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The above entitled matter came on for trial, pursuant to notice, at 1:37 p.m.

BEFORE: HONORABLE JOSEPH H. GALE

Judge

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- 2 (1:37 p.m.)
- 3 THE CLERK: Please be seated. Recalling
- 4 from the calendar, Docket No. 18038-05L, Alphonse
- 5 Mourad. Please state your appearance.
- 6 MS. FORBES: Louise Forbes for the
- 7 Respondent.
- 8 THE COURT: Afternoon, Ms. Forbes.
- 9 MS. FORBES: Good afternoon.
- 10 MR. MOURAD: Alphonse Mourad for the
- 11 Petitioner.
- 12 THE COURT: Mr. Mourad, afternoon.
- MR. MOURAD: Afternoon, your Honor.
- 14 THE COURT: What is the status of the
- 15 stipulation at this point?
- MS. FORBES: Your Honor, the parties have
- 17 prepared a stipulation of facts. There are twelve
- 18 numbered paragraphs and ten joint exhibits which we
- 19 would like to file at this time.
- 20 THE COURT: All right. The stipulation
- 21 consisting of twelve numbered paragraphs and the
- 22 exhibits as described will be received into evidence
- 23 in the case.
- 24 Any other preliminary matters?
- MS. FORBES: No, your Honor.

- 1 THE COURT: Mr. Mourad?
- 2 MR. MOURAD: I'm ready to proceed, but I did
- 3 discuss with an attorney yesterday that I would be
- 4 testifying regarding this motion here with all the
- 5 exhibits in it, because that's the only way I can
- 6 relate the facts issue and the Judge's decision, I'm
- 7 going to articulate argument. Without it I won't be
- 8 able to really ---
- 9 THE COURT: What motion are -- is that a
- 10 motion that's ---
- 11 MR. MOURAD: This motion was sent to the
- 12 Court, was dismissed. It's Petition of Alphonse
- 13 Mourad's Opposition to the IRS Motion to Dismiss and
- 14 was sent to the Honorable Judge Kenner. He denied it,
- 15 but I just want to testify to the exhibits. I do know
- 16 it's been denied, but without the exhibits I can't
- 17 make argument.
- 18 THE COURT: Are these exhibits documents and
- 19 the like that you are hoping to get into evidence? Is
- 20 that what's ---
- 21 MR. MOURAD: That's what I would like, out
- 22 of the procedure, yes. They're really on court
- 23 record.
- THE COURT: Ms. Forbes?
- MS. FORBES: Your Honor, the Petitioner's

- 1 referring to the IRS motion to strike the '97 -- 1997
- 2 tax year. His response was filed with the court.
- 3 There were 28 exhibits.
- 4 I have looked at them yesterday with
- 5 Petitioner and I would not stipulate to them mainly
- 6 because essentially it's my opinion or Respondent's
- 7 position that he's trying to reopen the 1997 tax year,
- 8 which has been resolved by the Tax Court and affirmed
- 9 by First Circuit.
- 10 Many of the exhibits are uncertified copies
- 11 from the Bankruptcy Court and the Circuit. There are
- 12 a couple of duplicate exhibits, such as the Notice of
- 13 Determination and the Notice of Intent to Levy, but
- 14 most of the exhibits are either uncertified or
- 15 irrelevant to what we're here to discuss today, which
- 16 is the 1995 year and the 1999 year.
- 17 THE COURT: Well, I wonder, let's take, for
- 18 example, the Bankruptcy Court filings. Is that their
- 19 only defect, simply that they aren't certified copies
- 20 of the court proceedings?
- 21 MS. FORBES: Well, they're not cert -- not
- 22 the only defect. They aren't really relevant, other
- 23 than the fact that, you know, he was in a bankruptcy
- 24 proceeding, as far as 1999 goes.
- 25 THE COURT: Well, I mean, the question, for

- 1 example, was it resolved in the '97 proceeding exactly
- 2 when the tax credits that are at issue here were
- 3 applied for? Is that addressed? I mean, was there
- 4 more than one application? Has there only been one
- 5 application?
- 6 MS. FORBES: To the best of Respondent's
- 7 knowledge, there was one request for the tax credits
- 8 that was granted as the First Circuit said to the
- 9 owner in 1998.
- 10 THE COURT: In 19 -- applied for in 1997,
- 11 though, and granted in '98?
- MS. FORBES: Yes, your Honor. That's what
- 13 the First Circuit found from the evidence, and, in
- 14 fact, some of the -- there are at least two exhibits
- 15 here that still have the docket number from the 1997
- 16 Tax Court case also. That's -- and so, as far as
- 17 we're con -- as far as the facts have been presented
- 18 to us, there was one application, they were granted in
- 19 1998, according to the First Circuit. There's no
- 20 indication from the return filed by the trustee that
- 21 there were any tax credits available in 1999.
- 22 THE COURT: In 1999.
- 23 MS. FORBES: Which is the year before this
- 24 Court, whether -- if I may back up, your Honor. There
- 25 are two years before the Court, the 1995 year and the

- 1 1999 year. Even though it's a CDP hearing, the tax --
- 2 he's never had -- the Petitioner has never had an
- 3 opportunity ---
- 4 THE COURT: I understand that.
- 5 MS. FORBES: Right. And at the appeals
- 6 level he presented no evidence concerning why those
- 7 liabilities were incorrect, and up to this point he's
- 8 presented no evidence why those liabilities are
- 9 incorrect, and there's nothing in these exhibits that
- 10 would, as far as the Respondent's concerned, that
- 11 would assist the Court in determining the 1995 and
- 12 1999 tax liabilities.
- 13 THE COURT: Well, the tax credits that -- I
- 14 take it these filings do evidence the application for
- 15 and granting of low income housing tax credits by the
- 16 trustee?
- 17 MS. FORBES: There was -- there is a letter
- 18 that is not certified that says that the -- that the
- 19 trustee is applying for the tax credit. When it was
- 20 granted, there is no evidence, other than the First
- 21 Circuit's determination that it was granting it. If
- 22 it was applied for in 1997, it was granted for 1998.
- 23 THE COURT: And you -- each time you say
- 24 "the First Circuit's finding," was there no finding in
- 25 the Tax Court in that regard?

- 1 MS. FORBES: I believe that the Tax Court
- 2 opinion stated that they were not available in 1997
- 3 because the Petitioner had never applied for them
- 4 personally. He had never applied for them at all.
- 5 And I believe that was the ruling in the Tax Court
- 6 case.
- 7 THE COURT: And the First Circuit reached a
- 8 slightly different conclusion?
- 9 MS. FORBES: Based on the facts that were
- 10 before it, there is a notation that they were actually
- 11 applied for in '97 but granted for 1998.
- 12 THE COURT: Okay. Well, I'll tell you what,
- 13 let's -- I think we may have to take this as the
- 14 exhibits come up, but this is helpful to me, at least,
- 15 to kind of get an overview of what we're talking about
- 16 here, Mr. Mourad. I do hope you understand, and I
- 17 tried to make this clear when we talked about this
- 18 case yesterday, the -- the 1997 tax year, you know,
- 19 was decided by this Court and affirmed by the First
- 20 Circuit, and I won't be entertaining any challenges to
- 21 what the conclusions reached by either the Tax Court
- 22 or the First Circuit with respect to 1997. That is
- 23 not in this case, and that's been resoundingly
- 24 decided. That would have been the case in any event,
- 25 and the motion to dismiss which was granted in this

- 1 case kind of puts both the belt and suspenders on that
- 2 proposition. So, just to remove any area of confusion
- 3 in the proceedings today, I want you to understand we
- 4 are not reopening 1997, and if you're trying to, to
- 5 paraphrase you from yesterday, you are wasting
- 6 everyone's time, including your own.
- 7 MR. MOURAD: Okay, then. I need you to
- 8 clarify one question for me, your Honor. If the
- 9 attorney for the IRS, in front of the First Circuit of
- 10 Appeal in the oral argument, when Judge Lynch, she
- 11 asked her direct question, who applied for the tax
- 12 credit, and she said the trustee, the buyer, your
- 13 Honor, in 1998. Now, if you look at the exhibit of
- 14 the Confirmation Plan, which we had three attorneys
- 15 from Judge Kenner, I met with them that evening, and
- 16 they were concerned about whether they will win the
- 17 case because the trustee doesn't have site control,
- 18 only the owner who owns the land and the building, the
- 19 holder, has a right to a tax credit. So, therefore,
- 20 Beacon Residential Property cannot apply for the tax
- 21 credit without joining ownership with Alphonse Mourad
- 22 because he's the one who has the ten years to satisfy
- 23 statute 42(d).
- Now, Judge Kenner, she was boxed in. She --
- 25 the governments were there, they had everybody, and

- 1 they had to have tax credit. So, discretionary she
- 2 said, okay, I solved the problem and I appoint Stephen
- 3 Grey the owner; now, what is the issue? Then the
- 4 attorney right here in the transcript said, "Your
- 5 Honor has solved the egg and the chicken." So, to me,
- 6 I said, fine, I'm willing to walk away from the
- 7 property, he is the owner, now he is responsible from
- 8 the day he's appointed from 1996 on. What he does is
- 9 his business, because he becomes the beneficiary of
- 10 the stock.
- 11 And that was all argument, and then the
- 12 attorney asked Jane Gumbel from the state credit, did
- 13 Stephen Grey join the application? She said yes. Did
- 14 he satisfy site control? She said yes. Ask the
- 15 state, did you join partnership on the application
- 16 with Beacon Residential Property? She said yes. It's
- 17 all here. Yes. Yes. Yes. So, what happened, the
- 18 trustee start out taking the tax credit, which is
- 19 mine, after twelve years of hard work, he took it to
- 20 himself, he formed a shell corporation and they had a
- 21 party, he transfer it to Beacon Residential Property,
- 22 he became limited partner with Home -- Home, limited
- 23 partnership, I looked at it, with Beacon Residential
- 24 Property, and basically we're looking at theft here.
- Then -- they get the tax credit, and then

- 1 Judge Lynch raises another question. She said, is
- 2 there any other tax liability? And on Page 23 in all
- 3 the arguing he said, "Nothing I know of. The parties
- 4 sold the end of '97. I don't foresee any other
- 5 taxes." And therefore the Judges relied, and you're
- 6 correct, like why go over the ruckus? We've been
- 7 assured the '98, V&M had nothing to do with it, so
- 8 what's more I'm talking about. There is no other
- 9 taxes by the end of 1997, so therefore we're not going
- 10 to look at the record. But you say to me, I'll agree
- 11 with you, I feel bad, you're on the spot, because
- 12 there's too many judgment against you, not judgment
- 13 but decision, with three separate appeal judges, and
- 14 Judge Gerber, who had that motion for ten months, I
- 15 thought he was very unfair to me because at least -- I
- 16 don't know much about law but I do know enough
- 17 attorneys to read judgments and they tell me what the
- 18 judge could have given you. He could at least have
- 19 given me an open window to say, well, if the property
- 20 was sold in '97 and then where did half a million
- 21 dollars excess came profit to you as the sole
- 22 shareholder in '99, so it had to come from the tax
- 23 credit, and if it came from tax credit, then it wasn't
- 24 paid in '97, not on '98. And the record shows here
- 25 they were obtained on three installment basis, one in

- 1 '97, '98, and '99. You're going to confirm the plan
- 2 you honor to the creditors and assure them you have a
- 3 check or money to pay them without having the false
- 4 allocation of tax credit in '97. Otherwise, Mourad
- 5 always was the opposition to a plan as I had a \$5
- 6 million check, five million five, to say we taking
- 7 this property out today because we got cash. They
- 8 have to prove they have allocation of funds today and
- 9 that allocation was proven in '97. So I say relevant
- 10 to '98 and '99. But when was it approved? It was in
- 11 '97.
- 12 So -- and I won an appeal with the
- 13 Bankruptcy First Circuit, the two judges, I have it
- 14 here, and I would like to cite at least -- they refer
- 15 that -- to discuss it with the IRS court.
- 16 THE COURT: Well, let's ---
- 17 MR. MOURAD: Who is Your Honor.
- 18 THE COURT: Let's slow down here, Mr.
- 19 Mourad. I really am having a great deal of difficulty
- 20 sorting out the points you're trying to make here.
- 21 With respect to how you could have had
- 22 income in 1999, it's my understanding -- have you read
- 23 the Respondent's pretrial memorandum?
- MR. MOURAD: No, I didn't bother, your
- 25 Honor. You tell me it.

- 1 THE COURT: Well, the essential answer to
- 2 your question about how you could have had income in
- 3 1999 is, as I understand it -- now, this is an
- 4 allegation, haven't seen the proof -- but the
- 5 allegation is that the Mandela, I believe it is, the
- 6 Mandela property, was sold for an install -- on an
- 7 installment basis, and that there were payments up to
- 8 and including 1999, and that your share of the profit
- 9 on that installment sale was recognized as income via
- 10 your status as the sole shareholder of the "S"
- 11 corporation in 1999. Now, that's what I understand to
- 12 be the reason why you have --
- MR. MOURAD: Then let me ask this question,
- 14 your Honor. If the corporation was dissolved in 1998
- 15 by the state, which I have a copy of it, dissolved,
- 16 doesn't even exist, whether it's an "S" corporation or
- 17 Al Mourad, it doesn't exist. The "S" corporation was
- 18 dissolved, it's over in '98. Judge Kenner, they file
- 19 a motion for decree of closing the case, was closed in
- 20 '98. Now, I haven't seen yet one judge in my favor to
- 21 say okay, if that installment profit came in '99,
- 22 where's Mr. Mourad's check? Why seven judges having a
- 23 problem to verify where's the money? At least while I
- 24 sued the trustee, your Honor, in state court, they
- 25 have moved it back to the federal court and the same

- 1 judges who's biased like Judge Torruella, he denied me
- 2 a malpractice lawsuit. I walked away from the
- 3 bankruptcy because Mourad has no equity, and Judge
- 4 Kenner's order, no distribution out of this will go to
- 5 him personally. I have a problem with that.
- 6 THE COURT: All right, Mr. Mourad. I think
- 7 the only way we're going to make some progress here is
- 8 for you -- you have -- is there any issue regarding
- 9 the burden of proof in this case? Has that been ---
- 10 MS. FORBES: No, your Honor. The burden of
- 11 proof would be on the Petitioner to show that he had
- 12 no liabilities for that particular tax year, the tax
- 13 years at issue.
- 14 THE COURT: Well, has the Petitioner
- 15 complied with 7491? Petitioner -- I guess that Mr.
- 16 Mourad refused to meet with you prior to yesterday; is
- 17 that right?
- 18 MS. FORBES: Yes, your Honor, and there was
- 19 no real meeting with the Appeals Officer, it was a
- 20 telephonic conference. Even though he brought up the
- 21 fact that he was -- he implied that he was disputing
- 22 his tax liabilities for those years, there's nothing
- 23 in the administrative file to indicate he presented
- 24 any documentation which would lend the Appeals Officer
- 25 or myself to indicate that there was a -- that we

- 1 should be reducing the liability.
- 2 THE COURT: All right. And that's
- 3 essentially -- it seems to me that's consistent with
- 4 what you've said in some of your filings, Mr. Mourad,
- 5 that you didn't want to sit down and talk to the IRS.
- 6 MR. MOURAD: Because I'm not, your Honor,
- 7 there's nothing to talk about.
- 8 THE COURT: I'm sorry?
- 9 MR. MOURAD: Because I no more acknowledge
- 10 myself to be the owner since '96.
- 11 THE COURT: All right. But you didn't sit
- 12 down with the IRS.
- MR. MOURAD: No, because, to be honest with
- 14 you, I've been shut out before. I have sat down. I
- 15 have seen -- and I don't want to go into it now --
- 16 understand -- on the stand, accused of fraud, and I
- 17 was arrested for misrepresentation meeting with IRS
- 18 agent.
- 19 THE COURT: Okay.
- MR. MOURAD: And I won't the rest of my
- 21 life.
- 22 THE COURT: All right. Well, then, I'm
- 23 satisfied with respect to 7491, that there's been no
- 24 shifting of the burden of proof, and therefore, Mr.
- 25 Mourad, it's your -- you have the burden here of

- 1 proving that the liability that the government says
- 2 you owe with respect to 1995 and 1999 is incorrect,
- 3 and so I will -- I think, in terms of how we will
- 4 proceed here, in order for your testimony to be
- 5 counted as competent evidence I need to swear you in,
- 6 and you can, you know, provide whatever testimony you
- 7 can with respect to the years and why this liability
- 8 is wrong, and if you have exhibits, we will see
- 9 whether -- we will deal with those as they come up.
- 10 And when you've made your presentation, Ms. Forbes
- 11 will have the opportunity to cross-examine you and
- 12 then you can have the opportunity after that to
- 13 clarify any additional point you want that stems from
- 14 her questioning of you.
- MR. MOURAD: Appreciate it.
- 16 THE COURT: Then I would ask the Trial Clerk
- 17 to swear you in, Mr. Mourad.
- 18 Whereupon,
- 19 ALPHONSE MOURAD
- 20 was called as a witness and, having been duly sworn,
- 21 was examined and testified as follows:
- 22 THE CLERK: Will you please state your full
- 23 name and most current address for the record.
- MR. MOURAD: My name is Alphonse Mourad.
- 25 I'm the Petitioner. And my P.O. Box is 882,

- 1 Watertown, Mass. zip code 02472.
- THE CLERK: Thank you.
- 3 THE COURT: All right, Mr. Mourad, and if
- 4 you would like to remain seated, that is fine for
- 5 purposes of presenting your case.
- 6 DIRECT EXAMINATION
- 7 MR. MOURAD: Your Honor, I bought -- I
- 8 bought the Mandela developments, me and two partners,
- 9 back in 1981 from HUD. It's a Section 8 housing,
- 10 hundred percent Section 8 housing. In 1994, two of my
- 11 partners, they were disengaged, and then I converted
- 12 from a "C" corporation to an "S" corporation, and I
- 13 became the sole shareholder of V&M Management, I owned
- 14 a hundred percent of the stock.
- 15 In the beginning I had some difficulties
- 16 with HUD managing the property, and we're not going to
- 17 spend time with that. The sale was fraudual. There's
- 18 a procedure, HUD's supposed to notify the Boston
- 19 Redevelopment Authority, there's an excise tax on the
- 20 property, you're supposed to have a public hearing,
- 21 bring the property up to the code. Essentially it
- 22 would cost HUD several million dollars and HUD -- I
- 23 didn't know that till later -- they owed two hundred -
- 24 2,800,000 on the property. So, therefore, it
- 25 started from there sour, and there was a lawsuit filed

- 1 against HUD, and HUD basically were looking eventually
- 2 for a way out of this lawsuit.
- 3 Then I decided I want to be able to leave
- 4 the property and go to another businesses; this is not
- 5 something I want to be involved with. In trying to
- 6 sell the property in 1984, I did have a buyer and
- 7 unfortunately the city, the mayor, and Boston
- 8 Redevelopment Authority, they were involved in a back
- 9 room deal with a buyer, been a concession on him, they
- 10 would not approve the Mandela sale unless he meets
- 11 other requirement where they were not pertained to
- 12 mine. So I became a hostage at that point for a year.
- We went to court and Judge King found in my
- 14 favor and he award me \$50,000 and he did acknowledge
- 15 the conditions. And that was in The Boston Globe, the
- 16 articles all over, it was a scandal. So therefore you
- 17 can see the city, state, everybody now start to get
- 18 upset, how do we get rid of Mr. Mourad.
- 19 Then the Attorney General for seven, eight
- 20 years they try to put me in receivership. First they
- 21 apply for receivership back in the '90s and the judge
- 22 removed the case back to the federal court because it
- 23 was a federal subsidies, and then when we took it back
- 24 to the judge he recused himself. Then the attorney
- 25 joined in with the government trying to put me in

- 1 receivership, and then Judge Wolfe did not allow the
- 2 receivership and he said work a settlement. And
- 3 because of that litigation, I realize the interest
- 4 rate in Massachusetts on policy was 18 percent. I was
- 5 able to reduce that from 18 to 14 percent.
- 6 There was a problem with the 121A taxes
- 7 which is suppose to be -- lower, lower taxes of
- 8 Chapter 59, normal city tax, in this case was double.
- 9 I have written to HUD, the Inspector General, the
- 10 fact affordable housing in the City of Boston they've
- 11 been robbed, and the utility were charging high
- 12 commercial rate versus residential rate. So I became
- 13 quite controversial a problem to the City, to the BRA,
- 14 to the State, and was quite embarrassing for them
- 15 because that affected all affordable housing and
- 16 affected policies.
- 17 So, therefore, the Attorney Generals tried
- 18 to go back for receivership with the Boston
- 19 Redevelopment Authority and the State and everyone in
- 20 front of Judge Catherine White in 1994. They lost
- 21 that receivership. So, they came back around and they
- 22 found a junior mortgagor by the name Mario Negosier,
- 23 who was able to go in, I have the money for him, was a
- 24 note of 13,500. I had the money to pay him the whole
- 25 entire five notes. It went back front of Judge

- 1 Catherine White and Judge Catherine White did not
- 2 allow the receivership because she understood under
- 3 Section 121A of excise tax the only time affordability
- 4 would be lost under foreclosure, and she said my
- 5 obligation today is to protect the tenants, so I will
- 6 not allow foreclosure and I will consolidate the
- 7 foreclosure with other litigation with HUD, the State,
- 8 Department of Revenue.
- 9 Then the biggest case was still pending,
- 10 they never ruled on it, they never will, is what is
- 11 the formula for excise tax. If I am correct and the
- 12 judge to rule on it, then the State will be liable to
- 13 refund \$800 million to everyone who was under 121A
- 14 agreement of the excise tax. So really the government
- 15 said, we can't afford to go into litigation, we can't
- 16 afford a decision, we need to get Mourad out of here,
- 17 and then Mourad became about by naming Mandela after
- 18 President Nelson Mandela in '87, I supported the
- 19 incorporation was to become a separate city from
- 20 Boston, and therefore I became a thorn to what the
- 21 real agenda is in Boston.
- The bottom line, what they were trying to
- 23 accomplish, is very simple. It's called
- 24 regentrification (sic). Mandela sits on six acres of
- 25 land, it's a very valuable, they had a billion-dollar

- 1 little city to be built, extension to Faneuil Hall,
- 2 City of Boston. They moved all the City government
- 3 there, and I was in their way, and they definitely
- 4 didn't want affordable housing, they don't want crime
- 5 there, and they don't want Section 8 housing because
- 6 there was a demand for the land much higher than Al
- 7 Mourad, so they all joined together, went in front
- 8 Judge Catherine -- Judge Carroll, in the Bankruptcy.
- 9 Now, Judge Carroll based the bankruptcy -- and I would
- 10 like to read that, whether it's accepted as an exhibit
- 11 or not, your Honor, I appreciate it.
- 12 THE COURT: We're now to what I understood
- 13 to be your declaration of bankruptcy in ---
- 14 MR. MOURAD: Correct. To save refuge for
- 15 reorganization.
- 16 THE COURT: In early 1996.
- 17 MR. MOURAD: '96.
- 18 THE COURT: All right.
- 19 MR. MOURAD: So, I went to the bankruptcy in
- 20 '96 and -- let's see here -- what's interesting, your
- 21 Honor, none of the creditors applied, they asked for a
- 22 trusteeship. The motion, Boston Redevelopment
- 23 Authority, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts,
- 24 Department of Revenue, and the City of Boston seek for
- 25 appointment trustee. That was the motion.

- 1 Now, here's a statement from Mr. Shapiro who
- 2 litigated for Mayor Flynn back in the days of BRA, he
- 3 made over half a million dollars. He made me drop the
- 4 lawsuit against officials so he could work with me and
- 5 to work cooperative. Once I dropped the personal
- 6 lawsuit then they went for receivership. I mean, this
- 7 case is unusual.
- 8 THE COURT: I don't understand what you just
- 9 said.
- 10 MR. MOURAD: That's okay. I'll read what he
- 11 said basically to get an idea how the government ---
- 12 THE COURT: What are you reading from?
- MR. MOURAD: Exhibit 14, your Honor.
- 14 THE COURT: Now, this is Exhibit 14 to the
- 15 document ---
- MR. MOURAD: Receivership, what started
- 17 receivership.
- 18 THE COURT: Just a minute. Is this Exhibit
- 19 14 to the document that's entitled "Petitioner
- 20 Alphonse Mourad's Opposition to the IRS Motion to
- 21 Dismiss"?
- 22 MR. MOURAD: No, the one I have here is a
- 23 motion for Boston Redevelopment Authority for a
- 24 trusteeship. Do we have the same one? Exhibit 14
- 25 here is a bankruptcy ---

- 1 THE COURT: You're not following me now.
- 2 The document is Exhibit 14 to what?
- 3 MR. MOURAD: Motion of the Boston
- 4 Redevelopment Authority on the Commission to Appoint a
- 5 Trustee.
- 6 THE COURT: Are you reading from Exhibit 14?
- 7 MR. MOURAD: Correct.
- 8 THE COURT: What is Exhibit 14 contained in?
- 9 MR. MOURAD: Exhibit contain just a
- 10 background where every one of the government officials
- 11 they said we will not do business with Mr. Mourad.
- 12 THE COURT: Mr. Mourad, try again. Is it
- 13 Exhibit 14 to a filing you made in this court?
- MR. MOURAD: No. No. That's just a
- 15 background, what I'm explaining to you. Have nothing
- 16 to do with this court. We can ignore it then.
- 17 THE COURT: Ms. Forbes -- I had thought that
- 18 you -- Ms. Forbes -- just bear with me. Ms. Forbes, I
- 19 thought we were talking about exhibits to -- that the
- 20 Petitioner filed with this Court as exhibits to his
- 21 Opposition to Respondent's Motion to Dismiss. Am I
- 22 wrong about that?
- MS. FORBES: That was my understanding. If
- 24 I could ---
- 25 MR. MOURAD: My apology, your Honor. I will

- 1 avoid that. This is only background. But I will go
- 2 to exhibit of the Court, and I agree with you, so we
- 3 won't waste any time.
- 4 THE COURT: Okay. I have no idea what that
- 5 was, so let's ---
- 6 MR. MOURAD: Okay. Your Honor, if we go to
- 7 Exhibit 17.
- 8 THE COURT: Exhibit 17 of what?
- 9 MR. MOURAD: This deals with what's on the
- 10 record regarding the trustee file first application to
- 11 a tax credit.
- 12 THE COURT: In what court's proceeding?
- 13 MR. MOURAD: This was done on the Tax Court,
- 14 because I have exhibits of the other attorneys all in
- 15 here, of the appeal, what the judges ruled on. When
- 16 Judge Lynch, he said we'll look at the records, all
- 17 these exhibits were part of the record. Judge Lynch
- 18 did not look at them. If she has looked at them she
- 19 will have realized that the trustee did apply in 1997
- 20 for V&M Management.
- 21 THE COURT: Okay. So what -- so now we're
- 22 dealing with exhibits to the appeal of the Tax Court
- 23 decision for the First Circuit.
- MR. MOURAD: That's correct, your Honor.
- 25 Appreciate that.

- 1 THE COURT: Now, what is that -- what does
- 2 that exhibit purport to be? Just read the title.
- 3 MR. MOURAD: Yes. This exhibit was to Miss
- 4 Jane Wallace Gumbel, Director, Department of Housing
- 5 and Community Development, 100 Cambridge Street. It
- 6 says, "Miss Gumbel, Attached one stop application for
- 7 Mandela apartment applying for an allocation of low
- 8 income housing tax credit, State housing
- 9 stabilization, at or -- funds."
- 10 THE COURT: So, this is the -- what you
- 11 claim is the application for the low income housing
- 12 credit for the Mandela apartments?
- MR. MOURAD: That is the key, for the whole
- 14 application, that's the first stop, they call it. The
- 15 whole case is built on that.
- MS. FORBES: Excuse me, your Honor.
- 17 THE COURT: Yes, Ms. Forbes.
- 18 MS. FORBES: If I could assist the Court.
- 19 It is Exhibit 17, what Mr. Mourad is referring to is
- 20 Exhibit 17 in his Opposition to the Motion to Dismiss.
- 21 It's Exhibit 17, it's -- the top of the letter's from
- 22 Recovery Group, it was Exhibit 8J in the Tax Court
- 23 proceeding.
- 24 THE COURT: Okay. Exhibit 17. I see it
- 25 now. It's a -- it's a letter with the letterhead of

- 1 the Recovery Group?
- 2 MR. MOURAD: That's correct.
- THE COURT: And it's a letter dated August
- 4 26th, 1997.
- 5 MR. MOURAD: That's correct.
- 6 THE COURT: All right. And what -- what is
- 7 this letter again, just to be clear?
- 8 MR. MOURAD: This letter determines the
- 9 trustee has site control and he applied on behalf of
- 10 V&M Management, not Beacon. If you look at the
- 11 signature, Stephen Grey, Chapter 11 Trustee, V&M
- 12 Management, Inc. So it took V&M Management to apply
- 13 for the tax credit in '97 in order for Beacon to join
- 14 in and get the tax credit. Without that letter,
- 15 Beacon Management alone could not obtain the tax
- 16 credit, so the tax credit was approved in '97. The
- 17 allocation was approved in '97.
- 18 THE COURT: The letter, question is, will it
- 19 come in as evidence. What is the Respondent's
- 20 position?
- 21 MS. FORBES: Your Honor, we would object to
- 22 the admission of the letter. It -- it does not
- 23 support -- it's irrelevant to the 1999 year, the 1995
- 24 year. It is simply a letter written in August of '97
- 25 that the Tax Court has already considered in the '97

- 1 tax year. It does not go to prove the Petitioner's
- 2 position that it was granted in '97. Both this Court
- 3 and the First Circuit have already stated that the
- 4 credit was not granted for 1997.
- 5 THE COURT: Is there any reason that the
- 6 Respondent doubts the authenticity of this letter?
- 7 Let's put aside relevance for a moment and just do you
- 8 think this letter is other than what it purports to
- 9 be?
- 10 MS. FORBES: No, your Honor, I don't.
- 11 THE COURT: Do we have a copy of this letter
- 12 that is separate from this bound version here in the
- 13 previous submission by ---
- 14 MR. MOURAD: Yes, your Honor, you have it on
- 15 the attorney who did the exhibits, it's in here.
- 16 THE COURT: I need an individual copy of it
- 17 if it's going to come into evidence in this case.
- 18 MR. MOURAD: I would take one out of here
- 19 and I will make you one, your Honor. I will take one
- 20 of the binders off right now and make you one. I have
- 21 other binders.
- 22 THE COURT: All right. This would -- where
- 23 would this fall in the sequence?
- 24 THE CLERK: Of the exhibits?
- 25 THE COURT: Yes. There were ten joint

- 1 exhibits, so this would be 11P. All right. I'll let
- 2 you at a break do the disassemblage. I'm going to
- 3 treat Petitioner's having moved for the admission of
- 4 11P, which is an August 26, 1997, letter addressed to
- 5 Ms. Jane Wallace Gumbel, Director of the Department of
- 6 Housing and Community Development, from Stephen S.
- 7 Grey, the Chapter 11 Trustee, V&M Management, Inc. Is
- 8 there objection?
- 9 MS. FORBES: Of relevancy, your Honor.
- 10 THE COURT: On relevancy grounds?
- 11 Overruled. 11P is admitted.
- 12 (Exhibit 11P was marked for
- identification and admitted
- in evidence.)
- MR. MOURAD: Thank you, your Honor. Now,
- 16 Exhibit 19, your Honor ---
- 17 THE COURT: That's Exhibit 19 of your
- 18 previous Opposition to Respondent's Motion to Dismiss?
- 19 MR. MOURAD: Correct. It's also part of the
- 20 record.
- 21 THE COURT: And this is a filing in the
- 22 bankruptcy proceeding.
- 23 MR. MOURAD: This is a confirmation plan
- 24 that approved the tax credit on Stephen Grey, the
- 25 owner.

- 1 THE COURT: Well, it appears to me to be a
- 2 transcript.
- 3 MR. MOURAD: Correct. It is a transcript.
- 4 THE COURT: All right. Let me ask you, Ms.
- 5 Forbes, this, I take it is -- does the Respondent have
- 6 any reason to doubt that this represents a proceeding
- 7 in the bankruptcy of V&M Management?
- 8 MS. FORBES: No, your Honor.
- 9 THE COURT: Have you seen the document
- 10 previously?
- 11 MS. FORBES: I have seen the document when
- 12 the Petitioner filed his motion in opposition to our
- 13 motion to dismiss. The only question I have is it is
- 14 not a complete transcript of the proceeding.
- 15 THE COURT: Well, I think your completeness
- 16 objection is well taken. I wonder if we could reach
- 17 an agreement that this complete portion of this
- 18 transcript could be admitted into evidence in this
- 19 case.
- 20 MS. FORBES: Your Honor, I would agree that
- 21 this could be entered as a document that was entered
- 22 in the docket -- in the docket number for 1997 and
- 23 appears to be a portion of what may have been entered
- 24 as an exhibit.
- 25 THE COURT: Well, what I would propose is

- 1 that I will give Mr. Mourad the opportunity to get the
- 2 complete transcript and offer it subsequent to today
- 3 as Exhibit 12P, just because, as far as I can tell at
- 4 this point without being able to study this case in a
- 5 little more detail, it seems to me the bankruptcy
- 6 proceeding may be relevant, that's without examining
- 7 what the collateral estoppel effects may be of the
- 8 1997 decision, difficult to tell at this point. But
- 9 it just seems to me there is -- in terms of my
- 10 understanding issues in this case, I think the
- 11 bankruptcy plan could be informative and I'd like to
- 12 get it into evidence.
- So, with that understanding, I will take --
- 14 just let the record reflect right now that this is
- 15 Exhibit 19 to Petitioner's Opposition to the Motion to
- 16 Dismiss, and it does also appear to -- well, it's
- 17 Exhibit 19, as I've stated, and it will -- I will
- 18 admit it as Exhibit 12P subject to Mr. Mourad
- 19 obtaining a complete copy of the transcript of that
- 20 proceeding.
- MR. MOURAD: Yes, your Honor.
- 22 THE COURT: All right?
- 23 (Exhibit 12P admitted in
- 24 evidence.)
- 25 MS. FORBES: Your Honor, if the Court could

- 1 clarify how long Mr. Mourad will have to complete the
- 2 record?
- 3 THE COURT: I'll give you 21 days.
- 4 MR. MOURAD: Thank you, your Honor. Exhibit
- 5 21, your Honor.
- 6 THE CLERK: This will be due on June 12th.
- 7 MR. MOURAD: That'll be fine.
- 8 THE COURT: All right. You were referring
- 9 to Exhibit 21 of that same Opposition's Response to
- 10 Motion to Dismiss.
- MR. MOURAD: Correct. Yes.
- 12 THE COURT: All right.
- MR. MOURAD: --- the quitclaim was ---
- 14 THE COURT: Bear with me one second; I
- 15 haven't found 21. All right.
- MR. MOURAD: Yes. Stephen Grey, he's the
- 17 one who signed on the deed to the buyer, was not
- 18 Alphonse Mourad of V&M Management. He was in total
- 19 control as the seller.
- 20 THE COURT: All right. So, this Exhibit 21
- 21 is -- your assertion is that this is the deed by which
- 22 the Mandela apartments were transferred?
- 23 MR. MOURAD: By the appointed order, Stephen
- 24 Grey, but just kind of individually.
- 25 THE COURT: Transferred to the ---

- 1 MR. MOURAD: Beacon Residential Properties.
- THE COURT: --- purchased this from V&M
- 3 Management, Inc., bankruptcy.
- 4 MR. MOURAD: Correct.
- 5 THE COURT: Or from the bankruptcy trustee.
- 6 MR. MOURAD: I did not sign on that deed.
- 7 It was not on behalf of V&M. Was him personally being
- 8 the owner selling it directly.
- 9 THE COURT: Ms. Forbes, I'll treat this as a
- 10 Petitioner's attempt to introduce into evidence what
- 11 would become Exhibit 13J. It's currently Exhibit 21.
- 12 What's the Respondent's position?
- 13 MS. FORBES: I have no objection to its
- 14 introduce -- introduction as 13P, I believe.
- 15 THE COURT: I'm sorry. I misspoke. 13P,
- 16 yes. All right. Again, that will be one where you're
- 17 going to need to take apart one of these binders, and
- 18 Exhibit 21 of the Petitioner's Opposition to the
- 19 Motion to Dismiss will become Exhibit 13P.
- 20 (Exhibit 21 was admitted in
- 21 evidence as Exhibit 13P.)
- MR. MOURAD: Exhibit 24, your Honor.
- 23 THE COURT: All right. There's no need --
- 24 we needn't waste any time there. This is the decision
- 25 in a case in -- by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the

- 1 First Circuit?
- 2 MR. MOURAD: Correct. I just brought it to
- 3 share one phrase with Your Honor.
- 4 THE COURT: Well, I would just say, just so
- 5 you understand, I can take judicial notice of this.
- 6 It's a ---
- 7 MR. MOURAD: Yes, that's all. I have no
- 8 problem.
- 9 THE COURT: All right.
- 10 MR. MOURAD: On Page 7, the -- equity
- 11 interest in the debtor was of no problem and it was
- 12 not disputed. The shareholder was a party and active
- 13 participant in the plan of confirmation process that
- 14 the matter was actually litigated. The qualification
- 15 or to show other interest was necessary for the plan
- 16 of confirmation and the confirmation was valid. I
- 17 think that's not the one I meant.
- 18 THE COURT: All right. For purposes ---
- MR. MOURAD: There's one, your Honor say, if
- 20 the tax credit was obtained in '97 we would have
- 21 awarded the stockholder. That's my point in this one
- 22 here.
- 23 THE COURT: All right. Well, with respect
- 24 to this, you can just cite to that case, giving its
- 25 citation, 321 F 3rd 6.

- 1 MR. MOURAD: Right. Okay. Thanks. I will
- 2 do that. To dissolve the corporation ---
- 3 THE COURT: Where are you now?
- 4 MR. MOURAD: Exhibit 25.
- 5 THE COURT: What is Exhibit 25?
- 6 MR. MOURAD: The dissolution date 8/31/98,
- 7 that's when the corporation was dissolved by the
- 8 State, so I'm not a lawyer, your Honor. Does that
- 9 mean the corporation still exists or is it off the
- 10 books? Even if it's an "S" corporation, I need your
- 11 help on that one. If it's not -- if it's not, I have
- 12 no problem with it.
- 13 THE COURT: Well, I'm not prepared ---
- 14 MR. MOURAD: But I think that's what it
- 15 says, the "S" corporation was dissolved in '98, so
- 16 therefore we just dissolved -- it's shown up prior to
- 17 '99 because the trustee did not keep the fee, paying
- 18 for the fee to keep a corporation. I know I -- I
- 19 owned the corporation fifteen years. Every year.
- 20 Otherwise I would lose my "S" corporation. My
- 21 accountant made sure of that, and my lawyer.
- 22 THE COURT: Well, it would appear that the
- 23 Petitioner is attempting to offer what is included as
- 24 Exhibit 25 in his Opposition to Respondent's Motion to
- 25 Dismiss as evidence in this case. Ms. Forbes, what's

- 1 Respondent's position?
- MS. FORBES: Your Honor, Exhibit 25 has
- 3 multiple pages. The first three pages appear to be
- 4 printouts from the Secretary of State's or
- 5 Commonwealth's office, and then we have various orders
- 6 from the Bankruptcy Court. Is he introducing the
- 7 entire exhibit, a portion of the exhibit?
- 8 THE COURT: What's your intention, Mr.
- 9 Mourad?
- 10 MR. MOURAD: My intention, if the
- 11 corporation is dissolved on that date then it doesn't
- 12 exist as an "S" ---
- 13 THE COURT: The question is much more
- 14 specific. This exhibit has several pages. What are
- 15 you trying ---
- MR. MOURAD: That's all they give me on the
- 17 computer when I went there, your Honor, to the clerk,
- 18 they said, that's all we have, few pages. There
- 19 wasn't any more. That's all I could obtain. Now, if
- 20 there's a way to go around and get more, I have no
- 21 idea.
- 22 THE COURT: I wasn't -- I wasn't seeking
- 23 more paper. I was seeking to understand what are you
- 24 trying to introduce into evidence here?
- MR. MOURAD: Well, did the corporation

- 1 dissolve in 1998 by the State, and if it did, does it
- 2 still exist today from '99.
- 3 THE COURT: That would appear, then, to only
- 4 cover the first three pages of this, report, the
- 5 dissolution of corporation; is that right?
- 6 MR. MOURAD: That's correct. That's my
- 7 point.
- 8 THE COURT: First three pages of Exhibit 25,
- 9 is there objection?
- MS. FORBES: No, your Honor.
- 11 THE COURT: Exhibit 25 of Respondent -- of
- 12 the Petitioner's Opposition to the Motion to Dismiss
- 13 will be admitted into the case as Exhibit -- where are
- 14 we?
- THE CLERK: Fifteen -- 14P, your Honor.
- 16 THE COURT: 14P. The first three pages of
- 17 Exhibit 25.
- 18 (First three pages of Exhibit
- 19 25 admitted in evidence as
- 20 Exhibit 14P.)
- MR. MOURAD: Exhibit 13, your Honor.
- 22 THE COURT: Thirteen?
- MR. MOURAD: Yes.
- 24 THE COURT: Of that same opposition?
- MR. MOURAD: Same -- same page.

- 1 THE COURT: All right. I have it.
- 2 MR. MOURAD: Your Honor, appreciate it if
- 3 you look at Page 7 with me. Page 7.
- 4 THE COURT: All right.
- 5 MR. MOURAD: On the bottom -- possibly
- 6 arguing but does not develop that he should be
- 7 released on paying taxes because once Grey was
- 8 appointed trustee he became owner of the record. With
- 9 Grey as its beneficial owner, see Wilson v.
- 10 Commissioner so-and-so, then it says, however, Mourad
- 11 may break and expand his argument before the IRS tax.
- 12 THE COURT: Well, is this a published
- 13 opinion, do you know, Ms. Forbes?
- 14 MS. FORBES: I'm wondering if it's the
- 15 previous -- it appears to be a published opinion. I
- 16 mean, I have not checked to see whether or not it is.
- 17 THE COURT: Do you have any reason to doubt
- 18 this is the decision of the United States Bankruptcy
- 19 Appellate Panel for the First Circuit?
- MS. FORBES: No, your Honor.
- 21 THE COURT: I wonder if we might just admit
- 22 it on that basis.
- MS. FORBES: Yes. Yes, your Honor.
- 24 THE COURT: For convenience. All right.
- 25 Exhibit 13J. I'm sorry. Exhibit 13 of the

- 1 Petitioner's Opposition will be admitted as Exhibit --
- THE CLERK: 15P.
- 3 THE COURT: --- 15P. All right.
- 4 (Opposition motion Exhibit 13
- 5 admitted in evidence as
- 6 Exhibit 15P.)
- 7 THE COURT: You can direct my attention to
- 8 it on brief.
- 9 MR. MOURAD: Okay. Thanks, your Honor.
- 10 Then Exhibit 7.
- 11 THE COURT: All right.
- MR. MOURAD: That would be the oral argument
- 13 and the misrepresentation of attorney to the three
- 14 judges. I think that's Page 22 or 23 that Judge Lynch
- 15 was assured there was no further taxes. And what's
- 16 most important, on the last page, Page 23, rebuttal,
- 17 my attorney who did the appeal, it says, "Your Honor,
- 18 I can make -- The Court: You have got a few brief --
- 19 Mr. Riordan: I'm going to be very brief. The
- 20 statement by the IRS as to what happened here is
- 21 incorrect. What happened is, is V&M had to apply for
- 22 the credit because the buyer couldn't qualify. The
- 23 application for the credit was made while Mr. Mourad
- 24 was allegedly that and I'm submitting a relief -- a
- 25 reply brief. If the buyer could not have qualified

- 1 for the credit unless they have held the property for
- 2 ten years, or unless it was transferred by qualified
- 3 buyer, there is no doubt. The Court: We'll look at
- 4 the record. Thank you."
- 5 THE COURT: Ms. Forbes, do you have any
- 6 reason to doubt this is the transcript of the oral
- 7 argument before
- 8 the ---
- 9 MS. FORBES: No, your Honor.
- 10 THE COURT: On that basis, Exhibit 7 to
- 11 Petitioner's Opposition will be admitted as Exhibit 16
- 12 -- is that right?
- 13 THE CLERK: Correct.
- 14 THE COURT: 16J in this case. I'm sorry.
- 15 16P.
- 16 (Exhibit 7 of Opposition
- 17 Motion admitted in evidence
- 18 as Exhibit 16P.)
- 19 MR. MOURAD: Now, the 1995, your Honor, that
- 20 could be resolved, could be an error. I -- I did ask
- 21 for help. The examiner who helped me ---
- 22 THE COURT: You're shifting now off of the
- 23 low income credit.
- MR. MOURAD: Okay. Let's stay with that.
- 25 THE COURT: No, no. Have you moved on to --

- 1 -
- 2 MR. MOURAD: No, I -- keep me focused,
- 3 because I have a tendency to be a little bit -- I know
- 4 so much of that case, and I appreciate that. I'll --
- 5 I will stay with that one here.
- 6 THE COURT: So we're back on the low income
- 7 housing credit.
- 8 MR. MOURAD: Yes. I don't want to get off
- 9 the track, and you are correct. I appreciate that.
- 10 Exhibit 22, your Honor.
- 11 THE COURT: Exhibit 22?
- MR. MOURAD: Yes. I'm sorry. Am I -- yes,
- 13 22.
- 14 THE COURT: You may have reached my limit
- 15 here.
- MR. MOURAD: Okay, then, that's fine, we'll
- 17 let it go. That's it.
- 18 THE COURT: I'm not taking the pretrial
- 19 memorandum from Respondent in the 1997 Tax Court case.
- 20 MR. MOURAD: No, on the third or fourth page
- 21 it said Mourad did not prove he had ten years of
- 22 ownership, and that's not true. All my records have
- 23 been filed on the appeal. But that's not relevant.
- 24 Let me -- one more exhibit maybe.
- 25 THE COURT: Let the record reflect just for

- 1 clarity the Petitioner wished to introduce the trial
- 2 memorandum from Respondent in the Tax Court case under
- 3 Docket No. 7873-01, and I have ruled it inadmissible.
- 4 MR. MOURAD: Exhibit 27, your Honor. It
- 5 might be relevant, it might be not. You will help me
- 6 out with it. What I'm trying to prove here, when I
- 7 appeared by the three judges, Judge Kenner ordered the
- 8 trustee to disclose any more funds in the corporation,
- 9 and that was at the year 2000, and it still had a
- 10 hundred and twenty-one thousand nine-seventy-four, and
- 11 maybe my question is why is this money there 2000
- 12 still in V&M account and why it's not dissolved way
- 13 back, maybe that's my point. All the claims were
- 14 paid. That was his money left aside.
- 15 THE COURT: I have some doubts about the
- 16 relevance.
- 17 MR. MOURAD: That's okay. No problem.
- 18 THE COURT: All right.
- 19 MR. MOURAD: I appreciate that. I think we
- 20 have enough for the tax credit. I appreciate your
- 21 allowing these exhibits.
- 22 THE COURT: All right.
- MR. MOURAD: Very much.
- 24 THE COURT: Now, did you -- I may regret
- 25 asking this question -- what about 1995?

- 1 MR. MOURAD: '95 is simple, your Honor. I
- 2 don't think we need to waste time on it. It could be
- 3 an error. When I met with the examiner, I brought my
- 4 1994 tax with me and I had had previous investment tax
- 5 interest losses of \$968, nine hundred sixty thousand.
- 6 The property itself in 1995 lost \$81,000, but for
- 7 some reason the trustee said non passable, maybe
- 8 because he felt he's the owner and he doesn't want to
- 9 give it to me. But in any case, I told the agent,
- 10 clearly if my accountant doing my taxes today and I
- 11 have previous losses of nine hundred thousand, would
- 12 be written against '95 for the \$7,000 at that time he
- 13 assessed me, and I shouldn't be assessed. He said no,
- 14 we can't do it because it's supposed to be one year,
- 15 the statute, I don't know how true it is. But at the
- 16 same time he took the nine hundred and sixty thousand
- 17 and he applied it deductible for 1997. Doesn't make
- 18 sense to me. I called up one of the collection agency
- 19 and I told them, they were kind of laughing, they says
- 20 I can't believe he will give you the credit from '94
- 21 to '97 but he won't give it to you for '95, and it's a
- 22 small amount of money. So I'm not going to argue
- 23 about it either way. I just feel like could be a
- 24 washout if they agree to it. It's not worth the case.
- 25 THE COURT: Well, as I understand the

- 1 government's position here is that you had no
- 2 investment income in '95 to use this investment
- 3 interest deduction against. Is that -- that it, Ms.
- 4 Forbes?
- 5 MS. FORBES: Yes, your Honor. You need a
- 6 net investment ---
- 7 THE COURT: Income.
- 8 MS. FORBES: --- income to use the credit,
- 9 the expense deduction, and he did not have any
- 10 according to the documents.
- MR. MOURAD: I don't know much about taxes.
- 12 I thought that money could be used even in the future
- 13 against any profit. That's what I was told by an
- 14 accountant. Doesn't matter when.
- 15 THE COURT: It's Respondent's position that
- 16 it was in fact used with respect to 1997, and if you
- 17 have any evidence to the contrary ---
- 18 MR. MOURAD: Well, we did use it. I have it
- 19 here, your Honor.
- 20 THE COURT: Okay. Then I'll ---
- 21 MR. MOURAD: He did make an adjustment and
- 22 he used all of it for '97. That's my argument.
- 23 That's what I can't understand.
- THE COURT: Okay.
- 25 MR. MOURAD: Then let me bring that exhibit

- 1 in here and it gives an explanation.
- 2 (Pause.)
- 3 THE COURT: Are you looking for the revenue
- 4 agent's explanation of this question?
- 5 MR. MOURAD: No, I'm looking for the one he
- 6 prepared the '97 and he gave me the credit, all of it,
- 7 against the profit of '97. It's right in here.
- 8 THE COURT: Well, isn't that going to work
- 9 against your position? I mean, if it -- if the ---
- 10 MR. MOURAD: Well, I think my argument is --
- 11 -
- 12 THE COURT: It should have been allowed
- 13 against '95.
- 14 MR. MOURAD: It should have -- it should
- 15 have been allowed '95 and it shouldn't be allowed
- 16 against '97 because I was not the owner.
- 17 THE COURT: I see.
- 18 MR. MOURAD: It should have been kept for
- 19 the future. That's my money. And if I am the owner
- 20 for '97, then give me my tax credit, I want to pay you
- 21 the money. Maybe that's what I'm trying to explain.
- 22 THE COURT: Yeah. And are you making any
- 23 effort at understanding Respondent's position there,
- 24 that the 1995 year did not show net investment income
- 25 and therefore you couldn't use investment interest

- 1 expense against it?
- 2 MR. MOURAD: I know that. I'm not really
- 3 familiar with it. But I'm willing to drop it. I
- 4 would just -- let's go for '99 and '97 tax credit. A
- 5 small amount. It's irrelevant.
- 6 THE COURT: Okay.
- 7 MR. MOURAD: Why waste the time on it. I
- 8 think -- now, I have another order. You tell me, your
- 9 Honor, if it's relevant or not. When I filed the
- 10 malpractice lawsuit, the same judge, Judge Torruella
- 11 who sat on the same panel, he make -- he states on his
- 12 decision the fact was dropped because Mourad has no
- 13 equity and no distribution from the sale according to
- 14 the bankruptcy order, so therefore I have no standing
- 15 to bring the lawsuit. And to me, if I had no
- 16 standing, why do I owe any money to anything? I
- 17 wasn't the owner. Maybe that will confuse the issue.
- 18 THE COURT: I think it will.
- MR. MOURAD: Okay. Thank you.
- 20 THE COURT: Yes.
- 21 MR. MOURAD: I appreciate it. Then I'm
- 22 done. We have enough. I'm finished.
- 23 THE COURT: All right. Ms. Forbes, any
- 24 cross-examination?
- MS. FORBES: No, your Honor.

- 1 THE COURT: All right, then. The -- I'll
- 2 permit the parties to file briefs in the case, with
- 3 opening briefs 75 days from today.
- 4 THE CLERK: August 6th.
- 5 THE COURT: And reply brief 45 days
- 6 thereafter.
- 7 THE CLERK: September 19th.
- 8 THE COURT: And remember, Mr. Mourad, you
- 9 have until June 12th to get the complete transcript of
- 10 the bankruptcy plan of reorganization or -- or what I
- 11 should say was Exhibit 19 in your Opposition to
- 12 Respondent's Motion to Dismiss.
- MR. MOURAD: Right.
- 14 THE COURT: That's an incomplete portion of
- 15 the transcript. We need a complete transcript.
- MR. MOURAD: It would be helpful, your
- 17 Honor, I did so much here and I didn't keep notes,
- 18 would I be getting -- I would appreciate a copy of
- 19 giving me exactly what I have to do, so I can follow
- 20 through with it?
- 21 THE COURT: Well, the ---
- 22 MR. MOURAD: Even from the attorney.
- 23 THE COURT: You mean with respect to the
- 24 other parts ---
- 25 MR. MOURAD: Today. All the exhibits, all

- 1 that, so I could kind of make sure I relax and put it
- 2 all together.
- 3 THE COURT: We would need to get that
- 4 together, except with respect to the Exhibit 19, we
- 5 need to get that together.
- 6 MR. MOURAD: Today?
- 7 THE COURT: Today.
- 8 MR. MOURAD: Excellent. That saves me --
- 9 then I know what to do.
- 10 THE COURT: Yeah. And the -- I'm hoping
- 11 that the Trial Clerk's notes are sufficient to match
- 12 up -- and you understand that we were talking about
- 13 exhibits ---
- 14 THE CLERK: Petitioner's opposition ---
- 15 THE COURT: Yes. In fact, I'll give you the
- 16 -- for that. Matching up those exhibits to the
- 17 exhibits as numbered in this case.
- MR. MOURAD: Exactly.
- 19 THE COURT: Then the one thing that will be
- 20 done beyond today is solving the problem of
- 21 incompleteness with respect to Exhibit 19 of the -- of
- 22 your Opposition to Respondent's Motion to Dismiss.
- 23 All right. If there are no further matters, I will
- 24 recess the Court and the record in this case will
- 25 remain open for the sole purpose of accepting the

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1 complete version of Exhibit 19 by June 12th.
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             MR. MOURAD: I thank you very much, your
3 Honor.
             THE COURT: Thank you all.
             (Whereupon, at 2:40 p.m., the trial in the
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6 above-entitled matter was concluded.)
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