Reporter of Decisions Decision No. Mem 01-70 Docket No. Oxf-01-144 and Oxf-01-192

#### IN RE JOSHUA G. et al.

### Submitted on Briefs July 19, 2001 Decided July 20, 2001

Panel: WATHEN, C.J., and CLIFFORD, RUDMAN, DANA, SAUFLEY, ALEXANDER, and CALKINS, JJ.

#### MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

The father of Joshua G. and Diana G. and the mother of Kurt S., Joshua G., and Diana G. appeal from a judgment of the District Court (South Paris, *Lawrence, J.*) finding that Joshua and Diana are in circumstances of jeopardy to their health or welfare as to the father and that Kurt, Joshua, and Diana are in circumstances of jeopardy to their health or welfare as to the mother. Contrary to the contentions of the father, the evidence of his sexual contact with a minor, substance abuse, physical abuse of the mother in the presence of the children, and failure to participate in services suggested by DHS is sufficient to support the court's jeopardy finding. 22 M.R.S.A. § 4002(6), (10) (1992). The evidence is also sufficient to support the court's finding that the mother failed to protect Kurt, Joshua, and Diana from the threat of sexual abuse or the threat of serious emotional injury or impairment. *Id*.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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