

## Alimony Concerns

When determining whether or not alimony should be awarded, the court looks at twelve separate factors some of which include: (1) the ability of each person to financially support him or herself, (2) the standard of living established throughout the marriage, (3) the duration of the marriage, (4) each person's contributions to the well-being of the family, and (4) the circumstances that led to the breakdown of the marriage.

Once the judge concludes that alimony is necessary, he or she must then determine the amount to be paid each month, and the appropriate length of time. Alimony may be paid for a temporary period ("rehabilitative alimony") or may be awarded for an unlimited period ("indefinite alimony"). Due to the large number of factors, alimony determinations are complex and difficult to predict.

McMillan Metro Faerber, P.C. can assist you in understanding the laws surrounding alimony, assessing the strength of your alimony request or defense, and advocating for your desired outcome. Please call us at **(301)**

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