

IN THE COURT OF CHANCERY OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE

IN RE INTERMUNE, INC.,
STOCKHOLDER LITIGATION

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BEFORE: HON. JOHN W. NOBLE, Vice Chancellor

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1 THE COURT: Good afternoon. We have a
2 settlement.

3 MR. ANDREWS: Correct, Your Honor.
4 Peter Andrews, Andrews & Springer on behalf of the
5 plaintiffs. Like you said, today we are here for the
6 final approval hearing in the In Re InterMune
7 Stockholder Litigation case. Number 10086 is the
8 consolidated caption.

9 I would like to note that there are no
10 objectors in this case, so no one has appeared to
11 attend today, and we haven't received, as of today,
12 any objections on the record.

13 So let me start at the beginning. The
14 facts of the case; tender offer. A tender offer was
15 announced on August 24th, or actually August 22nd is
16 when the merger was accomplished.

17 A 14D-9 was filed on August 29. A
18 tender offer. InterMune was being acquired by Roche
19 Holdings. My client, Mr. Wagner, a shareholder of
20 approximately 30,000 shares of InterMune, contacted us
21 after the deal was announced, and I filed the
22 complaint after the 14D-9 came out. I think our
23 complaint was filed on September 5th.

24 The tender offer was for \$74 per share

1 cash. So it was implicating what we believed some
2 Revlon duties since it was a cash-out situation. When
3 we filed our complaint, we were initially focused more
4 on the analyses of Centerview and Goldman Sachs which
5 are the financial advisors advising the company on the
6 sale.

7 There were some process items that we
8 were concerned with, but in general, one of the
9 factors that -- I guess the process factor that we
10 were concerned with upon announcement of the deal was
11 the timing, it being a very short window.

12 According to the 14D-9, I believe it
13 was on July 14th Roche approached Mr. Welch of
14 InterMune, and by August 22nd, they had inked a deal.
15 So we saw that as a very short window.

16 One of the things that we were trying
17 to concentrate on in bringing this case and looking at
18 the deal in general is was there sufficient
19 marketability of InterMune itself out there
20 considering there wasn't a go-shop on this. It was a
21 tender offer. It seemed to move pretty rapidly.

22 Admittedly, in discovery, you start
23 hearing the story about why they did the deal the way
24 they did, and part of it has to do with the timing of

1 the approval of the FDA. Their main product, main
2 drug in this case, is pirfenidone which treats a
3 chronic lung condition, basically a scarring of your
4 lung tissues, and that drug had received approval in
5 Europe and in Canada and was in I guess what we call
6 like a stage three trial in the United States.

7 Then what happened was, I believe in
8 late July, they got an indication from the FDA that
9 they were upping the approval process. The FDA was
10 upping the approval process, so it was kind of
11 speed-through, and they expected it possibly to go to
12 market by the fourth quarter of 2014.

13 So at that time I think Roche
14 capitalized on the press releases going that the
15 contact came -- Roche had been partnering with
16 InterMune in the prior years, so they were well aware
17 of the drug stage I believe going forward, and they
18 were trying to capitalize, I believe, on the news that
19 was going to see if they could bring a deal pretty
20 quickly.

21 So what we focused on as plaintiffs in
22 this case, my client was concerned, obviously, as to
23 whether or not that \$74 was properly shopped out there
24 in the market. We initially -- there was three other

1 cases filed. We consolidated by agreement. Your
2 Honor entered an order consolidating the cases. We
3 worked rapidly with the defendants to execute a
4 confidentiality agreement.

5 We worked on an expedited schedule, so
6 there wasn't a disputed expedited process in this
7 because we all know that tender offers move pretty
8 quickly, and if we're going to get things done and
9 have a review of the case, it has to be done in short
10 order. So we did agree on an expedited schedule. We
11 took two depositions pre-MOU in this case. The
12 depositions were of Centerview and Mr. Welch who is
13 the CEO of InterMune.

14 Focusing on those depositions, we were
15 looking at multiple issues. I guess the primary
16 focus -- I had been in consultation with my expert
17 early on. He was concerned with the valuations.
18 Obviously, the valuations on drug cases can be very
19 difficult because it is somewhat speculative, not any
20 more speculative than any other type of merger in
21 these cases, but there are different analyses that are
22 done with regard to drug pipelines and what has been
23 done.

24 So I think if we look at some of the

1 disclosures which I'll talk about in a little bit, one
2 of the aspects that we were concerned with was there
3 was -- in the discounted cash flow analysis that they
4 had done, they had some additional information about
5 projecting their developmental stage drugs.

6 So this is a real important factor as
7 far as how much cash can be carried forward on what is
8 expected in the drug pipeline. I think they had just
9 merely stated numbers of about 134 million. There was
10 no real background on that. So we were concerned to
11 see whether or not that was explored sufficiently by
12 Centerview and Goldman and whether or not there was a
13 particular analysis that was doing that.

14 Ultimately, despite there not being a
15 market canvas by InterMune, the proxy was pretty
16 fulsome with regard to the background of the merger,
17 so we weren't particularly interested in getting much
18 information. We found it was pretty sufficient in
19 that respect as far as how it played out.

20 There were four companies that
21 actually ended up bidding and -- not even bidding,
22 let's say, because there was two bids, two actual bids
23 after the initial Roche indication, and then the board
24 made a determination -- they formed an executive

1 committee because one of the bids was coming from -- I
2 apologize this name always -- Jean Jacques Bienaime.
3 He is the CEO of BioMarin. BioMarin had also provided
4 an indication of interest, and he recused himself from
5 the proceedings after that.

6 So we talked and did the depositions
7 and explored these things. Aside from Biomarin, there
8 was also indications from Pfizer and Biogen. Biogen
9 was referred to as Company D in the 14D-9, but the
10 Biogen offer came in a little bit late, and there was
11 questions about whether or not that was actually
12 considered on a fulsome level.

13 However, I think Mr. Welch and the
14 Centerview people provided the context in which the
15 Biogen offer was. So it was sufficient for a
16 "reasonable process" in our mind.

17 The Biogen offer came kind of 11th
18 hour. They were saying that they wanted to wait until
19 FDA approval, and I think, therefore, it was rational
20 for the board to sit back and say, "You know what,
21 that's not a realistic offer considering there's \$74
22 on the table, and we have Roche willing to pay the \$74
23 and it's a tender offer at this point." So there
24 wasn't a topping bid offered in this case.

1 So despite the fact that we were
2 initially looking as to whether or not the go-shop --
3 the lack of a go-shop in this case was something that
4 should really be a focus, we found that there was.
5 Biogen -- not Biogen. Biomarin's first offer was in
6 the 53-dollar range. Roche obviously came in at 70.

7 Ultimately, a second bid was made by
8 Roche at 74, and what that did is it reflected that
9 really Roche was the bidder that had more interest in
10 the company. So then it came down to whether or not
11 the analyses by Centerview and Goldman Sachs were
12 sufficient to support the \$74 or should it be higher.

13 Ultimately, my expert was consulted
14 many times in this case. I actually paid more in
15 expert fees than I normally sustain on a tender offer
16 being such a short term. We worked closely with them
17 because there were some things that we really didn't
18 understand about the offer itself and how they were
19 valuing some of the aspects of this case.

20 What we ended up doing is when we got
21 closer and we realized that there was one or two
22 pricing issues that we were concerned with within the
23 analysis by Centerview and Goldman Sachs, that it was
24 probably going to be a disclosure case.

1 So we sought to work with the
2 defendants to get some of the information specifically
3 that my expert was concerned with, and I believe that
4 is reflected by the disclosures that we have, and I'll
5 just kind of highlight the reasons why I think the
6 disclosures are material in this case.

7 Normally I don't sit up here and tout
8 multiples and say that a multiple analysis or
9 additions of multiples in a proxy is going to be
10 helpful in this case. I had to look back at this one
11 and rethink why I normally don't think that's
12 something that is really rational to a shareholder or
13 material to a shareholder.

14 In this case, it's a little bit
15 different. The reason why the multiples are a little
16 bit different in this case is we were focusing on
17 Centerview's -- some of the parts of -- in the
18 selected comparable public companies analysis by
19 Centerview, the multiples weren't originally included
20 in the 14D-9, and once we saw the multiples as they
21 were done in the analysis by Centerview, we started to
22 recognize that, first, in the selected comparable
23 public companies analysis, they excluded three out of
24 eight multiples as too high.

1 And the reason that's significant in
2 this case is we're always looking for that "negative
3 information" that the Court likes us to seek out. And
4 the negative information that comes from the exclusion
5 of three out of eight multiples as too high is the
6 fact that a shareholder can now look at that and say,
7 "You, know what, what if this should be the situation
8 where this multiple should be in that too high range.
9 What happens if you include all the multiples and
10 don't exclude the ones above 25. Where does that
11 bring our range of \$74."

12 So if you were going to include those
13 multiples, obviously, it would suppress the range for
14 InterMune down. So this is negative information in
15 this case that we provided.

16 The same for the selective precedent
17 transactions analysis. They also had two exclusions
18 in that case. And when you look at the overall
19 pricing on that one, that would slide the range
20 downward again. So there is a situation of maybe
21 InterMune was worth a little bit more than the \$74 as
22 far as what the projected range of satisfaction is in
23 this case.

24 Then we looked at -- I think the other

1 disclosure that's worth highlighting somewhat more is
2 the illustrative present value future stock price
3 analyses. And the reason why this one was important
4 is. Once again. We're talking about negative
5 information that we're looking for, something for the
6 shareholders to judge. We just don't want
7 confirmatory information that \$74 is correct.

8 In this case, when we explored a
9 little bit deeper about the future share price
10 analysis done by Goldman, you saw that realistically
11 they had projected out from the future share price for
12 2017, 2018, 2019, and if you did -- if you looked at
13 that prior to our disclosure, they just provided a
14 range of \$33 to \$124 for the future share price.

15 It didn't tell you how this was broken
16 out. It didn't give you any indication of when or why
17 there was a rational basis for this. So our
18 disclosure basically now tells the shareholder that
19 they were predicting that as of August 2017, the range
20 would be 33 to \$53; as August 2018, it would be 51.85,
21 so that's above the range of the \$74 already by 2018,
22 and this is on a stand-alone basis. And then finally
23 for 2019 it's a range of \$74 to \$124.

24 What that tells you by a five-year

1 projection is you have 40 percent growth in the stock
2 if there's a stand-alone basis.

3 So, to me, that's real information for
4 the shareholders to say, "You know what, I'm about to
5 get cashed out at \$74. I could hold on to this stock
6 as a stand-alone if the tender doesn't go through. I
7 could vote against the deal and achieve a 40 percent
8 growth in five years," and looking at the stock market
9 today, I think any of us would take a 40 percent
10 return in five years.

11 So I think that is probably the most
12 material of the disclosures in this case. I find that
13 that was again negative information; i.e. something
14 that would at least cause a rational shareholder to
15 look at the information again within the proxy and
16 say, "Did I analyze this correctly, have I looked at
17 this correctly, am I going to tender my shares."

18 So ultimately we get to the point
19 where we agree on the disclosures. We do a
20 confirmatory deposition with Goldman Sachs people, and
21 after fully vetting Goldman Sachs and their analyses
22 here, we were comfortable that we had risks moving
23 forward and there wasn't going to be much utility in
24 trying to move the case forward on a pricing case;

1 that my expert was convinced that although we could
2 draw some arguable discrepancies about the analyses
3 and about the outputs that they had discovered that
4 Goldman had eventually put in front of the board in
5 this case, that he was satisfied that we're within
6 that discretionary range where it would be very
7 difficult for us to come in and make a pricing case.

8 So we ultimately decided that this
9 would be the final settlement, the disclosures in this
10 case, and that we weren't going to move forward on a
11 pricing case.

12 Now, looking back at some of the other
13 issues, obviously, if we moved forward, there was also
14 risks to the litigation. If we were going to press
15 some of the process claims, like I said, we had risk
16 on our side that the directors -- that there wasn't
17 much by way of conflicts. It seemed like they excused
18 J.J. Bienaime once he made a bid with Biomarin. So he
19 insulated himself.

20 They essentially formed an executive
21 committee at that time to look at the deal closely
22 even though it was a pretty quick process. After the
23 depositions and reading the depositions, it became
24 pretty clear that they did enough that for me pressing

1 a case on process and price forward was going to be
2 difficult, and they were going to have significant
3 defenses.

4 The termination fee fell within the
5 three percent range, so there's not much there. So
6 I'd have that to defend against also.

7 The defendants would also obviously
8 raise various other aspects such that even though
9 there was no go-shop, you had Biogarin, Pfizer, and
10 Biogen coming in and then being addressed by the board
11 at least initially.

12 I guess my one stronger point would be
13 whether or not the assessment of the Biogen deal was
14 enough or should they have waited for FDA approval.
15 That would be another factual dispute that would be
16 arguably -- we'd be arguing about business judgment
17 rule on something because, in their estimation, there
18 was some value to shareholders by pressing the tender
19 offer before the FDA approval happened, and the reason
20 that is is because in 2010 they had the FDA
21 essentially reject the drug prior and say "We want
22 another run of another test in the United States
23 before we approve this for all markets." So there was
24 always that risk to shareholders too.

1 At the end of the day, I approached my
2 client about this, and we talked in depth, and
3 obviously with 30,000 shares, he's close to 2 million
4 in on this case as far as share count, and we talked
5 about even proceeding for an appraisal process, and
6 ultimately he is supporting this settlement as
7 sufficient in this case.

8 We ultimately decided to speak with
9 the defendants about a final resolution, and we agreed
10 to a fee of \$470,000. Obviously, the company, like
11 you always say, does want some sort of peace of mind
12 and we have inked a final approval which we think is
13 sufficient in this case. We believe we provided
14 material information.

15 If we run through the factors -- would
16 you like me to run through the factors?

17 THE COURT: I think I know what they
18 are, but the podium is yours.

19 MR. ANDREWS: Your Honor, I know you
20 know well what they are. I just don't know how much
21 more I want to bother you with my time at this point.

22 THE COURT: You're not bothering me.

23 MR. ANDREWS: At this point, do you
24 have any questions in detail? I tried to cover as

1 much information as I could, but at the same time, I
2 am more than willing to answer any questions that Your
3 Honor may have.

4 THE COURT: Why do these facts justify
5 a broad release? Why shouldn't the release simply be
6 limited to disclosure claims? That may be a question
7 more for Mr. Davis than anybody else.

8 MR. ANDREWS: I think I would like
9 to -- I'll answer this in a somewhat hypothetical, but
10 in this situation, I understand the obligation of just
11 getting a disclosure release, but is there anything
12 additional that I would have gotten -- let's say I
13 didn't do a -- let's say I do just a disclosure
14 release at this point, and I had to press it for
15 damages so ultimately either get a final judgment or
16 we have some sort of settlement prior to where you can
17 be more satisfied that there's a proper release of all
18 pricing claims or any other type of pricing claim,
19 process or price claim that might be there.

20 I don't come into this case looking at
21 it as a disclosure case because, one, there's not --
22 there's value to it, but at the same time, I would
23 rather have a pricing case at the end of the day. I
24 would rather run a case through its course.

1 But when I looked through depositions,
2 when I looked through the documents, when I had my
3 expert review it down and dirty and I look at all the
4 factors that are coming in, the risks and the benefits
5 of doing everything, would you look at me any
6 different if I walked up at the end of the day on a
7 motion to dismiss or a motion for summary judgment,
8 and we had the same set of facts, and we had the same
9 set of analyses that are here?

10 I don't know that there is going to be
11 any difference because I don't come into it saying I'm
12 only settling it for disclosures because that's all we
13 investigated. I investigated price. I wanted this to
14 be a price claim.

15 So that's where I get comfort in at
16 least recommending, on behalf of the class, that we
17 are here to finally resolve the matter; that I am
18 comfortable that if other people were to look back at
19 the case and look at the pricing and other mechanisms
20 here, that we have satisfied our obligations as far as
21 class, representing the class, and that we are
22 sophisticated people analyzing the deal on a
23 sophisticated level.

24 We're in Delaware doing these breach

1 of fiduciary duty cases every day, and I think -- I
2 would like to think that as of right now that I can
3 analyze a case and represent a class in a proper way
4 so that I give the Court comfort that we're just not
5 wiping away pricing claims because I wanted to walk
6 away at disclosures.

7 That's my long and the short of it.
8 It may not be correct, but that would be my
9 explanation as far as representation of the class at
10 this point. There's always risk. Someone can always
11 come in -- and it's happened in the past. Someone can
12 always come in and dispute what we've done in the
13 past.

14 Your Honor might be overturned by the
15 Supreme Court on some judgment that he passes.
16 There's no difference. We all have the risk.

17 So what we've presented is a final
18 resolution. It offers finality to the defendants
19 because then they don't have to arguably defend cases
20 against the pricing at \$74. Ultimately, they're going
21 to lose it over time.

22 What do they get; three years where
23 they buy peace of mind, or they get peace of mind now.
24 If there was real objections to the pricing in this

1 case, I think the courtroom would probably be full of
2 people willing to take this case on forward. A lot of
3 people have probably had the same analyses in the long
4 run that \$74 was probably the best they could do at
5 the time.

6 That's my explanation as to what goes
7 on. I don't know if I answered Your Honor's question,
8 but that would be my short hand but not really
9 shorthand notes.

10 THE COURT: You tell me, and if this
11 comes out harshly, I don't mean it to be harsh, you
12 tell me that the \$74 was a price that really couldn't
13 be challenged. You came to that conclusion
14 afterwards. I read the complaint, and it read to me
15 like a complaint that probably didn't have legs, but
16 who knows what you'll find in discovery. I understand
17 that.

18 But if \$74 is really such a good
19 price, why is it that the defendants -- and I'm not
20 picking on the defendants here. This is a universal
21 problem. The defendants want total peace. They do
22 some -- again, I don't mean to put rabbits in the hat,
23 relatively minimal disclosures, and they buy deal
24 insurance.

1 And there's something about that that
2 has always troubled me. For some reason, it really
3 bubbled up in this case.

4 MR. ANDREWS: It's unusual that we are
5 on the reverse here because normally Your Honor is
6 pointing at the plaintiffs side saying "you guys are
7 walking away on the cheap" or some other -- not to
8 belittle the plaintiffs bar. I certainly don't do
9 that.

10 But we're often more the focus of
11 attention, and it's unusual for us to see that Your
12 Honor has also questioned buying peace on their side.
13 Maybe it is a question better left for the defendants.

14 I would urge that this is one of those
15 instances where we try not to upset the apple cart;
16 that the defendants and us have negotiated. The
17 parties have negotiated at arm's length. I guess the
18 Court would have to question the judgment of all the
19 parties in this case should this be seen as troubling
20 with global resolution on this level.

21 And then that troubles me moving
22 forward as far as the next case that I face where I
23 believe that, yeah, there's value to disclosure claims
24 but I don't think there's a pricing claim at the end

1 of the day, do I have to come in on a mootness fee
2 every time in front of Your Honor and waste judicial
3 resources because they want a global release and I
4 don't have it.

5 I guess we could change the landscape
6 in Delaware and start arguing about mootness fees all
7 the time and the corporate benefit provided on a
8 limited release. So it would just be changing the
9 landscape a little bit with regard to that aspect.

10 I think if there was really -- on the
11 defendants buying a global resolution to the whole
12 thing, if there was really an issue with it, there
13 would be more people here challenging the deal and
14 them buying global resolution that someone ultimately
15 would think that there was a problem with the deal as
16 it's done.

17 I don't know that we can ever -- I
18 mean, look, I'm in a situation where I'm a plaintiffs'
19 attorney, and I look at these things from -- I have to
20 be somewhat of a gatekeeper for the shareholders
21 because the SEC can't protect everybody that's out
22 there. So we do our best to look at the deals on a
23 closer level.

24 We don't come in just to make a buck,

1 as most people think that the plaintiffs bar does in
2 this situation. In Delaware, we're looking at these
3 things closely, and we're looking at them because
4 there is an important gatekeeping function.

5 Otherwise, the CEOs keep on ratcheting
6 their pay. Otherwise, the committees don't really
7 meet. Otherwise, you have deals being done on a back
8 room deal. You have insider transactions. You have
9 loans being made.

10 If we didn't have the protections of
11 the plaintiffs' bar, we wouldn't be able to sit here
12 and litigate in front of Your Honor all the time. If
13 we can't buy global peace at some point where everyone
14 is satisfied on every situation, we're just going to
15 become more litigious. That would be my two cents on
16 the whole thing.

17 If Your Honor doesn't have anything
18 further, I will step away from the podium and I would
19 request the Court approve this.

20 THE COURT: Do you want to talk about
21 attorneys' fees?

22 MR. ANDREWS: I can talk about
23 attorneys' fees if you'd like, Your Honor.

24 In this case we're asking for

1 \$470,000. I think we presented sufficient evidence
2 of -- the Court -- we can go back to the Court and the
3 precedents and, yes, we've all been sliding downwards.
4 I think that's been the push on the Court's part to
5 push the fees downward.

6 This was an agreed fee. I think you
7 saw from the hours spent, there was 625 hours roughly
8 spent by all the attorneys in this case. There were
9 four law firms really working in this case on a very
10 short-term basis.

11 I don't belittle any of the work that
12 we've done. Ultimately, it works out to \$848 an hour.
13 It's not that much when you look at historical
14 precedents as far as hourly fees. You're smirking at
15 me and I --

16 THE COURT: I am not smirking. All
17 I'm simply doing is reflecting upon the fact that I
18 don't get paid anything close to that, but that's my
19 lot in life. That's not your fault.

20 MR. ANDREWS: Well, I'm sure Your
21 Honor, if Your Honor decides to leave the bench, he is
22 going to make plenty of money at the end of the day
23 when one of these big Delaware defense firms picks him
24 up if that's what you so choose to do at the later

1 part of your career.

2 THE COURT: I tell judges all the time
3 if you don't like what you get paid, go back to work.
4 That's not my concern.

5 MR. ANDREWS: \$848 is not outside the
6 range. I was roughly doing the math this morning.
7 Just including the lead plaintiffs' time, the lead
8 plaintiffs' firm time, which was -- the multiplier is
9 3.24, and that's not considering the other three law
10 firms that were working on this.

11 That's not a crazy multiplier at the
12 end of the day on this type information. I do believe
13 we got at least three material disclosures that
14 provided sufficient negative information that gets you
15 into that realm of 450,000.

16 Everyone hates when we mention Sauer
17 Danfoss or Celera or any of the other cases that kind
18 of ballpark the ranges that we have. But I think
19 justification of \$470,000 is out there.

20 It's been mentioned specifically in
21 our brief, and I'm not going to belabor you with that,
22 because I know you know it all too well. I think
23 everyone knows it all too well. And it's whether or
24 not we justified the presence of the award in this

1 case. The defendants are willing to pay it. If they
2 really thought that this was a pepper corn case, then
3 they would be offering us a pepper corn. I probably
4 would be in here on a disputed fee.

5 So that is how I will leave it on the
6 attorneys' fees issue unless you have another question
7 for me.

8 THE COURT: I may have already asked
9 too many questions. Thank you.

10 MR. ANDREWS: Your Honor, you never
11 ask too many questions. I appreciate your time today.
12 Thank you.

13 THE COURT: Ordinarily, I ask defense
14 counsel if they have anything to add, and the answer
15 is generally no, but I did raise a topic today that I
16 would assume some of you would want to address, and
17 that is what would your reaction be if I approved a
18 settlement but only with a release that went to the
19 disclosure claims and didn't provide the, for want of
20 a better phrase, global peace.

21 MR. DREISBACH: Your Honor, Larry
22 Portnoy from Davis Polk representing Roche.

23 THE COURT: Good afternoon.

24 MR. PORTNOY: Good afternoon, Your

1 Honor.

2 The reaction, quite simply, is that's
3 not what we bargained for. The release and the scope
4 of release is important to us. It's important to the
5 client. We did not and never did think much of the
6 price and process claims here.

7 Nonetheless, we do want total peace.
8 We do not want to be bothered with additional
9 litigation with respect to this deal, so we bargained.
10 We bargained hard, and we won that broad release.

11 Without that broad release, it is an
12 entirely different settlement. So it's not something
13 I think, Your Honor, we could agree to the Court
14 doing. It would simply, I think, be a question of not
15 having a settlement, and then both sides would have to
16 think about what they do at that point.

17 But in terms of simply carving back
18 the release, that is a significant and important issue
19 for the defendants.

20 THE COURT: I'm not surprised by that
21 answer, but thank you.

22 Would you want to have an opportunity,
23 because I realize I raised it this afternoon, to
24 submit something in writing as to why I should approve

1 this with the full release?

2 MR. PORTNOY: Certainly, Your Honor.

3 THE COURT: I'm not asking you to do
4 it. I'm just asking if you are interested in the
5 opportunity.

6 MR. PORTNOY: The fact of the matter
7 is, Your Honor, I'm not sure I have anything to offer
8 on that question that hasn't already been discussed.

9 On the particular question of a more
10 narrow release versus the one negotiated, I think I do
11 have a clear answer. If the question is, broadly,
12 would defendants like to advocate for approval of the
13 settlement, I think the fact of the matter is we don't
14 have arguments to offer you beyond what you've already
15 heard from the plaintiffs' side.

16 THE COURT: Again, you weren't
17 anticipating this, so it's an unfair question, but we
18 have a case that, at least as I looked at it from the
19 beginning, did not have -- I hate the phrase "legs,"
20 but that's as good as any phrase I've got, and it
21 looked like a case that would end up as a disclosure
22 settlement, which is what happened.

23 So I view it, even though there were
24 price and process strings, as it was always a

1 disclosure case, and if it's a disclosure case, why
2 shouldn't the release go to what the case was destined
3 to be, which is disclosure?

4 I don't want to make this too
5 personal, but I have in private moments said I sell
6 deal insurance, and that's perhaps too cynical, but
7 that's what I'm worried about here. You all have
8 offered to pay a substantial fee, but what do you get
9 out of it? You get peace and quiet, which is a
10 wonderful thing which may well be worth \$470,000 to
11 your clients.

12 MR. PORTNOY: Right. Your Honor, I
13 completely understand the concern. I understand the
14 issue. I think --

15 THE COURT: I'm sure you understand
16 the issue.

17 MR. PORTNOY: It reflects, I think, a
18 more structural problem in how to deal with these
19 cases than I have -- it suggests a structural problem
20 that I don't really have a solution to offer the
21 Court.

22 If the rule of law were to develop
23 that negotiated releases have to, in some way, be
24 parallel or reflect the actual credible strong leggy

1 claims that are brought, that's a different rule than
2 the one under which we operate.

3 Under the rules in which we currently
4 operate, defendants want to bargain for the strongest
5 release possible. Plaintiffs clearly here made the
6 judgment that the price and process claims did not
7 have legs after doing discovery. They made that
8 judgment, and we're willing to agree to a release of
9 those claims.

10 So I do think Your Honor is suggesting
11 a different and perhaps better paradigm, but it's not
12 the paradigm that we lived in and with with this case,
13 and I don't think I have further wisdom on it.

14 THE COURT: This is something which I
15 have struggled with over many years, and I finally
16 decided this was the one that I wanted to raise the
17 issue in. I apologize to all of you because nobody
18 was anticipating that.

19 Mr. Dreisbach, do you have something
20 to add?

21 MR. DREISBACH: If you wouldn't mind,
22 Your Honor.

23 THE COURT: Absolutely.

24 MR. DREISBACH: I'm sorry it's us that

1 you chose to bring this up with.

2 I guess the difference I see is that
3 all these corporate cases bring typically the three
4 claims; the process, the price and disclosure. We get
5 those all the time. Other types of cases can bring
6 three other claims; conversion, trespass, and I don't
7 operate in that area so I can't think of the third.

8 But if there's a settlement in the
9 conversion or trespass area and all the facts go
10 towards those types of claims, just because you're
11 only getting relief from one of those claims typically
12 doesn't mean you can't get rid of everything else,
13 particularly when all the claims were looked into.

14 Here, before the MOU was signed, there
15 was confirmatory discovery looking toward the
16 preliminary injunction hearing. It wasn't that they
17 just kicked the tires after an MOU was signed. They
18 were discovered. They looked into the price. They
19 looked into the process. And they looked into
20 disclosure. We settled on one of those.

21 I understand that the only release,
22 the only settlement consideration, was disclosure, but
23 the fact that they brought claims that didn't
24 ultimately have enough legs to go forward, to me,

1 doesn't mean that you have to only limit the release
2 to the one claim that you offered at settlement
3 consideration for.

4 So I think it's a little bit different
5 to say -- from the situation where they bring three
6 claims, they only focus on one, ignoring the other
7 two, and then try and release all three. Here, they
8 brought three claims. They pursued all three. So
9 that's why I think our release relating to all three
10 would be appropriate.

11 THE COURT: Thank you.

12 I want to reflect upon what I ought to
13 do with approval of the settlement, or perhaps more
14 specifically approval of the release because that's
15 really what I have focused on, the scope of the
16 release.

17 I have approved a lot of settlements
18 where the disclosures were no better or no worse than
19 the disclosures here. But this is more of, as I
20 suggested, more of a structural question that I'm
21 struggling with.

22 I will gather you by phone to let you
23 know what I figure out I am going to do, and I will
24 also address the attorneys' fees question at that time

1 because until I figure out whether there's a
2 settlement to approve, I don't think I ought to
3 address the question of attorneys' fees, although I'm
4 not sure the attorneys' fees that I would award
5 pursuant to a settlement versus the attorneys' fees I
6 would award pursuant to a mootness outcome would be
7 different.

8 I do believe I can take care of one
9 item on the agenda today which was the certification
10 of the class, something I have to go through. I might
11 as well go ahead and get that done.

12 I also note that notice of today's
13 hearing and of the proposed settlement was duly given
14 in accordance with the Court's scheduling order as
15 evidenced by the affidavit of Miss Thurin. No
16 objection to the settlement has been received from any
17 former InterMune shareholder.

18 Class certification, of course, is
19 governed by Rule 23. Numerosity is the first
20 requirement. There were roughly 96 million shares of
21 InterMune common stock as of the merger. There were
22 hundreds, probably thousands, of shareholders.
23 Joinder would have been impracticable.

24 As for commonality, there were common

1 questions of law and fact. The primary issues
2 involved an alleged breach of fiduciary duty by
3 InterMune's directors. Commonality is satisfied.

4 As for typicality, the position and
5 interest of the class representatives are consistent
6 with those of the former common stockholders. All
7 suffered the same injury, if there was an injury, and
8 all possessed the same claims, if there were claims.

9 As for adequacy of representation,
10 there is no suggestion of any conflict between
11 plaintiffs and other potential class members. They
12 chose competent counsel. The adequacy of the
13 representation prong is satisfied.

14 That leaves Rules 23(b)(1) and (b)(2).
15 These standards are satisfied because of the risk of
16 inconsistent adjudications if the class approach had
17 not been undertaken. The same injunctive or
18 declaratory relief would have been available to and
19 appropriate for all class members.

20 In short, a class consisting of owners
21 of InterMune common stock between August 22, 2014 and
22 September 29, 2014 inclusive, including successors and
23 heirs and anyone else who might claim through them, is
24 certified on a non-opt-out basis.

1 Based on what I have said, that,
2 unfortunately perhaps, is all that I can accomplish
3 this afternoon. I will try to get back to you in a
4 timely fashion after I figure out what I want to do
5 about approving a broad general release.

6 With that, thank you all very much.
7 Safe travels.

8 Recess court please.

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10 (The Court adjourned at 2:45 p.m.)

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CERTIFICATE

I, MAUREEN M. McCAFFERY, Official Court Reporter of the Chancery Court, State of Delaware, do hereby certify that the foregoing pages numbered 3 through 35 contain a true and correct transcription of the proceedings as stenographically reported by me at the hearing in the above cause before the Vice Chancellor of the State of Delaware, on the date therein indicated.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand at Dover, this 13th day of July, 2015.

/s/Maureen M. McCaffery

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