

IN RE R.G. et al.

Submitted on Briefs May 29, 2014

Decided June 5, 2014

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

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

The mother of R.G., H.G., J.G., and T.G. appeals from a judgment entered in the District Court (Biddeford, *Foster, J.*) that terminated her parental rights to the children pursuant to 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1)(A), (B)(2) (2013).

The court's findings of parental unfitness are supported by clear and convincing evidence in the record. *See In re M.B.*, 2013 ME 46, ¶ 37, 65 A.3d 1260. "When the burden of proof at trial is clear and convincing evidence, our review is to determine whether the fact-finder could reasonably have been persuaded that the required findings were proved to be highly probable." *Id.*

Contrary to the mother's contention on appeal, the trial court also did not err or abuse its discretion, or make inadequate factual findings, in concluding that terminating the mother's parental rights was in the best interests of the children. *See* 22 M.R.S. §§ 4050, 4055(2) (2013); *In re C.P.*, 2013 ME 57, ¶¶ 16-17, 20, 67 A.3d 558; *see also In re Michaela C.*, 2002 ME 159, ¶¶ 26-28, 809 A.2d 1245 (granting substantial deference to the trial court on the issue of the best interest of the child and affirming termination of the mother's parental rights despite a bond between mother and child, stating that that is but one factor the court considers).

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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