

IN RE CASSANDRA B. et al.

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Decided July 5, 2016

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

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

The mother of Cassandra and Connor B. appeals from an order of the District Court (Caribou, *Soucy, J.*) terminating her parental rights. *See* 22 M.R.S. § 4006 (2015); M.R. App. P. 2. Contrary to the mother's argument, the processes employed by the court following questions regarding her competence to proceed, including appointing the mother a guardian ad litem, continuing the hearing, and encouraging the mother to work closely with the guardian ad litem during the time before the next hearing date, were sufficient to protect her due process rights, and her rights were not infringed when the hearing went forward in her absence, without objection by her attorney or guardian ad litem, at the next hearing date. *See In re Robert S.*, 2009 ME 18, ¶¶ 13-15, 966 A.2d 894; *In re Alexander D.*, 1998 ME 207, ¶¶ 13-15, 716 A.2d 222; *cf. In re C.P.*, 2016 ME 18, ¶ 23, 132 A.3d 174.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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