IN THE COURT OF APPEALS OF TENNESSEE AT NASHVILLE

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July 1, 1998

Cecil W. Crowson

IN THE MATTER OF: S.M.L., (DOB 12/26/88), C.B.L., (DOB 4/14/92), D.K.J., (DOB 5/8/93),

Children under the age of 18.

Appellate Court Clerk Dickson Juvenile No. 07-93-017-CC

Appeal No. 01A01-9710-JV-00596

OPINION ON PETITION FOR REHEARING

C.L.H. has filed a timely Tenn. R. App. P. 39 petition for rehearing and a Tenn. R. App. P. 14 motion to consider post-judgment facts. She asserts that our original opinion filed on June 12, 1998 misapprehends material facts with regard to her more recent self-improvement efforts, and she offers new evidence regarding her educational attainments and the stability of her living environment.

We have carefully considered this proffered evidence just as we carefully considered the evidence in the record before us when we first decided this appeal. We neither discount nor hold for naught C.L.H.'s efforts to stop the tailspin that her life has been in. However, we must counterbalance her efforts with the hard reality that the three children involved in this proceeding were removed from her custody in July 1993. Between that time and the April 1997 juvenile court hearing, she completely failed to demonstrate that she would be able to provide her children with a safe and nurturing home environment. The Department of Children's Services presented clear and convincing evidence at the April 1997 hearing warranting the termination of C.L.H.'s parental rights in accordance with Tenn. Code Ann. § 36-1-113(g)(3)(A) (Supp. 1997).

Accordingly, we grant C.L.H.'s motion to consider post-judgment facts and deny her petition for rehearing. We tax the costs of the petition for rehearing to the Department of Children's Services.

HENRY F. TODD, PRESIDING JUDGE MIDDLE SECTION

BEN H. CANTRELL, JUDGE

WILLIAM C. KOCH, JR., JUDGE