

IN RE J.C. et al.

Submitted on Briefs April 29, 2014
Decided May 13, 2014

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

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

The father of J.C. and K.C. appeals from a jeopardy order entered in the District Court (Ellsworth, *Romei, J.*) placing K.C. with his mother and J.C. in the custody of the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to 22 M.R.S. § 4036(1) (2013). Contrary to the father's contentions, there is more than sufficient evidence in the record to support the court's finding of jeopardy. *See* 22 M.R.S. §§ 4002(6)(A), (10)(B), 4035(2)(B) (2013); *In re Chelsea C.*, 2005 ME 105, ¶¶ 17-19, 884 A.2d 97. The court's findings were not clearly erroneous, its conclusions were well supported by the facts, and its dispositional order removing the children from the father's care was not only within the court's discretion, but also critically necessary to the health and safety of the children. *See In re Chelsea C.*, 2005 ME 105, ¶ 18, 884 A.2d 97; M.R. Civ. P. 52(a).

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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