

**SUPREME COURT OF LOUISIANA**

**No. 2026-KD-00865**

**STATE OF LOUISIANA**

**VS.**

**ELIZABETH BAKER MURRILL**

*On Supervisory Writ to the Criminal District Court, Parish of Orleans Criminal*

**WEIMER, C.J.**, dissents for the reasons assigned by Guidry, J. and assigns additional reasons.

There are significant allegations in the brief of the Attorney General which have not yet been evaluated in the crucible of a hearing or tested by cross examination, which has been referred by scholar John Henry Wigmore as the "greatest legal engine ever invented for the discovery of truth," or made under oath. Every litigant—and that applies to both sides of a case—is entitled to a public hearing at which evidence is introduced and evaluated. This court must be incredibly selective in taking up a case which has not been thoroughly vetted in a public hearing.

I disagree with this court's decision to take up this matter in its current posture. All are equal before a court of justice and there are many steps in this process which are being skipped, potentially based solely on the title one party holds. This court should not routinely apply exceptions, but rather apply our laws, rules, and processes uniformly with equality, impartiality, and evenhandedness. The lower courts are not inferior courts meant only for those without means or title or prestige.

I would request an opposition to hear all sides before ruling in favor of one side and granting a stay in this case.