

IN RE B.C.

Submitted On Briefs April 29, 2014  
Decided May 1, 2014

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

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

The mother of B.C. appeals from a judgment terminating her parental rights to the child entered in the District Court (Lewiston, *Beliveau, J.*) on the petition of the Department of Health and Human Services. Contrary to the mother's contentions, there is ample record evidence to support the court's finding, by clear and convincing evidence, of at least one ground of parental unfitness and that termination of her parental rights is in the best interest of the child. *See* 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1)(B)(2) (2013); *In re Thomas H.*, 2005 ME 123, ¶¶ 16-18, 889 A.2d 297. The court also committed no error in applying the rebuttable presumption of parental unfitness given its finding of "heinous or abhorrent" conduct. *See* 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1-A)(A) (2013); *In re Brandi C.*, 1999 ME 68, ¶ 7, 728 A.2d 679. Finally, we discern no violation of 22 M.R.S. § 4034-A (2013) in the court's treatment of evidence and findings from the summary preliminary hearing.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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