

SHANNON M. FORD

v.

STEVEN D. COATES

Submitted on Briefs July 22, 2002  
Decided July 29, 2002

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

#### MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Steven D. Coates appeals from a judgment entered in the District Court (Bangor, *Russell, J.*) denying his postjudgment motion to modify parental rights and responsibilities concerning his son's primary physical residence and modifying his parent-child contact schedule. *See* 19-A M.R.S.A. § 1657 (1998 & Supp. 2001).

Contrary to Coates's contentions, the court did not exceed the bounds of its discretion when it concluded that the schedule proposed by Coates, in which the parties' three-year-old son's residence would alternate on a monthly or bi-monthly basis between Ford's residence in Maine and Coates's residence in North Carolina, would not be in the child's best interests, and in ordering a new visitation schedule

in response to the father's relocation to North Carolina. *See* 19-A M.R.S.A. § 1653(3)(A)-(P) (1998 & Supp. 2001).

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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