



SUPREME COURT OF GEORGIA
Case No. S17C1391

Atlanta, September 13, 2017

The Honorable Supreme Court met pursuant to adjournment.

The following order was passed.

IN THE INTEREST OF I. L. M. ET AL., CHILDREN

Court of Appeals Case No. A16A2045, A16A1768

The Supreme Court today granted the writ of certiorari in this case. All the Justices concur.

This case will be assigned to the January 2018 oral argument calendar automatically under Supreme Court Rule 50 (2), as amended September 13, 1996. Oral argument is mandatory in granted certiorari cases.

This Court is particularly concerned with the following issue or issues:

1. Does OCGA § 15-11-110 of the new Juvenile Code permit a trial court to continue a dependency hearing on its own motion?
2. Does OCGA § 15-11-110 (b) require a trial court to hold a hearing prior to granting a continuance?
3. Does docket congestion satisfy the “good cause” requirement found in OCGA § 15-11-110 (b), Uniform Juvenile Court Rule 11.3, or both?
4. Is Uniform Juvenile Court Rule 11.3 in conflict with OCGA § 15-11-110?
5. When a court grants a continuance for which factual determinations are required under OCGA § 15-11-110, when must those factual determinations be entered in the court record, and may they be entered nunc pro tunc?
6. What is the proper remedy if a trial court grants a continuance that violates OCGA § 15-11-110, Uniform Juvenile Court Rule 11.3, or both?

Briefs should be submitted only on these points. See Supreme Court Rule 45.

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Clerk's Office, Atlanta

I certify that the above is a true extract from the minutes of the Supreme Court of Georgia.

Witness my signature and the seal of said court hereto affixed the day and year last above written.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Thrice A Barnes". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "T".

, Clerk