Reporter of Decisions Decision No. Mem 21-21 Docket No. Cum-20-249

### RYAN ABDUL

v.

# AHMED A. ABBAS

# Submitted on Briefs April 21, 2021 Decided April 29, 2021

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

#### MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Ahmed A. Abbas appeals from a judgment entered by the District Court (Portland, *Kelly, J.*) finding that Abbas had harassed Ryan Abdul and granting Abdul a protection from harassment order, *see* 5 M.R.S. § 4655 (2021). Contrary to Abbas's contention, the court had the authority to determine that a business was Abdul's property for the limited purpose of "bring[ing] about a cessation of [the] harassment." 5 M.R.S. § 4655(1)(B).

Concerning Abbas's challenge to the court's evidentiary rulings, the court did not err in admitting in evidence a contract between the parties, *see Sulikowski v. Sulikowski*, 2019 ME 143, ¶ 14, 216 A.3d 893; *State v. Tieman*, 2019 ME 60, ¶ 12, 207 A.3d 618, and on this record any error in the admission of several text messages was harmless, *see* M.R. Civ. P. 61.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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