

PORTFOLIO RECOVERY ASSOCIATES, LLC

v.

TINA L. HUTCHINSON

Submitted on Briefs October 20, 2006

Decided October 31, 2006

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

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Tina L. Hutchinson appeals from summary judgment in the amount of \$2337.28 for Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC, entered in the District Court (Springvale, *Foster, J.*). Hutchinson's lack of representation by counsel does not present sufficient grounds for an appeal, because self-represented parties are held to the same standards as parties represented by counsel. *See Uotinen v. Hall*, 636 A.2d 991, 992 (Me. 1994). Hutchinson also seeks to present new evidence on appeal, which we will not consider if "not presented to the trial court and included in the trial court record." *Beane v. Maine Ins. Guar. Ass'n*, 2005 ME 104, ¶ 9, 880

A.2d 284, 286. Viewing the evidence in the light most favorable to Hutchinson, Portfolio Recovery's statement of material facts and referenced record evidence, unopposed by Hutchinson, support the entry of summary judgment. M.R. Civ. P. 56(h)(4). *See River Dale Ass'n v. Bloss*, 2006 ME 86, ¶ 5, 901 A.2d 809, 811.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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