

ESTATE OF WARREN W. STEARNS

Submitted on Briefs April 20, 2005  
Decided May 13, 2005

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

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Gordon R. Rawson, the personal representative of the Estate of Warren W. Stearns, appeals from a judgment entered in the Androscoggin County Probate Court (*Couturier, J.*) partially disallowing his claim for compensation for services to the estate and disallowing his claim for compensation for services to Stearns. Contrary to Rawson's contentions, the court did not abuse its discretion in denying his request for additional findings, *see Westleigh v. Conger*, 2000 ME 134, ¶ 11, 755 A.2d 518, 520, or in declining to settle and approve the statement of the evidence, *see Estate of Everett*, 460 A.2d 1026, 1029 (Me. 1983); M.R. App. P. 5(d).

The record supports the court's findings that: (1) no contract for payment, express or implied, existed between Rawson and Stearns regarding Rawson's services prior to Stearns's death, *see Paffhausen v. Balano*, 1998 ME 47, ¶ 10, 708 A.2d 269, 272; (2) Rawson's claim for compensation for services prior to Stearns's death was time-barred, 18-A M.R.S.A. § 3-803(a) (1998); and (3) \$14,000 was reasonable compensation for Rawson's services to the estate, *see* 18-A M.R.S.A. § 3-719 (1998); *Estate of Tessier*, 468 A.2d 590, 596-97 (Me. 1983).

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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