

STEPHEN BEAL o/b/o CHRISTOPHER BEAL

v.

COASTAL AUTO PARTS, INC.

Submitted on Briefs November 16, 2004
Decided December 14, 2004

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

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Stephen Beal appeals on behalf of his son, Christopher Beal, from a judgment entered in the Superior Court (Hancock County, *Hjelm, J.*) in favor of Christopher for injuries he sustained in an automobile accident involving a Coastal Auto Parts truck. Beal argues that the trial court improperly substituted its own judgment in the place of expert witnesses when it determined that Christopher did not suffer a head injury in the accident, and therefore was not entitled to additional damages. Because the evidence did not compel a contrary finding, *see Westleigh v. Conger*, 2000 ME 134, ¶ 12, 755 A.2d 518, 520, and because the trial court gave

“specific, thoughtful reasons” for its determination, *see In re Heather G.*, 2002 ME 151, ¶ 9, 805 A.2d 249, 251, we affirm.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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