

COREEN E. DORR

v.

GUY F. HEWS

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Decided March 2, 2017

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

#### MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Coreen E. Dorr appeals from a judgment of the District Court (Belfast, *Worth, J.*) denying her motion to modify the terms of a divorce judgment, specifically relating to the primary residence of her minor son. *See* 19-A M.R.S. § 1657 (2016). The child's current primary residence is with his father, Guy F. Hews.

The trial court thoughtfully and thoroughly considered Dorr's claims, but ultimately found them to be unpersuasive. Competent record evidence supports the court's findings that Hews had acted appropriately in caring for the child; that the child was not neglected or in danger, but rather that he improved in school; that the child was settled, well-cared for at home, and was doing well; and that primary residence with Hews was in the child's best interest. *See Blanchard v. Blanchard*, 2016 ME 140, ¶ 18, 148 A.3d 277; *Wechsler v. Simpson*, 2016 ME 21, ¶ 17, 131 A.3d 909; *Dickens v. Boddy*, 2015 ME 81, ¶ 12, 119 A.3d 722; *Rowland v. Kingman*, 1997 ME 80, ¶ 7, 692 A.2d 939. In light of this evidence, and contrary to Dorr's arguments, the court was not compelled to conclude that a modification of the child's primary residence was in the child's best interest. *See id.*; 19-A M.R.S. § 1653(3)

(2016). Furthermore, the trial court did not err in denying Dorr's motions for summary judgment and for sanctions. *See* M.R. Civ. P. 56; *Baker's Table, Inc. v. City of Portland*, 2000 ME 7, ¶ 16 & n.9, 743 A.2d 237. We accordingly affirm the judgment.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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