Reporter of Decisions Decision No. Mem 24-70 Docket No. Cum-23-507

GUARDIANSHIP BY MICHAEL R.

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

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Michael R. appeals from a judgment entered by the District Court (Bridgton, *Woodman, J.*) denying his petition seeking guardianship of two children and granting the guardianship petition of another party following an evidentiary hearing. Contrary to Michael's contention, we conclude that on the available record the court did not abuse its discretion in denying his motion to continue the hearing after considering the "competing concerns" of all parties, including the best interests of the children.¹ *Adoption by Jessica M.*, 2020 ME 118, ¶¶ 8-9, 239 A.3d 633 (quotation marks omitted).

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

¹ Our review is constrained by Michael's failure to provide a transcript of the second day of the hearing. *See Springer v. Springer*, 2009 ME 118, ¶¶ 2, 8, 984 A.2d 828.

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