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**Pre-Trial Decision**

66. **Preemption**

We review a district court's legal conclusion de novo, seeking to determine whether the court correctly interpreted the law. **In re Strong**, 2000 MT 178, ¶ 11, 300 Mont. 331, 8 P.3d 763 (citation omitted). A finding of federal preemption will be sustained in the area of domestic relations only where "Congress has positively required by direct enactment that state law be preempted." **Strong**, ¶ 11 (citation and internal quotation marks omitted).