

SUMMARY STATEMENT

Doe v. Idaho Dep't of Health and Welfare

Docket Nos. 45363 and 45385

The Idaho Supreme Court affirmed the Ada County magistrate court's decision to terminate John Doe and Jane Doe's parental rights as to both their minor children (Z.W. and N.W.) and its decision that such termination was in the best interest of both children. Jane Doe appealed the magistrate court's decision to terminate her parental rights on the grounds of neglect and inability to discharge her parental responsibilities, and also its decision that termination was in the best interest of her children. Jane Doe only appealed the magistrate court's decision with regard to N.W. and not Z.W. John Doe did not appeal the magistrate court's decision to terminate his parental rights, but only appealed its decision that termination of his parental rights was in the best interest of both children. The Court affirmed the magistrate court's decisions because they were supported by substantial and competent evidence.