

REBECCA WARREN

v.

MICHELLE WARREN

Submitted on Briefs May 30, 2019
Decided June 6, 2019

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

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Rebecca Warren appeals from a judgment entered by the District Court (Springvale, *Cantara, J.*) in favor of her sister, Michelle Warren, on Rebecca's complaint seeking return of personal property—a chihuahua and a car. *See* 14 M.R.S. § 7071 (2018).

The hearing on Rebecca's complaint was not recorded, and Rebecca made no request for findings of fact after the court entered judgment. While this matter has been on appeal, the court issued limited findings pursuant to Maine Rule of Appellate Procedure 5(d), which is the extent of the factual record.

“Without a transcript, we must assume that there was sufficient evidence to support the findings and decisions made by the . . . court.” *Ward v. Ward*, 2008 ME 25, ¶ 5, 940 A.2d 1063; *see also Labonte v. Thurlow*, 2009 ME 68, ¶ 6, 974 A.2d 914 (“[I]n the absence of a request for findings of fact and conclusions of law, there is no basis for disturbing the court's judgment.”). Because Rebecca bore the burden of proof at trial, she must demonstrate that the evidence compelled the court to find facts necessary to support a judgment in her favor.

See Sweet v. Breivogel, 2019 ME 18, ¶ 14, 201 A.3d 1215. The very limited record on appeal does not allow such a conclusion.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

Rebecca Warren, appellant, pro se

Michelle Warren did not file a brief

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