

IN RE CHILD OF MARIAH L.

Submitted on Briefs February 22, 2023

Decided March 2, 2023

Panel: MEAD, JABAR, HORTON, CONNORS, and LAWRENCE, JJ.

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Mariah L. appeals from a judgment entered by the District Court (Ellsworth, *Faircloth, J.*) terminating her parental rights. *See* 22 M.R.S. § 4006 (2022); M.R. App. P. 2B(c)(1). Contrary to the mother’s contentions, the court did not err in finding, by clear and convincing evidence, at least one ground of parental unfitness. 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1)(B)(2)(b) (2022); *see In re M.E.*, 2016 ME 1, ¶ 10, 131 A.3d 898. Nor did the court err or abuse its discretion in determining that termination of the mother’s parental rights was in the best interest of her child. 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1)(B)(2)(a); 19-A M.R.S. § 1653(3); *see In re Child of Sherri Y.*, 2019 ME 162, ¶ 7, 221 A.3d 120. Finally, notice of the termination hearing was properly served on the mother through her counsel, *see In re Child of Haley L.*, 2019 ME 108, ¶ 18, 211 A.3d 1148; *see also* M.R. Civ. P. 5; 22 M.R.S. § 4053 (2022), and the court did not abuse its discretion in denying the mother’s motion to continue because she failed to show that “the continuance would serve to further justice,” *In re Trever I.*, 2009 ME 59, ¶ 28, 973 A.2d 752 (quotation marks omitted); *see also In re A.M.*, 2012 ME 118, ¶¶ 24-25, 55 A.3d 463.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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