## **NOVA SCOTIA COURT OF APPEAL**

**Citation:** L.K.S. v. D.M.C.T., 2007 NSCA 87

**Date:** 20070801 **Docket:** CA 275471

**Registry:** Halifax

**Between:** 

L.K.S.

Appellant

V.

D.M.C.T.

Respondent

**JUDGE:** MacDonald, C.J.N.S.

**APPEAL HEARD:** May 24, 2007

**SUBJECT:** Family Law; suit costs; jurisdiction of Family Court

**SUMMARY:** In an application to vary child support, the Nova Scotia Family

Court directed the father to pay interim suit costs to the mother. The father appeals questioning, (a) the court's jurisdiction to make a suit costs award, and (b) in any event, the amount of the award. The wife cross-appealed asserting that the amount

awarded was inadequate.

**ISSUES:** Does the Nova Scotia Family Court have jurisdiction to award

suit costs? If it does, should the amount ordered be disturbed?

**RESULT:** The Nova Scotia Family Court has jurisdiction to award suit

costs. The amount awarded in this case ought not be disturbed.

Both appeal and cross-appeal are dismissed without costs.

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