

## SUMMARY STATEMENT

*Jane Doe and John Doe II v. John Doe I*, Docket No. 44997

In a case arising out of Canyon County, the Idaho Supreme Court affirmed the magistrate court's termination of John Doe I's ("Father") parental rights. Father argued that the magistrate court erred when it found that he had neglected Jane Doe I ("Child") because Child's mother, Jane Doe ("Mother"), prevented Father from supporting or contacting Child. Father also argues that the magistrate court erred when it determined that it was in the best interest of Child to terminate Father's parental rights because it disregarded Mother's interference in the relationship between Father and Child. Lastly, Father argues that the magistrate court impermissibly compared Father's relationship to Child with John Doe II's ("Stepfather") relationship to Child.

In a unanimous decision, the Idaho Supreme Court held that the magistrate court did not err when it determined that clear and convincing evidence supported the termination of Father's parental rights on the ground of neglect. The Court also found that the magistrate court did not err when it found that the termination of Father's parental rights was in the best interest of Child.