

IN RE CHLOE R.

Submitted on Briefs September 26, 2018
Decided October 4, 2018

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

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Tiffany Masse appeals from a judgment entered in the Kennebec County Probate Court (*E. Mitchell, J.*) denying her request to change the surname of her minor daughter over the objection of the child's father, Dane Paquette. Based on the language in the parties' most recent parental rights order—which provides for shared parental rights—we affirm the court's determination that Tiffany did not have the authority to unilaterally change the child's name because she failed to establish that she was the legal custodian of the child within the meaning of 18-A M.R.S. § 1-701(a) (2017). *See In re Perry*, 2004 ME 46, ¶ 5 n.1, 845 A.2d 1153; *In re Kidder*, 541 A.2d 630, 631 (Me. 1988).

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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Dane Paquette did not file a brief

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