

Legal Moment with Denis Burns

(Robbie intro)

(Announcer) - And now the Cohen Highley Legal Moment on Fresh Radio.

(Announcer) – I'm here with Denis Burns from Cohen Highley Lawyers. How is spousal support determined?

(Lawyer) – Although determining the amount and duration of spousal support is a discretionary process, it is guided by Spousal Support Advisory Guidelines. They are not law, but the Courts pay a great deal of attention to them. Any Court Order in which these Guidelines are not referenced could justify an appeal.

(Announcer) – What variables are considered in determining spousal support?

(Lawyer) – There are a number. The duration of the couples' relationship, their ages, are there children from the relationship, did either spouse exit the workforce for the sake of the family, is there an income disparity, are there health concerns. Those are some of the variables. It's a comprehensive review of many elements.

(Announcer) – How long is spousal support payable?

(Lawyer) – Although spousal support is often stated to be indefinite, it can be subject to review and change, either to increase, decrease or end the payments, if material changes justify it.

(Announcer) - Thanks Denis. This has been the Cohen Highley Legal Moment.