

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

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C/prt

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Submitted - September 22, 2008

PETER B. SKELOS, J.P.  
STEVEN W. FISHER  
THOMAS A. DICKERSON  
ARIEL E. BELEN, JJ.

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2007-08632

DECISION & ORDER

In the Matter of Shakima S. (Anonymous).  
Administration for Children's Services,  
petitioner-respondent; Simone M. (Anonymous),  
respondent, Shaun S. (Anonymous), appellant.  
(Proceeding No. 1)

In the Matter of Joseph T. M. (Anonymous).  
Administration for Children's Services,  
petitioner-respondent; Simone M. (Anonymous),  
respondent, Shaun S. (Anonymous), appellant.  
(Proceeding No. 2)

(Docket Nos. N-28101-05, N-28299-06)

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Frank A. Buono, Staten Island, N.Y., for appellant.

Michael A. Cardozo, Corporation Counsel, New York, N.Y. (Edward F. X. Hart and  
Drake A. Colley of counsel), for petitioner-respondent.

Steven Banks, New York, N.Y. (Tamara A. Steckler and Claire V. Merkin of  
counsel), attorney for the children.

In two related child protective proceedings pursuant to Family Court Act article 10,  
Shaun S. appeals from so much of an order of the Family Court, Kings County (Freeman, J.), dated  
September 18, 2007, as relieved his attorney from representing him, based upon his failure to appear  
in the matter for more than six months.

March 24, 2009

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MATTER OF M. (ANONYMOUS), JOSEPH T.

ORDERED that the appeal is dismissed as academic, without costs or disbursements.

This appeal has been rendered academic inasmuch as, subsequent to the court's order relieving counsel, the matter proceeded to a dispositional hearing, an order of disposition was entered, and the father is not appealing from that order of disposition.

SKELOS, J.P., FISHER, DICKERSON and BELEN, JJ., concur.

ENTER:

  
James Edward Pelzer  
Clerk of the Court