

PAT DOE¹

v.

ERIC G. BJOTVEDT

Submitted on Briefs July 18, 2019
Decided July 25, 2019

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

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Eric G. Bjotvedt appeals from a judgment of the District Court (Biddeford, *Moskowitz, J.*) granting Pat Doe’s motion to extend the duration of a protection from abuse order and from the court’s denial of Bjotvedt’s motion for a new trial. We affirm the judgment and the denial of Bjotvedt’s motion because, contrary to Bjotvedt’s contentions, (1) the court correctly concluded that the parties’ out-of-state judgment finding no “domestic violence” between the parties, as defined by Ariz. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 25-403.03 (LEXIS through emergency legislation adopted by the 54th Legislature (2019), 1st Reg. Sess., effective May 8, 2019), did not preclude the Maine District Court from finding “abuse” pursuant to Maine law, specifically 19-A M.R.S. § 4002(1) (2018), or determining that the Maine protection order should be extended in duration, *see* 19-A M.R.S. § 4007(2) (2018); M.R. Civ. P. 59; *Berry v. MaineStream Fin.*, 2019 ME 27, ¶ 8, 202 A.3d 1195; *Green Tree Servicing, LLC v. Cope*, 2017 ME 68, ¶ 12, 158 A.3d 931; *Gehrke v. Gehrke*, 2015 ME 58, ¶¶ 18, 20, 115 A.3d 1252; and (2) the court’s findings of abuse are supported by competent evidence in

¹ In accordance with the Violence Against Women Act, 18 U.S.C.S. § 2265(d)(3) (LEXIS through Pub. L. No. 116-21), we employ the pseudonym “Pat Doe” for the plaintiff in this matter.

the evidentiary record, *see* 19-A M.R.S. § 4002(1); *Boulette v. Boulette*, 2016 ME 177, ¶ 10, 152 A.3d 156.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed. Doe's request for sanctions denied.

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