

Alimony

Miami Alimony Lawyer

When a long-term marriage ends in divorce, Florida courts may grant alimony to either party if there is an economic need. Instead of alimony, the parties can also agree to an unequal division of marital property.

I am Theodore Enfield, a divorce attorney in Miami with more than 29 years of experience in guiding people through the financial issues of divorce, including alimony, marital property division and child support.

Types of alimony

There are several types of alimony in Florida:

- Temporary alimony, which can be ordered while the divorce is in process (the courts can also order one side to pay the other side's attorney's fees)
- Rehabilitative alimony, which is alimony provided while a spouse obtains the education or training necessary to become self-sufficient
- Permanent alimony

Alimony, also known as spousal support, may be granted as periodic payments or in one lump-sum payment. Alimony is taxable income for the recipient and tax-deductible for the payer. You can seek a modification of alimony if there is a significant change in your financial circumstances.

Factors in awarding alimony

Florida courts will consider a variety of factors when determining whether to award alimony and the amount of alimony to award, including:

- The length of the marriage
- The standard of living during the marriage
- The age and the health of each party
- The financial resources available to each party
- The contributions each party made to the marriage
- Behavioral issues such as adultery

The courts may also order the alimony payer to purchase a life insurance policy or a bond to secure future alimony payments.

Free consultation with a Florida lawyer

For a free alimony consultation by telephone, call Miami attorney Theodore Enfield at 305-933-9592 or 1-800-733-5299 or fill out the contact form on this Web site.