

SUPREME COURT OF NOVA SCOTIA
(FAMILY DIVISION)

Citation: Bruno v. Keinick, 2012 NSSC 434

Date: 20121221

Docket: 1206-004799

Registry: Sydney

Between:

Maureen Adele Bruno

Applicant

v.

Paul Anthony Keinick

Respondent

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Judge: The Honourable Justice Theresa M. Forgeron

Heard: July 12 and 13, 2012 and September 12, 2012,
in Sydney, Nova Scotia

Costs Submissions: October 5, and October 22, 2012

Counsel: Jennie Donnelly McDonald, for the applicant
Paul Anthony Keinick, unrepresented

Subject: Family Law

Issues: Costs

Result: Costs of \$6,000 were awarded to the father at the conclusion of a high conflict variation application. The father was substantially successful on the parenting issues and wholly successful on the section 7 activity expense issue. The mother was substantially successful on the retroactive support issue. The parental capacity assessment was produced at a cost of \$5,500. The mother, who was represented by Legal Aid, was under the mistaken belief that she would not be required to respond to a cost award in respect of the parental capacity assessment. In assessing the appropriate quantum of costs, the financial circumstances of the mother were considered and was the fact that the father was self-represented.

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