

IN RE DOROTHY V.

Submitted on Briefs April 9, 2003  
Decided April 15, 2003

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

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

The mother of Dorothy V. appeals from a judgment entered in the District Court (Newport, *MacMichael, J.*) terminating her parental rights pursuant to 22 M.R.S.A. § 4055(1)(B)(2) (1992). Contrary to the mother's contentions, there is clear and convincing evidence in the record to find at least one statutory ground for parental unfitness and that termination of parental rights is in Dorothy's best interests, *see* 22 M.R.S.A. §§ 4055(1)(B)(2)(a), (2)(b)(i)-(ii), (2)(b)(iv); the court did not abuse its discretion by denying the mother's motion for continuance, *see Wright & Mills v. Bispham*, 2002 ME 123, ¶ 13, 802 A.2d 430, 433 (reviewing court's denial of a request for continuance for an abuse of discretion); the court did not err by finding DHS had fully complied with discovery, *see In re Scott S.*, 2001 ME 114, ¶ 10, 775 A.2d 1144, 1148 (reviewing court's findings of fact for clear

error); the court did not err or abuse its discretion when it excluded State Legislators from testifying on behalf of the mother, *see In re Rachel J.*, 2002 ME 148, ¶ 17, 804 A.2d 418, 424 (reviewing court's evidentiary rulings for clear error and an abuse of discretion); and the court did not abuse its discretion when it did not reopen evidence, *see In re Thomas B.*, 1998 ME 236, ¶ 5, 719 A.2d 529, 531 (reviewing court's decision to reopen evidence for an abuse of discretion).

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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