

LEN POULIN, INC.

v.

MERLE A. FISHER

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Decided October 8, 2009

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

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Len Poulin, Inc. (LP) appeals from a judgment entered in Superior Court (Kennebec County, *Mills, J.*) awarding it \$900 in reasonable attorney fees on LP's complaint against Merle A. Fisher after LP and Fisher agreed to a judgment for LP in the amount of \$2752.88. Contrary to LP's contentions, the court made sufficient findings of fact, which are supported by competent evidence in the record. *See Efstathiou v. The Aspinquid, Inc.*, 2008 ME 145, ¶ 35, 956 A.2d 110, 121. Additionally, it was not an error of law for the court to consider the amount in controversy in calculating a reasonable attorney fee to award pursuant to 10 M.R.S. § 1118(4) (2008), nor was it an abuse of discretion for the court to award \$900 in attorney fees even though the actual fees charged were substantially more than the award. *See State v. Knight*, 2009 ME 32, ¶ 8, 967 A.2d 723, 725 (stating that we review de novo issues of statutory interpretation); *Mancini v. Scott*, 2000 ME 19, ¶ 10, 744 A.2d 1057, 1061 (stating that we review a court's award of attorney fees for an abuse of discretion and accord substantial deference to the award).

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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