

FACTORS IN DETERMINING ALIMONY

In *Armstrong v. Armstrong*, 618 So. 2d 1278, 1280 (Miss. 1993), the Mississippi Supreme Court outlined twelve factors that must be considered by a chancellor in arriving at findings and entering a judgment for alimony. These factors are:

1. the income and expenses of the parties;
2. the health and earning capacity of the parties;
3. the needs of each party;
4. the obligations and assets of each party;
5. the length of the marriage;
6. the presence and absence of minor children in the home, which may require that one or both of the parties either pay, or personally provide child care;
7. the age of the parties;
8. the standard of living of the parties, both during the marriage and at the time of the support determination;
9. the tax consequences of the spousal support order;
10. any fault or misconduct;
11. wasteful dissipation of the assets by either party;
12. any other factor deemed by the court to be "just and equitable" in connection with the setting of spousal support.