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No. 2025AP647-OA

JOSH KAUL V. ELON MUSK, et al.

March 30, 2025

Amended April 4, 2025

Justice Jill J. Karofsky entered the following **AMENDED** order (amended to provide explanation for ruling):

Attorney General Kaul petitioned for leave to commence an original action seeking injunctive relief barring Elon Musk from engaging in actions that allegedly violate WIS. STAT. § 12.11. Musk and America PAC moved for my recusal, arguing that my public support of Judge Susan Crawford’s campaign for election to the Supreme Court required my recusal under WIS. STAT. § 757.19(2)(f)–(g), SCR 60.04(1)(j), SCR 60.04(4)(a), and the Due Process Clause of the 14th Amendment. In an order dated March 30, 2025, I denied that motion and stated my intent to provide a rationale for that decision at a later date.

The Due Process Clause does not require my recusal because my support for Judge Crawford’s campaign does not create a “serious risk of actual bias” under *Caperton v. A.T. Massey Coal Company, Inc.*, 556 U.S. 868 (2009). Additionally, recusal is not required by § 757.19(2) or SCR 60.04(1)(j) or 60.04(4)(a).

Accordingly, I deny the motion.

IT IS ORDERED that the Motion to Recuse Justice Jill Karofsky filed by Elon Musk and America PAC is denied.

Samuel A. Christensen
Clerk of Supreme Court

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