

## **SUMMARY STATEMENT**

*Idaho Department of Health and Welfare v. Jane Doe (2019-17)*

Case No. 47132

Jane Doe (“Mother”) appealed the magistrate court’s order terminating her parental rights to her minor children, Jane Doe I (“B.L.S.”), Jane Doe II (“X.V.S.”), and Jane Doe III (“A.C.S.”), entered on June 11, 2019. The Idaho Department of Health and Welfare filed a petition to terminate Mother’s parental rights on December 11, 2018. After a four-day trial, the magistrate court found by clear and convincing evidence that termination of Mother’s parental rights was proper on the grounds of neglect and that termination was in the best interests of the children. Mother appealed, arguing that neither of the magistrate court’s findings was supported by substantial, competent evidence. The Idaho Supreme Court determined that substantial, competent evidence supported both findings. Accordingly, the Idaho Supreme Court affirmed the magistrate court’s final order terminating Mother’s parental rights to B.L.S., X.V.S., and A.C.S.