

Order

Michigan Supreme Court
Lansing, Michigan

December 15, 2023

Elizabeth T. Clement,
Chief Justice

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Brian K. Zahra
David F. Viviano
Richard H. Bernstein
Megan K. Cavanagh
Elizabeth M. Welch
Kyra H. Bolden,
Justices

In re VALDEZ-DRUMM/DRUMM/VALDEZ,
Minors.

SC: 166192
COA: 367545
Ingham CC Family Division:
21-000976-NA
21-000977-NA
21-000978-NA
21-000979-NA

On order of the Court, the application for leave to appeal the August 31, 2023 order of the Court of Appeals is considered. Pursuant to MCR 7.305(H)(1), in lieu of granting leave to appeal, we VACATE the July 28, 2023 order of the Ingham Circuit Court denying the respondents' request for appointed appellate counsel. While retaining jurisdiction, we REMAND this case to the circuit court for a redetermination of the respondents' request for appellate counsel. On remand, the circuit court shall make specific findings of fact regarding the respondents' declaration of indigency and financial ability to retain appellate counsel and issue a written opinion, which shall be forwarded to the Clerk of this Court within 60 days of the date of this order.

We retain jurisdiction.

ZAHRA and VIVIANO, JJ., would deny leave to appeal.



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I, Larry S. Royster, Clerk of the Michigan Supreme Court, certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of the order entered at the direction of the Court.

December 15, 2023

Clerk