SUMMARY STATEMENT

Idaho Dep't of Health & Welfare v. Jane and John Doe Nos. 44174/44175

The Idaho Supreme Court affirmed the Latah County magistrate court's judgment terminating Jane and John Doe's parental rights to their two children. The Court held that substantial and competent evidence proved by clear and convincing evidence that Jane and John Doe neglected their children and, therefore, terminating their parental rights was in the children's best interests. The Court further held that Jane and John Doe's parental rights were properly terminated even though the petition for termination was filed before the order for permanency was entered and the children had not been in the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare's custody for fifteen months before the petition for termination was filed.