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Welcome to Hogwash!

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Child Support: Myth vs. Fact

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There are few areas of law that are subject to more myths than the law surrounding child support. This month we provide you with insight into a few of the more common myths we hear from clients and prospective clients about their child support issues.

Myth 1. Child support can only be reviewed every three years.

Answer: False. Child support can be reviewed AT ANY TIME by showing the court documentation of a change in circumstances for either parent, for example: a 10% change in income of either parent, or a substantial change in the parenting time arrangement. The Friend of the Court will do a free review only once every three years.

Myth 2. If you and a co-worker make the same salary and you both have two children, your child support should be the same amount.

Answer: False. In Michigan, child support is set by a formula. There are several variables that are used in that formula including:

1. Mother's income;
2. Father's income; and
3. Parenting time arrangement (how many overnights the child or children spend with each parent).

Unless the co-parents also make the exact same amount and have an absolutely equal division of parenting time, the amount child support ordered by the court will be different.



Historic Insults with Class

In an exchange between Winston Churchill & Lady Astor:

She said, "If you were my husband I'd give you poison."

He said, "If you were my wife, I'd drink it."

Between a member of Parliament and Benjamin Disraeli:

"Sir, you will either die on the gallows or of some unspeakable disease."

"That depends, Sir," said Disraeli, "whether I embrace your policies or your mistress."

Winston Churchill in general :

"He has all the virtues I dislike and none of the vices I admire."

Clarence Darrow:

"I have never killed a man, but I have read many obituaries with great pleasure."

Myth 3. Surcharges are added every year to your child support payments if you have an arrearage and they can never be reduced.

Answer: False. Surcharges are no longer being added, and with a court-approved repayment plan, some accumulated surcharges (added between 2004 and 2009, for example) can be removed from your balance.

If you have questions about child support, please give the specialists at Rosi & Gardner today. To schedule an appointment call 231-941-5878.

The Morrill Act - Establishing Land Grant Universities

This year marks the 150th anniversary of the signing of the Morrill Act which created Land Grant Colleges throughout the United States for the study of agriculture and the mechanical arts as well as military tactics. The legislation, sponsored by Vermont Congressman Justin Smith Morrill and signed into law by President Abraham Lincoln, paved the way for each eligible state to sell 30,000 acres of Federal Land to raise funds to build colleges.



By the time that the Morrill Act was passed, Michigan had established the first land grant college. Michigan State University was founded in 1855 - using a State of Michigan land grant. As the original land grant college, MSU both benefited from the Morrill Act and quickly became the model future land grant colleges created through the legislation.

Seventy colleges and universities are land grant colleges and universities including two private schools: Cornell and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, public schools like

Blondes do have more fun!

A lawyer boarded an airplane in New Orleans with a box of frozen crabs and asked a blonde stewardess to take care of them for him. She took the box and promised to put it in the crew's refrigerator.

He advised her that he was holding her personally responsible for them staying frozen, mentioning in an arrogant manner that he was a lawyer, and threatened what would happen to her if she let them thaw out.

Shortly before landing in New York, she used the intercom to announce to the entire cabin, "Would the lawyer who gave me the crabs in New Orleans, please raise your hand?"

Not one hand went up.....so she took them home and ate them.

There are two lessons here:

1. Lawyers aren't as smart as they think they are.
2. Blondes aren't as dumb as most folks think.

MSU, the University of Wisconsin at Madison and Iowa State University and several historically Black colleges and universities.

Celebrate Creamy Goodness

Rosi & Gardner partner Phil Rosi got into the spirit of National Ice Cream Month this summer by celebrating it with his grandchildren. Summer is a time to celebrate the creamy goodness of this favorite frozen dessert.



Historians trace the origin of iced desserts to the Persian Empire where snow - kept in cool underground chambers or harvested on mountain tops for use during the hot summer season - was flavored with juices or fruits.

Although refrigerators and freezers weren't common in the average home until the mid-20th century, iced desserts have been served for thousands of years. Recipes for ice cream first appeared in England and the U.S. in the 1700s.

Today grocery stores are filled with ice creams of all types and flavors including specialty premium ice creams. And fast food restaurants are getting into the act, going beyond the simple soft serve cone of the 1950s and 1960s to such delicacies as Burger King's new bacon sundae.

Rosi & Gardner partner Philip Rosi, seeking to comply with Ronald Reagan's 1984

Words of Wisdom

Everyone has lost something precious. That is why people are so cranky. So go easy on one another. We are all here to help each other find whatever we have lost.

~Vivian Swift

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admonition for "all people of the United States to observe" the occasion of National Ice Cream Month with "appropriate ceremonies and activities," took time in July to survey his several grandchildren, as thoroughly competent and qualified sommeliers of frozen delights, being direct descendants of infamous ingestors of copious quantities of both dairy and non-dairy concoctions, and reports their choices as follows:

Noora, 2 ½ - Anything pink.

Rinaldo, almost 4 - chocolate with sprinkles, especially from Moomers

Havi, 4 ½ - chocolate from anywhere

Alice, 8 - Mango sorbet where you can find it

Mathilde, 12 - Chocolate with sprinkles

Esther, 7 - Raspberry sorbet - Dairy Lodge was a little too sweet - Moomers was better

Isabelle, 13 - Just about anything in a waffle cone

Philip III, 20 - Not too particular, but had to leave before he could sample Burger King's bacon sundae. If any reader has ventured to do so, some FEED BACK would be welcomed.

Gary's At Home Cookin'

Kickin' Dilly Beans

This summer Gary's in the kitchen and it's canning season. Here's his favorite version of classic "Dilly Beans" (pickled fresh green beans), kicked up by the inclusion of a few "Birds Eye" peppers, commonly used in Asian cooking.

Heat the canning solution:

5 cups water

5 cups vinegar

1/3 cup salt (canning or pickling salt is recommended)

Into each quart jar put:

1 dill head

Few cloves fresh garlic (sliced or chunked)

1/2 tsp. mustard seed

4-6 dried "Birds Eye" peppers (I buy them at The Spice Merchants, downtown Traverse City, and at [Penzey's Spices](#))

Put the garlic chunks, mustard seed, and peppers into the jar, then pack in snapped (but raw) fresh green beans, put in the dill, and fill with hot fluid. Process in a hot water bath for 5 minutes. They are best if allowed to "rest" for at least 30 days before opening and enjoying.



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