

Grandparent Rights

Hantman v. Heller, 213 A.D.2d 637 (2nd Dept. 1995): Since petitioner was neither biological grandparent or grandparent by adoption, no statutory right to visitation.

Luma v. Kawalchuk, 240 A.D. 2d 896 (3d Dept. 1987): grandparents failed to establish standing to seek visitation, since no efforts were made to establish a relationship with the children and the parents had legitimate reasons to terminate the relationship.

David M., 207 A.D.2d 623 (3d Dept. 1994): great grandparents have no standing to seek visitation, and no rights pursuant to common law, and accordingly, trial court's award of visitation reversed.

Emanuel S. v. Joseph E., 78 N.Y.2d 178: Visits with grandparents are a precious part of a child's experience and are benefits which devolve upon grandchild from such visitation.