CHRISTOPHER VINCENTY et al.

V.

MITCHELL CARTER et al.

Submitted on Briefs June 24, 2004 Decided July 23, 2004

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

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Mitchell Carter and Pati Lee Vitt appeal from a summary judgment, a denial of a motion for relief from judgment, and a final judgment of the Superior Court (Hancock County, *Mead*, *J*.) adopting an arbitrator's award to Carter and Vitt regarding a partnership dispute with Christopher Vincenty and Lisa Ann Burton. Contrary to Carter and Vitt's contentions, the court did not err in entering a summary judgment on the question of termination of the partnership nor did the court err in entering a final judgment based on the arbitrator's award. *Am. Prot. Ins. Co. v. Acadia Ins. Co.*, 2003 ME 6, ¶ 11, 814 A.2d 989, 993 (stating that extrinsic evidence may be considered only if the contract was ambiguous); *Merrick*

v. Northwestern Mut. Life Ins. Co., 2004 ME 66, ¶ 7, --- A.2d ---, --- (stating that, to be ambiguous, a contract must be "reasonably susceptible of different interpretations") (quoting Cambridge Mut. Fire Ins. Co. v. Vallee, 687 A.2d 956, 957 (Me. 1996)). Finally, the court did not exceed the bounds of its discretion in denying Carter and Vitt's motion for relief from judgment. Estate of McCormick, 2001 ME 24, ¶ 35, 765 A.2d 552, 564 (stating that on a Rule 60(b) motion, the moving party "bears the 'burden of proving that the judgment should be set aside'") (quoting Keybank Nat'l Ass'n v. Sargent, 2000 ME 153, ¶ 13, 758 A.2d 528, 533).

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

Attorneys for plaintiffs:

Peter R. Roy, Esq. Robert W. Laffin Jr., Esq. Roy, Beardsley, Williams & Grainger, LLC P O Box 723 Ellsworth, ME 04605

Attorney for defendants:

James P. Modisette, Esq. 20 Oak Street Ellsworth, ME 04605