

ALIMONY OR SPOUSAL SUPPORT

Alimony or spousal support, as it is currently called, is a means for the court to allow a spouse to live in the same style as he or she did when married. These days, courts more often award maintenance to economically disadvantaged spouses, regardless of sex, to help them acquire skills to be self-supporting or to compensate them for services rendered in the marriage.

In California, spousal support is initially determined by a computerized program called a Dissomaster or Support Tax Program. When the correct information is feed into the program the court will usually follow its results. However, this is not necessarily true at the time of trial.

If you waive your rights to support you will not be able to change your mind at a later date after a valid order is entered containing your valid waiver.

Spousal support is taxable to the receiving party and deductible by the one paying it.

In California spousal support may be paid to a spouse for about one-half the length of the marriage and in a long marriage (8-9-10 years or more) spousal support will remain open forever after the initial period of payment.

If you cannot afford an attorney Mr. Radoff will be happy to prepare the necessary documents for you to represent yourself and provide you with the legal advice you need in any court in California.

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