

CAPABILITIES / FAMILY LAW

## Child & Spousal Support

Support cases are intricate. We know the nuances of child and spousal support law and how it works. Our approach does not have any “puff” to it. So, our results are transparent and predictable to our clients.



### OVERVIEW

*“Our group as a whole has seen every issue that arises in a child or spousal support case.”*

— Michael E. Bertin

Committed Spousal and Child Support Lawyers serving New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Delaware

#### Spousal Support

*Interspousal support obligation* is a duty that arises upon marriage and continues as long as the marriage exists. After couples have separated, but prior to the filing for divorce, support payable to a dependent spouse is called *spousal support*.

However, after a divorce complaint is filed, support payable to a dependent spouse is called *alimony pendente lite* (Latin for *before litigation*) and exists only during the pendency of a divorce proceeding to enable a dependent spouse to prosecute or defend the divorce action. Both types of temporary support are calculated the same way, by taking a percentage of the difference in each party’s respective net monthly incomes or earning capacities. Support guidelines are mandated by federal and state laws. The amount of a child support, spousal support or *alimony pendente lite* is determined according to state support guidelines. Our highly knowledgeable NJ spousal support and child support lawyers can help you through this process.

#### Child Support

Child support is the responsibility of both parents. This obligation continues until a minor child reaches 18 years of age or graduates from high school, whichever occurs last. However, a parent may be required to

support an adult child who is incapable of self-support due to a physical or mental disability.

### Our Value

Obermayer is one of the few firms where more than one of our Family Law attorneys have argued before the Pennsylvania Supreme Court. We also have members who have been practicing for over 40 years, while some have been involved in the drafting of revisions to the support guidelines and laws over the years.

### Our Clients

Our highly experienced spousal and child support lawyers handle child and spousal support cases for people receiving and paying support. Our clients may earn little to no money, or over \$1 million per year. A major concern for clients in support cases is whether they are going to get enough money to live or pay too much. The members of our practice have a deep knowledge of the support guidelines, understand how they best suit our clients and are skilled at calculating the correct amount.

We are objective and accurate in calculating support. As a result, we give our clients realistic expectations, so that our clients can plan how to live accordingly. That is important in the area of child and spousal support, as to do otherwise sets up a client for disappointment.

### Our Focus

In Pennsylvania, one of the hottest current issues is whether the reasonable needs of children should be considered when calculating child support for high-income parents under the support guidelines. Our office successfully argued the issue in the Pennsylvania Supreme Court. Another evolving issue is how the new tax laws will impact spousal support, since after 2018 spousal support and alimony will no longer be taxable. Because of our in-depth knowledge of the support guidelines and the tax laws affecting support, we tackle these issues head on.

Likewise in New Jersey our proven child support lawyers stay on top of current and emerging issues as it pertains to support matters.

### Our Spousal and Child Support Lawyers are on Your Side

If you need to discuss a support matter, contact our highly experienced spousal and child support attorneys. Please contact our firm using our [contact us form](#). The Obermayer support lawyers represent clients for both spousal support and child support in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Delaware.

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