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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT 3 IN AND FOR BROWARD COUNTY

CASE NO.: CACE 15-6431

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BARBARA STONE,

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Plaintiff,

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JACQUELINE HERTZ, 9 Individually and in Any Official Capacity, BLAIRE LAPIDES, Individually and 10 in Any Official Capacity, 11 ROY LUSTIG, Individually

and in Any Official 12

Capacity. ANGEL CARE MANAGEMENT, A Florida

13 Corporation, ALAN STONE, Individually and in Any

14 Official Capacity, EDDIE BURZINSKI, Individually

15 and In Any Official

Capacity, REGENTS PARK, a

16 Nursing Facility,

Defendants.

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**HEARING RE: Motion** 

The above-entitled cause came on for

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22 Hearing before the HONORABLE JUDGE SANDRA PEARLMAN, at

23 the Broward County Courthouse, 201 Southeast 6th Street,

24 Room 940, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, on April 21, 2015,

25 scheduled for 3:30, commencing at 3:50 p.m. to time p.m.

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1	APPEARANCES:		
2		On Behalf of the Plaintiff: BARBARA STONE, ESQUIRE Pro Se	
4		On Behalf of the Defendants:	
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9	ALSO PRESENT:	Blaire Lapides, Eliot Ivan Bernstein,	
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(The following proceedings were had:) 1 THE COURT: All right. This is Barbara Stone 2 3 versus --MS. STONE: Yes, Your Honor. 4 5 THE COURT: -- Jacqueline Hertz. And we're on 6 the record for this. Yes? Okay. Do all the 7 parties want to identify themselves for the record, 8 please. 9 Actually, maybe we should take -- I thought 10 that was going to be quicker. I apologize. Let me 11 take this one more, as you're going to be a little 12 while. Is your other side here? 13 (A discussion was held off the record.) 14 (A recess was taken.) 15 THE COURT: All right. Okay. Back again. 16 Sorry. We're here on Barbara Stone v. Jacqueline 17 Hertz. Does everybody want to identify themselves 18 for the record, please. 19 MS. STONE: Barbara Stone, Your Honor. 20 MR. BERNSTEIN: Eliot Bernstein, Your Honor. 21 DR. SARHAN: Dr. Robert Sarhan. 22 MR. LUSTIG: Your Honor, Roy Lustig on behalf 23 of Jacqueline Hertz, Blaire Lapides, and myself, 24 pro se. To my left is -- is Blaire Lapides, one of

the defendants and co-guardian of the person and

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property of Helen Stone.

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MS. STONE: Your Honor, may I just make an opening statement, please?

THE COURT: Sure.

MS. STONE: Okay. Okay. Um, Your Honor, I'd like to state for the record that I think it is utterly inappropriate for Roy Lustig to be present at this hearing, and there's a number of reasons. There're several very big problems.

I filed with this Court an affidavit from an attorney that was going to be representing my mother. And at the last hearing, she got a phone call from someone purporting to be Michael Genden, the judge in the probate court, who threatened her and told her that she could not be -- she said, "I was in contact with Barbara Stone, who informed me that there was a hearing on another date." And on April 8th, outside of the court, she spoke with an attorney, Roy Lustig, who stated that I should not represent Helen Stone. The person identified themselves on the phone as Judge Genden, stating that he heard that she had a hearing in front of another judge earlier and that she had no right to file anything and that she should have known better.

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She explained that she didn't file anything. And then he proceeded to state that he was going to file a Bar complaint against the attorney. informed -- he informed the attorney that I was wearing an ankle bracelet, and he alleged that I -that she was doing wrongdoing. And she responded that she thought it was pretty outrageous that I, meaning me, Barbara Stone, was not allowed to see my own mother because of a guardianship in which there's been criminal allegations made by me against Roy Lustig, Blaire Lapides, Alan Stone, Michael Genden, and Jacqueline Hertz. So there's been a formal criminal complaint filed against these people for abuse, retaliation, terror, torture, and other crimes against humanity against my mother.

So to continue with her affidavit, she said that she was amaze -- she said -- she said that at -- she emphasized that, at Mrs. Stone's age, it was wrong for her to be removed from her mother when her mother was so sick and possibly dying. She goes on to say in the affidavit, "I stated I was amazed that in the two-hour timeframe from the time the hearing ended and this conversation began, Roy Lustig called him about the Broward hearing."

The person at the end of the line, who stated that he was Michael Genden, said, "Yes, it's important that he be informed of this matter." And he said that it was acceptable because he needed to know everything that was happening in one of his cases. However, it's a Bar canon violation for there to be an independent investigation by any judge as to the matter that's before their court.

She felt threatened by the judge's actions and felt that both Roy Lustig and the judge's ex parte communication was inappropriate, if that was the judge on the other end of the phone. And she also said, in the alternative, she thought that perhaps Roy Lustig had someone impersonate the judge to scare her off the case, which is also outrageous and a violation of the Florida Bar rules. And I'd like to just enter this in evidence, if --

MR. LUSTIG: Objection, Your Honor, please.

MS. STONE: Excuse me. I'm -- I'm not finished.

THE COURT: One at a time. This is --

MR. LUSTIG: This is part of her pleadings already.

THE COURT: Right. It's part of your pleadings.

1 MS. STONE: Except that -- except that it goes 2 to the heart of him being present because I filed for a temporary restraining order, which we have 3 before this Court. And he's made a threat to the 4 5 attorney for my mother. And he's retaliating 6 against me because I filed a whistleblower action 7 with the -- against the Florida Bar; against Roy 8 Lustig; against these parties, these other parties, 9 Blaire Lapides and Jacqueline Hertz, being 10 designated by officers of the Court; Michael 11 Genden, who's also a member of the Florida Bar. 12 filed a complaint with the Supreme Court and all of 13 the Supreme Court judges that I am a whistleblower 14 against criminal activity, against violation of 15 ethics, violation of canons. Therefore, I'm being 16 retaliated against and it's inappropriate.

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It's also inappropriate because Florida Bar rules prohibit somebody who's going to be a material witness to a case to appear as an attorney. So he's not only violated criminal rules. He's -- he's violated Florida Bar rules and he's violated canons of the -- of the Florida Bar.

THE COURT: And who is the legal guardian right now of your mother?

MS. STONE: The guardians for -- the guardians

for my mother, against whom I filed criminal complaints, is this woman right here, Blaire Lapides, and Jacqueline Hertz. And, again, my mother's been admitted to the hospital.

THE COURT: How did -- how did Ms. Lapides and Ms. Hertz become official -- official capacity or guardian for your mother?

MS. STONE: Okay. I -- I -- may I just ask
Your Honor a question? Because I -- I -- I feel
that it's inappropriate, particularly since he's
going to be a material witness to anything that
comes up in this matter, for him to be present;
especially since I filed for a restraining order
for the protection of my mother, who's getting
caught in the crossfires [sic]. And it's -- and my
mother's wellbeing and safety should be --

THE COURT: The problem is --

MS. STONE: -- the first consideration.

THE COURT: -- he's being sued. So he's a defendant in the case, according to your complaint. I can't forbid him from being in the courtroom.

MS. STONE: Well, I think that that probably needs to be sorted out because -- because he's -- he's purporting to represent two clients who are being sued. And he's going to be a material

witness to statements or to -- or to, um, the courtroom proceedings against these two clients, his two clients. So it's a clear conflict of interest.

THE COURT: Well, I don't know if it's a conflict of interest. And that's not before me right now.

MS. STONE: I -- well, I do believe that it -- THE COURT: As far as the --

MS. STONE: Again, it -- it's important because, you know, we're here to protect -- we're here to give protection to my mother, who needs the protection. And they're working against me. Roy Lustig has filed a vicious SLAPP lawsuit against me. There is -- it -- it's utterly ludicrous for anyone to think that he's acting in my mother's best interests. It's impossible. He's taken over \$250,000 from my mother in fees, in staged fraudulent litigation that he's filed against me to keep my mother away from me, in violation of my mother's wishes. She (indicating), has taken over \$50,000 for the year 2013. And Jacqueline Hertz has taken another \$75,000. And she's taken another

THE COURT: Okay.

MS. STONE: -- \$15,000 in fees --

THE COURT: Why are --

MS. STONE: -- to go against my mother's best wishes.

THE COURT: Why are they -- again, I'll ask: Why is Ms. Hertz and Ms. Lapides the guardians for your mother?

MS. STONE: Okay. So I filed a guard -- I -- I lived up in New York at the time this -- this action commenced. And I filed for a guardianship of my mother after thinking about it for a very long time. Because what's precipitated everything that they're doing, the isolation, the secrecy, the self-greed, the -- what -- what they're trying to do is use my mother to get their fees.

So my brother had taken over my mother's accounts years before when my dad, who's an honorable war veteran and took care of his family matters, passed away. My bother, who was a financial advisor, took over the accounts. And, so um -- and so it went for a while until he began to isolate my mother from me. And he did that by removing her telephone, by telling the, um --

THE COURT: All right. Ms. Stone, I allotted

15 minutes for this hearing. So if you can answer

1 my question. Why is the --MS. STONE: Okay. I -- I apologize, Your 2 3 Honor. THE COURT: Why are they the guardian for your 4 mother? 5 6 MS. STONE: Okay. So I brought my mother to 7 guardianship court. THE COURT: Yes. 9 MS. STONE: I brought my mother --10 (A discussion was held off the record.) 11 THE COURT: Sorry. Go ahead. Go ahead. 12 MS. STONE: Okay. Thank you, Your Honor. Ι 13 brought my mother to -- to -- I -- I sought a 14 guardianship for my mother because my brother 15 embezzled \$700,000 of her money. I thought I was 16 protecting her. I thought I was doing the right 17 thing by her. She was so isolated --18 THE COURT: Okay. You answered my question. 19 So the people that were appointed or the persons 20 that were appointed were the --21 MS. STONE: Not -- not exactly. Not exactly. 22 THE COURT: Okay. 23 These people, Jacqueline Hertz --MS. STONE: 24 Jacqueline Hertz and Blaire Lapides were brought in

by my brother at the time of the hearing.

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Unbeknownst to me, they were brought in to continue his abuse, to cover up his embezzlement, to cover up his isolation, to make sure that I never got one -- one document, one bit of discovery. And that's the way it goes.

The first thing that they did when they stepped in to act as guardian was that they filed a fraudulent petition in front of the Court to say that I tried to give my mother unauthorized medication. Can you imagine, when I objected to them giving her something called MiraLAX.

And please give me two minutes because I think it's important for you to understand what goes on in these cases. This is a very big issue throughout the State of Florida today and throughout the country. And so I just ask Your Honor to give me two minutes and let me explain this one little aspect, if I may.

THE COURT: Okay.

MS. STONE: Okay. So this all started with my objection to an aide, strangers that they had coming in and out of my mother's house. I'm not supposed to have anything to do with anybody that goes into my mother's house because everything is a secret.

So they were going to give my mother something called MiraLAX, which to the normal person, everybody thinks, MiraLAX, oh, that's a laxative.

Not true in the underworld of guardianship.

MiraLAX has been pulled off the shelf. And this was unbeknownst to me at the time. I just knew what happened when my mother took that drug.

MiraLAX has been pulled off the shelf. It's contraindicated for people that over 60 years old.

It causes what's called "agitation."

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"Agitation" is guardian speak. That's their favorite word, "agitation," because then, they can blame everything on family members who cause agitation. They caused the agitation by giving my mother MiraLAX. MiraLAX was also pulled off the shelf because it causes heart failure and it causes kidney failure. I didn't know that at the time, but they gave my mother agitation -- MiraLAX so they could blame it on me, that I caused agitation to my mother. And they ran to court that same day. And they put a petition in front of this judge, who doesn't know a thing about taking care of the elderly people. And he signs this petition -fraudulent petition saying that I wanted these people to give my mother unauthorized medication,

1 when I had talked to her the day before and said, 2 "Let's clear with the doctor exactly what she 3 should and what she shouldn't be given." And so --THE COURT: So is there an order forbidding 4 5 you --6 MS. STONE: There -- there are probably --7 THE COURT: -- to have contact with your 8 mother? 9 MS. STONE: There are probably seven or eight 10 or nine or ten orders prohibiting me from seeing my 11 mother, who I brought to guardianship court to 12 protect her. Now there is one fraudulent order 13 after another, based on his fraudulent petitions. 14 And T --THE COURT: So let me ask you this: Has this 15 16 been brought in front of the Court, where you're 17 saying that this is fraudulent? Or was there a 18 hearing on whether or not you should --19 MS. STONE: Whenever --20 THE COURT: -- be prohibited from having --21 MS. STONE: Thank you. 22 THE COURT: -- contact with your mother? 23 MS. STONE: Thank you for asking me those 24 questions. Whenever I raise the issue of fraud on

the Court, the Court either issues an edict -- I

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don't call it an order because it's not an order -telling me that I cannot file anymore pleadings or
telling me that I can't see the court file.

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And as a matter of fact, as I was sitting in your court just now, a process server came in and served me with process. Michael Genden is asking me to appear before his court, where he's a disqualified judge and he won't give up jurisdiction, to answer his order to show cause why I filed the last pleading that I filed in his court to point out the fraud. Because, under penalties of perjury, Roy Lustig, Blaire Lapides, and Jacqueline Hertz filed a guardianship plan with the judge, under penalties of perjury, saying none of my mother's needs were unmet when, in fact, she was in the hospital when they filed the report. was in the hospital with life threatening diseases for the third time, that I'm aware of. And then they yanked her out of the hospital the very next day because they didn't -- because they want to put her back in this vile place. And then she got admitted to the hospital again the following day.

The same people that follow her around from the facility to the hospital are the very same people that don't take care of her. Because she's

now had pneumonia three times, and she gets repeatedly --

THE COURT: So you haven't --

MS. STONE: -- admitted to the hospital.

THE COURT: -- answered my question,

Ms. Stone. Why have you been prohibited from seeing your mother?

MS. STONE: Because I objected to them giving her MiraLAX. And they filed a petition in court and said that I wanted her to be given unauthorized medication. And so there was no evidentiary hearing. There was nothing that was done, except that Michael Genden took their order and signed it. And he added in there, "And oh, by the way, you need to give -- we need to have five days' notice and these people have to oversee you when you go to see your mother."

THE COURT: All right. So you have access to your mother.

THE WITNESS: No. I have no access to my mother. I've been arrested three times for going to see my mother. I've been arrested three times because Michael Genden is covering up in his court because he doesn't want anybody to know the nasty criminal activities that are taking place. How is

1 it possible that I have been arrested? I brought 2 my mother to court. THE COURT: Let me ask you: Have you appealed 3 4 any of these orders? Have you --5 MS. STONE: I've appeal -- yeah. Okay. 6 That's a good question. So I -- so I filed the 7 first petition for his disqualification after 8 he entrapped --9 THE COURT: No. Have you appealed --10 MS. STONE: I -- I filed the -- I -- I filed 11 the petition --12 THE COURT: Do you want to know what I'm asking or do you want to just rant? Have you --13 I -- I --14 MS. STONE: 15 THE COURT: That's okay. Have you appealed 16 the order prohibiting you from seeing your mother? 17 MS. STONE: Um, that one is in the process. 18 That one's in the process. 19 THE COURT: Have you done any type of a writ? I did a writ. I did a writ 20 MS. STONE: Yes. 21 the first time when he refused to disqualify after 22 I filed a lawsuit against him. No. As far as having access to 23 THE COURT: 24 your mother, when you're the one that brought the

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guardianship.

MS. STONE: Um, there is something pending. I
-- I'll tell you why nothing's really been done
quite so much. Because as a diversion, they had me
arrested. And so I've been very busy dealing with
my criminal court action.

THE COURT: I understand that. But the procedural process, when one doesn't like or disagrees with one's ruling, is to appeal it. I mean, that's -- that's our judicial system. If you are in disagreement with the ruling, you don't like it, you think the judge is wrong, you appeal it.

MS. STONE: Okay. Well, may I respond to that?

THE COURT: Sure.

MS. STONE: Okay. I -- the reason that particular ruling wasn't appealed is because they're busy retaliating against my attorney. So it's very difficult for me to get an attorney, number one.

And number two, I've been busy in federal court now for the last -- I'm sorry, in -- in criminal court because of criminal charges they -- they filed against me fraudulently.

And number three, when you're dealing with

someone like my mother, who's an elderly person and 1 2 who's been abused, every minute of every day is 3 precious. And so I -- I -- I know that it takes an -- an appellate court a long time to make 4 decisions. And so I feel like, if I'm not going to 5 6 be -- I -- I have an inalienable right. I have a 7 Constitutional right to take care of my mother. 8 And so I feel -- and I've -- and I've 9 expressed it -- Michael Genden runs a racketeer 10 court. I feel that it's not appropriate for me to 11 have to go run to an appellate court --12 THE COURT: Are you referring to a judge down in Miami-Dade? 13 14 MS. STONE: Yes, I am. Yes, Your Honor.

THE COURT: I would probably caution you against...

MS. STONE: I'm sorry.

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THE COURT: I just don't think it's appropriate to...

MS. STONE: I apologize. But I'm only speaking the truth, Your Honor. I'm --

THE COURT: You can say your --

MS. STONE: -- required to report wrongful conduct.

THE COURT: You can say, "in your opinion" or

1 you can say --2 MS. STONE: In my opinion. 3 THE COURT: -- that --MS. STONE: In my opinion. 4 5 THE COURT: -- it's your impression. 6 Yes, sir. Yes? 7 DR. SARHAN: Your Honor, can I say something, please? 8 9 THE COURT: Go ahead. 10 DR. SARHAN: My name is Dr. Robert Sarhan. 11 I've been doing this for 12 years. And I can tell 12 you that I know the term "racketeering" is strong. 13 But my mom's life ended in guardianship on 14 Seroquel, which is -- she was intoxicated, which is 15 contraindicated as well. So what she's saying is 16 true. 17 MR. LUSTIG: Your Honor, if I may. 18 DR. SARHAN: And then what she's saying 19 is true that --20 MR. LUSTIG: Objection. 21 THE COURT: Okay. You can make your 22 objection in --23 DR. SARHAN: -- this is happening -- this is 24 happening all over the country. I spoke with 25 Michelle Obama about this. I spoke to Hillary

Clinton. What we're trying to do is we're trying to help elderly people grow old without these problems.

But what I'm saying is, is that these judges are working so close with Roy Lustig. And it's -- it's all of these people. They isolated my -- myself from my mother. So what I'm saying is, there's a pattern. It's an established pattern of isolate the elderly, medicate the elderly, steal the estate. Isolate, medicate, steal the estate.

I'm here doing this for 12 years, um, helping, going to court, speaking, and trying to educate judges that are not aware of these situations. But I'm saying that what she's saying is absolutely true. She -- she may be a little excited.

MR. LUSTIG: Objection.

DR. SARHAN: She may be a little excited, only because she's got your ear. And we appreciate you listening. But the fact is that many don't listen. And this is a big problem that we have in this country.

My mother was a very healthy woman. She was put on Seroquel, which is for schizophrenia. She has no schizophrenia. She's now dead. Okay? This woman, Helen Stone, who I have met, was fully

competent. She was just trying to protect her mother from her brother, who stole \$700,000 from her. But how is it that her mother was in a guardianship and ends up in the hospital with a 30-pound weight loss, dehydration, malnutrition, um, emaciated, pneumonia, hernia, factures, fingernails that were brittle? Because this lady here allowed the caretakers --

MR. LUSTIG: Your Honor, I object.

DR. SARHAN: -- to take the food home to their own home and not feed her mother. You cannot get a 30-pound weight loss, dehydration, and malnutrition by feeding a person properly. And these people should be in jail. I'm sorry, Your Honor, but that's --

MS. STONE: Yes.

DR. SARHAN: -- that's the truth.

MS. STONE: Absolutely right. And for them to be here and present in this hearing, when this hearing is all about my mother and the fact that she's neglected -- she's been in the hospital by emergency four times; three times with pneumonia, malnutrition, dehydration, 30-pound weight loss. And, again, repeatedly, she goes back to the hospital.

So I go back to the affidavit that I stated.

I'm required to report wrongdoing by judges.

THE COURT: Well, let me just state that, if everything that you're saying is true, it's absolutely horrific. There is no doubt about it. It's absolutely horrific. My only question to you, Ms. Stone, is: What is it that -- what relief are you asking of me? What can I do, as a Broward County judge?

MS. STONE: Okay.

THE COURT: What jurisdiction do I have over this case?

MS. STONE: Okay. Well, I'm filing the declaratory judgment action. And the declaratory judgment action is a different action than the action that's in Dade County. And it goes to the venue of the defendants. Two of the four defendants live in Broward County. I live in Broward County. So I'm entitled to file this action in Broward County. And I'm seeking relief in Broward County, and I'm seeking for my mother to be removed.

And as a matter of fact, I've filed a lawsuit.

The -- this lawsuit includes the nursing facility

where my mother is located. So she's in a lockdown

facility in a nursing home.

THE COURT: Right. But that's in Miami-Dade County.

MS. STONE: Well, I -- I'm just saying, it's -- it effects all of -- it effects what's going on here.

THE COURT: Right. But if it is --

MS. STONE: What if there's -- but there's an immediacy.

THE COURT: I understand that. And that's why
I set it down in an emergency fashion. But in
order for me to have jurisdiction over this case,
you have to plead jurisdiction. You have to plead
that you have the right to have this heard in
Broward County. I didn't see any of that in your
emergency --

MS. STONE: I've -- I've alleged that I'm being retaliated in all of the courts in Dade County. And I've alleged and now I'm -- I'm bringing forth to this Court, and I believe I've said it in my documents, that Blaire Lapides lives in Broward County. She's a defendant. My brother, Alan Stone, lives in Broward County. I live in Broward County. And so under the rules of procedure, venue is appropriate in Broward County

because this is a -- this is a cause of action in Broward County.

THE COURT: So what is it that I can do, just put a different -- I mean, obviously, I haven't been the judge on the case and I don't know how long your mother has been in guardianship. I can't just take everything that you're saying as true. I mean, I can say it's allegations. But what is it that I can do? I mean, maybe put a different guardian in place, somebody objective, somebody who, as you say, doesn't have an interest, if that's true. And I'm not making any finding that that is true. But you're asking me to replace -- I mean, I can't just take away guardianship and have

MS. STONE: Yes, Your Honor. I have another qualified guardian. And I would like to -- I've submitted who that is in my -- in my temporary restraining order. I'm afraid to announce that because I'm afraid of retaliation by the parties here. He's a qualified attorney that's got degrees from prestigious schools. And he's also taken care of his own family members that have lived to be in their 90s.

I would also like my mother to be ordered to

be taken to Florida Memorial Hospital where she's going to go through a series of tests by an independent doctor to make sure that she gets stabilized.

THE COURT: Well, I would have the guardian tell me that.

MS. STONE: Yes, ma'am.

THE COURT: I would have --

MS. STONE: Yes, Your Honor.

THE COURT: If what you're asking for relief, I would have to appoint someone, uh, who's an objective person, have them go and do an evaluation, get a medical evaluation, you know, immediately. I'd say within 24 hours. And then make a recommendation as to what they think should be done.

MS. STONE: Yes.

THE COURT: I don't think I can -- I mean, as far as the relief that you're asking, I can't just go ahead and move your mother. I don't know what the condition of her health is. I don't know if it would endanger her health. I don't know if everything that you're telling me is true and accurate, factually. I'm not saying that you're not telling me the truth. I'm just saying that I

don't know that any of this is -- is actually the situation. So I think I would have to know the name of the guardian, though.

MS. STONE: Yes, Your Honor. May I just consult for one second?

THE COURT: Yes.

MS. STONE: Yes, Your Honor. I -- I just want to reiterate, I -- I'm very uncomfortable. I feel retaliated as it is. I have no problem. I've submitted --

THE COURT: Well, I can appoint a -- a guardian.

MS. STONE: Well, that's -- I -- I'm afraid that that's going to be taking her out of the frying pan into a fire. I have a qualified guardian. I have a person that I've submitted to you in my documents for the TRO. I would appreciate if you'd just, you know, you -- please feel free to look at the name. But, again, there's been such vicious retaliation as -- as to --

MR. LUSTIG: Your Honor, if I may, to clarify, there's a pending temporary restraining order, other than what was plead within the petitions?

THE COURT: No. I think it's a --

MR. LUSTIG: In the dec action?

THE COURT: That's what I think it is. 1 2 MR. LUSTIG: Okay. Thank you, Your Honor. I think Ms. Stone is --3 THE COURT: MR. LUSTIG: All right. 4 5 THE COURT: -- using the term. But it isn't 6 -- which is -- I think she moved for an emergency 7 injunction, meaning to move --8 MR. LUSTIG: Okay. 9 THE COURT: -- the patient. But --MR. LUSTIG: I didn't recall, Your Honor -- I 10 11 didn't recall seeing any name. 12 THE COURT: I don't remember seeing it. Do 13 you want to refer me to the page? 14 MS. STONE: Yes. 15 THE COURT: It's about a hundred pages here. 16 MR. LUSTIG: 139. 17 THE COURT: Okay. 18 Again, I'm going to object to any MS. STONE: 19 word that comes out of his mouth. He's not 20 entitled to know anything about what goes on with 21 my mother. 22 THE COURT: All right. Again, Mr. Lustig is 23 named as a defendant in this case. I have to allow 24 him to appear in court and to represent himself, if

he wishes, and/or whoever else is there.

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MS. STONE: Yeah. And -- and, Your Honor, I 1 do want to point out one other thing. I want to 2 3 point out a couple of other things. Number one, the -- the Third DCA found Roy Lustig guilty of 4 fraud on the Court, perjury, and repeatedly lying 5 The matter was supposed to be referred 6 under oath. 7 to the State Bar Association, and it was supposed 8 to be referred to the criminal courts. And I don't 9 know that that ever happened. But nonetheless, 10 he's got criminality in his background. And so for 11 this --THE COURT: Ms. Stone, I asked you to get 12 13 me --14 MS. STONE: Yes. May I --15 THE COURT: -- the name of --May I approach? 16 MS. STONE: 17 THE COURT: Yes. 18 MS. STONE: May I approach? 19 THE COURT: Meg. 20 THE BAILIFF: If you would just point to 21 whatever page. 22 I'm sorry. I have --MS. STONE: 23 THE BAILIFF: No, no. Take your time. No. 24 Take your time. 25 (Whereupon, a discussion was held off the

1 record after which the following proceedings were 2 held.) 3 THE COURT: Okay. I mean, based on what you're telling me, Ms. Stone, before I go ahead and 4 just name somebody, I would have to do some type of 5 6 -- I mean, I have a duty to check this person out. 7 I mean, do you have a --8 MS. STONE: In the alternative, Your Honor, 9 I'm -- I'm her daughter. I should be her guardian. 10 THE COURT: Right. But having -- everything that I've heard thus far -- you being arrested, 11 12 having an ankle monitor, there being orders -- do 13 you want to listen or not? 14 I'm sorry. Yes, ma'am. MS. STONE: 15 THE COURT: Orders against you prohibiting you from -- I can't just say, "Okay, all those are 16 17 wrong." 18 MS. STONE: Okay. 19 THE COURT: Okay? I'd be sitting in an 20 appellate capacity --21 MS. STONE: Okay. THE COURT: 22 -- if I was going to do that. 23 MS. STONE: I have -- I have no objection to 24 alternatives. I have -- I have no objection. 25 THE COURT: Okay.

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4	MS. STONE: You know, if you could pick one		
5	while you review, um		
6	THE COURT: Okay. Is this person I'm		
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8	Your name again?		
9	MR. BERNSTEIN: My name's Eliot Ivan		
10	Bernstein.		
11	THE COURT: Mr. Bernstein.		
12	MR. BERNSTEIN: Yes, ma'am.		
13	THE COURT: Are you related to Ms. Stone?		
14	MR. BERNSTEIN: No. I'm her friend.		
15	THE COURT: Okay. Are you just a friend or?		
16	MR. BERNSTEIN: I am.		
17	THE COURT: Okay. You're assisting her?		
18	MR. BERNSTEIN: I have been.		
19	THE COURT: Okay. I mean, I notice that she		
20	keeps going to you. And I didn't know if		
21	MR. BERNSTEIN: I'm		
22	THE COURT: if you have an interest in this		
23	case or are you		
24	MR. BERNSTEIN: I'm just trying to help her		
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              THE COURT: Okay.
              MR. BERNSTEIN: I apologize.
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              MR. BERNSTEIN: Okay.
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         interrupt. I apologize.
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              THE COURT: No. You didn't interrupt.
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              (The Court addresses court staff.)
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              MR. LUSTIG: Your Honor?
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              THE COURT: Yes.
              MR. LUSTIG: If I may, counsel's --
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              MS. STONE: Like I said, I have no objection
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         to Your Honor choosing the guardian, as well.
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              THE COURT: All right. Yes, Mr. Lustig.
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              MR. LUSTIG: Uh, I don't mean to interject,
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         unless counsel's finished.
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              THE COURT: No. It's okay. I'm ready to hear
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         from you.
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              MR. LUSTIG: Inasmuch as counsel has given
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         Your Honor something, I would like to see it.
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              THE COURT: It's a name. I don't know that
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         I'm using it. So...
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1 MR. LUSTIG: Well, I would ask the Court if I could publish the name. I would have the right to 2 3 know what's going on and what --MS. STONE: I --4 5 MR. LUSTIG: -- she is publishing to the Court 6 that --7 MS. STONE: I -- I object. I'm submitting a 8 name --9 MR. LUSTIG: Excuse me. 10 MS. STONE: -- to the Court. 11 THE COURT: All right. First of all, we can't 12 interrupt each other. 13 MS. STONE: I'm sorry. 14 MR. LUSTIG: I would ask the Court, inasmuch as the Court is considering the use of that 15 16 particular name, that I'd have the right to know, 17 inasmuch as I represent the defendants. I 18 represent the co-guardians of Helen Stone, and I'm 19 ready to present our argument now --20 MS. STONE: May I respond --21 MR. LUSTIG: -- if it wishes. 22 MS. STONE: -- Your Honor? 23 THE COURT: One second. 24 I agree with you, Mr. Lustig. Yes. And if I 25 am considering it, I absolutely will --

MR. LUSTIG: Thank you, Your Honor.

THE COURT: -- turn over the name.

MS. STONE: May I respond, Your Honor?

THE COURT: Yes.

MS. STONE: I -- I object because we've seen how there's been vicious retaliation against anyone that I choose to surround my mother with. And so no doubt, he and Michael Genden and whoever else is involved in this will pick up the phone, retaliate against this gentleman, and there we go again. So there's a lot of reasons why, including the fact that he's got a criminal past; including the fact that I've filed criminal charges against him; including the fact that he does not belong anywhere near my mother, he should not be involved in anyone making any decision regarding my mother or to know who they are, because of the retaliation.

THE COURT: All right. Just so that you know, Ms. Stone, if I do grant your request and if I do appoint another guardian, Mr. Lustig, Ms. Hertz, Ms. Lapides are all going to know the name of the court-appointed guardian. So there should be no retaliation against you whatsoever because it was appointed by the Court.

MS. STONE: Thank you. Thank you.

THE COURT: Okay. All right. 1 Yes, Mr. Lustig. 2 3 MR. LUSTIG: May it please the Court, Your Honor, Roy R. Lustig on behalf of --4 MS. STONE: One -- I just want to reiterate, 5 6 I've objected to his appearance in court. 7 objected to his making any statements in the court. 8 I've given Your Honor the reasons why. I've given 9 Your Honor the reasons of the retaliation, his --10 his actually not allowing my mother to have an 11 attorney. I don't think that he should be present, 12 and I'm again stating my objections to his making 13 any appearances whatsoever. 14 THE COURT: All right. And I've overruled 15 that because Mr. Lustig has been named as a 16 defendant in this case. So --17 MS. STONE: But, again, he's representing 18 other clients. And there is a Florida Bar rule. 19 And if you'll just give me one minute, I will point 20 out the rule for you. 21 THE COURT: All right. But there's no motion 22 to disqualify Mr. Lustig right now. 23 MS. STONE: Well, I --THE COURT: That has not been filed. It's not 24 25 been set. It's not been noticed.

Yes, Mr. Lustig.

MR. LUSTIG: If it may please the Court, Your Honor, as I said, I'm here pro se, on behalf of myself, on behalf of the two guardians, Blaire Lapides and Jacqueline Hertz, who are the duly appointed guardians of Helen Stone, Barbara Stone's mother and Alan Stone's mother. For historical aspect, Your Honor -- and normally I wouldn't do this but for the fact that Ms. Stone has now given her understanding of history to this Court. I want this Court to have a little background in respect to what's really gone on here.

Prior to the appointment of my clients, there was an emergency temporary guardian that was appointed, uh, at the bequest of Ms. Stone and, uh, her brother joined. Ms. Stone brought an action against him that initiated litigation between the parties, that being Ms. Stone, her brother, Alan Stone, and that particular emergency temporary guardian that was appointed.

The parties then went into an agreement, what I would call a global agreement, Your Honor, to where Ms. Stone, her brother, Alan Stone, uh, entered into a number of agreements between each other, inasmuch as Ms. Stone had sued her brother

and she had lost. Her brother had -- she had taken it up on appeal. She lost. And her brother obtained attorney's fees against her. And they had to agree that, at the time of their mother's death, that Alan Stone would get paid out of his portion of their mother's estate.

At that point, the two had agreed that they wanted a new appointment and to remove the existing -- what was the emergency temporary guardian. The two had agreed to both Jacqueline Hertz and Blaire Lapides. And I want this Court to know that Ms. Lapides is a relative of Ms. Stone.

THE COURT: How is she related?

MS. STONE: May I just --

MR. LUSTIG: Let --

THE COURT: You can't interrupt him.

MS. STONE: She's an estranged distant cousin.

THE COURT: How is she related?

MR. LUSTIG: She's a cousin, Your Honor. And she wasn't estranged until Ms. --

MS. STONE: Until she --

MR. LUSTIG: -- until Ms. Stone filed four lawsuits against her.

THE COURT: And when was -- and when was Ms. Lapides appointed?

MR. LUSTIG: Uh, Your Honor, I had attached a copy of the order into my -- with my pleadings. I didn't bring -- well, maybe I did.

MS. LAPIDES: February of 2013.

THE COURT: I do have it.

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MR. LUSTIG: I apologize. I have it.

THE COURT: Well, I have this order from Judge Genden, January, 2013.

MR. LUSTIG: I believe I attached the order. I may -- no. Maybe it's in another pleading. There it is. It's February 7th, 2013. It was entered. And I -- I would notify the Court or advise the Court that at the time, because it was so contentious between the parties, what was going on there, that Judge Genden brought -- I believe, if I recall, there were seven attorneys that were Brought all seven attorneys in, present. Ms. Stone, her brother, Alan Stone, in and reviewed the entire global agreement with them on the record -- of which I have, uh, copies of the -- of the transcript as well -- explaining to Ms. Stone her rights; explaining to Ms. Stone and asking Ms. Stone, does she understand everything that she's done in respect to the global agreement, notwithstanding she had two attorneys. Ms. Stone

admitted that she did and agreed to the global settlement agreement. That's what came about as far as the appointment of my two clients, the co-guardians.

Since that day, my clients have been subjected to sham pleadings, frivolous pleadings, scandalous pleadings against them individually, against their families, notwithstanding myself, who's also been subjected to Ms. Stone.

Ms. Stone, since that time, has filed three federal lawsuits against three judges that were before -- that she was before, all of which have been dismissed. She has filed a lawsuit against the governor of the State of Florida, the, um -- the -- Katherine Rundle Fernandez [sic], the state attorney of Miami-Dade, and four assistant state attorneys of Miami-Dade, who are on her cases.

And to inform the Court, the reason why

Ms. Stone is wearing a bracelet is because

Ms. Stone abducted her mother from a facility. And
the reason that she was able to abduct her mother

from the facility is that previous counsel, prior
to myself, being, uh, retained by the co-guardians,
had obtained an order whereby Ms. Stone was able
to, uh, visit her mother and see her mother.

Ms. Stone was living with her mother.

Prior to all of this coming about, I would notify the Court that there were eight complaints that had been filed with the Aventura Police Department, whereby Mrs. Stone's mother at the time, when she was competent, had asked the police to come and remove her daughter from her apartment because of issues between her and her daughter, which is an ongoing family problem.

Subsequent to that, Judge Genden, over my objection, had agreed to allow Ms. Stone to see her mother during periods during the day. Uh, I think it was 9:00 to -- 9:00 to 12:00 and 2:00 to 5:00 during the day to go see her mother. On one of those days, Ms. Stone proceeded to go into the facility and wheeled her mother out and took her mother away. Which the facility had contacted the Aventura Police Department, which ended up with Miami-Dade Police Department and located Ms. Stone in Fort Lauderdale somewhere with her mother in the room.

Prior to that time, Ms. Stone -- excuse me. Strike that.

Prior to that time, Helen Stone's physician,
Dr. Pianko, and other -- and the facility had

ordered what they call a "swallowing test" to make sure that Ms. Stone could swallow. There were issues concerning her nutrition, that she wasn't getting enough, and whether she could swallow properly. Based on that result, the, um -- Dr. Pianko had ordered that there be a insertion of a feeding tube so that they could give her nutrition during that period of time.

Notwithstanding the feeding tube, notwithstanding the court orders against Ms. Stone -- and let me interject that the order that allowed Ms. Stone to see her mother during this period of time also stated that Ms. Stone could not interfere with those that are giving services to Ms. Stone, could not interfere with the facility, could not with the medical help, et cetera, et cetera.

Ms. Stone went and took her mother and took her mother to go eat without being -- without the nutrition being liquid, which caused the problem in respect to the fact that she has a chewing problem. Notwithstanding that, she was arrested and brought on charges in Miami-Dade County.

Since that time, although Ms. Stone speaks in reference to me personally, although I find -- I don't understand her making statements of that

1 kind, inasmuch as she is a, uh -- an attorney, she 2 directs her vengeance against me personally, as if I control everything. Well, Ms. Stone was put into 3 the Dade County jail on two other instances for 4 5 violation of two other judges' orders, nothing to 6 do with myself. 7 Since that time, as I've stated, Ms. Stone has 8 been on her vilification crusade, delusional, if I 9 may add. 10 THE COURT: Well, let me ask you a question. 11 MR. LUSTIG: Yes, Your Honor. 12 THE COURT: And -- and --MR. LUSTIG: I -- I'll cut to the chase. 13 Ι 14 apologize. THE COURT: No, no, no. It's okay. 15 okay. But, I mean, you can't deny the pictures 16 17 and --18 MR. LUSTIG: Yes, I can. 19 THE COURT: That's not the case? 20 MR. LUSTIG: That's absolutely not the case. 21 Those -- some of those pictures --THE COURT: She doesn't look like that? 22 She's 23 not --MR. LUSTIG: First of all --24 25 THE COURT: -- a 90-pound weakling?

MR. LUSTIG: If I may.

THE COURT: Sure.

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If I may, she's 86 years old. MR. LUSTIG: And she was not in the best of health to begin with, before the guardianship. That's the first point. Second of all, before I even go to that issue, the true crux of this issue is what I've laid out before the Court in my motion to dismiss, in that this Court doesn't have jurisdiction, respectfully. It does not have jurisdiction on this case. I've cited the case, the Supreme Court of Florida case, Benedict v. Foster, 300 So. 2nd 8. which is very clear on point, Your Honor. It's on all fours. This guardianship was brought in Dade County. Venue belonged in Dade County, pursuant to 744.202, Florida Statutes. Ms. Stone, meaning Helen Stone, lived in Dade County, had always lived in Dade County, in Aventura, that is. And pursuant to the Supreme Court's order, the case belongs to where the case started. This case belongs -- was started in Miami-Dade County in the guardianship of Miami-Dade County in the Eleventh Judicial Circuit. And it is before Judge Genden. That's where this case belongs. This Court, respectfully, Your Honor, does not have jurisdiction to do anything in respect to this guardianship.

MS. STONE: May I respond, Your Honor?

THE COURT: Give me just one second.

What about the fact that she's basically bringing a whistleblower action?

MR. LUSTIG: No. This Court doesn't have that either. That would have to be brought separate and apart, Your Honor. This -- that's -- the whistleblower statute, first of all, is not -- I didn't address that because that is just another issue that she's put in. It's very difficult on a -- we have one, two, three pleadings, Your Honor.

If I may, there's a complaint for emergency declaratory judgment, which I don't know, is a hundred and something pages. There was a motion in opposition to motion to dismiss or transfer matter and motion to strike or to transfer to federal court, which is 139 pages. And then there was a petition for emergency hearing and instatement of presentation -- representation, excuse me, confirmation of service of process as to defendants Hertz, Lapides, Lustig, Angle Care Management, and Stone, which was another -- I don't know how many pages, Your Honor.

All together, there must be 350 pages, none of

which are coherent, I'm sorry to say. It is -- it
-- I virtually spent hours. And I gave up on
trying to understand and get to the issues that
have been pled. There's documentation that's been
taken off the Internet that's been added to this -to these complaints that do not -- that aren't even
-- that do not even go to the issue. There are
claims that are made that scandalous.

There's nothing here that this Court could truly hear. The whole issue, even by the words of Barbara Stone, is the guardianship. This is all about the guardianship. This is all about orders that have been issued in Miami-Dade County that this Court doesn't have jurisdiction to take.

THE COURT: Let me ask you a question. What would be the harm if I just, uh, ordered that there be an independent doctor examine, um, Ms. Stone?

MR. LUSTIG: Well, the harm would be that this Court doesn't have the jurisdiction to do it, first of all.

Second of all, that has been ordered on a number of occasions. I want this Court to know that Ms. Stone has been made four -- five -- five complaints to the Department of Children and Family Services, which is -- they have been out there and

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         done an investigation on each single complaint.
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              THE COURT: When was the last independent
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              MR. LUSTIG: If I may ask --
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              THE COURT: -- by DCF?
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              MR. LUSTIG: -- my client exactly --
              THE COURT: DCF was March?
              MR. LUSTIG: March. Last one.
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              THE COURT: Do you have a copy of that?
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              MS. LAPIDES:
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              MR. LUSTIG: I could get the Court one.
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         10-page spread.
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              THE COURT: Did you receive --
              MS. STONE: I have never been given the --
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I've never been given the report. They've 1 never come back to me. And DCF is not a medical 2 team to go in and do the proper --3 All right. If I --4 THE COURT: MS. STONE: -- medical evaluation. 5 6 THE COURT: -- order a doctor to do an 7 independent evaluation, who's going to pay for it? 8 MS. STONE: Well, let me just --9 THE COURT: Who is going to pay for the 10 doctor? 11 MS. STONE: Okay. I -- I don't think it needs 12 to be an independent -- may I please answer? 13 Because I don't think that's going to answer the --14 that's not going to solve the problem. I've sued 15 the facility where my mother's located. Everything 16 that he stated to you -- he's told you that my 17 mother didn't have malnutrition, didn't have 18 pneumonia --19 THE COURT: Ms. Stone. Ms. Stone. 20 MS. STONE: If she -- it's dangerous -- it's 21 dangerous --22 THE COURT: Ms. Stone. 23 MS. STONE: -- dangerous to keep my mother in 24 the possession of these people. 25 Ms. Stone. THE COURT:

1 MS. STONE: My mother would have to go into 2 the hospital. She'd have to go into Florida 3 Memorial Hospital and let them do -- get the -- get 4 her into protection. Let them do --5 Ms. Stone. Who is going to pay? THE COURT: 6 If I order an independent evaluation by a doctor, 7 who is going to pay for that? 8 MS. STONE: Well, I -- I think we would have 9 to address -- I have no problem paying for anything 10 and everything for my mother. THE COURT: Okay. 11 12 MS. STONE: I have no problem paying for 13 anything and everything for my --14 THE COURT: All right. So the answer is that 15 you will. 16 MS. STONE: But the question becomes, the 17 doctor's evaluation has to be in a hospital setting 18 where all --19 THE COURT: Well, why don't you --20 MS. STONE: -- of the evaluations take place --21 THE COURT: -- let the doctor tell me that? 22 MS. STONE: But it's impossible for a doctor 23 to go over to this facility where my mother is in a 24 feeding tube, laced with drugs, not allowed to

stand up. There's a whole history. It's not

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simple. My mother's been denied rehabilitation.

And I want to point out to the Court -- may I?

Please, Your Honor.

THE COURT: Ma'am we're not -- I interrupt

THE COURT: Ma'am, we're not -- I interrupted Mr. Lustig's argument to just ask that one question.

 $\ensuremath{\mathsf{MS.}}$  STONE: So I -- my mother needs to go to the hospital --

THE COURT: I understand --

MS. STONE: -- where she needs to --

THE COURT: -- that that's what you think.

MS. STONE: -- be evaluated.

THE COURT: And I understand that's what you think needs to be done. Okay. I am not prepared to do that. I can't just order that. I don't have any information in front of me. I have no record evidence. I have no testimony. I have no evidence --

MS. STONE: Your Honor, may --

THE COURT: -- if that's the case.

MS. STONE: May I -- may I respond? Because I submitted to you a number of affidavits that showed that my mother was -- was -- had not -- did not have food in her house; that my mother was painfully thin. I submitted medical records --

THE COURT: But we're talking --1 2 MS. STONE: -- for four hospital admissions by 3 emergency. 4 THE COURT: Right. But you're talking about 5 right now. MS. STONE: Yes. She was just admitted to the 6 7 hospital twice at the end of March --8 THE COURT: Okay. 9 MS. STONE: -- where -- twice in one week, she 10 was admitted to the hospital. 11 THE COURT: Okay. Did she --12 MS. STONE: And they filed a guardian's plan 13 with Michael Genden at the time my mother was in 14 the hospital, and they didn't tell Michael Genden 15 that my mother was in the hospital at the time. 16 THE COURT: I read that. Is she out of the 17 hospital now? 18 MS. STONE: I -- I don't know where my mother 19 is right now. 20 MR. LUSTIG: Your Honor --21 MS. STONE: This is all very scary. 22 THE COURT: Okay. Is she out of the hospital? 23 MR. LUSTIG: Yes, Your Honor. 24 THE COURT: Okay. So is she back in the 25 facility?

MR. LUSTIG: Yes, Your Honor. 1 2 THE COURT: Okay. So she's at a facility. 3 what would prevent -- the facility can't prevent a doctor from going in and doing an independent --4 MS. STONE: 5 But --THE COURT: 6 -- evaluation. 7 MS. STONE: -- the doctor can't go in and do 8 an independent --THE COURT: Why? 9 10 MS. STONE: He doesn't have the medical 11 equipment. He's going to look at her and see --12 THE COURT: A doctor --13 MS. STONE: -- that she's got a tube in her 14 stomach. She doesn't need a tube in her stomach. 15 And in response to his fraudulent statement, where 16 he said that medical tests were done before they 17 put a tube in her stomach, that is absolutely a 18 fabricated statement. 19 THE COURT: Okay. 20 MS. STONE: That wasn't done. 21 THE COURT: All right. Ms. Stone. Ms. Stone, 22 right now, this is a she-said/he-said. 23 MS. STONE: No, no, no. I've submitted the 24 medical records to you. I --

THE COURT:

Medical records are not evidence.

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MS. STONE: I -- well --

THE COURT: It's not evidence.

MS. STONE: They --

THE COURT: You need a foundation to admit those. They're not evidence.

MS. STONE: Okay. Well, we have -- we have a serious problem with people that I filed a criminal complaint with. My mother should be protected, and there's no harm in taking her to the hospital and letting her get a whole routine test done to see why she's not getting any rehab.

THE COURT: I don't -- Ms. Stone, I don't know what the condition -- the medical condition is of your mother, number one. Number two, I don't know if it would endanger her life by moving her. I'm not going to order that she be moved unless or until I send a doctor in there --

MS. STONE: Well --

THE COURT: -- and they do an independent evaluation as to what her condition is and have them report back to me. If they report back to me and say, "We need to have her in a hospital setting in order to evaluate her medical condition," then I'll consider it. I can't just order that she be moved. I can't do that.

Well, um, I --1 MS. STONE: 2 THE COURT: Your complaint -- yes, sir. Ιs 3 there something --DR. SARHAN: Your Honor, I have to leave. 4 Ι teach a class at Miami-Dade College. 5 6 THE COURT: Okay. 7 DR. SARHAN: I'm sorry. I don't want to 8 disrespect you. 9 THE COURT: That's okay. You said you're a doctor? 10 11 DR. SARHAN: Yes, Your Honor. And one of the 12 big problems is that Ms. Stone is not even walking. 13 And one of the problems when you're sitting in a 14 wheelchair all the time, when she was walking fine prior to the guardianship, is that her bowels are 15 16 not going to be moving properly. So walking really 17 stimulates the whole body. 18 MR. LUSTIG: I object to this testimony. 19 put him on the stand, if Your Honor wants to put 20 him on the stand. Let me cross-examine him. 21 THE COURT: I don't --22 DR. SARHAN: I'm just saying, Your Honor, it's 23 just common sense. If a person is not walking, 24 they lose their -- their muscles to atrophy and

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1 THE COURT: Are you answering my question in 2 the negative or positive? Or does it have anything 3 do with whether or not a doctor can go in and do an independent evaluation? That's my only question 4 5 out there right now. I just have one other question. 6 MS. STONE: 7 Why don't --8 THE COURT: Excuse me. Wait. 9 MS. STONE: -- these people -- why don't 10 they --11 THE COURT: Excuse me. 12 MS. STONE: -- step down? 13 MR. LUSTIG: Your Honor --14 (All speaking at once.) 15 THE COURT: Everybody have a seat. 16 There are certain -- to answer DR. SARHAN: 17 that, there would be probably certain tests that 18 need to be done like, uh --19 THE COURT: What kind of doctor are you? 20 DR. SARHAN: I'm just in general practice. Ι 21 work for the -- I worked for the Department of 22 Justice, federal prison for many years. 23 MR. LUSTIG: Used to. 24 DR. SARHAN: And the thing is, Your Honor 25 that, you know, there's certain tests, blood tests,

1 things like that, that they need to do because she was malnourished and had malnutrition. 2 3 THE COURT: All right. Right now, there's no evidence in front of me for me to make that 4 5 finding. I can't just willy-nilly say, "Oh, all 6 these tests are going to be done. I believe 7 everything you say, Ms. Stone." 8 MS. STONE: Yes, Your Honor. "I don't believe anything" --9 THE COURT: 10 MS. STONE: I understand. 11 THE COURT: -- "you say, Mr. Lustig." 12 MS. STONE: I understand. It doesn't work like that. 13 THE COURT: I understand. 14 MS. STONE: 15 THE COURT: In order for me to make a ruling, 16 I need evidence. 17 MS. STONE: I -- I -- accept. But I just want 18 to say one thing. Why don't these people simply 19 step down? Most guardians step down when there's 20 so much acrimony. Why don't they just step down? 21 MR. LUSTIG: Your Honor, if I may. 22 (Whereupon, Dr. Sarhan leaves the hearing 23 room.) 24 THE COURT: Do you want to respond to that? 25 MR. LUSTIG: No.

1 MS. STONE: Yes, Your Honor. I accept your --2 I will have -- that's fine. We can have --3 THE COURT: Well, I haven't ordered it. I'm 4 just saying -- yes, Mr. Lustig. 5 MR. LUSTIG: Okay. Your Honor, 6 notwithstanding the statements of Ms. Stone, she 7 too has to abide by the law. And the law is what 8 I've cited to this Court. If the Court doesn't 9 have a copy of the case, I'll be glad to give a 10 copy of the case. 11 THE COURT: I have it. Yeah. Benedict v. 12 Foster? 13 MR. LUSTIG: Yes, Your Honor. 14 THE COURT: Yeah. 15 MR. LUSTIG: It is on all fours. 16 THE COURT: Well, the thing is, though, this isn't -- I mean, I guess it is about her 17 18 guardianship. 19 MR. LUSTIG: Sure. 20 THE COURT: It's more than that. Yeah. 21 MR. LUSTIG: No. It's not more than that. Ιt 22 is about the guardianship. She's been asked to --23 asked you to request the guardian. She's asked you to take control of her mother. She's asked you to 24

remove her from a facility. She's asked you to

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1 take her away from the physicians that are treating 2 She's asked you to take it away from the jurisdiction of a Dade County court and a Dade 3 County judge who sat on this case for a year. 4 5 MS. LAPIDES: Two-and-a-half years. 6 MR. LUSTIG: For -- well, almost two years, 7 two-and-a-half years. Every judge that she has been before she has accused of criminal behavior. 9 She's filed Bar complaints against every state attorney, myself included. She's filed -- she's 10 11 filed lawsuits against all three of the judges in 12 federal court. All three have been -- they've all been dismissed, all the cases. 13 14 MS. STONE: Your Honor, there's -- on --15 MR. LUSTIG: She --16 MS. STONE: There's -- there's an issue. We have a seriously ill woman. 17 18 MR. LUSTIG: No. 19 MS. STONE: There's the issue. There's no

harm done.

THE COURT: I know, but --

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MS. STONE: There's no harm done in having her evaluated, and I will pay for the evaluation.

MR. LUSTIG: There is harm done.

THE COURT: Here's the thing, Ms. Stone. Mr. Lustig is saying that I can't order anything because I have no jurisdiction.

MS. STONE: But he's wrong because we've proven that Your Honor does have jurisdiction because, as a judge, you've now been told that there's wrongdoing by him.

And -- and you should also question in your mind, why is all of this happening when I simply brought my mother to guardianship court to protect her. Why is all of this happening? I'm bound and obligated. I have no interest in dealing with this matter in the way it had to be handled. All I wanted was for my mother to be protected. And since then, she's been on the brink of death repeatedly. I can't see my mother. I've been arrested. I've been forced to take action to protect my mother.

I will take a bullet for my mother. I will do anything for my mother. I will pay for her evaluation. Now, let her just get an independent doctor. No harm done. No harm done. And then we'll see the results of whatever the doctor says, and then we'll be able to take it from there. But we're at an emergency situation for my mother.

And if these people really had my mother's

best interests in mind, they wouldn't have any objection whatsoever to having a -- an evaluation of my mother done, for which I will pay for.

MR. LUSTIG: Your Honor, in response, briefly. There are attending physicians. Ms. Stone, meaning Helen Stone, sees regularly, uh, physicians, taken to physicians. Physicians see her at the facility. When there is an issue the, uh, guardians demand that she be taken to the hospital, whenever there's a question.

There is no problem with Helen Stone. The problem is Barbara Stone. The problem has always been Barbara Stone. Before my clients came into this case, before I came into this case, that family's been dysfunctional. She doesn't speak to her brother. Her brother doesn't speak to her.

MS. STONE: May I respond, Your Honor?

MR. LUSTIG: Her --

MS. STONE: This -- this has absolutely nothing to do with my mother's health.

THE COURT: Well, don't interrupt.

Go ahead.

MS. STONE: This has nothing to do with my mother's health.

THE COURT: Ma'am, it's his turn.

MR. LUSTIG: The historical aspect is so important in this case because I would tell you honestly, Your Honor, if my clients knew what went on in this family when they took on this position, I assure you, none of them, and nor I, would have ever taken the position. MS. STONE: So resign. MR. LUSTIG: Okay.

MS. STONE: Now that you know what the situation is --

MR. LUSTIG: Well, let me --

MS. STONE: -- you can resign any time.

MR. LUSTIG: Let me explain to the Court why
Ms. Stone does this. Because Ms. Stone knows that
throughout Dade County and now throughout Broward
County, inasmuch as you know -- I assume, Your
Honor, by reading the pleadings, you know that
Ms. Stone -- last week, we were before Judge
Kaplan, where she filed, um -- she filed a
complaint for domestic -- repeat domestic violence
against my clients again for her -- her mother.

THE COURT: So what happened with that?

MR. LUSTIG: That case was dismissed with

prejudice. Ms. -- I argued before the Court that

Ms. Stone did not have standing to stand before the

Court on behalf of her mother and argue on behalf of her mother.

MS. STONE: May I respond to that?

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MR. LUSTIG: What has gone on here, Your Honor, is, as I said, this vilification crusade can no longer go on in Dade County because Ms. Stone has run through a litany of judges in Dade County. Not only has she run through a litany of judges in Dade County, but she has noted every single judge in Dade County on everything, as she has done in Broward County now, where Judge Kaplan notified me before the hearing -- before the hearing started, that is, to see if I wanted him to recuse himself, that Ms. Stone had sent her pleading with a -- in the form of a letter to Judge Kaplan and every judge in the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit, along with, I guess, some other political leaders that were on there because there were like a hundred some odd. I don't know.

THE COURT: I didn't get that letter.

MR. LUSTIG: Um, I don't know. I thought I saw you on it. But maybe you didn't personally get the letter, but it was sent out. I mean --

THE COURT: Okay.

MR. LUSTIG: Taking the words of Judge Kaplan,

he says, "I believe that every judge in the Seventeenth is on here."

I said, "That's fine. I'm -- I'm used to it.

I understand it."

The bottom line, Your Honor, again, just going to the law, the law is very clear on this issue. It's a Dade County jurisdictional issue, not Broward. This Court, respectfully, doesn't have the jurisdiction to rule on anything to what's been pled here. It all ties, unfortunately, to a family issue, which I will tell this Court is what typically goes on when you have siblings that argue with each other and are -- and there's a dysfunctional family. The only means that they have is -- seems to be the court system. And they -- that's where everything comes about and it ultimately ends up in a guardianship. And unfortunately, siblings fight with the guardians. And that's what this case is all about.

MS. STONE: Your Honor, May I respond to that, please?

THE COURT: Give me one minute. Ms. Stone, have you read the Benedict v. Foster case?

MS. STONE: I don't believe that applies because I brought a separate declaratory judgement

action which provides where actions may be begun.

Actions may be brought only the in court where the defendant resides, where the cause of action accrued, or where the property in litigation is located. So, as I've stated, there's two of --

THE COURT: Yeah. But the declaratory -MS. STONE: -- the defendants that reside

there.

THE COURT: The declaratory judgement on what?

MS. STONE: The declaratory judgement on dealing with matters relating to--

THE COURT: The guardianship.

MS. STONE: -- the guardianship and the actions that they've taken with regard to the guardianship. I filed a whistleblower action. I am not going to be able to get due process in Dade County. I filed a criminal complaint against these people. Everything -- every word out of this gentleman's mouth has been to retaliate against me. He's never seen my mother. He doesn't know anything about my mother. There's nothing in his -- anything that he's done, including taking \$250,000 from my mother to go against her wishes. He's in it for Roy Lustig. That's all. She's in it for Blaire Lapides. And I'm in it because I

love my mother more than anything. And I am her advocate and I am her voice.

And she's been admitted to the hospital four times with all of the things that I've said that she's been admitted to. And I filed the medical records with you that make those statements. My mother is going to die unless she gets medical intervention immediately. My mother will die.

Robert Sarhan has told Your Honor about how his mother died because the guardians involved in his case drugged her up. And the medical report upon her death showed that she died from being drugged by Seroquel and other drugs that have black box warnings. Psychotropic drugs.

So all I'm asking Your Honor to do is simply get someone in there. Let's get the doctor's report. And if these people weren't after -- weren't out to retaliate, they would welcome another doctor to go see my mother. This shouldn't be secret. Nothing should be secret. This should be a completely transparent proceeding where a doctor goes in and evaluates my mother. And then we can take it from there.

MR. LUSTIG: In response briefly, Your Honor. First of all, I would tell the Court that I wish I

was paid \$250,000 for this case because I'm worth three times that amount for the litigation that's gone on in this case. I would let the Court know there are around five volumes of pleadings that have been filed by Ms. Stone. And I would tell the Court that 95 percent of all costs, attorney's fees, and expenses are solely due to this woman's pleadings that have been filed.

Second, Ms. Stone again said -- made a statement that I've never seen her mother. Well, that's incorrect as well. I have visited her mother in the hospital and I visited her in the facility. So that is incorrect.

As far as the psychotropic drugs, just like everything else that Ms. Stone says, it's -- Ms. Stone believes that the end justifies the means. What she says makes no difference about -- to anybody, makes no difference what she says about anybody or anything, as long as the end justifies the means in her mind.

MS. STONE: May I ask the Court to ask Roy
Lustig why he's appearing pro se? Why doesn't he
have representation?

MR. LUSTIG: I apologize, Your Honor. I didn't mean to laugh. I apologize.

1 MS. STONE: I think -- I think it's a good 2 question. 3 MR. LUSTIG: I think you're --THE COURT: 4 All right. All right. MS. STONE: Especially when he's involved in 5 6 the threats against me. 7 THE COURT: Okay. 8 MS. STONE: He's been involved in threats 9 against me that have been documented by a reputable 10 attorney, who put herself on the line by making 11 that affidavit. I have other statements by other 12 people that have also been retaliated against. Again, this all goes back to my mother's life. 13 Μy 14 mother should be the overriding concern. 15 THE COURT: Well, as far as the whistleblower 16 action... 17 MR. LUSTIG: The subject matter is in Dade 18 County. 19 THE COURT: Well, but if she's a resident here 20 and the defendants are residents here --21 The defendants -- wait a minute. MR. LUSTIG: 22 First of all, I am not a resident here. Second of all --23 24 THE COURT: Ms. Hertz and Ms. Lapides are. 25 MR. LUSTIG: Ms. Lapides is. Ms. Hertz is

not, I don't believe.

MS. LAPIDES: No, she is not.

MR. LUSTIG: No, she's not a resident.

MS. LAPIDES: No. I am the only resident of Broward County on that list.

Alan Stone is a resident a legal resident -Alan Stone --

(All speaking at once.)

MR. LUSTIG: Please. We've got enough going on here. First of all, if I may, Your Honor, I apologize. But Ms. Stone seems to think that, although I brought myself before this Court, there was a reason. Because I've had to do this so many times that she doesn't seem to understand or appreciate the fact that you just can't e-mail people complaints and believe that they're under service, process of service of notice to be -- come before this Court.

Alan Stone has not been properly served. My client, Blaire Lapides, hasn't been. My client Jacqueline Hertz wasn't, nor I. But we brought ourselves before the Court because we know what's going on here. We've been through this, I can't tell this Court, how many times. This is nothing new to us.

1 THE COURT: Has anyone been served? 2 MR. LUSTIG: No. 3 MS. STONE: They were served. They were served by eService. So if -- they were served by 4 eService. He filed a notice of appearance. 5 6 proceeded to appear in court. 7 MR. LUSTIG: No. I didn't file a notice of appearance in this case. I filed it in last week's 8 9 But notwithstanding that --10 MS. STONE: But he filed a response. He filed 11 a response. 12 MR. LUSTIG: Yes. 13 THE COURT: Okay. 14 MS. STONE: So he accepted and he said that he 15 was appearing pro se. THE COURT: Okay. So Roy Lustig is in this 16 17 case. 18 MR. LUSTIG: Yes, Your Honor. 19 THE COURT: Jacqueline Hertz is in this case 20 and Blaire Lapides is in this case. 21 MR. LUSTIG: The three of us along with Alan 22 -- well, who she is -- who she has named? 23 named her brother, Alan Stone. She named the 24 facility, Regents Park, I believe is the name. She 25 -- she named the executive director of Regents Park

as well.

Nobody has been properly served. I brought myself before the Court because I know what's going on here. I was concerned because the fact that Ms. Stone, in all of her cases, has filed in every single case that it was an emergency. I've been through this. I can't tell this Court how many times that I've been before a court. Federal court as well.

THE COURT: I have to tell you though,

Mr. Lustig, I'm very concerned with what I read
here.

MR. LUSTIG: Well, Your Honor, understanding that anybody reading that would be concerned not knowing who wrote it and the true facts. But because somebody writes it doesn't make it so, especially from the individual who wrote it.

THE COURT: Okay. What's this hearing that you have in front of Judge Genden?

MS. STONE: The upcoming hearing?

THE COURT: Yes.

MS. STONE: Is for him to hold me in contempt of his court for filing a pleading that I filed with this Court saying that Roy Lustig and Blaire Lapides and Jacqueline Hertz filed a guardianship

plan that was -- that was done under penalties of perjury, and they failed to inform him that my mother was in the hospital at the time that they filed the plan.

THE COURT: Okay. So this --

MS. STONE: And that's in response to my filing that pleading. He denied my -- and he's holding me in contempt of court for revealing the fraud on his court.

THE COURT: When is that hearing?

MS. STONE: I won't be attending that hearing. I will be filing a petition again for his disqualification. So right now, my mother has no judge. I have not made any appearances in his court because he's a disqualified judge that will not give up jurisdiction. My mother has no protection. My mother does not have a judge, nor do I.

MR. LUSTIG: Your Honor, Ms. Stone has, from the onset, tried to forum shop. Um, she has moved for recusal for every judge that she's been before. I've been to the Third District Court of Appeals. I've been to the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals. I've been to the federal court. I've been now to the Seventeenth Judicial District twice in -- in a

period of seven days.

And I suspect that this is not the end. I suspect that she will find another jurisdiction in which to go to. As a matter of fact, in her pleadings, she's asked this Court to take control of her mother and move it to a court outside this state.

MS. STONE: Your Honor, we have an affidavit that's been entered into evidence where he and/or Michael Genden has called a Florida Bar attorney threatening them that my mother cannot get representation.

THE COURT: All right. I read that, but they don't know that it was Judge Genden. And that's in the affidavit. They say, "If it was him." There's -- there's nothing --

MR. LUSTIG: First, Your Honor --

MS. STONE: Except that I think it has to be taken on its face that she received a phone call. She's concerned that there's a phone call. And why would the phone call be made right after she appeared at a hearing when, in fact, she and I was present at the hearing?

MR. LUSTIG: I would be glad to tell the story of what happened.

1 MS. STONE: And he told her that she couldn't represent my mother.

MR. LUSTIG: Your Honor, I have no problem informing this Court what really happened that -- last week, if the Court so chooses and wants to get involved in that. I would suggest it's not in the best interest of Ms. Stone, nor -- nor the attorney who filed that affidavit, which misrepresents exactly what happened and made a statement in that affidavit that Judge Kaplan -- she's under oath, says there, Judge Kaplan made a statement. I have the transcripts with me, Your Honor. And I tell you I've gone through the transcript three times and that Judge Kaplan never made that statement that the attorney says he made.

MS. STONE: Your Honor, this is about my mother's health --

MR. LUSTIG: Ugh.

MS. STONE: -- and safety and welfare. I don't understand why it should be anything other than that. My mother needs to have an independent doctor to look into her and make sure that she's protected.

THE COURT: The problem is, Ms. Stone, I don't know if I have jurisdiction.

MS. STONE: I believe that you have jurisdiction, Your Honor. I've -- I've pointed out the statute which provides for venue. And it says that if there are -- if one of the defendants lives in the county --THE COURT: What are you reading at? MS. STONE: Yes, Your Honor, may I -- may I? THE COURT: Maggie, I need you up here, please. MS. STONE: It's Florida Statutes 47. It's,

MS. STONE: It's Florida Statutes 47. It's, um -- it's 47, dash -- 47-011. And then there's also another provision in that statute that says that -- that when any, um -- it says, "Where venue may have been laid in two or more counties, the person bringing the action may select the county to which the action is transferred."

This is in Florida Rules of Civil Procedure as well.

THE COURT: I'm sorry. Where were you reading?

MS. STONE: That's another section of the Florida Rules of Civil Procedures where it talks about the county. If there's two counties where an action could be held, the plaintiff selects the county.

MR. LUSTIG: That's -- that's one of the rules Your Honor, venue. And the other one is 744.202 in respect to this. And it has nothing to do with subject matter jurisdiction, but the rules state what they state.

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Well, it could be where the THE COURT: defendant resides or where the action accrued or with the --

MR. LUSTIG: Only to the extent that there's subject matter jurisdiction. There is no subject matter jurisdiction.

THE COURT: Well, the subject matter jurisdiction meaning her mother?

MR. LUSTIG: Well, that's what every single one of these pleadings is about.

> MS. STONE: No. Subject matter --

MR. LUSTIG: There is nothing else --

MR. STONE: -- jurisdiction is the retaliation by Bar members in Miami-Dade, by Florida Bar members in Miami-Dade and the retaliation and -and the -- and -- and the criminality of their conduct. And the criminality of their conduct, which I -- I -- I believe I filed a copy of my criminal complaint against them.

MR. LUSTIG: Your Honor --

MS. STONE: I'd be happy to give you another copy of the criminal complaint.

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THE COURT: Ms. Stone, I have nothing to do with the criminal complaint.

MS. STONE: Yes. But understand that for -- for this to be -- to --

MR. LUSTIG: I would notify the Court, Your Honor, that yes, she has filed complaints with the Florida Bar. And yes, the Florida Bar has investigated. And to that extent, Ms. Stone is under proceedings for disbarment in the -- with the Florida Bar. So she's the only one that's being investigated by the Florida Bar. She has filed complaints, I admit, against me numerous times, as well as Judge Genden, as well as the three other judges, as well as four state -- assistant state attorney's. Absolutely. And she has accused me of conspiring with each one of them and controlling the courts, which I would tell this Court that I wish I did. I controlled the criminal courts, I controlled the guardianship courts, and I controlled the civil division. Notwithstanding all of that, if I did, I wouldn't be standing before this Court trying to earn a living.

MS. STONE: Trying to cover up everything that

you've done, every act that you've taken against my 1 2 mother, trying to retaliate against me, and trying 3 to prevent my mother from getting the appropriate medical care that she needs. And it is incredible 4 5 to me that I have had to go through this 6 retaliation, this scary and frightening situation 7 so that my mother, who I brought to court, to 8 protect her, can be protected. It is incredible to 9 me the amount of hostility. 10 THE COURT: Well, I want to hear from 11

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THE COURT: -- if that's possible.

MR. LUSTIG: No. Ms. Lapides.

THE COURT: Ms. Lapides. I'm sorry.

MR. LUSTIG: Yes.

MS. LAPIDES: Yes, ma'am.

THE COURT: I had 50 percent chance of getting it right.

MS. LAPIDES: That's okay. That's quite all right.

THE COURT: Can I swear you in?

MS. LAPIDES: I'm sorry.

THE COURT: Can I swear you in?

MR. LUSTIG: Yes. 1 MS. LAPIDES: Sure. Absolutely.

THE COURT: You can stay there.

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BLAIRE LAPIDES

was called as a witness and, having been duly sworn, was
examined and testified as follows:

7 EXAMINATION

8 BY THE COURT:

- 9 Q. Okay. Can you enlighten me a little bit here.

  10 You can stay there. It's okay.
- 11 A. Okay.
- 12 Q. Or wherever you're comfortable.
- A. I'm fine here. What -- do you want to ask me questions? Do you want -- what would you like to know, judge?
  - Q. I would like you to tell me what's going on here.
- 18 A. I am, along with Jacque Hertz, trying to do
  19 our best for Aunt Helen.
  - Q. So why does Ms. Stone keep having a problem with the way her mother is being cared for and treated?
    - A. Because Barbara cannot control me.
- Q. Well, forget about Barbara controlling you.

  If I went to go see Helen Stone right now, what kind of
  condition would she be in?

- A. She'd be fine. She and I were out this morning.
  - Q. She's fine?
- A. She's fine. She's an 87-year-old woman. She does have health issues.
- Q. I don't have a 100-year-old great aunt. She's fine.
  - A. Yeah.

MR. LUSTIG: Well, she has dementia, too.

THE WITNESS: She has dementia. She has a very unsteady gait. She is using a wheelchair. She gets physical and occupational therapy five days a week, which of course Barbara's not aware of because she's not allowed to see her mother. So she assumes that nothing is being done.

MS. STONE: Your Honor, may I ask why I'm not allowed to go see my mother? Maybe that would be a good question.

THE COURT: Well, we'll get to that a minute.

MS. LAPIDES: Okay. When -- when the MiraLAX, as Barbara calls it, issue came up, it was not about MiraLAX, Your Honor. That's in Barbara's mind. That's what she wants to make --

- 24 BY THE COURT:
  - Q. I want to hear more about the condition of

- 1 Ms. Helen Stone.
- A. She's fine. She was in the hospital because
- 3 | she --

- 4 Q. Well, why does she keep going? I mean --
- 5 A. Okay.
- 6 Q. -- did you read the --
- A. We're talking about four times in two -- two and -- two plus years.
- 9 Q. Okay.
- 10 A. Okay. All right.
- 11 Q. Is she eating? I mean --
- 12 A. She can --
- 13 Q. -- is she being force-fed?
- A. Okay. She is not being fed by mouth because she does not swallow properly. She aspirates, which means that the food and the, uh, liquids will go into her lungs, which can cause pneumonia. That is a very serious health hazard. There has been --
  - Q. Well, how does she eat?
- A. She is being fed by a feeding tube. She gets
  all of her nutrition by a feeding tube. Barbara has
  countered that she has lost a hundred, uh -- she's lost
  30 pounds.
- MS. STONE: Forty.
- THE WITNESS: Oh, 40 pounds now. Okay. Sc

1 we're at 40 pounds. Helen is now weighing 120 2 pounds. She is 4'10". Um, I would venture to say with an additional 30 or 40 pounds, she would be 3 seriously overweight. She is appropriately --4 5 BY THE COURT: 6 Q. So she's eating? She's being fed? 7 Α. She's being -

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- A. She's given nutrition.
  - Q. She has regular care? She has doctors?
- A. She has -- she sees the doctor, probably -
  I'd have to go back and look at my list. But, I mean, I

  have a list of --
  - Q. Is Regent Park a -- it's a nursing home?
  - A. It is a licensed facility. Uh, they care for all manners of people. She is on the third floor, which is identified as the dementia floor.
  - Q. And as the guardian, uh, your in charge of what? Making the decisions for the doctors?
    - A. I'm sorry. Making what?
  - Q. Are you in charge of making the decisions as it relates to the doctors? Is that what the guardian does?
- A. Which doctor she sees? Is that what you're asking?

- Q. Well, whatever. Her care. Are you her --
- A. Okay. The doctors -- No. The doctors make the decisions. I am not a licensed medical individual. The doctors make the decisions and make recommendations about what care she needs. That's what they do.
- Q. Are you the guardian as far as her money and her estate? Is what it is?
- A. Yeah. I am guardian of her property and co-guardian of her person.
- Q. And is there money in trust or in a bank account?
- A. Yes. It is restricted accounts. Uh, there is an amount that is moved from the account to -- from the restricted account to the unrestricted account that gives me the, um, authority to pay her bills and pay for her care. That has approved -- actually, that was all approved by the previous guardians with the court, and I just took that over.
- Q. All right. And that means her -- whatever costs for her to live at the nursing facility, whatever medical bills she has.
  - A. Right.
- Q. And then your legal fees for that.
- MR. LUSTIG: Well, she doesn't have a legal --
- 25 I mean --

1 THE WITNESS: I don't have legal fees. THE COURT: So --2 3 (All speaking at once.) THE WITNESS: When I took --4 5 THE COURT: That's what I mean, the legal fees 6 that you incur by doing this. 7 MS. STONE: And guardian fees. 8 THE WITNESS: The guardianship fees. My issue 9 with the guardianship fees initially was that this 10 is family. And I will not, uh, charge for taking 11 care of my Aunt Helen. I just wasn't going to do 12 That's what family does for each other. it. 13 However, I have spent untold hundreds and hundreds 14 of hours dealing with the litigation that Barbara 15 has initiated that has nothing to do with Helen. BY THE COURT: 16 17 Q. No. What I'm --18 And so I do take fees for that. Α. 19 Q. Okay. Let me ask you this. Why can't 20 Barbara, if she had a -- somebody with her, whatever you 21 want to call that, a controlled visit, why can't Barbara 22 see her mother? 23 MR. LUSTIG: May I respond to that, since it's 24 a legal issue? 25 Why is it a legal issue? THE COURT: She's

1 the guardian. 2 MR. LUSTIG: No. It has nothing to do with 3 her. 4 THE WITNESS: No. 5 MR. LUSTIG: She can't order it one way or 6 another. There's two pending stay-away orders from 7 the criminal court, that we had nothing to do with. 8 THE COURT: Who had something to do with them? 9 MR. LUSTIG: The state attorney's office. 10 THE COURT: But who initiated them? 11 MR. LUSTIG: The Aventura police and the 12 Metro-Dade police when she --13 THE COURT: Why? 14 MR. LUSTIG: -- was arrested for abducting her 15 mother when she took her mother off the premises, 16 didn't tell anybody. And they found her nine hours 17 later in Fort Lauderdale. That's why. 18 THE COURT: Why is that abducting? She's her 19 mother. 20 MR. LUSTIG: Because she was under a previous court order that she could not interfere with the 21 22 facility. She could not interfere with her 23 mother's duty. 24 THE COURT: Okay. How does she get that

changed? How does she get visitation rights to her

1 mother?

MR. LUSTIG: You get an attorney, Your Honor. That's what she's been asked to do, instead of filing pro se, which is what's been going on here. You get yourself an attorney, which is what Judge Genden ordered her to do. Get a Florida Bar attorney and -- to represent you. That's all that needs to be done here. Okay? I can't do anything about stay-away orders with the -- with the criminal court. I don't practice criminal law.

In reference to Judge Genden, he has an injunction and stay-away order that was issued against her after she abducted her mother.

THE COURT: All right. Let me go back.

Ms. Lapides is telling me that she's fine.

## BY THE COURT:

- Q. You were with her this morning. You went out.
- A. Yes. We went out this morning.
- Q. When you say you went out, where did you go?
- A. She had a doctor's appointment and we went to see the doctor. And everything was fine.
- Q. And so then she goes back for lunch and she gets fed by a feeding tube?
- A. Yes. She gets fed, actually, I think it's five times a day. Smaller amounts because of her GERD

- that has been an issue for, I don't know, 30, 40, 50 years with her. So it's smaller amounts and more frequent feedings.
- Q. So what is your opinion as to what's going on here?
- A. My opinion is that -- my opinion is that, prior to Helen's dementia advancing to the point that it's at now, um, Helen repeatedly wanted her daughter out of the house; unplugged her phone; didn't want to speak to her; didn't want to have anything to do with her; would eventually relent, and the cycle would start all over again. That was unbeknownst to me when I took over this case, when I was -- became involved. And I only found that out afterwards. I do know that in -- I believe it was 2008 --
  - Q. Does -- does Helen want to see Barbara?
  - A. Helen has never mentioned Barbara to me.
    - Q. Are you --

- A. And when I have asked, on a couple of occasions at the direction of Judge Genden, at one time Helen said, "She's mean to me. I don't want to see her."
- MS. STONE: This is --
- 24 MS. LAPIDES: And the other time --
- MS. STONE: Oh, my God. This is just --

1 MS. LAPIDES: And the other time, Helen said, She's rude to people." Now, I see Helen 2 3 about once a week. Helen never asks about Barbara. THE COURT: Well, let me ask you something. 4 How --5 MR. LUSTIG: She has dementia. 6 7 THE COURT: How much time is on the criminal 8 stay-away order? That's not forever, is it? 9 MR. LUSTIG: It's been renewed. Judge, she 10 recently decided to take on a criminal court judge. 11 And, um, she was taken into custody on that day 12 after the hearing for showing up an hour and a half 13 late and lying to the Court. So I can't tell you, 14 to be honest, in respect to the criminal court 15 issues. 16 THE COURT: Ms. Stone, when is the criminal 17 stay-away order completed? When -- when is that? 18 MS. STONE: Okay. The stay-away order --19 think about what's going on here, Your Honor. 20 was arrested because I went to see my mother? 21 Because Michael Genden wants to pay these people 22 all this money to deny my mother's wishes? 23 whole thing is just like -- it's surreal. 24 So they don't want anybody to see anything.

Ask Ms. Lapides why she didn't have my brother, who

embezzled \$700,000 from my mother -- why didn't she just have him return the money to my mother's account? Why is it that, yes, I signed this agreement and now I want to terminate it? Because my mother's needs are not met.

I submitted the -- I submitted the medical records. I have -- I've paid for an independent medical doctor to examine the records because I wanted to hear what he thought. And he was appalled. My mother had wounds on her. My mother had bruises. My mother has pictures of bruises and wounds and -- and all kinds of, um, medical problems that shouldn't happen. They've got people there that they say watch her 24 hours a day.

THE COURT: Have you reported the nursing home, if you --

MS. STONE: Yes, I've reported the nursing home. Yes. And I've reported to DCF. And DCF never got back to me because on one of -- on one of Roy Lustig's bills -- and I have a stack of bills here -- instead of reporting back to me, they called Roy Lustig.

Actually, you know what would be helpful right now? There's two attorneys that I submitted affidavits to you from. There's an attorney in

Chicago, who is an expert on abusive guardianships.

And there's an attorney --

MR. LUSTIG: Who is under disciplinary --

MS. STONE: Yes. She's under disciplinary action because -- because she blogs about it and no one wants to hear about this. But she continues to blog. And so she's been -- just like I'm under disciplinary action from the Florida Bar because I filed a complaint against Roy Lustig. And it happened to go in front of a woman named Adria Quintela, who I understand under information and belief, has had a relationship or is involved in a relationship with Roy Lustig. And therefore -- and I have all the documents.

My files are completely transparent. I will give Your Honor anything and everything that she wants because I believe that everything that goes on in a guardianship should be a completely transparent matter.

So I filed a complaint against Roy Lustig and I alleged criminal activity. And normally, when you file a complaint, they give a copy to the other side and the other side has a chance to respond. But that's not what happened at all. I filed it and Adria Quintela gave Roy Lustig a copy of the

complaint. Simultaneously, she told me that she was closing her file. And I wrote her back. And it's all of record. I've sent it around, and I'm happy to show it to Your Honor. Why would you close your file before you opened your file? So the point is --

MR. LUSTIG: Your Honor, may I respond?

MS. STONE: The point is that we're -- this is digressing from anything. I would not be doing this. I'm an attorney. I have never had a Bar

complaint filed against me.

MS. LUSTIG: She's --

MS. STONE: I am my mother's daughter and my mother has no advocate.

And I just want to say one other thing in connection with Michael Genden because I -- just like -- just like Dr. Sarhan thinks, it's important for judges to understand. It is the absolute epitome of stupidity and arrogance for Michael Genden to tell Blair Lapides and Jacqueline Hertz to supervise me when I'm going to see my mom, when they have a vested interest in not letting me see my mother.

THE COURT: What's the vested interest?

MS. STONE: The vested interest is they don't

want me there. This is a secret operation.

THE COURT: But why? Why wouldn't they want you there?

MS. STONE: I don't know why they wouldn't want me there.

MR. LUSTIG: Your Honor --

MS. STONE: I guess it's because I've uncovered a lot of corruption. I've uncovered a lot of fraud in the court. And every time I uncover it, I bring it up to the court. I bring up my problems to the court. And -- and the medical -- the medical records speak for themselves, Your Honor. The medical records speak for themselves. Why are they keeping everything secret? Why would they file a guardianship plan and say that my mother was -- none of my mother's needs were unmet, when she was in the hospital at the time?

MR. LUSTIG: Your Honor, may I respond briefly? And I apologize for having to respond each time, but I've been accused of certain things once again. Now, I've been accused now of having an affair, notwithstanding I've been married for 42 years to the same woman. I've been accused now of having an affair with some attorney from the Florida Bar who is bringing an action against

Ms. Stone. I will tell the Court I've never heard of this woman. I've never met this woman. I've never seen this woman, and I've never had an affair with this woman. That's the first point.

Second point, Ms. Stone keeps referring to the fact that this is a conspiracy. Again, I control this. I control that. I assure this Court -- and I don't think I have to because the Court knows how the system works -- that I don't control anything. I hardly can control my own office, forget about controlling the court system and, nonetheless, the judges. Okay?

Ms. Stone has made scandalous statements about all of these judges and has made no -- no qualm about sending it to over 125 news organizations. She wants to know why she has a problem with the Florida Bar? I suggest she looks at the rules of ethics in respect to that. That's why she has a problem.

THE COURT: All right. We're getting off the --

MR. LUSTIG: I apologize, Your Honor.

THE COURT: -- the topic.

MR. LUSTIG: I just wanted to respond.

MS. STONE: Your Honor, please, I just would

like for us to go back to having my mother get an independent medical evaluation, which I will pay for.

THE COURT: But the problem is, Ms. Stone, getting back to that, I don't know that I have -- I would love to help you out. I really would. I'm bothered by all of this only because I don't know -- I haven't been the judge on this case. And I don't know the history, but for what is being represented to me. And if I take everything that you say as truthful and accurate, everything that Mr. Lustig as truthful and accurate, and everything that Ms. Lapides says as truthful and accurate, what am I left with?

MS. STONE: You're left with getting the medical evaluation for my mother. The medical records speak for themselves. We've got a seriously ill woman --

THE COURT: But that's why --

MS. STONE: -- that needs intervention by this Court. My mother will die.

THE COURT: Ms. Stone.

MS. STONE: My mother will die.

THE COURT: Ms. Stone, I am extremely sympathetic to the situation. I can't even imagine

being in the position that you're in. With that being said, the Florida Supreme Court, in Benedict v. Foster, 300 So. 2nd 8, Florida 1974, decides this exact matter. And it said that where a court of a certain jurisdiction has already accepted jurisdiction, that's the jurisdiction that needs to continue to rule on all the matters.

MS. STONE: But, Your Honor, that's why I would like for you to speak to the -- bring in the attorneys that I suggested that we bring in as an expert witness. They're both expert witnesses. They can testify to you that they've gone in for TROs for the same situation and the TROs need to be granted or their clients have died.

This is like telling me to take the abuse back to the abuser. It's like asking me to plead for my mother's life in front of a judge where all of his court is filled with fraud. There's nothing that goes on in his court but fraud.

THE COURT: No. No. That's not what I'm saying at all. The jurisdiction of this Court is

Miami-Dade County. You can -- I'm not saying you can't bring this action in Miami-Dade County.

MS. STONE: I'm bringing the action in the county where the defendant resides. There's

nothing wrong with bringing an action in the county where the defendant resides. And, again, I see no reason why this Court can't simply order a doctor to go see my mother.

THE COURT: Apparently, the only defendant that resides in this county is Blaire Lapides.

MS. STONE: Well, my -- my brother -- my brother is married to someone who lives in Dade County and he lives in her house. So he lives in Dade County. But it doesn't matter because I do have a defendant in Dade County. And therefore, the choice of forum should be the plaintiffs, according to the -- according to the Rules of Civil Procedure.

MR. LUSTIG: That's -- that's --

MS. STONE: And there should be no objection.

There should be no objection. We're not --

MR. LUSTIG: Your Honor --

MS. STONE: We're not upsetting the apple cart. We're simply getting an independent medical evaluation done for my mother, which again, they should welcome. If there's nothing wrong, so be it.

MR. LUSTIG: Your Honor, you know, that's a false assumption, first of all. Making a statement

that, if they had no -- why would they be making -- obviously, they must be -- you must be guilty if you hire an attorney because otherwise you'd be telling me -- the police officer everything that's the truth. The same logic applies here.

We've got a court that has jurisdiction. We have a judge. She has taken the judge up to the Third District. Third District has ruled.

THE COURT: Well, Ms. Stone, I'm not saying your issues that you presented have to stay in -- in probate. You can file this in regular circuit court.

MS. STONE: Your Honor, I -- I'm not going to be able to file in Dade County. There's threats that have been made. There's threats that have been made. There's threats by the judge that have been made. It's impossible for me to have due process and for my mother to have due process in Dade County.

And I'm here. The venue is proper, according to the Rules of Civil Procedure. I'm just asking Your Honor to please -- to please have her seen by a -- by a medical doctor. That's all I'm asking Your Honor to do.

MR. LUSTIG: You're asking -- Your Honor, she's

asking this Court to go outside the law to do what she wants. Okay? And the thought process alone of saying that she can't trust any judge in Miami-Dade County is so ludicrous, we won't even go into that. She can bring an action in the general jurisdiction division, if she so chose.

THE COURT: Okay.

MR. LUSTIG: I'd also tell the Court that, in each of those federal cases, they were dismissed with prejudice.

THE COURT: I read it.

MR. LUSTIG: Okay. I apologize, Your Honor.

THE COURT: I mean, I read Judge Williams' order.

MR. LUSTIG: Yes.

THE COURT: I'm not going to dismiss it with prejudice.

MR. LUSTIG: I mean, that's up to this Court,
Your Honor. I think the Court should. I don't
think this Court has jurisdiction at all, subject
matter. But --

THE COURT: I don't --

MR. LUSTIG: -- I'll leave that up to the Court.

THE COURT: I don't believe I do either.

MS. STONE: May -- may I say something?

THE COURT: I'm not dismissing it with prejudice.

MS. STONE: May I say something, Your Honor?

THE COURT: Yes.

MS. STONE: If you feel like you're not able to bring in -- to come in and -- and, uh, provide a remedy for my mother, I've made it very clear that I feel that the Florida Bar members are retaliating against me. And therefore, I would ask -- I would ask this Court to order this action transferred to a federal court outside of the state immediately where I can get my mother emergency relief.

THE COURT: I can't do that.

MS. STONE: And I've made -- I've made it very clear that the members of the Florida Bar who -- the judges or the attorneys who are members of the Florida Bar, I'm getting retaliated. I'm here with a simple request.

THE COURT: Ms. Stone. Ms. Stone, again, with all due respect, again, I am very sympathetic to your situation. I feel horrible. Again, if this is what's going on, I feel horrible that you can't see your mom; that you've been prevented -- that you've been arrested; that -- like I said, I can't

1 even imagine being in your situation. But having said that, I'm dismissing it. If you want to move 2 3 to amend and if you can make a case for jurisdiction, then make a case for jurisdiction. 4 5 But merely stating that every judge in Miami-Dade 6 County can't hear the case is not enough. 7 can't just make that statement. You have to -- in 8 the complaint, you have to allege jurisdiction, 9 just like you would allege a cause of action. 10 MS. STONE: Your Honor, I'm asking Your Honor 11

to step up and do the right thing. I'm asking Your Honor --

MR. BERNSTEIN: Well, she just told you to amend it. So I'd take that and stop right there.

THE COURT: I would listen to your friend of the court over there.

MS. STONE: You know, I -- I have to --

MR. BERNSTEIN: Your Honor, I'll speak on that for a second. I am involved in a massive corruption scandal involving judges, attorneys, and whistleblowers. In fact, I filed a --

MR. LUSTIG: I object. Your Honor, this is irrelevant.

> This is serious stuff. MR. BERNSTEIN: No.

MR. LUSTIG: This is irrelevant.

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1 (All speaking at once.) 2 MS. STONE: No, no. His witnesses got to speak. His witnesses just got to speak in your 3 4 courtroom. (All speaking at once.) 5 6 MS. BERNSTEIN: No, no. It's okay. It's 7 fine. 8 (All speaking at once.) 9 MS. STONE: No. I think it's important for Your Honor to know. I think it's important for 10 11 Your Honor to know. 12 MR. LUSTIG: Your Honor, I don't know this 13 gentleman. I don't know --14 THE COURT: Mr. Bernstein. 15 MR. LUSTIG: -- whatever he's saying may be 16 the honest-to-God truth. 17 MS. STONE: Why the secrecy? 18 MR. LUSTIG: The point is, it is irrelevant to 19 this issue. It doesn't belong in this case. 20 THE COURT: I've already ruled. So --21 MR. LUSTIG: Yeah. 22 THE COURT: But I'm trying to explain to 23 Ms. Stone. Even though she is a member of the Bar, I don't know what kind of law you practice, but I 24 25 would strongly suggest you get counsel and --

THE COURT: And this is a serious situation, Ms. Stone. And if what you're saying is true and if you are seriously and genuinely concerned about your mother's wellbeing, then I suggest you get on it immediately and you have counsel do something. Because it appears, from everything that I've read, that you are no longer welcome to file pleadings in probate court regarding the guardianship of your mother, which means if you want anyone to hear you,

MR. BERNSTEIN: Can she protect the counsel?

MS. STONE: Then, Your Honor, I would ask for you to assign me counsel because I'm unable to get counsel.

anyone at all over there, you need counsel.

THE COURT: Have you been to the Dade County Bar?

MS. STONE: I've been to -- I've had --

THE COURT: Referrals?

MS. STONE: I've had many counsel, many people represent me. And they are -- they resigned or they -- they withdraw because there have been retaliations by Michael Genden and by Roy Lustig.

Or they make deals behind my back, and I don't know about it. And all the deals are done behind my back. And this is the way --

THE COURT: Have you been to legal aid for
whatever -
MS. STONE: I don't think that legal aid
handles this type of matter. But I'm not seeking
legal aid. I'm seeking to pay an attorney, but I'm

THE COURT: But you have money to hire an attorney, right?

MS. STONE: I've been through -- I have very little left, in terms of being able to hire an attorney. But, again, to protect my mother, I've hemorrhaged money.

THE COURT: Okay.

unable to get an attorney.

MS. STONE: I would like to bring you my records and show you again. Everything that I have is completely transparent. And so I'm not able to get counsel. And I don't know why I should have to have counsel before --

THE COURT: I'm not telling you that you have to have counsel.

MS. STONE: -- before filing.

THE COURT: I'm suggesting. I'm suggesting because you are heavily, heavily emotionally involved in this case. If you had somebody speaking on your behalf and somebody advocating on

1 your behalf, just like you want to advocate for 2 your mother, you would be much more well-suited. 3 MS. STONE: But I'm unable to get anybody to 4 advocate on my behalf because this issue is well 5 known to the courts to be an issue where these 6 probate courts --7 THE COURT: I'm sure this issue is well known. 8 I'm sure there's organizations out there. 9 Mr. Bernstein, you said you've been doing 10 this. The doctor who was here said he's been doing 11 12 this. I'm sure there's organizations that are well 13 known around --14 MS. STONE: But he's representing himself pro 15 se. 16 THE COURT: -- if not the county, the state, 17 the country that are interested in elderly abuse or 18 whatever it is or whatever the cause is that's 19 going on. I'm sure there are people out there that 20 would be more than happy to help you out. 21 MR. BERNSTEIN: Your Honor? 22 THE COURT: Yes. 23 MR. BERNSTEIN: As being a whistleblower of 24 the Florida Bar, it becomes very difficult for

attorneys to come and help her without fearing

retribution and threats and whatever from other members. You have solid evidence that that occurred from a member of the Florida Bar who put her --

MR. LUSTIG: Your Honor --

MR. BERNSTEIN: -- reputation and license on the line. I'm just saying, from an outside casual observer.

MR. LUSTIG: Your Honor --

MR. BERNSTEIN: It's very hard to witness --

MR. LUSTIG: You want to put him on the stand?

MR. LUSTIG: I object.

MR. BERNSTEIN: It's a very simple and narrow thing.

MR. BERNSTEIN: Could you -- could you protect her attorney by saying to her attorney, You're not -- you know, "You're to report to me and tell me if anybody contacts you regarding this case, that's outside of the typical channels in the case and immediately report to me for -- and I will protect you"? Because I do know two of the lawyers she's talking about and people are scared. I mean, you're taking on a case where you're helping

judges in a racketeering scheme she's described,

somebody who's blowing the whistle on serious

1 which is very serious allegations, as you know. So, you know -- and she's willing to take them 2 on and do this, obviously. So all she's saying is, 3 I think, "I'll come back to your Court with a 4 modified amended complaint" --5 6 THE COURT: And if it is for a whistleblower, 7 then you need to file that --MR. BERNSTEIN: As a count. 9 THE COURT: I'm sorry? 10 MR. BERNSTEIN: As a count? 11 THE COURT: As a count. 12 MR. BERNSTEIN: Yeah. 13 THE COURT: And you need to state a cause of 14 action. 15 MR. BERNSTEIN: Okay. 16 THE COURT: And not a hundred pages of attachments, criminal complaints. You need to 17 18 state a cause of action, if that's what you want 19 this Court to do, if that's what your relief is, 20 then you need to plead a case for whistleblower. 21 MS. STONE: Your Honor, may I --22 THE COURT: Not to say plaintiff is a 23 whistleblower. 24 (A discussion was held between Ms. Stone and

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Mr. Bernstein.)

1 THE COURT: Ms. Stone, are you listening? Ms. Stone. Ms. Stone, if you want to plead a case for 2 3 whistleblower, you need to either hire a counsel or you 4 need to research the statute on whistleblowing, what the 5 elements are for a whistleblower, and you need to state those and list those all in a cause of action, if that's 6 7 what you are asking this Court. That's not what I read 8 in here, except you saying, "Plaintiff is a 9 whistleblower." Okay? 10 So the dismiss -- the complaint failed on that 11 as well. It doesn't state a case of action. 12 Other than the jurisdictional issue with regard to the 13 guardianship, it doesn't state a cause of action as to 14 whistleblower. You can't just say, "I'm a 15 whistleblower" and that's a cause of action. 16 to state the -- what the elements are and you have to go 17 through that. Okay? 18 MR. BERNSTEIN: Thank you. 19 THE COURT: Okay. Thank you all very much. 20 Is the Court going to prepare its MR. LUSTIG: 21 own order or would the Court like me to submit it? 22 No. You can just say it's denied THE COURT: 23 regarding the guardianship due to --24 MR. LUSTIG: Well, it's --25 THE COURT: -- jurisdictional and failure to

1 state a cause of action. So it wasn't failure to -- it was 2 MS. STONE: 3 failure to state a whistleblower cause of action. MR. LUSTIG: The whole --4 THE COURT: That is correct. 5 MR. LUSTIG: Fine. 6 7 MS. STONE: No, no, no. It was failure to 8 state a whistleblower cause of action. 9 THE COURT: Right. But I couldn't tell, from 10 what I read, what other causes of action you're 11 trying to --12 MR. LUSTIG: I'm going to prepare it now, if the Court doesn't mind. 13 14 THE COURT: That's fine. 15 MR. LUSTIG: Thank you. 16 THE COURT: Whatever relief you're requesting, 17 you have to state what the cause of action is, 18 Ms. Stone. 19 MS. STONE: Yes. And I believe I did state 20 the cause of action. 21 MR. BERNSTEIN: You'll replead. THE COURT: Yes. 22 23 MR. BERNSTEIN: It's not perfect, but... 24 MS. STONE: No. But I think the cause of 25 action was that there's criminality involved and in 1 the guardianship.

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THE COURT: Okay. So if you're pleading criminality, then you have to plead that as a cause of action.

> MR. BERNSTEIN: Right.

THE COURT: You can't just say it's criminality. You have to go through the statute of intentional tort and you have to go through the elements and you have to proof the -- or you have to allege the elements. So that's where counsel could come in and help you craft a complaint.

MS. STONE: I believe that it was contained adequately.

MR. BERNSTEIN: Thank you, Your Honor.

THE COURT: Okay. Thank you.

MR. BERNSTEIN: That was very compassionate and caring. Great to hear that these days...

THE COURT: Good luck.

MR. LUSTIG: It doesn't have to say leave to amend, it is denied without prejudice.

THE COURT: That is true, but the jurisdiction I guess she could re-file. She can try to replead jurisdiction.

MR. LUSTIG: Yeah.

THE COURT: All right.

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1	MS. STONE: I believe there are overriding
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