

IN RE MICHAEL B. et al.

Submitted on Briefs November 21, 2000
Decided November 27, 2000

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

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

The mother appeals from the judgment of the District Court (Portland, *Eggert, J.*) terminating her parental rights as to Michael B. and Alex C, and the father appeals from the same judgment insofar as it involves Alex C., the child he fathered. Contrary to the parents' contention, there is clear and convincing evidence in the record to support the court's findings that the parents are unable to protect the children and that those circumstances are unlikely to change within a time reasonably calculated to meet the children's needs, *see* 22 M.R.S.A. § 4055(1)(B)(2)(b)(i) (1992); that the parents are unwilling or unable to take responsibility for the children and that those circumstances are unlikely to change within a time reasonably calculated to meet the children's needs, *see* 22 M.R.S.A. § 4055(1)(B)(2)(b)(ii) (1992); and that the termination of the parents' parental rights are in the children's best interests, *see* 22 M.R.S.A. § 4055(1)(B)(2)(a) (1992). The father's contentions that the court erred in finding that the Department of Human Services made a good faith effort to

reunify him with his son is without merit. *See* 22 M.R.S.A. § 4041 (Supp. 1999); *see also In re Sara K.*, 611 A.2d 71 (Me. 1992).

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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