

Retire Permanent Alimony!

Evidence of alimony dates back to 4000 BC to the ancient babylonian Code of Hammurabi. At that time the female was considered property of the male and the male was expected to take care of his property. This idea remained part of European culture that held to an outdated concept that divorced women are incapable of self-sufficiency. Just about everyone would question if that situation still exists in most societies today.

Since 1984, Minnesota's Spousal Maintenance Statute 518.552 reads that whenever there is some uncertainty as to the necessity of a permanent award, the court shall order a permanent award.

Alimony should be from a party with the ability to pay, to a party in need, for a reasonable amount of time. NOT for a lifetime!

What is needed to reform Minnesota's archaic Alimony Laws:

- **Eliminate Permanent Spousal Maintenance (Alimony).**
- **Establish guidelines for the amount and duration of alimony that will provide more consistency and predicability in alimony awards.**
- **Protect a second spouse's income. No longer should a second spouse's income be used to pay a former spouse.**
- **Establish the right to retire.**



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