### KEVIN J. JOHNSTON

V.

#### MARY A. JOHNSTON

Submitted on Briefs October 2, 2008 Decided October 21, 2008

Panel: SAUFLEY, C.J., and CLIFFORD, ALEXANDER, LEVY, SILVER, MEAD, and GORMAN, JJ.

#### MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Mary A. Johnston appeals from a divorce judgment entered by the District Court (Rockland, *Mulhern, J.*) placing her son in the primary residential care of his father, Kevin J. Johnston, and from the court's denial of her motion for findings of fact and to amend the judgment pursuant to M.R. Civ. P. 52(b) and 59(e). Contrary to Mary's contention, the court made adequate findings in response to her motion for findings of fact that were "sufficient to inform the parties of the reasoning underlying its conclusions and to provide for effective appellate review." *Dargie v. Dargie*, 2001 ME 127, ¶ 2, 778 A.2d 353, 355 (quotation marks omitted). In addition, these findings are sufficient to support the court's determination that primary residence with Kevin is in the best interests of the child, *see* 19-A M.R.S. § 1653(3) (2007); *Grenier v. Grenier*, 2006 ME 99, ¶ 20, 904 A.2d 403, 408, and reflect the independent judgment of the court with regard to the evidence admitted at trial, *see Jarvis v. Jarvis*, 2003 ME 53, ¶¶ 14-15, 832 A.2d 775, 778-79.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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## Kevin J. Johnston did not file a brief.