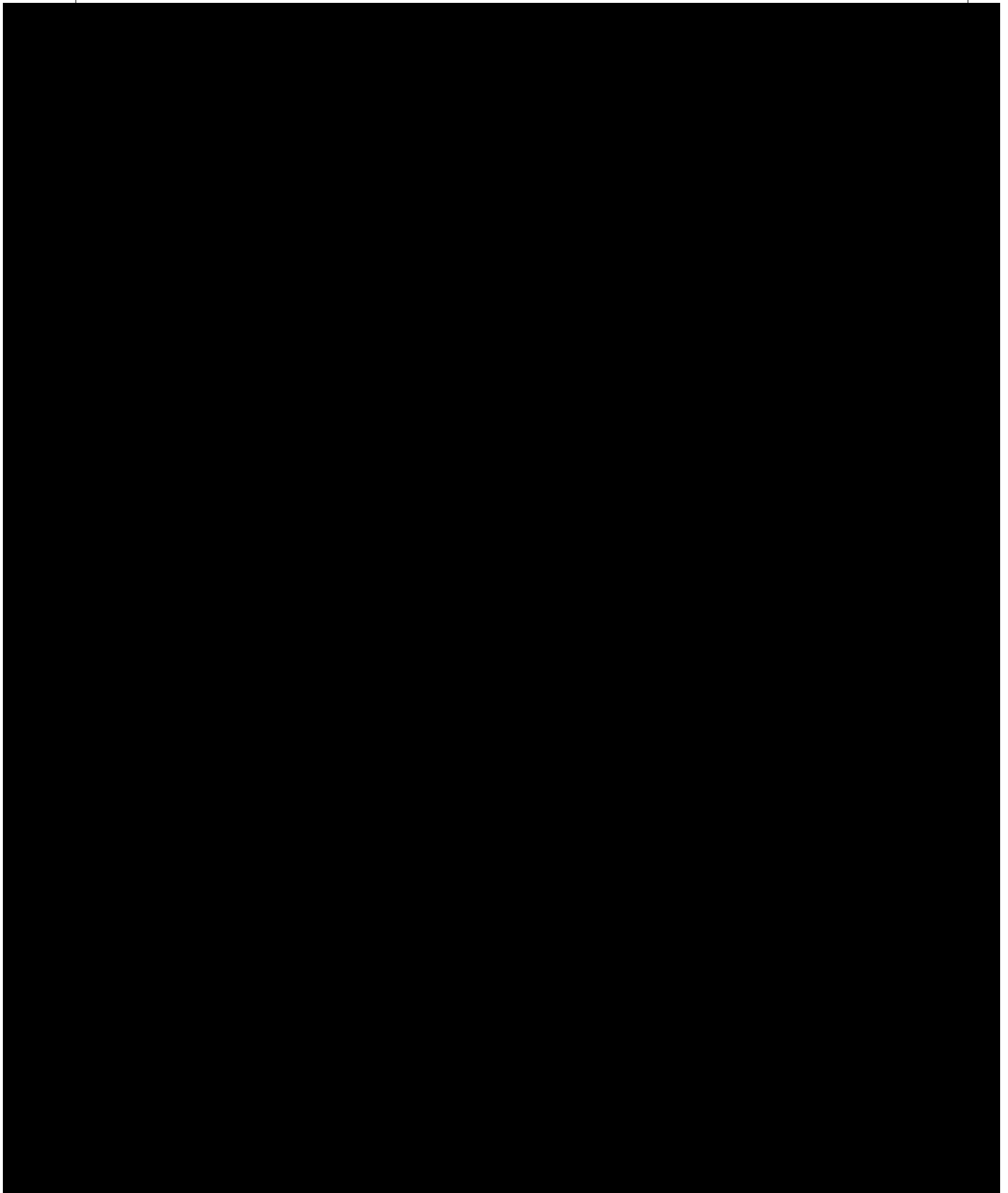
13                   MR. JONES:  Objection.  Calls  
14     for a legal conclusion.

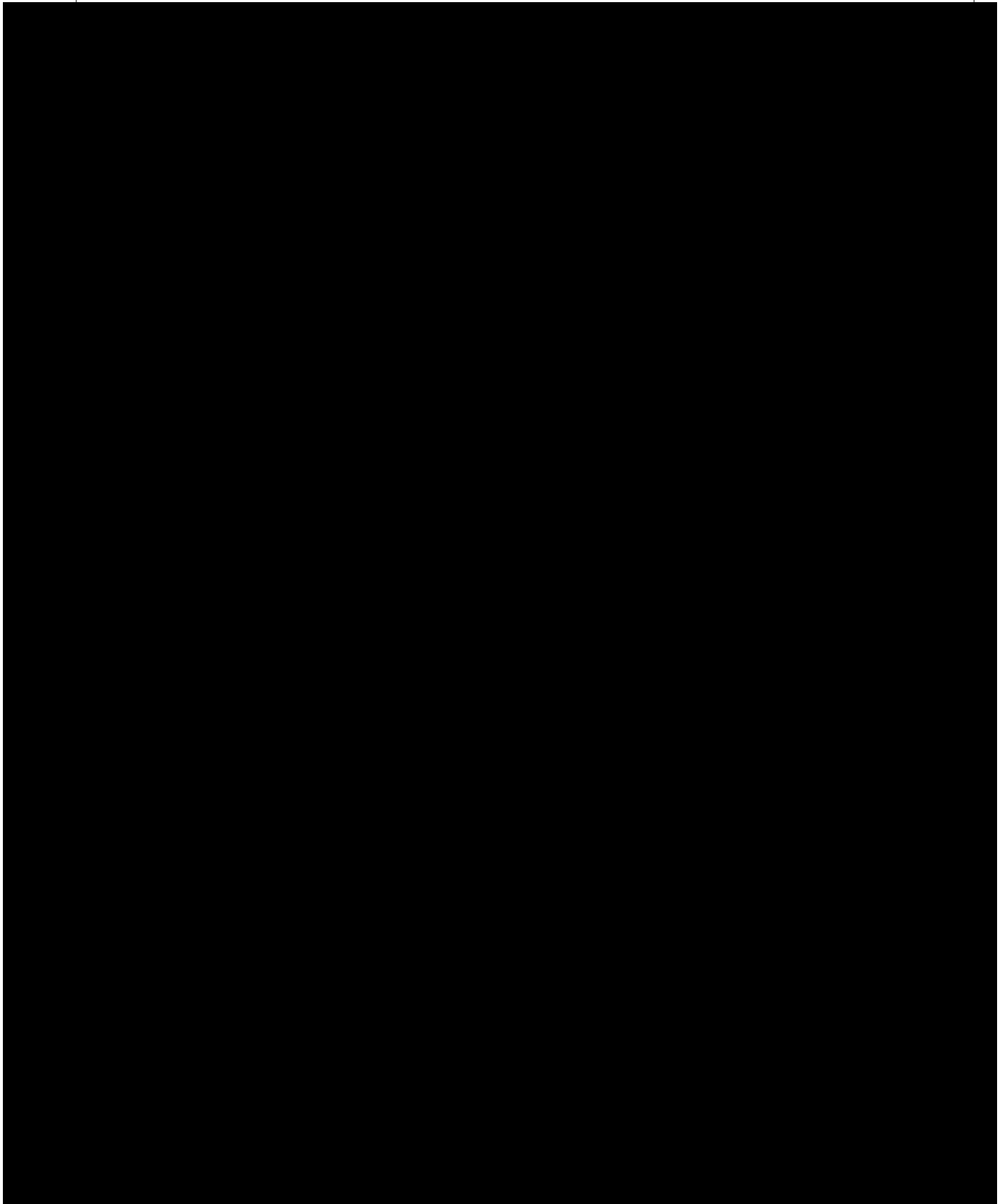
15                   THE WITNESS:  I couldn't care  
16     less about a state of mind.  My  
17     interest here is what they do, was  
18     it in confidence, or was it  
19     deliberate or was it both.

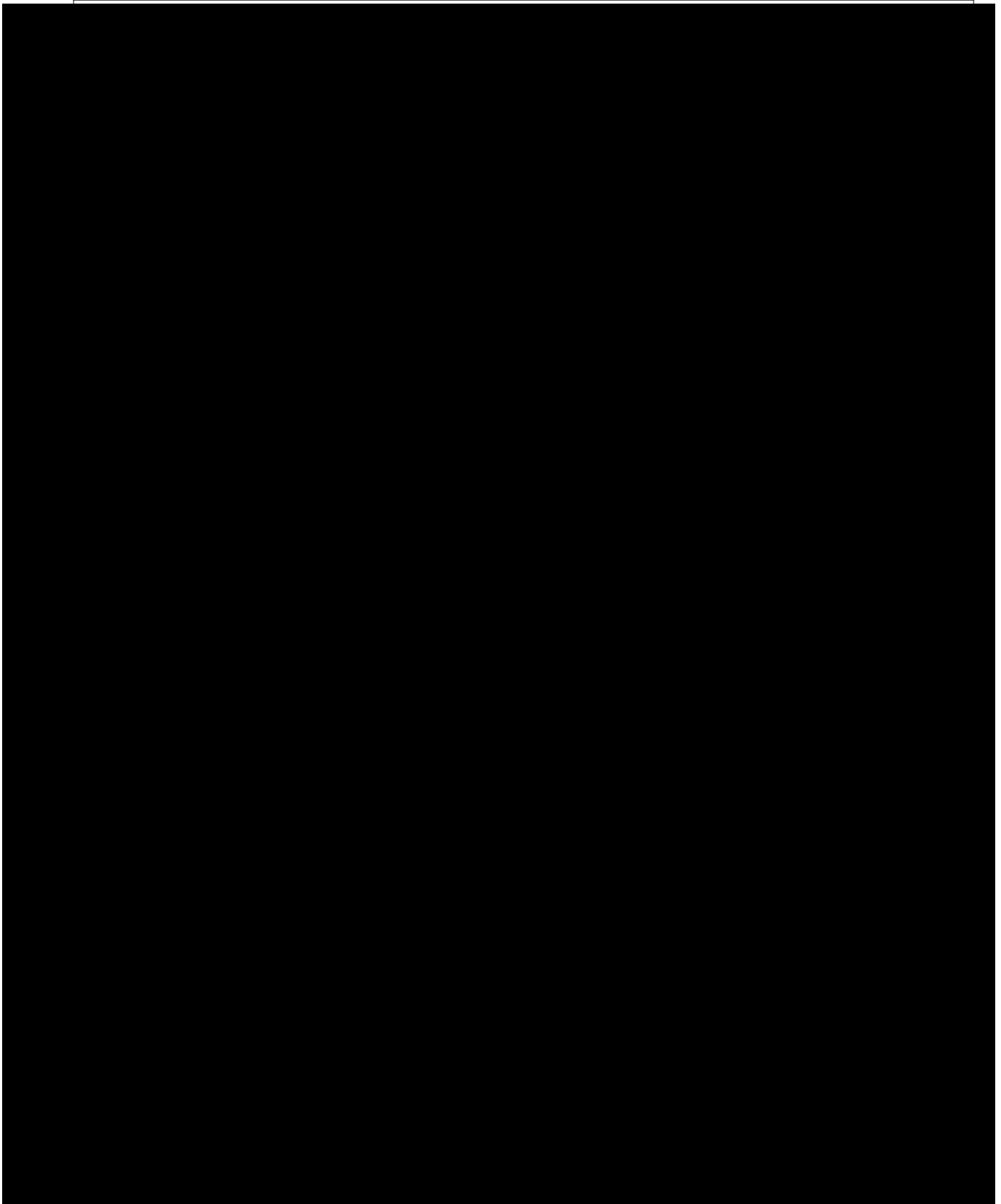
20                   MR. RIFFEE:  Okay.

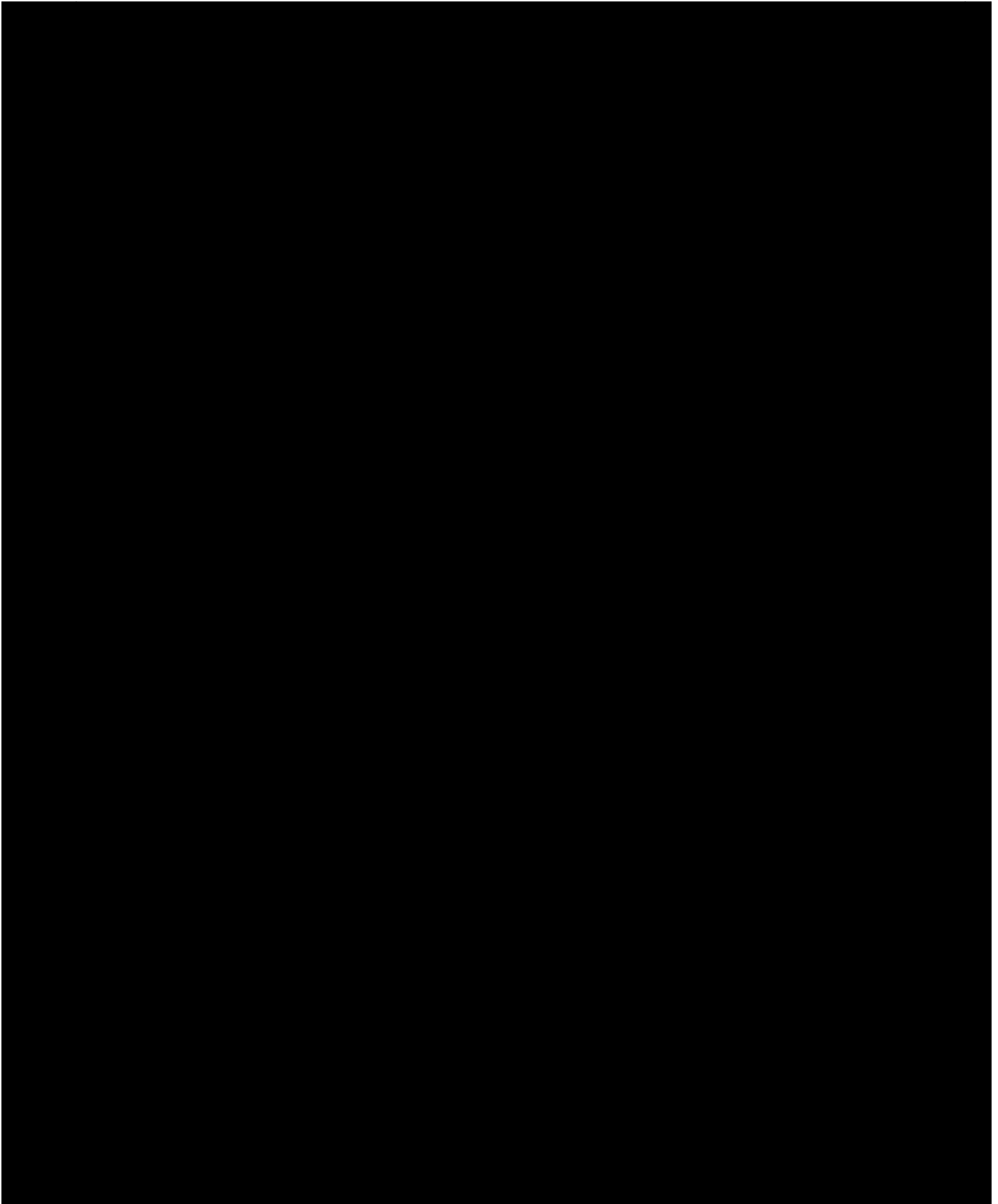
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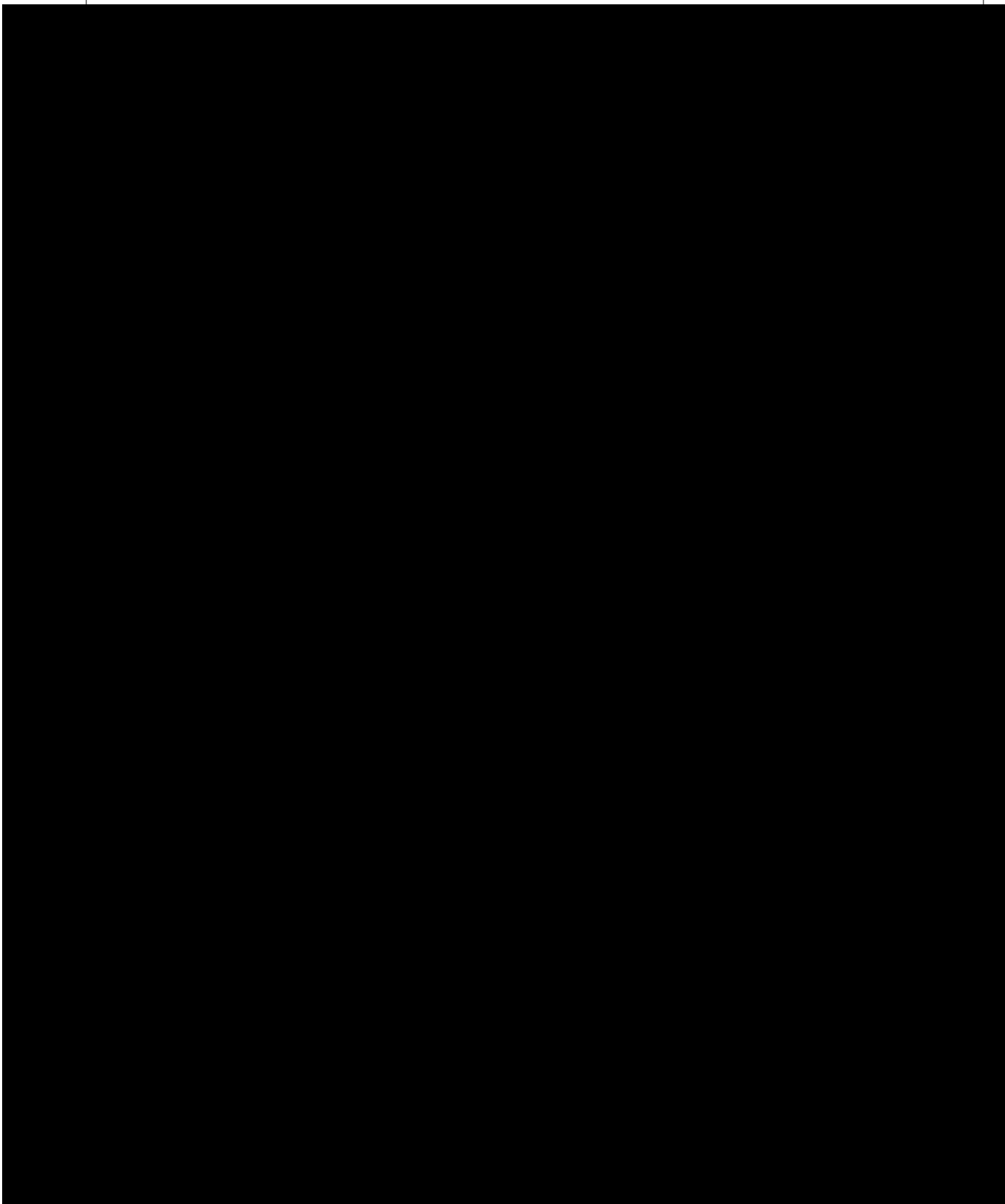
22          Q.     And the basis for your opinion that  
23     Bank of America deliberately staffed or  
24     reduced staffing in its call center, it's --











1 results are used to calculate Column (E)?

2 A. Okay.

3 So do you want me to start with  
4 Appendix H then; is that --

5 Q. Sure.

6 A. Okay.

7 So Appendix H is based on data from  
8 other clients that I have. So this is  
9 without the actual data from your bank or  
10 without data from an actual client, the --  
11 the next best thing that we can do is use  
12 data from other clients. So that's what this  
13 is.

14 I've had clients that have done the  
15 process that I described that would have been  
16 done for the Bank had we had the data.

17 So they go through that process,  
18 and the process requires identifying the  
19 abandoned calls for a given time period, and,  
20 then, looking at those phone numbers with  
21 those abandoned calls, and, then, looking out  
22 in the future to determine did that phone  
23 number call back or not. If it did, we call  
24 it a recall. If they didn't, then, they

1 didn't recall.

2           So I've had other clients do that  
3 work, and what we did was we mapped the  
4 abandonment range against the recall rates  
5 that they found, and, then, provide a  
6 distinct demand column at the end because  
7 that's what we're using. It's just one line  
8 is the recall rate. We're actually  
9 calculating a recall rate, and, then, simply  
10 taking one from it.

11           Q.     Okay.

12           How many data points are you using  
13 in your regression here in Appendix H?

14           A.     So we're going out -- we're  
15 probably looking at 30 to 60 days worth of  
16 data each for -- my estimate is probably  
17 about eight clients that we did this for, so  
18 however many data points that adds up to.

19           And, of course, their data points  
20 can -- can fall in these different ranges.  
21 I've got six different ranges, so they're --  
22 they're falling somewhere within those  
23 ranges.

24           Q.     Okay.

1                   So eight different clients within  
2 these ranges -- within these ranges.

3                   Is there a client that you have  
4 that falls within each of these ranges?

5           A.    Oh I think every one of them had.

6           Q.    Okay.

7           A.    I shouldn't say that. I would  
8 suspect most of them. There may have been  
9 one or two that missed a range here or there,  
10 that's possible.

11          Q.    Okay.

12                   There's -- but there's six  
13 abandonment ranges here represented --

14          A.    Right.

15          Q.    -- in Appendix H, right?

16          A.    Yes.

17          Q.    And you said you think there were  
18 eight clients that fall within these  
19 abandonment ranges.

20                   So, within each range, is it your  
21 testimony that there's one to two clients  
22 that fall into each range?

23                   MR. JONES: Objection.

24                   Mischaracterizes testimony.

1 THE WITNESS: No.

2 What there likely is in all of  
3 these ranges is if not all,  
4 certainly eight represented --  
5 certainly close to at 7, and, then,  
6 they can be represented multiple  
7 times.

8 So to provide an example, if  
9 you look at the bottom range from 25  
10 to 30, there may be data points in  
11 there from eight different clients,  
12 but one of those clients may have 12  
13 data points in there, and another  
14 one may have 17 and another one may  
15 have four.

16 MR. RIFFEE: Okay.

17 BY MR. RIFFEE:

18 Q. And the data points for each client  
19 that -- you said that represents a 30 to  
20 60-day period?

21 A. Yes, mm-humm.

22 Q. Do you believe that these -- the  
23 data points here, that they're enough data to  
24 give you confidence in your results?

1           A.    Yeah. I actually do this work. I  
2   sell -- I sold consulting projects where  
3   people have come to me and said, "We have  
4   this problem. We don't know what distinct  
5   demand is," you know, "we don't know how to  
6   get their our data," or don't think that they  
7   can get their data.

8                    When I explained to them that I  
9   have this, we have used this, that's been the  
10   job. I've charged for that. And I've had  
11   very satisfied clients as -- as a result of  
12   using this. It greatly improved their  
13   workforce planning process.

14           Q.    Are you able to say which clients  
15   these data points come from?

16           A.    No.

17           Q.    What industries are these eight  
18   clients in?

19           A.    Various.

20           Q.    Okay.

21                    Sitting here today, what industries  
22   do you recall each of them are in?

23           A.    So there's, again, more property  
24   and casualty, more health insurance. There

1       years.

2                   You don't -- you have to realize  
3       the numbers that you see here are bad. You  
4       just don't run into a lot of clients that are  
5       having days with a 26-percent abandon rate as  
6       a regular thing.

7           Q.     Mm-humm.

8           A.     Maybe occasionally here and there,  
9       but it doesn't happen as a regular thing. So  
10      it -- it's just not something that comes up  
11      often in a consultant's work, because it just  
12      doesn't happen out there in the field very  
13      often, so it takes a while to -- to actually  
14      get some clients that fall into these  
15      categories.

16          Q.     Okay.

17                   So you said you began collecting  
18      this data -- I think you said going back to  
19      2005, and it covered about eight years.

20                   So is this all data from about to  
21      2005 or 2018 or something more recent?

22          A.     No, that'd be -- that would be  
23      about right. I don't think I've added to it.  
24      However, I've used it. I've used it during

1     that time, and I've used it past that and  
2     into COVID. I don't think I've used it in  
3     the last year or year and a half, but, you  
4     know, I've used -- I've used this up until at  
5     least 2022, if not later.

6             Q.     Okay.

7                     Did any of these eight clients  
8     experience call volume increases or surges  
9     during these three 30 to 60-day periods  
10    similar to the 10, 15, 20, 30 X surges that  
11    Bank of America experienced during the --  
12    during the pandemic?

13                     MR. JONES:   Objection. Vague.

14                     THE WITNESS:   You know, so  
15                     they're my clients, so I've  
16                     answered your question before,  
17                     beside which I don't know that it  
18                     would matter if it was volume surge  
19                     or not. We're interested in  
20                     abandonment and recall rates.

21             BY MR. RIFFEE:

22                     Q.     You don't think it would matter,  
23     the level of the volume surge, in terms of  
24     the -- the impact on the abandonment rate?

1           A.    Well, it will cause -- it will  
2           potentially cause an increase in abandonment,  
3           but at that point we're simply taking data  
4           points out. We're looking at abandonment  
5           ranges and we're comparing them to recall  
6           rates. Whether the -- the abandonment was  
7           caused by volume surge or people left the  
8           organization is immaterial to the analysis.

9           Q.    Did any of your clients -- any of  
10          these eight clients experience an abandonment  
11          rate above the ranges here, the 25.01 to  
12          30-percent range?

13          A.    So I -- that is possible, but it --  
14          it's not on here because there weren't enough  
15          of them. So, you know, was there two or  
16          three incidences or four or five, that's  
17          possible, but I wouldn't have included that  
18          in the data. In this case, it would have to  
19          be more than that.

20          Q.    Okay.

21                How many data points did you  
22          require to -- or to include or for -- for  
23          this Appendix H, how -- how many data points  
24          would be within each abandonment range

1 individual calls about a power outage, and  
2 they're unable to reach but their power gets  
3 turned back on, or they realize that someone  
4 else is reporting an outage, so they don't  
5 need to call again, did you assess whether  
6 that may affect a recall rate for that type  
7 of call center?

8 A. No.

9 Again, no reason to do that.  
10 Everything's in the data.

11 Q. Did you attempt to assess how the  
12 differences between various types of call  
13 centers or purposes of calls might impact the  
14 recall rate, and how that might differ from  
15 the recall rate for someone attempting to  
16 submit or ask questions about an unauthorized  
17 transaction claim?

18 A. No.

19 What I know is despite the fact  
20 that it's different industries, the recall  
21 rates really don't change all that much  
22 surprisingly. And, then, having used this  
23 for other clients and seeing that it's worked  
24 well for them, you know, I know that it's

1 certainly good enough to be using for  
2 workforce planning purposes and provides a  
3 substantial improvement over using just calls  
4 offered or just calls answered, which, by the  
5 way, both of them inherent to them have a  
6 recall rate associated with them.

7           Calls offered assumes a  
8 zero-percent recall rate. Calls answered  
9 assumes a 100-percent recall rate, and we  
10 know both of those numbers are wrong.

11           Q. Based on Appendix H and the ranges  
12 that you provided, the number of these eight  
13 clients had periods where their -- where  
14 their abandonment rate exceeded the  
15 6.1-percent average in the ContactBabel  
16 survey, right?

17           A. Oh, sure, yeah.

18           In order to get data in those  
19 ranges, yeah.

20           Q. Is it your opinion that those call  
21 centers, your -- your former clients, were in  
22 violation of industry best practices during  
23 those periods?

24           A. Violation of industry best

1 BY MR. RIFFEE:

2 Q. And did you review the Bank's --  
3 the actual calls received by the Bank to  
4 determine whether or not that issue was --  
5 was offset by other factors?

6 MR. JONES: Objection. Vague.

7 BY MR. RIFFEE:

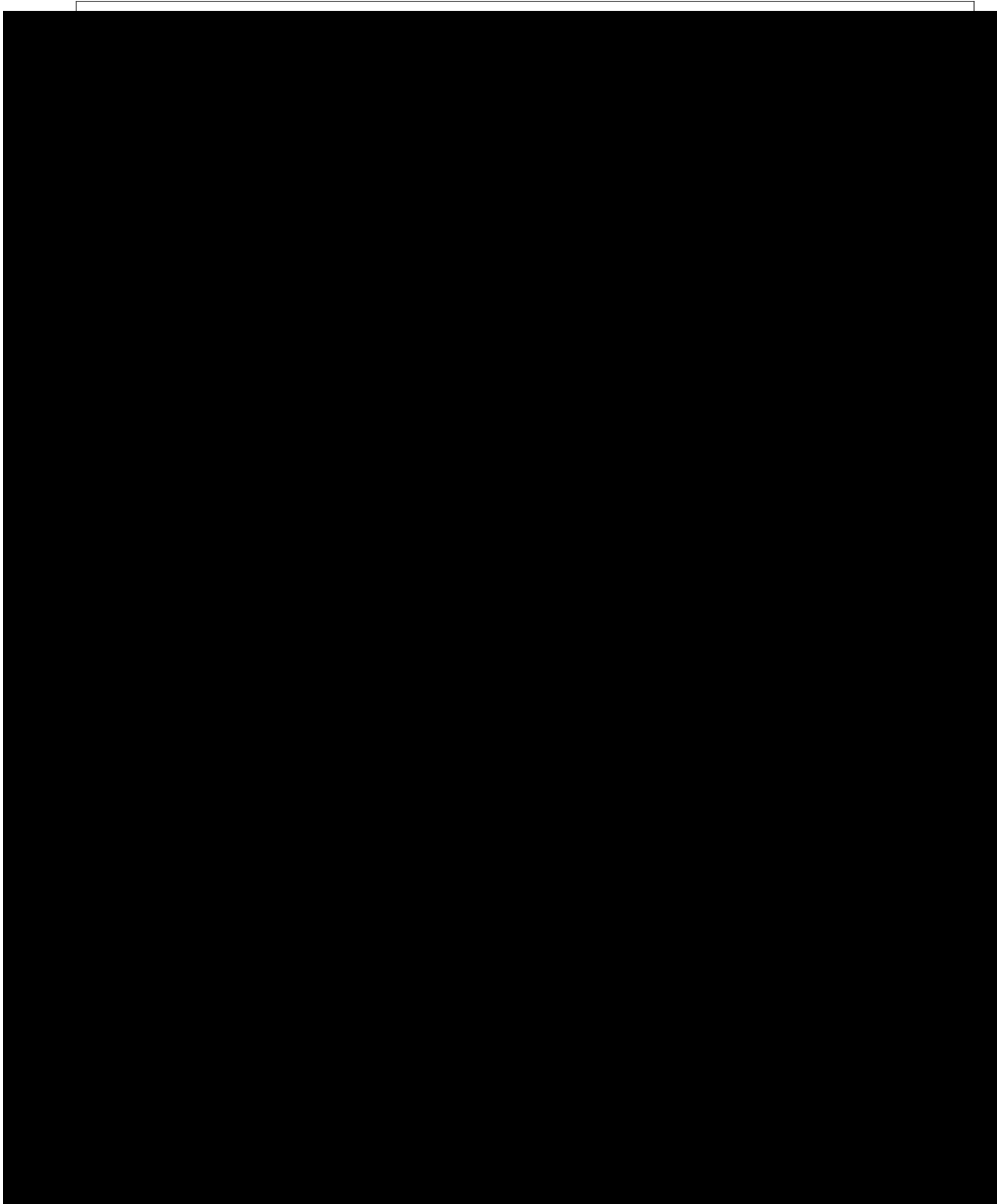
8 Q. That issue with the Erlang-C  
9 formula that's offset by other factors.

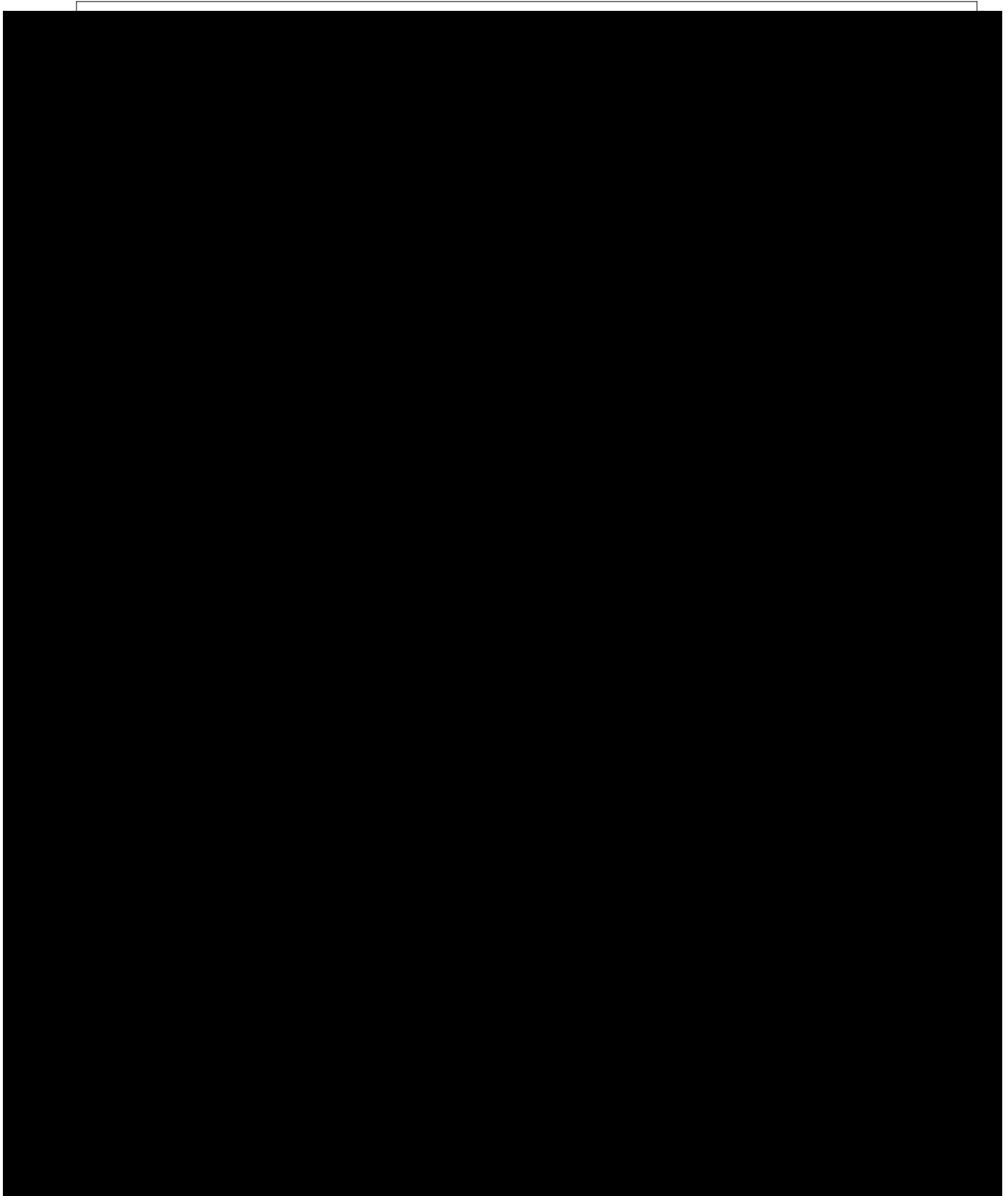
10 A. I -- I -- I just -- I just know  
11 that it's offset by other factors, whether  
12 it's the Bank or -- or any other call center.

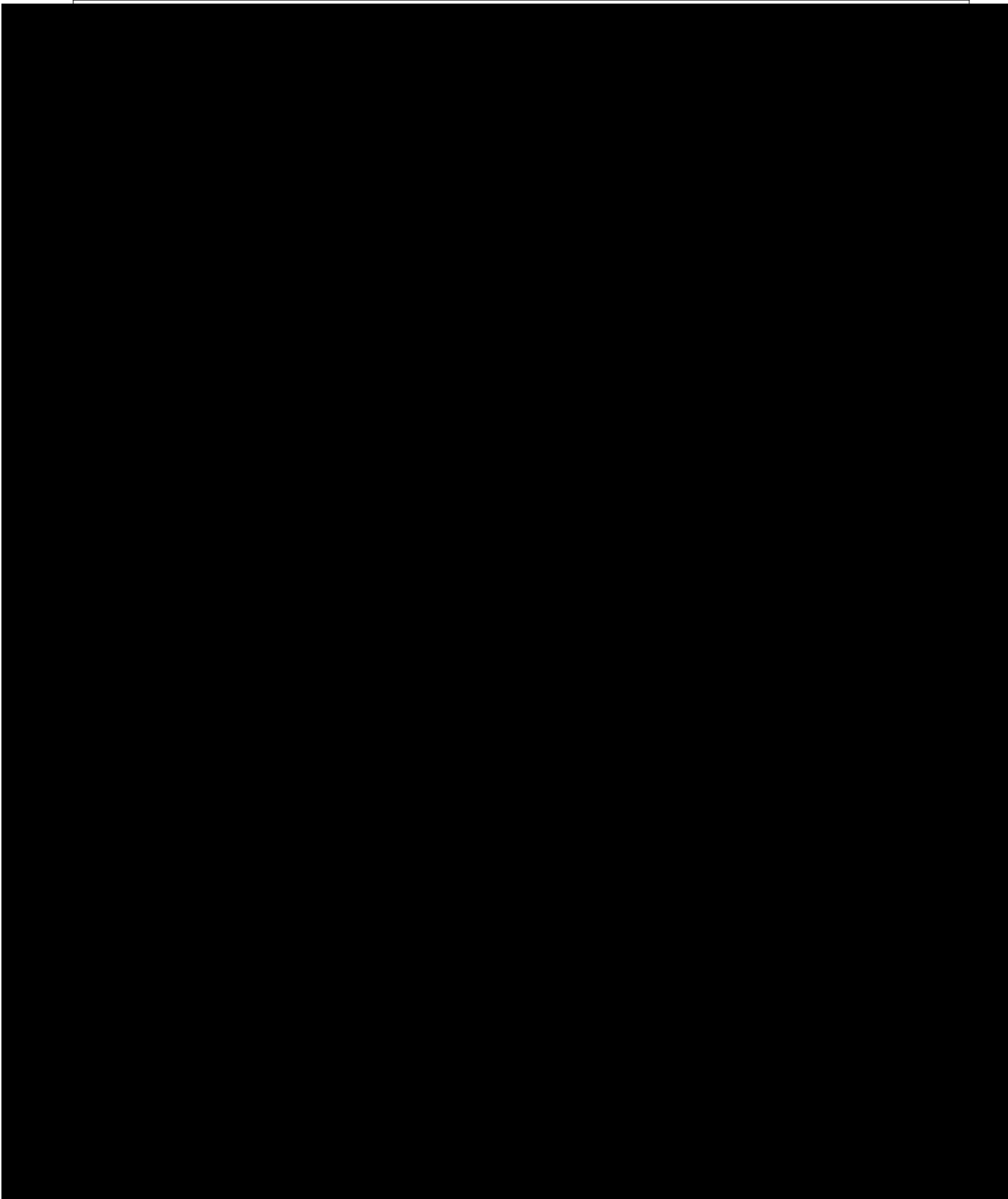
13 Q. Have you advised any of your  
14 clients to use an Erlang-C formula?

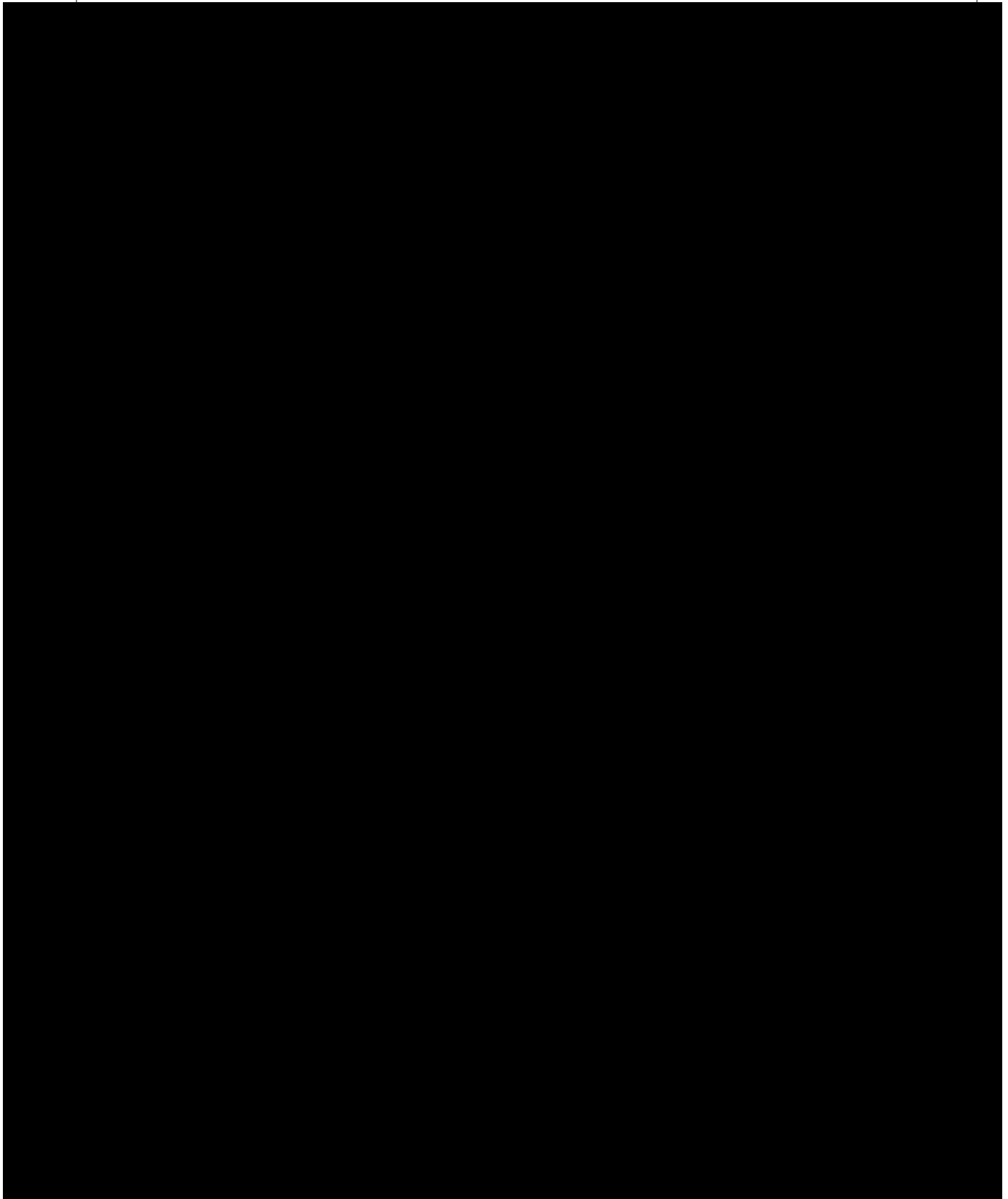
15 A. Absolutely. It's -- it's almost --  
16 it really is assumed -- I don't have to say  
17 it, if they're using a workforce management  
18 system, they're -- they're using it, or a  
19 slightly modified version of it.

20 If they're using a calculator, it's  
21 Erlang-C. If they're using an add-in to  
22 Excel, it's Erlang-C. It is the standard  
23 beyond question in -- in any call center that  
24 does this type of work. It's a few smaller









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