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Gay S. Brechler-Nagle-Kray
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You are hereby notified that the Court has entered the following opinion and order:

2025AP964

County of Grant v. Gay S. Brechler-Nagle-Kray
(L.C. # 2024FO1253)

Before Kloppenburg, J.¹

Summary disposition orders may not be cited in any court of this state as precedent or authority, except for the limited purposes specified in WIS. STAT. RULE 809.23(3).

Gay Brechler-Nagle-Kray, pro se, appeals a circuit court order denying her petition to waive “transcript fees[,] court fees and attorney fees” for appeal. *See State ex rel. Girouard v. Circuit Court for Jackson Cnty.*, 155 Wis. 2d 148, 151, 454 N.W.2d 792 (1990) (discussing appeals of such orders). The circuit court denied the petition on the ground that Brechler-Nagle-Kray is not indigent. A separate appeal of the underlying case, Appeal No. 2025AP761, is on hold pending the resolution of this appeal concerning the denial of fee waiver. Having reviewed

¹ This appeal is decided by one judge pursuant to WIS. STAT. § 752.31(2)(g) (2023-24). All references to the Wisconsin Statutes are to the 2023-24 version.

the briefs and the circuit court record, I conclude that this case is appropriate for summary disposition, and I affirm.

Brechler-Nagle-Kray filed an appellant's brief in this case which makes no mention of or argument about the order appealed from, which is, again, the order denying a waiver of fees. Grant County filed a respondent's brief noting that Brechler-Nagle-Kray's brief does not address the order that is the subject of this appeal. Brechler-Nagle-Kray did not file a reply brief or respond in any way to the County's observation.

This court may decline to review issues inadequately briefed. *State v. Pettit*, 171 Wis. 2d 627, 646, 492 N.W.2d 633 (Ct. App. 1992). Although courts make some allowances for a pro se litigant, "[w]e cannot serve as both advocate and judge" by "making an argument for the litigant." *State ex rel. Harris v. Smith*, 220 Wis. 2d 158, 165, 582 N.W.2d 131 (Ct. App. 1998). Because Brechler-Nagle-Kray has failed to present any argument that the circuit court erred in denying her petition for a fee waiver, I affirm.

IT IS ORDERED that the order is summarily affirmed under WIS. STAT. RULE 809.21(1).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this summary disposition order will not be published.

Samuel A. Christensen
Clerk of Court of Appeals