

**OPINION SUMMARY**

**MISSOURI COURT OF APPEALS EASTERN DISTRICT**

IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF:	)	No. ED100215
TRACEY MARIE STEINBERG,	)	
	)	Appeal from the Franklin County
Appellant,	)	Circuit Court
	)	
vs.	)	Honorable David B. Tobben
	)	
MICHAEL FRANK STEINBERG,	)	
	)	
Respondent.	)	Filed: May 6, 2014

The mother, Tracey Steinberg, appeals the judgment entered by the Circuit Court of Franklin County modifying the court’s 2009 judgment dissolving the marriage of the mother and the father, Michael Steinberg. The mother challenges the trial court’s child-support determination, the lack of step-down language in the judgment regarding the amount of child support payable for one child as opposed to two children, and the court’s offset of the father’s monthly maintenance obligation by the amount of the mother’s monthly child-support amount.

**REVERSED AND REMANDED WITH INSTRUCTIONS.**

**DIVISION TWO HOLDS:** In the absence of the father’s Form 14 in the record before us, which absence is not the fault of the mother, the trial court’s findings are deficient and we cannot review the merits of the judgment. Because the findings of fact contained in the trial court’s judgment are either inconsistent with the evidence adduced at trial or are deficient, we reverse the trial court’s judgment. Upon remand, the trial court may, in its discretion, receive further evidence. The trial court shall render more specific findings of fact and shall render judgment that conforms to the evidence.

Because we must reverse and remand to the trial court, which upon reconsideration may arrive at different child-support figures, we decline to consider the mother’s remaining points on appeal, which shall be considered by the trial court in composing a new judgment.

**OPINION BY:** Lawrence E. Mooney, P.J. Robert G. Dowd, Jr., J., and Sherri B. Sullivan, J., concur.

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