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Ms. McBride, Wisconsin Right Now Reporters,

Clarence P. Nicholas, President NAACP -Milwaukee responding to the email sent.

We are seeking comment from you/the Milwaukee NAACP for a news story we are writing about the accusations by Jon Ehr and Michael Madden that Supreme Court candidate Janet Protasiewicz used the "n word." Madden says she used the "n word" to refer to blacks who were involved in Children's Court cases when she was a prosecutor. Ehr says she used that slur and also a racial slur to refer to Hispanics.

1st, I must say that responding to what is told to me upfront as an "accusation" by someone unknown to me and it being an "accusation," in of itself; is a little much to comprehend, let alone respond in an intelligent manner.

The audio/video is here: <https://www.wisconsinrightnow.com/janet-protasiewicz-used-the-n-word-referring-to-blacks-in-childrens-court-cases-witness-says/>

This video is worst than the "accusation" because the person doesn't appear to be sure of what took place.

We asked Protasiewicz if this was true and she has refused to respond. She has refused to deny these allegations. Both men are on audio/video. She was 34 years old at the time and a Milwaukee County assistant DA. This was in 1997, they say.

Protasiewicz handled CHIPS cases involving abused/neglected children and terminations of parental rights, including black parents and children. She is also accused of referring to black parents as low lifes and the "n word."  
Has any black parents or black children come forward to respond to such accusations?

We have asked DA John Chisholm whether he will launch a review into Protasiewicz's cases in Children's Court to determine whether racial animus played a role in her handling of these cases, including terminating the parental rights of black parents. I would like to see DA John Chisholm's response?

We were wondering if you could respond to the following questions:

1. Do you think Chisholm should launch a review into Protasiewicz's cases in Children's Court and elsewhere to determine whether racial animus affected her cases? Why or why not?

We have a number of cases that are affecting individuals at present that weigh far more than an "accusation," we hope that he will respond to immediately.

2. Do you think these allegations are disqualifying to be on the state Supreme Court? Why or why not?

No! If we are able or to explore disqualifying Supreme Court Candidate **Protasiewicz for an allegation it will open up unfounded future opportunities to damage candidates with minor cases or cases that have been closed involving candidates running for public office.**

3. Are you concerned about these slur allegations?

No! But more important would be her age and time of the "accusation" occurred.(we do not condone any wrong behavior of any kind in the courtroom).

4. Do you believe she should respond and say whether she in fact said these slurs?

The slurs are said to be an "accusation" and should be treated as such unless the person it was pointed to comes forward and says it indeed happened.

Our deadline is tonight at 6 p.m. (3/16.)

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Thank you  
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