

# **EXHIBIT 9**

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OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL  
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IN THE MATTER OF THE INVESTIGATION  
of DONALD J. TRUMP FOUNDATION, INC.,

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September 13, 2017  
9:43 a.m.

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CONFIDENTIAL EXAMINATION of  
DEBORAH TARASOFF, taken on behalf of  
the New York State Office of the  
Attorney General, before Kathleen  
Piazza Luongo, a Notary Public of the  
State of New York.

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2 A. That this is -- was the list  
3 that Mr. Trump wanted to give out money  
4 to.

5 Q. Were those the words that he  
6 used as best as you can recall?

7 A. Yeah, the best.

8 Q. Okay.

9 Do you recall that he said  
10 anything specifically about Mr. Trump  
11 authorizing the specific payments to  
12 these grantees?

13 A. Not that I remember.

14 Q. Do you recall if he told you  
15 anything about whether anybody else from  
16 the Trump Foundation had approved the  
17 grants to these organizations?

18 A. No.

19 Q. Do you know if anybody else  
20 from the Trump Foundation had approved  
21 the grants to these organizations?

22 A. No.

23 Q. Have you ever seen a  
24 resolution --

25 MR. SHIFFMAN: Strike that.

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2 Q. Have you ever seen a resolution  
3 from the Trump Foundation, period, have  
4 you ever seen a resolution from the Trump  
5 Foundation?

6 A. No.

7 Q. Have you ever seen any minutes  
8 from the Board of Directors of the Trump  
9 Foundation?

10 A. No.

11 Q. Did anybody ever tell you that  
12 the Trump Foundation's Board had  
13 authorized any grant that you issued?

14 A. No.

15 MR. SITARCHUK: We need to take  
16 a break.

17 MR. SHIFFMAN: Okay.

18 (Whereupon, at 10:05 a.m. a  
19 brief recess was taken.)

20 MR. SHIFFMAN: Back on the  
21 record.

22 MR. SITARCHUK: So we are here  
23 voluntarily, we are not here subject  
24 to process, number one.

25 Number two is that she did not

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2 Foundation checks go to in order to be

3 mailed? You have to speak.

4 A. They get mailed.

5 Q. Um hum.

6 A. That's all I know.

7 Q. You don't play any process in

8 the mailing of those --

9 A. No.

10 Q. You have to let me finish.

11 I'm sorry.

12 A. Okay, yeah.

13 Q. You don't play any role in the

14 process of mailing the checks; correct?

15 A. No.

16 Q. Are there any checks other than

17 Mr. Trump's personal checks that come

18 back to you?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. Okay.

21 What checks come back to you?

22 A. The other entities.

23 Q. All the other entities other

24 than the Foundation's come back to you in

25 order to be mailed out?

1           DEBORAH TARASOFF - CONFIDENTIAL  
2           four, five, six, it's a seven-page  
3           document that was produced to us by  
4           counsel on August 10th.

5                     (Whereupon, the above-mentioned  
6           seven-page document produced by  
7           counsel on August 10th was marked DT  
8           Exhibit 2 for identification.)

9                     MR. SHIFFMAN: Ms. Tarasoff,  
10          take a moment to look through this  
11          exhibit.

12                     (Witness peruses DT Exhibit 2.)

13          CONTINUED EXAMINATION BY MR. SHIFFMAN:

14          Q.        Okay. Do you recognize this  
15          exhibit as the accounts payable  
16          department's file relating to this  
17          \$25,000 payment to And Justice For All?

18          A.        Yes.

19          Q.        Okay, and this was a document it  
20          that would have been maintained in the  
21          accounts payable files in your office?

22          A.        Yes.

23          Q.        Okay.

24                     Take a look at the second and  
25          third pages of this document, is this the

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2 request that you received to make the

3 payment to and?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. And do you recall how you

6 received this document?

7 A. No.

8 Q. This is a hard copy of an

9 e-mail that was sent to Ms. Graff.

10 Does that indicate to you or

11 refresh your recollection at all -- which

12 means like spark a memory -- as to how

13 you may have received this document?

14 A. Ms. Graff may have given it to

15 me.

16 Q. Okay.

17 A. Or it was in my files, or

18 folder.

19 Q. Could it have been in the

20 folder that she maintained in her office

21 that you would check?

22 A. Yes.

23 MR. SITARCHUK: Is that what

24 you meant by your folder?

25 THE WITNESS: Yes.

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2 Q. Okay, so when you say your  
3 folder are you talking about the folder --

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. -- that Ms. Graff keeps in her  
6 office for you to check?

7 A. Correct.

8 Q. Okay.

9 Now, do you recognize the  
10 handwriting on this document at the top  
11 of the page?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. Okay.

14 Who's handwriting is that?

15 A. Mr. Trump's.

16 Q. Do you know what the reference  
17 to Allen W is?

18 A. No.

19 Q. Okay.

20 Is there anybody named Allen W  
21 that you know in the Trump Organization?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Or Allen with the last initial  
24 W?

25 A. Yes.

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2 Q. Who is that?

3 A. Allen Weisselberg.

4 Q. Do you have any understanding  
5 as to what the reference to his name is  
6 on this page?

7 A. No.

8 Q. Okay.

9 Below where his name is written  
10 there is another set of handwriting; do  
11 you recognize what that says?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. Okay.

14 What does that say?

15 A. Okay.

16 Q. Is there an initial there?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. What initial is that?

19 A. Mr. Trump's.

20 Q. Okay.

21 Right above that there is an  
22 underscore under the word 25K; correct?

23 A. Correct.

24 Q. And did you understand Mr. Trump  
25 to be approving a \$25,000 payment to And

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2 Justice For All?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. Okay.

5 What did you do with this  
6 document after you received it?

7 A. After I received this I presume  
8 I started to look up in my book to see if  
9 it was a charity.

10 Q. And why were you looking up in  
11 your book to see if And Justice For All  
12 was a charity?

13 A. Because I knew -- because he  
14 wanted to make a contribution so I  
15 thought it was for a charity.

16 Q. Okay.

17 Is there anything about the  
18 e-mail or the request that made you think  
19 it was a charity, and, if so, what was  
20 it?

21 A. I don't know.

22 Q. All right.

23 Now, this check request does  
24 not specify which entity is to make the  
25 donation; correct?

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2 After you got this document

3 what did you do next?

4 A. After I get this and I assume  
5 it's a charity, I look in the charitable  
6 contribution book that's from the IRS,  
7 and there it is in the book.

8 Q. All right.

9 A. I circled it and I highlighted  
10 it. It was in the book. So now I  
11 assumed it's a 501(c)(3) and I cut the  
12 check from the Foundation.

13 Q. Okay.

14 Did you do anything to confirm  
15 that the organization that you found was  
16 the organization that Mr. Trump wanted to  
17 make the donation to?

18 A. It's the same name, no.

19 Q. Okay, so the answer is no?

20 A. No.

21 Q. Okay.

22 You said you circled it and you  
23 highlighted it; did you do both on the  
24 same document?

25 MR. SITARCHUK: Can we go off