

DEPOSITION TRANSCRIPT

Case: Vertex Capital Partners LLC v. Meridian Insurance Group Inc.

Case No.: 3-22-cv-98291-RDC

Court: United States District Court

Witness: Diane Hoffman, Chief Compliance Officer

Date: 2025-12-26

Examining Attorney: [Counsel for Meridian Insurance Group Inc.], Kirkland & Ellis LLP

EXAMINATION BY COUNSEL:

Q: Please state your name and current title for the record.

A: My name is Diane Hoffman. I serve as Chief Compliance Officer.

Q: How long have you been in that role?

A: Approximately 10 years.

Q: I want to direct your attention to the subject of automatic renewal notice procedures.

Were you personally involved in those matters?

A: Yes, I was directly involved.

Q: Please describe your involvement.

A: I oversaw the relevant process and was responsible for ensuring compliance with all applicable agreements and obligations.

Q: Were you aware of the specific contractual provisions at issue?

A: Yes. I reviewed those provisions carefully before proceeding.

Q: Did you take any steps to comply with the notice requirements?

A: We followed our standard procedures, which I believed to be compliant.

Q: I'm showing you what has been marked as Exhibit A. Do you recognize this document?

A: Yes, I signed it. I understood it restricted certain activities.

Q: And you understood the geographic scope of that restriction?

A: Yes. I believe it covered North America.

Q: At any point did you consult legal counsel regarding these obligations?

A: Yes, we engaged Kirkland & Ellis LLP to advise us on compliance.

Q: Nothing further. Thank you.

[END OF EXAMINATION]

Certified by: _____

Court Reporter

I, Diane Hoffman, certify that the foregoing transcript accurately reflects my testimony.

Signature: _____

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