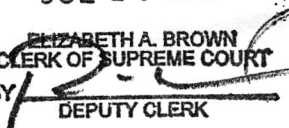


IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

IN THE MATTER OF THE PARENTAL
RIGHTS AS TO Y.V.; A.V.; AND T.V.,
MINORS.

No. 74314

ARLENE O.,
Appellant,
vs.
JOAQUIN V., JR.,
Respondent.

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ORDER OF AFFIRMANCE

This is an appeal from a district court order denying a petition to terminate parental rights. Eighth Judicial District Court, Family Court Division, Clark County; Rebecca Burton, Judge.

Respondent Joaquin V., Jr., has three children with Victoria O.—Y.V., A.V., and T.V. Joaquin was sentenced to prison for domestic violence against Victoria, but Victoria and the children kept in contact and visited him during his incarceration. While Joaquin was still in prison, Victoria passed away due to complications from substance abuse. Victoria's mother, appellant Arlene O., gained custody of the children after Victoria's death and moved with the children from New Mexico to Las Vegas, Nevada. Arlene ceased all contact with Joaquin for the remainder of his incarceration and probation. Arlene eventually petitioned the district court to terminate Joaquin's parental rights so she could adopt the children. The district court conducted a three-day trial over the course of five months, at the end of which it denied Arlene's petition, finding that Joaquin had taken significant steps to reform his behavior while in prison and that the