MAINE SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT

Reporter of Decisions Decision No. Mem 24-102 Docket No. Ken-24-88

## IN RE CHILDREN OF CHRISTOPHER G.

## Submitted on Briefs September 25, 2024 Decided October 3, 2024

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

## MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Christopher G. appeals from an order entered by the District Court (Waterville, *Dow*, *J*.) terminating his parental rights to his two children.<sup>1</sup> We discern no error in the court's termination of the father's parental rights, as there is sufficient evidence in the record to support the court's parental unfitness and best interest findings, and the court did not abuse its discretion in concluding that termination of the father's parental rights was in the children's best interests. *See* 22 M.R.S. § 4055(B)(2)(a), (b)(i)-(iv) (2024); *In re Olivia F.*, 2019 ME 149, ¶ 5, 217 A.3d 1106.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The father's counsel filed both an appellate brief, including a procedural history, statement of facts, and statement that he did not believe that there were arguable issues of merit on appeal, and a motion to allow the father to submit a supplemental brief, which was granted. *See In re M.C.*, 2014 ME 128, ¶¶ 7-8, 104 A.3d 139. The father did not file a supplemental brief.

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With leave of the Court, the Department of Health and Human Services did not file a brief

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