

**STATE OF LOUISIANA  
COURT OF APPEAL, SECOND CIRCUIT  
430 Fannin Street  
Shreveport, LA 71101  
(318) 227-3700**

No. 56,069-JWC

STATE OF LOUISIANA  
IN THE INTEREST OF  
L.W.  
G.W.

FILED: 08/09/24  
RECEIVED: PM 08/08/24

On application of L.W. and G.W. for SUPERVISORY WRIT in No. 2020-J-00145 on the docket of the Monroe City Court, Parish of OUACHITA (MONROE CITY COURT), Judge Aisha S. Clark.

ACADIANA LEGAL SERVICES  
Elizabeth Clement Brown

Counsel for:  
L.W. and G.W.

Allison Moore Cooper

Counsel for:  
State of Louisiana

Keesha Mason Bordelon

Counsel for:  
State of Louisiana DCFS

MANNING LAW FIRM  
Bobby Ray Manning

Counsel for:  
Marcus Williams

VaRhonda Eugenia Burrell

Counsel for:  
Marissa Thomas

Before STONE, COX, and MARCOTTE, JJ.

**WRIT GRANTED AND MADE PEREMPTORY.**

The applicants, G.W. and L.W., seek supervisory review of the trial court's May 14, 2024, ruling granting the Motion *in Limine* filed by M.W., the father of the two minor children, and excluding any reference, testimony, or evidence pertaining to a previous child in need of care case involving M.W. and his sons from a separate relationship. We find that the trial court abused its discretion in excluding the evidence. The excluded evidence is plainly relevant and necessary to support the request for guardianship made by the Department of Children and Family Services and seconded by the applicants. Accordingly, the writ is granted and made peremptory. The trial court's ruling excluding the evidence in question

is reversed and the motion *in limine* is hereby denied. This matter is remanded for further proceedings.

Shreveport, Louisiana, this 20 day of September, 2024.

SDS

JSC

Com

FILED: September 20, 2024

Stacy Jamer

DEPUTY CLERK