

KEITH McKENNA

v.

ASHLEY M. GAGNON-CROTEAU

Submitted on Briefs April 25, 2018
Decided May 3, 2018

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

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Keith McKenna appeals from a judgment of the District Court (Biddeford, *Janelle, J.*) modifying the parties' parental rights and responsibilities as established in a previous order concerning their minor daughter.¹ Contrary to McKenna's contention, the court did not abuse its discretion in allowing Ashley M. Gagnon-Croteau's therapist to testify as an expert concerning her treatment. M.R. Evid. 702; *see Adoption of Paisley*, 2018 ME 19, ¶ 33, 178 A.3d 1228; *State v. Cookson*, 2003 ME 136, ¶ 22, 837 A.2d 101. Furthermore, the court did not clearly err in finding that Gagnon-Croteau's ongoing treatment constituted a substantial change in circumstances since the previous parental rights and responsibilities judgment, nor did it abuse its discretion in determining that it was in the child's best interest to allow Gagnon-Croteau additional, unsupervised visitation with the child. *See* 19-A M.R.S. § 1653(3) (2017); *Aranovitch v. Versel*, 2015 ME 146,

¹ Given the similar nature of the motions filed and the substantial number of hearings and conferences held in this matter, it is not clear why a single judge was not assigned responsibility for this case.

¶¶ 12-13, 19, 127 A.3d 542; *Karamanoglu v. Gurlaouen*, 2016 ME 86, ¶ 19, 140 A.3d 1249.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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Ashley M. Gagnon-Croteau did not file a brief

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