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RE: Case Number: 24-0881
Court of Appeals Number: 07-24-00146-CV
Trial Court Number: 40,562

Style: IN THE INTEREST OF K.N., K.L., K.L., AND K.L., CHILDREN

Dear Counsel:

The Court orders the parties to file supplemental briefing on the following question:

What is the relationship between Section 37 of Article I of the Texas Constitution and the existing statutory framework for termination of parental rights under Texas Family Code Chapter 161, including the clear-and-convincing standard referenced in Family Code Section 161.001(b)?

The supplemental briefs, which shall be no longer than 4,000 words, are due no later than **4:00 p.m. on Monday, January 5, 2026.**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Blake A. Hawthorne".

Blake A. Hawthorne, Clerk

by Claudia Jenks, Chief Deputy Clerk

cc: Chris Branson (DELIVERED VIA E-MAIL)
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