

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA  
SHREVEPORT DIVISION**

MARTHA RUTH SMITH

CIVIL ACTION NO. 15-1989-P

VERSUS

JUDGE S. MAURICE HICKS, JR.

PAUL YOUNG

MAGISTRATE JUDGE HORNSBY

**JUDGMENT**

For the reasons stated in the Report and Recommendation of the Magistrate Judge previously filed herein, and after an independent review of the record, and noting the lack of written objections filed by Petitioner and determining that the findings are correct under the applicable law;

**IT IS ORDERED** that Petitioner's application for writ of habeas corpus is **DISMISSED WITHOUT PREJUDICE** for failure to exhaust state court remedies.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that Petitioner's claims challenging the termination of her parental rights and the involuntary adoption of her children **DISMISSED** for lack of subject matter jurisdiction.

Rule 11 of the Rules Governing Section 2254 Proceedings for the U.S. District Courts requires the district court to issue or deny a certificate of appealability when it enters a final order adverse to the applicant. The court, after considering the record in this case and the standard set forth in 28 U.S.C. Section 2253, denies a certificate of appealability

because the applicant has not made a substantial showing of the denial of a constitutional right.

**THUS DONE AND SIGNED**, in Shreveport, Louisiana, on this 6th day of March, 2017.

  
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S. MAURICE HICKS, JR.  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE