

COURT OF APPEALS OF TEXAS, FOURTH DISTRICT, SAN ANTONIO

In the Interest of B.M.M., a Child

No. 04-17-00860-CV (Tex. App.—San Antonio Feb. 2, 2018) · No. 04-17-00860-CV · Decided February 2, 2018

SUMMARY

The Fourth Court of Appeals of San Antonio granted appellant’s motion for a twenty-day extension to file a brief in an accelerated appeal from an order terminating parental rights. The court ordered the brief due February 21, 2018, and cautioned that further extensions would be disfavored because termination appeals must be resolved within 180 days.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	Court of Appeals of Texas, Fourth District, San Antonio
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Marialyn Barnard
JURISDICTION	Texas
DECIDED	February 2, 2018
DOCKET	04-17-00860-CV
DISPOSITION	other
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Accelerated appeal from an order terminating appellant's parental rights; appellant moved for a twenty-day extension of time to file the appellate brief.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Published order addressing appellate briefing procedure
PARTIES	Appellant

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QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether appellant should receive a twenty-day extension of time to file the appellate brief in an accelerated parental-rights-termination appeal.

HOLDINGS

1. The motion for a twenty-day extension of time was granted, and appellant was ordered to file the brief on or before February 21, 2018.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“Accordingly, any delay in the filing of the brief encroaches upon our time for disposition, and further requests for extensions of time will be disfavored.”

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

The underlying proceeding involved termination of appellant's parental rights to B.M.M. The appellate filing at issue was appellant's brief, which was due February 1, 2018. Appellant's counsel requested additional time to research and prepare the brief.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The 225th Judicial District Court of Bexar County, Texas, in trial cause number 2017-PA-00506, entered an order terminating appellant's parental rights. On appeal, appellant's brief was due February 1, 2018, and appellant moved that day for a twenty-day extension. The court granted the motion and ordered the brief filed by February 21, 2018.

DISPOSITION

other