

NON-PRECEDENTIAL DECISION - SEE SUPERIOR COURT O.P. 65.37

EDWARD HAROLD STEVENS WRIGHT	:	IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF
	:	PENNSYLVANIA
Appellant	:	
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v.	:	
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BOBBI JO ISENBERG	:	No. 721 WDA 2026

Appeal from the Order Entered May 18, 2026
In the Court of Common Pleas of Lawrence County Civil Division at
No(s): 2020-10668

BEFORE: DUBOW, J., KUNSELMAN, J., and BECK, J.

JUDGMENT ORDER BY DUBOW, J.:

FILED: October 13, 2026

Appellant, Edward Harold Stevens Wright ("Father"), appeals *pro se* from the May 18, 2026 order that denied his petition to modify custody and continued to restrict Father to supervised physical custody with his daughters, seventeen-year-old M.I. and eight-year-old A.I. (collectively, "Children"). Upon review, we dismiss this appeal due to the substantial defects in Father's *pro se* brief to this court.

A detailed factual and procedural history is unnecessary to our disposition. Father and Bobbi Jo Isenberg ("Mother") are parents to Children. Parents have been involved in a highly contentious and litigious custody battle since 2020. Most recently, on March 10, 2023, the court ordered Father to have supervised visits with Children after Mother obtained a Protection From Abuse order against Father on behalf of herself and Children. On May 18, 2026, after a hearing, the trial court denied Father's most recent petition to

modify custody and maintained its order for supervised visitation. This timely appeal followed.

As stated above, the brief that Father has submitted to this Court fails to conform to the basic requirements of appellate advocacy. It is axiomatic that appellate briefs must materially conform to the requirements of the Pennsylvania Rules of Appellate Procedure, and this Court may quash or dismiss an appeal if the defect in the brief is substantial. ***Commonwealth v. Adams***, 882 A.2d 496, 497 (Pa. Super. 2005); Pa.R.A.P. 2101. Although this Court liberally construes materials filed by *pro se* litigants, this does not entitle a *pro se* litigant to any advantage based on his lack of legal training. ***Satiro v. Maninno***, 237 A.3d 1145, 1151 (Pa. Super. 2020). An appellant's *pro se* status does not relieve him of the obligation to follow the Rules of Appellate Procedure. ***Jiricko v. Geico Ins. Co.***, 947 A.2d 206, 213 n.11 (Pa. Super. 2008).

"The Rules of Appellate Procedure state unequivocally that each question an appellant raises is to be supported by discussion and analysis of pertinent authority." ***Coulter v. Ramsden***, 94 A.3d 1080, 1088 (Pa. Super. 2020) (citation omitted); **see** Pa.R.A.P. 2111 (listing briefing requirements for appellate briefs) and 2119 (listing argument requirements for appellate briefs). "When issues are not properly raised and developed in briefs, when the briefs are wholly inadequate to present specific issues for review, a Court will not consider the merits thereof." ***Branch Banking and Trust v. Gesiorski***, 904 A.2d 939, 942-43 (Pa. Super. 2006) (citation omitted). Rule

2119 clearly states that the argument portion of an appellate brief must be developed with citation to the record and relevant authority. **See** Pa.R.A.P. 2119(a)-(c). As this Court has made clear, we “will not act as counsel[.]” **Commonwealth v. Kane**, 10 A.3d 327, 331 (Pa. Super. 2010) (citation omitted). “We shall not develop an argument for an appellant, nor shall we scour the record to find evidence to support an argument; instead, we will deem [the] issue[s] to be waived.” **Milby v. Pote**, 189 A.3d 1065, 1079 (Pa. Super. 2018).

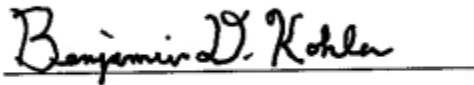
As an initial matter, the certified record in this case is approximately 3000 pages in length and Father’s six-sentence-long statement of the case violates Rule 2117 by (1) failing to include a “closely condensed chronological statement, in narrative form, or all the facts which are necessary to be known in order to determine the points in controversy” and (2) including argument. **See** Pa.R.A.P. 2117(a)(4), (b). Moreover, Father violates Rule 2119 by failing to divide his argument “into as many parts as there are questions to be argued[.]” as he raises four issues in his statement of questions and has addressed those issues in only three argument sections. **See** Pa.R.A.P. 2119(a).

Most notably, Father’s argument is substantially underdeveloped. Although Father cites boilerplate law, he fails to apply the law to the specific facts of this case in a meaningful and coherent manner as required by our Rules of Appellate Procedure. Father’s broad citations to the record, spanning 15 to 20 pages of transcript at a time, fail to identify or explain the specific

evidence he relies upon. He is effectively asking this Court to construct his arguments for him. This we cannot do. Accordingly, we are constrained to dismiss this appeal.¹

Appeal dismissed. Application for relief denied. The prothonotary is directed to strike this case from the October 27, 2026 argument list in Pittsburgh.

Judgment Entered.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Benjamin D. Kohler", is written over a horizontal line.

Benjamin D. Kohler, Esq.
Prothonotary

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¹ Father's September 22, 2026 application for relief is denied.