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| **Parties:**  Children:  *[Use initials only, C.R.S. § 19-1-109(1)]*  &  Concerning:  *[Use initials only, C.R.S. § 19-1-109(1)]*  Appellee / Respondent: |
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**4. Certificate of Compliance: Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA)**

*(For more information see* [*JDF 1949 – ICWA Checklist*](https://www.courts.state.co.us/Forms/PDF/JDF1949.pdf)*)*

Do you agree with the appellant’s statement regarding ICWA?

No.**\***  Yes.

**\*** If no, please explain:

**5. Issues on Appeal**

Only list the issues you will respond to later in this brief:

1) .

2) .

3) .

*List more or less as needed.*

**6. Statement of the Case**

If dissatisfied with the appellant’s, write your own brief background statement about your case. This can include key facts and procedural history. Include references to the record.

**7. Argument Summary**

Write a brief overview of your arguments for each issue. (One page or less.)

**8. Arguments**

Issue 1: {List the issue}

1. Standard of Review:

Do you agree with the appellant’s proposed standard of review?

No.**\***  Yes.

If no, please explain:

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1. Preservation:

Do you agree this issue was preserved?

No.**\***  Yes.

If no, please explain:

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1. Discussion and Argument:

**Helpful Tips:**

* If you mention a fact, cite to where that fact appears in the record.
* Cite to any law or court cases that support your argument.

{Repeat sub-sections A, B, and C for each additional issue}

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