

IN RE ALLISON M.

Submitted on Briefs January 28, 2010  
Decided February 4, 2010

Panel: ALEXANDER, LEVY, SILVER, MEAD, GORMAN, and JABAR, JJ.

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

The mother of Allison M., who is herself a minor, appeals from a judgment of the District Court (Portland, *Goranites, J.*) finding the child to be in jeopardy as defined by 22 M.R.S. § 4002(6) (2009). Contrary to her contentions, sufficient evidence exists in the record from which the court could conclude, by a preponderance of the evidence, that the child was in jeopardy to her health or welfare. *See* 22 M.R.S. §§ 4002(6), 4035(2) (2009). Further, the court did not err by considering judicial review orders from the mother's own child protection proceedings. Pursuant to M.R. Evid. 201(b)(2), the court may take judicial notice of findings of fact from other judicial orders; they are part of the judicial record and therefore are facts capable of accurate and ready determination by resort to a source whose accuracy cannot be reasonably questioned. *See In re Scott S.*, 2001 ME 114, ¶ 13, 775 A.2d 1144, 1149; *In re Heather C.*, 2000 ME 99, ¶ 6, 751 A.2d 448, 451. The court may take judicial notice sua sponte. *See* M.R. Evid. 201(c); *Union Mut. Fire Ins. Co. v. Inhabitants of the Town of Topsham*, 441 A.2d 1012, 1016 (Me. 1982).

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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