

R.I. Supreme Court Victory: William J. Lynch Secures Sanction and Fee Award for Client

At **William J. Lynch Law**, we keep our clients informed about important Rhode Island court decisions that shape family law practice. Recently, the **Rhode Island Supreme Court** upheld a Family Court ruling that sanctioned a defendant and awarded attorneys' fees to the plaintiff in a post-divorce dispute. Attorney **William J. Lynch** represented the prevailing party before the Supreme Court.

You can view a scanned PDF copy of the ruling [here](#).

Family Court Ruling

The Family Court held that the home must be sold under the terms of the MSA and that the defendant's amended motion was **not well-grounded in fact or law**. As a sanction, the court ordered the defendant to reimburse the plaintiff **\$6,125 in attorneys' fees**.

Supreme Court Decision

The **Rhode Island Supreme Court** affirmed:

- The defendant's motion was **frivolous** under Rule 11 and improperly sought relief not allowed by the MSA.
 - The sanction and fee award were reasonable, supported by an affidavit confirming compliance with Rule 1.5 of the Rhode Island Rules of Professional Conduct.
 - The Family Court did not abuse its discretion in setting the award amount.
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Takeaway

This decision reinforces that **improper motions in Family Court can result in sanctions and fee awards**. Clients benefit from strong representation that ensures agreements are upheld and that unnecessary legal costs are not unfairly imposed.

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