

**MISSOURI COURT OF APPEALS
WESTERN DISTRICT**

IN THE MATTER OF: C.A.C. and Z.C.,

**L.C. and J.C.,
RESPONDENTS**

vs.

**R.C. and J.C.,
APPELLANTS**

DOCKET NUMBER WD69923

DATE: MARCH 31, 2009

Appeal from:

Nodaway County Circuit Court
The Honorable Roger M. Prokes, Judge

Appellate Judges:

Division Three: James M. Smart, Jr., P.J., Joseph M. Ellis and James E. Welsh, JJ.

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MISSOURI APPELLATE COURT OPINION SUMMARY

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Before Division Three Judges: James M. Smart, Jr., P.J., and Joseph M. Ellis and James E. Welsh, JJ.

Ron and Jewell Carter appeal from a judgment entered in the Circuit Court of Nodaway County terminating the parental rights of their daughter and granting a petition for adoption of their grandchildren by Linda and Jeff Christiansen, the paternal grandparents.

DISMISSED.

Division Three holds:

- 1) The Carters lacked standing to appeal from the judgment because they were not aggrieved thereby. The Carters were mistaken in their belief that the judgment automatically terminated the court-ordered visitation they had been awarded in a prior paternity action even though the judgment made no mention of those visitation rights.
- 2) Not having standing to appeal, the Carter's appeal must be dismissed.

Opinion by: Joseph M. Ellis, Judge

March 31, 2009

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