

BEATRICE M. WALSH

v.

JOHN J. WALSH

Submitted on Briefs on October 20, 2021

Decided October 28, 2021

Panel: STANFILL, C.J., and MEAD, GORMAN, JABAR, HUMPHREY, HORTON, and
CONNORS, JJ.

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

John J. Walsh appeals from a judgment entered in the District Court (Waterville, *Dow, J.*) denying his motion to vacate a Massachusetts contempt judgment that was registered in Maine pursuant to the Uniform Enforcement of Foreign Judgments Act, 14 M.R.S. §§ 8001-8008 (2021). John challenges the registration and enforcement of the contempt judgment on the ground that it does not comport with Maine law as to the necessary findings for a judgment of contempt. *See* 14 M.R.S. § 3136(5) (2021). Contrary to John’s contentions, we discern no error of law in the court’s denial of John’s motion to vacate because a foreign judgment is open to collateral attack only when “it was obtained by fraud or . . . want of jurisdiction appears on the face of the record.” *Hobbs v. Hurley*, 117 Me. 449, 453, 104 A. 815, 817 (1918); *see also Temple v. DiPietro*, 2015 ME 166, ¶¶ 15, 25 n.7, 130 A.3d 368; *Durfee v. Duke*, 375 U.S. 106, 111 (1963); *Roche v. McDonald*, 275 U.S. 449, 451-52 (1928); *Fauntleroy v. Lum*, 210 U.S. 230, 237 (1908); *Christmas v. Russell*, 72 U.S. 290, 305 (1866).

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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