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

2016AP427

Greg Griswold v. Laura Wierzbicki (L.C. # 2008FA2597)

Before Lundsten, Sherman, and Blanchard, JJ.

Greg Griswold, pro se, appeals an order of the circuit court entered on January 25, 2016, denying his motion for reconsideration of its prior order requiring Griswold to pay \$25.00 monthly to Dane County for reimbursement of guardian ad litem (GAL) fees incurred in this case, for a total contribution of \$150.00. Respondent Laura Wierzbicki has not filed a responsive brief. Dane County is not a party to the appeal and informed us by letter that it did not wish to file a non-party brief. Based upon our review of Griswold's brief and the record, we conclude at

conference that this case is appropriate for summary disposition. *See* WIS. STAT. RULE 809.21 (2015-16).¹ We summarily affirm.

We review a trial court's decision on a motion for reconsideration under the erroneous exercise of discretion standard. *Koepsell's Olde Popcorn Wagons, Inc. v. Koepsell's Festival Popcorn Wagons, Ltd.*, 2004 WI App 129, ¶6, 275 Wis. 2d 397, 685 N.W.2d 853. Griswold argues that, because he was found indigent in this case for purposes of WIS. STAT. § 814.29, the circuit court erroneously exercised its discretion in requiring him to contribute to the GAL fees under WIS. STAT. § 767.407(6). Griswold further argues that, because Wierzbicki was not indigent, the court should have ordered Wierzbicki, and not the county, to pay the entirety of the GAL fees.

In denying Griswold's reconsideration motion, the circuit court correctly noted that WIS. STAT. § 767.407 does not refer to WIS. STAT. § 814.29 as a standard for determining indigency in the context of responsibility for GAL fees. The circuit court also noted correctly that, in the case Griswold relied upon in his motion for reconsideration, *Olmsted v. Circuit Court for Dane County*, 2000 WI App 261, 240 Wis. 2d 197, 622 N.W.2d 29, the supreme court expressly declined, in footnote 3, to address the issue of whether WIS. STAT. § 814.29 is applicable for determining indigency in the context of payment of GAL fees under § 767.045(6) (1997-98).²

¹ All references to the Wisconsin Statutes are to the 2015-16 version unless otherwise noted.

² When the court decided *Olmsted v. Circuit Court for Dane County*, 2000 WI App 261, 240 Wis. 2d 197, 622 N.W.2d 29, the GAL fees statute, currently WIS. STAT. § 767.407(6) (2015-16), was found at WIS. STAT. § 767.045(6) (1997-98). The statute has since been renumbered but it has not changed in any way pertinent to this appeal.

Griswold's arguments are verbose but lack content. Because they are not developed in any meaningful way they fail to provide us with a basis to conclude that the court erroneously exercised its discretion in denying his motion for reconsideration.

IT IS ORDERED that the order is summarily affirmed under WIS. STAT. RULE 809.21(1).

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Clerk of Court of Appeals