

# EXHIBIT 9

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA

<b>ALTRIA CLIENT SERVICES,</b>	)	
<b>LLC,</b>	)	
<b>et al.,</b>	)	Civil Action
<b>Plaintiffs,</b>	)	No. 1:20-cv-00393-LO-TCB
<b>v.</b>	)	June 8, 2022
	)	8:51 a.m.
	)	
<b>RAI STRATEGIC HOLDINGS, INC.,</b>	)	
<b>et al.,</b>	)	
	)	
<b>Defendants.</b>	)	
	)	

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TRANSCRIPT OF JURY TRIAL PROCEEDINGS  
BEFORE THE HONORABLE LEONIE M. BRINKEMA,  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT JUDGE**

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1 MR. BURNETTE: That's why they are not publicly traded.

2 THE COURT: Okay.

3 But is -- but British American -- I'm sorry. British  
4 Tobacco is traded on European markets?

5 MR. BURNETTE: Yes, Your Honor.

6 THE COURT: Okay. All right. I want to just make sure,  
7 the defendant is not raising any design-around arguments as to  
8 these two patents, correct?

9 MR. BURNETTE: I believe that's correct, Your Honor. We  
10 have an agreement with plaintiffs' counsel on that, and I believe  
11 that has resulted in some of the deposition designations being  
12 removed.

13 THE COURT: Okay. That's good. And while you're there,  
14 there is a request for injunctive relief; is that correct? Or is  
15 that no longer in the case?

16 MR. GRANT: That's correct.

17 THE COURT: All right. And that comes to the Court, not  
18 to the jury, correct?

19 MR. BURNETTE: That's right. And we have a stipulation, I  
20 believe, Your Honor, that nobody's going to mention the  
21 possibility of an injunction to the jury because, Your Honor's  
22 correct, that is an issue solely for the Court.

23 THE COURT: All right. Now, are there any witnesses --  
24 because in some of your discussions there were statements made  
25 that this issue might only be related to injunctive relief.

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