

LOUISE M. (PETERSON) ROULEAU

v.

MICHAEL D. PETERSON

Submitted on Briefs February 25, 2010
Decided March 9, 2010

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

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Louise M. (Peterson) Rouleau appeals from a judgment entered in the District Court (Fort Kent, *Daigle, J.*) granting Michael D. Peterson's motion to modify spousal support. Contrary to Rouleau's contentions, (1) the court did not clearly err in finding a substantial change in circumstances based on Rouleau's increased income and her reduced expenses due to her partner's contributions to the household, *see Pettinelli v. Yost*, 2007 ME 121, ¶ 14, 930 A.2d 1074, 1079 ("Spousal support may be modified if there is a substantial change in circumstances affecting the payor's ability to pay spousal support and the payee's need for spousal support." (quotation marks omitted)); and (2) the court did not abuse its discretion by reducing spousal support in light of this change, *see Pettinelli*, 2007 ME 121, ¶ 11, 930 A.2d at 1077-78 (describing abuse of discretion standard).

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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