Reporter of Decisions Decision No. Mem 01-31 Docket No. Ken-00-406

## MARY BETH FERRIS

v.

## ROBERT C. FERRIS

## Submitted on Briefs February 28, 2001 Decided April 3, 2001

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

## MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Robert Ferris appeals from a judgment entered in the Superior Court (Kennebec County, *Studstrup*, *J*) finding that he owes \$18,179.52 in child support arrearages to Mary Beth Ferris. Contrary to Robert's contention, the court did not have the authority to retroactively modify his child support obligations prior to the date he filed his motion to modify, 19-A M.R.S.A. § 2009(2) (1998); *Beck v. Beck*, 1999 ME 110, ¶ 8, 733 A.2d 981, 984, nor did the court have the authority to award him a credit for expenditures made on his child's behalf, *Roberts v. Roberts*, 1997 ME 138, ¶ 8, 697 A.2d 62, 64.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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