

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA**

**In re: Oil Spill by the Oil Rig  
“Deepwater Horizon” in the Gulf  
Of Mexico, on April 20, 2010**

**Applies to: *All Cases.***

\* **MDL No. 2179**  
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\* **SECTION: J**  
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\* **JUDGE BARBIER**  
\* **MAGISTRATE SHUSHAN**

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**ALL PARTIES OBJECTIONS TO DEPOSITION DESIGNATIONS OF  
ALLEN SERAILE**

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<u>From</u>		<u>To</u>		<u>Objecting Party</u>	<u>Objection</u>	<u>Ruling</u>
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50	19	50	25	Transocean	Argumentative, vague and ambiguous (Fed. R. Evid. 602). No adverse inference against Transocean should be drawn.	
51	19	52	1	Transocean	Lacks foundation (Fed. R. Evid. 602). No adverse inference against Transocean should be drawn.	
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65	13	65	20	BP	FRE 602	
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65	17	65	20	Transocean	Lacks foundation (Fed. R. Evid. 602). No adverse inference against Transocean should be drawn.	
66	9	66	14	Transocean	Lacks foundation; vague; ambiguous (Fed. R. Evid. 602). No adverse inference against Transocean should be drawn.	



66	15	66	18	Transocean	Lacks foundation (Fed. R. Evid. 602). No adverse inference against Transocean should be drawn.	
66	19	66	22	Transocean	Lacks foundation (Fed. R. Evid. 602). No adverse inference against Transocean should be drawn.	
67	5	67	8	BP	FRE 602; FRE 701	
67	5	67	8	Transocean	Lacks foundation; calls for speculation (Fed. R. Evid. 602). No adverse inference against Transocean should be drawn.	
67	10	67	13	BP	FRE 602; FRE 701	
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67	16	67	18	BP	FRE 602	
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67	20	67	20	BP	FRE 602	
78	15	78	25	BP	FRE 602; Multiple Hearsay	
78	15	78	25	Transocean	Hearsay (Fed. R. Evid. 802). No adverse inference against Transocean should be drawn.	
79	15	79	18	BP	FRE 602; FRE 701	
79	20	80	1	BP	FRE 602; FRE 701; Misstates the Record; Vague	
80	3	80	7	BP	FRE 602; FRE 701; Misstates the Record; Vague	
80	9	80	12	BP	FRE 602; FRE 701; Misstates the Record; Vague	
80	14	80	14	BP	FRE 602; FRE 701; Misstates the Record; Vague	
80	25	81	2	BP	FRE 602; FRE 701; Misstates the Record; Vague	

81	4	81	6	BP	FRE 602; FRE 701; Misstates the Record; Vague	
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85	25	85	25	BP	FRE 602; FRE 701; FRE 702; Misstates the Record; Vague	

86	1	86	3	BP	FRE 602; FRE 701; Misstates the Record; Vague	
86	5	86	8	BP	FRE 602; FRE 701; Misstates the Record; Vague	
86	10	86	13	BP	FRE 602; FRE 701; Misstates the Record; Vague	
86	15	86	23	BP	FRE 602; FRE 701; Misstates the Record; Vague	
87	20	87	23	BP	FRE 602; FRE 701; Misstates the Record; Vague	
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88	21	88	21	BP	FRE 602; FRE 701; Misstates the Record; Vague	
89	5	89	8	BP	FRE 602; FRE 701; Misstates the Record; Vague	
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89	18	89	18	BP	FRE 602; FRE 701; Misstates the Record; Vague	
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102	20	102	22	Transocean	Vague and ambiguous (Fed. R. Evid. 602). No adverse inference against Transocean should be drawn.	
108	6	108	9	Transocean	Hearsay (Fed. R. Evid. 802); vague (Fed. R. Evid. 602). No adverse inference against Transocean should be drawn.	

108	10	108	16	Transocean	Lacks foundation; calls for speculation (Fed. R. Evid. 602). No adverse inference against Transocean should be drawn.	
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121	5	121	8	Transocean	Calls for speculation (Fed. R. Evid. 602). No adverse inference against Transocean should be drawn.	

124	20	124	23	Transocean	Lacks foundation; calls for speculation (Fed. R. Evid. 602); hearsay (Fed. R. Evid. 802). No adverse inference against Transocean should be drawn.	
124	24	125	4	Transocean	Calls for speculation; vague (Fed. R. Evid. 602). No adverse inference against Transocean should be drawn.	
134	4	134	25	Transocean	Lacks foundation; vague (Fed. R. Evid. 602). No adverse inference against Transocean should be drawn.	
135	1	135	3	Transocean	Lacks foundation (Fed. R. Evid. 602). No adverse inference against Transocean should be drawn.	
137	9	137	12	BP	FRE 602; FRE 701; Misstates the Record; Vague	
137	14	138	3	BP	FRE 602; FRE 701; Misstates the Record; Vague	
138	5	138	9	BP	FRE 602; FRE 701; Misstates the Record; Vague	
138	11	138	15	BP	FRE 602; FRE 701; Misstates the Record; Vague	
138	17	138	17	BP	FRE 602; FRE 701; Misstates the Record; Vague	
138	21	138	23	BP	FRE 602; FRE 701; Misstates the Record; Vague	
138	25	139	4	BP	FRE 602; FRE 701; Misstates the Record; Vague	
139	6	139	6	BP	FRE 602; FRE 701; Misstates the Record; Vague	
139	24	140	17	BP	FRE 602; FRE 701; Misstates the Record; Vague	
141	10	141	13	BP	FRE 602; FRE 701; Misstates the Record; Vague; FRE 702	
143	3	143	9	BP	FRE 602; FRE 701; Misstates the Record; Vague	
143	10	143	12	BP	FRE 602; FRE 701; Misstates the Record; Vague	



143	13	143	15	BP	FRE 602; FRE 701; Misstates the Record; Vague	
145	13	145	25	BP	FRE 602; FRE 701; Misstates the Record; Vague	
150	8	150	11	Transocean	Lacks foundation (Fed. R. Evid. 602). No adverse inference against Transocean should be drawn.	
150	19	150	21	Transocean	Lacks foundation (Fed. R. Evid. 602). No adverse inference against Transocean should be drawn.	
152	3	152	9	BP	FRE 602;	
152	10	152	16	BP	FRE 602; FRE 701; FRE 702; Hearsay	
154	15	154	18	Transocean	Knowing the witness will plead the Fifth, counsel asks a question the witness lacks foundation to answer. No adverse inference should be drawn. Fed. R. Evid. 602.	
154	19	154	23	Transocean	Lacks foundation; vague (Fed. R. Evid. 602). No adverse inference against Transocean should be drawn.	
154	24	156	3	Transocean	Lacks foundation (Fed. R. Evid. 602). No adverse inference against Transocean should be drawn.	
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157	5	157	9	BP	FRE 602; FRE 701; FRE 702	
157	6	157	18	Transocean	Lacks foundation (Fed. R. Evid. 602). No adverse inference against Transocean should be drawn.	
157	11	157	15	BP	FRE 602; FRE 701; FRE 702	
157	17	157	24	BP	FRE 602; FRE 701; FRE 702	
157	19	158	1	Transocean	Lacks foundation, vague (Fed. R. Evid. 602). No adverse inference against Transocean should be drawn.	
158	1	158	1	BP	FRE 602; FRE 701; FRE 702	

