

In The Court of Appeals Seventh District of Texas at Amarillo

No. 07-13-00037-CV, 07-13-00038-CV

IN THE INTEREST OF L.D., A CHILD

IN THE INTEREST OF K.M., A CHILD

On Appeal from the County Court at Law No. 1 Randall County, Texas Trial Court No. 8923-L1, 8944-L1, Honorable Jack Graham, Presiding

June 10, 2013

MEMORANDUM OPINION

Before QUINN, CJ., and CAMPBELL and HANCOCK, JJ.

Appellant, H.M.¹, appeals an order of the trial court terminating her parental rights to L.D., her daughter, and K.M., her son. H.M.'s appointed counsel has filed a brief in conformity with <u>Anders v. California</u> rendering her professional opinion that any issue that could be raised on appeal is frivolous and without legal merit. <u>See</u> 386 U.S.738, 87 S.Ct. 1396, 18 L.Ed.2d 493 (1967). H.M.'s counsel avers that she has zealously reviewed the record in this matter and can find no arguable points of appeal.

¹ To protect the parent's and child's privacy, we refer to them by initials. <u>See</u> TEX. FAM. CODE ANN. § 109.002(d) (West 2012); TEX. R. APP. 9.8(b).

Counsel has filed a motion to withdraw and provided H.M. with a copy of the brief. Further, counsel has advised H.M. that she has the right to file a *pro se* response to the <u>Anders</u> brief. The Court has likewise advised H.M. of this right. H.M. has not favored the Court with a response.

This Court has long held that an appointed attorney in a termination case might discharge her professional duty to her client by filing a brief in conformity with the <u>Anders</u> process. <u>See In re A.W.T.</u>, 61 S.W.3d 87, 88-89 (Tex.App.—Amarillo 2001, no pet.). Likewise, other intermediate appellate courts have so held. <u>See Sanchez v. Tex.</u> <u>Dep't of Family and Protective Servs.</u>, No. 03-10-00249-CV, 2011 Tex. App. LEXIS 2162, at *1, (Tex.App.—Austin March 24, 2011, no pet.) (mem. op.); <u>In re L.K.H</u>, No. 11-10-00080-CV, 2011 Tex. App. LEXIS 1706, at *2-4, (Tex.App—Eastland March 10, 2011, no pet.) (mem. op.); <u>In re D.E.S.</u>, 135 S.W.3d 326, 326-27 (Tex.App.—Houston [14th Dist.] 2004, no pet.).

We have conducted our own review of the record in this matter and have come to the conclusion that there are no arguable points of appeal. <u>See In re A.W.T.</u>, 61 S.W.3d at 89. We, therefore, grant counsel's motion to withdraw. We remind counsel that H.M. has the right to file a *pro se* petition for review to the Texas Supreme Court. Finally, having found no arguable points of appeal requiring reversal, we affirm the judgment of the trial court.

Mackey K. Hancock Justice

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