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A.M.B.

D.R.

You are hereby notified that the Court has entered the following opinion and order:

2025AP2154

A.R. v. A.M.B. (L.C. # 2025CV463)

Before Graham, P.J., Kloppenburg, and Nashold, JJ.

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).

A.M.B., pro se, appeals a circuit court order that enjoined her from having contact with A.R., a minor, due to child abuse. After reviewing the briefs and record, we conclude at conference that this case is appropriate for summary disposition. *See* WIS. STAT. RULE 809.21 (2023-24).¹ We summarily affirm.

A.M.B. argues that the circuit court should have credited her account of the cause of the child's injuries, and her appellant's brief takes issue with various aspects of the circuit court proceedings in this matter. However, the brief relies largely on conclusory assertions and fails to

¹ All references to the Wisconsin Statutes are to the 2023-24 version.

develop coherent arguments that apply relevant legal authority to the facts of record. This court need not consider arguments that are unsupported by adequate factual and legal citations or are otherwise undeveloped. See **State v. McMorris**, 2007 WI App 231, ¶30, 306 Wis. 2d 79, 742 N.W.2d 322 (lack of record citations); **State v. Pettit**, 171 Wis. 2d 627, 646-47, 492 N.W.2d 633 (Ct. App. 1992) (undeveloped legal arguments). Although we make some allowances for the failings of parties who, as here, are not represented by counsel, “[w]e cannot serve as both advocate and judge,” **Pettit**, 171 Wis. 2d at 647, and we will not scour the record to develop viable, fact-supported legal theories on the appellant’s behalf, **State v. Jackson**, 229 Wis. 2d 328, 337, 600 N.W.2d 39 (Ct. App. 1999).

Even if we were to consider the undeveloped assertions in A.M.B.’s brief, the record on appeal is inadequate for this court to conduct a meaningful review because A.M.B. failed to make any transcripts a part of the appellate record. Significantly, the record lacks the transcript of the injunction hearing that preceded the entry of the injunction order that is being appealed in this case. It is the appellant’s duty to ensure that the record is sufficient to address the issues raised on appeal. See **State Bank of Hartland v. Arndt**, 129 Wis. 2d 411, 423, 385 N.W.2d 219 (Ct. App. 1986). In the absence of a transcript, this court must assume that every fact essential to sustain the circuit court’s exercise of discretion is supported by the record, and we do so here. See **Austin v. Ford Motor Co.**, 86 Wis. 2d 628, 641, 273 N.W.2d 233 (1979).

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