

IN RE M.R.

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Decided October 3, 2013

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

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

The mother of M.R. appeals from a judgment entered in the District Court (Newport, *Fowle, J.*) that terminated her parental rights to the child pursuant to 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1) (2012).

Contrary to the mother's contention, the court did not err or abuse its discretion in concluding that terminating the mother's parental rights was in the best interest of the child.¹ *See* 22 M.R.S. § 4050(2), (3) (2012) (stating the legislative intent that the termination of parental rights statutes be applied so as to alleviate instability and impermanency for children); 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1)(B)(2)(a); *In re C.P.*, 2013 ME 57, ¶¶ 16, 17, 19, 20, 67 A.3d 558; *see also In re Michaela C.*, 2002 ME 159, ¶¶ 24-28, 809 A.2d 1245 (granting substantial deference to the trial court on the issue of the best interest of the child and affirming termination of the mother's parental rights despite a bond between mother and child, stating that that is but one factor the court considers).

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

¹ The mother has not challenged the court's findings as to parental unfitness, and we therefore do not address that portion of the court's judgment. *See In re T.B.*, 2013 ME 49, ¶ 22 n.3, 65 A.3d 1282.

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