



**In the Missouri Court of Appeals  
Eastern District  
NORTHERN DIVISION**

IN THE INTEREST OF  
N.J.S. and A.D.S.

) No. ED90936  
)  
) Appeal from the Circuit Court  
) of Ralls County  
) 07RL-JU00009  
) 07RL-JU00010  
)  
) Honorable David C. Mobley  
)  
) Filed: February 3, 2009

**OPINION SUMMARY**

Mother appeals the judgments terminating her parental rights to N.J.S. and A.D.S.<sup>1</sup> She argues that (1) there was insufficient clear, cogent and convincing evidence that grounds existed for termination; and (2) the trial court abused its discretion in finding that termination was in the children's best interests.

AFFIRMED.

The Northern Division holds:

- (1) Clear, cogent and convincing evidence supports the juvenile court's finding that the children were abused and neglected under section 211.447.4(2) RSMo 2000.
- (2) The juvenile court did not abuse its discretion in finding that termination of Mother's parental rights was in the children's best interests.

Opinion by: Glenn A. Norton, J.     Nannette A. Baker, C.J., and Clifford H. Ahrens, J., concur

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**THIS SUMMARY IS NOT PART OF THE OPINION OF THE COURT. IT HAS BEEN  
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<sup>1</sup> The individual cases for each child were consolidated for this appeal.