

IN RE Z.O.

Submitted on Briefs January 28, 2016
Decided February 2, 2016

Panel: ALEXANDER, MEAD, GORMAN, JABAR, and HUMPHREY, JJ.

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

The father of Z.O. appeals from a judgment of the District Court (Farmington, *Carlson, J.*) finding jeopardy regarding his continued care of his child, Z.O. The father argues that the court committed reversible error by abdicating her role as fact-finder when the court solicited an opinion on the complaining witness's credibility from a state witness who had investigated the relevant charges against the father as a detective. Although this was an error, it was harmless, as the court based its findings specifically on the testimony of the complaining witness, not the detective.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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