

The Supreme Court of Ohio

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In re Adoption of J.A.S. and J.N.S.

Case No. 2009-1980

E N T R Y

This cause is pending before the Court on the certification of a conflict by the Court of Appeals for Lorain County. On review of the order certifying a conflict,

It is determined that a conflict exists. The parties are to brief the issue stated at in the court of appeals' Journal Entry filed October 9, 2009, as follows:

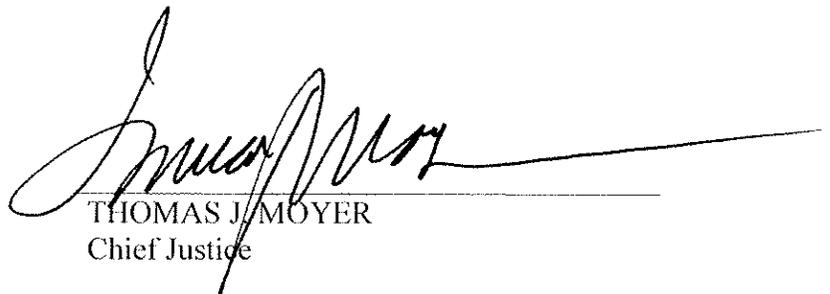
“Does R.C. 5103.16(D) require pre-adoptive placement where the prospective adoptive parents have been awarded legal custody of the child pursuant to a final dispositional order out of the juvenile court, and the child has been living with the prospective adoptive parents since the award of legal custody?”

It is ordered by the Court, sua sponte, that this cause is consolidated with Supreme Court Case No. 2009-1695, *In re Adoption of J.A.S.*

It is further ordered by the Court that the briefing in Case Nos. 2009-1695 and 2009-1980 shall be consolidated. The parties shall file two originals of each of the briefs permitted under S.Ct.Prac.R. VI and include both case numbers on the cover page of the briefs. The parties shall otherwise comply with the requirements of S.Ct.Prac.R. VI.

It is ordered by the Court that the Clerk shall issue an order for the transmittal of the record from the Court of Appeals for Lorain County.

(Lorain County Court of Appeals; Nos. 08CA009518 and 08CA009519)



THOMAS J. MOYER
Chief Justice