

Supreme Court of the State of New York
Appellate Division: Second Judicial Department

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STEVEN W. FISHER, J.P.
JOSEPH COVELLO
WILLIAM E. McCARTHY
JOHN M. LEVENTHAL, JJ.

2008-08207

ORDER ON CERTIFICATION
Assignment of

Counsel In the Matter of Ashanti R. (Anonymous).
Westchester County Department of Social
Services, respondent; Felicia R. (Anonymous),
appellant.
(Proceeding No. 1)

In the Matter of Ajee R. (Anonymous).
Westchester County Department of Social
Services, respondent; Felicia R. (Anonymous),
appellant.
(Proceeding No. 2)

In the Matter of Tyjiri R. (Anonymous).
Westchester County Department of Social
Services, respondent; Felicia R. (Anonymous),
appellant.
(Proceeding No. 3)

In the Matter of Sarai R. (Anonymous).
Westchester County Department of Social
Services, respondent; Felicia R. (Anonymous),
appellant.
(Proceeding No. 4)

(Docket Nos. N-12991-06, N-12992-06,
N-12993-06, N-12994-06)

Appeal by Felicia R. from an order of the Family Court, Westchester County, dated June 16, 2008. Pursuant to Family Court Act §§ 1118 and 1120, and upon the certification of Richard S. Birnbaum, Esq., dated September 22, 2008, it is

ORDERED that the appellant is granted leave to proceed as a poor person on the appeal, and the following named attorney is assigned as counsel to prosecute the appeal:

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and it is further,

ORDERED that assigned counsel shall promptly attempt to contact the appellant at the address provided by the court, and on or before October 31, 2008, shall notify the Case Manager assigned to the appeal, in writing, that she has done so and that either

(1) the appellant is interested in prosecuting the appeal, or

(2) the appellant is not interested in prosecuting the appeal, or that she has been unable to contact the appellant, and wishes to be relieved of the assignment; and it is further,

ORDERED that the appeal will be heard on the original papers (including a certified transcript of the proceedings, if any) and on the briefs of the appellant, the respondent, and the attorney for the child, if any. The parties are directed to file nine copies of their respective briefs and to serve one copy on each other (22 NYCRR 670.9[d][1][ii]; Family Ct Act § 1116); and it is further,

ORDERED that the stenographer(s) and/or the transcription service(s) is/are required promptly to make and certify two transcripts of the proceedings, if any, except for those minutes previously transcribed and certified (22 NYCRR 671.9); in the case of stenographers, both transcripts shall be filed with the clerk of the Family Court, and the clerk of the Family Court shall furnish one of such certified transcripts to the appellant's counsel, without charge; in the case of transcription services, one transcript shall be filed with the clerk of the Family Court and one transcript shall be delivered to the assigned counsel. Assigned counsel is directed to provide copies of said transcripts to all of the other parties to the appeal, including the attorney for the child, if any, when counsel serves the appellant's brief upon those parties; and it is further,

ORDERED that the assigned counsel shall prosecute the appeal expeditiously in accordance with any scheduling order or orders issued pursuant to § 670.4(a) of the rules of this court (22 NYCRR 670.4[a]); and it is further,

ORDERED that upon a determination that the appellant is interested in proceeding with the appeal, the assigned counsel is directed to serve a copy of this order upon the clerk of the court from which the appeal is taken.

FISHER, J.P., COVELLO, McCARTHY and LEVENTHAL, JJ., concur.

ENTER:

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James Edward Pelzer". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

James Edward Pelzer
Clerk of the Court

The Case Manager assigned to this case is Mr. Rose. Please contact him at 718-722-6487 with any questions.