

STEPHANIE (STEELE) NICHOLS

v.

KEVIN L. STEELE JR.

Submitted on Briefs November 16, 2006

Decided December 19, 2006

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

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Kevin L. Steele Jr. appeals from a judgment entered in the District Court (Farmington, *McElwee, J.*) adopting a case management officer's¹ (*Carlson, CMO*) order as amended by further findings of fact, increasing Steele's child support obligations. Contrary to the father's contentions, the court did not err or abuse its discretion by not recognizing certain of Steele's business expenses, claimed on his federal income tax forms, for the purpose of reducing Steele's income as it applies to the calculation of his child support obligations pursuant to 19-A M.R.S.

¹ As of September 17, 2005, case management officers (CMOs) have been redesignated family law magistrates. *See* P.L. 2005, ch. 384 (effective September 17, 2005) (codified at 4 M.R.S. § 183 (2005)). At the time of the hearing at issue, the new statute was not in effect. Thus, this memorandum references the CMO.

§ 2001(5)(C) (2005). *See Tardif v. Cutchin*, 617 A.2d 1032, 1033 (Me. 1992); *see also MacDougall v. Dep't of Human Servs.*, 2001 ME 64, ¶ 16, 769 A.2d 829, 834.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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