

PAULINE L. (ARMITAGE) THIBEAULT

v.

MICHAEL D. ARMITAGE

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Decided December 2, 2010

Panel: SAUFLEY, C.J., and ALEXANDER, SILVER, MEAD, and GORMAN, JJ.

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Pauline L. (Armitage) Thibeault appeals from a divorce judgment in the District Court (Waterville, *Dow, J.*). Contrary to Thibeault's contentions, the court did not clearly err or abuse its discretion in determining the award of general spousal support, pursuant to 19-A M.R.S. § 951-A(2)(A) (2009). *See Wandishin v. Wandishin*, 2009 ME 73, ¶ 14, 976 A.2d 949, 953-54 (noting standard of review). The court appropriately considered all of the factors it was required to consider, pursuant to 19-A M.R.S. § 951-A(5) (2009). *See Murphy v. Murphy*, 2003 ME 17, ¶ 17, 816 A.2d 814, 819. Furthermore, the court did not abuse its discretion in determining, pursuant to section 951-A(2)(A), that the award would provide Thibeault with a reasonable standard of living after the divorce. *See Catlett v. Catlett*, 2009 ME 49, ¶ 36, 970 A.2d 287, 294. Finally, the court did not abuse its discretion in concluding that Thibeault failed to rebut the statutory presumption that "general support may not be awarded for a term exceeding 1/2 the length of the marriage if the parties were married for at least 10 years but not more than 20 years as of the date of the filing of the action for divorce." 19-A M.R.S. § 951-A(2)(A)(1); *see Carter v. Carter*, 2006 ME 68, ¶ 19, 900 A.2d 200, 204.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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