

IN RE R.G. et al.

Submitted on Briefs November 28, 2012
Decided December 18, 2012

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

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

The father of R.G. and M.G. appeals from a judgment entered in the District Court (Biddeford, *Foster, J.*) that terminated his parental rights to the children pursuant to 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1)(B)(2) (2011).

Contrary to the father's contention, the problems with reunification efforts, attributable, significantly, to the father's admitted continuing alcohol and drug abuse and his refusal to cooperate in rehabilitation and reunification plans, do not preclude termination of parental rights. *See In re Doris G.*, 2006 ME 142, ¶¶ 16-17, 912 A.2d 572; *In re Daniel C.*, 480 A.2d 766, 769-70 (Me. 1984). Contrary to the father's other contention, there is ample evidence in the record to support the court's finding, to the clear and convincing evidence standard, that the father is unfit with respect to at least one ground of parental unfitness. *See* 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1)(B)(2)(b); *In re Charles G.*, 2001 ME 3, ¶¶ 5-6, 763 A.2d 1163.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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