

HEATHER J. MacDONALD

v.

WILLIAM F. THOMPSON

Submitted on Briefs April 25, 2013  
Decided April 30, 2013

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

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

William F. Thompson appeals from a default judgment of the District Court (Portland, *Powers, J.*), finding that he and Heather J. MacDonald are the parents of their two children and determining their parental rights and responsibilities pursuant to 19-A M.R.S. § 1654 (2012).<sup>1</sup> Contrary to Thompson's contentions, the court did not violate his constitutional rights or otherwise abuse its discretion in denying his motion to continue the parental rights hearing. *See In re A.M.*, 2012 ME 118, ¶¶ 14-16, 55 A.3d 463; *see also* M.R. Civ. P. 40(c). Nor did the court abuse its discretion in entering a default judgment, where Thompson agreed that he was the children's father throughout the proceedings leading up to the parental rights and responsibilities hearing, he failed to timely and adequately dispute his paternity, there was competent record evidence that he is the father, and paternity testing would have caused undue delay. *See* 19-A M.R.S. § 1558 (2012); *Richter v. Ercolini*, 2010 ME 38, ¶¶ 15, 18, 994 A.2d 404.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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<sup>1</sup> The court also found Thompson in contempt of an interim parental rights and responsibilities order. However, Thompson does not challenge this portion of the judgment on appeal, and we therefore do not address it.

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