

Oct 31 2025

SC Court of Appeals

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF COLLIER

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority personally appeared SCOTT R. MANNETTA, who being duly sworn, deposes and states as follows:

1. Affiant Background

1. My name is Scott R. Mannetta, and I am the Plaintiff-Appellant in the matter of Scott R. Mannetta v. Jack Sinclair, Appellate Case No. 2025-001313.
2. I am the biological father of Jake Mannetta, a vulnerable adult currently under a contested limited guardianship in Charleston County Probate Court.
3. I make this sworn affidavit to notify the Court of ongoing harm resulting from Attorney Jack Sinclair's past and continuing failures to represent my son adequately and ethically. These failures are central to the underlying appeal.

2. Visitations Blocked and Psychological Harm Observed

4. On or about October 21, 2025, my close friend and supporter, Jen Berger, personally visited Jake Mannetta at his place of employment (Migliore's Pizza in Mount Pleasant, SC). Jen presented Jake with a copy of a children's book I authored, titled Jake's First Game: A PickleStrong Story, which was written in loving dedication to Jake.
5. Jake was visibly startled and repeatedly said, "I have to get with my mom about this", demonstrating fear, anxiety, and confusion at the idea of accepting a simple gift from someone associated with his father.
6. His coworkers, including one with Down syndrome, witnessed this encounter and later confided to Jen that Jake is "being brainwashed" and "afraid."
7. This interaction strongly suggests that Jake is being subjected to emotional manipulation and coercive control, likely under the direction of the current guardian, Dana Mannetta.

3. Third-Party Visit Attempts Blocked

8. On or about October 23, 2025, my dear friend Dr. Harry Hutchins, an 80-year-old retired dentist, attempted to visit Jake during his shift. Dr. Hutchins was immediately told by restaurant management that "nobody is allowed to visit Jake at work," citing strict instructions from ownership.
9. These extreme and unnecessary restrictions further isolate Jake and prevent any form of community support or meaningful outside connection, even from kind, elder visitors with no legal entanglements.

4. Zero Communication from Guardian ad Litem

10. As of the date of this affidavit, I have received no updates from the court-appointed Guardian ad Litem, Kimberly Shelton, despite repeated requests and filings.
11. Ms. Shelton has provided no support, communication updates, or advocacy for restoring contact or ensuring Jake's rights are protected.
12. Her inaction continues to endanger Jake's well-being, and leaves him unprotected and unheard in all ongoing proceedings.

5. Continuing Non-Representation by Jack Sinclair

13. Despite the original malpractice forming the basis of this appeal, Attorney Jack Sinclair is still listed as counsel of record for Jake Mannetta in the current probate court case and associated Rule to Show Cause proceedings.

14. Mr. Sinclair has failed to file any response, motion, appearance, or communication on behalf of Jake during this critical time.

15. According to a recent email from GAL Kimberly Shelton, Jake still believes Mr. Sinclair is his attorney. This means that Jake is being led to believe he is represented, while in fact he is not receiving any legal representation or protection.

16. Mr. Sinclair's failure to defend or even communicate on behalf of his client constitutes continued ethical misconduct, worsening the harms already detailed in my original complaint.

6. Request for Urgent Review

17. The above facts demonstrate that the harm caused by Attorney Jack Sinclair is not historical—it is ongoing, and it actively contributes to the present emotional trauma and legal isolation of my son.

18. Jake continues to be blocked from communication, legally misled, and emotionally isolated, all of which stem from the actions and failures outlined in the appeal.

7. Relief Requested

19. I respectfully ask this Honorable Court to:

- Accept this affidavit as part of the appellate record in Case No. 2025-001313;
- Recognize the urgent, ongoing harm caused by the defendant's legal malpractice;
- Expedite consideration of the appeal in light of these continuing violations of my son's rights;
- Allow further supplementation of the record as new evidence of emotional abuse and abandonment becomes available.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NAUGHT.

Scott R. Manna

Date: 10/31/2025

SWORN TO and SUBSCRIBED before me this 31 day of October, 2025
in the County of Collier, State of Florida.

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 04/23/2028



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In the Court of Appeals**

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v.
Jack Sinclair, Respondent.**

Appellate Case No. 2025-001313

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Scott R. Manna, do hereby certify that I have this day served a copy of the attached sworn affidavit dated October 31, 2025, upon the following persons by electronic mail and by depositing the same in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, and properly addressed as follows:

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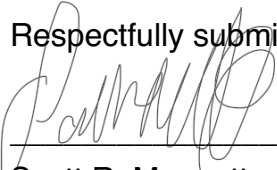
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This the 31 day of October, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott R. Mannetta", written over a horizontal line.

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