IN THE SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA MIDDLE DISTRICT

IN THE INTEREST OF: L.J.B., A MINOR : No. 58 MAL 2018

PETITION OF: A.A.R., NATURAL : Petition for Allowance of Appeal from

MOTHER : the Order of the Superior Court

ORDER

PER CURIAM

AND NOW, this 3rd day of April, 2018, the Petition for Allowance of Appeal is **GRANTED**. The issues, as stated by petitioner, are:

- (1) Does 23 Pa.C.S. § 6303 et seq. allow a mother be found a perpetrator of "child abuse" in the event she is a drug addict while her child is a fetus[?]
- (2) Is the intent of 23 Pa.C.S. § 6386 limited to providing "protective services" to addicted newborns and their families and not so expansive to permit alcoholic or addicted mothers be found to have committed child abuse while carrying a child in her womb[?]

Petitioner's "Motion for Leave to File Reply to Answer to Petition for Allowance of Appeal" is **GRANTED**.