

MAINTENANCE DUTY

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MAINTENANCE DUTY IN GENERAL

maintenance duty, alimony, (child) support

means ongoing obligation for a periodic pecuniary or non pecuniary payment made directly or indirectly by an ("obligor") to an ("obligee")

PURPOSE

- providing all reasoned needs of obligee

MAINTENANCE DUTY IN GENERAL

AMOUNT

- depends on potencionality of obligor and needs of obligee
- same material and cultural level; fair maintenance; adequate maintenance; necessary maintenance

MAINTENANCE - BASIC RULES FOR REGULATION

- Derived from status
- Solidarity
- Cannot be awarded contra bonos mores
- Ius cogens
- Non transferable
- Clausula rebus sic stantibus

Maintenance Duty of Parents to their Children

- Sec. 85-86 of the Act on Family
- "child is entitled to take part in his or her parents' life standard"
- Parental Agreement X Court Decision
- Maintenance may be adjudicated for the period beginning three years before the day of institution of judicial proceedings [sec. 98 Act on Family]
- **Proceeding** may be started by **court** *ex officio* in case of minor children
- Maintenance can be used to make savings [sec. 85a/2 Act on Family]

Maintenance Duty of Parents to their Children

- Maintenance is paid monthly or in a cash sum for the future [sec. 97 Act on the Family]
- Maintenance is paid to custodial parent till majority of the child,

Maintenance Duty of Children to their Parents

- Sec. 87 of the Act on Family
- "children who are able to earn living on their own must provide to their parents a <u>fair maintenance</u> if the parents are in need of thereof"
- Agreement X Court Decision
- Maintenance may be adjudicated from the the day of institution of judicial proceedings [sec. 98 Act on Family]
- Proceeding may be started only upon a petition
- Maintenance is paid monthly

Maintenance Duty between other Relatives

- Sec. 88-89 of the Act on Family
- "ancestors and descendants have a mutual maintenance duty"
- "the entitled persons have the right only if they necessarily need it
- Agreement X Court Decision
- Maintenance may be adjudicated from the the day of institution of judicial proceedings [sec. 98 Act on Family]
- Proceeding may be started only upon a petition
- Maintenance is paid monthly

Maintenance Duty between Spouses

- Sec. 91 of the Act on Family
- "the extent of maintenance duty shall be determined so that <u>material and cultural level</u> of both spouses is principally <u>the same</u>"
- Agreement X Court Decision
- Maintenance maybe adjudicated from the the day of institution of judicial proceedings [sec. 98 Act on Family]
- Proceeding may be started only upon a petition
- Maintenance is paid monthly

Maintenance Duty between Divorces Spouses

- Sec. 92-94 of the Act on Family
- [A] "a divorced spouse who is not able to earn living may ask the former spouse to maintain him adequately"
- Extinct after new marriage of obligee or death of obligor
- [B] "a divorced spouse who did not predominantly take part in breakdown of the marriage and who suffered a considerable harm due the divorce may be awarded maintenance in the extent of maintenance duty between spouses
- Extinct under same conditions as [A] and also after passing three years after divorce

Maintenance Duty between Divorces Spouses

- Agreement X Court Decision
- Maintenance maybe adjudicated from the the day of institution of judicial proceedings [sec. 98 Act on Family]
- Proceeding may be started only upon a petition
- Maintenance is paid monthly or in a lump sum [sec. 94/2 Act on Family]

Contribution to Maintenance and Coverage of Several Cost of an Unmarried Mother

- Sec. 95 of Act on the Family
- "father of the child ... must provide the mother an adequate contribution to coverage of living for two years ... as to coverage of cost connected with pregnancy and birth"
- "the court may ... impose the person whose fatherhood is probable to grant the necessary sum in advance"

Contribution to Maintenance and Coverage of Several Cost of an Unmarried Mother

- Agreement X Court Decision
- Maintenance maybe adjudicated from the the day of institution of judicial proceedings [sec. 98 Act on Family]
- Proceeding may be started only upon a petition
- Maintenance is paid monthly or in advance [sec. 95/2 Act on Family]



THANK YOU

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