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Alimony is the financial support that one partner supplies the other after a marriage falls apart. Generally, the higher-earning party pays the lower-earning party for a set period. Though it may vary from state-to-state, the generally accepted legal term for these payments is **Spousal Support**. Payments can start before the divorce is final in the form of *Temporary Spousal Support* and can also be ordered in connection with **Domestic Violence Cases**.

Though it varies from state-to-state, the overall goal shared by all states is to ensure that both parties are able to be self-supporting within a reasonable period. Alimony, or Spousal Support, payments are structured so that the lesser-earning spouse has the resources they need to cover their cost of living.

Monthly payments are typical, but most states have other options as well, such as lump-sum payments.

FACT: The law does not assume that Spousal Support is required. Instead, a spouse must request Alimony / Spousal Support during the court proceedings. A judge will then take into account the requirements set forth in that state's family law to decide how much and how long support will be required. Couples can also negotiate spousal support between themselves; however, a judge will still need to approve the final agreement.

Also, a party paying or receiving spousal support should consult with a tax expert to discuss the potential tax implications.

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Process:

1. Client engages Syndicate Legal Services for the legal documents needed.
2. Because Syndicate Legal Services provides custom legal documents, a member of Syndicate Legal Services will contact the Client get the information needed to complete the required legal work product. This happens via telephone conference or by video conference.
3. Syndicate Legal Services' team members will complete the First Draft of the Custom Legal Documents and send them electronically to the Client for review.
4. Client will review the First Draft and request any changes, edits or corrections. Syndicate Legal Services will continue to make corrections, changes and edits to the Legal Documents until the Client approves a Final Draft.
5. Once the Client is satisfied with the Legal Documents, Syndicate Legal Services will deliver a Final Draft to the Client along with a “***Syndicate Legal Services Certificate of Completion.***”
6. All first drafts are delivered to the Client within 1-3 business days, with the average timeline being within one business day.

Syndicate Legal Services will send Client copies of all completed work, documents and correspondences, as well as other information throughout this Engagement. These copies will be the “Client File” copies. Syndicate Legal Services will also keep the information in the Syndicate Legal Services Corporate Office. The file in the Syndicate Legal Services Corporate Office will be “*Our File*”. Please have the “*Client File*” available during all of our in-person meetings / video conferences / telephone conferences so that we all have the necessary information available to us. Once Syndicate Legal Services has completed the Legal Support Services detailed in this Engagement Agreement, Syndicate Legal Services will close “*Our File*” and return any original documents to Client (if any). Syndicate Legal Services will then store the “*Our File*” for approximately six (6) years. Syndicate Legal Services will destroy the “*Our File*” after that period-of-time unless Client instructs Syndicate Legal Services in writing to keep the file longer.

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