SUMMARY STATEMENT

Doe v. Idaho Dep't of Health and Welfare Docket No. 45485-2018

The Idaho Supreme Court affirmed the Ada County magistrate court's decision to terminate Jane Doe's parental rights to her minor child, A.L. (Child). The magistrate court ruled that Jane Doe had neglected Child, and that termination of the parent-child relationship was in Child's best interests. On appeal, the Court affirmed the magistrate court's ruling that Jane Doe neglected Child because the magistrate court found three bases of neglect satisfied, but Jane Doe challenged only one basis on appeal. Because the magistrate court's order contained additional, unchallenged findings of neglect, the Court affirmed the ruling that Jane Doe neglected Child. The Court also affirmed the magistrate court's ruling that termination of the parent-child relationship was in Child's best interests because the magistrate court's findings were supported by substantial, competent evidence.