

1 performing when you were working with the coaching?
 2 A. Maybe half and half.
 3 Q. Was that the first course that you took, do you
 4 know?
 A. That was the first course.
 6 Q. After that course, did you begin to perform the
 7 procedure in your office?
 8 A. No.
 9 Q. Did you have further training before you started
 10 to perform the procedure in your office?
 11 A. Yes.
 12 Q. Can you describe for us your further training?
 13 A. Yes. I spent a few days in Houston, Texas --
 14 Q. Okay.
 15 A. -- with Dr. Stephen Slade, S-L-A-D-E, an expert
 16 in that surgery, watching him perform the surgery,
 17 doing additional animal eye work, and taking care of
 18 patients before and after the surgery.
 Q. Do you know when that was?
 20 A. The months?
 21 Q. Was it the same year 1992, also?
 22 A. Yes, it was in 1992.
 23 Q. After that course, did you begin to operate on
 24 patients yourself?

MS. NEWMAN: That's a yes, no or I
 don't know.

3 THE WITNESS: Yes, no or I don't
 4 know? Can you step out with me for a
 5 moment?

6 MS. NEWMAN: Sure.

THE WITNESS: Yes, the first day we
 did with the instructor with us.

9 BY MR. KAFRISSEN:

10 Q. Okay. Do you know who that was?

11 A. Eric Weinburg.

12 Q. Where is he located?

13 A. Then California, now I'm not sure.

14 Q. How long was Dr. Weinburg in your office at that
 15 point?

16 A. For the day.

17 Q. When was that, do you remember?

18 A. 1992, I don't have the date.

19 Q. Was that actually when you began performing the
 20 procedure?

21 A. That's when I began performing the procedure.

22 Q. I think you said you began using the lasik laser
 23 in 1995; is that right?

24 A. Yes.

1 Q. Tell me between '92 when you began performing the
 2 procedure ALK and '95 when you started to use the lasik
 3 procedure, how many procedures did you perform of ALK?

4 A. I don't recall.

5 Q. Was it more than a hundred, less than a hundred,
 6 is it possible to break it down that way?

7 MS. NEWMAN: Don't guess. But if you
 8 can give a good estimate, do it.

9 THE WITNESS: I won't guess.

10 BY MR. KAFRISSEN:

11 Q. More than a thousand?

12 A. No.

13 Q. More than 500?

14 A. I don't want to guess.

15 Q. Okay. I'm just trying narrow it down a little is
 16 all. Now, you said '95 you started to use lasik. Tell
 17 me the difference between ALK and lasik from a
 18 practitioner's standpoint?

19 A. From a practitioner's standpoint, in both
 20 operations, the microkeratome is used to create a flap.
 21 In ALK the microkeratome is then used to reshape the
 22 newly exposed stromal bed. In lasik, after the flap is
 23 created, the laser is used to reshape the newly exposed
 24 stromal bed.

1 Q. 1995 you started to do lasik, the lasik
 2 procedure, did you have any additional training in
 3 using the lasik procedure?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. And tell me about your training that you had in
 6 using lasik procedure?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. Tell me about your training that you had in using
 9 lasik?

10 A. I had taken at least one course in using the
 11 laser, I think I took two.

12 Q. Do you recall where either of the courses,
 13 whether it was one or two, were?

14 A. There was one in Orlando, I think it was Orlando,
 15 it was put on by Summit Laser Company.

16 Q. Okay.

17 A. I think I took two different Summit courses.

18 Q. And tell me about the Orlando course from Summit
 19 Laser?

20 A. I have to backtrack; I cannot swear that it was
 21 Orlando. It was definitely not Philadelphia.

22 Q. Okay. The course was Summit Laser, then --

23 A. The course from Summit was in a warm climate.

24 Q. How long was it and what was the course like?