

IN RE LEAH Q.

Submitted on Briefs November 7, 2011

Decided November 29, 2011

Panel: SAUFLEY, C.J., and ALEXANDER, LEVY, SILVER, MEAD,
GORMAN, and JABAR, JJ.

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

The father of Leah Q. appeals from the judgment of the District Court (West Bath, *Tucker, J.*) terminating his parental rights to Leah pursuant to 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1)(B)(2) (2010). On appeal, the father contends that the evidence was insufficient to support the court's findings, to the clear and convincing evidence standard, that he is unable to take responsibility for Leah or unable to protect Leah from jeopardy within a time reasonably calculated to meet the child's needs, that he failed to make a good faith effort to rehabilitate and reunify with the child, and that termination of parental rights was in the child's best interest. Viewing the evidence and inferences that may be drawn from the evidence most favorably to the trial court's result, as we must, the evidence fully supports, to the clear and convincing evidence standard, the court's findings regarding parental unfitness, failure to make a good faith effort to reunify, and termination of parental rights as being in the child's best interest. *See In re Thomas H.*, 2005 ME 123, ¶¶ 16-18, 889 A.2d 297. The credibility and significance of evidence is a matter for the trial court, not this Court, to resolve. *See id.* ¶ 17; *In re Adrian D.*, 2004 ME 144, ¶ 14, 861 A.2d 1286.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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