

IN RE K.B. Jr. et al.

Submitted on Briefs July 1, 2014
Decided July 17, 2014

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

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

The mother of K.B. Jr. and S.C. appeals from a judgment entered in the District Court (Portland, *Goranites, J.*) terminating her parental rights to her children pursuant to 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1) (2013).

Contrary to the mother's contentions on appeal, she was afforded adequate notice of the termination hearing and the court did not violate the mother's due process rights by holding the hearing in her absence. *See* 22 M.R.S. §§ 4052(4), 4053-4054 (2013); *In re A.M.*, 2012 ME 118, ¶ 18, 55 A.3d 463; *In re Robert S.*, 2009 ME 18, ¶ 16 n.1, 966 A.2d 894. There was also sufficient evidence to support the court's findings by clear and convincing evidence that the mother had abandoned the children, that the mother had failed to make a good faith effort to rehabilitate and reunify with the children, and that termination of the mother's parental rights was in the best interest of the children. *See* 22 M.R.S. §§ 4002(1-A)(E), 4055(1)(B)(2) (2013); *In re M.S.*, 2014 ME 54, ¶¶ 13, 15, 90 A.3d 443; *In re A.M.*, 2012 ME 118, ¶ 18, 55 A.3d 463; *In re Robert S.*, 2009 ME 18, ¶ 16 n.1, 966 A.2d 894.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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