

JUDITH L. LADD

v.

BEECHER P. LADD JR.

Submitted on Briefs January 18, 2001
Decided January 19, 2001

Panel: WATHEN, C.J., and CLIFFORD, RUDMAN, DANA, SAUFLEY,
ALEXANDER, and CALKINS, JJ.

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Beecher P. Ladd Jr. appeals from a judgment entered in the Superior Court (Kennebec County, *Studstrup, J.*) affirming a divorce judgment entered in the District Court (Waterville, *French, J.*). Contrary to Ladd's contentions, it was within the court's discretion to award spousal support payments for an unspecified number of years. *See* 19-A M.R.S.A § 851(9) (1998) (setting forth the requirements for ordering spousal support). Moreover, the court neither made an error of law nor exceeded the bounds of its discretion when it indicated that alimony could be terminated upon a substantial change in circumstances, but declined to provide that alimony would automatically terminate upon cohabitation. *See* 19-A M.R.S.A § 951 (1998), *repealed by* P.L. 1999, ch. 634, § 2 (effective Aug. 11, 2000); *Lyon v. Lyon*, 1999 ME 75, ¶ 6, 728 A.2d 1273, 1275.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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