

JEFFREY M. BROWN

v.

MICHELLE M. BROWN

Submitted on Briefs February 24, 2011

Decided March 1, 2011

Panel: ALEXANDER, LEVY, SILVER, MEAD, GORMAN, and JABAR, JJ.

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Michelle M. Brown appeals from a divorce judgment entered in the District Court (Bangor, *Dobson, J.*). Contrary to Michelle's contentions, the court did not abuse its discretion in considering her contributions to the business and the home, *see* 19-A M.R.S. § 953(1) (2010), or in determining an appropriate structured payment for Jeffrey M. Brown to compensate Michelle. *See Skibinski v. Skibinski*, 2009 ME 13, ¶ 6, 964 A.2d 641, 643 (stating standard of review); *Doucette v. Washburn*, 2001 ME 38, ¶ 24, 766 A.2d 578, 586 (stating that a just distribution must consider the circumstances of all the parties, but need not be equal). The court appropriately considered Jeffrey's available assets and the parties' circumstances in calculating the structured payment, including the need to not unduly burden Jeffrey or the business. *See Robinson v. Robinson*, 2000 ME 101, ¶ 15, 751 A.2d 457, 461.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

Attorney for Michelle M. Brown:

F. David Walker, IV, Esq.
Rudman & Winchell
P.O. Box 1401
84 Harlow St.
Bangor, Maine 04402-1401

Attorneys for Jeffrey M. Brown:

William B. Devoe, Esq.
Ryan P. Dumais, Esq.
Eaton, Peabody
P.O. Box 1210
80 Exchange St.
Bangor, Maine 04402-1210

Bangor District Court docket number - FM-2009-88
FOR CLERK REFERENCE ONLY