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STATE OF WISCONSIN
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IN THE MATTER OF

DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST
WARREN LEE BRANDT,
ATTORNEY AT LAW

OFFICE OF LAWYER REGULATION,
Complainant

v.

CASE NO. 2024AP1943-D

WARREN LEE BRANDT,
Respondent

ORDER

The Office of Lawyer Regulation (OLR) has filed a motion in limine to exclude potential evidence summarized in Respondent's witness list and proposed exhibits. OLR argues that evidence related to the merits of a Polk County Chapter 48 proceeding is not relevant and would improperly disclose confidential information about the subjects of the juvenile-court proceeding.

The alleged misconduct occurred on February 15, 2024, during and shortly after Respondent's court appearance in the referenced Chapter 48 proceeding. Therefore, testimony and records related to the specific hearing in question are relevant, and confidentiality issues can be addressed by sealing and/or redacting pertinent portions of the record.

It appears that the following of Respondent's proposed witnesses were not present to observe the events in question: Dr. Michelle Lynn Thoen, Dr. Haley Combs, Lisa Stark, Dan Mosay, and Thomas Fowler. Their involvement in other aspects of the Polk County Chapter 48 proceeding is not relevant to this disciplinary proceeding. Therefore absent any showing of their ability to testify regarding the pertinent events on February 15, 2024, OLR's motion is granted as to these witnesses.

The remaining proposed witnesses may have observed some or all of the pertinent events in the Polk County Courthouse on February 15, 2024. Therefore, these witnesses may testify about what they observed and heard on that date.

OLR's request to exclude exhibits will be considered when the exhibits are offered for admission at the fact-finding hearing. Respondent will have the burden to show relevancy and to ensure compliance with applicable confidentiality rules.

For the reasons stated above, OLR's Motion in Limine to exclude evidence of the PBT is granted in part.

Dated this 27th day of May, 2025.



L. Michael Tobin

Referee

State Bar No. 1010349