

STATE OF MAINE et al.

v.

AMY L. FAIRFIELD et al.

Submitted on Briefs December 28, 2022

Decided January 5, 2023

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

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Amy L. Fairfield and Fairfield & Associates, P.A. (collectively, Fairfield), appeal from an order of the Superior Court (Kennebec County, *Stokes, J.*) denying their special motion to dismiss a complaint filed by the State of Maine and the Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services, *see* 14 M.R.S. § 556 (2022), asserting claims for conversion, unjust enrichment, and negligent misrepresentation. Contrary to Fairfield’s contentions, Fairfield did not meet their burden of showing that the claims brought against them were based solely on petitioning activity within the meaning of section 556. *See Hearts with Haiti, Inc. v. Kendrick*, 2019 ME 26, ¶ 11, 202 A.3d 1189; *Town of Madawaska v. Cayer*, 2014 ME 121, ¶ 12, 103 A.3d 547.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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