

## OPINION SUMMARY

### MISSOURI COURT OF APPEALS EASTERN DISTRICT

IN THE INTEREST OF G.F., S.F., C.F., ) No. ED90104  
C.F. & I.F. )  
) Appeal from the St. Louis County  
) Circuit Court  
)  
) Filed: January 13, 2009

In this proceeding for an order of child protection, we decide two novel issues relative to exemptions sought by a petitioner under Section 455.504.2 of the Child Protection Orders Act. We determine whether the statute exempts a petitioner, first, from payment of the appellate court docket fee, and secondly, from payment of guardian ad litem fees.

JUDGMENT REVERSED; CAUSE REMANDED

DIVISION TWO HOLDS: The appellate court docket fee is a “filing fee” and the guardian ad litem fees are “court costs,” as those terms are used in Section 455.504.2. Therefore, a petitioner is exempt from paying these expenses.

Opinion by: Lawrence E. Mooney, J. Roy L. Richter, P.J., and George W. Draper III, J., concur.

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