

OPINION SUMMARY

MISSOURI COURT OF APPEALS EASTERN DISTRICT

JOANN LEAH BRYANT, Respondent/Cross-Appellant,)	No. ED94773
)	Appeal from the Circuit Court of
)	St. Louis County
vs.)	
)	Honorable John R. Essner
ROBERT JULIUS BRYANT, Appellant.)	Filed: July 19, 2011

In this consolidated appeal, Robert Bryant (hereinafter, “Husband”) appeals from the trial court’s judgment entered on his motion to modify his maintenance obligation to Joann Bryant (hereinafter, “Wife”). Husband raises six points on appeal challenging, *inter alia*, the trial court’s expansion of this Court’s mandate on remand and whether the trial court properly ordered him to pay a portion of Wife’s attorney’s fees. Wife cross-appeals, arguing the trial court erroneously reduced the amount of maintenance Husband should pay because he did not demonstrate a substantial change in circumstances to justify the reduction.

AFFIRMED.

Division Two Holds: The trial court did not exceed the scope of this Court’s mandate by reassessing Wife’s financial resources and Husband’s ability to pay when fashioning its maintenance award, which was supported by competent and substantial evidence in the record. The trial court did not err in recalculating Wife’s child support obligation and setting the retroactivity date for payment. Finally, the trial court did not abuse its discretion in awarding Wife a portion of her attorney’s fees.

Opinion by: George W. Draper III, Judge
Glenn A. Norton, P.J. and Kathianne Knaup Crane, J., concur.

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