

**NOVA SCOTIA COURT OF APPEAL**

**Citation:** Ross-Johnson v. Johnson, 2009 NSCA 128

**Date:** 20091211

**Docket:** CA 313772

**Registry:** Halifax

**Between:**

Heidi Ross-Johnson

Appellant

v.

Christopher Johnson

Respondent

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**Judge:** The Honourable Justice Elizabeth A. Roscoe

**Appeal Heard:** December 2, 2009

**Subject:** Family Law, custody and access

**Summary:** After finding that the mother had intentionally interfered with and prevented the child's access to the father, the trial judge found a change in circumstances and ordered custody to the father with access to the mother.

**Issues:** Whether the trial judge erred in finding a change in circumstances, in determining the best interests of the child, by failing to accept the report of the parental assessor, by failing to use other enforcement processes, and in failing to find that the father stood in *loco parentis* to the mother's other children from a previous relationship.

**Result:** Appeal dismissed. None of the grounds of appeal justify interference with the trial judge's decision.

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