

CHIOMA IBENEME

v.

BOB IBENEME

Submitted on Briefs October 10, 2018  
Decided October 18, 2018

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

#### MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Bob Ibeneme appeals from a divorce judgment of the District Court (Augusta, *Nale, J.*) granting a divorce between him and Chioma Ibeneme. Contrary to Bob's contentions, the court did not abuse its discretion in its equitable division of the marital estate. *See Doucette v. Washburn*, 2001 ME 38, ¶ 23, 766 A.2d 578 ("We review the disposition of marital property for an abuse of discretion. . . . In dividing marital property, the court must 'divide the marital property in proportions the court considers just after considering all relevant factors.'") (quoting 19-A M.R.S. § 953(1) (2017)). Nor were the court's findings insufficient to support its division of the marital property. *See Ehret v. Ehret*, 2016 ME 43, ¶ 9, 135 A.3d 101 ("In the absence of a motion for specific factual findings, we ordinarily assume that a trial court found all of the facts necessary to support its judgment.").

In addition, the court did not err in its decision to reject a purported agreement reached during mediation, based on its concerns of displacing the children from the marital home. *See Hamilton v. Hamilton*, 2009 ME 83, ¶ 19, 976 A.2d 924 ("A court hearing a divorce . . . is not bound to accept the terms of any agreement reached in mediation. A court may reject any or all portions of

an agreement that it deems is not in the best interests of the parties or their children, is not in the public interest, or is contrary to law.”). Lastly, the court did not err by imputing an annual income equivalent to minimum wage for Chioma. *See Sullivan v. Tardiff*, 2015 ME 121, ¶ 13, 124 A.3d 652 (“[T]he court was entitled to look at a variety of factors, including [her] ‘qualifications, income history, and earning or income opportunities that are reasonably available to [her].’”) (quoting *Wrenn v. Lewis*, 2003 ME 29, ¶ 18, 818 A.2d 1005).

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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