

RICHARD F. ECKENDORFF

v.

KATIE ROBINSON CALL

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Decided June 30, 2022

Panel: STANFILL, C.J., and MEAD, JABAR, HORTON, and LAWRENCE JJ.

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Richard F. Eckendorff appeals from two separate judgments of the District Court (Machias, *D. Mitchell, J.*) modifying preexisting judgments determining his parental rights and responsibilities as to each of his two children. Contrary to Eckendorff's arguments, the judgments did not constitute effective terminations of his parental rights, *see Hatch v. Anderson*, 2010 ME 94, ¶ 8, 4 A.3d 904; 22 M.R.S. § 4056(1) (2022); 19-A M.R.S. § 1657 (2022); the judgments do not violate due process and deprive him of his fundamental right to parent, *see Klein v. Klein*, 2019 ME 85, ¶ 8 n.2, 208 A.3d 802; and the court did not abuse its discretion in determining the best interests of the children, *see Sullivan v. Doe*, 2014 ME 109, ¶ 19, 100 A.3d 171; 19-A M.R.S. § 1653(3) (2022).

The entry is:

Judgments affirmed.

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