

1 respect to intellectual property?

2 A. Yes. In fact, I've written a couple of papers
3 on it, academic papers.

4 Q. Okay. And your -- your knowledge about the
5 economics of intellectual property, has that involved
6 also a study of how market -- the market value of
7 intellectual property is -- is -- is created?

8 A. Yes. And I've consulted on the fact within
9 the last year. There was a company in Dallas that hired
10 me to help them value their intellectual property for
11 the internet and for cellphones, yeah. So that's the
12 kind of thing I do.

13 Q. Okay. That's very commendable.

14 As part of your studies about the market value
15 of intellectual property, have you studied or referred
16 to or read any publications which discuss the effect of
17 widespread infringement on the effect of the market
18 value of a piece of intellectual property?

19 A. I've read about that in other countries in the
20 United States, but I can't remember an article
21 necessarily about the United States. I've read about
22 that and the effect it has on places like Egypt and
23 India for drugs, yes.

24 Q. And what do they say about that?

25 A. Well, if you don't have a rule of law and

1 everybody goes out and infringes, you're not going to
2 have nearly as much innovation.

3 And that's why countries like India now have
4 started to enforce their intellectual property laws,
5 because they want to build up, you know, a drug industry
6 and all.

7 So to an economist, you know, you need a rule
8 of law. Hopefully, in the U.S., we have a good rule of
9 law.

10 Q. Hopefully. Hopefully.

11 A. Well, I think we do.

12 Q. And --

13 A. I'm not a lawyer, though. I mean, you know
14 better than me. But, you know, all I can say is
15 hopefully.

16 Q. And that's because the experience of Egypt
17 tells us, if the rule of law regarding intellectual
18 property is not followed, it will hurt the value of
19 intellectual property, right?

20 A. Yeah. It hurts all property. That's why most
21 people don't build nice houses in Egypt either. Someone
22 would come steal your lot from you after you build a
23 house.

24 Q. And if the value of intellectual property is
25 depressed because of widespread infringement, if that