

LINDA M. PUTNAM

v.

JOEL W. PUTNAM

Submitted on Briefs January 24, 2008

Decided January 31, 2008

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

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Joel W. Putnam appeals from an order for protection from abuse entered in the District Court (Rumford, *McElwee, J.*) upon a finding of abuse with respect to Linda M. Putnam and each of their children. Joel argues: (1) that the court committed reversible error in finding abuse pursuant to 19-A M.R.S.A. § 4002 (Supp. 2006);¹ and (2) that even if abuse was properly found as to any one plaintiff it was error for the court to provide protection automatically for all of the plaintiffs.

Contrary to Joel's contentions, there is competent record evidence to support the District Court's finding of abuse with respect to all of the plaintiffs. *See Smith*

¹ Title 19-A M.R.S.A. § 4002 has since been amended. P.L. 2007, ch. 340, §§ 2-3 (effective Sept. 20, 2007) (codified at 19-A M.R.S. § 4002 (2007)).

v. Hawthorne, 2002 ME 149, ¶¶ 15, 16, 804 A.2d 1133, 1138. Therefore, the District Court properly granted relief, pursuant to 19-A M.R.S.A. § 4007 (Supp. 2006),² to Linda and each of the children.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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² Title 19-A M.R.S.A. § 4007 has since been amended. P.L. 2007, ch. 340, § 5 (effective September 20, 2007) (codified at 19-A M.R.S. § 4007 (2007)).