

ROBERT J. WILLIAMS

v.

MEGGAN PRATT

Submitted on Briefs November 4, 2020  
Decided December 1, 2020

Panel: MEAD, JABAR, HUMPHREY, HORTON, and CONNORS, JJ.

#### MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Robert J. Williams appeals from a judgment entered by the District Court (Houlton, *Nelson, J.*) modifying an earlier parental rights and responsibilities judgment and granting rights of contact to Meggan Pratt, the mother of the parties' child. Contrary to Williams's arguments on appeal, the court did not err in relying on *Karamanoglu v. Gourlaouen*, 2016 ME 86, ¶ 27, 140 A.3d 1249, for its refusal to delegate decision-making to a therapist about when to resume contact between the child and Pratt. *See Jackson v. MacLeod*, 2014 ME 110, ¶ 23, 100 A.3d 484. Likewise, notwithstanding expert testimony to the contrary that the court was not required to accept, *see Sloan v. Christianson*, 2012 ME 72, ¶ 29, 43 A.3d 978, the court did not abuse its discretion in deciding that contact was in the child's best interest and setting out a three-step contact schedule, *see* 19-A M.R.S. §§ 1653(1)(C), (3), (10), 1657(1)(A) (2020); *Dube v. Dube*, 2016 ME 15, ¶ 5, 131 A.3d 381; *Sheikh v. Haji*, 2011 ME 117, ¶ 12, 32 A.3d 1065.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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Meggan Pratt did not file a brief

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