

STANLEY SPROUL

v.

PRETI, FLAHERTY, BELIVEAU & PACHIOS, LLC et al.

Submitted on Briefs March 29, 2000
Decided April 20, 2000

Panel: CLIFFORD, RUDMAN, and SAUFLEY, JJ.

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Stanley Sproul, personal representative of the Estate of Richard Jamison, appeals from a judgment in favor of the law firm of Preti, Flaherty, Beliveau & Pachios, and James C. Pitney, entered in the Superior Court (Kennebec County, *Marden, J.*) pursuant to M.R. Civ. P. 50(d), following a nonjury trial involving allegations of legal malpractice. Contrary to the contentions of Sproul, the court did not err in concluding that, in the absence of expert testimony, Sproul failed to prove any breach of a duty of due care on the part of the defendants, and failed to prove any damages to the estate proximately resulting from complex stock redemption agreements entered into by the estate, on the advice of the defendants, in a complicated estate involving stock ownership in financially troubled corporations. *See Jim Mitchell & Jed Davis, P.A. v. Jackson*, 627 A.2d 1014, 1017 (Me. 1993); *Corey v. Norman, Hanson & DeTroy*, 1999 ME 196, ¶ 10, 742 A.2d 933, 938-39 (citing *Steeves v. Bernstein, Shur, Sawyer & Nelson*,

P.C., 1998 ME 210, ¶ 12, 718 A.2d 186, 190.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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