

PAMELA BRIDGHAM

v.

CATHERINE M. COBB et al.

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Decided July 2, 2013

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

#### MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Pamela Bridgham appeals from a judgment of the Superior Court (Kennebec County, *Murphy, J.*) granting summary judgment in favor of Catherine Cobb, Tammy Steuber, and Attorney General William Schneider and denying several motions requested by Bridgham. The court did not err by granting summary judgment because Bridgham did not present prima facie evidence of fraud or defamation. *Flaherty v. Muther*, 2011 ME 32, ¶ 45, 17 A.3d 640 (providing the elements necessary to prove a fraud claim); *Morgan v. Kooistra*, 2008 ME 26, ¶ 26, 941 A.2d 447 (providing the elements necessary to prove a defamation claim). Additionally, the court did not abuse its discretion by denying Bridgham's motions to amend and compel discovery as untimely, *State v. Dolloff*, 2012 ME 130, ¶ 24, 58 A.3d 1032 (reviewing a discovery dispute for abuse of discretion), *America v. Sunspray Condo. Ass'n*, 2013 ME 19, ¶ 7, 61 A.3d 1249 (reviewing a motion to amend for abuse of discretion); and her motion to recuse as unsupported, *Charette v. Charette*, 2013 ME 4, ¶¶ 21, 23, 60 A.3d 1264 (reviewing a motion to recuse for abuse of discretion and discussing when a judge must recuse).

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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