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Cindi Ross Scoppe

ALAN WILSON is making it very difficult for people to dismiss Solicitor David Pascoe's narrative that the attorney general is trying to block a corruption investigation of his friends in the Legislature. But contrary to what you'd think from Mr. Wilson's peevish, combative and at times unfocused news conference, he appears to have the law on his side. It's important to understand why, because the integrity of our criminal justice system is at stake. There are three major issues here: Did Mr. Pascoe have the legal authority to initiate a State Grand Jury investigation, or did he need Mr. Wilson's authorization? Did Mr. Wilson have the legal authority to remove Mr. Pascoe from the case? And was Mr. Wilson justified in removing Mr. Pascoe? That last question is entirely different from whether it was legal.

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