

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

EDWARD QUINTARD HICKS,  
Appellant,  
vs.  
JO ANN HICKS,  
Respondent.

No. 38338

FILED

JUN 18 2003

ORDER OF AFFIRMANCE

JANETTE M. BLOOM  
CLERK OF SUPREME COURT  
BY *J. Richard*  
CHIEF DEPUTY CLERK

This is an appeal from a divorce decree. Edward Hicks argues that the family court abused its discretion in awarding Jo Ann Hicks \$1,000 per month for spousal support and the marital residence. Edward also argues that the family court improperly awarded certain equalization credits to Jo Ann while failing to award him various credits.

We first consider whether the district court abused its discretion in awarding Jo Ann \$1,000 per month for spousal support. The family court is entitled to wide discretion in determining whether to grant spousal support, as well as the amount thereof.<sup>1</sup> Given the evidence presented, we conclude that the district court did not abuse its discretion when it determined the spousal support award.<sup>2</sup>

Next, we consider whether the district court abused its discretion in awarding Jo Ann the marital residence. The district court heard Edward's and Jo Ann's respective plans as to how they would pay

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<sup>1</sup>Fick v. Fick, 109 Nev. 458, 464, 851 P.2d 445, 450 (1993).


<sup>2</sup>See Daniel v. Baker, 106 Nev. 412, 414, 794 P.2d 345, 346 (1990) (observing that this court should not disturb the family court's grant or denial of permanent or lump sum spousal support absent an abuse of discretion).

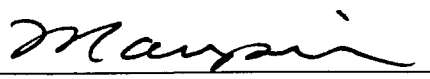
for the marital residence if it were awarded to them. The district court concluded that Jo Ann's plan was most feasible. Because substantial evidence supports the district court's conclusion, we will not disturb the conclusion on appeal.<sup>3</sup>


Finally, we consider whether the district court abused its discretion in determining the equalization payments.<sup>4</sup> We conclude that Edward's arguments related to this matter lack merit.

Having considered Edward's arguments on appeal and concluding that they lack merit, we

ORDER the judgment of the district court AFFIRMED.

  
\_\_\_\_\_, J.  
Rose

  
\_\_\_\_\_, J.  
Maupin

  
\_\_\_\_\_, J.  
Gibbons

cc: Hon. T. Arthur Ritchie, District Judge, Family Court Division  
Kirk-Hughes & Associates  
Bruce I. Shapiro, Ltd.  
Clark County Clerk

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<sup>3</sup>See *id.* (observing that if the family court's rulings are supported by substantial evidence, they will not be disturbed on appeal).

<sup>4</sup>See *id.*