

SANDRA L. MACMASTER

v.

IAN MACMASTER

Submitted on Briefs October 13, 2016  
Decided November 8, 2016

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

#### MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Sandra MacMaster appeals from a judgment of the District Court (Portland, *Montgomery, J.*) granting Ian MacMaster's motion to modify his child support obligations with respect to Ian and Sandra's two minor children. Sandra argues on appeal that the court abused its discretion in decreasing Ian's support obligation given the limited evidence on the record pertaining to his earning capacity in his new profession.

Contrary to Sandra's assertions, however, the court acted within its discretion when it referred to the Maine Department of Labor statistics to calculate Ian's imputed income and subsequently modify his child support obligation. *See* 19-A M.R.S. § 2004(1)(D), (E) (2015); *Bard v. Lord*, 2010 ME 48, ¶ 8, 997 A.2d 101 (concluding that the court did not err or abuse its discretion in relying on State of Maine Department of Labor statistics to impute income to a party, "[g]iven the explicit statutory authority and a source whose accuracy cannot reasonably be questioned.").

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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Ian MacMaster did not file a brief