

ADAM J. COLLINS

v.

RENEE C. MEGQUIER

Submitted on Briefs October 19, 2022
Decided November 1, 2022

Panel: STANFILL, C.J., and MEAD, JABAR, HORTON, CONNORS, and
LAWRENCE, JJ.

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Adam J. Collins and Renee C. Megquier are the parents of a minor child. A parental rights and responsibilities and child support order was entered. Collins filed a motion to modify and Megquier filed a competing motion to modify, as well as a motion to enforce and a motion for contempt. Collins appeals from judgments of the District Court (Newport, *Budd J.*) dismissing his motion to modify parental rights and responsibilities and child support and granting Megquier's motion to modify parental rights and responsibilities and child support, motion to enforce, and motion for contempt.

Contrary to Collins's assertions, the trial court did not err or abuse its discretion in dismissing his motion to modify parental rights and responsibilities or in granting Megquier's identical motion, finding that the child becoming of school age constituted a substantial change in circumstances. *See* 19-A M.R.S. §§ 1653(3), 1657(1) (2022); *Kelley v. McKee*, 2019 ME 155, ¶¶ 7, 9, 218 A.3d 753; *Doe v. Tierney*, 2018 ME 101, ¶¶ 17-18, 189 A.3d 756; M.R. Civ. P. 109. Nor did it err or abuse its discretion in dismissing Collins's motion to modify child support or in granting Megquier's identical motion and

modifying Collins's child support obligation. *See* 19-A M.R.S. § 2009(1), (3) (2022); *Holbrook v. Holbrook*, 2009 ME 80, ¶¶ 18, 22, 976 A.2d 990; M.R. Civ. P. 108(f)(2)(A)(i); M.R. Civ. P. 109. Moreover, the court did not err or abuse its discretion in ordering that Collins pay Megquier past due child support within six months of the date of the order or in imposing a sanction of coercive imprisonment should he again withhold the child from Megquier. *See* 19-A M.R.S. §§ 2603(6), 1653(7), (9) (2022); *McMahon v. McMahon*, 2019 ME 11, ¶¶ 8-9, 200 A.3d 789; *Jackson v. MacLeod*, 2014 ME 110, ¶ 20, 100 A.3d 484; M.R. Civ. P. 66(d)(3)(A). Finally, the court did not abuse its discretion in ordering that Collins pay a portion of Megquier's attorney fees. *See* 19-A M.R.S. § 105(1) (2022); *Miele v. Miele*, 2003 ME 113, ¶¶ 14-18, 832 A.2d 760.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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