

DARCEY J. (STEVENSON) RIPLEY

v.

TODD C. STEVENSON

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Decided March 3, 2016

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

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Todd C. Stevenson appeals from a post-judgment order entered by the District Court (West Bath, *Raimondi, J.*) granting Darcey J. (Stevenson) Ripley's motion to modify the primary residence of the parties' minor children. Contrary to Stevenson's contentions, the record supports the court's factual findings regarding the historical facts of change and the relationships that affect the children's best interests. *See Aranovitch v. Versel*, 2015 ME 146, ¶ 13, 127 A.3d 542. The court's findings also demonstrate that it evaluated the evidence with the best interest factors in mind, and that it did not give dispositive weight to the children's preferences. *See Bulkley v. Bulkley*, 2013 ME 101, ¶ 18, 82 A.3d 116. Finally, the court did not abuse its discretion in determining that the increased stability of Ripley's circumstances and the children's expressed preference to live primarily with Ripley constituted a substantial change of circumstances, and it did not abuse its discretion by granting Ripley's motion. *See Aranovitch*, 2015 ME 146, ¶ 13, 127 A.3d 542.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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Ripley

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