

IN RE GUARDIANSHIP BY JONATHAN H. et al.

Submitted on Briefs December 20, 2023

Decided December 28, 2023

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

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

The father of a minor child appeals from a judgment of the Aroostook County Probate Court (*Dunleavy, J.*) appointing guardians for the child pursuant to 18-C M.R.S. § 5-204(2) (2023), following an evidentiary hearing.¹ Contrary to the father's contentions, the Probate Court applied the correct legal standard in evaluating whether guardians should be appointed. See 18-C M.R.S. § 5-204(2); *In re Guardianship of Jewel M.*, 2010 ME 80, ¶¶ 9-12, 2 A.3d 301. Furthermore, after carefully reviewing the record, we conclude that the court did not clearly err or abuse its discretion in finding that the parents are unable or unwilling to meet their child's needs and that the appointment of guardians is in the child's best interest. See *In re Children of Quincy A.*, 2023 ME 49, ¶ 10, 300 A.3d 832; *Jewel M.*, 2010 ME 80, ¶¶ 11, 47, 2 A.3d 301.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

¹ The child's mother did not separately appeal.

Father of the minor child, appellant pro se

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