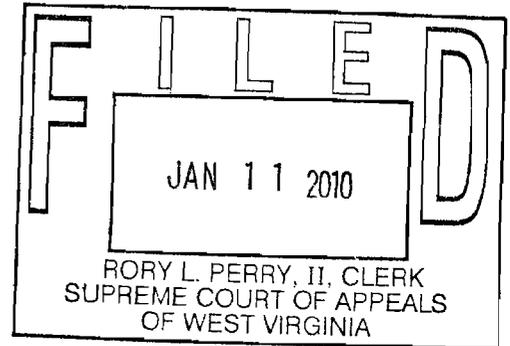


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Re: *In the Interest of* 35450
Kaitlyn C.; Arianna S.; Christopher C.;
Ryan E. C.; and Madysen C.
Juvenile Abuse and Neglect Nos. 08-JA-135-K; 08-JA-136-K;
08-JA-137; 08-JA-138; 08-JA-145-K

Dear Mr. Perry:

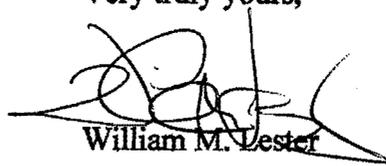
I am the guardian ad litem in the above-referenced case. Pursuant to a telephone call from Vici on December 10, 2009, please find my answers to the following questions regarding the appeal filed by the State of West Virginia on November 18, 2009.

- 1) Do I think the Petition should be refused or granted? Refused
- 2) Where are the children living? Relative placement
- 3) What are the parental rights of both parents? Parental rights have not been terminated. Both parents have supervised visitation with the children.
- 4) If the Petition is denied, what are the parental rights and what is the plan for the children? I do not believe the parental rights should be terminated. The parents should work with the Department of Health and Human Resources during the post-adjudicatory improvement period so they can be reunited with their children.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.

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Very truly yours,



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