## **EXHIBIT 3**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

IN RE: THE MATTER OF:

ASHLEY CHRISTINA BENEFIELD,

Petitioner,

and

CASE NO.: 2018-DR-01823

DOUGLAS GLASS BENEFIELD,

Respondent.

DEPOSITION OF: DOUGLAS GLASS BENEFIELD

TAKEN BY:

Petitioner Herein

BEFORE:

MELISSA GROMKO Notary Public State of Florida

DATE:

July 17, 2018

Commencing at 10:03 a.m.

PLACE:

Vincent Lucente & Associates

526 12th Street West

Bradenton, Florida

- Q. My question is did you hit Sully? Not why. Did you hit Sully?
  - A. You could call it hit, yes.
  - Q. You called it hit?
  - A. Yeah.

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- Q. He sprung up into it, I guess your lap, and I reacted and hit him.
  - A. Yeah.
- Q. So when you say you could call it, you called it hit, correct?
- A. Yes. For lack of better words, yes. The
  dog sprung up on my lap, all instantaneously, trying
  to crawl on my lap, sharp claws, I've got on shorts,
  and --
  - Q. How did you hit him?
  - A. I honestly --
  - O. You don't remember?
  - A. I don't remember exactly. This is -- again, our dog is like, you know, family, and I just wanted everything to stop and I wanted him to stop and he wouldn't. He would not stay under the table and he kept --
  - Q. He wouldn't stop either so you hit him, correct?
    - A. Yes, I hit, my dog.

## CERTIFICATE OF OATH

STATE OF FLORIDA )
COUNTY OF MANATEE )

I, the undersigned authority, certify that the witness in this matter personally appeared before me and was duly sworn on the 17th day of July, 2018.

WITNESS my hand and official seal this 26th day of July, 2018.

Melissa Gromko, Court Reporter

Notary Public

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State of Florida at Large

My Commission Number: GG 051632

Expires: March 15, 2021

## CERTIFICATE OF REPORTER

STATE OF FLORIDA )
COUNTY OF MANATEE )

I, Melissa Gromko, certify that I was authorized to and did stenographically report the deposition; that a review of the transcript was requested; and that the foregoing pages are a true and complete record of my stenographic notes taken during said deposition.

I further certify that I am not a relative, employee, attorney or counsel of any of the parties, nor am I a relative or employee of any of the parties' attorneys or counsel connected with the action, nor am I financially interested in the action.

Dated this 26th day of July, 2018.

Melissa Gromko, Court Reporter

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