

IN RE ERIC M.

Submitted on Briefs April 18, 2002
Decided May 3, 2002

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

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

The putative father of Eric M. appeals from a decision of the Kennebec County Probate Court (*Mitchell, J.*) denying the father's petition to establish his parental rights pursuant to 18-A M.R.S.A. § 9-201 (1998). Contrary to the father's contentions, the Probate Court did not err in finding that the father was not able to protect Eric from jeopardy, *In re John Joseph V.*, 500 A.2d 628, 629 (Me. 1985), 18-A M.R.S.A. § 9-201(i); that the father was not able to take responsibility for Eric, *In re John Joseph V.*, 500 A.2d at 628, 18-A M.R.S.A. § 9-201(i); and, that it was not in Eric's best interest to declare the father to be Eric's parent, *In re Misty Lee H.*, 529 A.2d 331, 333 (Me. 1987), 18-A M.R.S.A. § 9-201(i).

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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