

## IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

PR 25-0001

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IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF:

CHRISTOPHER B. SHAEFFER,

Petitioner,

O R D E R

and

LARISA S. WOODRUFF,

Respondent.

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Christopher B. Shaeffer, representing himself, filed a “Motion to Recuse,” which we construe as a request to disqualify the Honorable Olivia Rieger from presiding in Cause No. DR-55-2025-02 in the Seventh Judicial District Court, Wibaux County, pursuant to § 3-1-805, MCA.

The basis for the affidavit is Shaeffer’s disagreement with the District Court’s decision to deny his motion for an emergency hearing. However, § 3-1-805(1)(b), MCA, provides that an affidavit cannot be based solely on rulings in the case which can be addressed on appeal.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the motion to disqualify Judge Rieger is VOID and thereby DENIED.

The Clerk is directed to provide copies of this Order to the Clerk of the District Court of Wibaux County for notification to all parties in Cause No. DR-55-2025-02, and to the Honorable Olivia Rieger.