

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF ARKANSAS
LITTLE ROCK DIVISION**

AIMEE L. HANKINS, et al.

PLAINTIFFS

v.

No. 4:09-CV-00323 GTE

JOHN SELIG, et al.

DEFENDANTS

ORDER

Before the Court are three motions for summary judgment filed by Plaintiffs Aimee L. Hankins, Janet E. Sheldon, and Ariel Janet Harland.¹ No responses to the motions have been filed, although certain Defendants have requested an extension of time for filing responses in the event their pending motions to dismiss are not granted. The Court after reviewing the motions, has determined that it does not have the legal authority to grant the requested relief. Accordingly, the motions will be denied.

From the pleadings before the Court, it appears that Aimee L. Hankins is the biological mother of Ariel Janet Harland (“Ariel”) and DKH (a 14 year old young man).² Janet E. Sheldon is the great grandmother of Ariel and DKH. It further appears that another court – presumably a state court – previously terminated the parental rights of Aimee Hankins as a result of which custody of both Ariel and DKH was awarded to John Harland, who appears to be the biological father of Ariel but not DKH. The sole relief requested by summary judgment concerns issues of parental rights and child custody. Aimee Hankins’ motion requests the following immediate

¹ Doc. Nos. 44, 45, and 46.

² Because DKH is a juvenile, the Court will refer to him by his initials.

