

BRUCE PLANTE et al.

v.

RONALD P. LONG

Argued November 5, 2015  
Decided November 10, 2015

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

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Ronald P. Long appeals from a judgment of the Superior Court (York County, *Fritzsche, J.*) denying his special motion to dismiss pursuant to Maine’s “anti-SLAPP” (strategic lawsuit against public participation) statute, 14 M.R.S. § 556 (2014). Contrary to Long’s contention, the court acted within its “broad discretion” when it denied the motion because it was filed after the 60-day period outlined in the statute and there were “no sufficient reasons to extend the 60-day period.” *See Bradbury v. City of Eastport*, 2013 ME 72, ¶ 14, 72 A.3d 512.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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