

SUMMARY STATEMENT

Doe v. Doe (2017-31)

Docket No. 45419

The Supreme Court affirmed the decision of the Bonneville County magistrate court to terminate Father's parental rights to his minor child Jane Doe II (Child). The magistrate court terminated Father's parental rights on a petition from Child's Stepfather and Mother, Jane Doe I (Mother), after finding that Father had abandoned Child and termination was in Child's best interest. On appeal, Father argued that the magistrate court's findings were not supported by substantial and competent evidence. Mother responded that the magistrate court's findings are supported by substantial and competent evidence and requested attorney fees on appeal. The Court affirmed the decision of the magistrate court to terminate Father's parental rights and declined to award Mother attorney fees on appeal.