Reporter of Decisions Decision No. Mem 08-216 Docket No. Han-08-224

LEIGH ANN (STRAUSS) SHEELEY

v.

ERIC STRAUSS

Submitted On Briefs November 4, 2008 Decided November 18, 2008

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

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Eric Strauss appeals from the denial of his motion for further findings of fact and conclusions of law entered in the District Court (Ellsworth, *R. Murray, J.*) following the divorce judgment dissolving the marriage of Eric Strauss and Leigh Ann (Strauss) Sheeley. Contrary to Strauss's contention, the court neither clearly erred nor exceeded its discretion in finding the parties' post-nuptial agreement to be valid and enforceable, and incorporating the agreement into the divorce judgment, nor did the court abuse its discretion in ordering the parties to file joint tax returns for the 2006 and 2007 tax years. *See* 19-A M.R.S. § 953(2)(D) (2007); *Leary v. Leary*, 2007 ME 63, ¶ 9, 926 A.2d 186, 188. Further, the court did not exceed its discretion in denying Strauss's motion for further findings of fact and conclusions of law, *see Roberts v. Roberts*, 2007 ME 109, ¶ 6, 928 A.2d 776, 778, or in denying Strauss's request for attorney fees, *see Payne v. Payne*, 2006 ME 73, ¶ 7, 899 A.2d 793, 795.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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