

## **SUMMARY STATEMENT**

*In re Doe (2016-32)*

No. 44408

The Idaho Supreme Court affirmed the Bonneville County Magistrate Court's judgment terminating the parental rights of Jane Doe (Mother). The magistrate held an eight-day trial, where over forty witnesses testified and one-hundred-eighty exhibits were admitted. The magistrate found that Mother had neglected her two minor children (Children) and that termination was in Children's best interests. The magistrate entered a judgment to that effect. On appeal, the Court affirmed that the magistrate's judgment was supported by substantial, competent evidence. The Court specifically held that substantial, competent evidence supported the magistrate's conclusions that (1) neglect was satisfied under Idaho Code section 16-2002(3)(b); (2) neglect was satisfied under Idaho Code section 16-1602(28)(b); and (3) termination was in Children's best interests. Because the magistrate's judgment was supported by substantial, competent evidence, the Court affirmed the termination of Mother's parental rights.