

# **EXHIBIT 4**

## **TRANSCRIPT OF INTERVIEW OF REPRESENTATIVE BROUN'S DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS**

1           MR. MORGAN: Speaking is Bryson Morgan,  
2 Investigative Counsel with the Office of  
3 Congressional Ethics. I am joined by Paul Solis,  
4 Investigative Counsel with the Office of  
5 Congressional Ethics and Ryan Cortazar, a law clerk  
6 with the Office of Congressional Ethics. We are  
7 here on June 24, 2014 with [REDACTED] or [REDACTED]  
8 [REDACTED].

9 BY MR. MORGAN:

10       Q. And Ms. [REDACTED], we already discussed the  
11 application of the False Statements Act to this  
12 interview, and so I think what we'd like to start  
13 with is just some general background information --

14       A. Okay.

15       Q. -- about you. So, what is your current  
16 position with Representative Broun?

17       A. I'm the director of operations.

18       Q. What are your duties in that position?

19       A. Oh, everything. I handle the Congressman's  
20 schedule both in Georgia and in D.C.

21       Q. Okay.

22       A. I do all office management, do all kind of  
23 strategic kind of looking forward, planning of the  
24 schedule and coordinate amongst everyone to make

1 sure everyone is on the same page as far as what  
2 we're doing, not just like from day to day, hour to  
3 house basis but as a you know, month to month, as a  
4 whole.

5 Q. As you're managing the Congressman's  
6 schedule, do you communicate directly with him  
7 about his schedule, or do you usually communicate  
8 through someone else?

9 A. Communicate -- well, directly with him. I  
10 don't really know kind of what you mean through  
11 someone else? Meaning, when we talk about  
12 planning, you know, what committee hearing he's  
13 going to go to at 10:00 a.m., we talk as -- as a  
14 whole --

15 Q. Okay.

16 A. -- as a staff, as a whole and then we'll  
17 communicate that to him, so does that kind of  
18 answer your question?

19 Q. Yeah, I think so. How frequently do you  
20 directly interact with Representative Broun?

21 A. Oh, multiple, multiple, multiple times a  
22 day.

23 Q. Okay. Who do you report to?

24 A. I report to David and then to the

1 Congressman himself.

2 Q. Before you were a director of operations,  
3 what was your previous position?

4 A. I was the scheduler office manager and then  
5 after being here for three years, decided that a  
6 promotion was necessary, so --

7 Q. Okay. And what did you do --

8 A. -- decided that --

9 Q. -- prior to that?

10 A. I did the same, same -- same thing. It's  
11 just a change in job title really. After, you  
12 know, being here for a handful of years, had, you  
13 know, more experience to kind of lead some of the  
14 conference calls that I was just participating on  
15 and things like that but the same job description  
16 was pretty much there from the beginning.

17 Q. And prior to being scheduler and office  
18 manager here with Representative Broun --

19 A. Um-hmm.

20 Q. -- what did you do?

21 A. I was in college. So I've been here for  
22 almost seven years. So came up on August of '07.

23 Q. August of '07?

24 A. And been here ever since which is kind of

1 weird.

2 Q. All right. Have you ever worked on or  
3 volunteered for Representative Broun's political  
4 campaigns?

5 A. Um, his first primary. So July of 2008, I  
6 did fly down for that last weekend before to kind  
7 of volunteer to be on the ground but after that I  
8 decided I don't like campaigns and stay up here.

9 Q. Okay. But in your -- in your current  
10 position and as scheduler, office manager, you do  
11 manage the Congressman's --

12 A. Yeah. So I manage the --

13 Q. -- schedule with regards --

14 A. -- schedule and campaigns. So we had a  
15 separate campaign scheduler that was the one that  
16 was actively, you know, calling the GOP groups to  
17 see about them coming but I coordinated kind of  
18 everything from up here.

19 Q. Who was that campaign scheduler?

20 A. David Heenan.

21 Q. David Heenan.

22 BY MR. SOLIS:

23 Q. Just so I'm clear --

24 A. Um-hmm.

1 Q. -- you consider yourself a campaign  
2 volunteer even though you're not going down to the  
3 district -- do --

4 A. No.

5 Q. No?

6 A. Not -- mean, everything that I did was all  
7 through kind of the official kind of -- my  
8 understanding of the job is scheduler is that  
9 you're able to kind of manage both sides without  
10 having to have like a separate -- we did have a  
11 separate campaign event calender but that was kind  
12 of managed by all the people in Georgia.

13 So I just managed his part of that, working  
14 with the campaign volunteers and the campaign  
15 staffers to kind of -- as they were setting up the  
16 events but I was just kind of handling the like --  
17 remember what time it's supposed to start kind of  
18 questions.

19 BY MR. MORGAN:

20 Q. Want to ask you some questions about Brett  
21 O'Donnell --

22 A. Okay.

23 Q. -- Congressman's relationship with Mr.  
24 O'Donnell. When did -- when did you first become

1 acquainted with Brett O'Donnell?

2 A. It was a couple of years ago. I think we  
3 just setup like the initial meeting 'cause Dr.  
4 Broun has been wanting to from -- I wouldn't say  
5 from the beginning -- from -- after about a year  
6 and a half in office, realizing we needed help with  
7 messaging and so we had a handful of different  
8 consultants come in.

9 We had meetings with Frank Luntz and just  
10 to talk about like words and was -- has always been  
11 a big concern of Congressman Broun's and so I guess  
12 -- it all kind of brought of us together, so don't  
13 remember exactly when that was but when we -- you  
14 know, he was one of a handful that we brought in to  
15 interview at that time and then he started working  
16 for us --

17 Q. I'm going to -- going to show you some  
18 documents --

19 A. Um-hmm.

20 Q. -- just to -- that will perhaps refresh  
21 your -- your memory of the timeline. This is PBTN5  
22 from your document production. Give you a second  
23 --

24 A. Okay.

1 Q. -- to look at that. This is a calender  
2 item and you provided several calender items. Is  
3 this your calender or is this the congressional --

4 A. This is --

5 Q. -- calender?

6 A. -- the congressional calender.

7 Q. Okay.

8 A. Some of them I wasn't able to pull up in my  
9 archives. They were just from this kind of format.

10 Q. So this is the office's calender --

11 A. Right --

12 Q. -- that you --

13 A. This is Congressman Broun's --

14 Q. -- that you manage?

15 A. -- calender that I would manage. So that's  
16 -- when it says "Organizer" --

17 Q. Um-hmm.

18 A. -- that's Paul Broun but that's me as Paul  
19 Broun --

20 Q. That's you as Paul Broun?

21 A. Um-hmm.

22 Q. Okay.

23 A. So in all of these it's going to be me as  
24 -- like I'm considered the owner of this calender

1 --

2 Q. Um-hmm.

3 A. -- sets up a handful of meetings himself  
4 but he doesn't know how to do that, so --

5 Q. It is -- does he setup meetings without  
6 letting you know or do you typically --

7 A. Every now and then but it's normally -- he  
8 has like buddies in Athens --

9 Q. Um-hmm.

10 A. -- and that he'll throw up, you know,  
11 "Lunch with Tom," and I'll know that it's not my  
12 same formatting 'cause I have a certain way that I  
13 kind of format things --

14 Q. Okay.

15 A. -- so I'll know that that's something he  
16 did himself --

17 Q. That doesn't happen --

18 A. No --

19 Q. -- often?

20 A. -- does not happen often. So when it's --  
21 that's the organizer and then --

22 Q. Okay.

23 A. -- attendees.

24 Q. All right. So this -- the subject here is

1 "Meeting with Brett O'Donnell --

2 A. Um-hmm.

3 Q. -- Bachmann's debate coach," and this is  
4 May 31st, 2012. Is that about when the timeframe  
5 --

6 A. Yeah, I guess that would --

7 Q. -- when you first became acquainted -- --

8 A. -- make sense --

9 Q. -- with Brett O'Donnell?

10 A. Yeah.

11 Q. Do you know how this meeting came about?

12 A. No.

13 Q. Do you recall if it was the office reaching  
14 out to Brett O'Donnell or if it was Brett O'Donnell  
15 reaching out to the office?

16 A. I believe it was -- because again, you  
17 know, we looked at several other kind of messaging  
18 coaches --

19 Q. Um-hmm.

20 A. -- so at this time, we were looking and I  
21 think he was one of a handful that we interviewed.  
22 I don't remember who the others would have been but  
23 I know kind of that spring/summer, we were looking  
24 again to hire somebody kind of.

1 Q. Were you in those interviews --

2 A. No.

3 Q. -- those meetings? Okay. What did you  
4 understand the Congressman to be looking for? What  
5 types of services was he looking for and I think  
6 you said messaging --

7 A. Yeah, messaging coach --

8 Q. Messaging coach.

9 A. I mean, if y'all looked back, like  
10 sometimes he says -- he has a clever use of words  
11 and I think we wanted somebody to work on delivery  
12 and getting the message across and --

13 Q. Okay.

14 A. Yeah.

15 Q. Now this -- says the location of this  
16 meeting was the NRCC. Is there any reason why it  
17 was held there?

18 A. I don't remember why it would've been.

19 Q. Okay.

20 A. He may have had another meeting over there  
21 at the same time, or I don't remember. So we're  
22 coming in -- I guess it's at 10:00. Yeah, morning  
23 hour starts at 10:00 and then we're --

24 Q. I see --

1 A. -- in for the day...

2 Q. And we understand that you know, shortly  
3 after this meeting Brett O'Donnell was retained by  
4 the Congressional Office. Were you -- you weren't  
5 at this meeting I guess --

6 A. No.

7 Q. -- this initial meeting? We understand  
8 that there may have been a second meeting between  
9 the Congressman and Brett O'Donnell in the early  
10 part of June of 2012. Does that --

11 A. That's possible --

12 Q. -- ring a bell?

13 A. He -- Dr. Broun likes to go through a  
14 thorough interview process --

15 Q. Um-hmm.

16 A. So I would not be surprised if they sat  
17 down a second time before anything was formalized.

18 Q. What was your understanding of the services  
19 Brett O'Donnell was to provide the Congressman?

20 A. I mean that's just the messaging.

21 Q. Do you recall any discussion of -- of  
22 holding weekly sessions --

23 A. Yeah. I think it was going -- well, I  
24 don't know if it was necessarily weekly at first.

1 It was just going to be on a regular basis.  
2 Sometimes I think we were going to set things up if  
3 we knew we had a big floor speech or something like  
4 that coming up. We would make sure that they  
5 talked beforehand -- or press conferences or  
6 whatever related to his legislative stuff.

7 Q. Now, in this time -- timeframe, May, June,  
8 July of 2012, Congressman Broun was in the middle  
9 of a republican primary election --

10 A. Yeah --

11 Q. -- in -- in Georgia --

12 A. -- that's the timeline.

13 Q. Was -- do you recall any discussion of  
14 Brett O'Donnell being involved in messaging or  
15 coaching the Congressman with regards to his  
16 campaign appearances?

17 A. No. Those weren't something that I was  
18 involved -- I was just like scheduling the stuff.  
19 So I don't know what they talked about -- his  
20 commitments, I guess.

21 Q. Were you involved in any conversations  
22 about the permissibility of Brett O'Donnell's  
23 services --

24 A. What do you mean by permissibility --

1 Q. -- about whether or not it was permissible  
2 under The House Ethics Rules --

3 A. Oh, no --

4 Q. -- or the House Rules to -- to bring on a  
5 -- a messaging coach?

6 A. Un-uh.

7 Q. Okay. Were you involved in any discussions  
8 about how Brett O'Donnell could be paid or would be  
9 paid?

10 A. No.

11 Q. Okay.

12 BY MR. SOLIS:

13 Q. Do you know anything about how Brett  
14 O'Donnell was paid?

15 A. No. I just kind of assumed it was -- he  
16 got paid, so. I don't know who -- you know, I  
17 don't -- I handle some --

18 Q. How do you know he got --

19 A. -- of --

20 Q. -- paid?

21 A. Well, 'cause I mean, I guess he continued  
22 working for here and we -- it was clear that we  
23 hired somebody. So when you hire somebody, you pay  
24 then. I do handle some vouchering, but I don't

1 create the invoices or anything like that. So  
2 that's not something I remember or know, you know,  
3 how much he was paid or know what accounts it was  
4 coming from.

5 BY MR. MORGAN:

6 Q. Looking back on Brett O'Donnell's  
7 relationship with the Congressional Office and with  
8 Representative Broun, how would you describe his  
9 role with the Congressman? You earlier said that  
10 you were looking to bring on a messaging coach --

11 A. Um-hmm.

12 Q. -- but that was at the time but now,  
13 looking back on what Brett O'Donnell did for the  
14 Congressman, how would you describe his role?

15 A. I think he was one of -- someone that  
16 Congressman Broun took his advice seriously. He --  
17 Dr. Broun has a lot of different people, you know,  
18 both staff members and just his friends that give  
19 him opinions on how to run things and I think he  
20 listens harder to some people and he listened hard  
21 to what Brett was advising him to do.

22 And I think that was something that clicked  
23 'cause again, we talked to several different  
24 messaging coaches and speech people before all of

1 this and that kind of relationship never clicked  
2 because he was never somebody -- or whoever this  
3 individual was was never somebody that Dr. Broun  
4 was going to actually listen to.

5 So I do think Dr. Broun really listened to  
6 him --

7 Q. How -- how frequently did Brett O'Donnell  
8 meet with Representative Broun?

9 A. When we were session, it probably did end  
10 up to be once a week, if not a little less than  
11 that. Again, you know, sometimes when he's just up  
12 in D.C., we're only here for two days and there's  
13 nothing really relevant going on for him to talk to  
14 anybody about. So I guess on average it probably  
15 would've been once a week but there's some, you  
16 know, times when we were in session that he didn't  
17 meet with him in any context.

18 Q. Okay.

19 BY MR. SOLIS:

20 Q. Would they meet when you weren't in  
21 session?

22 A. Um, no, because we wouldn't -- you know,  
23 there may have been phone calls or something like  
24 that but that was not an officially scheduled

1 appointment. We didn't send Brett to Georgia or  
2 anything just because we were not in session.

3 BY MR. MORGAN:

4 Q. Were you -- you know, we saw various emails  
5 you provided and others provided where you're  
6 arranging the Congressman's schedule and he's --  
7 his sessions with Representative Broun. Do want to  
8 show you a document here. This is PBTN31 --

9 A. Um-hmm.

10 Q. -- and take your time to review that. What  
11 I want to ask you about is the top email on the  
12 first page from Meredith Griffanti to you, cc'ing  
13 David Bowser. She writes to you, "We could just  
14 have it be official today and do NRCC stuff next  
15 week." And it appears based on the documents that  
16 we've seen that sometimes the sessions Brett  
17 O'Donnell --

18 A. Um-hmm.

19 Q. -- would have with the Congressman were  
20 here in the Congressional Office and sometimes they  
21 were at the NRCC and here Meredith refers to NRCC  
22 stuff and I just wondered if you could -- you could  
23 explain to us since you were the scheduler -- --  
24 managing the schedule, why it was that sometimes

1 those sessions occurred at the various locations  
2 that they occurred?

3 A. Um, I mean, just looking at the timeline of  
4 this, I don't know what politically we would've  
5 been doing at that point because it would've been  
6 after the primary and runoff --

7 Q. Um-hmm.

8 A. -- and special or the -- after the November  
9 elections. So you know, I don't really -- actually  
10 don't know why they would've been meeting at the  
11 NRCC.

12 Q. But in -- so stepping back --

13 A. Um.

14 Q. -- you know, away from just this -- this  
15 December 13 email, in general, if it was going to  
16 be concerning political activities, would you do it  
17 at the NRCC, and if it was officially --

18 A. Yeah --

19 Q. -- do it here?

20 A. -- sometimes I think things were like --  
21 did bleed over a little bit. It's hard with, you  
22 know, you're talking about Obamacare or something  
23 like that --

24 Q. Um-hmm.

1       A.    -- and if you're having it be on the House  
2 floor or in press statements or things like that  
3 but then if it's talking Obamacare to like a GOP  
4 group in Georgia, that may bleed over more  
5 political --

6       Q.    Um-hmm.

7       A.    So I think those would probably be what  
8 that would be but I don't -- again, not being in  
9 the meetings, I don't know exactly what they  
10 discussed.

11      Q.    Okay.  Were you the one who decided where  
12 the meetings would be held?

13      A.    Um, no.  I think that would be something  
14 that would've just verbally asked Brett -- not  
15 Brett but Meredith or David.

16      Q.    Okay.  Do you recall any of those -- those  
17 conversations --

18      A.    No --

19      Q.    -- specifically?

20      A.    I mean, there's so many like flurries of  
21 conversations --

22      Q.    Yeah.

23      A.    -- at any given point in time.  It would've  
24 been just you know, "Where we -- where we can we go

1 here? Where do we need to be for this?"

2 Q. And then they would -- Meredith or -- or  
3 David would respond, saying, "Today, let's do --

4 A. Yeah.

5 Q. -- let's do this session at the NRCC or  
6 let's do that session" --

7 A. Or -- yeah, and I think that would be like  
8 based on what, you know, the press activity --  
9 excuse me -- what the press activity was that week  
10 or --

11 Q. Um-hmm.

12 A. -- you know, what interview they're  
13 preparing for. You know, I don't know what  
14 interview this would've been for.

15 Q. Would it be based on where Representative  
16 Broun is that day on his schedule?

17 A. Yeah. That would definitely have something  
18 to do with it. I know at this point we were doing  
19 a good bit of fundraising calls and using the NRCC  
20 suites for their fundraising calls which obviously  
21 can't happen here in the Congressional Office --

22 Q. Right.

23 A. So you know, that definitely could've been  
24 a reason why, just kind of keeping him in one place

1 instead of having to run him back and forth. In  
2 2012, we were -- we had just moved into this  
3 office, I guess, this office here 'cause we were in  
4 Canon --

5 Q. Um-hmm.

6 A. -- and then -- we were in Rayburn. Then we  
7 were in Canon and now we're back in Rayburn. So --

8 Q. Lot of things to move.

9 A. Lot of things to move. So yeah, that  
10 definitely -- it's kind of hard not seeing what  
11 else was on the schedule that day to say that for  
12 sure.

13 Q. Okay. So let me -- I just want to make  
14 sure --

15 A. Um-hmm.

16 Q. -- that I -- I understand you clearly.  
17 Sometimes where that meeting with Brett O'Donnell  
18 would take place was driven by the subject matter  
19 to be discussed --

20 A. Right --

21 Q. -- in the meeting? Is that correct?

22 A. Um-hmm. Definitely.

23 Q. Other times, it may have been driven by  
24 where Representative Broun was going to already be

1 and where it would be convenient for him?

2 A. Yeah. I mean, just -- but I mean, I don't  
3 necessarily think that means they would've  
4 discussed like something purely political. We were  
5 very cognizant of you know, keeping that side of  
6 Congressman Broun's life out of this office --

7 Q. Okay.

8 A. -- in terms of what we kind of do here --

9 Q. So if it was --

10 A. -- as much as possible.

11 Q. -- if it was convenient for him to meet at  
12 the -- for Representative Broun to meet at the NRCC  
13 and the --

14 A. For --

15 Q. -- subject matter --

16 A. Official.

17 Q. -- official --

18 A. Yeah.

19 Q. -- you may have done it over there?

20 A. Right.

21 Q. If it was -- if the subject matter that  
22 Brett was going to be discussing with the  
23 Congressman was political, you would meet some  
24 place other than here --

1 A. Other than here --

2 Q. -- regardless of --

3 A. -- regardless --

4 Q. -- how convenient or inconvenient it was  
5 for the member?

6 A. Correct.

7 Q. Okay. Looking back on -- on these weekly  
8 sessions --

9 A. Um-hmm.

10 Q. -- what share of them would you say were --  
11 were in that political category and what share were  
12 -- were in the official category?

13 A. I would have no like --

14 Q. But just based on your knowledge of where  
15 you were scheduling meetings?

16 A. This was two years ago. So I don't really  
17 remember that well --

18 Q. But --

19 A. -- where they would've been but --

20 Q. Do you -- do you recall the last time --  
21 the last session that occurred?

22 A. Like a couple of months ago, last session?

23 Q. Yeah. Tell me when it was?

24 A. Um, feel like -- 'cause that was right --

1 that was definitely not in the office.

2 Q. Okay. So this is -- when you said it was a  
3 couple of years ago, you mean it was over the  
4 course of the past --

5 A. Yeah, over the course of the past two  
6 years.

7 Q. Okay.

8 A. I don't remember --

9 Q. But looking over the --

10 A. -- there have been a lot of meetings.

11 Q. -- the course of those past couple of  
12 years, do you have -- can you give me a sense of  
13 what share of them were scheduled places other than  
14 here --

15 A. Yeah.

16 Q. -- because the subject matter was  
17 political? Is it 50/50? Is it --

18 A. It may be --

19 Q. -- can you tell me?

20 A. -- like -- like 60/40. I don't really --

21 Q. 60/40 official?

22 A. 60/40 official.

23 Q. Okay. And you weren't in those meetings?

24 A. No. I wasn't in any --

1 Q. Were you in any of those meetings?

2 A. I was in the meeting for five seconds to  
3 say, "Dr. Broun, you need to get to the floor right  
4 now to vote, or Dr. Broun, this meeting needs to  
5 end 'cause your next meeting is here or --

6 Q. Okay.

7 A. -- you're running late for this committee  
8 hearing."

9 Q. Okay.

10 A. So I mean, I would poke my head in but that  
11 would be it.

12 Q. Are you -- I just want to run through a few  
13 things quickly here. Are you aware of Mr.  
14 O'Donnell working on speeches given by  
15 Representative Broun?

16 A. Yeah, I think they talked about like floor  
17 speeches and 'cause we would -- you know, if we  
18 knew we were going to have a big five minute on our  
19 healthcare bill, we would have Brett come in --

20 Q. Is that the Option Act --

21 A. Option Act, yeah.

22 Q. Okay.

23 A. So, you know, we would have him come in and  
24 then we would schedule things, again based on what

1 was going on in the floor that week and what the --  
2 kind of theme of the week. Every week sort of has  
3 a them. Some weeks were better at sticking out  
4 than others but.

5 Q. Do you know if -- if -- if Brett O'Donnell  
6 was involved in the office's communications  
7 strategy, when to respond to stories, what approach  
8 to take --

9 A. Yeah. I think he was, you know, one of the  
10 many people that we kind of consulted.

11 Q. Who -- who else was involved in that?

12 A. That would be I guess -- Christine --  
13 depending on who was working at the time and then  
14 sometimes if it contained district stuff, that  
15 would be our district press person who's now our  
16 district director, Jessica Hayes.

17 Q. Okay.

18 A. But I think -- again, I don't really  
19 remember when, you know, she became district  
20 director and left all the press stuff behind but.

21 Q. Did -- did Brett O'Donnell ever provide any  
22 training to the Congressional staff to your  
23 knowledge?

24 A. The staff as a whole? No.

1 Q. What about to you and --

2 A. To me --

3 Q. -- individually?

4 A. -- no.

5 Q. Are you aware of him providing -- you said  
6 not to the staff as a whole but are you aware of  
7 him providing any training to staffers, you know,  
8 one or two staffers at a time or --

9 A. I don't know if those were any of the  
10 conversations that he may have had with our press  
11 team --

12 Q. Okay.

13 A. -- as I'm not part of the press team. I  
14 don't know.

15 Q. Okay. I want to ask you some questions  
16 about Representative Broun's campaigns --

17 A. Okay.

18 Q. -- and Brett O'Donnell's involvement in  
19 those. To your knowledge, was -- was Brett  
20 O'Donnell involved in Representative Broun's 2012  
21 congressional campaign?

22 A. That would've been the primary?

23 Q. That would've been that primary in the --

24 A. Yeah. I think he had some involvement --

1 Q. -- summer.

2 A. -- in creating like overall communication  
3 kind of plans but I don't know how. Again, you  
4 know, not being on any of these conversations  
5 myself...

6 Q. Want to show you another email. This is  
7 BOD00234. Take time to look at that but this  
8 appears to be an email from David Bowser to a  
9 number of people including yourself in which David  
10 Bowser writes, "Good afternoon Team Broun. Just  
11 wanted to do a quick intro of two new additions  
12 brought on today by Dr. Broun to our political  
13 efforts." Again, this is December 19, 2012 and  
14 then he introduces "Hans Kaiser" and "Guy Shore" as  
15 two new people and then he goes on to introduce  
16 other people involved. The very bottom of that  
17 page, he writes, "Brett O'Donnell is Congressman  
18 Broun's messaging consultant and media prep  
19 advisor."

20 A. Right.

21 Q. Does that accurately describe --

22 A. Yeah --

23 Q. -- Brett O'Donnell's role --

24 A. -- that's how -- what I understood his kind

1 of role to be --

2 Q. With the campaign?

3 A. With the campaign.

4 Q. Okay. Are you aware of Brett O'Donnell  
5 providing input on campaign speeches or preparing  
6 Representative Broun for campaign speeches?

7 A. Not any -- no. Again, this I think would  
8 go back to not being in any of these messaging  
9 meetings.

10 Q. Do you recall scheduling some of those  
11 meetings? I have a document I'll show you here  
12 from your production. This is PBTN0062. Take your  
13 time to --

14 A. Yeah. I mean but that could've easily been  
15 -- I mean, it doesn't say anywhere in here that  
16 that's campaign versus political --

17 Q. This is an email. Okay. The email from  
18 you May 1st, 2013 to Brett, writing, "Hi Brett. We  
19 are looking ahead for the next few weeks before  
20 convention." Do you know if -- if that reference  
21 to convention is the Georgia Republican Convention  
22 that was held in mid-May 2013?

23 A. I don't remember.

24 Q. Don't remember. You don't recall the

1 purpose of these meetings?

2 A. No, I don't.

3 Q. Okay. Do you recall if Brett O'Donnell was  
4 involved in keeping track of Representative Broun's  
5 campaign debates?

6 A. What do you mean keeping track? Like  
7 coordinating them?

8 Q. Show you this email here. This is PBTN97.  
9 Take time to look at that. The email I want to ask  
10 you about is the bottom of the first page where it  
11 says from Brett O'Donnell --

12 A. Right.

13 Q. -- there to David Bowser, cc'ing you and a  
14 few other individuals in which he writes, "We need  
15 to debate and forum calender -- started with  
16 contact info, so I can help negotiate formats and  
17 we can track."

18 A. Right.

19 Q. Does that -- does that refresh your  
20 recollection of the role he might've had with --

21 A. Yeah. It sounds like he probably was  
22 involved but again, this isn't something that like  
23 I didn't direct him to be involved.

24 Q. Okay. But you -- you were aware that he

1 was involved?

2 A. Yeah.

3 Q. Okay. And then I want to -- if -- could  
4 run through a few documents here of specific  
5 scheduling or calendar items? This is PBTN9. This  
6 is an email. At the bottom, it starts off with an  
7 email from David Bowser to Brett. This is in --  
8 June 14th of 2012. So this would've been right  
9 around the time when Brett O'Donnell was retained.  
10 He says, "As we discussed last week, there was a  
11 potential for a debate which has now turned into a  
12 scheduled event on June 22nd." If you'd skip a  
13 line down, it says, "The Congressman would like to  
14 schedule a couple of hours later that afternoon for  
15 debate preparations, so we're going to hold from  
16 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. on schedule and secure a  
17 conference room at the NRCC for this purpose."  
18 Brett O'Donnell responds, "I can be there for the  
19 entire time." Do you recall if that debate  
20 preparation session occurred?

21 A. I don't remember.

22 Q. Okay.

23 A. It would be June. Yeah.

24 Q. Okay. Do the next email here. This is

1 PBTN10 and on the second page, it appears this  
2 chain of emails starts with an email from -- from  
3 you to Brett O'Donnell on July 3rd, 2012 where you  
4 write, "Hey, Brett. Dr. Broun wants to set up  
5 about 90 minutes next week to go over both  
6 debates."

7 A. Right.

8 Q. Do you recall setting up that session?

9 A. I mean, this was just one of many sessions  
10 that we would've done, so it doesn't stick out --

11 Q. Doesn't stick out --

12 A. -- in particular.

13 Q. Okay. Do you -- do you recall that request  
14 from Dr. Broun --

15 A. No --

16 Q. -- to setup the session?

17 A. -- I mean, clearly he did 'cause I don't  
18 think I came up with it myself but don't remember  
19 you know, that particular conversation  
20 specifically.

21 Q. Do you recall a session that may have  
22 occurred at the NRCC in late July of 2012 where a  
23 campaign film was or a campaign video was filmed?

24 A. No.

1 Q. Does that ring a bell?

2 A. That does not.

3 Q. Show you this email. See if this refreshes  
4 your recollection. This is BOD02240. On the next  
5 page, there's a email from you to Brett O'Donnell.  
6 It says --

7 A. Yeah. I mean, I don't know what that video  
8 would've been about or remember the video in  
9 particular.

10 Q. Okay. And you don't recall being requested  
11 to setup that meeting?

12 A. No.

13 Q. Okay. Next email I want to show you, this  
14 is going forward to 2014 --

15 A. Okay.

16 Q. -- the -- Representative Broun's campaign  
17 for the U.S. Senate. This is BOD00680. Email from  
18 you to Brett O'Donnell, subject is "Debate prep  
19 schedule," and then they're are like five dates and  
20 times listed here. Do you recall why you were  
21 sending this email to -- to Brett?

22 A. Possibly -- I mean, just -- sometimes when  
23 he would come in after his meetings here, we would  
24 talk about, you know, the future meetings that we

1 needed to set up and look forward to what was on  
2 Congressman's calender and look forward both  
3 officially --

4 Q. He being --

5 A. He -- Brett.

6 Q. -- Representative Broun? Brett?

7 A. Brett. So when Brett would meet with  
8 Congressman Broun here in the office, he would  
9 swing by my desk on his way out -- "Schedule the  
10 next meeting." So this probably looks like we were  
11 planning ahead.

12 Q. When -- you said that they met roughly  
13 weekly --

14 A. Um-hmm.

15 Q. Was it -- were there times in which they  
16 met more than one time a week or was it pretty --  
17 pretty rigid that they met weekly.

18 A. Pretty rigidly, weekly. There may have  
19 been times where we would meet and again, I don't  
20 know if Congressman Broun called Brett in addition  
21 to the weekly meetings --

22 Q. Okay.

23 A. -- 'cause I don't, you know, track his cell  
24 phone records or anything like that --

1 Q. Okay.

2 A. -- but --

3 Q. When -- when one of those weekly meetings  
4 was concerning political --

5 A. Um-hmm.

6 Q. -- the political activities of  
7 Representative Broun, would an additional session  
8 be scheduled to make up for that, to do official  
9 stuff or would it take place --

10 A. Yeah. We would kind of try and always have  
11 the one official session because there was always  
12 -- obviously like floor activity and things like  
13 that going on in addition to whatever may -- he may  
14 be doing politically --

15 Q. Okay.

16 A. -- so that may be an instance where there's  
17 more than one a week. This obviously -- they're  
18 clearly -- there's three in this one week --

19 Q. Yeah.

20 A. -- one of these weeks 'cause I guess the  
21 14, 16, and 17 would've all been in one week. So  
22 that would be an instance where we may have met  
23 with him more than just the one time a week.

24 Q. Okay. Would -- if there was a week where

1 you did one or more sessions on the political side

2 --

3 A. Um-hmm.

4 Q. -- would that take place of official  
5 session or would it be in addition to the official  
6 session?

7 A. Sometimes but not always maybe. I mean,  
8 and again, there may have been -- it may have been  
9 90 percent political but there may have been a 10  
10 percent talking about a one minute that would be on  
11 the official side. Know that, you know, when they  
12 were meeting outside of the office, a lot of times  
13 that's still included. It was -- but we can meet  
14 -- my understanding of all of this is that if it  
15 was 90 percent political, 10 percent official, we  
16 would have to meet outside the office.

17 Q. Um-hmm.

18 A. If it was 90 percent official, 10 percent  
19 political, we would still have to meet outside of  
20 the office. If it was just 1 percent political,  
21 we'd have to meet outside of the office.

22 BY MR. SOLIS:

23 Q. When did you get that understanding?

24 A. I think that was just conversations of

1 talking about like locations and --

2 Q. With who?

3 A. With David.

4 Q. You mentioned sometimes when Brett was here  
5 talking to the Congressman --

6 A. Um-hmm.

7 Q. -- he'd swing by your desk --

8 A. Um-hmm.

9 Q. -- and set up the next meeting. What type  
10 of meeting would he set up? Would it be always  
11 official, sometimes political?

12 A. It -- you know, and sometimes it would be,  
13 "Okay, so let's meet Tuesday at 4:00," and then we  
14 would decide on Monday. If it was going to end up  
15 being more official or political, then we would decide  
16 the location.

17 BY MR. MORGAN:

18 Q. Okay. Was there ever a conversation of --  
19 along these lines where you said or somebody said,  
20 "This week, it looks like that session is going to  
21 be political, so make sure you schedule an official  
22 session with Brett to make up for it" or --

23 A. I don't feel like we ever tried to like  
24 balance them equally --

1 Q. Okay.

2 A. -- balance his time --

3 Q. Okay. So some -- over the course --

4 A. -- in that way.

5 Q. -- the two year period that Brett was a --

6 working with Representative Broun, during some

7 periods, those weekly sessions would be political

8 in nature, sometimes they were more official but it

9 -- sort of ebb and flow with the campaign activity?

10 A. Yeah. I feel like it definitely ebbed and

11 flowed and would ebb and flow based on you know,

12 recesses and different things like that. So we

13 would kind of figure it out based on what was going on

14 'cause there's no day that's exactly the same as the

15 day before --

16 Q. Okay.

17 A. -- week that's exactly the same as the week

18 before.

19 Q. Do you recall being involved in scheduling

20 some debate preparation sessions at Jamestown

21 Associates?

22 A. Yeah. That's where we would hold -- that's

23 the townhouse that's I guess right over there --

24 Q. I think it's a group associated with James

1 Miller --

2 A. Yeah.

3 Q. -- if that rings a bell? Okay.

4 A. And --

5 Q. You said -- is that -- that's a townhouse  
6 nearby?

7 A. It's my understanding. I've never been  
8 because I again --

9 Q. Never been there?

10 A. -- wasn't really going to these sessions at  
11 all --

12 Q. Okay.

13 A. -- ever. I think there was a certain point  
14 where there was a lot going on the kind of  
15 political side. So we needed a permanent-ish place  
16 --

17 Q. Okay.

18 A. -- to go.

19 Q. Does the name Michael Hall ring a bell?  
20 There's some calender items that "List prep for  
21 debate with Michael Hall."

22 A. Yeah. I think Brett had to go out of town  
23 for his son's basketball game maybe and I don't  
24 really -- I don't remember exactly what but there

1 was a conflict that Brett had and so, he had this  
2 Michael Hall gentleman who again never met because  
3 he didn't come to this office, kind of fill in as a  
4 replacement person.

5 Q. Okay. Would -- were there any debate  
6 preparation sessions that occurred with -- other  
7 than the -- than the one or two that may have  
8 occurred with Michael Hall -- were there any ones  
9 that occurred without Brett? I mean, you were --  
10 you were scheduling --

11 A. Yeah.

12 Q. How critical was Brett's attendance?

13 A. It wasn't like critical. I feel like we did  
14 debate sessions in Georgia just with Congressman Broun  
15 looking over his notes and we would set aside time  
16 for him to kind of prepare mentally, time away from  
17 his family and his other staffers, for him to kind  
18 of prepare and he didn't fly Brett by any means for  
19 those sessions, so --

20 Q. Would you -- do you know if Brett  
21 conferenced called in or Skyped in?

22 A. I think there may have been -- think --  
23 tried to do Skype once and that did not go well if  
24 I remember correctly, I think --

1 Q. Okay.

2 A. -- and so, you know, those would just be  
3 kind of -- Dr. Broun kind of stepping out of  
4 himself to kind of focus before a debate.

5 Q. Okay.

6 A. So yeah, there were definitely going to be  
7 some that he was not participating in.

8 Q. For those sessions -- debate preparation  
9 sessions that were held up here in Washington, D.C.  
10 --

11 A. Um-hmm.

12 Q. -- did Brett attend most of them to your  
13 knowledge?

14 A. Yeah I feel like he probably attended the  
15 majority of them --

16 Q. Okay.

17 A. -- that were like official or not official  
18 -- not officially like congressionally but that  
19 were designated times.

20 Q. Okay. Do you recall if there were ever any  
21 debate preparation sessions that related to  
22 official work?

23 A. Yeah. I think we, you know, talked about  
24 -- this time last year, I guess, just an

1 appropriations kind of season, preparing for kind  
2 of going -- floor debates and going back and forth  
3 on certain issues and think that was all in kind of  
4 the messaging, how to best prepare the Congressman  
5 to respond to the questions from another member of  
6 Congress, whether that would be in a committee  
7 setting or just on the floor.

8 Q. Do you recall if Brett O'Donnell was  
9 involved in those prep sessions?

10 A. Yeah. Anything that concerned messaging,  
11 he was normally included.

12 Q. Are you aware at all of Brett O'Donnell  
13 assisting Niki Broun with messaging?

14 A. I think there probably was one or two phone  
15 calls that we had Brett do. This is -- obviously,  
16 we don't -- we try not to kind of manage the  
17 Congressman's wife because that's not our official  
18 duty --

19 Q. Um-hmm.

20 A. -- but there were times where she may  
21 needed -- have needed a phone call, some  
22 encouragement.

23 Q. Do you recall if Brett O'Donnell traveled  
24 to Georgia in February 2013? I think you believed

1 there may have been some sort of staff retreat in  
2 Georgia at that time. Do you recall that?

3 A. Yeah. I guess that was that -- he was --

4 Q. Were you -- did you travel --

5 A. Um-hmm. I did.

6 Q. What was -- tell us a little bit about why  
7 you went to Georgia? What was going on?

8 A. Well, the whole staff kind of gathered. We  
9 tried to do these once a Congress --

10 Q. Okay.

11 A. -- either in D.C. or in Georgia and it  
12 would be to talk about kind of what's going on in  
13 the district and what's going on in D.C., kind of  
14 looking forward as an office and as a staff, both  
15 just the caseworkers in Georgia and the legislative  
16 staff up here --

17 Q. Okay.

18 A. -- already knew what was going on with  
19 everybody's jobs and talking about planning for the  
20 future.

21 Q. Do you recall if there was a meeting of the  
22 campaign team in Georgia at that time?

23 A. I don't remember. That's not something I  
24 would've been involved with.

1 Q. Okay. When -- when did you -- when did the  
2 relationship between Brett O'Donnell and the  
3 Congressional office end?

4 A. Let's see. Probably March or -- March  
5 maybe -- February or March --

6 Q. Of this year?

7 A. -- of this year.

8 Q. What's your understanding of why that  
9 relationship ended?

10 A. I think Congressman Broun was getting a  
11 little frustrated with some of his debate  
12 performance and just in general and kind of wanted  
13 to -- he gets this way on his schedule too. He  
14 wants to -- think it must be very difficult to be a  
15 Congressman because you're whole life is planned by  
16 somebody else and you know, where you're going to  
17 lunch and where you're doing all of this and every  
18 now and then he reacts to that by taking the reigns  
19 back and I think that was kind of part of that.

20 Q. When you say he was frustrated with his  
21 debate performance, do you mean the campaign  
22 debates?

23 A. Yeah, and just -- he was just kind of  
24 generally kind of frustrated and there were several

1 other changes that happened at that same time.

2 Q. What were some of those other changes?

3 A. Well, just changing how we do scheduling  
4 and changing how we -- you know, looking at what  
5 his priorities were.

6 Q. Okay. Any -- any staff changes at that  
7 time?

8 A. No. There weren't any other staff changes.

9 Q. Okay. Just the relationship with Brett?

10 A. Just the relationship.

11 Q. Were you involved in discussions about  
12 ending that relationship?

13 A. No. Just told all of a sudden "Brett's no  
14 longer involved. Don't worry about setting up debate  
15 or messaging sessions."

16 Q. Okay.

17 BY MR. SOLIS:

18 Q. Who told you that, that Brett's no longer  
19 involved?

20 A. David.

21 BY MR. MORGAN:

22 Q. Okay. Were you involved in putting  
23 together a statement from the office? Show you a  
24 copy of that. This is BOD0281. Were you involved

1 in putting that statement together?

2 A. No.

3 Q. Do you know who was?

4 A. I mean, this is from Christine, but I don't  
5 remember this conversation. I don't know if it was  
6 Christine and David or -- or what.

7 Q. Show you another document. This is  
8 PBTN148. This is -- it's an email communications.  
9 Actually, this is not the right one I meant to show  
10 you. This -- so this statement says at the bottom,  
11 "As stated by the House Administration Committee,  
12 O'Donnell's communications training is in  
13 compliance with house rules."

14 A. Right.

15 Q. Were you involved or were you aware of the  
16 office reaching out to the committee --  
17 administration?

18 A. No. That was not a conversation that I was  
19 involved with.

20 Q. Okay. What about any -- any reaching out  
21 to the ethics committee to discuss Brett O'Donnell?

22 A. I never had any conversations with official  
23 -- Ethics Committee.

24 Q. And to your knowledge, the last time that

1 Brett O'Donnell met with Representative Broun, you  
2 said March of 2014 --

3 A. Yeah.

4 Q. -- you believe? Do you recall what -- what  
5 that meeting was about? What their last meeting  
6 would've been about?

7 A. No.

8 Q. All right. I think --

9 BY MR. SOLIS:

10 Q. I just had a couple of questions.

11 A. Okay.

12 Q. Just to -- to finish up on some of the  
13 information you provided. You know, you mentioned  
14 that during recess and times when Congress is out  
15 of session --

16 A. Um-hmm.

17 Q. -- you said that there'd be no reason for  
18 Brett and the Congressman to have one of their  
19 weekly --

20 A. Yeah. We may have setup brief phone calls  
21 if Dr. Broun was speaking before a big group of  
22 some sort, but we didn't schedule regular sessions  
23 while we were in Georgia for extended periods of  
24 time.

1 Q. During those times, did you schedule  
2 political or campaign meetings between Brett and  
3 the Congressman when Congress is out of session?

4 A. No. We really didn't schedule anything  
5 with Brett, either political or official while we  
6 were in Georgia unless -- again, you know, there  
7 may have been phone calls between the Congressman  
8 and Brett but those weren't like officially --  
9 don't think there were --

10 BY MR. MORGAN:

11 Q. When there were phone calls, would you  
12 schedule those or would they schedule them --

13 A. Occasionally, we would -- say, "Hey,  
14 Teddie, set up Brett to call -- set up -- make sure  
15 Brett can talk to Dr. Broun at 2:00," and I would  
16 maybe coordinate that but a lot of the times, I  
17 think Dr. Broun would call Brett himself without it  
18 being officially scheduled.

19 BY MR. SOLIS:

20 Q. Bryson asked you about Brett's role in  
21 assisting Congressman Broun in prepping for floor  
22 debates.

23 A. Um-hmm.

24 Q. You mentioned that one of the examples you

1 could think of was during appropriations season --

2 A. Yeah. So --

3 Q. Were there -- were there any other  
4 instances --

5 A. Yeah.

6 Q. -- you can think of where Brett assisted  
7 the Congressman --

8 A. And that was just kind of something 'cause  
9 we're going through that right now and I know  
10 that's something we've talking to Congressman Broun  
11 about --

12 Q. Okay.

13 A. -- now but you know, we would -- I think  
14 that was all in kind of the overall messaging and  
15 like making sure in the delivery of his kind of  
16 speeches of any sort. So floor speeches or floor  
17 debates or committee stuff 'cause we're chairman of  
18 the subcommittee and...

19 Q. But can you specifically recall any -- any  
20 other instance or any other issue involving floor  
21 debate preparation between --

22 A. Not specifically but I think that's  
23 probably because I wasn't in those conversations  
24 myself.

1 Q. Last question I had is, you know,  
2 concerning our review and the fact that we're here  
3 speaking with you, have you spoken to anybody on  
4 the congressional staff, Dr. Broun, Brett  
5 O'Donnell, anybody about the fact we'd be speaking  
6 to you today?

7 A. I mean, David, Christine and I talked about  
8 it yesterday, just to figure out what exactly --  
9 not to you know -- figure out what y'all were going  
10 to do. He explained to us who y'all were 'cause  
11 y'all are not the official, official Ethics  
12 Committee but y'all are outside Ethics Committee  
13 and so but I mean, we didn't talk about our stories  
14 and corroborate, you know, "Make sure not to say  
15 this," or anything.

16 Q. That's good. That's good.

17 A. That's not -- that's not right but he just  
18 kind of explained who y'all were and kind of what  
19 they were --

20 Q. Did you speak to Brett O'Donnell at all?

21 A. No. I haven't spoken to Brett since he  
22 left here I guess in March.

23 BY MR. MORGAN:

24 Q. Just one last question. You talked about

1 some instances Brett O'Donnell would help prepare  
2 for floor debates --

3 A. Um-hmm.

4 Q. As you were scheduling those, I want to  
5 show you a few calender items here 'cause sometimes  
6 on your calender items you would -- under the  
7 subject line, you would say "Debate prep."

8 A. Yeah.

9 Q. Lot of times -- if you're scheduling a  
10 session where you're going to go over committee  
11 back and forth or floor debates, would you refer to  
12 that as debate prep or would --

13 A. I don't recall. I mean, I -- like I'm sure  
14 if you look -- sometimes it's prep with Brett.  
15 Sometimes it's prep with Brett O'Donnell.  
16 Sometimes I just change up how I say things. I  
17 don't think that means anything specifically or --

18 Q. Okay.

19 A. -- or not specifically.

20 Q. A session to go over -- you know, a floor  
21 speech or a floor back and forth --

22 A. Um-hmm.

23 Q. -- would it be common for you to refer to  
24 that as debate?

1 A. That could be, yeah.

2 Q. Okay. Do any -- on any of those instances,  
3 those documents before you, do any of those -- do  
4 you recall -- being related to official activity?

5 A. I don't remember.

6 Q. Okay. All right. Well, I think we've  
7 asked all of our questions.

8 A. Okay.

9 Q. I think you have a general sense of what  
10 we're looking at --

11 A. Yeah.

12 Q. -- so given that, is there anything else  
13 you'd like to share with us? Anything you think we  
14 should know?

15 A. No, don't think so.

16 MR. MORGAN: All right. Well, then I think  
17 --

18 MS. [REDACTED]: Okay.

19 MR. MORGAN: -- that will end our  
20 interview. We'll stop the recording right now.

21 (END OF PROCEEDING)

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# **EXHIBIT 5**

**Bowser, David**

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**From:** Brett ODonnell [redacted@odacomunications.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 31, 2012 9:48 AM  
**To:** Bowser, David  
**Subject:** Re: Bachmann's Debate and Communications Coach

David,

Just confirming our meeting today at 4 pm at the NRCC. Should we meet in the lobby?

Thanks and looking forward to meeting the Congressman and you.

Brett

On May 23, 2012, at 9:10 AM, Bowser, David wrote:

> Brett,  
>  
> Appreciate your outreach. If you are available, can we setup an initial meeting with the Congressman, our Communications Director Meredith Griffanti, and myself on Thursday, May 31st from 4-5pm at the NRCC?

>  
> Thank you!  
> David

>  
> -----Original Message-----

> From: Brett ODonnell [redacted@odacomunications.com]  
> Sent: Tuesday, May 22, 2012 5:24 PM  
> To: Bowser, David  
> Subject: Bachmann's Debate and Communications Coach

>  
> David,

>  
> Michele Bachmann said that Representative Broun had asked about me in reference to improving his media interview performance. I would love to assist him in improving these skills. I currently do this kind of work for a couple of members, including Michele and Cathy McMorris Rodgers as well as others in and out of the political world. Let me know if you would like to talk about how I might assist the Congressman and you. I've attached my bio so you have some information on me.

>  
> Brett  
>  
> <BrettODonnell-Bio.pdf>

# **EXHIBIT 6**

**Norton, Teddie**

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**Subject:** Meeting w/ Brett O'Donnell, Bachmann's Debate Coach  
**Location:** NRCC

**Start:** Thu 5/31/2012 4:00 PM  
**End:** Thu 5/31/2012 5:00 PM  
**Show Time As:** Tentative

**Recurrence:** (none)

**Meeting Status:** Not yet responded

**Organizer:** Broun, Paul  
**Required Attendees:** Bowser, David; Griffanti, Meredith

# **EXHIBIT 7**

## Bowser, David

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**From:** Brett O'Donnell [redacted@odacomunications.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, June 01, 2012 5:20 PM  
**To:** [redacted]@aol.com  
**Cc:** Bowser, David; Griffanti, Meredith  
**Subject:** Proposal  
**Attachments:** Broun Proposal.doc; BrettO'Donnell-Bio.pdf

Dr. Broun, David and Meredith,

Thank you for meeting with me yesterday. I very much enjoyed meeting with each of you and learning about your vision for turning our country back to Judeo-Christian values. Attached is my proposal to assist you with that goal by helping you sharpen your communication skills. Please let me know if you have questions or concerns, and I would welcome the opportunity to meet again if you would like to discuss the proposal in more detail. I welcome the opportunity to serve you and your staff.

Brett O'Donnell

# **EXHIBIT 8**

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STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS

## Proposal

TO: Congressman Paul Broun

David Bowser

FROM: Brett O'Donnell

DATE: June 9, 2014

SUBJECT: Proposal for Communication/Media Assistance

Dr. Broun,

It was great speaking with you and your staff yesterday. Below is a proposal and description of the services I could provide to you in assisting with fine tuning your communication, public speaking and media interview skills. My expertise is in communication skills, message strategy and policy development, all areas I have worked on at the Presidential, Senate, and House levels. The method of media prep and the materials I provide are essential in preparing for media interviews and speeches as well as debates. Additionally, this proposal will cover assisting with messaging, and other strategic communication campaign or official activities, including specific media interview prep for each appearance as they are scheduled.

My experience with four presidential campaigns (Bush-Cheney 2004, McCain 2008, Bachmann 2012, and Romney 2012), numerous gubernatorial and senate campaigns, and evangelical leaders have prepared me to provide you with expert strategic communications, communication skills development, debate and messaging advice, speech writing, media presentation and interview skills necessary to assist in fine tuning and improving your skills and to prepare you for individual media appearances and speeches with attention given to both skill development and clear messaging.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with questions. I would eagerly welcome the opportunity to serve you and your staff as I share the Biblical values you wish to further through your service in the U.S. House of Representatives. If you find this proposal acceptable, I can provide you with a consulting agreement/contract. Additionally, I would welcome the opportunity to meet with you again to personally address any concerns.

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Proposal for Congressman Paul Broun

We believe that an effective communications strategy is the foundation of getting one recognized and developing potent advocacy for outstanding ideas. Our mission is to listen and understand your needs and what the essence of the client is, and then to develop communications strategies, including branding that ensure that the ideas, marketing or policies are clearly communicated and built around a comprehensive message strategy across a variety of platforms, including speeches, debates and media interviews. We go beyond the normal boundaries of a communications strategist to develop an organic communications strategy that continues to evolve with the challenges you face and that is adapted to the individual. Our goal isn't to build communications effectiveness for a day's worth of media coverage or one speech, but to develop strategies that will bring continued attention to you and your vision by reaching the appropriate audience through a variety of mediums, including speeches, debates and media appearances. We help you look for opportunities to communicate and anticipate and prepare you to defend your message through times of crisis through our whole messaging strategies. We can help you meet the entire range of communication challenges that you face in the fast paced and ever evolving cultural, political and media climate without compromising your integrity or vision. We'll also coordinate with your congressional and campaign staff to ensure messages delivered by broadcast, mail, print, or electronically are consistent, on target, and are best suited to your needs rather than consultant's or compromised for an audience.

Brett O'Donnell brings the experience of tested communication strategies from four presidential campaigns and has the experience necessary to prepare the candidate for success in formulating and delivering effective messages, responding to crisis, or participating political debates, joint appearances or discussion. In 2011-12 O'Donnell served as the Chief Strategist for the Bachmann for President Campaign and advised the Romney Campaign in Florida to help turnaround his debate performances there. In 2006-2008 O'Donnell served as the Director of Messaging for the John McCain Presidential Campaign. In 2004 O'Donnell served as an advisor to President Bush and the Bush-Cheney Campaign. O'Donnell has consulted on numerous gubernatorial and U.S. Senate races as well. He also served as the Director of Debate at Liberty University where his teams won eighteen national championships from 1993-2008.

What we offer:

**Our experience** in intercollegiate policy debate and communications combined with our extensive national and state political experience is leveraged in a way that leaves us well-positioned to identify the underlying interconnections and implications of diverse policy

initiatives, marketing opportunities or issue advocacy. We can then be uniquely effective at quickly translating our understanding into powerful, concise, and persuasive arguments that will bolster your support while undermining support for your opponents or competing ideas or organization. Our communications experience allow us to develop your communications competence through specifically adapted skills training that personalized to your strengths and weaknesses. Our combined decades of in-depth policy research experience place us in a position to utilize and fully exploit the entire spectrum of research tools, both electronic and traditional. In addition, our experience has equipped us to perform at the highest level even under intense time pressures, giving us a comparative advantage when it comes to quickly and effectively synthesizing large quantities of information gathered from a wide range of sources.

### **Our Services**

We can help the candidate meet the entire range of communication challenges they confront. Our strategies are particularly valuable in formulating and sharpening the communication and analytical tools that are the key to successful message strategy, debate and media performance and full exploitation of other "head-to-head" opportunities involving direct clash between the competing visions frequently debated in the political sphere.

#### **Media/Public Speaking/Debate Preparation**

With few exceptions, candidates for both national and state offices have shown anxiety or even disdain for political debates, speeches and media interviews. Political speeches and debates are a part of the modern American political fabric and continue to become more significant in each election cycle. Although some candidates believe that debates do not affect an election's outcome, there is ample evidence to suggest otherwise at both the national and state levels. In the 2012 Republican presidential cycle debates have been the determining factor in candidate support. The dramatic swing of the polls after the first presidential debate of 2004 was attributable in large measure to public perceptions of President Bush's performance in that debate. Even when a debate isn't widely televised, having the media declare your candidate a loser of a debate can negatively impact the character and competence evaluations made by the public. Beyond winning debates, proper debate preparation can dramatically sharpen a candidate's message, improve their general public speaking skills and prepare them for effective media presentations and interviews. Effective debate preparation can also improve the ability of the campaign staff to prepare and write effective policy briefs for the candidate and the media.

#### **Message Strategy and Media Preparation**

- Formulation of effective **message strategies** for the individual's activities and events by **listening** carefully to their needs and challenges, **analyzing** their audience, and **connecting** their message to that audience through a variety of mediums, particularly debates and interviews to meet their **goals and objectives**

- **Understanding** media strategies for media interviews and media debates
- Developing **effective communication skills** for successful media appearances/speeches and other communication events
- Development, assessment and consistent implementation of effective **branding** and messaging for each media forum
- Effective **Speechwriting** for special appearances
- **24/7** access to Brett O'Donnell for communications related consultation.
- **Preparation** for specific media appearances through providing thorough briefing materials, potential questions and thinking through appropriate responses for those questions
- **Comprehensive message strategy** in developing "campaigns" to advance the vision of the individual and organization

### **Debate Preparation**

- "Turn Key," comprehensive debate preparation
- Written Analysis of all candidates, including video/DVD samples
- Strategic planning for debates—rules, strategies, arguments, stylistics, scheduling and programming for effective debate preparation
- Policy analysis relative to debate preparation and argument crafting
- Formal debate training
- Format negotiation and analysis (**this area is extremely important in controlling the ground of the debate for the candidate—most campaigns do a poor job of thinking through format priorities and negotiating the formats for debates**)
- Training and assistance in preparing briefing books used for debate preparation
- Face-to-face preparation and practice with DVD recording provided for candidate evaluation
- Argument briefing, including tracking campaign themes to ensure consistency between debate prep and other campaign messages
- Evaluation and improvements for subsequent debates
- Cross-over to other head-to-head opportunities

### **Argument Consultation and Speechwriting**

- Argument strategies that account for the candidate's entire vision
- Message evaluation (argument style)
- Message and Speechwriting and preparation

### **Communications Plan for Representative Paul Broun**

In viewing video of your prior communication activities there are several areas of weakness that can be improved with my assistance. First, we will work on sharpening your message both in

terms of exactly what the constituents of that message are and how it is constructed through argument and in expression. Second, we will work on how that message gets communicated strategically (what contexts and audiences are addressed) and tactically (specific communication skills). Third, we will work on specific communication habits to build more effective communication practice, particularly in fluency, approaches to formulating messages (speeches, interviews, etc.), the difference between offensive and defensive arguments, argument construction and effective delivery of messages. Finally, we will deploy these strategies into live contexts with pre and post briefings and evaluations to encourage ongoing improvement of communication competence.

### **The Plan**

- 1) Begin weekly one hour meetings to work on identifying communication weaknesses and strengths.
- 2) Work on improving those identified weaknesses through practice and other activities to build increased communication competence in those weekly meetings.
- 3) Develop systematic approaches to formulating messages in specific contexts that allows the message to be effective in purpose and in connecting to audiences.
- 4) Work on how to approach preparing for media interviews both at the general and individually specific levels.
- 5) Work with your communications staff on assisting in preparing for media interviews, speeches and other communication activities and messaging opportunities.
- 6) Work on refining your message to increase its clarity and effectiveness.
- 7) Work on developing messaging for specific issues, speeches and media appearances.
- 8) Develop a communications plan that allows for preparation to produce effective outcomes and post appearance evaluation for continued improvement.

### **Our Capabilities**

1. Served as the Director of Messaging for the 2008 McCain-Palin Presidential Campaign in charge of debate preparation for all primary and general election debates, preparation for media appearances, crafting the overall message of the campaign, crafting responses to media and candidate attacks, and writing speeches for the candidate.
2. Chief Strategist for the Bachmann for President Campaign 2012
3. Served as consultant to the 2004 Bush-Cheney Campaign for debate preparation and message strategy.
4. Senior communications advisor to numerous gubernatorial and U.S. Senate campaigns.

5. My experience in intercollegiate policy debate is leveraged in a way that leaves me well-positioned to identify the underlying interconnections and implications of diverse communication challenges. I can then be uniquely effective at quickly translating that understanding into powerful, concise, and persuasive arguments that will bolster a ministry's support while effectively responding to charges that might pose a serious risk to its reputation and integrity.
6. My experience of in-depth policy research experience places me in a position to utilize and fully exploit the entire spectrum of research tools, both electronic and traditional to monitor potential threats and communication crisis and to make sound decisions about the appropriate response or if a response is warranted. In addition, my experience has equipped me to perform at the highest level even under intense time pressures, giving me a comparative advantage when it comes to quickly and effectively synthesizing large quantities of information gathered from a wide range of sources.
7. Access to media capabilities for production of high quality films and other media to enhance messaging campaigns.
8. An extensive array of media and government contacts for access to communicating messages and monitoring potential attacks from both the media and government policy.
9. Assessment of your organization's internal communication activities to improve effectiveness of your ministries internal communications activities.

### **The Value of Our Services**

I understand the "political" functioning and sensitivities of message opportunities for members of congress and also the impact affirmative and response communications has. Message and response strategies that reflect internal consistency are particularly valuable for any candidate that seeks to espouse a coherent philosophy, values or vision through its various activities. Our communication approach incorporates consistent themes across multiple issues to protect the overall brand and maintain consistency in messaging. In other words, we don't just think about the individual opportunity or crisis, but also think about the context of the message we develop. Development of integrated underlying themes also provides the crucial foundation for advancing your message, for creating effective responses, and for defenses against attacks.

Additionally, the experience I bring enhances your message by providing comprehensive communications strategies that incorporate the production of materials that will comprehensibly support the its important work and vision.

### **Our Approach**

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We can assist you in confronting the entire range of communication challenges with which you are faced. Our strategies are particularly valuable in formulating and sharpening the analytical tools that are the key to successful media performances, effective communication and message strategies and in responding to the barrage of attacks from a variety of sources that are inevitable in modern political contexts. We focus on creating "holistic" communication and argument strategies in both crafting an affirmative message and in responding to attacks or managing crises, meaning simply strategies that result in an internally coherent positive message. Given the pace at which communication events and the news cycle now unfold because of the cables, internet and blogosphere, many communicators understandably overlook opportunities to create positive communication themes that bind together their various initiatives or fail to realize the substantial damage that can be quickly created over a long-period of time because of the failure to effectively respond to attacks. My connections to key media sources allow me to effectively push back, counter or even prevent negative media coverage and to understand how to construct an effective media strategy to further the mission of your message.

Investment in integrated communication strategies both affirmatively crafting message strategy and in responding to attacks will pay dividends for you as we bring an understanding of how to deploy an effective response that can turn a potentially damaging situation into an opportunity to further communicate your affirmative message. I function under the principle that the best defense is a good offense: be prepared, particularly in debates or national media interviews.

### Fees

My fees are negotiable based on the time expected for my services. I usually work on a monthly retainer. I would suggest a fee of 2,500.00 (plus expenses) for a monthly retainer.

### Here is what others are saying about O'Donnell:

"But having Brett O'Donnell aboard for debate prep is going to raise the level of anyone's game, because Brett is simply the best in the business." **Mark McKinnon**, Global Vice Chair, Hill and Knowlton Strategies and Media Advisor to President Bush (*Business Week*, February 1, 2012)

"But O'Donnell may be the most potent force on Bachmann's presidential campaign. His job description is debate coach. But he's more accurately described as the candidate whisperer, because that's what he does all day...He is known in the industry for working with the natural abilities of his clients rather than doing what too many consultants try to do, which is to make a candidate into something he or she is not." (*Washington Post*, September 21, 2011)

"I'm a big fan of Brett's. If candidates ask me about him for 2008, I'm going to recommend him." **Ken Mehlman**, Chairman, Republican Party (*New York Times*, March 19, 2006)

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"The guy has great chops. He knows more about presidential debates than anyone I've ever talked to." **Mark McKinnon**, Global Vice Chair, Hill and Knowlton Strategies and Media Advisor to President Bush (*New York Times*, March 19, 2006)

"Politicians without debate experience often find themselves at a disadvantage when elections approach, so some call in the experts. Republicans count on Brett O'Donnell, the former Liberty University debate coach who has helped candidates George W. Bush, John McCain, and Sarah Palin prep for national debates." (*Washingtonian Magazine*, November 2009)

### Awards and Recognition

- Number one on GQ's Weekly DC Power list (January 27, 2012)
- Twice Selected as one of the "Five Most Important People In American Politics Not Running for President" in 2008 by Mark Halprin  
(<http://thepage.time.com/halperin%E2%80%99s-take-the-five-most-important-people-in-american-politics-not-running-for-president-4/>)
- Numerous articles recognizing skills in communications in the New York Times, Washington Post, Newsweek, Slate, CBS News and other media outlets
- Part of Harvard University's Kennedy School 2012 Project on Political Debate Reform
- Guest on Comedy Central's, *The Colbert Report* (February 2006)
- Guest Lecturer at the Institute of Politics, Harvard University, Fall, 2006
- Guest Lecturer at the LBJ School of Government, University of Texas, Spring 2006
- Participant in 2008 Presidential Campaign Preview Program, Harvard Institute of Politics, February 2007
- National Debate Tournament Keele Intercollegiate Debate Coach of the Year, 1996

### Read more about Brett O'Donnell's experience:

<http://www.npr.org/2012/01/31/146159671/behind-the-man-who-revamped-romneys-stage-presence>

[http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/g/a/2012/02/01/bloomberg\\_articlesLYKQ970YHQ0X01-LYLC6.DTL](http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/g/a/2012/02/01/bloomberg_articlesLYKQ970YHQ0X01-LYLC6.DTL)

<http://www.businessweek.com/news/2012-02-01/romney-debate-coach-s-chops-credited-as-potential-game-changer.html>

<http://www.npr.org/blogs/itsallpolitics/2012/01/31/146168030/and-tonights-mvp-award-goes-to-mitt-romneys-debate-coach>

<http://politics.gather.com/viewArticle.action?articleId=281474981075167>

<http://www.wset.com/story/16619489/romneys-new-debate-coach>

<http://www.gq.com/news-politics/blogs/death-race/2012/01/the-weekly-dc-power-list.html>

<http://www.nytimes.com/2006/03/19/magazine/319debate.html?ex=1300424400&en=3b97235c914a4b29&ei=5090&partner=rssuserland&emc=rss>

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[http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20060407/ap\\_on\\_re\\_us/falwell\\_s\\_debate\\_team](http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20060407/ap_on_re_us/falwell_s_debate_team)

[http://blogs.washingtonpost.com/racatorichmond/2005/07/a\\_coach\\_for\\_kil.html](http://blogs.washingtonpost.com/racatorichmond/2005/07/a_coach_for_kil.html)

<http://thepage.time.com/halperin%E2%80%99s-take-the-five-most-important-people-in-american-politics-not-running-for-president-4/>

<http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/11078887/site/newsweek/>

<http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2006/03/17/eveningnews/main1419302.shtml>

# **EXHIBIT 9**

**Bowser, David**

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**From:** [REDACTED]@odacomunications.com  
**Sent:** Friday, June 08, 2012 11:55 AM  
**To:** Bowser, David  
**Cc:** Norton, Teddie; Griffanti, Meredith  
**Subject:** RE: Congressman Broun

Thank you. See you then.

Brett

----- Original Message -----

**Subject:** Re: Congressman Broun  
**From:** "Bowser, David" [REDACTED]@mail.house.gov>  
**Date:** Fri, June 08, 2012 11:53 am  
**To:** "[REDACTED]@odacomunications.com" <[REDACTED]@odacomunications.com>  
**Cc:** "Norton, Teddie" <[REDACTED]@mail.house.gov>, "Griffanti, Meredith" <[REDACTED]@mail.house.gov>

Yes, that's great! Our office, 325 Cannon.

Thanks!  
David

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**From:** Brett O'Donnell [REDACTED]@odacomunications.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, June 08, 2012 11:51 AM  
**To:** Bowser, David  
**Cc:** Norton, Teddie; Griffanti, Meredith  
**Subject:** Re: Congressman Broun

Would 2:15 pm work? I can make that work and would give us 45 minutes

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 8, 2012, at 11:36 AM, "Bowser, David" <[REDACTED]@mail.house.gov> wrote:

Appreciate the reply Brett...we have a 3 pm meeting with Eric Cantor and a 4 pm radio interview, given those two commitments, what would work best for you?

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**From:** Brett O'Donnell [REDACTED]@odacomunications.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, June 08, 2012 11:28 AM  
**To:** Bowser, David  
**Cc:** Norton, Teddie; Griffanti, Meredith  
**Subject:** Re: Congressman Broun  
**Importance:** High

No worries. I am available at 2:30pm and after. I'd prefer to meet as early as possible as I'm headed out of town.

Thanks

Brett

On Jun 8, 2012, at 11:09 AM, Bowser, David wrote:

Brett,

Hope you are well, I just left you a vm on this as well...Congressman Broun would like to know if you would have time to meet this afternoon? I apologize for the short notice.

Thanks!

David

(202) 225- [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] cell

# **EXHIBIT 10**

**Norton, Teddie**

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**Subject:** Meeting w/ Brett O'Donnell  
**Location:** 325  
**Start:** Fri 6/8/2012 2:15 PM  
**End:** Fri 6/8/2012 3:00 PM  
**Recurrence:** (none)  
**Meeting Status:** Meeting organizer  
**Organizer:** Broun, Paul  
**Required Attendees:** Griffanti, Meredith; Bowser, David  
**Categories:** Press

# **EXHIBIT 11**

## **TRANSCRIPT OF INTERVIEW OF REPRESENTATIVE BROUN'S COMMUNICATIONS ADVISER**

1           MR. MORGAN: Speaking is Bryson Morgan,  
2 Investigative Counsel with the Office of  
3 Congressional Ethics. I'm joined by Paul Solis,  
4 Investigative Counsel with the Office of  
5 Congressional Ethics, and we are here with [REDACTED]  
6 [REDACTED] on June 23rd, 2014.

7 BY MR. MORGAN:

8           Q. And Mr. [REDACTED], we -- we covered the  
9 application of the False Statements Act to this  
10 interview. So I think we'll go ahead and begin  
11 with our questions. First, we'd like to ask you  
12 some general background information, so we'll begin  
13 there. How are you currently employed?

14          A. I'm self employed with O'Donnell and  
15 Associates, which is a communications consulting  
16 firm.

17          Q. What types of services does your firm  
18 provide?

19          A. Range of communication services to both  
20 corporate, non-profit and political clients.

21          Q. You said you provide services to political  
22 clients?

23          A. And corporate and non-profit.

24          Q. And non-profit. On the -- on the political

1 side, do you provide services to both state and  
2 federal political clients?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. When you say political clients --

5 A. Or elected officials.

6 Q. -- what do you mean? Elected officials?

7 A. Elected offices or candidates for public  
8 office.

9 Q. Okay. Approximately how many political  
10 clients does your firm have at this time?

11 A. I'm not going to reveal that --

12 Q. Okay. Do you have --

13 A. I've had multiple clients.

14 Q. Multiple clients?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Okay. More than one?

17 A. Yeah.

18 Q. And you have clients at both the federal  
19 and state level --

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. -- local -- local level as well?

22 A. No.

23 Q. Okay. Do some of your current clients  
24 include election campaigns?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. Okay. Are some of those election campaigns  
3 federal election campaigns?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. Okay. And are you paid for the services  
6 you provide to those federal election campaigns?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. Have you ever provided these communication  
9 type services or the types of services you provide  
10 to federal elections on a volunteer basis?

11 A. I have.

12 Q. On how many occasions would you say you've  
13 done that?

14 A. Multiple occasions.

15 Q. Have you ever provided volunteer -- those  
16 types of volunteer services to Representative Paul  
17 Broun's political campaigns?

18 A. I have.

19 Q. When did you do that?

20 A. This part year, both in 2014 and some in  
21 2013.

22 Q. And what about in 2012?

23 A. Um, you know what? I don't remember. I  
24 think we may have talked about he -- his House

1 debate for like 10 -- you know, off -- out of the  
2 context of my work with him but I don't believe I  
3 did provide anything in 2012.

4 Q. When did you first become acquainted with  
5 Representative Broun?

6 A. Okay. You got the email and I should've  
7 looked at the date again, but it was in 2012. His  
8 chief of staff reached out to me and asked if I  
9 would submit a proposal to provide communication  
10 services to the Congressman, something that I've  
11 done for other members of Congress as well.

12 Q. I think I do have a few documents I want to  
13 show you that may reflect that. Show you this  
14 document which is PBTN0005.

15 A. Yeah, yeah. So it was -- I think we  
16 started like in the summer of 2012.

17 Q. Other document I want to show you is PBT --  
18 DB120 through 130. This first document I showed  
19 you number PBTN05 is -- appears to be a calendar  
20 item from Thursday, May 31st, 2012. The subject is  
21 "Meeting with [REDACTED], Bachmann's debate  
22 coach, attending David Bowser, Meredith Griffanti  
23 and organized by Paul Broun," and then the second  
24 document I showed you, PBDB120 through 130 is an

1 email from you it appears --

2 A. Um-hmm.

3 Q. -- to [REDACTED] and that email address, it  
4 appears belong to Representative Broun, CC-ing  
5 David Bowser and Meredith Griffanti in which you  
6 write, "Thank you for meeting with me yesterday,"  
7 and then skipping a sentence, "Attached is my  
8 proposal to assist you with that goal by helping  
9 you sharpen your communication skills," and then  
10 there is a proposal attached to that email.

11 A. Right.

12 Q. What -- that May 31st, 2012 meeting, do you  
13 recall that meeting?

14 A. I recall we actually had, I think a couple  
15 of meetings --

16 Q. Okay.

17 A. -- at the NRCC where we just sort of met  
18 initially and then I submitted this proposal and  
19 then we met again to discuss it. So I believe --

20 Q. Okay.

21 A. -- that's correct.

22 Q. Do you recall who was in that meeting?

23 A. I think Meredith and David and Dr. Broun.

24 Q. And what was discussed?

1       A.    Assisting him in doing better with media  
2 interviews, speeches, things related to this  
3 official duties as a Congressman, floor speeches.

4       Q.    Okay.

5       A.    The proposal I submitted is kind of a  
6 boilerplate.  You know, it lists all of the range  
7 of services and then they can pick what they want.  
8 So it's not -- you know, it's not a "Here's  
9 everything I will deliver."  It's "What I could  
10 deliver."

11      Q.    So this proposal was not customized for  
12 Representative Broun?

13      A.    Not very much.  Un-uh, no.  Most of it is  
14 standard language that I use in most of my  
15 proposals for you know, elected officials or -- or  
16 candidates, so.

17      Q.    It's the same proposal you use for both  
18 elected officials and candidates?

19      A.    Um-hmm.

20      Q.    During that meeting, that May 31st meeting  
21 or the second meeting that you recalled --

22      A.    Yeah.

23      Q.    -- did you discuss Representative Broun's  
24 campaign --

1 A. Not at all --

2 Q. -- campaigns?

3 A. I had no idea that he was even considering  
4 running for the Senate when I met with him in 2012.

5 Q. Did you discuss his 2012 congressional  
6 campaign?

7 A. Not at all.

8 Q. I will note that the proposal does include  
9 -- first paragraph of it, "The method of media prep  
10 and the materials I provide are essential in  
11 preparing for media interviews and speeches as well  
12 as debates." Debates are mentioned throughout.

13 A. Yeah --

14 Q. On page three, there's a section on media  
15 public speaking debate preparation. Page four,  
16 several bullet points under debate preparation.

17 A. Right, right. And I would point out that  
18 in their official activities, members of Congress  
19 do debate. That's what they do on the floor of the  
20 House.

21 Q. So when you're --

22 A. The debate bills, things like that.

23 Q. -- proposal referencing debates here,  
24 you're --

1 A. It can either --

2 Q. -- referencing it?

3 A. -- either candidate debates or official  
4 debates.

5 Q. Okay. So on page four, where it says  
6 "Debate preparation," this is referring to both  
7 candidate debates and --

8 A. Some of those bullets --

9 Q. -- floor debates?

10 A. -- can refer to official debates. Sure,  
11 absolutely. Some of them do refer to candidate  
12 debates as well -- refers to both.

13 Q. But in your meetings --

14 A. It was not discussed in terms --

15 Q. -- campaign debates were not discussed?

16 A. Not at all.

17 Q. You have any idea why the subject of the  
18 meeting on the 31st would've been identified as  
19 "Meeting with [REDACTED], Bachmann's debate  
20 coach"?

21 A. Um.

22 Q. That didn't refer to any -- any subject  
23 matter to be discussed?

24 A. Just it was an identifying feature, who I

1 was.

2 Q. Okay.

3 BY MR. SOLIS:

4 Q. When Representative Broun's chief of staff  
5 reached out to you in 2012 to kind of get the  
6 discussions started --

7 A. Um-hmm.

8 Q. -- about bringing you on, did you talk  
9 about debate issues with the campaign or --  
10 candidacy for --

11 A. Not at all.

12 Q. -- office at all?

13 A. No. His -- his reach was specifically  
14 targeted to Dr. Broun doing better with media  
15 interviews, doing better with floor speeches, doing  
16 better with his official duties.

17 BY MR. MORGAN:

18 Q. Want to show you now document identified as  
19 PBDB114. This is an email from you to David  
20 Bowser. The subject is, "Consulting agreement,"  
21 sent on Tuesday, June 19, 2012. You write, "Hi  
22 David. Attached is my consulting agreement. I  
23 wasn't sure that you settled on how I would be  
24 paid, so I left the address blank," and then

1 attached to that is a consulting agreement. Is --

2 A. And this is kind of a boilerplate  
3 consulting agreement that I use.

4 Q. This is a boilerplate consulting agreement?

5 A. Yeah.

6 Q. What was -- was there a discussion in those  
7 meetings of how you would be paid?

8 A. Not in the first couple of meetings, and  
9 David had kind of just left it open. So that's why  
10 it's referenced in that email.

11 Q. Was there a discussion of options for how  
12 you would be paid?

13 A. We had talked about either through the  
14 official office or through the campaign, depending  
15 on what it was they wanted but it seemed like they  
16 wanted, you know, official duty stuff, so.

17 Q. Okay. So there was a discussion of -- of  
18 perhaps paying you from the campaign?

19 A. I just gave them a range of how people pay  
20 me --

21 Q. Okay.

22 A. -- so that was where that left and then  
23 David was the one who settled on, "This is how  
24 we're going to pay you 'cause this is what we

1 want."

2 Q. Is -- is how you are paid something that  
3 you typically have a lot of input --

4 A. No.

5 Q. -- in?

6 A. Un-uh. No, no, no. I just told him. He  
7 asked me how people pay me, and I asked -- and I  
8 answered that question.

9 Q. And the way you answered is...

10 A. Some people pay through the campaign, some  
11 people pay through their offices, depending on what  
12 they want done.

13 Q. So you said this is boilerplate. Does this  
14 consulting agreement accurately describe the  
15 services you were to provide Representative Broun?

16 A. Yeah, I think it did actually: Public  
17 speaking, debate, message media, strategy, media  
18 interview preparation.

19 Q. It appears that a -- this agreement lasted  
20 for a short period --

21 A. Yeah.

22 Q. -- and then a new agreement was entered  
23 into --

24 A. Correct, which is essentially the same --

1 Q. -- about September of 2012?

2 A. The terms are just changed.

3 Q. And then again in believe in January 2013?

4 A. Yeah.

5 Q. And -- and it appears that the relationship  
6 maybe extended month to month thereon?

7 A. Right, right, exactly.

8 Q. The monthly retainer being \$2500 from --  
9 from that point forward I believe --

10 A. Correct.

11 Q. When did your consulting agreement with  
12 Representative Broun end?

13 A. Let's see. In March of this year -- March  
14 of 2014.

15 Q. Why did it end?

16 A. We just mutually agreed that he no longer  
17 needed my services.

18 BY MR. SOLIS:

19 Q. Why did he no longer need your services?

20 A. I mean, what I do is instruction and then  
21 you know, I teach them based on specific interviews  
22 how to approach things and both of us agreed that  
23 he had sort of gotten the max out of what -- what I  
24 provide.

1 BY MORGAN:

2 Q. I want to ask you some questions about your  
3 interactions with and you work for Representative  
4 Broun's congressional office.

5 A. Um-hmm.

6 Q. How would you describe your role in  
7 Representative Broun's congressional office?

8 A. As a consultant, both as an instructor in  
9 terms of teaching him communication skills at a  
10 general level in terms of media interview, prep  
11 messaging, floor speeches, both delivery and  
12 substance and then I'd be consulted on to help  
13 write floor speeches or to prep him for specific  
14 interviews, or if he was doing a, you know, tell --  
15 town hall that he would do frequently to speak to  
16 his district, I'd prep him for those, so.

17 Q. Okay. How frequently were you in  
18 communication with the Congressional Office?

19 A. I met with him once a week.

20 Q. Okay. I think we saw some reference to  
21 weekly sessions?

22 A. Yeah. So I met with him once a week, but  
23 you know, we didn't have -- his communications  
24 person would maybe call me every now and then or

1 email me or you know, and I've provided most of  
2 those emails or all of those emails actually --

3 Q. Okay.

4 A. -- and he would -- he would not contact me  
5 outside of those meetings.

6 Q. Okay. Who in the Congressional Office did  
7 you interact with?

8 A. Um, David Bowser, Meredith --

9 Q. Griffanti?

10 A. -- and then -- Griffanti and then when his  
11 communications director changed, Christine Hardman  
12 and then Teddie Norton just to schedule times.

13 Q. Okay. So I want to break that down a  
14 little bit the type -- the types of things --

15 A. Sure.

16 Q. -- you did for Representative Broun. These  
17 weekly sessions, what -- what was done in the  
18 weekly sessions?

19 A. It would vary. Initially, it was sort of  
20 generic, "Here's some communication principles you  
21 need to start," based on evaluation of tapes of  
22 him, former interviews, things like that. So it  
23 would vary from week to week, but most of the time  
24 it would be evaluating media that he had done,

1 talking about how to improve and then if he had  
2 interviews upcoming, prepping him for those or if  
3 he was doing official speeches or floor speeches,  
4 things like that, prepping for that and then giving  
5 advice on -- on how to message on some of his  
6 positions.

7 For instance, you know, one of his big  
8 pieces of legislation is his Patient Option Act,  
9 talking about how to message around that or  
10 different things, different votes that he was going  
11 to be taking, how to message those.

12 Q. How to message around those?

13 A. Yeah. And -- and then on the side, working  
14 with his communications team to help them as they  
15 wrote op-eds or releases from the office, those  
16 things too.

17 Q. When you say prepping, what -- what is  
18 generally involved in -- in preparing for a speech  
19 or for a media appearance?

20 A. Well, they're different.

21 Q. Okay.

22 A. I mean, the speech, it's writing the speech  
23 and then talking, you know, going back and forth on  
24 what he wants in it, what he doesn't want in it and

1 --

2 Q. Were you involved in -- in writing speeches  
3 then?

4 A. Um-hmm.

5 Q. Would you -- what was your role? Would you  
6 do a first draft?

7 A. It depended. Sometimes Meredith or  
8 Christine would write the initial draft and then I  
9 would look at it and edit it, or sometimes I'd  
10 write the initial draft and we'd go back and forth  
11 in the session and work on -- work on the final  
12 details for it and then media interviews, it's  
13 just, you know, thinking through the potential  
14 questions he'd get asked in the media interviews  
15 and what the message would be for those interviews  
16 and how to answer questions.

17 Q. Show you a document here. This is PBTN...  
18 Take your time to review this series of email  
19 exchanges between you and Meredith Griffanti. The  
20 question I have is it appears to us that some of  
21 these weekly sessions were held in the  
22 Congressional Office, and on occasion, they were  
23 held at the NRCC. Is that correct?

24 A. Yeah. And I -- I -- you know, initially, I

1 think it was just convenience, if he was going to  
2 be making calls or stuff like that, so.

3 Q. Okay.

4 A. I don't think there was any.

5 Q. So here, at the top of page one, Meredith  
6 Griffanti writes to Teddie Norton and David Bowser,  
7 "We could just have it be official today and do  
8 NRCC stuff next week." Was there -- if you were  
9 discussing official matters, would you meet in the  
10 Congressional Office? If you were discussing  
11 campaign or political matters, would you meet in  
12 the NRCC?

13 A. Yeah. And we very rarely discussed  
14 campaign matters. So we very rarely met at the  
15 NRCC. We met there a couple of times in the  
16 beginning. I think we met there -- like I said one  
17 time we may have talked about debate stuff, and so  
18 he wanted to meet there and asked me if I would  
19 just give him a few tips about an upcoming debate  
20 and then sometimes I -- you know, but I -- very  
21 rarely did we meet there. Most of the time, we met  
22 in his office.

23 BY MR. SOLIS:

24 Q. When you say an upcoming debate, do you

1 mean?

2 A. When -- when he was running for Congress.  
3 I think he said, "You know, hey, I've got a debate  
4 coming up. Will you give me a couple of tips," and  
5 I never went to Georgia or anything like that. I  
6 went -- I went to Georgia one time. That was last  
7 year but --

8 MR. MORGAN: Think we'll ask you some  
9 questions about that.

10 MR. [REDACTED]: But -- but -- yeah, at any  
11 rate, it was just -- you know, "Will you give me a  
12 couple of pointers?" So.

13 BY MR. SOLIS:

14 Q. And you mentioned it was on convenience,  
15 the office you would select at times?

16 A. I think sometimes. I think it was based  
17 on, you know, if he was making calls or whatever --  
18 would I meet him there as opposed to his  
19 congressional office.

20 Q. And by calls, you mean fund raising calls?

21 A. I think.

22 BY MR. MORGAN:

23 Q. Show you an email. This is from your  
24 document productions, BOD155. This is an email

1 from Christine Hardman to you August 11, 2013 in  
2 response to an email you sent on August 11. At the  
3 bottom of the page there in which you -- you say,  
4 "Christine, please send me media interviews on Dr.  
5 Broun's schedule for this week, also, any other  
6 events -- need to discuss on the call tomorrow  
7 morning and also, send clips from media done in the  
8 past week," and then her response includes a list  
9 of several different events and speeches, town  
10 hall. Was this typical --

11 A. Yeah --

12 Q. Were you given a list of upcoming  
13 appearances --

14 A. Yeah, absolutely.

15 Q. -- in your weekly session or it appears  
16 sometimes that that session took place over the  
17 phone?

18 A. Yeah. Sometimes, it was via phone.

19 Q. And then would you also -- so in those  
20 sessions, you would discuss the upcoming events and  
21 do preparation for those specific events? Is that  
22 correct?

23 A. Yeah. And evaluate past media which is  
24 exactly what I asked for.

1 Q. Okay. You mentioned speeches that  
2 Representative Broun gave in his official capacity.

3 A. Um-hmm.

4 Q. You sometimes edited those. Sometimes  
5 you'd write them. You mentioned Dr. Broun's Option  
6 Act. Do you recall if you drafted a speech for Dr.  
7 Broun on that?

8 A. I think I drafted a couple of floor  
9 speeches on that and an op-ed actually but I don't  
10 remember the -- I mean, he -- that's been his big  
11 thing, so there were several things that we -- we  
12 did interviews around that, so.

13 BY MR. SOLIS:

14 Q. Do you know what op-ed -- what newspaper  
15 that appeared in?

16 A. I don't. I do think it was -- think it  
17 might've been Wall Street Journal or something like  
18 that but it was -- it was a relatively big  
19 placement.

20 BY MR. MORGAN:

21 Q. Show you this document here. This is  
22 PBDB170.

23 A. Um-hmm.

24 Q. Take your time to look at that. What I

1 want to ask you about is the email, the second half  
2 of this first page from David Bowser to Teddie  
3 Norton, Gov Bob, you and Christine Hardman in which  
4 he -- he asked -- second line of that email,  
5 "██████████, do we have an updated five minute on big  
6 government spending?" You, you know, respond 40  
7 minutes later writing, "I'll get something done by  
8 late tonight/early in the morning."

9 A. Yeah.

10 Q. Do you recall -- is that another speech --

11 A. It's like a five minute, you know, the one  
12 minute, five minute speeches that they give on the  
13 floor of the House, absolutely.

14 Q. Okay. Do you recall drafting a floor  
15 speech that Dr. Broun gave shortly after visiting a  
16 VA hospital to discuss a speech in which he  
17 discussed veterans' issues?

18 A. No, I do not actually, but that doesn't  
19 mean, I didn't. I write a lot of speeches.

20 Q. Would you draft talking points --

21 A. Sure.

22 Q. -- for Representative Broun as well to be  
23 --

24 A. Yeah.

1 Q. -- used either by him or perhaps at press  
2 releases?

3 A. Yep, absolutely.

4 Q. Do you recall any specific instances of  
5 that?

6 A. Truckload of them. I mean, pretty much if  
7 he was doing radio, we would draft talking points.  
8 Meredith and I would go back and forth on those.  
9 There were many, many times where we drafted  
10 talking points for media interviews that he was  
11 doing.

12 BY MR. SOLIS:

13 Q. Concerning?

14 A. That was a regular occurrence. What's  
15 that?

16 Q. Concerning his official duties?

17 A. Sure, yeah.

18 BY MR. MORGAN:

19 Q. Do you recall -- let me show you one  
20 document. This is PBDB151.

21 A. Yeah.

22 Q. This appears to be some talking points you  
23 drafted for David Bowser on the FAA?

24 A. Yeah. This was in the middle of the

1 sequester and you know, it was stuff that he could  
2 use in media interviews or even on the floor  
3 talking about this issue, absolutely.

4 Q. So was this -- was this typical for you to  
5 do --

6 A. Yeah.

7 Q. -- draft talking points?

8 A. Absolutely.

9 Q. How many -- how many times during your  
10 consulting agreement do you believe you did --

11 A. Oh my gosh --

12 Q. -- did work like this?

13 A. It took -- for me to venture a guess, would  
14 be inaccurate because --

15 Q. Would it be on a weekly basis?

16 A. Oh, maybe not on a weekly basis but on a  
17 regular basis I would say.

18 Q. More than once a month?

19 A. Yeah, absolutely. Sometimes it was more  
20 than once a week if there were big issues going  
21 through Congress that he needed help with.

22 Q. What -- what big issues do you recall?

23 A. Well, sequester for sure. We -- we did  
24 several things through the period of sequester,

1 shut down. I mean, he was out in front talking  
2 about that a good bit. Definitely, the healthcare  
3 debate and that was ongoing. So, you know, there  
4 were multiple things that came up during the  
5 healthcare debate that called for different talking  
6 points, whether it was when he was re-introducing  
7 the Patient Option Act or if there was something  
8 happening like the shutdown or some other bill.  
9 Congress has taken up -- the House has taken up  
10 Obamacare many, many times.

11 Q. Um-hmm.

12 A. So through -- and -- and each one of those  
13 times, I might've drafted some talking points based  
14 on the specific goals -- going to be taken.

15 Q. Do you recall doing any work on  
16 Representative Broun's continuing resolution vote?

17 A. Not specifically, but I'm sure I did.

18 Q. What about gun rights issues --

19 A. Yeah.

20 Q. -- universal background checks --

21 A. Yeah.

22 Q. -- do you recall --

23 A. Yeah, yeah, absolutely.

24 Q. -- that being a major issue?

1 A. Yeah.

2 Q. Were you -- I think you may have mentioned  
3 this but can you give me a sense of what extent you  
4 were involved in discussions of communication  
5 strategy, if you were involved in those? Were you  
6 involved in those types of discussions?

7 A. Yeah. I would talk to Meredith and  
8 Christine about what media we wanted to do and even  
9 helped them from time to time reach out to  
10 different folks. Yeah, I was -- and then what we  
11 wanted to say in that -- in those interviews. I  
12 was reasonably integrated into that process.

13 Q. Were you involved in legislative strategy,  
14 discussions of legislative strategy?

15 A. Only as it related to the communication  
16 side. You know, Dr. Broun worked with his policy  
17 -- policy folks and to be honest with you, I have  
18 seen them but I couldn't even tell you their names.  
19 I remember Austin who was in that office, but you  
20 know, I never really did anything with the policy  
21 folks. So he would usually meet with them  
22 separately and he's -- you know, he's -- he doesn't  
23 change his positions based on communications. He  
24 wants to develop the communication strategy off of

1 his positions.

2 Q. Did you ever provide any training to the  
3 congressional staff?

4 A. To -- Meredith and Christine went through  
5 the training that I gave Dr. Broun initially with  
6 me. I have like a message video that I show them  
7 and -- and they sort of went through how I approach  
8 prepping a candidate for interviews. So both of  
9 them were trained, yeah.

10 BY MR. SOLIS:

11 Q. How many times that occurred, just the one  
12 time?

13 A. No, no. There -- you know, I mean, there  
14 were lots of times where I would -- especially at  
15 the beginning when I was working with Dr. Broun,  
16 pulled Meredith aside and say, "Here's, you know,  
17 how I'm thinking through this. Here's how you want  
18 him to think through it." So it -- it might not  
19 have been like, "Okay, today, we're going to do a  
20 training session for Meredith." It may have been  
21 -- now, when I first took Dr. Broun through my  
22 initial training, she sat in through all of that.  
23 So there were probably four or five sessions that  
24 she sat in on where it was just sort of generic,

1 "Here's how you approach media interviews. Here's  
2 how you approach speeches."

3 Q. Did he ask her -- for you to train her?

4 A. I think so, yeah, yeah.

5 Well, I volunteered actually. I mean, I  
6 think that's healthy, so that the communications  
7 staff eventually takes over for doing this. The  
8 goal is to do the training, be with them for awhile  
9 and -- and then watch them grow and then have a  
10 communications staff take over and be able to do it  
11 without me.

12 BY MR. MORGAN:

13 Q. The training -- this initial training you  
14 give you said was four to five sessions?

15 A. Probably so, yeah.

16 Q. Were those with Meredith separately or --

17 A. No, no. Meredith --

18 Q. -- were you giving it to Dr. Broun --

19 A. -- would've been --

20 Q. -- and then she was present?

21 A. Yeah, she was present. Yeah.

22 Q. Okay. What about with Christine?

23 A. Um, well, since they -- you know, they  
24 changed in the middle. I kind of talked to

1 Christine on the side, just told her how I approach  
2 media interviews.

3 Q. Did she go through those four to five  
4 sessions?

5 A. No, no.

6 Q. All right. Now want to talk a little bit  
7 about your role with Representative Broun's  
8 congressional campaigns. Show you a document here.  
9 This is BOD00234. This is an email from David  
10 Bowser to several individuals including yourself  
11 where he writes, "Good afternoon, Team Broun. Just  
12 wanted to do a quick intro of two additions brought  
13 on today by Dr. Broun to our political efforts."  
14 He introduces those two people and then he says by  
15 way of introductions to everyone involved and then  
16 lists each person who's involved in the political  
17 efforts and -- and a short statement of what they  
18 do --

19 A. Um-hmm.

20 Q. -- and at the bottom of that page it  
21 says, "[REDACTED] is Congressman's Broun's  
22 messaging consultant and media prep advisor."

23 A. Yeah.

24 Q. Does that accurately describe your role

1 with his campaigns?

2 A. Yeah, I think so. Well, not -- with his  
3 campaigns? No, I had no official role with his  
4 campaign.

5 Q. So this is December 19 of 2012.

6 A. Yeah. I mean, I --

7 Q. So this is referring to his 2000 -- his  
8 senate run, 2013 --

9 A. Well, I think -- yeah. And I think what he  
10 is doing is introducing everyone who's on his team  
11 and the way I take this is, you know, I mean, you  
12 can't have a guy going out in a campaign and doing  
13 exactly opposite of what he's doing on his official  
14 side. They're not two people. They're the same  
15 person, and so I think he's just introducing  
16 everyone who's on Dr. Broun's team, whether it's  
17 one side or the other in terms of things that might  
18 impact the -- what they're doing politically.

19 Q. So this reference to you here is -- I want  
20 to be clear here -- is a reference to your role in  
21 the official capacity --

22 A. Yeah.

23 Q. -- or?

24 A. Official side. I had no -- you know, I had

1 no official role. I wasn't paid by the campaign.  
2 So I had no official role on his senate campaign.  
3 I did volunteer stuff for him but I had no official  
4 role. I was -- officially, I was his messaging and  
5 media prep advisor --

6 Q. Um-hmm.

7 A. -- but I had no official role in his  
8 campaign.

9 BY MR. MORGAN:

10 Q. Did you do those same types of duties for  
11 the campaign?

12 A. Some on a volunteer basis, yeah.

13 BY MR. MORGAN:

14 Q. When was the last time you did any  
15 volunteer activity for the campaign?

16 A. March.

17 Q. In March?

18 A. Yeah, of 2014.

19 Q. Of 2014. Okay. I want to go through the  
20 various types of services you may have provided to  
21 the campaign.

22 A. Um-hmm.

23 Q. So, did you discuss campaign speeches,  
24 media appearances, campaign debates, those types of

1 campaign related media or engagements in your  
2 weekly sessions with Dr. Broun?

3 A. Not in our official weekly sessions, no.

4 Q. Not in your official...

5 A. No, no, but we did discuss them, so.

6 Q. When would you discuss them?

7 A. On the phone. Occasionally, we met down --  
8 Jamestown Associates. We'd use their conference  
9 room to meet.

10 Q. Okay. Did you draft or provide feedback on  
11 campaign speeches?

12 A. I did, yeah.

13 Q. Would you also prepare Representative Broun  
14 for campaign speeches and events?

15 A. Yes. Well, yes, yes.

16 Q. Okay. What was your role in the  
17 announcement speech that Representative Broun gave  
18 kicking off his senate campaign?

19 A. I helped draft it.

20 Q. Help draft it.

21 BY MR. MORGAN:

22 Q. Did you help --

23 A. Think Meredith and --

24 Q. -- Dr. Broun rehearse for that speech?

1           A.    No.  Meredith and I went back and forth via  
2   email drafting it, but we did not.  He -- I think  
3   he -- he did that in Georgia and I wasn't with him.

4   BY MR. MORGAN:

5           Q.    Want to show you a document here.  This is  
6   BODO -- 0193.  This is an email from you to  
7   yourself, CC-ing David Bowser, Brian Tringali, Bob  
8   Bibee and Meredith Griffanti where you write,  
9   "Attached is the 10 minute stump that Dr. Broun  
10  asked me to write."

11          A.    Um-hmm.

12          Q.    What -- what can you tell me about the  
13  speech?

14          A.    It's a stump speech, and Dr. Broun asked if  
15  I -- he respected my writing ability, and he asked  
16  me if I would write a stump speech for him to which  
17  I said, "Yes."

18          Q.    Campaign speech?

19          A.    Yeah.

20          Q.    What role did you play in -- in preparing  
21  Representative Broun for the Georgia Republican  
22  Convention that was held in mid-May of 2013?

23          A.    Well, I think he used this speech -- parts  
24  of that speech for it, so you know, I helped kind

1 of craft the final speech for that as well.

2 Q. Show you the same -- this is PBTN62.  
3 Middle of the page, there's an email on May 1st,  
4 2013 from Teddie Norton to you where he writes, "Hi  
5 [REDACTED]. We are looking ahead for the next few weeks  
6 before convention, and I wanted to know if you  
7 could meet with Dr. Broun the following times?"

8 A. Um-hmm.

9 Q. "Tuesday, May 7, 2:00 p.m., Thursday, May  
10 16, 3:00 p.m. Just let me know." You responded  
11 saying both were fine. Did you meet with  
12 Representative Broun leading up to the convention  
13 to prepare for his speech?

14 A. I did.

15 Q. What -- what occurred in those prep  
16 sessions?

17 A. We went back and forth on what he wanted to  
18 do in the speech and say. So we just kind of  
19 worked through drafts of the speech.

20 BY MR. SOLIS:

21 Q. About how many times would you meet with  
22 him about that issue?

23 A. Oh, not very many.

24 BY MR. MORGAN:

1 Q. You think these two meetings occurred?

2 A. I believe they may have.

3 Q. And those both would have been to prepare  
4 for the convention speech?

5 A. I think, yeah.

6 Q. Okay. Show you another document. This is  
7 BOD01311.

8 A. Um-hmm.

9 Q. This is an email from Christine Hardman to  
10 you, subject is "Intro," dated January 29, 2014.  
11 She writes, "Hey, [REDACTED]. Dr. Broun was trying to  
12 figure out which flight to take today and was  
13 wanting to practice his new intro before leaving.  
14 When do you expect to have it done?" What does  
15 this email -- what intro is this referring to?

16 A. It refers to his debate opening statement.

17 Q. Campaign debate?

18 A. Um-hmm.

19 Q. This document is BOD00365. This is an  
20 email from you to Representative Broun. You write  
21 -- or on February 12, 2014. You write, "Dr. Broun,  
22 attached are your announcement, convention  
23 speeches. These were two of your best, and as I  
24 said yesterday, all you would have to do is

1 substitute governments for spending announcement,  
2 and you have a great speech." Tell me about this  
3 email?

4 A. It was just -- actually, this was meant as  
5 an inspirational message. He was lacking  
6 confidence in some of the things that he was doing,  
7 and so I just sent him an email with some videos to  
8 say, "Hey, you gave -- here's a couple of good  
9 speeches you gave. You can do it." That's  
10 basically it.

11 Q. Did you work on talking points for the  
12 campaign in addition to actually working on  
13 speeches? Did you -- did you work on talking  
14 points?

15 A. I may have. I don't remember working on  
16 specific talking points with the campaign, but if  
17 you have a document?

18 Q. Show you an email. Yeah...

19 A. Maybe...

20 Q. This is BOD00082. These are emails. It  
21 appears to be referencing a -- some talking points  
22 that you sent to Representative Broun. You write,  
23 "Can someone send me a link? I sent him talking  
24 points last night." Appears to be in relation to

1 an interview he did with Martha Zoller of the  
2 Zoller radio show. Does that ring a bell?

3 A. Yeah. But this was in relationship to --  
4 well, it was a couple of things being -- this was  
5 in relationship to spending --

6 Q. Um-hmm.

7 A. -- some spending stuff and so --

8 Q. When you say spending, can you be more  
9 specific?

10 A. Yeah. Like government spending.

11 Q. Okay.

12 A. So -- and so I -- I don't even know if  
13 those were campaign related. When I talked to him,  
14 he may have -- he may have asked me for some  
15 talking points on government spending.

16 Q. The -- the subject line of the email says,  
17 "Broun interview on Kingston spending."

18 A. Yeah.

19 Q. Does that refresh your recollection at all?

20 A. Um, just that those two had gone back and  
21 forth about spending. So it could've been in  
22 relationship to -- but I never did any work on --  
23 like I never did any research on Kingston or any of  
24 his opponents. That was all done by campaign

1 folks.

2 Q. Okay. You said you never did in your  
3 research, but were you involved, and did they share  
4 that research with you?

5 A. I think I saw some of it, not all of it,  
6 but I do think I saw some of it, yeah.

7 Q. Were you involved in drafting or providing  
8 input on campaign speeches?

9 A. Yes. Yeah. You just -- we just went  
10 through that.

11 Q. Excuse me. Campaign press releases?

12 A. No, I don't think so. I mean, there may  
13 have been one or two that came by me, but for the  
14 most part, no. That wasn't something I was really  
15 involved with. They did most of their jobs.

16 Q. Show you this email, get a sense of the  
17 extent you were involved in the campaign's  
18 communication strategy, messaging strategies. It's  
19 on page two of the document I just gave you.

20 A. Um-hmm.

21 Q. It's BOD00741.

22 A. Yeah --

23 Q. Fairly lengthy email from you on February  
24 10, 2014. You write, "I think we should discuss

1 this, a couple of initial thoughts," and then  
2 appears what attached was a senate announcement  
3 final --

4 A. Um-hmm.

5 Q. -- and then the both -- numbers here, you  
6 have seven points on I think -- I'll let you  
7 describe this but it appears to be --

8 A. This is --

9 Q. -- your thoughts on the messaging strategy?

10 A. Yeah. That's what this is, thoughts on  
11 messaging strategy.

12 Q. Did you have access to a Google drive or a  
13 shared G drive or shared YouTube account from the  
14 campaign where they would --

15 A. I did --

16 Q. -- post videos?

17 A. Um-hmm. I did.

18 Q. What would you do? What was your role?  
19 Why did you have access to that?

20 A. Just to review media that went in there or  
21 speeches that he was doing. I mean, again, he's  
22 one person, so I want to look at what he's doing in  
23 all of his speeches and all of his media  
24 interviews.

1 Q. And would you review that with him, provide  
2 him feedback?

3 A. General feedback on, "Here's how you'd be a  
4 better speaker. Here's how you do better media  
5 interview." Sure.

6 Q. When you say general feedback, you mean?

7 A. Yeah. I mean, whether you're doing a  
8 campaign speech or official speech, your speaking  
9 skills are your speaking skills. So I would review  
10 any and all that content to give him feedback on  
11 how to do better.

12 Q. Were you involved in negotiating the debate  
13 -- campaign debate formats for the senate race?

14 A. Little bit. There wasn't really much  
15 negotiation that took place. The Georgia  
16 Republican Party sort of, you know, released what  
17 the rules were and I had contact with the Georgia  
18 chair of the Republican Party and gave them some  
19 input. I think I sent an email to them,  
20 describing, "Here, you know, what you should do for  
21 your format," but they were actually pretty  
22 difficult to -- to engage.

23 BY MR. SOLIS:

24 Q. Were you asked to do that?

1 A. I volunteered to do it. Sure. It's one of  
2 the things I'm good at, so.

3 Q. What I mean by that --

4 A. Negotiated three presidential debate format  
5 rules.

6 Q. What I mean by that is I understand that  
7 your position is you volunteered for it, but did  
8 somebody from Dr. Broun's congressional or campaign  
9 staff ask you to reach out to you -- contact?

10 A. No. I volunteered to do it and then they  
11 facilitated that.

12 Q. So the answer is they did not ask you to?

13 A. They did not directly ask me to.

14 MR. MORGAN: Show you this email.

15 MR. [REDACTED]: I never felt like any of my  
16 campaign work was expected as part of my duties.

17 BY MR. MORGAN:

18 Q. This is BOD00717, second email down. It's  
19 an email from you to Jordan Chinouth in which you  
20 say, "I spoke to Adam yesterday afternoon. He's  
21 sending a packet later this week. I'll brief Dr.  
22 Broun and David this morning on the debate. He  
23 basically let me write the format."

24 A. Yeah. I sent him an email with, "Here's

1 what you should include in the format..."

2 Q. So were you successful in negotiating the  
3 format?

4 A. Well, I mean they -- they took my  
5 suggestions.

6 Q. Who -- let's talk about actually preparing  
7 Representative Broun for campaign debates.

8 A. Um-hmm.

9 Q. Who all was involved in that process?

10 A. Well, predominantly, Bob Bibee was  
11 basically sort of, you know, steering that ship but  
12 Jason Miller with Jamestown was involved, David  
13 Bowser was involved, Christine Hardman was in some  
14 of those sessions, so and I was involved some as  
15 well.

16 Q. Show you a document here. I'm going to ask  
17 you about your involvement in debate preparation  
18 for the 2012 campaign. This is PBTN0009, and the  
19 bottom email here is an email to you from David  
20 Bowser on June 14, 2012 where David writes, "[REDACTED],  
21 as we discussed last week, there was a potential  
22 for a debate which has now turned into a scheduled  
23 event on June 22nd." Skipping a line there. "The  
24 Congressman would like to schedule a couple of

1 hours later that afternoon for debate preparations,  
2 so we are going to hold from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. on  
3 our schedule and secure a conference room at the  
4 NRCC for this purpose."

5 A. Yeah.

6 Q. "Please let me know -- attending some or  
7 all of this prep time." You respond, saying, "I  
8 can be there for the entire time. Let's talk early  
9 in the week about how to structure that session."

10 A. Yeah.

11 Q. When he says, "As we discussed last week,"  
12 and then the campaign, this is -- this is June 14.  
13 This is right as you entered into that consulting  
14 agreement?

15 A. Um-hmm.

16 Q. Do you recall discussing with David Bowser  
17 Representative Broun's campaign debate -- this June  
18 22nd debate he references?

19 A. Yeah, I told you. We -- we probably did a  
20 session where he talked about his debate at the  
21 NRCC, yeah.

22 Q. But the timing -- so June 14th, he's  
23 saying, "As we discussed last week."

24 A. Yeah.

1 Q. So the week before then, you had a  
2 discussion about the potential for debate  
3 preparation?

4 A. Apparently so, yeah, yeah. They had asked  
5 if I would give him a few tips, and so, yeah, I  
6 said, "Sure."

7 BY MR. SOLIS:

8 Q. I just want to -- they -- they did ask if  
9 you can give him tips related to the campaign?

10 A. If I'd be willing to outside of what I was  
11 doing with them, yeah.

12 BY MR. MORGAN:

13 Q. It was discussed that it would be outside?

14 A. Right, which is why it had occurred at the  
15 NRCC.

16 Q. But your meetings to discuss your  
17 consulting agreements also occurred at the NRCC; is  
18 that correct?

19 A. Initially, yeah. That's where I met him,  
20 yeah, so.

21 BY MR. SOLIS:

22 Q. So during that meeting, would've been the  
23 time they asked you for tips?

24 A. No, no, no, no, no.

1 Q. Okay.

2 A. Initially, it was all geared toward  
3 speeches and media interviews. When I first went  
4 to work -- when they first asked me to propose, I  
5 never was talked -- campaign stuff was never talked  
6 about and after I started working for him, a couple  
7 of weeks in, then they asked if I'd give him a few  
8 tips...

9 Q. Couple of weeks in to that? Okay.

10 BY MR. MORGAN:

11 Q. Show you this email. This is BOD00681.

12 A. Um-hmm.

13 Q. What I want to ask you -- second email  
14 there. It's from you, date June 22nd, 2012 to  
15 David Bowser, CC-ing Bob Bibee, Jordan Chinouth,  
16 Meredith Griffanti and Dr. Broun.

17 A. Right.

18 Q. "Dr. Broun, below are reminders from the  
19 prep sessions today."

20 A. Yeah.

21 Q. You sent this at 12:05 a.m. So I think  
22 when you say today, you may be referring to the  
23 prep session that occurred on June 21st?

24 A. 21st. Yeah, the one that's referenced

1 here.

2 Q. Right. So you were in that prep session?

3 A. Correct, yeah. And these are a list of  
4 reminders that I gave him. These are the tips that  
5 I gave him. That's it.

6 Q. Next document is BOD00535, want to actually  
7 start at the back. It's part of -- probably the  
8 best way to understand it. This is again that  
9 email from you attaching your consulting agreement  
10 --

11 A. Um-hmm.

12 Q. -- on June 19, 2012.

13 A. Um-hmm.

14 Q. The response from David Bowser is, "[REDACTED],  
15 I have the contract approved and signed. Please  
16 make sure you get it this afternoon." That's on  
17 June 21st.

18 A. Yeah.

19 Q. You respond, "Thanks." You then respond  
20 less than two hours later, "Where is prep today?"  
21 David Bowser responds, "NRCC. We have a conference  
22 room..." So here's -- here's the question I have.  
23 When was the first time you volunteered for  
24 Representative Broun's campaign?

1 A. Well, for the congressional campaign, it  
2 would've been when I did --

3 Q. For any campaign of his?

4 A. For any campaign of his? Would've been  
5 when I did this work at the -- at the prep session.

6 Q. And this prep session occurred --

7 A. But there -- there was more than just  
8 debate prep that occurred at this session.

9 Q. At this session at the NRCC?

10 A. People pay me -- yes. People pay me  
11 thousand of dollars to do debate prep --

12 Q. Right.

13 A. -- and if you think that that's the extent  
14 of the prep that I provide to them, that's  
15 laughable. This is just like a few --

16 Q. What do you mean by that? This is not the  
17 extent --

18 A. -- a few tips.

19 Q. -- of your debate prep?

20 A. This is the extent of what I provided to  
21 Dr. Broun. What I provide to someone who pays me  
22 to do this is much more than what goes on one page.

23 Q. Okay.

24 A. So I gage him a few tips about his debate

1 and then we met and talked about media interviews  
2 and things that they were paying me to talk about.

3 Q. So when you met with him in person --

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. -- you did -- did you discuss the debate?

6 A. Absolutely. It's right here. It's says,  
7 "Here's what I told you about how you win and lose  
8 a debate."

9 Q. And you discussed other things as well?

10 A. But then we talked about media interviews.  
11 I had clips to go over with him. Yes, absolutely.

12 Q. Okay. And your debate prep was not part of  
13 your consulting arrangement?

14 A. No. It was not what was discussed when we  
15 originally talked -- about.

16 Q. You realize that your consulting agreement  
17 references debate preparation and then we have you  
18 here in an email chain right after you send the  
19 executed -- you receive the executed agreement, the  
20 next line of discussion is "Where's the prep  
21 session today?"

22 A. That is a --

23 Q. Referring to a debate preparation?

24 A. I can show you contract after contract

1 where I do work for members of the House, members  
2 -- where I say, "Debate prep." Why? Because  
3 members of the House do debates. So debate  
4 preparation can extend to both official side and  
5 the campaign side.

6 Q. Let's talk about debate preparation  
7 sessions you did with Representative Broun related  
8 to the official side. How many official related  
9 debates did he participate in that you're aware?

10 A. He's always participating in official --

11 Q. What do you mean --

12 A. -- related debates?

13 Q. -- by that? I need you to be more  
14 specific.

15 A. When -- when he's on the floor giving one  
16 minute speeches, he's debating. When he is in  
17 committee sessions, he is debating.

18 Q. Okay.

19 A. Okay.

20 Q. How many prep sessions did you have for  
21 those what -- debates?

22 A. Constant. I mean, when I'm giving him  
23 talking points, I'm preparing him for debates.  
24 When he's going on media interviews, those are

1 debates. Sometimes there are more than one  
2 congress person that he's appearing with. Those  
3 are debates. So debates occur across a variety of  
4 context. It's not just an official candidate  
5 debate.

6 Q. All right. You said you charge for your  
7 debate sessions, your campaign debate sessions?

8 A. Other clients, yes. Other clients retain  
9 me specifically to do their debate prep.

10 Q. Okay. Clients who retain you specifically  
11 to do campaign debate preparation --

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. -- what is your standard rate for those  
14 services?

15 A. I'm not going to tell you that. It's much  
16 more.

17 Q. It's much more --

18 A. Yeah.

19 Q. -- than the \$2500 retainer you were under?

20 A. Significantly more 'cause I do research for  
21 them. I evaluate their debate performance. I go  
22 to the debates with them. I never went to a single  
23 campaign debate that this guy had.

24 Q. Do you -- do you bill that on a retainer

1 basis --

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. -- or was it on a hourly basis --

4 A. I bill it on a retainer basis.

5 Q. And you realize that those expenditures by  
6 campaigns are likely made public?

7 A. Right. You can go research them if you  
8 want.

9 Q. So would you want -- could you give me some  
10 examples of what those rates might be?

11 A. They would range from \$4-\$6500 a month.

12 Q. Just for campaign debate preparation?

13 A. That's correct. And that involves much  
14 more. First of all, I would never engage a  
15 candidate unless I was going to go to the debates  
16 with them because I'm responsible for the format  
17 and whether the format gets executed and the media  
18 coverage and the spin and are they ready to go out  
19 and actually do the debate? I never went to a  
20 single debate this guy had, not one.

21 Q. Wouldn't that then explain the somewhat  
22 less amount you were paid --

23 A. No, I was --

24 Q. -- if you weren't providing --

1 A. -- I was paid --

2 Q. -- services?

3 A. -- I was paid to do media and messaging for  
4 him. That's what he wanted me to do. When he sat  
5 down with me, the initial meeting was, "I'm a bad  
6 public speaker, and I don't do very well with  
7 media," and I agreed with that and so, I agreed to  
8 help him get better at that.

9 Q. Okay. The first weekly session you had  
10 with Dr. Broun after he retained you, do you recall  
11 what was discussed in that session?

12 A. I showed him a message video that I show  
13 clients who I'm trying to help do better with media  
14 interviews and messaging.

15 Q. So was that this June 21st --

16 A. Yes, I would've shown it to him --

17 Q. -- prep session?

18 A. -- during that prep session. That's why we  
19 schedule it for two hours because the video alone  
20 takes about an hour and 15 minutes to show.

21 Q. So it's correct that your first session you  
22 did with Dr. Broun, the campaign debate was  
23 discussed?

24 A. Well, I don't know if that's the first

1 session to be honest with you. I -- we may have  
2 met --

3 Q. Was it one -- one of the first two --

4 A. -- we may have started --

5 Q. -- sessions?

6 A. -- but it was one of the first few, yeah,  
7 sure.

8 Q. Okay.

9 A. And so we met at the NRCC 'cause there'd be  
10 two topics. If a guy calls me up and says, "Hey, I  
11 got a debate. Will you give me a few tips?" I'm  
12 going to -- I'm not going to say, "No."

13 BY MR. SOLIS:

14 Q. So did you go into that meeting for the  
15 first time knowing that there would be two topics  
16 discussed?

17 A. For the first time?

18 Q. Right.

19 A. What do you mean for the first time?

20 Q. When you met with him for the first time?

21 A. When I met with him for the first time?

22 No. When I met with him, I don't know if this was  
23 the first meeting that we had.

24 Q. Okay. Okay. Good.

1           A.    I think we started in June.  So we -- we  
2 may have met before this meeting.

3 BY MR. MORGAN:

4           Q.    Do you recall a Georgia 10th District  
5 debate that happened on Athens Radio, WGAU?  It was  
6 July 2nd, 2012?  Do you recall if you were involved  
7 in preparing Dr. Broun for that?

8           A.    First of all, like I said, if -- I don't  
9 recall the debate specifically, but if I was, it  
10 was like, you know, I never did extensive debate  
11 prep with this guy.  Extensive debate prep with  
12 this guy involves me doing researching, having  
13 extensive sessions with him and going to the  
14 debate.  Never did any of those things.

15 BY MR. SOLIS:

16          Q.    Have you ever heard of WGAU radio?

17          A.    I don't remember that forum, but I do  
18 remember he had -- you know, he had a couple of  
19 debates during his congressional run.

20 BY MR. MORGAN:

21          Q.    Show you this document.  This is PBTN0010.  
22 What I want to ask about is on the second page, an  
23 email to you from Teddie Norton in which Teddie  
24 write, "Hey [REDACTED].  Dr. Broun wants to setup about

1 90 minutes next week to go over both debates."

2 A. Yeah.

3 Q. "What days, times are better for you,  
4 Tuesday through Thursday?" This email was sent to  
5 you on July 3rd, 2012.

6 A. Yeah.

7 Q. Do you recall going over, doing a session  
8 like -- that's described here to go over --

9 A. I think we may have --

10 Q. -- couple of campaign debates?

11 A. -- like looked at them and then I may have  
12 given him an evaluation post those --

13 Q. Why was Teddie Norton sending you this  
14 request?

15 A. She did all of his scheduling.

16 Q. For the official side?

17 A. Yeah.

18 Q. What about for the campaign?

19 A. Well, I'm here in D.C. So she schedules  
20 all this time when he's here in D.C.

21 Q. So she was involved in scheduling your...

22 A. She was involved in scheduling anytime I  
23 met with him.

24 BY MR. SOLIS:

1 Q. Campaign or official?

2 A. Yeah.

3 BY MR. MORGAN:

4 Q. Okay. Do you recall a -- a session in July  
5 -- think it was late July of 2012 where a campaign  
6 ad was filmed at the NRCC by Representative Broun?

7 A. Campaign ad? No. I wasn't involved in  
8 filming any campaign ads. He filmed --

9 Q. Show you this document here.

10 A. Yeah.

11 Q. Maybe you can explain to us what they --  
12 what they -- referring to? This is BOD02240. It's  
13 an email from Teddie Norton, "Hey [REDACTED]" --

14 A. Yeah. And that never -- that actually  
15 never happened, so. This meeting, I -- I remember  
16 specifically when she called about this.

17 Q. Okay.

18 A. And it was just they're -- they were going  
19 to film a campaign video and then we were going to  
20 meet after they filmed the campaign video and I  
21 don't think -- I don't remember what happened but I  
22 wasn't involved with the shoot of the campaign  
23 video.

24 Q. When you say you weren't involved, were you

1 even present while it was taking place?

2 A. No.

3 Q. Okay.

4 A. Un-uh. 'Cause I don't think it happened.  
5 I think this got cancelled or something happened  
6 with it.

7 Q. Okay. Moving forward to 2014 senate  
8 campaign.

9 A. Yeah.

10 Q. Do you recall something called "The Charge  
11 Senate Forum"? It was on about July 8 of 2013. I  
12 do have a document here.

13 A. Was that like in Manassas or something like  
14 that?

15 Q. I'm not sure where it was. This is  
16 PBDB158.

17 A. Oh, that was something that was -- yeah,  
18 yeah, yeah. That was filmed over at the Capital  
19 Hill Club, I believe.

20 Q. Okay.

21 A. So, yeah.

22 Q. Do you recall what it was? Was it a -- it  
23 was described as a senate forum --

24 A. It was --

1 Q. -- was it campaign related?

2 A. You know what? I think it was a video that  
3 he filmed for like a Tea Party group or Freedom  
4 Works or something like that and I just walked over  
5 to watch him do it.

6 Q. Did you prepare his --

7 A. No.

8 Q. -- script?

9 A. I don't think so. I think Christine did  
10 that. I may have edited it. I may have looked at  
11 it, but yeah, I don't think.

12 Q. Okay.

13 A. Yeah.

14 Q. Moving on from there. Would you do  
15 messaging calls with Representative Broun before he  
16 had campaign speaking events?

17 A. Um, I think I mainly did them before he had  
18 media interviews. There may have been a couple.

19 Q. Campaign or official or?

20 A. Um, both. There may have been -- there may  
21 have been, you know, a campaign event or two that I  
22 may have talked to him before but for the most  
23 part, you know, it was more media than speaking  
24 events.

1 Q. Do you recall a "Georgia Public  
2 Broadcasting Get to Know the Candidate" piece? It  
3 was -- believe it was --

4 A. That was a media interview, I think, wasn't  
5 it?

6 Q. Yeah. I think it was like a pretaped media  
7 --

8 A. Yeah.

9 Q. -- interview or something along those lines  
10 in December of 2013.

11 A. Yeah, yeah.

12 Q. Do you recall preparing Representative  
13 Broun --

14 A. Yeah.

15 Q. -- for that?

16 A. I think we talked about that, yeah. We  
17 talked on the phone, I think, before he went in and  
18 did it.

19 Q. This is BOD01956. This is an email --  
20 bottom email there on December 26, 2013 from you in  
21 which you write all -- appears this -- you know,  
22 this went to David Bowser, someone at Campaign  
23 Research Associates and Josh Findlay and perhaps  
24 one other person. Says, "Attached is the attack

1 grid for Dr. Broun to use against PG and KH in the  
2 debates." What is an attack grid?

3 A. Yeah. It was just like a little chart of  
4 couple of things he could use in the debate.

5 Q. As in the messaging?

6 A. Yeah.

7 Q. Counters to attacks?

8 A. Yeah, just -- just messaging.

9 Q. And you prepared that attack grid?

10 A. Yeah.

11 Q. Ask you about this. This is BOD00630.

12 This is an email from Teddie Norton to you sending  
13 -- subject is "Debate prep schedule." Lists five  
14 debate prep times. Do you recall being involved in  
15 these prep -- prep sessions?

16 A. Think some of them. I don't remember which  
17 ones.

18 Q. We can -- we can sort of go through these.

19 This is BOD02268. This is on January 8. Teddie  
20 Norton writes to you, "David has arranged --

21 A. Right.

22 Q. -- to prep for the debate at Jamestown  
23 Associates townhouse --

24 A. Right.

1 Q. -- address is below." Do you recall this  
2 debate, prep session?

3 A. Yeah.

4 Q. You were involved in that?

5 A. Yeah.

6 Q. Do you recall --

7 A. Like I said, I don't remember the precise  
8 dates but I did -- we did do a couple of sessions  
9 -- several sessions down at that townhouse.

10 Q. Okay. Do you recall drafting  
11 Representative Broun's opening statement for his  
12 debates?

13 A. Well, that was a source of great  
14 consternation. Bob Bibee really grabbed it and --  
15 and the Congressman himself drafted the opening  
16 statement. I made some edits to it and made --  
17 suggested -- opening but he never took my advice,  
18 so --

19 Q. Okay.

20 A. -- which is -- which is why I wasn't  
21 driving the debate prep. If I was driving debate  
22 prep, he'd been getting, you know, fuller version.

23 Q. So this was partial -- a version?

24 A. Very partial -- version.

1 Q. This is PBDB25, the PBTN133.

2 A. Sure. Yeah, we -- like I said, we did  
3 several sessions.

4 Q. Several sessions?

5 A. Down at the -- at Jamestown Associates.

6 Q. How long were those sessions generally  
7 speaking?

8 A. Probably about an hour. Sometimes an hour.

9 Q. And what was your level of involvement in  
10 the sessions?

11 A. I'd, you know, ask him questions. We'd do  
12 some Q&A. Christine would do some Q&A. David  
13 would do some Q&A. Bob would be on the phone. He  
14 worked with him too.

15 Q. Show you two documents here, PBTN134 and  
16 PBTN135, few calender items.

17 A. Yeah.

18 Q. Subject on each of them is listed as "Prep  
19 for debate with Michael Hall, location D.C."

20 A. Yeah.

21 Q. Who -- who is Michael Hall?

22 A. He's an associate of mine. He came up to  
23 help him out a little bit too. I always like to  
24 have someone else who's smarter than me look in on

1 those, you know, and see what -- so I asked Mike to  
2 come up when he was making a trip for something  
3 else.

4 Q. Were you out of town at that time or --

5 A. I was.

6 Q. -- unavailable?

7 A. Yeah.

8 Q. Did you request that Michael Hall take your  
9 place?

10 A. Yes. He was -- he was going to be in town  
11 for something else and so I asked him to come up  
12 and -- and/or asked him to come over and do -- do a  
13 session. So he did one session with --

14 Q. I believe -- it appears there was a session  
15 on the 16th and another one on the 17th -- the two  
16 sessions?

17 A. Don't know if there were two. If they did,  
18 that was -- I thought they only did it once.

19 Q. You're aware -- you're aware of there being  
20 one session?

21 A. Yeah.

22 Q. Had Michael Hall previously volunteered or  
23 otherwise worked for Representative Broun?

24 A. No.

1 Q. Did he subsequent to this one or if it was  
2 two, two sessions, did he do any work for  
3 Representative Broun?

4 A. No.

5 Q. So he was a substitute volunteer?

6 A. Yeah.

7 Q. Do you remember or recall there being a  
8 Georgia Municipal Association debate on about  
9 January 27 of 2014?

10 A. Well, he had multiple debates, so --

11 Q. Yeah.

12 A. -- I don't remember the specific sequence  
13 but he had multiple debates.

14 Q. Okay. Do you recall at some point doing  
15 debate prep where you were either conference called  
16 or Skyped in to Representative Broun and his  
17 campaign team down in Athens?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Does that ring a bell?

20 A. Yeah, absolutely.

21 Q. Did that occur on more than one occasion?

22 A. I think a couple of times. It didn't  
23 really work very well.

24 Q. This -- when you said it didn't work, you

1 mean the --

2 A. Technology didn't work and he wasn't very  
3 focused. So I don't -- plus, I don't like wasting  
4 time. So if it wasn't working, I just didn't -- we  
5 didn't do it very much.

6 Q. Did you assist Niki Broun with her  
7 messaging?

8 A. A little bit, very little. We talked on  
9 the phone a couple of times. I think I may have  
10 even sent her some talking points, but yeah, very  
11 little.

12 Q. Okay. And did you travel to Georgia in  
13 February of 2013?

14 A. I think that's when I went down. I went  
15 down one time --

16 Q. Tell us about that.

17 A. Just to meet with his team, listen in to  
18 what they were doing. I mean, I think --

19 Q. When you say team, do you mean official or  
20 campaign?

21 A. No, his campaign team. I think they -- you  
22 know, and they paid my way down -- the campaign  
23 did. Came out of the campaign funds. You know, I  
24 think the thinking was if he made it through the

1 primary, they wanted -- they were short on funding  
2 and so, I think the idea was if he made it through  
3 the primary, I would come on and do work for the  
4 campaign for his general election debates.

5 Q. Why did they cover your expenses?

6 A. Because I wasn't going to go down for free.

7 Q. But you had provided --

8 A. I'll -- I'll volunteer time but I'm not  
9 going to volunteer expenses.

10 Q. Okay.

11 BY MR. SOLIS:

12 Q. Did you make that clear to them?

13 A. Yeah, yeah.

14 Q. You said, "If you don't pay for me, I'm not  
15 going to go to"?

16 A. Yeah, yeah.

17 BY MR. MORGAN:

18 Q. This is PB --B150 and that will be this --  
19 this invoice here.

20 A. Um-hmm. Yeah. Yeah, those are my expenses  
21 for that trip. Took me a while to get them which  
22 was separate from the other --

23 Q. Was there also a congressional staff  
24 retreat during that time that you were down there?

1 Do you recall that?

2 A. No. Well, not that I know of. I wasn't  
3 down there for it. I was down there for a day. I  
4 went down, came back the same day, I think.

5 Q. Okay.

6 A. I don't even think I stayed overnight.  
7 Yeah, I didn't 'cause there's no hotel in here.

8 Q. Okay.

9 A. There were probably maybe six people in  
10 that meeting, so.

11 Q. Did -- at any point during the course of  
12 your consulting agreement or -- or -- between one  
13 ended in March and now, did you or anyone else in  
14 Representative Broun's Congressional Office seek  
15 advice from the Ethics Committee or any other  
16 congressional body about the permissibility of your  
17 consulting agreement?

18 A. I guess I don't understand the question --

19 Q. Let me --

20 A. -- between then and now, did anyone seek  
21 what's that now?

22 Q. Seek advice from the Ethics Committee or  
23 advice from a congressional body like the House  
24 Committee -- Administration regarding the

1 permissibility of your consulting agreement?

2 A. I didn't seek that advice.

3 Q. You didn't seek that? Were you --

4 A. I don't think.

5 Q. -- were you involved in any conversations  
6 in which it was discussed?

7 A. Um.

8 Q. I'll show you this.

9 A. Yeah.

10 Q. PBDB174, an email from David Bowser to you  
11 on July 18, 2013. He says, "I just talked to  
12 admin. Let me know when you can chat. I have more  
13 info." You responded, "Can all -- in a bit -- in a  
14 meeting." I believe what you perhaps meant to  
15 write is "Call in a bit," but do you recall having  
16 a conversation with David Bowser and I would say  
17 that -- that timeline of this email is very near or  
18 shortly after a reporter from the U.S.A. Today  
19 asked questions of the congressional office about  
20 your relationship?

21 A. Yeah. I think this was around, you know,  
22 the -- the stuff with Cathy McMorris Rodgers. So I  
23 think he was double checking to make sure that  
24 everything was fine with how they were paying me

1 and everything, so.

2 Q. So you do recall a conversation with David  
3 Bowser?

4 A. If it was, I don't remember the substance  
5 of it. It may have just been, "Hey, I checked and  
6 everything is fine." You know, beyond that, I  
7 don't remember what the substance was.

8 Q. Okay.

9 A. So I mean, it was -- in my opinion, it  
10 wasn't a big issue. I think he was double checking  
11 to make sure that the way they were working things  
12 was the way it was supposed to be working because  
13 he had been called by Singer at U.S.A. Today, you  
14 know, about my duties. So they had -- Cathy's  
15 office had double checked that with you guys and or  
16 you guys or someone. I don't know, so.

17 Q. Show you these couple of documents here.  
18 This is BOD02081. This is from Christine Hardman,  
19 an email to you on March 13 of 2014 with -- in  
20 quotes -- what appears to be a statement by the  
21 office in response to some media stories regarding  
22 your relationship with the office. Were you  
23 involved in putting together this statement?

24 A. No. They did it on their own.

1 Q. Okay. The next document PBDB0014 is an  
2 email exchange between you, Christine Hardman and  
3 David Bowser. Christine Hardman forwarded a WSB-TV  
4 article that raises some questions about your  
5 relationship. You write in response, "Of course,  
6 they didn't use the line from the statement that it  
7 is perfectly legal."

8 A. Yeah.

9 Q. What did you mean when you -- when you said  
10 that?

11 A. Because as stated by House Administration  
12 Committee, ██████████'s communications training is  
13 compliant with all House rules.

14 Q. So you were -- you were relying on the  
15 correctness of their statement?

16 A. Yeah.

17 Q. Okay. You didn't independently have any  
18 knowledge of the legality of the contract --

19 A. No.

20 Q. -- or it's permissibility under the House  
21 Ethics Rules --

22 A. Un-uh.

23 Q. -- or House Administration Rules?

24 A. No, no. I rely on the members to make sure

1 of that.

2 Q. Okay. And then Christine Hardman writes in  
3 response, "Yes," and that you are a member of the  
4 communications team in an official capacity. Is  
5 that how you viewed your role, as -- as a member of  
6 the communications team?

7 A. Absolutely. As a consultant to their  
8 communications team.

9 Q. Okay. Now, you said the last volunteer  
10 activity you had for Representative Broun's  
11 campaign was March 2014.

12 A. Right.

13 Q. You also said --

14 A. Well, that was the end of my contract work  
15 with them.

16 Q. Right. But I believe the question I asked  
17 you when the last time that you volunteered for the  
18 campaign and you said March of 2014.

19 A. I think, you know, right around there. I  
20 may have talked to Dr. Broun in a April or you  
21 know.

22 Q. And the first time you volunteered for his  
23 campaign was shortly --

24 A. Well --

1 Q. -- after your consulting --

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. -- was entered into?

4 A. Technically, yes. That's right.

5 Q. Okay. So the obvious question is: It  
6 appears that campaign activity, debate preparation  
7 was contemplated within the four corners of your  
8 consulting agreement. It's mentioned. You then  
9 begin doing those campaign services only after your  
10 consulting agreement is entered into.

11 A. Right.

12 Q. You do them throughout the entire term of  
13 consulting agreement. You then stop doing them --

14 A. No, no. That's -- that's a false  
15 statement.

16 Q. Well, what's a false statement?

17 A. That I did them throughout my entire term.

18 Q. Okay.

19 A. Because after I sat down with him and  
20 reviewed those debates, from July through whenever  
21 he decided to run for the Senate --

22 Q. Okay.

23 A. -- I didn't do any campaign stuff because  
24 the campaign was done in my opinion.

1 Q. Okay. So --

2 A. Okay. So there was no --

3 Q. -- to the extent there was campaign --

4 A. -- no campaign --

5 Q. -- activity --

6 A. Wait, wait, let me finish. No campaign

7 stuff from July of 2012 until whenever he announced

8 in 2013. That's --

9 Q. Okay.

10 A. -- many months of nothing related to

11 campaign but I'm still employed --

12 Q. Right.

13 A. -- doing my services.

14 Q. Correct.

15 A. So to imply that my agreement was to do

16 campaign stuff would be a misrepresentation of the

17 activity that detailed from July 2012 through

18 whenever he announced in 2013.

19 Q. Okay. But to the extent that

20 Representative Broun was involved in campaign

21 activity, campaign debates, campaign speeches, the

22 announcement speech, to the extent -- that

23 overlapped with the period of your consulting

24 agreement -- you were involved in those campaign

1 activities?

2 A. Sure. Because he asked me to. He asked me  
3 if would help him, and I would ask you, "Have you  
4 ever worked for someone where you did something  
5 that was outside of your specified duties?"

6 Q. Well, I think --

7 A. The answer to that question is, yes. Most  
8 of us --

9 Q. The question --

10 A. -- have. Most of us have had bosses where  
11 they might ask us to do something that's outside of  
12 our regular duties and we say, "Okay. We'll do  
13 that," knowing that it's not expected of us but  
14 we're doing it because we want to keep our boss  
15 happy.

16 Q. Doesn't the consulting agreement govern  
17 what your duties are?

18 A. The consulting agreement says debate prep.  
19 It doesn't say campaign debate prep. It just says  
20 debate prep. Doesn't say anything about campaign  
21 in there. There's nothing -- the word campaign  
22 isn't mentioned in the consulting agreement.

23 So what's mentioned in there is media prep,  
24 interview prep, debate prep, speeches, messaging.

1 That's what's mentioned. I served those functions  
2 in my official duty. Then on the outside, I helped  
3 him. Yeah, I did. I did campaign activities, but  
4 I didn't think my payment expected those duties of  
5 me. In other words, I didn't think for a second that  
6 if I said, "No, I'm not going" -- in fact, there were  
7 times where I told them no. "Hey, can you prep us  
8 for" -- "No." "Why?" "Because I've got other  
9 duties that I'm paid to do where I can't do that.  
10 If he paid me to do it, I would've said, "You're  
11 paying me to do this as a campaign, I would do  
12 them."

13 Q. When you weren't available?

14 A. When I -- was I -- and when I wasn't  
15 available --

16 Q. You would ask Michael Hall to substitute?

17 A. He did one time, one time because he had an  
18 important debate and he said and plus, I said, "You  
19 know, what? I'd be good if -- if my partner came  
20 up and took a look, you know, just to make sure."

21 'Cause to be honest with you, I was trying  
22 to help him, and he wasn't really taking my advice  
23 and so I thought, you know, maybe if another voice  
24 tells him, "This is what you should be doing," he

1 might listen.

2           So I wanted the guy to succeed, of course.  
3 I was working for him, but my contract specified  
4 duties that were related to his official business  
5 and not one time did I think, "If I say no to  
6 helping you with a speech or getting ready for a  
7 debate did I think you're going to fire me because  
8 you're not doing your contract."

9 BY MR. SOLIS:

10       Q.    In 2013 and 2014, sort of the extent of the  
11 work you did for Dr. Broun's Senate campaign, how  
12 many hours a week were you working -- were you  
13 doing campaign related activity for him?

14       A.    Well, if it's a week I met with him for a  
15 prep session, you know, that'd be more but you  
16 know, maybe an hour or two a week.

17       Q.    And you talked about sort of the extensive  
18 research and the extensive work, different pay  
19 rates that would govern --

20       A.    Right.

21       Q.    -- the type of work, you know, paid work  
22 you would do for a campaign.

23       A.    Yeah.

24       Q.    Why did you not discuss with Dr. Broun and

1 his campaign staff -- gave you a full on --

2 A. I did and the expectation was after they  
3 made it through the primary, I would come on full  
4 time with the campaign.

5 Q. What about during the primary? You know,  
6 when you're preparing for the campaign, what about  
7 that time? You were doing the work and you said to  
8 them?

9 A. I wasn't doing -- I wasn't doing the work  
10 that I would do if I had a regular contract.

11 Q. Right. I just want to get an idea of the  
12 type of negotiations you had with them about doing  
13 the more full on --

14 A. Yeah.

15 Q. -- extensive --

16 A. Well, I think the -- I think what David and  
17 I pretty much verbally agreed on was that if he  
18 made it through the primary, they would hire me on  
19 through the campaign. --

20 Q. Was it at any point --

21 BY MR. MORGAN:

22 Q. Do you recall when that conversation with  
23 David occurred?

24 A. I don't, I don't.

1 BY MR. SOLIS:

2 Q. Was it at any point while you were, you  
3 know, doing this work where you said to members of  
4 the campaign staff, "I'm doing too much. I'd like  
5 to be compensated for what I'm doing"?

6 A. No. 'Cause to be honest with you, I wasn't  
7 really doing that much, so. You know, it was  
8 nothing for me to do -- the few things that I did.  
9 It was nothing for me to say, "Here are the four  
10 ways you win a debate. He are the four ways you  
11 lose a debate." Okay.

12 BY MR. MORGAN:

13 Q. You provided -- given the extent of the  
14 campaign debate and campaign work you did for  
15 Representative Broun, have you had that same level  
16 of activity on a volunteer basis with other federal  
17 candidates?

18 A. Not federal candidates. With state  
19 candidates...

20 Q. State candidates but not federal  
21 candidates?

22 A. Yeah, yeah --

23 Q. So this is the most you have --

24 A. Well, let me think. Let me think.

1 Q. Okay.

2 A. Trying to think through if I have given  
3 that level of advice to others? Probably not  
4 debate stuff but I've done outside stuff for other  
5 folks.

6 Q. When you said outside, as in?

7 A. Like as in campaign stuff for folks that I  
8 have, you know, met through my connections.  
9 They've called and said, "Hey, I hear you're good  
10 at -- would you help?" And I'll do some work for  
11 free in hopes of maybe getting business later or  
12 just to make that connection. So yeah, I mean,  
13 I've done a lot of work on a pro bono basis,  
14 volunteer work, yeah.

15 Q. When was -- when was the last time  
16 Representative Broun asked you to do anything  
17 related to his campaign?

18 A. Probably would've been March or April 2014.

19 BY MR. SOLIS:

20 Q. Of all the -- of all the members that you  
21 have or still continue to provide official  
22 consulting services to --

23 A. Um-hmm.

24 Q. -- of the type that you provide

1 Representative Broun, how many are you providing as  
2 well volunteer campaign services to? You know,  
3 Bryson just asked you a similar question. You said  
4 the debate style and things like that, probably not  
5 --

6 A. Not a ton. Not -- no federal. I can't  
7 think of anyone on the federal level I'm doing that  
8 for right now. I have done it in the past, but you  
9 know, for instance, I did work with a state  
10 candidate in Virginia. I'm doing work with a  
11 lieutenant governor candidate in another state who  
12 is running alongside of a person who is a client of  
13 mine and I'm doing that gratis, you know, so.

14 Q. Would it be safe to say that Representative  
15 Broun is unique amongst members of Congress, that  
16 you provide official consulting services to in that  
17 he received a wider range of volunteer services  
18 from you?

19 A. No. I don't think that'd be fair to say  
20 he's unique. I mean, I think, you know, I provided  
21 a range of things to folks from time to time on a  
22 free basis and if you look at the timeframe, it's  
23 not that enormous of a timeframe compared to the  
24 length of the contract, right? I started with Dr.

1 Broun in June of 2012. I finished with him in  
2 March of 2014. From July of 2012 through when he  
3 announced in 2013, so better than probably seven or  
4 eight months, I did no campaign work for him,  
5 nothing.

6 Q. I just want to make clear because --

7 A. And by the way, had no idea he was even  
8 thinking about running for the Senate. When --  
9 when he told me in 2013, "Hey, I'm thinking about  
10 running for" -- that was a total shock to me. I  
11 had no idea in 2012 when I went to work for him  
12 that he was running for the Senate, none  
13 whatsoever.

14 Q. I just want to be clear. When Bryson asked  
15 you if you provided these types of volunteer  
16 services to other members of Congress --

17 A. Absolutely.

18 Q. -- you paused --

19 A. Yeah --

20 Q. -- for a moment, thought about --

21 A. -- well, I want to give you a truthful  
22 answer. So I'm trying to run down the list of  
23 everybody that I'm --

24 Q. Right.

1 A. I've done work for a lot of folks --

2 Q. Absolutely.

3 A. -- and from time to time, they will call  
4 and say, "Hey, what about, you know?" I had a  
5 Congressman call me this weekend and say, "Hey, I'm  
6 doing X show. Would you mind giving me some advice  
7 about how to answer questions on this show?" Now,  
8 I don't know if that was campaign or else wise but  
9 I did it for free, right. He didn't tell me if  
10 he's going on there to appear in his official role  
11 or if he was -- he's in the middle of a campaign  
12 too 'cause everybody in the House is in the middle  
13 of a campaign.

14 Q. Right.

15 A. So when he called me and we chatted for an  
16 hour and a half, I didn't say, "Is this campaign or  
17 whatever?" And I didn't say, "You'll get my bill  
18 in the mail." I was happy and honored that he  
19 called, and so, I took the call and we talked.

20 Q. Did you ever discuss --

21 A. And by the way, that's not unique, right.  
22 Frank Luntz does this for pretty much everybody.  
23 There's a bunch of people who do this.

24 BY MR. MORGAN:

1 Q. Yeah. Did you ever have any conversations  
2 with Representative Broun about the distinction  
3 between your official work for which you were  
4 getting paid and your campaign activity as being  
5 volunteer? Did you ever discuss that with  
6 Representative Broun?

7 A. No, I don't think so. I mean, I think --  
8 you know, we -- I made -- I don't think I even made  
9 sure. I think his office was pretty careful about  
10 making sure that if campaign stuff could be  
11 potentially come up, we'd met in a place that  
12 wasn't in his office. So that's why we used the  
13 townhouse down at Jamestown Associates. When it  
14 was obvious he wanted to talk about debates, you  
15 know, then we did that. So -- but Dr. Broun had  
16 -- he'd -- he has expressed gratification to me  
17 many times for giving him advice or helping him or  
18 whatever but we never had the conversation.  
19 Personally, I think that was all with David.

20 Q. You and David had the conversation about  
21 your campaign work being volunteer?

22 A. Yeah, yeah and just -- and David was always  
23 good about, "Yeah, we need to make sure that, you  
24 know, anytime you're talking campaign stuff, you're

1 down in either the NRCC or at Jamestown  
2 Associates."

3 Q. Is it possible that Representative Broun  
4 when he -- you know, in some instances is  
5 requesting things related to his campaign from you  
6 --

7 A. Yeah.

8 Q. -- is it possible that he viewed your work  
9 for the campaign as part of that consulting  
10 agreement and viewed --

11 A. Um --

12 Q. -- you as a consultant to his campaign as  
13 well?

14 A. I -- you'd have to ask him that question.  
15 I have no idea how he viewed it, so.

16 Q. But there was no distinction maintained in  
17 your communications with him?

18 A. Well, I mean, there was by virtue of the  
19 fact of where we met, so.

20 BY MR. SOLIS:

21 Q. Just -- you know, you said that when you  
22 talk about debates, debates can mean floor speeches  
23 or they can mean --

24 A. Right.

1 Q. -- you know, on the radio --

2 A. But if he --

3 Q. -- so when we talk about you would meet at  
4 Jamestown or NRCC when debates would be discussed,  
5 I would think that if the topic was debates, you  
6 wouldn't know -- whether it was going to be about  
7 debating on a floor or debating on -- on radio. So  
8 how would you know where to go if debates was the  
9 subject?

10 A. No, no. I mean, Teddie would say, "We want  
11 a prep for a debate he's got for the Senate race,  
12 and can we do it Jamestown?"

13 Q. So the debate would be specified in those  
14 instances --

15 A. Sure, sure, sure.

16 BY MR. MORGAN:

17 Q. Did his congressional staff ever refer to  
18 anything as a debate that was not a campaign  
19 related activity?

20 A. Absolutely, yeah, yeah. The whole Patient  
21 Option Act stuff, the sequester stuff, those were  
22 --

23 Q. Those were debates?

24 A. Those were all referred to as, you know,

1 they wanted an argument guy to help him muster  
2 arguments.

3 Q. Were they referred to as debates?

4 A. Sure, absolutely.

5 Q. Using the work debates?

6 A. Yeah, yeah. "We're going to have a floor  
7 debate on X. Can you help us with talking points  
8 about this?"

9 Q. Any debate -- any sessions referred to as  
10 debate sessions that were related to official  
11 activities?

12 A. Well, our sessions weren't referred to as  
13 anything but just meetings with Dr. Broun 'cause --

14 Q. A lot of them are referred to as debate  
15 prep. I showed you several calender items.

16 A. Yeah, yeah.

17 Q. Any debate prep items ever referred to  
18 anything other than campaign activity?

19 A. I don't -- I don't know the answer to that  
20 question.

21 Q. So when you say -- just -- again, knowing  
22 the False Statements Act applies, when you say --

23 A. I --

24 Q. -- consulting agreement --

1 A. Yeah.

2 Q. -- refers to debate preparation --

3 A. It does not refer --

4 Q. It does not state --

5 A. -- to campaign debate.

6 Q. -- it does not specifically mean campaign?

7 A. No, it does not, absolutely not.

8 Q. And in the consulting agreement you have  
9 with his office, then they refer to debate  
10 preparation, was it excluding campaign debate  
11 preparation or just including both campaign and  
12 official?

13 A. No. It was meant to apply to his official  
14 duties.

15 Q. How is that? 'Cause you've said at length  
16 here that when you use the word debate, it can mean  
17 both campaign and official.

18 A. Exactly.

19 Q. And it says here debate and message. So is  
20 that --

21 A. Because it was based --

22 Q. -- not referring to campaign and official?

23 A. -- it was based on who hired me.

24 Q. Okay.

1       A.    His office hired me.

2       Q.    And hired you to debate but you did not  
3 specify in here official related debate and you  
4 said several times debate preparation refers to  
5 both official and campaign?

6       A.    It can.  Yes, it can refer to both.

7       Q.    Okay.

8       A.    That's right.  But in that agreement, it  
9 doesn't refer to campaign.  There's nothing --

10      Q.    And how would we know that?

11      A.    The word campaign does not appear in that  
12 agreement.

13      Q.    But the word debate does appear.

14      A.    Yes, that's right.  And so for you to say  
15 that that means campaign would be an implication.  
16 There's no -- there's no -- campaign does not  
17 appear in that agreement.

18      Q.    Can you provide a specific?  You know,  
19 we'll let you come back to us.  We have two more  
20 days in our review period.  If you can provide any  
21 documentation of any debate preparation session  
22 that you did similar to the campaign debate  
23 preparation sessions that you did with  
24 Representative Broun related to --

1       A.    They would be totally different because  
2 debates --

3       Q.    We would welcome that information.

4       A.    Debates on the -- first of all, you have  
5 every email.  I've turned over like 1200 emails to  
6 you.

7       Q.    Right.

8       A.    Okay.  Second of all, debates on the floor  
9 are different from campaign debates.  They're  
10 different.  So debates on the floor are one minute,  
11 five minute speeches but they're all about making  
12 arguments.

13      Q.    I think they're typically referred to as  
14 floor speeches.

15      A.    They can be referred to as floor speeches,  
16 but they do occur in the context of debate.  If you  
17 listen -- if you go do a search of the  
18 congressional record and transcripts from floor  
19 exchanges, you will find those referred to, "There  
20 will be an hour of debate scheduled on X topic."

21      Q.    Okay.

22           MR. SOLIS:  Think --

23           MR. MORGAN:  Think those are all the  
24 questions we have.

1 MR. SOLIS: Think that's all we have --

2 MR. MORGAN: Stop the recording.

3 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay.

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# **EXHIBIT 12**

**Bowser, David**

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**From:** Bowser, David  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 14, 2012 12:55 PM  
**To:** Chinouth, Jordan  
**Subject:** RE: New Addition To Team Broun

This is not a media consultant for the campaign...that part is dragging...

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**From:** Chinouth, Jordan  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 14, 2012 12:55 PM  
**To:** Bowser, David  
**Subject:** Re: New Addition To Team Broun

Congrats! Had no idea we were close to making a decision!  
Jordan Chinouth  
District Director  
US Representative Paul Broun  
Cell: [REDACTED]

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Sent using BlackBerry

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**From:** Bowser, David  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 14, 2012 12:20 PM  
**To:** 'Brett O'Donnell' <[REDACTED]@odacommunications.com>; Broun - All Staff  
**Cc:** '[REDACTED]@aol.com' <[REDACTED]@aol.com>; GovBob; 'Brian Tringali' <[REDACTED]@tarrance.com>; 'Pat Mooney' <[REDACTED]@responsehq.com>; Anfinson, Susan; Anfinson, Tom (external)  
**Subject:** New Addition To Team Broun

We are pleased to announce the addition of Brett O'Donnell to Team Broun as a communications and messaging consultant to our official office. Brett is founder and President of his firm, O'Donnell & Associates, providing communications coaching, training, and strategy with an impressive resume and references from several other members of Congress. Brett will begin working with the Congressman and key staff starting next week so you may be hearing his name, seeing emails, and for those in the DC office you will be seeing him here several times throughout the coming weeks. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks!  
David

# **EXHIBIT 13**

**Bowser, David**

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**From:** Brett ODonnell [redacted@odacomunications.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 19, 2012 3:03 PM  
**To:** Bowser, David  
**Subject:** Consulting Agreement  
**Attachments:** Consulting Agreement-Broun.doc

Hi David,

Attached is my consulting agreement. I wasn't sure that you settled on how I would be paid so I left the address blank. I'll be in there at 4 if you'd need to discuss this as well. Otherwise, if you could fill in the contact address and sign and return to me that would be great. Thanks for the nice note welcoming me to the team. Look forward to working with Dr. Broun, you and the rest of the team.

Brett



## CONSULTING AGREEMENT

**THIS AGREEMENT** is effective as of June 16, 2012, by and between "Representative Paul Broun" (the "Client"), located at \_\_\_\_\_, and O'Donnell and Associates, Ltd. (the "Consultant"), located at 3101 N Hampton Drive, #1517, Alexandria, VA 22302.

### RECITALS

1. Consultant has expertise in the area of public speaking/debate and message/media strategy and media interview preparation for individuals/organizations and is willing to provide consulting services to Representative Paul Broun.
2. The Client is willing to engage Consultant as an independent contractor, and not as an employee, on the terms and conditions set forth herein.

### AGREEMENT

In consideration of the foregoing and of the mutual promises set for the herein, and intending to be legally bound, the parties hereto agree as follows:

#### **1. Engagement:**

(a) The Client hereby engages Consultant to render, as an independent contractor, the consulting services associated with media interview/public speaking/message/debate preparation for Representative Paul Broun and such other services as may be agreed to in writing by the Client and Consultant from time to time.

(b) Consultant hereby accepts the engagement to provide consulting services to the Client on the terms and conditions set forth herein.

#### **2. Term.**

Client will retain Consultant, and Consultant will accept such retention, commencing as of June 16, 2012 and continuing until August 3, 2012. The contract may be renewed beginning September 1 by the Client and then will be month to month.

#### **3. Compensation.**

- (a) Monthly Retainer: Client will pay Consultant as compensation \$3,750.00 for the entire term (June 16-August 3). Renewal will be at the rate of \$2,500.00 per month.

Expenses: Reimbursement for ordinary expenses such as long distance, copies, postage, etc. shall be made paid within thirty (30) days of being incurred by Consultant upon presentation to Client of invoices with original receipts and documentation of costs/expenses incurred. Consultant's expenses under this Contract shall be invoiced without mark-up. Consultant also agrees to obtain prior approval for any travel and/or other incidental expenses. First class travel in any form is not reimbursable and shall be reimbursed only at a coach or other discounted rate.

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#### **4. Intellectual Property Rights**

Client shall own all right, title and interest, including copyrights, in any materials, files and work product developed or acquired by Consultant and/or Client's employees as a result of the consulting services provided to the Client by the Consultant.

#### **5. Outside Employment**

- (a) Consultant represents that he is not and will become a party to any agreement which conflicts with his duties under this Agreement.
- (b) Consultant shall devote such time, attention and energy to the business and affairs of the Client as reasonably requested by the Client.

#### **6. Notice.**

Any notice to required or permitted by the terms of this Agreement shall be given by registered mail, prepaid and properly addressed as follows:

If to Client:

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If to Consultant:

O'Donnell and Associates, Ltd.  
Attn: Brett O'Donnell  
3101 N Hampton Drive  
#1517  
Alexandria, VA 22302

Any such notice shall be deemed to have been given when received.

**7. Termination.**

- (a) This Agreement may be terminated by either party with or without cause upon 30 (30) days written notice, pursuant to Section 6 of this Agreement, to the other party.
- (b) Upon the termination of this Agreement, all outstanding retainers, expenses shall be paid to the Consultant within fifteen (15) days of notice of termination.

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Consultant will not either during the term of this Agreement, or thereafter divulge, furnish, or make available (either directly or indirectly) to any person, firm, corporation or other entity any proprietary or confidential information used by Client or acquired by Consultant pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement. Consultant agrees that all such matters and information shall be kept strictly and absolutely confidential.

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**12. Waiver.**

Failure by either party to exercise rights contained in this Agreement upon the occurrence of any event or contingency set forth herein will not constitute a waiver of such rights upon the reoccurrence of such event or contingency.

**13. Entire Agreement.**

This Agreement is the entire agreement of the parties relating to the subject matter hereof, and supersedes all prior and contemporaneous negotiations, correspondence, understandings, and agreements of the parties relating to the subject matter hereof. It may be amended only by an agreement in writing, signed by both parties.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the parties have executed this Agreement as of the date first written above.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Brett O'Donnell, President  
O'Donnell and Associates, Ltd.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Agent for Representative Paul Broun

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Date

# **EXHIBIT 14**

**Bowser, David**

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**From:** Brett ODonnell [redacted@odacommunications.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 13, 2012 10:11 PM  
**To:** Bowser, David  
**Subject:** Re: New Agreement  
**Attachments:** Consulting Agreement-Broun 9-12-12.doc; September 2012-Invoice-Broun.doc

Here you go. Thanks again.

Brett

On Sep 13, 2012, at 6:39 PM, Bowser, David wrote:

Can you shoot me a contract with revised payment schedule and an invoice for the first payment? I'd change the contract myself but I won't be at a computer until tomorrow.

Thanks!  
David

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**From:** [redacted@odacommunications.com] [redacted@odacommunications.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 13, 2012 10:13 AM  
**To:** Bowser, David  
**Subject:** RE: New Agreement

I don't take foreign currency. I'm fine with however you need to work the terms. Do you need an invoice?

----- Original Message -----

**Subject:** RE: New Agreement  
**From:** "Bowser, David" <[redacted@mail.house.gov]>  
**Date:** Thu, September 13, 2012 9:50 am  
**To:** "Brett ODonnell" <[redacted@odacommunications.com]>

Can I pay you in karma?

If not, can I change the terms to half due on Sept 15<sup>th</sup> and other half due on Nov 15<sup>th</sup>?  
Better schedule for our finance dept too.

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**From:** Brett ODonnell [redacted@odacommunications.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 12, 2012 9:47 PM  
**To:** Bowser, David  
**Subject:** New Agreement

David,

Please find attached the new agreement per our meeting last week. I look forward to continuing to work with you, Meredith, Dr. Broun and the entire team.

Thanks

Brett

# **EXHIBIT 15**



**CONSULTING AGREEMENT**

**THIS AGREEMENT** is effective as of September 1, 2012, by and between "Representative Paul Broun" (the "Client"), located at \_\_\_\_\_, and O'Donnell and Associates, Ltd. (the "Consultant"), located at 3101 N Hampton Drive, #1517, Alexandria, VA 22302.

**RECITALS**

1. Consultant has expertise in the area of public speaking/debate and message/media strategy and media interview preparation for individuals/organizations and is willing to provide consulting services to Representative Paul Broun.
2. The Client is willing to engage Consultant as an independent contractor, and not as an employee, on the terms and conditions set forth herein.

**AGREEMENT**

In consideration of the foregoing and of the mutual promises set for the herein, and intending to be legally bound, the parties hereto agree as follows:

**1. Engagement:**

(a) The Client hereby engages Consultant to render, as an independent contractor, the consulting services associated with media interview/public speaking/message/debate preparation for Representative Paul Broun and such other services as may be agreed to in writing by the Client and Consultant from time to time.

(b) Consultant hereby accepts the engagement to provide consulting services to the Client on the terms and conditions set forth herein.

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**3. Compensation.**

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**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the parties have executed this Agreement as of the date first written above.

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Brett O'Donnell, President  
O'Donnell and Associates, Ltd.

\_\_\_\_\_  
David Bowser  
Agent for Representative Paul Broun

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

# **EXHIBIT 16**

**Bowser, David**

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**From:** Brett O'Donnell [redacted@odacommunications.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 08, 2013 9:04 AM  
**To:** Bowser, David  
**Subject:** Re: Invoice and New Agreement

David,

I'm ready to go! Do you want me to send a contract? I usually do a month to month contract (you have 30 days out notice) at 2500.00 per month. We could do a half fee for January as I take it Dr. Broun isn't in town this week and we didn't work last week together. Let me know if that works and I'll send the contract.

Brett

On Jan 8, 2013, at 8:57 AM, Bowser, David wrote:

> Susan, attached is the final 2012 invoice for Brett O'Donnell, please submit for payment.

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> Brett, let me know when you want to setup this year.

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> Thanks!

> David

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Brett O'Donnell [redacted@odacommunications.com]

> Sent: Friday, January 04, 2013 3:25 PM

> To: Bowser, David

> Subject: Invoice and New Agreement

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> Hi David,

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> Happy New Year,

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> Attached is my invoice for the completion of our agreement through December. I'm hoping that you and Dr. Broun want to continue. We need to set a new agreement in place. Please let me know what you'd like to do and I can forward a new agreement.

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> Thanks

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> Brett

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> <December 2012-Invoice-Broun.doc>

# **EXHIBIT 17**













*O'Donnell and Associates, Ltd.*  
*3101 N Hampton Drive*  
*#1517*  
*Alexandria, VA 22302*

Invoice

To: Representative Paul Broun

Service Dates: April, 2013

Fees:

Public Speaking-Media Educational Training 2,500.00

~~Past Due--March fees 2,500.00~~

~~Total 5,000.00~~

Please remit payment by May 15 to *O'Donnell and Associates, Ltd. (mail to above address)*

FEIN: 20-2727606









**United States House Of Representatives  
VOUCHER COVER SHEET**

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Initiating Office  
Reference Number

Org Code GA10BRP Office Name THE HONORABLE PAUL BROUN

Payment for Vendor

**Vendor/Payee Information**

**Payment Information**

Vendor or Emp ID Number \_\_\_\_\_

Vendor Invoice Number REP. PAUL BROUN

Vendor Name O'DONNELL AND ASSOCIATES LTD

Vendor Invoice Date 07/03/2013

Address Line 1 3101 N. HAMPTON DRIVE

Payment Grand Total \$ 2500.00

Address Line 2 #1517

City ALEXANDRIA

State VA

Zip 22302

**Product or Service Information**

BOC Category	BOC	BOC Sub-Code	Expense Description	Amount	Date(s) of Service(s)	
					Begin Service Date	End Service Date
25	2527		TRAINING	2500.00	06/01/2013	06/30/2013

**Comments**

I certify (1) that the above articles have been received in good condition and are of the quality and in the quantity above specified, or the services were performed as stated; (2) that they are in accordance with the orders therefore; (3) that the prices charged are just, reasonable, and in accordance with agreement; (4) that they are for use in my office in the discharge of my duties; and (5) that these are true copies and will be the only submission for payment.

07/03/2013  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Signature

















*O'Donnell and Associates, Ltd.*  
3101 N Hampton Drive  
#1517  
Alexandria, VA 22302

Invoice

To: Representative Paul Broun

Service Dates: October 2013

Fees:

Public Speaking-Media Educational Training 2,500.00

Total 2,500.00

Please remit payment by November 15 to *O'Donnell and Associates, Ltd.* (mail to  
above address)

FEIN: 20-2727606



*O'Donnell and Associates, Ltd.*  
3101 N Hampton Drive ✓  
#1517  
Alexandria, VA 22302

Invoice

To: Representative Paul Broun

Service Dates: November 2013

Fees:

Public Speaking-Media Educational Training 2,500.00

Total 2,500.00

Please remit payment by December 15 to *O'Donnell and Associates, Ltd. (mail to above address)*

FEIN: 20-2727606







*O'Donnell and Associates, Ltd.  
3101 N Hampton Drive  
#1517  
Alexandria, VA 22302*

Invoice

To: Representative Paul Broun

Service Dates: January 2014

Fees:

Public Speaking-Media Educational Training	2,500.00
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Total	2,500.00
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Please remit payment by February 15 to *O'Donnell and Associates, Ltd. (mail to above address)*

FEIN: 20-2727606



*O'Donnell and Associates, Ltd.*  
*3101 N Hampton Drive*  
*#1517*  
*Alexandria, VA 22302*

Invoice ✓

To: Representative Paul Broun

Service Dates: February 2014

Fees:

Public Speaking-Media Educational Training 2,500.00

Total 2,500.00

Please remit payment by March 15 to *O'Donnell and Associates, Ltd. (mail to above address)*

FEIN: 20-2727606



# **EXHIBIT 18**



David H &lt;[REDACTED]@gmail.com&gt;

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## Change on Team Broun

2 messages

David Bowser &lt;[REDACTED]@yahoo.com&gt;

Tue, Mar 25, 2014 at 11:12 AM

Reply-To: David Bowser &lt;[REDACTED]@yahoo.com&gt;

To: Bob Bibee <[REDACTED]@aol.com>, Jason Miller <[REDACTED]@jamestownassociates.com>, Brian Tringali <[REDACTED]@tarrance.com>, Algis Silas <[REDACTED]@campaignresearchassociates.com>, Jordan Chinouth <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>, Josh Findlay <[REDACTED]@paulbroun.com>, Christine Hardman <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>, Guy Short <[REDACTED]@campaignsolutions.com>, Patrick Mooney2 <[REDACTED]@responsehq.com>, Fred Cooper <[REDACTED]@therainmakers.biz>, Stephen Goodrick <[REDACTED]@therainmakers.biz>, Paul Kilgore <[REDACTED]@pdscompliance.com>, David Heenan <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>, Austin Carson <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>

I just wanted to let you all know that Brett O'Donnell resigned his contract position with our official office this morning and is no longer on Team Broun. Dr. Broun reluctantly accepted Brett's resignation and we are all moving forward.

Heenan, as part of protocol, we need to change the passwords to our private campaign Gmail, youtube, and picture library accounts.

Thanks!  
David

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David H <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>

Tue, Mar 25, 2014 at 11:18 AM

To: David Bowser &lt;[REDACTED]@yahoo.com&gt;

On it.

[Quoted text hidden]

# **EXHIBIT 19**

**From:** David Bowser [REDACTED]@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Additions to Team Broun  
**Date:** December 19, 2012 at 1:07 PM  
**To:** Bob Bibee [REDACTED]@aol.com, Jordan Chinouth [REDACTED]@gmail.com, Patrick Mooney2 [REDACTED]@responsehq.com, Meredith Griffanti [REDACTED]@gmail.com, Teddie Norton [REDACTED]@mail.house.gov, Austin Carson [REDACTED]@gmail.com, Paul Kilgore [REDACTED]@pdscompliance.com, Brett O'Donnell [REDACTED]@odacommunications.com, Mackenzie Smith [REDACTED]@verizon.net, Hans Kaiser [REDACTED]@moore-info.com, Guy Short [REDACTED]@aol.com, Algis Silas [REDACTED]@campaignresearchassociates.com

Good afternoon Team Broun - just wanted to do a quick intro of two new additions brought on today by Dr. Broun to our political efforts.

Hans Kaiser is a partner in the polling firm Moore Information and will be conducting our big survey this January.

Guy Short is coming on to handle our online fundraising efforts.

We are lucky to have them both as part of the team!

By way of introductions to everyone involved:

Bob Bibee is Dr. Broun's GC and mail consultant, has been with him since the beginning of our current team.

Jordan Chinouth is our Deputy Chief of Staff/District Director, prior campaign manager, and my part-time therapist.

Patrick Mooney is our fundraising mail guru and resident deviant.

Meredith Griffanti is our Communications Director.

Teddie Norton is our office Director of Operations and hub for anything involving Dr. Broun's time.

Austin Carson works in our office's legislative operation and handles our campaign social media efforts and lists.

Paul Kilgore is our compliance consultant and Pat Mooney's conscious.

Brett O'Donnell is Congressman Broun's messaging consultant and media prep advisor.

MacKenzie Smith is our DC Fundraising consultant.

Algis Silas is our Research Consultant.

Just thought everyone should meet as we will all be on an increasing load of emails and spending some time together in the near future.

Thanks!

David

# **EXHIBIT 20**

**Bowser, David**

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**From:** Brett O'Donnel [redacted@odacommunications.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 17, 2014 6:36 PM  
**To:** Hardman, Christine  
**Cc:** Bowser, David  
**Subject:** Re: Alert: WSB-TV: Ga. Congressman slams door on Ch. 2 reporter when asked about campaign coach

Are pushing them to correct?

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 17, 2014, at 6:25 PM, "Hardman, Christine" <[redacted]@mail.house.gov> wrote:

Yes, and that you are a member of the communications team in an official capacity.

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**From:** Brett O'Donnel [redacted@odacommunications.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 17, 2014 06:20 PM  
**To:** Hardman, Christine  
**Cc:** Bowser, David  
**Subject:** Re: Alert: WSB-TV: Ga. Congressman slams door on Ch. 2 reporter when asked about campaign coach

Of course they didn't us the line from the statement that it is perfectly legal. Ugh.

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 17, 2014, at 6:03 PM, "Hardman, Christine" <[redacted]@mail.house.gov> wrote:

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**From:** Bloomberg Government [redacted@bgov.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 17, 2014 05:50 PM  
**To:** Hardman, Christine  
**Subject:** Alert: WSB-TV: Ga. Congressman slams door on Ch. 2 reporter when asked about campaign coach

**Bloomberg**  
**GOVERNMENT**

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**WSB-TV: Ga. Congressman slams door on Ch. 2 reporter when asked about campaign coach**

March 17, 2014 05:49PM ET | WSB-TV

News Alert

**Paul Broun**

[Edit this alert](#)



# **EXHIBIT 21**

## **TRANSCRIPT OF INTERVIEW OF REPRESENTATIVE BROUN'S PRESS SECRETARY**

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TRANSCRIPT OF

RECORDED PROCEEDINGS

June 24, 2014

BEFORE:

BRYSON MORGAN, OCE Investigative Counsel

PAUL SOLIS, OCE Investigative Counsel

RYAN CORTAZAR, OCE Legal Clerk

Transcribed by:

BETH RADABAUGH, CSR, RPR

1 MR. MORGAN: This is Bryson Morgan,  
2 Investigative Counsel with the Office of  
3 Congressional Ethics, joined by Paul Solis,  
4 Investigative Counsel with the Office of  
5 Congressional Ethics, and Ryan Cortazar, a legal  
6 clerk to the Office of Congressional Ethics. We  
7 are joined here by [REDACTED] on  
8 June 24th, 2014.

9 And, Ms. [REDACTED], we discussed the  
10 application of the False Statements Act to this  
11 interview. So I think we can go ahead and  
12 begin.

13 We'd like to first just ask you some  
14 general background questions about your current  
15 employment and your previous employment.

16 THE WITNESS: Yep.

17 MR. MORGAN: So could you tell us  
18 your current title?

19 THE WITNESS: Press secretary  
20 Congressman Paul Broun's office.

21 MR. MORGAN: Okay. How long have you  
22 been in that position?

23 THE WITNESS: Since July 1st, 2013.

24 MR. MORGAN: Okay. And what are your  
25 duties as press secretary?

1 THE WITNESS: Drafting all press  
2 releases, opinion editorials, corresponding with  
3 the media, providing talking points, drafting  
4 speeches for the congressman, providing talking  
5 points for the office for constituent calls on  
6 specific issues, handling social media accounts,  
7 etcetera.

8 MR. MORGAN: And who do you report  
9 to?

10 THE WITNESS: That would be David  
11 Bowser.

12 MR. MORGAN: Who else is involved in  
13 the press wing of the office?

14 THE WITNESS: It's really just me,  
15 David. We talk to Dr. Broun about most of our  
16 press activities and Brett was involved.

17 MR. MORGAN: Okay. What did you do  
18 prior to becoming press secretary?

19 THE WITNESS: I was press assistant  
20 in Congressman Hal Roger's office for about  
21 almost two years.

22 MR. MORGAN: Okay. And what did you  
23 do prior to that?

24 THE WITNESS: I interned in Virginia  
25 Fox's office and before that I graduated --

1 MR. MORGAN: Okay.

2 THE WITNESS: -- in May.

3 MR. MORGAN: Okay. Have you ever  
4 held any positions with Representative Broun's  
5 political campaigns?

6 THE WITNESS: Yes. I was  
7 spokesperson on the campaign as well.

8 MR. MORGAN: Which -- was that the --

9 THE WITNESS: The senate campaign.

10 MR. MORGAN: -- senate campaign?

11 THE WITNESS: Yes.

12 MR. MORGAN: Who was involved in the  
13 press function for the campaign?

14 THE WITNESS: That would be -- let's  
15 see. Jason Miller worked for the digital media.  
16 There was -- I mean Josh, our campaign manager  
17 worked with us.

18 MR. MORGAN: Okay.

19 THE WITNESS: Bob Bibee worked with  
20 us. Bob works on our official side as well,  
21 too, with press operations and --

22 MR. MORGAN: Bob Bibee works on the  
23 official side?

24 THE WITNESS: Yes.

25 MR. MORGAN: Do you know what his

1 position is?

2 THE WITNESS: He serves as a  
3 consultant.

4 MR. MORGAN: Okay. And what types of  
5 matters does he handle as a consultant?

6 THE WITNESS: I think, you know, just  
7 related to press and messaging as well. He's  
8 been with Dr. Broun from the start I think.

9 MR. MORGAN: Okay. Does Bob Bibee  
10 have his company or?

11 THE WITNESS: Yes.

12 MR. MORGAN: Do you know the name of  
13 that? You don't know the name of that?

14 MR. SOLIS: Where is that company  
15 located?

16 THE WITNESS: Somewhere in Tennessee.

17 MR. MORGAN: Okay.

18 MR. SOLIS: Do you know if a contract  
19 exists between Bob and the congressman's office?

20 THE WITNESS: I have no idea.

21 (Indiscernible).

22 MR. CORTAZAR: You said he's retained  
23 by the congressional office and the political  
24 side; he does both?

25 THE WITNESS: Yeah, I think he's on

1 both sides.

2 MR. MORGAN: On both sides. Okay.  
3 Do you know if he's paid by the congressional  
4 office?

5 THE WITNESS: I don't know. I assume  
6 so.

7 MR. MORGAN: Okay. All right. So  
8 you said Jason Miller, Josh -- is that Findlay?

9 THE WITNESS: Josh Findlay.

10 MR. MORGAN: Okay. Bob Bibee.

11 THE WITNESS: Yes, and Brett helped  
12 out on the campaign side as well.

13 MR. MORGAN: Okay.

14 MR. SOLIS: Did you volunteer or were  
15 you paid by the campaign?

16 THE WITNESS: I volunteered, as did  
17 Brett.

18 MR. MORGAN: How do you know that  
19 Brett volunteered for the campaign?

20 THE WITNESS: That's what he told me.

21 MR. SOLIS: When did he tell you  
22 that?

23 THE WITNESS: I don't -- I mean it's  
24 just one of those things. You just kind of like  
25 know it I guess.

1 MR. SOLIS: Did you have a  
2 conversation with him where he said that to you?

3 THE WITNESS: Yeah, I mean I -- they  
4 knew that I was volunteering just as I knew he  
5 was volunteering. I can't think of a specific  
6 conversation we had about it. I mean maybe it  
7 was David that told me, but I know that  
8 information was passed on.

9 MR. MORGAN: Okay. When did you  
10 first become acquainted with Brett O'Donnell?

11 THE WITNESS: It was probably within  
12 my first two weeks of working here.

13 MR. MORGAN: Okay. Let me show  
14 you -- I do have some documents that I want to  
15 show you at certain points to help jog your  
16 memory.

17 This is PBDB156 and this starts with  
18 an e-mail from David Bowser on June 13th,  
19 2013 --

20 THE WITNESS: Oh, yeah, that's right.

21 MR. MORGAN: -- where he's announcing  
22 I think your addition to the congressional  
23 office --

24 THE WITNESS: Yes.

25 MR. MORGAN: -- and then shortly

1 after that Brett O'Donnell e-mails -- it looks  
2 like he e-mailed David Bowser cc'ing you, a  
3 couple of your different e-mail accounts, saying  
4 "Hi, [REDACTED], welcome aboard. I think you're  
5 going to be in tomorrow's meeting with Dr. Broun  
6 and me. I'd like to get together in advance of  
7 that meeting. Can we meet?"

8 Was it around this time that you  
9 first became acquainted with Brett O'Donnell?

10 THE WITNESS: I guess, yes. So I did  
11 come by the office after I was officially hired  
12 and I think I actually did sit in on one meeting  
13 the first week before I came here.

14 MR. MORGAN: The first week before  
15 you started?

16 THE WITNESS: Yeah.

17 MR. MORGAN: Okay. So is this  
18 meeting he referred to tomorrow's meeting with  
19 Dr. Broun?

20 THE WITNESS: That must be it because  
21 it was June. I started working in July.

22 MR. MORGAN: Okay. So this would  
23 have been --

24 THE WITNESS: Yeah.

25 MR. MORGAN: I see.

1 All right. So did you meet with  
2 Brett in advance of this --

3 THE WITNESS: Yes, that's right.  
4 Sorry. I forgot that meeting ever took place.

5 MR. MORGAN: Okay. What happened in  
6 that meeting?

7 THE WITNESS: I mean I think it was  
8 probably just a regular session that we had with  
9 Brett talking about upcoming messaging items,  
10 talking about issues that are important to  
11 Dr. Broun, to his constituents.

12 MR. MORGAN: Okay.

13 THE WITNESS: Most of the meetings  
14 kind of blend together.

15 MR. MORGAN: So did you get together  
16 with Brett O'Donnell in advance of that session  
17 as he requested of you?

18 THE WITNESS: I think what happened  
19 was I came by here a little bit before the  
20 meeting and just met him and talked to him for  
21 about ten minutes or so.

22 MR. MORGAN: How was his role  
23 explained to you?

24 THE WITNESS: Well, pretty much he  
25 was I think -- well, he was hired before I came

1 onboard and what David told me is that  
2 Dr. Broun's strong suit was really not  
3 communications and messaging and so they decided  
4 a while back that they needed to bring someone  
5 on that could just help them out a little extra.

6 And so they told me that Brett was  
7 someone they met with on a weekly, you know, or  
8 monthly basis to just go over messaging items,  
9 talk about upcoming media events. Just helping  
10 keep Dr. Broun on message.

11 MR. MORGAN: Okay. Do you recall  
12 anybody around that time mentioning to you that  
13 Brett O'Donnell had a role with Representative  
14 Broun's campaign?

15 THE WITNESS: Not -- not that I  
16 recall.

17 MR. MORGAN: Okay. Were you -- I  
18 realize you came onboard I think -- do you know  
19 how long Brett O'Donnell had already been  
20 working with the congressman?

21 THE WITNESS: I believe he was hired  
22 in 2012.

23 MR. MORGAN: Okay. So he'd already  
24 been there about a year or so?

25 THE WITNESS: Yeah. I feel like over

1 a year maybe --

2 MR. MORGAN: Okay.

3 THE WITNESS: -- when I got there.

4 MR. MORGAN: Were you ever involved  
5 in any conversations about O'Donnell being --  
6 his payment?

7 THE WITNESS: I didn't really know  
8 what was going on payment wise. Obviously I  
9 knew that he was volunteering. I'm not sure  
10 when exactly that was told to me, but that  
11 wasn't really something I was discussing. That  
12 wasn't really my business.

13 MR. MORGAN: Okay. Were you ever  
14 involved in any discussions about the  
15 permissibility of Brett's relationship with the  
16 office, you know, running the relationship by  
17 the Ethics Committee or did Mr. --

18 THE WITNESS: I think it was back in  
19 August or September maybe we had an inquiry from  
20 USA Today and --

21 MR. MORGAN: Which year are you  
22 referring to?

23 THE WITNESS: 2013.

24 MR. MORGAN: Okay.

25 THE WITNESS: And so at that time

1 David and I spoke with House Administration and  
2 they told me this reporter had contacted them  
3 and she said that she would be happy to just  
4 talk to them instead, and so -- I mean she said  
5 that it was cleared by them and that was all  
6 completely legal.

7 MR. MORGAN: Do you recall who it was  
8 in admin that you talked to?

9 THE WITNESS: I can't remember her  
10 name. She was their spokeswoman. I want to say  
11 Susan maybe. I could look it up though.

12 MR. MORGAN: I'd ask you to do that.  
13 Is that -- I did I believe see some reference in  
14 documents to a Susan with the finance office?

15 THE WITNESS: Yeah.

16 MR. MORGAN: Is that the Susan?

17 THE WITNESS: No.

18 MR. MORGAN: No, it's someone else?

19 THE WITNESS: It's -- I mean she's  
20 quoted in that article if you look it up. So...

21 MR. MORGAN: Okay. When you say in  
22 that article, you mean the USA Today article?

23 THE WITNESS: Yes.

24 MR. MORGAN: Okay. And when she said  
25 it was cleared by them, what did that mean? Had

1 you sent --

2 THE WITNESS: I mean he's been used  
3 by other members of congress and his sort of  
4 activity from what I knew was completely legal.

5 MR. MORGAN: Okay.

6 MR. SOLIS: What about as it  
7 specifically pertains to Dr. Broun? I realize,  
8 you know, Brett's working for other members.

9 THE WITNESS: Right.

10 MR. SOLIS: Did she refer to Brett's  
11 relationship with other members being legal or  
12 specifically related to Dr. Broun?

13 THE WITNESS: I mean just his  
14 services in general to members of congress.

15 MR. MORGAN: Okay. And what services  
16 in general were --

17 THE WITNESS: Communication services.  
18 Like I said earlier, helping members stay on  
19 message. Dr. Broun struggled with his  
20 messaging. He's been known to put his foot in  
21 his mouth before, and so he was there to just  
22 really help him get in the right mind set and to  
23 focus on relevant issues.

24 MR. MORGAN: Okay. Are you at all  
25 familiar with the consulting agreement that was

1 in place between Representative Broun and  
2 Brett O'Donnell?

3 THE WITNESS: No.

4 MR. MORGAN: Do you know if that  
5 consulting agreement was ever sent to the  
6 Ethics Committee or the Administration Committee  
7 to review?

8 THE WITNESS: No.

9 MR. MORGAN: Okay. So this  
10 conversation where you said David and I spoke  
11 with Susan in admin --

12 THE WITNESS: Right. I don't know if  
13 it was Susan.

14 MR. MORGAN: You don't know if it was  
15 Susan.

16 THE WITNESS: I'm just saying it  
17 was --

18 MR. MORGAN: Someone.

19 THE WITNESS: -- someone with admin  
20 and I believe other conversations had taken  
21 place before I was there.

22 MR. MORGAN: Okay.

23 THE WITNESS: My understanding. I  
24 remember having a conversation with a  
25 spokeswoman there.

1           MR. MORGAN: And so in that  
2 conversation you didn't -- you didn't send her  
3 or whoever it was that consulting agreement to  
4 review; you just explained Brett's role?

5           THE WITNESS: I wasn't involved in  
6 that. That wasn't something I would be involved  
7 in. All I did was talk to her about this  
8 reporter --

9           MR. MORGAN: Okay.

10          THE WITNESS: -- where she gave us  
11 the impression that everything was legal and  
12 that --

13          MR. MORGAN: When you say everything,  
14 I'm trying to --

15          THE WITNESS: His service, that  
16 Brett's services were legal.

17          MR. MORGAN: As explained to her by  
18 you and David or as she --

19          THE WITNESS: I mean I guess. I --  
20 just generally speaking based off what this  
21 article was claiming, that there wasn't anything  
22 illegal being done on our account.

23          MR. MORGAN: We -- I didn't -- in the  
24 documents you produced I didn't see any  
25 reference to that conversation.

1 THE WITNESS: Right. It was a phone  
2 call --

3 MR. MORGAN: Okay. If you could --

4 THE WITNESS: -- we made in his  
5 office.

6 MR. MORGAN: -- get us more  
7 information about that, we'd appreciate it.

8 THE WITNESS: Okay.

9 MR. MORGAN: Even if you just recall  
10 the person's name.

11 THE WITNESS: Yeah.

12 MR. MORGAN: Okay. I want to ask you  
13 some questions about Brett O'Donnell's work for  
14 the congressional office.

15 THE WITNESS: Yeah.

16 MR. MORGAN: How would you describe  
17 his role with the congressional office?

18 THE WITNESS: Like I said, he would  
19 just come in here to check on Dr. Broun and make  
20 sure he was in the right mind set, particularly  
21 before media events. If he had an interview  
22 coming up, we liked to meet with Brett  
23 beforehand just to go over issues that were  
24 important to Dr. Broun's constituents,  
25 ObamaCare, spending, jobs, and really just try

1 to stay on topic with those issues.

2 MR. MORGAN: Okay. How frequently  
3 would those sessions take place?

4 THE WITNESS: Either once a week or  
5 once every other week. It depended if we were  
6 in session or not and just what worked schedule  
7 wise.

8 MR. MORGAN: Okay. So if you were in  
9 session, would they be more or less once a week?

10 THE WITNESS: Yes.

11 MR. MORGAN: Okay. And then in a --  
12 was the preparation that took place for specific  
13 interviews, was that always -- or was that  
14 typically part of that session or would that  
15 happen throughout the week as those media  
16 appearances occurred?

17 THE WITNESS: It was usually part of  
18 the session, but if we had a big interview come  
19 up last minute, we would phone Brett and talk to  
20 him, like a three-way call.

21 MR. MORGAN: Okay. Who in the  
22 congressional office did Brett interact with?  
23 Was it yourself?

24 THE WITNESS: Mainly me and David.

25 MR. MORGAN: Okay.

1 THE WITNESS: Teddie scheduled the  
2 interviews -- or sorry, the sessions.

3 MR. MORGAN: Okay. It appears that  
4 sometimes those weekly sessions were held in  
5 various locations.

6 THE WITNESS: Um-hmm.

7 MR. MORGAN: Right? Where were they  
8 held? Were they held here in the congressional  
9 office at times?

10 THE WITNESS: Yes.

11 MR. MORGAN: Were they held at the  
12 NRCC at times?

13 THE WITNESS: Not while I was here.

14 MR. MORGAN: Not while you were here?

15 THE WITNESS: No.

16 MR. MORGAN: Okay. Where else were  
17 they held?

18 THE WITNESS: We held -- well, it was  
19 not really the same as what we do here. It was  
20 more focused on -- on the debate side, we would  
21 do those, but Jason Miller's.

22 MR. MORGAN: Okay. When you say  
23 debate side --

24 THE WITNESS: Yeah.

25 MR. MORGAN: -- you mean campaign --

1 THE WITNESS: Yeah.

2 MR. MORGAN: -- side?

3 THE WITNESS: Yes.

4 MR. MORGAN: Okay.

5 THE WITNESS: Which is why we did  
6 them off-campus.

7 MR. MORGAN: Okay. So here -- you  
8 weren't a part of any meetings that took place  
9 at the NRCC?

10 THE WITNESS: No.

11 MR. MORGAN: Okay. And debate  
12 preparation occurred at Jamestown Associates?

13 THE WITNESS: Yes.

14 MR. MORGAN: Were there ever any  
15 times where you did debate preparation here in  
16 the office?

17 THE WITNESS: I mean we didn't do it  
18 in that sort of context. I would say that the  
19 sessions are very different from what happened  
20 in this office versus at Jamestown.

21 MR. MORGAN: Okay. So describe the  
22 sessions that happened here. What was the  
23 typical format?

24 THE WITNESS: Usually I would go over  
25 any sort of press items we had coming up that

1 week, what legislative items were going to be on  
2 the floor. If we wanted him to do one minute,  
3 we would talk about that and even start working  
4 on a speech in here. He could come back and he  
5 could practice it, you know, just to go out to  
6 speak on the floor.

7 We would talk about if we wanted to  
8 do an auped (ph), like, you know, talking about  
9 op-ed ideas, but, as I said, most of it was for  
10 media appearances and making sure that, you  
11 know, he knew relevant news items so that he  
12 wouldn't be caught off guard.

13 MR. MORGAN: Okay. Were there ever  
14 any times where -- well, what would happen with  
15 the debate preparation sessions at Jamestown  
16 Associates? What was the format of those?

17 THE WITNESS: I guess they were  
18 different in that Brett would ask questions that  
19 he would typically get in a debate.

20 MR. MORGAN: Okay. A campaign  
21 debate?

22 THE WITNESS: Yes.

23 MR. MORGAN: Would there be role  
24 playing involved? Would you actually sort of do  
25 a mock debate?

1                   THE WITNESS: I mean just pretending  
2 to be the moderator, yeah, asking questions like  
3 that.

4                   MR. MORGAN: Okay. So Brett would --  
5 would Brett pretend to be the moderator?

6                   THE WITNESS: I mean we both would --

7                   MR. MORGAN: Okay.

8                   THE WITNESS: -- ask him different  
9 questions, yes.

10                  MR. MORGAN: Do you recall any  
11 meetings where there was a similar type debate  
12 style format that occurred here in the  
13 congressional office regarding official  
14 activity?

15                  THE WITNESS: No, I don't recall  
16 that.

17                  MR. MORGAN: Okay. What about  
18 similar type, you know, questions and back and  
19 forth with regards to any floor activity or  
20 committee activity? Do you recall that type  
21 of --

22                  THE WITNESS: Right, I mean we had  
23 that same sort of style for any media events we  
24 were prepping for and, yeah, floor debate or --  
25 but mainly media centered though, just playing

1 the reporter.

2 MR. MORGAN: Okay. Did Brett  
3 O'Donnell work on any official speeches?

4 THE WITNESS: Yeah.

5 MR. MORGAN: Okay. Do you recall any  
6 specific instances when he was involved in a  
7 speech?

8 THE WITNESS: Yes. We were working  
9 on a speech for a doctors caucus that Dr. Broun  
10 was giving. We helped with his, I believe his  
11 five minute he did on the Patient Option Act.  
12 Usually I would draft the speeches and we would  
13 run them by with Dr. Broun. He would practice  
14 them. Brett would give him suggestions and we'd  
15 make edits together on them, all three of us.

16 MR. MORGAN: Okay.

17 MR. SOLIS: So you'd send your  
18 written products sometimes to Brett for his --

19 THE WITNESS: Yeah, just to see if he  
20 had any other suggestions or comments.

21 MR. SOLIS: What type of suggestions  
22 would he make?

23 THE WITNESS: Usually very general.  
24 He would never like rewrite something for me.  
25 He would just say maybe add something like this

1 or focus something -- on something like this.

2 He wasn't giving me like specific edits really.

3 MR. MORGAN: Did he ever do the first  
4 draft of any speeches?

5 THE WITNESS: Not that I recall while  
6 I was here.

7 MR. MORGAN: Okay. Do you recall him  
8 maybe working on a speech regarding the  
9 sequestration?

10 THE WITNESS: I was in Hal Roger's  
11 office --

12 MR. MORGAN: You were in Hal Roger's  
13 office.

14 THE WITNESS: -- when sequestration  
15 took place.

16 MR. MORGAN: Okay. What about a  
17 speech on big government spending?

18 THE WITNESS: I wasn't here when --  
19 if that took place, he did that.

20 MR. MORGAN: Would Brett O'Donnell  
21 draft talking points for the office?

22 THE WITNESS: Not that I'm aware of.

23 MR. MORGAN: Okay. I'll show you --

24 THE WITNESS: If anything, like I  
25 would draft those sort of things and send them

1 by him to see if he had any comments or anything  
2 else to add, like I said earlier.

3 MR. MORGAN: Okay. This is PBCH105.

4 THE WITNESS: Um-hmm.

5 MR. MORGAN: I was wondering if you  
6 could tell us a little bit about, you know, the  
7 context of this e-mail. This appears to be you  
8 forwarding on to Brett some, you know, research  
9 on legislation that Julie Marsh had done.

10 THE WITNESS: Yes. So I believe that  
11 this is one we were just talking about,  
12 messaging on ObamaCare --

13 MR. MORGAN: Um-hmm.

14 THE WITNESS: -- and Dr. Broun having  
15 a hard time being able to connect with women,  
16 and so I think we were just trying to find some  
17 areas where he's, you know, supported women in  
18 terms of healthcare and find out ways that we  
19 could better connect with them.

20 MR. MORGAN: Okay. Did Brett  
21 O'Donnell ever provide you with any training?

22 THE WITNESS: No.

23 MR. SOLIS: Do you know if he  
24 provided any training to -- before that,  
25 Meredith was your predecessor, correct?

1 THE WITNESS: Yes.

2 MR. SOLIS: Do you know if he  
3 provided any training to her?

4 THE WITNESS: I don't believe so, but  
5 I wasn't here while they worked together.

6 MR. MORGAN: Are you aware of him  
7 providing training to anyone else in the office?

8 THE WITNESS: No.

9 MR. MORGAN: Okay. I want to ask you  
10 some questions about Brett O'Donnell's role with  
11 the campaign.

12 THE WITNESS: Um-hmm.

13 MR. MORGAN: How would you describe  
14 his role with the campaign?

15 THE WITNESS: I mean just like me. I  
16 wanted Dr. Broun to win. That's why I was  
17 helping out with his campaign. I think that  
18 there were quite a lot of moving parts with the  
19 campaign. There were a lot of different people  
20 that had opinions, and so Brett was one of those  
21 people that would offer his opinion. Sometimes  
22 people -- his advice would be taken and other  
23 times it wouldn't. I mean when it came down to  
24 it, it was really me, David, Josh -- and Josh  
25 that were making the decision.

1                   MR. MORGAN: With regards to  
2           messaging?

3                   THE WITNESS: Yes.

4                   MR. MORGAN: Okay.

5                   THE WITNESS: At least we had the  
6           final say.

7                   MR. SOLIS: And when you say  
8           campaign, you mean the senate campaign, correct?

9                   THE WITNESS: Yes.

10                  MR. SOLIS: Okay. You've done no  
11           work for any of Representative Broun's  
12           congressional campaigns?

13                  THE WITNESS: No. I wasn't here  
14           then.

15                  MR. MORGAN: Okay. I want to go  
16           through some of the work that Brett O'Donnell  
17           may have done for the campaign specifically.

18                  THE WITNESS: Um-hmm.

19                  MR. MORGAN: Did he discuss campaign  
20           speeches, media appearances and those types of  
21           campaign issues including campaign debates with  
22           Dr. Broun during those weekly sessions?

23                  THE WITNESS: I mean at times they  
24           would come up, but that wasn't the focus of  
25           those sessions. Like I said, we were talking

1 about issues and helping Dr. Broun message those  
2 issues.

3 MR. MORGAN: Okay. Did he work on  
4 campaign speeches?

5 THE WITNESS: To be honest, the  
6 campaign speeches, there were a lot of people  
7 that were contributing to them. I think that he  
8 put forth suggestions. I don't think it was  
9 something that Dr. Broun used though in the  
10 final -- well, in actual debates.

11 MR. MORGAN: Let me show you this  
12 document. It says BOD01311.

13 THE WITNESS: Um-hmm.

14 MR. MORGAN: This is an e-mail from  
15 you to Brett O'Donnell on January 29th of 2014.  
16 You write "Hey, Brett, Dr. Broun was trying to  
17 figure out which flight to take today and was  
18 wanting to practice his new intro before  
19 leaving. When do you expect to have it done?"

20 Can you tell us a little bit about  
21 this e-mail, what you were referring to, the new  
22 intro?

23 THE WITNESS: Yes. That was  
24 something that Brett had drafted and I mean,  
25 like I said, he put forth suggestions and

1 whether Dr. Broun used it or not was up to him.

2 MR. MORGAN: Up to Dr. Broun?

3 (No audible response.)

4 MR. MORGAN: This intro, do you  
5 recall what speech this would have been?

6 THE WITNESS: I believe that was for  
7 the debate.

8 MR. MORGAN: Which debate?

9 THE WITNESS: This looks like January  
10 29th. So probably one of the beginning debates.

11 MR. MORGAN: Okay. Were you working  
12 at the congressional office when Dr. Broun  
13 announced his senate candidacy?

14 THE WITNESS: No.

15 MR. MORGAN: You were not. Are you  
16 aware of Brett O'Donnell having any role in that  
17 announcement speech?

18 THE WITNESS: No.

19 MR. MORGAN: What about in May of  
20 2013 there was a Georgia republican convention.  
21 You were not working here at that time. Are you  
22 aware of any involvement by Brett O'Donnell on  
23 the convention speech?

24 THE WITNESS: Nope.

25 MR. MORGAN: Okay. Were you -- did

1 you put together the campaign's press releases?

2 Were you in charge of those?

3 THE WITNESS: Yes, I would draft  
4 those.

5 MR. MORGAN: Okay. Did Brett  
6 O'Donnell help you with those?

7 THE WITNESS: No.

8 MR. MORGAN: Would he review them  
9 and --

10 THE WITNESS: I sent him a few copies  
11 probably. I didn't do it with most of them  
12 though.

13 MR. MORGAN: Okay. Well, I want to  
14 show you a document here. This is BOD00741.  
15 I'll give you a chance to look at that. What I  
16 want to ask you about is on the second page.

17 THE WITNESS: Um-hmm.

18 MR. MORGAN: It's an e-mail from  
19 Brett O'Donnell to it appears Bob Bibee, Brian  
20 Tringali, Justin Miller, Jordan Chinouth and  
21 Josh Findlay I believe was the Josh at  
22 Paul Broun where he writes "I think we should  
23 discuss this, a couple of initial thoughts," and  
24 he provides sort of seven bullet points on  
25 messaging.

1 Do you recall receiving this e-mail?

2 THE WITNESS: Yes.

3 MR. MORGAN: So here it -- here it  
4 appears that Brett O'Donnell was providing  
5 several points, you know, lengthy paragraphs on  
6 what he thinks the campaign should focus on with  
7 regards to messaging; is that correct?

8 THE WITNESS: Yes.

9 MR. MORGAN: So was that -- was this  
10 typical for him to do, to provide these types  
11 of --

12 THE WITNESS: I mean he had his  
13 suggestions and I think -- I believe there was  
14 maybe a disagreement among some other people  
15 and, like I said, because we had such a big  
16 team, those final decisions came down to Josh  
17 and David and I.

18 MR. MORGAN: Okay. It sounds like  
19 Josh had a fairly significant role with the  
20 messaging for the campaign?

21 THE WITNESS: I mean he was included  
22 in everything, sorry, and Bob would be included  
23 as well. He -- I mean we just liked to keep him  
24 in the loop on everything. He was our campaign  
25 manager.

1 MR. MORGAN: Okay. Do you recall  
2 there being a shared Google drive or a shared  
3 private YouTube account which -- where videos of  
4 Representative Broun's speeches and his  
5 opponent's speeches were posted?

6 THE WITNESS: Yes.

7 MR. MORGAN: Do you recall if  
8 Brett O'Donnell had access to that?

9 THE WITNESS: I believe so.

10 MR. MORGAN: Do you recall him -- did  
11 he -- would he review those speeches and provide  
12 feedback to Representative Broun on his speeches  
13 and his opponent's speeches?

14 THE WITNESS: Yeah. I mean we would  
15 look over them. Part of Brett's job was  
16 reviewing Dr. Broun's media events and public  
17 appearances and just making sure that he was  
18 staying on message.

19 MR. MORGAN: When you say part of his  
20 job --

21 THE WITNESS: Um-hmm.

22 MR. MORGAN: -- part of his -- when  
23 you say that, do you mean part of his agreement  
24 with the congressional office or?

25 THE WITNESS: Well, I mean as a

1 messaging consultant he wants to make sure that,  
2 you know, what we're talking about in our  
3 sessions is effective and that Dr. Broun is  
4 staying on those points that we would go over in  
5 our meetings with him.

6 MR. MORGAN: Okay. In those weekly  
7 meetings --

8 THE WITNESS: Um-hmm.

9 MR. MORGAN: -- those weekly sessions  
10 would you go over campaign appearances, campaign  
11 speeches?

12 THE WITNESS: I mean if there was  
13 like a campaign interview, that's something that  
14 we would look at.

15 MR. MORGAN: Okay.

16 THE WITNESS: That's something that  
17 his constituents would see as well as  
18 nationwide. So it was relevant.

19 MR. MORGAN: Okay. Do you recall any  
20 specific instances in one of those weekly  
21 sessions where you went over a debate  
22 performance or you went over a, you know,  
23 announcement speech or a stump speech or some  
24 other campaign speech?

25 THE WITNESS: I'm sure we did review

1 that at one point.

2 MR. MORGAN: Here in D.C.?

3 THE WITNESS: Maybe. I mean I can't  
4 remember a specific instance, but...

5 MR. MORGAN: Okay. Nothing stands  
6 out in your mind?

7 THE WITNESS: No.

8 MR. MORGAN: A particular video you  
9 may have reviewed or a particular pointer that  
10 Brett O'Donnell had?

11 THE WITNESS: Not one in particular.

12 MR. MORGAN: Okay. Do you know if  
13 Brett O'Donnell was involved in negotiating the  
14 format of the campaign debates?

15 THE WITNESS: I know that he spoke  
16 with the debate coordinator.

17 MR. MORGAN: Who was the debate  
18 coordinator?

19 THE WITNESS: I can't remember his  
20 name. It wasn't someone I spoke with.

21 MR. MORGAN: Was that somebody -- who  
22 was that person, somebody with the Georgia  
23 republican party or --

24 THE WITNESS: I wouldn't even know.  
25 I guess. That would make sense, yes. They were

1 coordinating the events.

2 MR. MORGAN: How did you become aware  
3 that Brett was coordinating the campaign  
4 debates?

5 THE WITNESS: I mean I don't think he  
6 was coordinating them. I think he was just, you  
7 know, talking with somebody to figure out what  
8 the format was.

9 MR. MORGAN: Okay. So who else was  
10 involved in Representative Broun's campaign  
11 debates?

12 THE WITNESS: Mainly David, myself,  
13 Josh and Bob.

14 MR. MORGAN: What about Jason Miller?

15 THE WITNESS: Jason wasn't really  
16 that involved. I mean he helped with our web  
17 ads and TV ads and we included him on what we  
18 were doing messaging wise, but I wouldn't say  
19 Jason had much of a say in it.

20 MR. MORGAN: Okay. Did you sometimes  
21 use Jason's office for campaign debate  
22 preparation?

23 THE WITNESS: Yes.

24 MR. MORGAN: Okay. When you used his  
25 office, would he then sit in on the session?

1 THE WITNESS: No. He just let us use  
2 his office --

3 MR. MORGAN: Okay.

4 THE WITNESS: -- and he walked  
5 upstairs.

6 MR. MORGAN: All right. I want to  
7 show you a document. This is PBCH33 through 35.  
8 This last e-mail at the bottom there where it  
9 appears that Brett is being requested to do some  
10 brief messaging calls --

11 THE WITNESS: Um-hmm.

12 MR. MORGAN: -- with representative  
13 Broun, David Bowser and yourself --

14 THE WITNESS: Yep.

15 MR. MORGAN: -- prior to a few  
16 speaking events.

17 THE WITNESS: Right.

18 MR. MORGAN: Do you recall if -- was  
19 that something typical for Brett to do, to do  
20 brief messaging calls?

21 THE WITNESS: Yeah, I mean, like I  
22 said earlier, whenever we had a big interview  
23 coming up, we would schedule that and if  
24 Dr. Broun was in Georgia for a while and hadn't  
25 had time to see Brett recently, then -- and he

1 had a lot going on media, press wise or just  
2 public appearances, Dr. Broun would just call  
3 him to get in the right mind set.

4 MR. MORGAN: How long would one of  
5 those messaging calls be?

6 THE WITNESS: Typically no longer  
7 than 10, 15 minutes.

8 MR. MORGAN: 10 or 15 minutes. And  
9 what was Brett's role? You said getting him in  
10 the right mind set --

11 THE WITNESS: Yes.

12 MR. MORGAN: -- but what would Brett  
13 do to get him in the right mind set?

14 THE WITNESS: Just kind of giving him  
15 a little pep talk, if anything. You know, the  
16 first thing we would go over is any news items  
17 in particular that might come up, any Q and A  
18 from any reporters and then, you know, just  
19 asking him how he's feeling, if -- I don't know.  
20 We would just go over, like I said, our main  
21 important messaging topics.

22 MR. MORGAN: Okay. All right. We  
23 have, you know, several calendar items that  
24 appear to reflect campaign debate preparation.  
25 I want to ask you about -- a little bit more

1 about these in general. This is PBDN133 and  
2 PBDB25. Take a look at those.

3 THE WITNESS: Um-hmm.

4 MR. MORGAN: This is from a calendar  
5 managed by Teddie Norton. The subject is prep  
6 with Brett for debate, location Jamestown  
7 Associates conference room. This is  
8 January 10th, 2014.

9 THE WITNESS: Yes.

10 MR. MORGAN: And then the second, the  
11 PBDB25 appears to refer to that prep session.  
12 David Bowser had reached out to him "I'd like to  
13 have a response for PB in case this gets brought  
14 up this weekend," referring to an article about  
15 same sex marriage.

16 THE WITNESS: Yes.

17 MR. MORGAN: Brett responds "We  
18 talked about this at today's meeting. He'll say  
19 marriage is between a man and woman," and then  
20 you respond -- in the last e-mail you respond,  
21 "Yes, he'll be good on this. Brett was asking  
22 him the tough questions on this and we discussed  
23 answers for a while."

24 THE WITNESS: Um-hmm.

25 MR. MORGAN: Do you recall that

1 specific debate preparation session?

2 THE WITNESS: Well, like you said, it  
3 was taking place at Jamestown and, as I said  
4 earlier, we would play moderator and ask him  
5 questions and then go over answers and, like  
6 David had brought up, this was something that  
7 was relevant that he could have been asked  
8 about. So we just wanted to make sure he's  
9 prepared.

10 MR. MORGAN: Okay. How many of --  
11 how many campaign debate prep sessions did you  
12 take, did you participate in would you say  
13 roughly?

14 THE WITNESS: Well, there was so many  
15 debates. They kept adding them. I couldn't  
16 tell you a specific number. Maybe around five  
17 or six.

18 MR. MORGAN: Five or six. Would you  
19 also do separate sessions after a debate to run  
20 through the performance or would that just be  
21 folded into the weekly session?

22 THE WITNESS: There would usually be  
23 a follow-up sort of thing in the next session.  
24 I mean I'm sure we talked to him after some of  
25 the debates at times. I don't remember a

1 specific instance of that, but...

2 MR. CORTAZAR: When you say the next  
3 session, do you mean the next debate preparation  
4 session or the next session --

5 THE WITNESS: Yeah.

6 MR. MORGAN: Wait, wait. Which one?

7 THE WITNESS: Debate preparation.

8 MR. MORGAN: Next debate preparation  
9 session.

10 THE WITNESS: Yeah.

11 MR. MORGAN: Okay. Would you -- were  
12 there ever any instances where after a debate  
13 the next session with Brett was here in the  
14 congressional office and you discussed the  
15 debate performance?

16 THE WITNESS: Not that I recall.

17 MR. MORGAN: Okay. I'll show you a  
18 couple more documents.

19 THE WITNESS: Um-hmm.

20 MR. MORGAN: So you said you were  
21 in five to six you estimated debate prep  
22 sessions. How many of those was Brett O'Donnell  
23 in? Was he in all of those sessions as well?

24 THE WITNESS: Yes.

25 MR. MORGAN: Okay. Were you involved

1 in any -- I'll show you a couple of documents.  
2 This is PBTN134 and PBTN135.

3 THE WITNESS: Um-hmm.

4 MR. MORGAN: See if this refreshes  
5 your recollection.

6 These are calendar items on  
7 January 16th and 17th. They're listed as prep  
8 for debate with Michael Hall.

9 THE WITNESS: Um-hmm.

10 MR. MORGAN: You're listed as a  
11 required attendee. Do you recall these  
12 sessions?

13 THE WITNESS: Yes.

14 MR. MORGAN: Do you recall if it was  
15 one session with Michael Hall or if there was  
16 two?

17 THE WITNESS: I can't remember. I  
18 remember meeting him. Brett was in Ethiopia --

19 MR. MORGAN: Okay.

20 THE WITNESS: -- and sent his  
21 co-worker.

22 MR. MORGAN: His co-worker. So  
23 Michael Hall is his co-worker?

24 THE WITNESS: I believe so.

25 MR. MORGAN: Okay. Why did he send

1 Michael Hall?

2 THE WITNESS: Because he was in  
3 Ethiopia.

4 MR. MORGAN: Okay. Was it -- was he  
5 a substitute?

6 THE WITNESS: We had an upcoming  
7 debate and I think he was just wanting to help  
8 out.

9 MR. MORGAN: Okay. But why wouldn't  
10 you just do the debate prep without Brett or  
11 anybody that he worked with? Was Brett that --  
12 was he that crucial to the debate prep?

13 THE WITNESS: I mean I wouldn't say  
14 he was crucial. He didn't do -- he wasn't here  
15 for about half the campaign. Not half, but near  
16 the end at least.

17 I mean I just -- it was our first  
18 debate I think and so we didn't really know what  
19 to expect and we just wanted to make sure he was  
20 prepared from all ends.

21 MR. MORGAN: Okay. Was anybody upset  
22 that Brett couldn't be there or was that  
23 frustrating?

24 THE WITNESS: I mean I think people  
25 joked about it.

1 MR. MORGAN: What did they say?

2 THE WITNESS: I mean I think Bowser  
3 might have made a joke like leaving us in our  
4 time of need or something. Like he's made jokes  
5 at me like that for leaving for a wedding or  
6 something.

7 MR. MORGAN: Tough boss.

8 All right. And so do you know if  
9 David Bowser had a conversation with Brett where  
10 he said you need to get somebody up here to  
11 substitute or was there any of that?

12 THE WITNESS: Not that I know of. I  
13 wasn't involved in that.

14 MR. MORGAN: Okay. Do you recall if  
15 there was any preparation for a Georgia  
16 Municipal Association debate?

17 THE WITNESS: Do you know when that  
18 was?

19 MR. MORGAN: January. I think it's  
20 around January 27th of 2014. Do you recall  
21 that?

22 THE WITNESS: There might have been.  
23 I'm not sure. Like I said, there were so many  
24 debates.

25 MR. CORTAZAR: Okay. I think that was

1 the one where there were two in a row. There  
2 was one on Saturday and one on Sunday.

3 THE WITNESS: We might have done a  
4 phone call with Brett or something, if it was  
5 over the weekend. Well, they all are over the  
6 weekend, but back to back like that.

7 MR. MORGAN: Do you recall -- do you  
8 recall any debate preparation sessions where  
9 Brett O'Donnell joined by Skype or by conference  
10 call?

11 THE WITNESS: Yep.

12 MR. MORGAN: And where were those  
13 sessions held?

14 THE WITNESS: Usually in Dr. Broun's  
15 campaign office.

16 MR. MORGAN: Okay. Down in Georgia?

17 THE WITNESS: In Georgia.

18 MR. MORGAN: Were you down in Georgia  
19 for those sessions?

20 THE WITNESS: I've been there for a  
21 few of them, but I wasn't always there.

22 MR. MORGAN: Okay. And Brett was  
23 conference called in?

24 THE WITNESS: Yeah, from Virginia.

25 MR. MORGAN: Okay. Do you recall if

1 any of those sessions took place in Jordan  
2 Chinouth's office space?

3 THE WITNESS: Those are the same  
4 thing.

5 MR. MORGAN: Oh, those are the  
6 same --

7 THE WITNESS: Yeah.

8 MR. MORGAN: Okay. So Jordan  
9 Chinouth's company I believe is J. Russell --

10 THE WITNESS: Yeah.

11 MR. MORGAN: Okay. -- and  
12 Associates. His office space was --

13 THE WITNESS: Dr. Broun's campaign  
14 headquarters.

15 MR. MORGAN: Campaign space. Okay.  
16 All right.

17 Do you recall if there was some  
18 debate preparation that occurred leading up to  
19 the senate debate in Macon? This would have  
20 been in early March of this year, March 4th and  
21 March 7th. I think I can show you --

22 THE WITNESS: If we had something  
23 scheduled, then yes, but I don't remember  
24 specifically.

25 MR. MORGAN: Let's see. PBTN148 and

1 149. I'll have you look at that for a second  
2 and see if that jogs your memory about a debate  
3 prep occurring in early March of this year.

4 I think the relevant part of it, the  
5 most relevant part of it is on the bottom of the  
6 first page --

7 THE WITNESS: Yeah.

8 MR. MORGAN: -- where Teddie Norton  
9 asks Brett "Could you do 12:30 to 1:30 on  
10 Tuesday of next week? Ideally we'll also be  
11 able to schedule an additional session up in  
12 D.C. on Friday prior to the Macon debate on the  
13 8th."

14 THE WITNESS: Okay.

15 MR. MORGAN: Brett responds "Yes,  
16 that works for me," and then the last  
17 communication is from Teddie where she says "PB  
18 is staying through Friday next week, so could  
19 you do 9:30 to 11:30 on the 7th as well?"

20 Do you recall if those sessions  
21 occurred?

22 THE WITNESS: I do not. Were they on  
23 the calendar or?

24 MR. MORGAN: I don't know if we saw  
25 them on the calendar. I think the reference we

1 saw to them was in this e-mail here.

2 THE WITNESS: Then I don't know if it  
3 was -- if it took place or not. We had things  
4 fall through with Brett --

5 MR. MORGAN: Okay.

6 THE WITNESS: -- every now and then.  
7 So...

8 MR. MORGAN: Do you recall if Brett  
9 O'Donnell worked with Niki Broun on messaging?

10 THE WITNESS: I know that he would  
11 attempt to call her maybe one or two times to  
12 try and help her get in the right mind set as  
13 well, but that wasn't by any means a daily or  
14 weekly or monthly occurrence. It was probably  
15 just once or twice that happened.

16 MR. MORGAN: Okay. I want to --  
17 well, how -- when did Brett O'Donnell's  
18 relationship with the congressional office and  
19 with the campaign end?

20 THE WITNESS: I think it was in  
21 April.

22 MR. MORGAN: Okay. Do you know why  
23 it ended?

24 THE WITNESS: It was after WSB had  
25 shown up at our office with their cameras trying

1 to get an interview and they blew up the story  
2 that was more focused on Brett than it was the  
3 actual campaign and it was just more attention  
4 on Brett than -- you know, we would rather  
5 have that attention on Dr. Broun. So I believe  
6 he resigned. I wasn't a part of that  
7 conversation.

8 MR. MORGAN: Okay. So that was about  
9 April of this year?

10 Do you recall how long after that WSB  
11 TV story ran that he resigned? Was it matter of  
12 weeks or days?

13 THE WITNESS: Maybe like three weeks  
14 or so.

15 MR. MORGAN: Okay. And then did  
16 Brett -- did that, in fact, end his involvement  
17 with the congressional office?

18 THE WITNESS: Yes.

19 MR. MORGAN: Okay. And what about on  
20 the campaign side? Did he continue --

21 THE WITNESS: No.

22 MR. MORGAN: -- on the campaign?

23 Why -- I mean so he also terminated  
24 his activities with the campaign?

25 THE WITNESS: Yes.

1                   MR. MORGAN: I think you said to your  
2 knowledge he was volunteering for the campaign?

3                   THE WITNESS: Um-hmm.

4                   MR. MORGAN: Was there any discussion  
5 of why he couldn't continue to volunteer for the  
6 campaign?

7                   THE WITNESS: I think there's -- they  
8 didn't want there to be any sort of question  
9 that the work he was doing was for the  
10 congressional office.

11                  MR. MORGAN: Okay.

12                  THE WITNESS: I'm not sure though  
13 that -- I mean based on his own willingness.  
14 So...

15                  MR. MORGAN: Okay. Were you involved  
16 in putting together the -- this response? This  
17 is BOD02081.

18                  THE WITNESS: Yes.

19                  MR. MORGAN: Who else was involved in  
20 putting together this response?

21                  THE WITNESS: David.

22                  MR. MORGAN: Okay. And who else?  
23 Was that it?

24                  THE WITNESS: I believe so.

25                  MR. MORGAN: Okay.

1 THE WITNESS: I might have run it by  
2 Bob as well, but I'm pretty sure it was just  
3 David and I that worked on this.

4 MR. MORGAN: Okay. Here in this  
5 statement it says "As stated by the House  
6 Administration Committee, O'Donnell's  
7 communications training is in compliance with  
8 all House rules."

9 THE WITNESS: Um-hmm.

10 MR. MORGAN: What did that refer to?

11 THE WITNESS: That referred to that  
12 USA Today article.

13 MR. MORGAN: The 2013 USA Today  
14 article?

15 THE WITNESS: Yes.

16 MR. MORGAN: Okay. So did -- in  
17 preparing this statement you did not reach out  
18 to the Administration Committee or the Ethics  
19 Committee?

20 THE WITNESS: No, since we had  
21 already done that.

22 MR. MORGAN: Okay. And when you say  
23 you had already done that, you're referring to  
24 that previous conversation that you and David  
25 had?

1 THE WITNESS: Right.

2 MR. MORGAN: Were there any other  
3 conversations at any other times that you or  
4 anybody else reached out to Ethics or the  
5 Administration Committee?

6 THE WITNESS: Nothing that I did.  
7 I'm not sure if David had done that beforehand.  
8 I kind of assumed that he had, but from what I  
9 heard was when we spoke with that woman.

10 MR. MORGAN: Okay. I'm going to show  
11 you PBDB0014. This appears to be you forwarding  
12 the WSB TV -- well, it's a news alert.

13 THE WITNESS: Um-hmm.

14 MR. MORGAN: To, you know, Brett  
15 O'Donnell and David Bowser. Brett O'Donnell  
16 responds "Of course they didn't use the line  
17 from the statement that it is perfectly legal,"  
18 and you respond "Yes, and that you are a member  
19 of the communications team in an official  
20 capacity." And then Brett says "Are we pushing  
21 them to correct?"

22 Was there ever a push to correct, get  
23 the article corrected?

24 THE WITNESS: I did speak with WSB  
25 about that and they would not.

1 MR. MORGAN: They would not. Okay.

2 And when you say that Brett was a  
3 member of the communications team in an official  
4 capacity --

5 THE WITNESS: Yes.

6 MR. MORGAN: -- does that accurately  
7 describe his role with the office in your mind?

8 THE WITNESS: Yes.

9 MR. MORGAN: Okay.

10 THE WITNESS: I mean that's what I  
11 have in the statement that I had sent them.

12 MR. MORGAN: Right. Okay.

13 I think I'll glance over my notes,  
14 unless somebody else has additional questions.

15 MR. SOLIS: I just have a few  
16 follow-up.

17 You had mentioned to Bryson that when  
18 you would have your weekly sessions, you would  
19 sometimes go over some of the videos of the  
20 campaign media appearances --

21 THE WITNESS: Um-hmm.

22 MR. SOLIS: -- and speeches and  
23 things like that.

24 THE WITNESS: Right.

25 MR. SOLIS: When you would go over

1 those during the weekly sessions, would they  
2 occur here in this office?

3 THE WITNESS: I mean I'm -- I believe  
4 it probably happened, you know, once or twice in  
5 the office, but, as I said, we were going over,  
6 you know, his media appearances whether they  
7 happened on a campaign side or official. It was  
8 still relevant because, you know, we wanted to  
9 make sure that he had the same public image that  
10 we discussed in our sessions with him.

11 MR. SOLIS: And would it be on a  
12 laptop or a video screen or anything else?

13 THE WITNESS: Laptop.

14 MR. SOLIS: A laptop that you guys  
15 have or Brett would bring one?

16 THE WITNESS: No, Brett would bring.

17 MR. SOLIS: Okay.

18 MR. CORTAZAR: After Brett left the  
19 relationship, did the campaign hire somebody  
20 else to take his place during those meetings?

21 THE WITNESS: No.

22 MR. MORGAN: So it was the same team  
23 as before?

24 THE WITNESS: Right.

25 MR. MORGAN: Okay. So do you recall

1 were there campaign debates this year in April  
2 and May?

3 THE WITNESS: Yes.

4 MR. MORGAN: And who was involved in  
5 those prep sessions? Was it -- Brett O'Donnell  
6 was not involved in --

7 THE WITNESS: Right.

8 MR. MORGAN: -- in those?

9 THE WITNESS: No. It would be -- I  
10 mean we didn't really have scheduled prep  
11 sessions as much. It would be things we would  
12 just kind of discuss with Dr. Broun on our own  
13 time.

14 MR. MORGAN: Why didn't you have  
15 scheduled prep sessions for those debates after  
16 Brett had left?

17 THE WITNESS: I mean I guess it just  
18 wasn't -- it didn't work out that way with  
19 timing. I mean I wasn't the one in charge of  
20 scheduling that.

21 MR. MORGAN: All right. I think  
22 those are all our questions. I think based on  
23 our questions, I think you have a sense of what  
24 we're interested in. Is there anything you  
25 think we should know?

1 THE WITNESS: No. That's it.

2 MR. SOLIS: Just if you -- if you've  
3 discussed our review with anybody in the office  
4 or Brett or the congressman? Have you discussed  
5 our review with anybody?

6 THE WITNESS: Oh. No.

7 MR. SOLIS: No? Okay.

8 THE WITNESS: I mean I like talked  
9 with like my co-workers beforehand, but I don't  
10 know what you really like -- I haven't left here  
11 yet. So...

12 MR. SOLIS: Right. I'm just  
13 wondering if you had any -- basically if you had  
14 any discussions with Brett. Did you talk to  
15 Brett? Did you talk to the congressman --

16 THE WITNESS: Oh.

17 MR. SOLIS: -- about the fact that  
18 we'd be interviewing you today?

19 THE WITNESS: No.

20 MR. SOLIS: Okay.

21 MR. MORGAN: All right. I think that  
22 will end this interview.

23 THE WITNESS: Okay.

24 MR. MORGAN: We appreciate you taking  
25 your time with us.

1 THE WITNESS: Thank you.

2 (Tape ends).

3 MR. MORGAN: This is Bryson Morgan,  
4 Investigative Counsel with the Office of  
5 Congressional Ethics again with Paul Solis and  
6 Ryan Cortazar with the OCE, again joined by  
7 [REDACTED], who would like to supplement  
8 the interview that we just completed here on  
9 June 24th, 2014.

10 So, THE WITNESS, you said that this  
11 morning it was --

12 THE WITNESS: Yes.

13 MR. MORGAN: -- you had a  
14 conversation with Brett O'Donnell?

15 THE WITNESS: Yes, I called Brett  
16 just before work to just check in with him and  
17 we had about a two-minute conversation and we  
18 were just discussing the roles that -- the role  
19 that Brett had in this office.

20 MR. SOLIS: Did you discuss the role  
21 that Brett had with the campaign?

22 THE WITNESS: Not really, no.

23 MR. SOLIS: Well, I mean you had some  
24 idea -- you worked with Brett while you were in  
25 this office --

1 THE WITNESS: Right.

2 MR. SOLIS: -- right? And while he  
3 was employed by the members office, right?

4 You had an idea. You know, we  
5 covered these topics. Bryson had asked you what  
6 did Brett do for this office and you answered  
7 those questions about --

8 THE WITNESS: Right.

9 MR. SOLIS: -- about messaging,  
10 right?

11 THE WITNESS: Yeah.

12 MR. SOLIS: Why would you feel the  
13 need to talk to Brett about what he did here if  
14 you knew beforehand what he did? What prompted  
15 you to call him today?

16 THE WITNESS: I mean if anything, I  
17 just wanted to just reinforce and go over the --  
18 what I believe the role that he had and that he  
19 had as well. There wasn't any sort of question  
20 about it. It was just more conversational.

21 MR. SOLIS: Okay. And I had asked  
22 you -- when we were off the record, I had asked  
23 you if the word volunteer had come up in the  
24 conversation between you and Brett and you  
25 answered that you believe it had; is that

1 correct?

2 THE WITNESS: I mean it could have.  
3 If anything, it was probably in reference to  
4 myself.

5 MR. MORGAN: Did he at all mention on  
6 the phone call that we asked about his campaign  
7 activities?

8 THE WITNESS: No, not really.

9 MR. MORGAN: Did the campaign -- his  
10 work on the campaign come up at all in your  
11 phone conversation with Brett?

12 THE WITNESS: No.

13 MR. SOLIS: And you said not really.  
14 We want to be very -- it's very important.

15 THE WITNESS: I mean, like I said, it  
16 was like a two-minute conversation and I don't  
17 believe that was mentioned.

18 MR. MORGAN: Okay. So you said you  
19 believe the word volunteer was used. What  
20 context would that have been used in in  
21 reference to the --

22 THE WITNESS: Probably in reference  
23 to my work, volunteering on the campaign.

24 MR. MORGAN: Okay.

25 MR. SOLIS: When we were off the

1 record, you did say probably in reference to  
2 both of our work on the campaign. So we want to  
3 be very clear right now --

4 THE WITNESS: Right.

5 MR. SOLIS: -- whether it's both --  
6 you think the both of you?

7 THE WITNESS: I don't know. I mean  
8 it's probably -- it was probably more in  
9 reference to myself.

10 MR. SOLIS: Did Mr. O'Donnell make  
11 any requests of you during your conversation?

12 THE WITNESS: Absolutely not, no.

13 MR. MORGAN: Did he threaten you in  
14 any way?

15 THE WITNESS: No. No, no.

16 MR. CORTAZAR: Okay. When you say it  
17 was more in reference to yourself, does that  
18 imply there was any reference at all in  
19 reference to him being a volunteer during that  
20 conversation?

21 THE WITNESS: No.

22 MR. MORGAN: No, there was no  
23 reference to him being a volunteer?

24 THE WITNESS: As I mentioned, it  
25 would be -- as I said, it was more of the work

1 that I did.

2 MR. MORGAN: Okay.

3 MR. SOLIS: More of or exclusively  
4 the work you did?

5 THE WITNESS: Just generally.

6 MR. SOLIS: Okay. Did you inform  
7 anybody that you were going to give Brett a call  
8 today?

9 THE WITNESS: No.

10 MR. MORGAN: Did you do -- did you  
11 give Brett a call at the request of anyone?

12 THE WITNESS: No.

13 MR. SOLIS: Did you let Congressman  
14 Broun know that you had spoken with Brett today?

15 THE WITNESS: No.

16 MR. SOLIS: Did you let David know  
17 that you spoke with Brett today?

18 THE WITNESS: No. I told him when I  
19 left here.

20 MR. MORGAN: Okay.

21 MR. SOLIS: You told?

22 MR. MORGAN: David?

23 THE WITNESS: David just now, yeah.

24 MR. MORGAN: And did he tell you to  
25 come back in?

1 THE WITNESS: Well, I just said I  
2 think I should go back in there. So...

3 MR. MORGAN: Well, we appreciate it.

4 THE WITNESS: Yeah.

5 (Tape ends.)

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