



In the Missouri Court of Appeals Eastern District

DIVISION FOUR

IN THE INTEREST OF:) No. ED92423
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J.S.W.) Appeal from the Circuit Court
) of St. Louis County
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) Honorable Michael David Burton
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) FILED: October 27, 2009

C.J.J. ("Mother") appeals the trial court's judgment terminating her parental rights to her minor child J.S.W.

REVERSED AND REMANDED

Division Five Holds:

The trial court erred in terminating Mother's parental rights after a hearing at which Mother did not appear and was not represented by counsel. On remand, the trial court is directed, if necessary, to appoint counsel for Mother pursuant to section 211.462.2 or to obtain from Mother a valid waiver of that right.

Opinion by: Roy L. Richter, J.
Kurt S. Odenwald, J., and George W. Draper III, J., concur

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