Reporter of Decisions Decision No. Mem 09-10 Docket No. And-08-438

MARIE R. DEHETRE

V.

THERESE V. HEBERT et al.

Submitted on Briefs January 13, 2009 Decided January 20, 2009

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

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Marie R. Dehetre appeals from the judgment of the Superior Court (Androscoggin County, Wheeler, J.) entered following a jury verdict finding that Dehetre had failed to prove her claim of negligence against Therese V. Hebert and Hudson Bus Lines, Inc. Dehetre contends that she did not get a fair trial because she was not represented by counsel and that the court erred in (1) refusing to allow her deposition to become part of the evidence, and (2) excluding certain pictures. Dehetre also contends that the jury erred in believing the version of events offered by Hebert's witnesses. Review of the record demonstrates that the trial court properly and fairly conducted the proceedings and appropriately accommodated Dehetre's decision to represent herself. Further, the court properly excluded Dehetre's offer of her own deposition as part of the evidence, see M.R. Civ. P. 32, M.R. Evid. 802, and did not err or abuse its discretion in excluding pictures of Dehetre's car positioned at the stop sign in question and of the roadway away from the intersection where the collision occurred. See M.R. Evid. 402, 403. Credibility questions were for the jury, and the record does not compel a result contrary to the findings reached by the jury. See Westleigh v. Conger, 2000 ME 134, ¶ 12, 755 A.2d 518, 520.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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