Reporter of Decisions Decision No. Mem 14-35 Docket No. Pen-13-352

IN RE J.T. et al.

Submitted on Briefs February 27, 2014 Decided March 4, 2014

Panel: ALEXANDER, LEVY, SILVER, MEAD, GORMAN, and JABAR, JJ.

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

The mother of J.T. and P.S., the father of J.T., and the father of P.S. appeal from a judgment of the District Court (Newport, *Fowle, J.*), which terminated the parental rights of the mother and P.S.'s father as to P.S. and terminated the parental rights of the mother and J.T.'s father as to J.T. The three parents argue that there was insufficient evidence to support the court's finding that each of the parents was unfit and that termination of their parental rights was in the children's best interest. Upon our review of the evidence in this case, we conclude that the fact-finder could reasonably have been persuaded that the required findings of parental unfitness were proved to be highly probable. *See In re M.B.*, 2013 ME 46, ¶ 37, 65 A.3d 1260. Further, viewing the facts through the trial court's lens, we conclude that the trial court did not abuse its discretion when it determined that termination of all three parents' parental rights was in the children's best interest. *See In re Alivia B.*, 2010 ME 112, ¶ 12, 8 A.3d 625.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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