

AFFIRMED; Opinion Filed October 13, 2017.



**In The
Court of Appeals
Fifth District of Texas at Dallas**

No. 05-17-00455-CV

IN THE INTEREST OF C.L., A CHILD

**On Appeal from the 305th Judicial District Court
Dallas County, Texas
Trial Court Cause No. JC-16-00298-X**

MEMORANDUM OPINION

Before Justices Lang, Myers, and Stoddart
Opinion by Justice Myers

Mother appeals the trial court's order appointing Father sole managing conservator and appointing her possessory conservator of their child. The trial court's order followed the provisions of a mediated settlement agreement signed by all the parties and their attorneys. *See* TEX. FAM. CODE ANN. § 153.0071 (West 2014). Mother's appointed counsel has filed a brief pursuant to *Anders v. California*, 386 U.S. 738 (1967), stating that the record does not contain any reversible error that was preserved for appellate review. Counsel states in the brief that he served Mother by mail at her last known address with a copy of the brief and advised Mother of her right to examine the appellate record and file a pro se response. In addition, this Court provided Mother a copy of the *Anders* brief and notified her of her right to examine the appellate record and file a pro se response. Mother did not file a pro se response.

The procedures established in *Anders* are applicable where, as here, the appellant's appointed counsel concludes that there are no non-frivolous issues to assert on appeal. *See In re*

D.D., 279 S.W.3d 849, 849–50 (Tex. App.—Dallas 2009, pet. denied). This Court is not required to address the merits of each claim raised in an *Anders* brief or a pro se response. See *Bledsoe v. State*, 178 S.W.3d 824, 827 (Tex. Crim. App. 2005); *In re D.D.*, 279 S.W.3d at 850 (citing *Bledsoe*, 178 S.W.3d at 827). Instead, our duty is to determine whether there are any arguable grounds for reversal and, if so, to remand the case to the trial court so that new counsel may be appointed to address the issues. See *In re D.D.*, 279 S.W.3d at 850.

In the *Anders* brief, counsel for Mother presents a professional evaluation of the record demonstrating why there are no arguable grounds for reversal and concluding that Mother’s appeal is frivolous and without merit. See *Anders*, 386 U.S. at 744. We independently reviewed the entire record and counsel’s *Anders* brief and agree that the appeal is frivolous and without merit. We find nothing in the record that could arguably support the appeal. Accordingly, we affirm the trial court’s judgment.

/Lana Myers/

LANA MYERS
JUSTICE

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JUDGMENT

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Opinion delivered by Justice Myers. Justices
Lang and Stoddart participating.

In accordance with this Court's opinion of this date, the judgment of the trial court is
AFFIRMED.

Judgment entered this 13th day of October, 2017.