

IN THE COURT OF APPEALS OF IOWA

No. 6-840 / 04-1542
Filed November 16, 2006

**IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF MICHAEL JAY COONROD
AND ANNA LEA COONROD**

**Upon the Petition of
MICHAEL JAY COONROD,**
Petitioner-Appellee,

**And Concerning
ANNA LEA COONROD,**
Respondent-Appellant.

Appeal from the Iowa District Court for Linn County, L. Vern Robinson,
Judge.

Anna Lea Coonrod appeals the district court's ruling dismissing her
petition to vacate. **AFFIRMED.**

Anna Lea Coonrod, Anamosa, pro se.

Aaron J. Thomas, Anamosa, for appellee.

Considered by Mahan, P.J., and Miller and Vaitheswaran, JJ.

MAHAN, P.J.

Michael and Anna Coonrod were married approximately fourteen years. Michael filed for dissolution on April 29, 2003. The parties signed a stipulation on August 27, 2003, and a decree was entered the same day.

Anna filed a petition seeking to vacate the dissolution pursuant to Iowa Rule of Civil Procedure 1.1012 on March 26, 2004. She requested a new hearing based upon the grounds set forth in rule 1.1012(2), (3), (5), and (6). The district court found she had failed to meet her burden under rule 1.1012(2), (5) and (6) and dismissed the petition under those grounds. The district court further found that Anna was entitled to a hearing on the ground set forth in rule 1.1012(3). However, upon that hearing, the district court overruled her petition under this ground on August 14, 2004. The district court stated in part:

The court does not find that Anna has demonstrated that she suffered from such an unsound mind as to warrant the vacating of the dissolution decree. Clearly, she was under stress, but that is not uncommon in situations where parties are dissolving their marriage. She suffered anxiety and required medication for it. The record does not indicate, however, that she suffered from such a mental incapacitation that she was not aware of what she was agreeing to or signing. In essence, the record in this case indicates that Anna is unhappy with the agreement she originally made and would simply like to go back and start over (or reconcile). Her ability to represent herself shows how knowledgeable, articulate, and competent she is. The court finds that Respondent's application to vacate or modify the original decree should be, and is, hereby overruled.

(Citation omitted.)

We have carefully reviewed the record in this case and agree with the ruling of the district court. The decision of the district court is affirmed.

AFFIRMED.