

Paul B. NANNERY

v.

Deborah L. NANNERY

Submitted on briefs December 20, 2000
Decided January 24, 2001

Panel: WATHEN, C.J., and CLIFFORD, RUDMAN, DANA, SAUFLEY,
ALEXANDER, and CALKINS, JJ.

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Deborah L. Nannery appeals from the judgment entered in the Superior Court (York County, *Fritzsche, J.*) denying her appeal from the judgment entered in the District Court (Biddeford, *Brodrick, A.R.J.*) retroactively increasing the amount of child support owed to her by Paul B. Nannery. Under the applicable statutes, a court is permitted, but not required, to modify child support orders retroactively. 19-A M.R.S.A. § 2009(2) (1998). Contrary to Deborah's contention, the District Court did not abuse its discretion by refusing to increase the amount of child support retroactive to the date that she first petitioned for modification in 1992 because of her failure to press her claims until 1996. Furthermore, the District Court did not err by refusing to make additional findings of fact. Its order articulated the reasons underlying its decision with sufficient

specificity to provide for effective appellate review and to inform Deborah of the basis for its decision. *See* M.R. Civ. P. 52(a); *Bayley v. Bayley*, 602 A.2d 1152, 1153-54 (Me. 1992).

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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