

# **EXHIBIT 102**

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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA  
Alexandria Division

BLUE FLAME MEDICAL, LLC, )  
)  
Plaintiff, ) Civil Action No.  
)  
vs. ) 1:20-cv-00658  
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CHAIN BRIDGE BANK, N.A., ) (LMB/IDD)  
JOHN J. BROUGH, and DAVID )  
M. EVINGER, )  
)  
Defendant. )  

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CHAIN BRIDGE BANK, N.A., )  
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Third-Party Plaintiff, )  
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vs. )  
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JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A., )  
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Third-Party Defendant. )

REMOTE VIDEOCONFERENCE  
VIDEO-RECORDED DEPOSITION OF DAVID EVINGER  
Friday, January 29, 2021, 9:32 a.m.  
Oak Hill, Virginia

Reported By: Marjorie Peters, FAPR, RMR, CRR, RSA  
Job Number: 4398572

1 provided our team in that area.

2 Q. So from your perspective, a deposit of  
3 that size would not have been any problem for the  
4 bank's capital ratios; is that accurate?

5 A. Are you referring to the March time  
6 frame -- end of March time frame? We would -- and  
7 as I talked to you about, it wouldn't have had -- if  
8 put into a zero risk-weighted asset, it would not  
9 have any negative impact on our risk-based capital  
10 ratios, and it would have had a slight decline to  
11 our leverage ratio for the purposes of our  
12 March 31st call report.

13 Q. So from your perspective, there was no  
14 problem in terms of capital ratios with taking in  
15 this deposit; is that correct?

16 A. Just in and of itself, we were able to  
17 hold -- hold this money based on our capital levels  
18 at the time.

19 Q. Moving up the chain, there was an e-mail  
20 that Mr. Brough was copied on, which is the one that  
21 he forwarded to you. That's the one I'd like to  
22 look at now.

1 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We're back on the  
2 record. The time is 4:05 p.m.

3 BY MR. WHITE:

4 Q. Mr. Evinger, hopefully, we have  
5 downloaded Plaintiff's Exhibit 66, so that you can  
6 look at it. It's a one-page e-mail.  
7 (Plaintiff Exhibit 66, e-mail 3.26.2020,  
8 CBB00002686, was marked for identification.)

9 Q. Let me know when you have it.

10 A. I do have it.

11 Q. Mr. Gula here is sending you a link to  
12 the website for Blue Flame Medical; is that correct?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. Is that the sort of information that you  
15 had requested that Mr. Gula provide on the 25th when  
16 you spoke to him?

17 A. My discussion with him was about --  
18 about the contracts themselves, not about his  
19 website.

20 Q. Did you e-mail Mr. Gula back and ask for  
21 copies of the contracts?

22 A. I don't recall doing so, no.

1 Q. As a matter of fact, you at one point on  
2 the 26th informed your entire staff at Chain Bridge  
3 Bank not to contact Mr. Gula; is that correct?

4 A. We sent an e-mail to our team to stand  
5 down, essentially, to not contact him, so we could  
6 continue to do our due diligence.

7 Q. If your concern was the contracts,  
8 Mr. Evinger, why didn't someone contact Mr. Gula on  
9 the 26th to let him know that that was your concern?

10 A. I believe we were fairly clear with him  
11 on our need and in the follow-up e-mail of what we  
12 wanted.

13 So I didn't feel like there was a  
14 requirement to follow up with him. I think if you  
15 wanted to supply those, he knew that those were  
16 necessary for the bank, and that we were needing  
17 them.

18 Q. Are you saying that during your  
19 conversation with Mr. Gula on the 25th, you told him  
20 that the contracts were necessary in order to  
21 process this transaction; is that what you're  
22 saying?

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1           A.           What I'm saying is that we asked him for  
2           contracts to support this very large and unusual  
3           wire for a new business, and we needed those for  
4           support.

5           Q.           When did you contact --

6           A.           We didn't know --

7           Q.           When did you contact Mr. Gula on the  
8           26th?

9           A.           I don't know that I spoke -- e-mailed  
10          him back on the 26th. I can't recall. I spoke to  
11          him in person on the 26th.

12          Q.           After the money had been returned to  
13          California; correct?

14                       MR. ORSECK: Object to form.  
15          Foundation.

16          Q.           You can answer.

17          A.           Mr. White, our conversation in person  
18          with Mr. Gula was prior to the funds being returned.

19          Q.           When was your -- what time of day was  
20          your conversation with Mr. Gula?

21          A.           Approximately 2:30 p.m.

22          Q.           So the funds were still in Blue Flame

1 Medical's account at that point?

2 A. Funds had not been returned by the bank  
3 at that point.

4 Q. So they were still in Blue Flame  
5 Medical's account at that point; is that correct?

6 MR. ORSECK: Object to form.

7 A. Sorry, Mr. White. I'm going to go on to  
8 this version. Sorry. I apologize.

9 Can you repeat your question again?

10 Q. So the funds were still in Blue Flame  
11 Medical's account at 2:30 when you spoke with  
12 Mr. Gula; is that correct?

13 MR. ORSECK: Objection. Lack of  
14 foundation.

15 A. Again, the funds were still with -- with  
16 the bank at that point. We had not -- the wire  
17 process -- recall process had not been conducted.

18 Q. And specifically, the funds were in Blue  
19 Flame Medical's account at the bank; correct?

20 A. I believe their funds were soft-posted  
21 or memo-posted to their account.

22 Q. Which means they were in the account;

1 correct?

2 MR. ORSECK: Object to form.

3 A. Again, they were -- they were  
4 memo-posted to -- to the account. A hold placed  
5 during the investigation.

6 Q. It's a simple -- it's a simple question,  
7 Mr. Evinger.

8 Were the funds in Blue Flame's  
9 account?

10 MR. ORSECK: Objection. Asked and  
11 answered.

12 You should answer the question as  
13 you believe to be truthful and accurate.

14 A. As I stated, the funds were memo-posted  
15 to the Blue Flame account. A hold placed on it.

16 Q. Okay. So they were in the Blue Flame  
17 account; correct?

18 MR. ORSECK: Objection. Asked and  
19 answered.

20 Q. You're going to need to answer that  
21 question, or we're going to do it for the rest of  
22 the day.

1 MR. ORSECK: Objection.

2 Answer the question as you believe  
3 truthful and accurate, and ignore the haranguing.

4 A. I guess I'll repeat my understanding of  
5 how the wire was received. It was memo-posted into  
6 the client's account, with a hold placed on it  
7 while -- while we conducted our due diligence.

8 Q. Was the hold placed on it immediately at  
9 the -- when it was put into Blue Flame's account,  
10 the funds?

11 A. There was instructions provided to place  
12 a hold while we -- while we investigated what was  
13 going on.

14 Q. When was the time sequence between the  
15 hold and the money being posted in the account?

16 A. It would have been minutes afterwards.  
17 I don't know the exact time.

18 Q. So the money was put in the account, and  
19 then a hold was put on the money; is that correct?

20 MR. ORSECK: Objection. Foundation.

21 A. That's -- that's a process I just  
22 described.

1 Q. I just want to make sure I have the  
2 sequence correct.

3 The money was put into Blue Flame  
4 Medical's account, and then sometime shortly  
5 thereafter, a hold was put on the money. Is that  
6 the correct sequence?

7 MR. ORSECK: Object to form.  
8 Mischaracterizes the testimony.

9 A. Mr. White, the money was in -- was  
10 memo-posted to the client's account, and a hold was  
11 placed on it minutes after its arrival.

12 Q. So there was a period of time during  
13 which the money was in the account and not subject  
14 to a hold; is that correct?

15 MR. ORSECK: Same objection.

16 A. Mr. White, we -- the funds availability  
17 policy wouldn't have permitted us to provide --  
18 provide those funds until the next business day, so  
19 whether there was or wasn't, the wire was  
20 memo-posted, and it wouldn't be available to the  
21 client until the next business day.

22 Q. By the way, on the funds available

1 policy, the bank has the capacity to make exceptions  
2 to that, doesn't it?

3 A. I think the bank can make exceptions to  
4 policies in a general statement, but with respect to  
5 funds availability policy, we -- for brand-new  
6 accounts, that's our -- that's our policy, so...

7 Q. The bank has made exceptions to that  
8 policy for long-term customers in the past; isn't  
9 that correct?

10 A. I don't know if we have or we haven't.

11 Q. You're not aware of a single instance  
12 where the bank has made an exception to the funds  
13 available policy that has a 24-hour hold on funds'  
14 availability; is that what you're saying?

15 MR. ORSECK: Objection to form.

16 A. I think, Mr. White, the policy is in  
17 place for a reason, so that accounts are used in a  
18 proper manner, and that moneys don't come in and out  
19 of an account in a manner that's inconsistent with  
20 laws and regulations.

21 Q. Mr. Evinger, is it your testimony that  
22 Chain Bridge Bank has never made an exception to

1 that policy? Is that what your testimony is?

2 A. That's not my testimony. I'm not saying  
3 we have never made an exception to it. I'm just  
4 saying that that's our policy, and we would  
5 implement that policy.

6 Q. And you have the authority to make an  
7 exception to it because it is your policy; correct?

8 A. It is our policy. We can -- but that's  
9 why we have it is to -- for this instance, for when  
10 there's new accounts, and there's activity --  
11 unusual and large activity or unusual circumstances  
12 surrounding an account, but we haven't been able to  
13 conduct our proper due diligence. This all goes  
14 part and parcel with it.

15 Q. I'm sorry. You still haven't answered  
16 the question whether the bank has ever made an  
17 exception to that policy.

18 Can you just answer that question?

19 A. I -- I don't have an example for you, so  
20 I don't know.

21 Q. If you were so curious about the  
22 contracts, why did you tell your staff not to have

1 any contact or return calls from Mr. Gula on  
2 March 26th?

3 MR. ORSECK: Object to form.

4 A. At that stage, we wanted to make sure  
5 that information was conveyed through John or  
6 myself. We didn't want to have our staff to be put  
7 in -- put in a position where they weren't clear as  
8 to what was going on.

9 We had people who were working  
10 remotely from their homes. We had people who  
11 weren't informed of necessarily what was going on.  
12 It was moving very quickly and rapidly the night  
13 before.

14 So we told them to stand down  
15 temporarily while we tried to get the information we  
16 needed to clear this wire.

17 Q. Mr. Gula tried to get in touch with you  
18 repeatedly on March 26th, didn't he?

19 A. It's my understanding he was calling the  
20 bank a fair amount. He e-mailed me, I believe, that  
21 he was coming to the bank.

22 Q. Did you respond to any of those calls or

1 e-mails?

2 A. I don't -- I don't recall responding to  
3 his e-mail or speaking to him on the telephone, no,  
4 but we did meet with him in person.

5 Q. Is it the bank's policy not to have  
6 communication with its customers when they have  
7 questions?

8 A. Mr. White, I don't think it's  
9 unreasonable for to us have an hour or two to do our  
10 proper review and conduct our due diligence. I  
11 don't think that's an inconvenience.

12 I think that's trying to get the  
13 right answer here. I think it's trying to make sure  
14 we follow laws and regulations in this case, and we  
15 don't allow for a new business with an unusually  
16 large-size transaction to conduct any transactions  
17 inappropriately.

18 So I do think we did the right  
19 thing. And I do think this space allowed us  
20 appropriate time to do that. We ultimately met with  
21 the client face-to-face.

22 Q. When you met with him face-to-face, did

1 you tell him that you needed to see the contracts?

2 A. At that point, we informed him that the  
3 wire had been recalled by the State of California,  
4 and that he would really need to take that up with  
5 them. He understood.

6 Q. So from the morning of the 26th when he  
7 sent you the e-mail about the website until  
8 when you met with him and told him that the --  
9 California had recalled the wire, did you return any  
10 of Mr. Gula's calls or messages to you and tell him  
11 that what you really needed to see was the  
12 contracts?

13 A. I don't recall speaking to him during  
14 that period of time either by telephone or e-mail.

15 Q. That's because you didn't speak with  
16 him; correct?

17 A. That I -- I don't recall speaking to him  
18 during that time.

19 Q. If your concern was really the  
20 contracts, why not call your loyal customer and let  
21 him know, look, we really need to see the contracts?

22 Why didn't you do that, if that was

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1 I lost my train of thought. I know you're going to  
2 tell me I already know the question, but could you  
3 please repeat it again?

4 Q. You know what, I'm not. It is late in  
5 the day, and Mr. Orseck has a fair point. Let's  
6 move on from that.

7 During this conversation, did you  
8 offer to return the wire to California?

9 A. I don't recall it being on our first --  
10 first call with California. I spoke to them. They  
11 seemed a little bit unsure, and they were going  
12 to -- they had outreach apparently from JPMorgan, so  
13 I think the two banks calling about the same  
14 transaction caused them some confusion.

15 They wanted to take some time and  
16 revisit, get back to us.

17 Q. Did you offer to return the wire?

18 A. In part of our discussion, we proposed  
19 that we could hold the money, or we could return the  
20 money. They did not want us to return the money at  
21 that stage.

22 They were continuing to conduct some

1 research on their end and work with their bank,  
2 JPMorgan, who had made outreach, apparently.

3 Q. Ms. Gonzales recalls that during that  
4 conversation, she asked whether the money -- the  
5 wire had been deposited into the Blue Flame Medical  
6 account.

7 Do you remember her asking about  
8 that?

9 A. There was a discussion about funds, and  
10 if they had -- they were in the account and had --  
11 was all of the money still available or was money  
12 not there.

13 And so I think that she asked --  
14 inquired about did we still have possession of the  
15 money, and she was comforted that we had the money  
16 and a hold on it while they and we determined if it  
17 was all in place properly.

18 Q. She calls you saying that the money had  
19 not been deposited into the Blue Flame Medical  
20 account. Is her recollection on that accurate?

21 A. Well, what I recall is we were  
22 discussing Chain Bridge Bank having possession of