In re JOSHUA C. et al.

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

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

The maternal grandmother, an intervenor, appeals from the judgment of the District Court (Presque Isle, *Griffiths*, *J*.) denying her request to have the children placed with her. Contrary to her contention, the court did not clearly err in finding that it was not in the best interests of these young children, all of whom have special needs, to be placed with her. Because the court found that it was not in the children's best interests to reside with the grandmother, the court was not required to grant priority consideration to her. *See* 22 M.R.S.A. § 4005-B(4) (Supp. 2001).

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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