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Re: Notices of Deposition to Gene Smalley, Gary Breaux, and Allen Shuster
Caekaert & Mapley v. Watchtower Bible and Tract Society of New York, Inc., et al.
Rowland & Schulze v. Watchtower Bible and Tract Society of New York, Inc., et al.

Dear Counsel,

Please find enclosed deposition notices for Gene Smalley, Gary Breaux, and Allen Shuster to be taken in New York on August 30th, 31st, and September 1st.

As noted in our letter of May 15th, based on our extensive conferral we understand that you object to these depositions. Please let me know if this is not correct. Assuming you still object, please file for a protective order by 5/22/23 so that the Court can take the matter up well in advance of the noticed dates. If you do not file for a protective order (or withdraw your objections to these depositions by direct communication to me by 5/22/23) Plaintiffs intend to ask the Court to compel the depositions.

Sincerely,

MEYER, SHAFFER & STEPANS, PLLP

A blue ink signature of Ryan R. Shaffer, consisting of a stylized 'R' followed by a horizontal line that extends to the right.

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**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MONTANA
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TRACY CAEKAERT, and CAMILLIA)
MAPLEY,)
Plaintiffs,)
vs.)

Case No. CV-20-52-BLG-SPW

WATCHTOWER BIBLE AND TRACT)
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SOCIETY OF PENNSYLVANIA.,)
Defendants,)

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Cross Claimants)

BRUCE MAPLEY, SR.,)
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Defendants.)	

NOTICE OF DEPOSITION OF GENE SMALLEY

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Plaintiffs in the above-entitled actions will take the oral deposition of Gene Smalley on **Wednesday, August 30, 2023 starting at 9:00 a.m. (EDT)**, and there after until the same shall be completed.

The deposition will take place at **Veritext Legal Solutions, 50 Main Street, 3rd Floor, White Plains, NY 10606**. The deposition will be recorded by stenographic means before a duly qualified court reporter, and by audiovisual means. The deposition shall be used consistent with all purposes permitted by law.

DATED this 17th day of May, 2023.

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NOTICE OF DEPOSITION OF GARY BREAUX

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Plaintiffs in the above-entitled actions will take the oral deposition of Gary Breaux on **Thursday, August 31, 2023 starting at 9:00 a.m. (EDT)**, and there after until the same shall be completed. The deposition will take place at **Veritext Legal Solutions, 50 Main Street, 3rd Floor, White Plains, NY 10606**. The deposition will be recorded by stenographic means before a duly qualified court reporter, and by audiovisual means. The deposition shall be used consistent with all purposes permitted by law.

DATED this 17th day of May, 2023.

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NOTICE OF DEPOSITION OF ALLEN SHUSTER

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