

# Supreme Court of Texas

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No. 24-0881

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In the Interest of K.N., K.L., K.L., and K.L., Children

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On Petition for Review from the  
Court of Appeals for the Seventh District of Texas

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## JUDGMENT

THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS, having heard this cause on petition for review from the Court of Appeals for the Seventh District, and having considered the appellate record, briefs, and argument of counsel, concludes that the court of appeals' judgment should be affirmed in part and reversed in part.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, in accordance with the Court's opinion, that:

- 1) The portion of the court of appeals' judgment affirming the termination of Petitioner Cama Niccum's parental rights is affirmed;
- 2) The portion of the court of appeals' judgment affirming the termination of Petitioner Robby Lerille's parental rights is reversed;
- 3) The portion of the court of appeals' judgment affirming the appointment of the Department of Family and Protective Services as managing conservator of K.L, K.L., and K.L. is vacated;
- 4) The case is remanded to the court of appeals for further proceedings consistent with the opinion of the Court; and
- 5) Each party shall bear their own costs incurred in this Court.

Copies of this judgment and the Court's opinion are certified to the Court of Appeals for the Seventh District and to the 223rd District Court of Gray County, Texas, for observance.

Opinion of the Court delivered by Justice Hawkins, joined by Chief Justice Blacklock, Justice Devine, Justice Busby, Justice Young, and Justice Sullivan in full, and joined by Justice Lehrmann, Justice Bland, and Justice Huddle except as to Part V.

Chief Justice Blacklock filed a concurring opinion.

Justice Bland filed an opinion dissenting in part, joined by Justice Lehrmann and Justice Huddle.

June 5, 2026

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