

COURT OF APPEALS OF TEXAS, THIRD DISTRICT, AT AUSTIN

D. N. v. Texas Department of Family and Protective Services

No. 03-22-00601-CV · No. No. 03-22-00601-CV · Decided December 1, 2022

SUMMARY

The Texas Court of Appeals, Third District, granted appellant D. N.'s motion for an extension of time to file her brief in an accelerated parental-rights termination appeal. The court ordered counsel to file the brief by December 18, 2022, and warned that failure to do so could result in a show-cause order regarding contempt.

OPINION

PER CURIAM.

TEXAS COURT OF APPEALS, THIRD DISTRICT, AT AUSTIN NO. 03-22-00601-CV D. N., Appellant v. Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, Appellee FROM THE 421ST DISTRICT COURT OF CALDWELL COUNTY NO. 21-FL-132, THE HONORABLE THOMAS NATHANIEL STUCKEY, JUDGE PRESIDING ORDER PER CURIAM Appellant D. N. filed her notice of appeal on September 21, 2022.

The appellate record was complete on November 8, 2022, making appellant's brief due on November 28, 2022. On November 22, 2022, counsel for appellant filed a motion for extension of time to file appellant's brief. 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) (providing 180 days for court's final disposition). The accelerated schedule constrains this Court's leeway in granting extensions. In this instance, we will grant the motion and order James B. Peplinski to file appellant's brief no later than December 18, 2022. 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 December 1, 2022. Before Chief Justice Byrne, Justices Triana and Smith 2