

Spousal Support

Alimony in New Jersey

Alimony, also known as spousal support, is often one of the most highly contested issues in a divorce. Unlike child support, which in New Jersey can be determined by reference to the New Jersey Child Support Guidelines in certain cases, there is no specific formula to determine a spousal alimony award, or how much the support obligation will be. Instead, there are several factors that New Jersey courts are required to consider in determining alimony, including but not limited to:

- The duration of the marriage
- The age and physical health of each spouse
- The standard of living during the marriage
- The earning capacities and educational levels of each spouse
- The parental responsibilities for the children of the marriage
- Need for and ability to pay support

At Einhorn Barbarito, we understand that an alimony award or obligation will have significant financial consequences for our clients. We also know that each case is unique and that determining or resolving spousal support issues involves an in-depth and intricate analysis of many different factors. Our family law attorneys take an individualized approach to spousal support matters, vigorously advocating for all of our clients – whether they require financial support from their spouse or desire to limit their financial exposure.

Depth and Breadth of Experience Handling Spousal Support Matters

Our firm offers a team of 17 dedicated matrimonial attorneys who have extensive experience dealing with the myriad of issues surrounding alimony. Our lawyers have handled alimony cases throughout New Jersey and are well trained to negotiate settlements, advocate in mediation/arbitration, and

litigate in court. Our knowledge and experience encompass all four types of alimony permitted in New Jersey:

- Permanent alimony
- Limited duration alimony
- Rehabilitative alimony
- Reimbursement alimony

We also regularly handle issues regarding alimony and spousal support in all stages of a divorce, such as:

- A *pendente lite* application for temporary support
- Emergency support relative to a domestic violence matter
- Permanent alimony by final judgment
- Post-judgment/post-divorce applications for modification or termination of alimony based upon a substantial change in circumstances such as retirement, cohabitation, or receipt of an inheritance or others recognized by New Jersey law

At Einhorn Barbarito, we take a comprehensive approach to alimony and other family law matters. Our experienced matrimonial attorneys work together with our trust and estates and tax attorneys to address tax and estate planning issues relevant to alimony to ensure we are meeting our clients' present and future financial needs. In doing so, we have the capability to handle complex alimony cases and craft creative financial solutions for our clients.

Contact an Experienced New Jersey Family Lawyer Today

Our family law attorneys also appreciate that the laws in New Jersey governing marriage and divorce are always evolving, both by legislation and case law, particularly concerning alimony and spousal support matters. We continuously monitor legal trends and developments in the family law field so that we can provide our clients with the most up to date information and advice specific to their situations.

If you have questions about spousal support, we encourage you to schedule a consultation with a New Jersey alimony lawyer at our firm. Our lawyers will carefully guide you through the alimony process, explaining the different considerations that may factor into an award or obligation for spousal support.