

Report from Alimony Reform Working Group: Possible Changes to Family Law

- Time Limits on modifications
- Military/Federal Law—no double dipping of alimony on top of split retirement;
- Person who files should also be ordered to maintain the standard of living for respondent
- Mediation/ Arbitration/ Collaboration should be mandatory as opposed to litigation
- Veteran Disability should not be garnished
- State Funding of Watchdog organization of Family Sections

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- A co-habitation clause that eliminates alimony
- Second wives incomes are untouchable
 - An obligor's subsequent remarriage or cohabitation does not constitute a basis for a modification of alimony. The income and assets of the obligor's subsequent spouse or person with whom the obligor resides is not relevant in a modification action except under exceptional circumstances.
- Video recording of proceedings
- Alimony obligation stops if you are in jail
- No jail for inability to pay alimony. Instead, community service
- Formula for Alimony that allows for guidelines and standards

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- Workable definition for “Retirement” that ends at federal retirement age, but possibly allows retirement from one profession, but enables retiree to work at another profession to save for his/her own retirement
- No judicial officers as judges.
- Limit on amounts that can be charged for modifications. Limit on Attorney fees
- No seizure of home
- Have a jury trial
- Recipient pays for life insurance

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- Alimony begins at conclusion of trial, not at filing.
- Eliminate imputation of income
- Exceptions based on State/Federal Law
- Written findings from Judges
- Codify current case law to create workable guidelines
- Alimony arrears dischargeable