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No. 2026AP1078

STATE V. S.G.

L.C. #2024TP153

August 26, 2026

The Court, by its Commissioners, has entered the following order:

On August 26, 2026, counsel for respondent-appellant-petitioner, S.G., filed a petition for review of the court of appeals' July 28, 2026 decision. The petition was signed by counsel for respondent-appellant-petitioner, but it was not personally signed by S.G., as required by WIS. STAT. § 809.107(6)(f).

2017 Wis. Act 258, effective April 6, 2018, made several changes to the appellate procedure in termination of parental rights cases. As germane to the petition for review filed in this matter, WIS. STAT. § 809.107(6)(f) was amended to read, in pertinent part: "For a petitioner other than the state, *the petitioner on whose behalf the petition for review is filed shall sign the petition.* Petitioner's counsel, if any, shall also sign the petition for review, but may not sign in lieu of the petitioner." (emphasis added).

IT IS ORDERED that counsel for respondent-appellant-petitioner shall, by September 9, 2026: (1) obtain S.G.'s signature on the petition for review; (2) electronically file the petition for review with S.G.'s original signature, which document shall then be placed in the court's confidential file in this matter; and (3) electronically file the petition for review, with S.G.'s signature redacted to show only S.G.'s initials. Failure to comply with these directives may result in the dismissal of the petition for review. *See* WIS. STAT. § 809.83(2).

Samuel A. Christensen
Clerk of Supreme Court

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