

TEXAS COURT OF APPEALS, THIRD DISTRICT, AT AUSTIN

D. H. a/k/a D. T. v. Texas Department of Family and Protective Services

No. 03-12-00471-CV · No. No. 03-12-00471-CV · Decided September 28, 2012

SUMMARY

The Texas Court of Appeals, Third District, ordered counsel for appellant D. H. a/k/a D. T. to file an overdue brief by October 15, 2012. The order warned that failure to comply could require counsel to show cause why counsel should not be held in contempt, noting the accelerated schedule for termination-of-parental-rights appeals.

OPINION

PER CURIAM.

TEXAS COURT OF APPEALS, THIRD DISTRICT, AT AUSTIN TEXAS COURT OF APPEALS, THIRD DISTRICT, AT AUSTIN NO. 03-12-00471-CV D. H. a/k/a D. T., Appellant v. Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, Appellee FROM THE 345th District Court OF Travis COUNTY, NO. D-1-FM-11-000099, The Honorable Scott H. Jenkins, JUDGE PRESIDING O R D E R PER CURIAM Appellant D. H. a/k/a D. T. filed her notice of appeal on July 16, 2012.

The appellate record was complete September 5, 2012, making appellant=s brief due September 25, 2012. To date, appellant=s brief has not been filed. Recent amendments to the rules of judicial administration accelerate the final disposition of appeals from suits for termination of parental rights. See Tex. R. Jud. Admin. 6.2(a), available at <http://www.supreme.courts.state.tx.us/MiscDocket/12/12903200.pdf> (providing 180 days for court's final disposition).

The accelerated schedule requires greater compliance with briefing deadlines. Therefore we order counsel to file appellant=s brief no later than October 15, 2012. If the brief is not filed by that date, counsel may be required to show cause why he should not be held in contempt of court. It is ordered on September 28, 2012.

Before Chief Justice Jones, Justices Rose and Goodwin