

IN RE CHILD OF LAURA M.

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Decided December 7, 2023

Panel: STANFILL, C.J., and MEAD, JABAR, HORTON, CONNORS, and
LAWRENCE, JJ.

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Laura M. appeals from a judgment of the District Court (Bangor, *Szylvian, J.*) terminating her parental rights to her child. Contrary to the mother's contentions, the court did not abuse its discretion or violate the mother's due process rights in denying the mother's motion to continue the termination hearing, despite the mother's absence. *See In re A.M.*, 2012 ME 118, ¶¶ 9, 12, 14-16, 18-19, 23-27, 55 A.3d 463; *In re Children of Benjamin W.*, 2019 ME 147, ¶¶ 8, 11-12, 216 A.3d 901; *In re Child of Danielle F.*, 2019 ME 65, ¶¶ 5-6, 207 A.3d 1193; *In re Kaylianna C.*, 2017 ME 135, ¶¶ 10-11, 166 A.3d 976; *In re Trever I.*, 2009 ME 59, ¶¶ 8, 27-28, 973 A.2d 752.¹

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

¹ On appeal, the mother does not challenge the court's unfitness or best interest determinations. Regardless, we conclude that the court did not clearly err or abuse its discretion in terminating the mother's parental rights. *See, e.g.*, 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1)(B)(2) (2023); *In re Child of Walter C.*, 2019 ME 121, ¶¶ 4-5, 6 & n.4, 7, 213 A.3d 113.

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