

HEATHER L. ERSKINE

v.

BENJAMIN W. ERSKINE

Submitted on Briefs January 17, 2019
Decided January 24, 2019

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

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Benjamin W. Erskine appeals from a judgment of the District Court (Farmington, *Woodman, J.*) modifying the parental rights and responsibilities provisions of his and Heather L. Erskine's 2016 divorce judgment. Contrary to Benjamin's contentions, the court committed no error of fact or law and did not abuse its discretion in fashioning the modified judgment, including by ordering use of a calendar application, setting the pickup and drop-off terms for Benjamin's contact with the children, establishing the children's holiday and vacation schedule, introducing requirements relating to the children's participation in extracurricular activities, recalculating child support, and sanctioning Benjamin for a discovery violation.¹ See 19-A M.R.S. §§ 1501(5), 1653(3) (2017); *Mills v. Fleming*, 2017 ME 144, ¶¶ 8-12, 166 A.3d 1012; *Lentz v. Lentz*, 2017 ME 107, ¶¶ 15-16, 163 A.3d 122; *In re Paige L.*, 2017 ME 97,

¹ Benjamin's arguments reflect his continued lack of understanding that he must work cooperatively with Heather to co-parent their two young children for many years to come. See *Austin v. Austin*, 2002 ME 152, ¶ 16, 806 A.2d 642 ("A cornerstone of shared parental rights and responsibilities is the expectation that even though parents do not share a household, they will nonetheless work cooperatively with each other.").

¶¶ 11, 34, 162 A.3d 217; *Pearson v. Ellis-Gross*, 2015 ME 118, ¶¶ 4-5, 123 A.3d 223; *Ziehm v. Ziehm*, 433 A.2d 725, 728 (Me. 1981).

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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