

SUMMARY STATEMENT

IDHW v. Doe (2021-14)

Docket No. 48735

John Doe (Father) appeals a magistrate court's decision removing Father's child (Child) from his care and vesting custody of Child with the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare (the Department). Father objected to the proceedings, asserting that the Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act (UCCJEA) precluded the magistrate court from exercising jurisdiction over Child because Father shared joint custody of Child with Child's mother pursuant to an order entered by the Superior Court of California.

The Idaho Supreme Court held, as a matter of first impression, that the UCCJEA applied to actions arising under the Idaho Child Protective Act (CPA). Second, the Court held that the magistrate court complied with the UCCJEA's temporary emergency jurisdiction provision and properly exercised jurisdiction over Child. Finally, the Court held that the magistrate's decision placing Child in the protective custody of the Department was based on substantial and competent evidence.

This summary constitutes no part of the opinion of the Supreme Court, but has been prepared by court staff for the convenience of the public.