

IN RE LEEMAN C. et al.

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Decided July 28, 2016

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

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

The mother of Leeman C. and Shawn A. II appeals from a judgment of the District Court (Portland, *Powers, J.*) terminating her parental rights to the children pursuant to 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1)(B)(2) (2015). Contrary to the mother's contentions, there is sufficient competent evidence in the record to support the court's findings, by clear and convincing evidence, of at least one ground of parental unfitness and that termination is in the children's best interests. See *In re C.A.*, 2015 ME 34, ¶ 14, 113 A.3d 1098 (discerning no error or abuse of discretion in the trial court's conclusion that termination of the mother's parental rights was in the child's best interests when the child was attached to his foster caregiver, who was meeting his needs and was willing to adopt him, and the mother had failed to recognize threats to the child's wellbeing); *In re Thomas H.*, 2005 ME 123, ¶¶ 20-21, 889 A.2d 297 (concluding that the trial court could reasonably have been persuaded to a high degree of probability that the mother was unable to protect the children from jeopardy, and that the circumstances were unlikely to change within a time that would meet the children's needs, when the mother remained unable to identify sources of jeopardy to the children).

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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