## IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE

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IN THE MATTER OF THE

PETITION OF DEVON ANTHONY § No. 183, 2013

BROWN FOR A WRIT OF §

PROHIBITION § Family Court No: CN95-10271

Submitted: April 26, 2013 Decided: June 10, 2013

Before STEELE, Chief Justice, HOLLAND and RIDGELY, Justices

## ORDER

This 10<sup>th</sup> day of June 2013, it appears to the Court that:

- (1) The petitioner, Devon Anthony Brown, has filed a petition with this Court requesting the issuance of a writ of prohibition pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 43. Brown seeks to prohibit the Family Court from disclosing his residential address and his place of employment in connection with Family Court File Number CN95-10271. The Family Court judge assigned to that matter has responded to the petition by letter dated April 26, 2013. In the letter, the judge states that litigants can file a motion in the Family Court requesting that personal information be kept confidential, but that no such motion was filed in this case.
- (2) A writ of prohibition is the legal equivalent of the equitable remedy of injunction, which may be issued to prevent a trial court from

exceeding the limits of its jurisdiction.<sup>1</sup> Like a writ of mandamus, a writ of prohibition will not issue if the petitioner has another adequate remedy at

law.<sup>2</sup>

(3) The record before us reflects that the petitioner had the option

of filing a motion in the Family Court to keep personal information

confidential, but did not do so. Because he had an adequate remedy in the

Family Court, the petitioner is not entitled to the issuance of a writ of

prohibition by this Court. Nor is there any evidence that the Family Court

exceeded its jurisdiction in any respect. Therefore, the petition for a writ of

prohibition must be dismissed.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the petition for a writ of

prohibition is DISMISSED.

BY THE COURT:

/s/ Myron T. Steele

Chief Justice

<sup>1</sup> In re Hovey, 545 A.2d 626, 628 (Del. 1988).

<sup>2</sup> Id

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