

JAN McLAUGHLIN

v.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Submitted on Briefs April 21, 2016  
Decided May 10, 2016

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

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Jan McLaughlin appeals from a judgment of the Superior Court (Kennebec County, *Mullen J.*), affirming a decision of the Division of Administrative Hearings (*Pickering, HO*), following his appeal of a 2014 Internal Revenue Service tax refund offset resulting from child support arrearages. The size of the arrearage had been determined through a January 13, 2014, order from a North Carolina District Court that McLaughlin never appealed. Contrary to McLaughlin's contention, the North Carolina judgment was final and entitled to full faith and credit, *see Kwasnik v. Dep't of Health & Human Servs.*, 2006 ME 27, ¶ 1, 893 A.2d 610 (per curiam), and the Division did not err as a matter of law when it relied on the amount of arrears found by the North Carolina District Court. *Macomber v. MacQuinn-Tweedie*, 2003 ME 121, ¶¶ 22-23, 834 A.2d 131.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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