

SUMMARY STATEMENT

John Doe I and Jane Doe I v. John Doe and Jane Doe (2017-19), Docket No. 45180

In an expedited appeal out of Canyon County, the Idaho Supreme Court affirmed the judgment of the magistrate court, which terminated the parental rights of John Doe and Jane Doe (2017-19) (“Father,” “Mother,” and collectively, “Parents”) as to Jane Doe II (“Child”).

On appeal, Parents argued, *inter alia*, that the magistrate court erred by concluding that: (1) Child was abandoned; and (2) termination of Parents’ parental rights was in Child’s best interest. The Idaho Supreme Court held that: (1) the magistrate court’s finding of abandonment based on failure to provide reasonable support without just cause was supported by substantial, competent evidence; (2) the magistrate court’s conclusion that termination of Parents’ parental rights was in Child’s best interest was supported by substantial, competent evidence; and (3) Grandparents were not entitled to attorney fees on appeal. Costs on appeal were awarded to Grandparents.