

IN RE SARAH M.

Submitted on Briefs September 27, 2000  
Decided October 11, 2000

Panel: WATHEN, C.J., and CLIFFORD, RUDMAN, DANA, SAUFLEY,  
ALEXANDER, and CALKINS, JJ.

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

The father of Sarah M. appeals from a judgment of the District Court (Skowhegan, *Clapp, J.*) terminating his parental rights to his daughter Sarah. Contrary to the father's contentions, the court committed no error of law nor did it exceed the bounds of its discretion when it continued the termination hearing for six months to allow the father one final opportunity to demonstrate that he was capable of, and interested in, rehabilitating himself for reunification with his daughter. *See* 22 M.R.S.A § 4041 (1992 & Supp. 1999); 22 M.R.S.A. § 4052(4) (1999). Nor did the court violate the father's constitutional rights when it ordered him not to threaten or harass any of the service providers and to bring his complaints to the court through counsel rather than intimidating the professionals involved with Sarah's care. *See State v. Hotham*, 307 A.2d 185, 186-87 (Me. 1973) (placing limits on communication of threats does not violate the First Amendment).

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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