

CYNTHIA B. CHICK

v.

WESLEY J. DOIRON

Submitted on Briefs January 27, 2011

Decided February 1, 2011

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

#### MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Wesley J. Doiron appeals from a divorce judgment entered in the District Court (Augusta, *Mullen, J.*) on Cynthia B. Chick's complaint for divorce. Although Cynthia filed a notice of appeal in this matter, we conclude that she has abandoned the issues raised in her notice because she has failed to argue or develop those issues in her brief. *See North Star Capital Acquisition, LLC v. Victor*, 2009 ME 129, ¶ 1 n.1, 984 A.2d 1278, 1279; *Holland v. Sebunya*, 2000 ME 160, ¶ 9 n.6, 759 A.2d 205, 209 ("The failure to mention an issue in the brief or at argument is construed as either an abandonment or a failure to preserve that issue.").

Contrary to Wesley's contentions, the court did not abuse its discretion in dividing the marital property or in allocating the marital debts. *See* 19-A M.R.S. § 953(1) (2010); *Catlett v. Catlett*, 2009 ME 49, ¶¶ 34-35, 970 A.2d 287, 293-94; *Harmon v. Harmon*, 2009 ME 2, ¶ 9, 962 A.2d 959, 962 ("We review the trial court's distribution of marital property and debts for an abuse of discretion."). In addition, the court did not abuse its discretion or otherwise err in awarding transitional spousal support to Cynthia. *See* 19-A M.R.S. § 951-A(5) (2010); *Murphy v. Murphy*, 2003 ME 17, ¶¶ 12-17, 816 A.2d 814, 818-19. The court's factual findings underlying its award of transitional spousal support are supported

by competent evidence in the record. *See Manning v. Manning*, 2008 ME 143, ¶ 3, 956 A.2d 102, 103.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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