

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COURT OF APPEALS

MARILYN J. KARAMANIAN,
Plaintiff-Appellee,

UNPUBLISHED
January 30, 2001

v

EDWARD KARAMANIAN,
Defendant-Appellant.

No. 211876
Oakland Circuit Court
Family Division
LC No. 96-523829-DO

Before: Kelly, P.J., and White and Wilder, JJ.

WHITE, J. (*concurring in part and dissenting in part*).

I agree that the trial court did not err in including the post office property in the marital estate.

I dissent from the determination to vacate the attorney fees award and remand. The trial court's award of \$25,000 and grounds therefor are amply supported by the record. Plaintiff's counsel stated on the record that his firm's fees as of the day before the three-day trial started totaled \$19,800, and that the predecessor attorney had an outstanding bill of \$15,000. Plaintiff testified that she and her attorney had discussed his fees and those of his predecessor, that they were strictly on a time basis, and that she was satisfied that they were accurate. The record amply supports the court's findings that defendant's actions resulted in significant legal expenses to plaintiff. I would find no abuse of discretion and affirm the trial court's award of attorney fees.

/s/ Helene N. White