Alex Jones Custody Battle Puts His Personality, Credibility On Trial

The bitter child custody trial pitting high-profile internet radio host Alex Jones against his ex-wife has begun in an Austin courtroom. Jones' attorneys are arguing that the angry, volatile personality evident from his Infowars website and radio show is "performance art" and doesn't reflect his fitness as a parent, according to a post on the website of Androvett Legal Media & Marketing.

"It's going to be a fascinating tightrope for him to walk because the jury will have to decide who is the real Alex Jones," says Austin-based Weisbart Springer Hayes attorney Geoff Weisbart, who is closely following the case. "He may be in a bit of a lose-lose situation because, if successful at trial, that defense could ultimately damage his credibility with his core audience. That's obviously a risk he's willing to take."

Weisbart also notes the court of Judge Orlinda Naranjo is one of the few in the state that allows jurors to submit questions to the witnesses as a part of their testimony. "While the judge has made it clear that the focus is going to be on the best interests of the three children involved, it will be fascinating to see what questions the members of the jury have for Mr. Jones."