

JOEY BOUDREAUX

v.

SANDRA HILL YOUNG

Submitted on Briefs March 11, 2004
Decided April 8, 2004

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

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Joey Boudreaux appeals from an order of the District Court (Lewiston, *Beliveau, J.*) denying his motion to modify a Louisiana parental rights and responsibilities order. Contrary to Boudreaux's contentions, the court did not err in according full faith and credit to the Louisiana Court of Appeal's opinion, which affirmed the Louisiana District Court's jurisdiction to render its 2001 judgment, *Underwriters Nat'l Assurance Co. v. N.C. Life & Accid. & Health Ins. Guar. Ass'n*, 455 U.S. 691, 706 (1982) (stating that, if a question of jurisdiction has been "fully and fairly litigated and finally decided in the court which rendered the

original judgment,” that judgment is entitled to full faith and credit, even as to its determination of jurisdiction) (quoting *Durfee v. Duke*, 375 U.S. 106, 111 (1963)). Nor did the court err in concluding that no substantial change in circumstances had occurred to justify modifying the Louisiana judgment, 19-A M.R.S.A. §§ 1657, 1747 (1998 & Supp. 2003); *Kinter v. Nichols*, 1999 ME 11, ¶ 4, 722 A.2d 1274, 1276 (stating that the change in circumstances must be “sufficiently substantial in its effect on the best interest of the [child] as to justify a modification of the custody arrangement”) (quoting *Villa v. Smith*, 534 A.2d 1310, 1312 (Me. 1987)).

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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