

IN RE BRANDON L.

Submitted on Briefs June 24, 2004
Decided July 2, 2004

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

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

The mother of Brandon L. appeals from a judgment of the District Court (Biddeford, *Janelle, J.*) terminating her parental rights pursuant to 22 M.R.S.A. § 4055(1)(B)(2) (2004). Contrary to her contentions, the court properly took judicial notice of the prior protection from abuse complaints filed in the District Court, *see Union Mut. Fire Ins. Co. v. Inhabitants of Topsham*, 441 A.2d 1012, 1016-17 (Me. 1982); properly considered all evidence relating to the mother's prospective ability to safely parent Brandon, *see In re Nathaniel B.*, 1998 ME 99, ¶¶ 5-6, 710 A.2d 921, 922; and properly considered the mother's relationship with the father when determining her ability to safely parent Brandon, *see, e.g., In re Jeremiah Y.*, 2002 ME 135, ¶¶ 2-4, 9, 804 A.2d 357, 358, 359. The record

supports the court's finding that the Department made a good faith effort to rehabilitate and reunify the mother and the child, *see In re Denise M.*, 670 A.2d 390, 394 (Me. 1996); and the record supports the court's finding 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 Brandon's best interest, *see In re Jeremiah Y.*, 2002 ME 135, ¶ 9, 804 A.2d at 359.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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