

IN RE JUVENILE J.

Submitted on Briefs May 21, 2025  
Decided June 3, 2025

Panel: MEAD, HORTON, CONNORS, LAWRENCE, DOUGLAS, and LIPEZ, JJ.

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

J. appeals from an order of the District Court (Portland, *French J.*) denying J.'s petition to seal juvenile case records, *see* 15 M.R.S. § 3308-C(10) (2025), and J.'s request for relief for unlawful disclosure of confidential records, *see* 15 M.R.S. § 3701 (2025). A post-disposition order denying a juvenile's petition to seal records is not among the orders that can be appealed to this Court under 15 M.R.S. § 3402 (2025). Even if it could have been appealed, the court's order correctly determined that J.'s convictions after the date of J.'s juvenile disposition rendered J. ineligible to obtain an order sealing juvenile records that are public based on the nature of the disposition. *See* 15 M.R.S. § 3308-C(10)(A).

Nor did the court err regarding J.'s claim under which J. asserts a civil cause of action for unlawful disclosure of confidential juvenile records. J.'s petition failed to state a comprehensible section 3701 claim—it is unclear what confidential records were allegedly disclosed in violation of law and who allegedly disclosed them. *See* M.R. Civ. P. 12(b)(1), (2), (6); 15 M.R.S. § 3701(1)-(2); *Dowey v. Sanford Hous. Auth.*, 516 A.2d 957, 959 (Me. 1986).

The entry is:

Appeal of denial of petition to seal dismissed.  
Order denying claim under 15 M.R.S. § 3701  
(2025) affirmed.

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