

IN RE CIARA H.

Submitted on Briefs November 3, 2004
Decided November 29, 2004

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

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

The mother of Ciara H. appeals from the judgment of the District Court (Biddeford, *Foster, J.*) terminating her parental rights pursuant to 22 M.R.S.A. § 4055(1)(B)(2) (2004). Contrary to the mother's contention, the court did not abuse its discretion in denying her motion to continue the termination hearing, *see Wright & Mills v. Bispham*, 2002 ME 123, ¶ 13, 802 A.2d 430, 433-34; M.R. Civ. P. 40(b), and her absence from the hearing did not deny her due process, *see In re Alexander D.*, 1998 ME 207, ¶ 13, 716 A.2d 222, 226; *In re Randy Scott B.*, 511 A.2d 450, 453-54 (Me. 1986). Further, sufficient evidence exists in the record to support the court's findings by clear and convincing evidence of at least one ground of parental unfitness, *see In re Alana S.*, 2002 ME 126, ¶ 20, 802 A.2d 976,

981, and that termination of parental rights is in Ciara's best interest, *see In re Jeremiah Y.*, 2002 ME 135, ¶ 9, 804 A.2d 357, 359.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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