

MELISSA A. WOOD

v.

JEFFREY A. SCHUHERT

Submitted on Briefs June 1, 2004

Decided July 21, 2004

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

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Melissa A. Wood appeals from a judgment of the District Court (Portland, *Powers, J.*), allocating parental rights and responsibilities with respect to the parties' minor child. The child's father, Jeffrey A. Schuhert, lives in Florida. Melissa lives in Maine with the child. Melissa contends that the trial court acted in excess of its discretion when it determined that Jeffrey should have several week-long visits with the child in Florida throughout the year. The record supports the trial court's finding that extended visits with the father would be in the child's best interest so that the parent-child relationship can be maintained. The trial court did not act beyond its discretion when it provided that Jeffrey should have extended

contact with the child in Florida. *See Knight v. Knight*, 680 A.2d 1035, 1037 (Me. 1996).

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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Defendant did not file a brief.