

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

DA 25-0120

IN RE THE ADOPTION OF A.K.M.,

Minor Child,

B.J.R. and T.E.R.,

Petitioners and Appellees,

and

O R D E R

M.M.M.

Respondent,

and A.F.M.,

Respondent and Appellant.

This Court reviews briefs to ensure compliance with Rules 11 and 12 of the Montana Rules of Appellate Procedure. After reviewing the Appellee's response brief filed electronically on July 20, 2025, this Court has determined that the brief does not comply with the below-referenced Rules and must be resubmitted.

M. R. App. P. 10(6) requires that parties filing documents with the Clerk of the Supreme Court shall use initials when referencing the names of parties in any proceeding under Title 42, MCA (Adoption). The names of the parties appear throughout the brief. Father's name also appears in the brief.

M. R. App. P. 11(2) requires a typeface of 14 points or more. Appellee's footnotes do not comply with this rule.

Therefore,

IT IS ORDERED that the referenced brief is rejected.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that within ten (10) days of the date of this Order the Appellee shall electronically file with the Clerk of this Court a revised brief containing

the revisions necessary to comply with the specified Rules and that the Appellee shall serve copies of the revised brief on all parties of record;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that no changes, additions, or deletions other than those specified in this Order may be made to the brief as originally filed; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the times for any subsequent briefing contained in M. R. App. P. 13 shall run from the date of filing of the revised brief.

The Clerk is directed to provide a true copy of this Order to the Appellee and to all parties of record.

Electronically signed by:
Cory Swanson
Chief Justice, Montana Supreme Court
July 21 2025