

AMANDA E. (OLSON) BARTLETT

v.

ANDREW P. OLSON

Submitted on Briefs October 30, 2024
Decided November 7, 2024

Panel: MEAD, HORTON, CONNORS, and DOUGLAS, JJ.

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Andrew P. Olson appeals from a divorce judgment entered by the District Court (Augusta, *Montgomery, J.*) following an evidentiary hearing. Olson asserts that the court abused its discretion in disposing of the parties' marital real property. See 19-A M.R.S. § 953(1) (2024);¹ *Coppola v. Coppola*, 2007 ME 147, ¶ 9, 938 A.2d 786 (stating that the trial court is afforded "substantial deference" in dividing marital property); *Sears v. Sears*, 2023 ME 45, ¶ 20, 299 A.3d 15.

Contrary to Olson's contention, after carefully reviewing this record, where no party filed a motion for further findings pursuant to M.R. Civ. P. 52 and so we "infer that the trial court made all the findings necessary to support its judgment, if those findings are supported by the record," *Malenko v. Handrahan*, 2009 ME 96, ¶ 37, 979 A.2d 1269, we conclude that the court did not abuse its discretion when it divided the real property "in proportions the court consider[ed] just," 19-A M.R.S. § 953(1). See *Sears*, 2023 ME 45, ¶ 20, 299 A.3d 15 ("A just distribution is not synonymous with an equal distribution;

¹ A subsequent technical amendment has no effect on this appeal. P.L. 2003, ch. 646, § C-3 (emergency, effective April 22, 2024).

the court is required to make the division fair and just considering all the circumstances.”).

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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