

KRISTI MOULTON

v.

ADAM L. SKINNER et al.

Submitted on Briefs April 24, 2019
Decided May 7, 2019

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

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Kristi Moulton appeals from a judgment entered in the District Court (Belfast, *Davis, J.*) denying her motions to modify and for contempt of a previously modified order governing parental rights and responsibilities, and grandparent visitation, with respect to her child with Adam L. Skinner. Contrary to the mother's contentions, the court did not err in finding that there had been no substantial change in circumstances that would support expanding the mother's parental rights and responsibilities, *see McCarthy v. Goroshin*, 2016 ME 98, ¶ 15, 143 A.3d 138; *Jackson v. MacLeod*, 2014 ME 110, ¶ 21, 100 A.3d 484; *Smith v. Rideout*, 2010 ME 69, ¶ 18, 1 A.3d 441; the evidence did not compel a finding that the father had committed contempt, *see Beckerman v. Pooler*, 2015 ME 80, ¶ 7, 119 A.3d 74; the court did not take the language of its judgment entirely from the grandparents' proposed order but instead included multiple independent factual findings and correctly stated the law on point, making it clear that the court exercised its independent judgment, *see Cashman v. Robertson*, 2019 ME 5, ¶¶ 3-4, 199 A.3d 1169; and the court did not abuse its discretion in precluding a witness from reading aloud at trial a letter she had written, *see M.R. Evid.* 801(c), 802. Nor did the mother identify any evidence of

judicial bias; the fact that the judge ruled against her and did not find her credible does not alone establish bias. *See State v. Bard*, 2018 ME 38, ¶ 42, 181 A.3d 187.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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