Court of Appeals, State of Michigan

ORDER

IN RE K M BANKS MINOR

Docket No. 377151

LC No. 2019-000773-NA

Christopher M. Murray
Presiding Judge

Michelle M. Rick

Sima G. Patel
Judges

The motion to amend the claim of appeal or for leave to appeal as to minor JT is DENIED. The appeal in Docket No. 377151 is limited to the termination of appellant's parental rights to minor KMB.

On the Court's own motion, we REMAND this matter to the trial court for appellant to move to clarify the record with regard to whether appellant intended to pursue an appeal as to both children and, relatedly, why a claim of appeal was not filed from the order of termination in Case No. 2019-001138-NA regarding JT. The proceedings on remand are limited to this issue. We retain jurisdiction.

Appellant shall initiate the proceedings on remand within 14 days of the date of this order. Appellant shall file with this Court a copy of any motion and supporting brief filed in the trial court, and appellant shall file a copy of any order entered within 14 days after entry. The trial court shall hear and decide the matter within 35 days of the date of this order and shall make an appropriate determination on the record. The trial court shall order a transcript of any hearing on remand to be prepared at public expense and filed within 21 days after completion of the proceedings.

If the trial court concludes that appellant intended, at the time she signed the request for counsel as to KMB, to also pursue an appeal as to JT, the trial court shall appoint appellate counsel for appellant and shall otherwise ensure that a claim of appeal is filed on behalf of appellant in Case No. 2019-001138-NA involving JT. The Court of Appeals will accept the claim as timely filed. Current appellate counsel Dorothy J. Dean (P44455) may represent appellant in both appeals if the trial court determines that such representation is appropriate.

Presiding Judge

A true copy entered and certified by Jerome W. Zimmer Jr., Chief Clerk, on

April 22, 2026
Date

Chief Clerk