

Family Law: Support & Alimony

Child Support

Our attorneys will explain the child support guidelines and your rights and responsibilities regarding child support under Pennsylvania law. We counsel both custodial and non-custodial parents to ensure that income is accurately determined when calculating support pursuant to the state's formulas. We also take the time to understand your unique circumstances and whether any deviation from the support guidelines is available. If circumstances change after child support is determined, we will counsel you on child support modification and guide you through the modification process.

Spousal Support and Alimony Pendente Lite (APL)

Our attorneys are experienced in determining whether spousal support is available and, if so, in what amount. Spousal support and alimony pendente lite (APL) are temporary in nature and only awarded when one spouse in a divorce action has a higher income than the other. In Pennsylvania, the amount of spousal support and APL is calculated based upon a formula. Our attorneys are able to navigate the nuances in the law between spousal support and APL which can have serious financial ramifications in a divorce proceedings. Our firm will ensure that our client's income is accurately represented when calculating spousal support or APL, whether you are the spouse required to pay it or the spouse entitled to receive it.

Alimony

Our firm provides experienced counsel regarding the issue of alimony. Unlike spousal support and APL, alimony may be a short-term, long-term or permanent award of support after divorce. It is not set by a formula but rather at the discretion of the court and is based upon many factors prescribed by law. We will analyze your specific situation and determine whether alimony will be awarded as well as the amount and duration of the payment, if applicable. Our experienced attorneys will also explain the tax ramifications of paying or receiving all forms of support.

Recent Updates & Recommended Articles from the Lancaster Law Blog:

- [2010 Amendments and Updates to PA Support Calculations and Procedures](#)
The Pennsylvania Supreme Court has recently issued the updates to the Pennsylvania Support Rules and Guidelines, which go into effect on May 12, 2010.
- [Managing Your Support Order in the Face of Decreased Earnings](#)
No one is immune from the realities of today's economy. Since the economic downturn I have had a number of inquiries from clients regarding their Child Support Order if they are laid off or are receiving support payments from a payor who has been laid off.

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Range of Services

- Initial Filing for Support
- Support Modification
- Domestic Relations Conference Representation
- Support Appeals
- Alimony Pendente Lite (APL)
- Spousal Support
- Insurance Coverage
- Child Care Expenses
- Deviations
- Earning Capacity
- Support Contempt
- Wage Attachment
- Medical Enforcement
- Appeals to the Superior Court

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