

SUPREME COURT OF NOVA SCOTIA
(FAMILY DIVISION)

Citation: Nova Scotia (Community Services) v. BF, 2014 NSSC 94

Date: 20140304

Docket: SFSNCFSA-81250 and SFSNMCA - 038261

Registry: Sydney

Between:

Minister of Community Services

Applicant

v.

BF, AH, and DM

Respondents

- and -

Between:

DM

Applicant

v.

BF

Respondent

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Judge: The Honourable Justice Theresa M. Forgeron

Heard: July 25, 26; September 19, 20; October 2, 3, 28, 30, 31; December 16, 2013; January 2, 13, 17, 21, 23, 2014 in Sydney, Nova Scotia

Last Submission: February 13, 2014.

Oral Decision: March 7, 2014

Written Decision: March 18, 2014

Subject: Family Law

Issues: Parenting Plan
Violence and Substance Abuse
Protection Issue

Result: A child protection proceeding evolved into a parenting dispute. The children were placed in the sole custody of the father, with

specified access to the mother. The father's plan of care was superior to the mother's plan. The father had been sober since 2005; the mother since 2012. The father engaged in relapse prevention services. Neither the mother, nor the mother's fiancé did. The mother and her fiancé continuously breached court orders and placed the children at risk. The father was best able to meet the children's physical, medical, social, recreational, and religious needs. A detailed parenting plan was adopted given the unique circumstances facing the children.

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