IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS EASTERN DIVISION

LAWRENCE E. JAFFE PENSION PLAN,)
on Behalf of Itself and All Others Similarly)
Situated,) Case No. 02 C 5893
Plaintiff,)
) Judge Jorge L. Alonso
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v.)
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HOUSEHOLD INTERNATIONAL, INC.,)
et al.,)
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Defendants.)

DEFENDANTS' MOTION IN LIMINE NO. 3 TO EXCLUDE PLAINTIFFS' EXPERT FROM EXPRESSING OPINIONS NOT PREVIOUSLY DISCLOSED

Defendants respectfully move the Court to preclude Plaintiffs' expert, Professor Daniel R. Fischel, from expressing at trial any opinion not previously disclosed to Defendants. In support of this motion, Defendants state as follows:

- 1. Plaintiffs intend to call Professor Daniel R. Fischel, a witness retained by Plaintiffs to provide expert testimony in this case, to testify as an expert at trial.
- 2. Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(a)(2)(B), a witness retained to provide expert testimony must prepare a written report disclosing, inter alia, "a complete statement of all opinions the witness will express and the basis and reasons for them." Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(2)(B)(i). This disclosure must be made "at least 90 days before the date set for trial." Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(2)(D)(i).
- 3. If a party fails to provide information required under Rule 26(a), that party is "not allowed to use that information" to supply evidence at trial. Fed. R. Civ. P. 37(C)(1). "The sanction of exclusion is automatic and mandatory unless the party to be sanctioned can show that

its violation of Rule 26(a) was either justified or harmless." *NutraSweet Co. v. X-L Engineering Co.*, 227 F.3d 776, 785–86 (7th Cir. 2000) (internal quotation marks omitted); *see also, e.g.*, *Abbot Labs. v. TorPharm, Inc.*, 2003 WL 22462614, at *16 (N.D. Ill. Oct. 29, 2003).

- 4. Professor Fischel has prepared six written reports, over the course of nearly nine years, that purport to contain the disclosures required pursuant to Rule 26(a)(2)(B), including "a complete statement of all opinions the witness will express and the basis and reasons for them." *See* Report of Daniel R. Fischel, Aug. 15, 2007 ("Fischel Report"); Rebuttal Report of Daniel R. Fischel, Feb. 1, 2008 ("Fischel Rebuttal"); Supp. Report of Daniel R. Fischel, Feb. 9, 2009 ("Fischel Supp. Report"); Second Supp. Report of Daniel R. Fischel, Sept. 22, 2015 ("Fischel Second Supp. Report"); Second Rebuttal Report of Daniel R. Fischel, Nov. 23, 2015 ("Fischel Second Rebuttal"); Sur-Rebuttal Report of Daniel R. Fischel, Feb. 16, 2016 ("Fischel Sur-Rebuttal"). These six reports constitute the "complete statement of all opinions" Professor Fischel has disclosed that he may express at the re-trial, which Professor Fischel confirmed during a February 24, 2016 deposition by testifying that no corrections to any of these reports were necessary. Ex. A, Fischel Dep. Tr. 44:5–12; 288:16–289:22.
- 5. Plaintiffs retained Professor Fischel to "analyze [] economic evidence as it relates to their claims, determine whether it is consistent with these claims, and if so, analyze the amount of alleged artificial inflation in Household's stock price during the Class Period attributable to such claims." Fischel Report ¶ 11. In his reports, Professor Fischel disclosed two alternative means of estimating the alleged artificial inflation in Household's stock price attributable to Defendants' misrepresentations and/or omissions. E.g., id. ¶¶ 30–42.
- 6. The first method of estimating artificial inflation that Professor Fischel disclosed is his "specific disclosure" model. *E.g.*, *id.* ¶¶ 34–37. As relevant here, Professor Fischel

identified 14 days on which, according to him, Household's stock price movement differed from that of the market and the S&P Financials Index in a statistically significant way due to disclosures of Household's misrepresentations or omissions.

1 Id. ¶ 34–35. For each of these 14 days, Professor Fischel specified the precise event that constituted the disclosure.

Id. The differences between the movement in Household's stock price and the movement of the market and the S&P Financials Index on these 14 dates represent the amount of artificial inflation in Household's stock price during the Class Period, according to Professor Fischel's specific disclosure model. Professor Fischel has never opined, in any of his six reports, that a fraud-related disclosure significantly affected Household's stock price on any other date. He confirmed during his February 24, 2016 deposition that "for purposes of [his] calculation under the specific disclosure model . . . [he] relied on those 14 dates." Ex. A, Fischel Dep. Tr. 57:8–11.

7. The second method of estimating artificial inflation that Professor Fischel disclosed is the "leakage" model. *E.g.*, *id.* ¶¶ 38–42. Professor Fischel opines that information related to the fraud was released on dates on which Household's stock price movement did *not* differ significantly from that of the market or the S&P Financials Index, and that this so-called "leakage" of information, and "market participants' attribution of [Household's stock price] decline to [] fraud-related information" means that the total underperformance of Household's stock price relative to the market and its industry represents the amount of artificial inflation in Household's stock price during the Class Period. Throughout his various reports, Professor Fischel points to specific dates on which, according to him, disclosures of fraud-related

Those dates are: November 15, 2001; December 3, 2001; December 5, 2001; December 12, 2001; February 27, 2002; July 26, 2002; August 14, 2002; August 16, 2002; August 27, 2002; September 3, 2002; September 22, 2002; October 4, 2002; October 10, 2002; and October 11, 2002. Fischel Report ¶¶ 34–35.

information constituting "leakage" occurred. *Id.* ¶¶ 12–27; Fischel Second Supp. Report ¶¶ 11, 14, 17, 24, 27, 36, 39, 44, 57, 68; Fischel Second Rebuttal ¶¶ 85; *see also* Fischel Rebuttal ¶¶ 19 ("[T]he other dates in § III of [the Fischel Report] . . . provided the basis for my conclusion[] that . . . leakage of artificial inflation from the price caused Household's long-run relative stock price underperformance during this period."). He also identified specific events that, in his opinion, constituted "leakage." *See id.* Although Professor Fischel uses certain vague and imprecise descriptions, like "overwhelming evidence of leakage," he has only properly disclosed to Defendants his opinion that "leakage" of fraud-related information occurred on the dates, and in the manner, specifically set forth in his reports.

8. Despite having six opportunities to disclose all of the dates on which he believes a "specific disclosure" or "leakage" of fraud-related information occurred, Professor Fischel indicated at his February 24, 2016 deposition that he may attempt to opine at the re-trial as to additional "specific disclosure" or "leakage" dates or events. For example, Professor Fischel stated at least seven times that he "could have included more dates under the specific disclosure model." Ex. A, Fischel Dep. Tr. 49:19–23; *see id.* 51:25–52:4; 52:11–18; 53:2–11; 55:3–12; 57:3–11; 62:21–63:1. Likewise, Professor Fischel repeatedly referred to the "leakage" of information about Defendants' misstatements and/or omissions as "continuous," *id.* 30:15–19; a "stream of information," *id.* 65:18–20; "massive," *id* 154:6; and "extreme," *id.* 154:9. He even went so far as to say—for the first time after six reports over nine years—that there were "close to 100 fraud-related events and disclosures during the Class Period." *2 Id.* 94:24–95:1. And he

² Professor Fischel attributed this figure to the trial testimony of a defense expert no longer involved in this matter. He did not, however, disclose during the deposition what he considered these "close to 100 fraud-related events and disclosures" to be. Nor was this information included in any written report Professor Fischel has disclosed to Defendants. This "sketchy and (cont'd)

explicitly stated that "[i]f there's any reason that comes to my attention between now and the time of trial or during trial to make any modification to either of the quantifications, of course I would take that into account" *Id.* 43:22–44:1.

9. Pursuant to Rule 37(C)(1), Professor Fischel should not be permitted to testify that a "specific disclosure" or "leakage" of fraud-related information occurred on any date, or in any manner, that was not disclosed in his expert reports. See NutraSweet, 227 F.3d at 785-86 (district court did not abuse its discretion by precluding expert from testifying about opinions not included in expert witness report). Given that Professor Fischel could have, on multiple occasions, supplemented his opinions, and that he had nine years in which to research events that occurred in 2001 and 2002, there can be no justification for such a failure to disclose. Moreover, this failure to disclose would be highly prejudicial to Defendants, given that the deadline for disclosures has passed, that the trial is in less than two months, and that Defendants' experts have prepared to offer testimony to rebut Professor Fischel's opinions based on the information included in his reports. See id. ("[F]ailure to file a supplemental report was not harmless. . . . The trial was in less than two months . . . and the pretrial order was due in about three weeks."); Finley v. Marathon Oil Co., 75 F.3d 1225, 1230-31 (7th Cir. 1996) (district court did not abuse its discretion in excluding expert evidence disclosed close to the start of trial because allowing such evidence would have created "a heavy burden of meeting the new evidence at trial with [the defendant's] own experts' analysis").

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vague" reference certainly does not constitute a proper disclosure pursuant to Rule 26(a)(2). *See Smith v. Union Pacific R. Co.*, 168 F.R.D. 626, 628–29 (N.D. Ill. 1996).

WHEREFORE, the Court should grant Defendants' Motion *In Limine* No. 3 and preclude Professor Fischel from expressing at trial any opinion previously not disclosed to Defendants for the reasons stated above.

Dated: April 22, 2016

Respectfully submitted,

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EXHIBIT A

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      FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
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LAWRENCE E. JAFFE PENSION )
PLAN, On Behalf of Itself )
and All Others Similarly )
Situated,
              Plaintiffs, ) Lead Case No.
      vs.
                          ) 1:02-CV-05893
HOUSEHOLD INTERNATIONAL, )
INC., et al.,
              Defendants. )
  VIDEOTAPED DEPOSITION OF DANIEL FISCHEL, Ph.D.
                 February 24, 2016
                 Chicago, Illinois
                     9:00 a.m.
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also a discussion of that in the 7th Circuit opinion and also in the district court opinion on remand as well.

- Q. Professor Fischel, both of your models are purporting to measure inflation in Household's share price on each of these days, correct?
 - A. At that level of generality, correct.
 - Q. Okay.

- A. But in different ways measuring different things.
- Q. I understand they're doing it in different ways, but they're both supposed to be measuring the same thing, correct?
- A. Depends what you mean by "same thing."

 I mean, one is assuming that there's continuous

 leakage of information as the market -- as market

 participants learn the massive fraud by Household

 and its executives, and the other is not making that

 assumption.

So for that reason you would expect there to be differences in the calculation of the magnitude of artificial inflation on particular days.

Q. So your leakage model assumes that fraud inflation is continuously leaking out of Household's

different models that yield completely different results on 384 out of 389 days? Why aren't you just offering the model that you think is right?

MR. BURKHOLZ: Objection to form.

BY THE WITNESS:

A. First of all, what I offer to the jury is a function of what I am asked in light of applicable judicial rulings at the time.

But if I am asked and permitted to testify about both, I will testify about why there are two different methods, why they're both accepted, what determines whether one is more accurate than the other and why under the facts and circumstances of this case I believe that the quantification, including leakage, is the preferable methodology because of the massive evidence of leakage during the leakage period.

BY MR. FARINA:

- Q. Are there any adjustments that you would make for either of these models to be more reliable?
- A. I think they are perfectly reliable based on what I know as of now. If there's any reason that comes to my attention between now and the time of trial or during trial to make any modification to either of the quantifications, of

course I would take that into account and give it whatever weight was appropriate or turns out to be appropriate based on whatever the facts and circumstances are at that time.

- Q. Sitting here today, this is your best shot, there is nothing you would do to make your leakage model more reliable or the results more accurate?
- A. Sitting here today there is no change that I would make to the leakage model, the quantification, including leakage based on what I know as of this time, correct.
 - Q. All right.

MR. BURKHOLZ: Is this a good break point? We've been going about an hour.

MR. FARINA: Let me ask one follow-up question.

BY MR. FARINA:

- Q. Just to be precise because you answered it a little different than I asked it. You think these are the most accurate estimates of inflation that you're capable of generating sitting here today?
- A. As of this point in time, using these two different methodologies based on the facts and

- caused by the disclosure of the information; is that fair?
- A. Yes, and that I could have possibly added more but I didn't.
- Q. And you said in your testimony that you were very careful that you only wanted to include those dates that met those two criteria; is that right?
- A. I mean you keep reading the words over and over again. That's what I said.
- Q. Okay. So there were no other dates apart from the 14 where you concluded that there was a statistically significant price reaction where you reasonably believed that that price reaction was caused by the disclosure of fraud-related information.
- A. I mean, I think the testimony speaks for itself. To the extent, I'm just skimming it, it looks like the context is -- of my answer is that I could have included more dates under the specific disclosure model. I think that's also clear from my reports that have been submitted subsequent to the trial. But I didn't and I just relied on those 14.
- Q. And you relied on those 14 days where there was a statistically significant movement and

disclosure days, correct?

- A. Correct.
- Q. And again, it's a statistically significant price movement. And here you said you had to be reasonably confident that that movement was caused by fraud related information, correct?
 - A. Correct.
- Q. So if you were not reasonably confident, you did not include a particular day as a specific disclosure day. You had to be reasonably confident that the price movement on that day was caused by the disclosure of fraud-related information.
- A. Again, I think the testimony speaks for itself, but that's basically correct.
- Q. So there are no other days other than the 14 that you selected where there was a statistically significant price movement and a reasonable belief on your part, to use your words, that that movement was caused by the disclosure of fraud information?
- A. Well, as I think I just said, looking at the context of the previous testimony that you showed me and I think as is also clear from my reports, there's some judgment involved in this and I possibly could have added some other days which

would have increased the amount of inflation under the specific disclosure model. But I relied on these 14 because I thought those were the clearest examples.

Q. So exercising your judgment at the time, you determined that there were only 14 days with a statistically significant price movement where you had a reasonable belief that that price movement was disclosed by the disclosure of fraud information.

That was your judgment at the time?

- A. It was my judgment at the time. And the reason that I didn't include more, which arguably I could have as described in the testimony and also as is clear from the reports that I've submitted, was that I decided to exercise my judgment based on the facts and circumstances in connection with particular disclosures to limit my specific disclosure model to those 14.
- Q. Professor Fischel, you testified as to the criteria that you applied, you testified three times, and the criteria that you applied were what I just said, a statistically significant price movement and some amount of confidence on your part that that movement was caused by the disclosure of fraud information.

Is that still your testimony?

A. I certainly have not changed my testimony. I just want to put my testimony in context, which you keep leaving out, of the possibility of adding other dates, which I didn't do, which could have been done, and if I had done would have increased the amount of artificial inflation under the specific disclosure model. That's clear from my testimony, it's also clear from the reports that I have submitted subsequent to the trial.

With that modification of your question, which you keep leaving out, I would agree with what you said.

Q. Well, the question that you were asked, if you look at Page 2628, by the lawyer representing the plaintiffs was:

"QUESTION: Why were these 14 days selected?"

That's the context in which you answered the question, correct?

MR. BURKHOLZ: You're asking him a different question from the answer that you were asking him about before. Now you're on -- you were on 2627 before, now you're on 2628?

price reaction."

Did I read it correctly?

A. You read it correctly. And the only thing I'm pointing out for purposes of giving a more complete description of the context, there are a couple of lines in the answer above, the same answer to the same question about what would I have done if I had done what the defendants' expert at the trial suggested in connection with what is referred to in the question as the hundred fraud-related disclosures that he identified during the leakage period.

And what I said was, if I used that approach suggested by the defendants' expert, my calculation of artificial inflation under the specific disclosure model would have gone up from \$7.97 to approximately \$15.

But I didn't do that for the reason that you've quoted several times now and also have quoted in connection with the testimony that you referred to behind Tab 1.

Q. So at the time that you created your models exercising your own independent judgment, you determined that there were only 14 days during the entire class period where there was a statistically

A. I really don't have anything to add.

Those are the days that I used for purposes of my quantification. As I described in my testimony, if I had done what the defendants suggested I would have come up with a higher number. I've also described how I could have come up with a higher number in my subsequent reports.

But for purposes of my calculation under the specific disclosure model in the trial and also presently, I relied on those 14 dates for the reasons stated in my trial testimony.

BY MR. FARINA:

Q. So as to the 11 consistent with leakage days where there was a statistically significant price movement, you did not include those as specific disclosure days because you were not reasonably confident that the movement observed on those days was caused by the disclosure of fraud information, correct?

MR. BURKHOLZ: Objection. Asked and answered.

BY THE WITNESS:

A. You know, I think I know what you're referring to. That's different from what I talked about in the trial where I was reacting to a

- you observed information that was consistent with leakage. All right?
- A. If that's what you're telling me, that's fine.
- Q. You're familiar with your own report that you use that terminology?
- A. I am, but I don't know what you're referring to in your question. If you're saying there are 11 dates where I used this language, I haven't checked, but I'm happy to accept your representation to that effect.
- Q. Sure. And on none of those 11 days where you said you identified information consistent with leakage could you come to a reasonable belief that the statistically significant price decline that you observed was caused by the disclosure of fraud-related information, correct?
- A. Yes, in terms of what I did. I think, as I said in the trial in a slightly different context and as is clear from these reports, there is some judgment involved and it's possible that some of these dates could have been included in the specific disclosure model to increase inflation, but I decided not to do that and to rely on the 14, 10 negative and 4 positive, to the best of my

recollection.

- Q. So you exercised your judgment at the time and you determined that the 14 days met your criteria and the 11 days did not?
 - A. Correct.
- Q. And that was your judgment, that was your choice as to which days to include in each category, correct?
- A. That's right. And the same with the hundred fraud-related disclosures that the defendants identified during the leakage period.
- Q. And you testified before the break that sitting here today this was your -- this is your best shot, you don't want to make any corrections or changes or adjustments to either of your models, you believe that the models are as reliable and accurate as you could possibly make them as they currently exist.

MR. BURKHOLZ: Objection. It's a compound question.

But go ahead and answer it.

BY THE WITNESS:

A. I don't have any changes to the testimony that I gave I think in response to that same question before the break.

with respect to the 11, I think there is a matter of judgment involved. If I had included some or all of them inflation would have increased, but I decided not to do so and rely on the 14.

BY MR. FARINA:

- Q. All right. Let's talk a little bit about the leakage model specifically.
 - A. Okay.
- Q. Your leakage period starts on 11/15/01 and continues through 10/11/02, correct?
 - A. Correct.
- Q. So that is about 10 months and 228 trading days, correct?
- A. I didn't count but, again, I'm happy to accept your representation.
- Q. Good. So what exactly was leaking over this ten-month period?
- A. I think a stream of information of various types relating to the fraudulent misleading disclosures that Household made about -- in three different areas: predatory lending, re-aging, and its accounting practices in connection with its credit card business which ultimately led to a restatement, a series of events and disclosures over time which led market participants to believe over

with that?

- A. That sounds right. Again, I haven't gone back and counted them.
- Q. There are 93 days of the 228 days where the inflation, according to the model, goes up. I know you're not going to count them all up, but would you accept that?
- A. I would certainly accept there are a lot of days where the amount of inflation increases day over day.
- Q. And if you look at this exhibit and the prior exhibit, you'll see that there are only two days out of the 93 days where there was an actual misrepresentation found by the jury where the stock goes up.

Would you accept that?

A. I wouldn't accept it because I don't know what was found by the jury. I know that the jury found that there were certain days that should be included in my quantification of inflation using specific disclosures. I know that.

But there are a lot of disclosures during the class period. As I said, the defendants produced an exhibit of I think close to 100 fraud-related events and disclosures during the

class period.

I can't speak to what was in the jury's mind with respect everything that was said on every single day. So when you keep asking me what the jury found with respect to what was said or disclosed on every single day, maybe you can poll the jury, if you're allowed to do that, but I don't know. I don't know what was in the jury's mind.

I do know what the jury concluded with respect to the days that were appropriately considered under my quantification of inflation based on specific disclosures. They adopted my testimony -- I'm sorry, they based their -- I take back what I just said. They adopted my testimony on leakage. I don't know what they concluded based on -- what they concluded with respect to my testimony of quantification of inflation based on specific disclosures.

- Q. Take a look at Exhibit 5. We'll just take a particular day.
 - A. Okay.
- Q. On March 4, 2002, what happened to the artificial inflation pursuant to the model that you offered, the quantification including leakage?
 - A. It went up from, it looks like \$19.02 to

that I've seen in 30 years.

But the other thing that I'd say is you can't divorce the methodology from the facts and circumstances that the methodology applies to. I mean it may be that the massive evidence of fraud and the massive evidence of leakage of that fraud that occurred in this case doesn't happen very often; that the fraud in this case and the leakage of the fraud in this case is extreme and therefore doesn't happen everyday.

But that wouldn't in any way suggest that there's anything wrong with applying a leakage model. That would just suggest that the fraud in this case and the leakage of that fraud in this case is so extreme that it doesn't happen very often.

Q. Are you aware of any other securities class action in which artificial inflation was estimated using residual returns that were not statistically significant?

MR. BURKHOLZ: Same objection. Asked and answered.

BY THE WITNESS:

A. Again, I haven't made any attempt to survey every other case. The leakage model as

other than the contractual relationship we have with our parent. I can't remember whether it's changed in any way over the past 10 years, but, in other words, there's a lot of different splits based on the overall profitability of the firm and the way that the firm's bonus pool is calculated.

- Q. How is Compass Lexecon being compensated in this case?
- A. We send out bills on a monthly basis using our standard billing practices and the bills get paid.
- Q. Is there any form of incentive compensation attached to this case for Compass Lexecon?
 - A. No.

- Q. Do you have any corrections that you feel you need to make to any of your reports in this matter?
- A. No. I guess you identified one article that we mentioned that appears to have been published at an earlier point in time. I would like to look at that. It wouldn't affect my conclusion in any event that that date is not a date where there was a non-fraud related firm-specific event that caused the statistically significant negative

return on that date. But because of that other paragraph about referencing the later article, I at least want to check about what we could figure out about the relationship between the later article and the earlier article, but it wouldn't affect any conclusion that I reached about the lack of need to make any adjustment to either of my quantifications of inflation other than for the first three days under the leakage model which has and the specific disclosure model which has nothing to do with whether that article appeared earlier or later. It's really just something I want to investigate because you pointed it out, but no analysis or conclusion that I reached in any way depends on it.

- Q. Are there any other corrections that you can think of that you would want or need to make?
- A. Well, as I said, there's not going to be any correction made. I just want to make sure that I should have referenced the earlier article in addition to the later article, but I don't think I would call it a correction because nothing's going to change regardless.
- Q. Did you go back and review the testimony you provided at trial?
 - A. You know, I would say not in any