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## Former lobbyist found not guilty of domestic violence charges

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ROBERT BLAISDELL

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A former lobbyist was acquitted on two domestic violence charges and convicted of a lesser charge on Thursday.

Robert Blaisdell was charged with domestic violence and false imprisonment in May 2019, following an incident at his Manchester home. The arrest came four months after Blaisdell's wife filed for divorce, and two months after Blaisdell's counter-filing for divorce.

Blaisdell was free on bail before his trial, which was delayed because of COVID-19.

On Thursday, Blaisdell was found not guilty of domestic violence and false imprisonment. Blaisdell was found guilty of criminal mischief.

Blaisdell's attorney, Richard Guerriero, said that during the trial Blaisdell admitted to breaking a cell phone, which led to the criminal mischief conviction.

Guerriero said Thursday in an email that Blaisdell was looking forward to rebuilding his life and career.

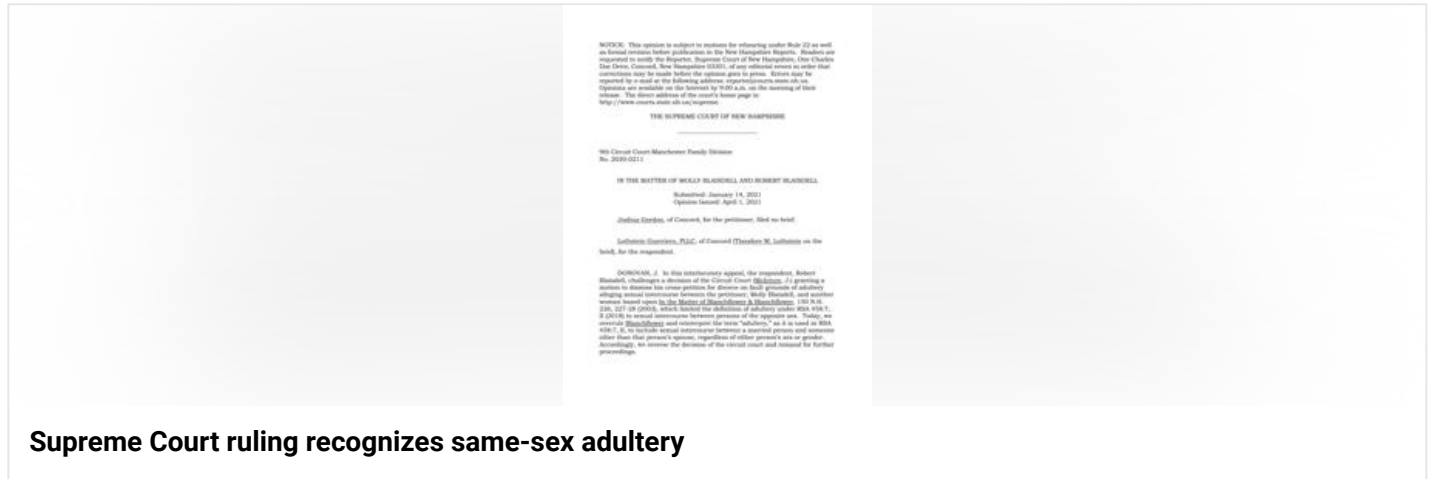
Hillsborough County prosecutors did not make any statement about the case.

In a statement, the victim in the case expressed disappointment in the jury's verdict on the domestic violence and false imprisonment charges, and said Blaisdell broke the cell phone as the victim was trying to call for help.

Blaisdell had worked as a lobbyist representing a range of clients in Concord, including the state troopers and police unions, associations of golf course managers and athletic trainers, and large companies including Comcast, Eversource and FedEx.

Blaisdell left his former firm, the Demers Group, after his arrest.

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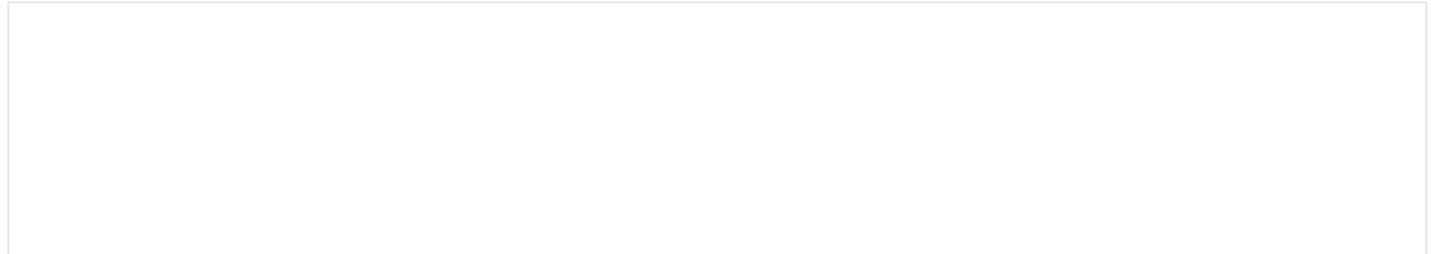
IN THE MATTER OF WALLY BLAISDELL AND ROBERT BLAISDELL  
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*William Gardner*, of Concord, for the petitioners, filed no brief.  
*Jeffrey Gosselin, PLLC*, of Concord (Thomas M. Sullivan on the brief), for the respondent.

**CORNIHAN, J.** In his concurring opinion, the respondent, Robert Blaisdell, challenges a decision of the Circuit Court (Blaisdell), of granting a motion to dismiss his case pending the decision on both grounds of adultery and sexual intercourse between the petitioners, Wally Blaisdell, and respondent Robert Blaisdell, in the Matter of Blaisdell & Blaisdell, 2021-0211, 2021 WL 128 (2021), which, before the respondent's challenge, was 2021-0211, 2021 WL 128 (2021), which, before the respondent's challenge, was 2021-0211, 2021 WL 128 (2021). In his concurring opinion, the respondent, "Today, we extend Blaisdell's and recognize the term "adultery," as it is used in RSA 634:2, to include sexual intercourse between a married person and someone other than their spouse, regardless of either person's sex or gender identity." In essence the decision of the circuit court and issued for further proceedings.

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