

ADOPTION OF AVA F.

Submitted on Briefs July 19, 2012

Decided July 24, 2012

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

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

The mother of Ava F. appeals from the judgment of the Androscoggin County Probate Court (*Klein-Golden, J.*), terminating her parental rights pursuant to 18-A M.R.S. § 9-204 (2011) and 22 M.R.S. § 4055 (2011). Contrary to the mother's contentions, there is sufficient evidence in the record to support, by clear and convincing evidence, the court's findings of parental unfitness and that the termination of the mother's parental rights was in the best interest of the child. *See Adoption of Tobias D.*, 2012 ME 45, ¶¶ 16-18, 40 A.3d 990; *In re Higerá N.*, 2010 ME 77, ¶ 2, 2 A.3d 265. Furthermore, assuming without deciding that the mother did not waive the issue, any error by the court in taking judicial notice of docket entries in the Cumberland County Probate Court in a separate matter relating to the mother's other children was harmless. *See* M.R. Evid. 201; *In re Michaela C.*, 2002 ME 159, ¶ 20, 809 A.2d 1245 (noting the standard of review for harmless error); Field & Murray, *Maine Evidence* § 201.5 at 59 (6th ed. 2007).

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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