

Determining Child Support

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Receptionist: Cohen Highley.

Announcer: The Cohen Highley Legal Moment on Fresh FM. I'm here with Ken Fraser from the family law department at Cohen Highley lawyers. Ken, how's child support determined?

Ken Fraser: In Ontario all child support issues are determined by the Child Support Guidelines.

Announcer: What are they?

Ken Fraser: The Child Support Guidelines are government issued rules and formulas which regulate the amount of money a parent has to pay based on his or her income and the number of children involved. The Guidelines are designed to reduce conflict and increase certainty in determining child support.

Announcer: So the amount of child support a parent has to pay is already predetermined?

Ken Fraser: Yea pretty much. However, there are a few situations where there is some discretion as to the amount of support to be paid.

Announcer: Such as?

Ken Fraser: Situations like those when a child is over the age of majority, and the child lives approximately 50/50 with their parents, or when the support payer earns in excess of \$150,000.00 per year.

Announcer: Thanks Ken. This has been the Cohen Highley Legal Moment.

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