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

2018AP134

Stephanie A. Erickson v. Nicholas D. Erickson
(L.C. #2015FA636)

Before Neubauer, C.J., Gundrum and Hagedorn, JJ.

Summary disposition orders may not be cited in any court of this state as precedent or authority, except for the limited purposes specified in WIS. STAT. RULE 809.23(3).

Stephanie Erickson appeals from a circuit court order awarding Nicholas Erickson costs and attorney's fees arising from her motion seeking a change in placement. Based upon our review of the briefs and record, we conclude at conference that this case is appropriate for summary disposition. *See* WIS. STAT. RULE 809.21 (2015-16).¹ We affirm.

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

Stephanie argues that the circuit court erroneously assessed attorney's fees and costs against her. We do not reach the merits of Stephanie's appellate arguments because her brief is inadequate for appellate review. The brief does not contain any citations to the record as required by WIS. STAT. RULES 809.19(1)(d) and (e).²

The Rules of Appellate Procedure are designed to compel an appellant to focus an appellate court's attention on the issues of fact and law that the appellant contends were mistakenly decided by the circuit court. "An appellate court is improperly burdened where briefs fail to properly and accurately cite to the record." *Hedrich v. Board of Regents*, 2001 WI App 228, ¶1 n.2, 248 Wis. 2d 204, 635 N.W.2d 650. We decline to sift the record for facts that might support the appellant's contentions. *Keplin v. Hardware Mut. Cas. Co.*, 24 Wis. 2d 319, 324, 129 N.W.2d 321 (1964).

Upon the foregoing reasons,

IT IS ORDERED that the order of the circuit court is summarily affirmed pursuant to WIS. STAT. RULE 809.21.

² The appellant's brief provides citations to the brief's appendix. However, these citations do not comply with the Rules of Appellate Procedure because they "do not inform the court where the facts [the appellant] asserts may be found in the record." *Forman v. McPherson*, 2004 WI App 145, ¶6 n.4, 275 Wis. 2d 604, 685 N.W.2d 603.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this summary disposition order will not be published and may not be cited except as provided under WIS. STAT. RULE 809.23(3).

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Clerk of Court of Appeals