

The Supreme Court of the State of Louisiana

JA'QUARRIUS IGNONT

No. 2025-C-01230

VS.

RICK BREEN D/B/A BREEN'S RAPID LUBE

IN RE: Ja'Quarrius Ignont - Applicant Plaintiff; Applying For Writ Of Certiorari,
Monroe City Court Number(s) 2021CV00858, Court of Appeal, Second Circuit,
Number(s) 56,293-CA;

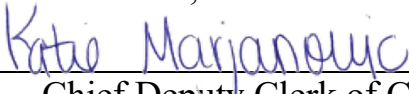
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Writ application granted. See per curiam.

WJC
JDH
PDG
JMG
CRC

Weimer, C.J., dissents and would grant and docket.

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Chief Deputy Clerk of Court
For the Court

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PER CURIAM

A court of appeal may not set aside a trial court's finding of fact in the absence of manifest or clear error. *Rosell v. ESCO*, 549 So.2d 840, 844-45 (La. 1989). Because of the trial court's ability to observe the tone, temperament, and nonverbals of witnesses to determine credibility, a finding related to a witness's credibility demands "great deference." *Id* at 844.

Here, the trial court found Ignont's witnesses more credible than Breen's. The court of appeal reweighed the evidence and failed to give proper deference to the trial court's judgment. The court of appeal judgment is reversed and the trial court judgment reinstated.

COURT OF APPEAL JUDGMENT REVERSED; TRIAL COURT JUDGMENT REINSTATED.