

Article 16 - Chancery

Alimony

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(A) IN A PROCEEDING FOR GRANTING A LIMITED OR ABSOLUTE DIVORCE, ANNULMENT, OR FOR ALIMONY, THE COURT MAY AWARD ALIMONY TO EITHER PARTY, AND THE EXISTENCE OF A GROUND FOR DIVORCE AGAINST THE PARTY REQUESTING ALIMONY SHALL NOT BE AN AUTOMATIC BAR THERETO. HOWEVER, IF A FINAL DISPOSITION HAS BEEN MADE AS TO ALIMONY IN ANOTHER AGREEMENT, THE PROVISIONS OF THAT AGREEMENT SHALL CONTROL.

(B) SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF PARAGRAPH (C) OF THIS SECTION, THE AWARD SHALL BE IN SUCH AMOUNT OR AMOUNTS AND FOR SUCH PERIOD OR PERIODS OF TIME AS THE COURT MAY DEEM JUST, AFTER IT CONSIDERS ALL RELEVANT FACTORS, INCLUDING:

(1) THE FINANCIAL NEEDS AND RESOURCES OF BOTH PARTIES, INCLUDING:

(I) ALL INCOME AND ASSETS, INCLUDING NONINCOME-PRODUCING PROPERTY;

(II) ANY AWARD MADE UNDER SECTIONS 3-6A-05 AND 3-6A-06 OF THE COURTS AND JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS ARTICLE; AND

(III) THE NATURE AND AMOUNT OF THE FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS OF EACH PARTY; AND

(IV) THE RESPECTIVE RIGHTS OF THE PARTIES TO RECEIVE RETIREMENT BENEFITS.

(2) THE ABILITY OF THE PARTY SEEKING ALIMONY TO BE WHOLLY OR PARTIALLY SELF-SUPPORTING;

(3) THE TIME DEEMED NECESSARY BY THE COURT FOR THE PARTY SEEKING ALIMONY TO GAIN SUFFICIENT EDUCATION OR TRAINING TO ENABLE THAT PARTY TO FIND SUITABLE EMPLOYMENT;

(4) THE STANDARD OF LIVING OF THE PARTIES ESTABLISHED DURING THE MARRIAGE;

(5) THE DURATION OF THE MARRIAGE;

(6) THE CONTRIBUTIONS, MONETARY AND NONMONETARY, OF EACH PARTY TO THE WELL-BEING OF THE FAMILY;

(7) THE FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES LEADING TO THE ESTRANGEMENT OF THE PARTIES AND THE DISSOLUTION OF THE MARRIAGE OR THE ESTRANGEMENT OF THE PARTIES;

(8) THE AGE AND THE PHYSICAL AND MENTAL CONDITION OF EACH PARTY;