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

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Office of Lawyer Regulation v. James C. Ritland

On May 14, 2021, Attorney James C. Ritland filed a motion for reconsideration of this court's decision of April 22, 2021, In re Disciplinary Proceedings Against Ritland, 2021 WI 36, 396 Wis. 2d 509, 957 N.W.2d 540. The Office of Lawyer Regulation filed a response opposing the motion for reconsideration on May 14, 2021. The court having considered the motion and response;

IT IS ORDERED that the motion is denied.

REBECCA FRANK DALLET, J. (concurring). I agree with the majority order, but write to clarify that although Attorney Ritland appears to believe his misconduct is limited to soliciting "acts of prostitution," see Motion at 4, in truth, his misconduct encompassed much more. See, e.g., State v. Starks, 2014 WI 91, 357 Wis. 2d 42, 849 N.W.2d 724 (Prosser, J., concurring) (discussing aspects of the reconsideration motion despite denying it). In the referee's words, he "prey[ed] on vulnerable people" with financial or substance abuse problems, and used his standing as an attorney and his law office to do so. See, e.g., Ritland, 396 Wis. 2d 509, ¶¶30, 39. I am authorized to state that Justices ANN WALSH BRADLEY and JILL J. KAROFKY join this concurrence.

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