

IN RE D.J.

Submitted on Briefs December 1, 2014

Decided December 4, 2014

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

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

The mother and father of D.J. appeal from a judgment of the District Court (Augusta, *Dobson, J.*) ordering termination of their parental rights to D.J. pursuant to the Child and Family Service and Child Protection Act, 22 M.R.S § 4055(1)(B) (2013). The District Court determined parental unfitness prior to determining the best interests of the child. Additionally, contrary to both parents' contentions, when reviewed for clear error, the evidence was sufficient for the trial judge to order termination of parental rights. *See In re Heather G.*, 2002 ME 151, ¶ 12, 805 A.2d 249.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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