

LUCAS A. CRAIG

v.

TIFFANY D.M. (NAVIDAD) BUTLER

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Decided December 9, 2010

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

#### MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Lucas A. Craig appeals from a judgment of the District Court (Ellsworth, *Romei, J.*) modifying a divorce judgment to place primary residence of the parties' child with the mother, Tiffany D.M. (Navidad) Butler. Contrary to Craig's contentions, the court did not clearly err or abuse its discretion in finding a substantial change in circumstances warranting a modification of the divorce judgment and did not impermissibly rely on events that occurred prior to the entry of the original judgment. *See* 19-A M.R.S. § 1657(1) (2009) ("An order for parental rights and responsibilities may be modified or terminated as circumstances require."); *Smith v. Padolko*, 2008 ME 56, ¶ 11, 955 A.2d 740, 744 ("[O]nly a substantial change in circumstances since the entry of the most recent decree can justify the modification of the decree . . . ." (quotation marks omitted)); *Cloutier v. Lear*, 1997 ME 35, ¶ 4, 691 A.2d 660, 662 (noting standard of review).

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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