

KIMBERLY L. (ST. PETER) DUFFY

v.

RICHARD L. ST. PETER

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Decided May 12, 2009

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

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Richard L. St. Peter appeals from a divorce judgment entered by the District Court (Wiscasset, *Tucker, J.*) ordering Richard to pay Kimberly L. (St. Peter) Duffy spousal support, retroactive child support, and attorney fees, and dividing the parties' marital property and debt. Contrary to Richard's contentions, his ability to pay both the short-term transitional spousal support as well as the reduced general support for an extended period, *see* 19-A M.R.S. § 951-A(2)(A), (B) (2008), is visible from the court's express findings, all of which are supported in the record, *see Jarvis v. Jarvis*, 2003 ME 53, ¶ 18, 832 A.2d 775, 779; *Dargie v. Dargie*, 2001 ME 127, ¶¶ 2-3, 778 A.2d 353, 355, and the overall award was within the court's discretion, *see Efstathiou v. Aspinquid, Inc.*, 2008 ME 145, ¶ 52, 956 A.2d 110, 124; *Carter v. Carter*, 2006 ME 68, ¶ 19, 900 A.2d 200, 204; 19-A M.R.S. § 951-A(5) (2008). In addition, the court did not err in offsetting Kimberly's post-separation debt against the value of the marital assets assigned to her in arriving at an equitable division of the marital property. *See* 19-A M.R.S. § 953(1)(C) (2008). Finally, we discern no error in either the court's award of retroactive child support, *see Foley v. Ziegler*, 2007 ME 127, ¶ 8, 931 A.2d 498, 500; 19-A M.R.S. § 2006(2) (2008), or attorney fees, *see Harmon v. Harmon*, 2009 ME 2, ¶ 11, 962 A.2d 959, 963.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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