SUPREME COURT OF NOVA SCOTIA
(FAMILY DIVISION)
Citation: Nova Scotia (Community Services) v. S.N. , 2011 NSSC 198

Date: 20110414
Docket: SFHCFSA-067232
Registry: Halifax

Between:

Minister of Community Services

Applicant

v.

S.N. & J.S.

Respondents

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Judge:	The Honourable Justice Mona M. Lynch
Heard:	April 11, 12, 13 & 14, 2011 in Halifax, Nova Scotia
Written Decision:	May 25, 2011
Subject:	Child Protection

Summary: Infant child of a young mother was taken into care when he was approximately eight months old. Mother was immature and placing her needs before those of the child. Mother moved to group home and then in with relative with the planned return of the child to the mother. Placement with relative broke down and mother started living with another family. MCS sought permanent care and custody of the child.

Issue: Is being placed in Permanent Care and Custody of the MCS in the best interests of the child?

Result: Mother is immature and needs support. However she recognizes and accepts responsibility for her past mistakes in parenting the child. She has been living in a supportive home for five months and the family is willing to commit to support the mother and child for the long term. Court could not be satisfied that the mother's plan was inadequate to protect the child. Application by MCS for permanent care and custody dismissed.