



Mediating Financial Support Agreements (Formerly referred to as “Financial Intensive”)

Course Overview and Supplemental Learning Materials

Course Content:

- 4 Exercises/Assignments:
 - Exercise #1 – Private Reflection and Reflection to Share
What are your closely held values and beliefs with respect to finances?
Working for income?
Budgeting?
Paying bills?
Financially supporting a child? An adult? Receiving financial support?
Do you recognize any bias within yourself with respect to finances?
Post these answers to the course channel:
What do you already know about the law related to financial support?
What are some common assumptions the general public has with respect to the law related to financial support?
 - Exercise #2 – Case Study
Watch *Moge v. Moge* www.cbc.ca/archives/entry/divorce-alimony-agonny
and read the case *Moge v. Moge* and *Bracklow v. Bracklow*.
After you have watch the CBC interview and read the cases posted, go to canlii.org and find the lower court decisions in both cases. This will help you to further understand the context and history for each family as well as the court’s reasoning at each level. And then let’s have an online discussion about these cases! What are some of your reflections? What

did each case establish about the law of spousal support? Post your thoughts to the course's Slack channel.

○ Exercise #3 – Support Calculation Exercise

Create a family! Give each parent a name, date of birth, occupation, and annual income. The family can be a dual income family or single income – whichever you choose! This family also has a child or children (you're your choice1) – name and determine date of birth. Decide when the parents first co-habited/married and a date of separation. We'll assume everyone lives here in Saskatchewan. Does the child/children participate in any activities or have other "extra" expenses? If so, outline the details as to what, when, cost, etcetera. Choose a parenting arrangement and then open a support calculator such as *DivorceMate* or *MySupportCalculator* to calculate child support and spousal support (if you create a family where one parent has a spousal support entitlement) – post your family scenario and support calculations to the course's Slack channel. In addition, check out this article about a person being entitled to support in an interesting relationship situation: www.ca.news.yahoo.com/b-c-woman-claims-marriage-110000327.html

○ Exercise #4 – Legislation Review

Choose one or two of the "what if" topics. Review the relevant section in the legislation and/or commentary related to the topic. Perform a search in CanLII for the topic using the "most relevant" filter. Summarize the first case in the results. Perform a second search in CanLII for the topic using the "sort by date: newest" filter. Summarize the first case in the results. Post your findings to the Slack channel. In addition, report on the provisions and operation of the *Federal Child Support Guidelines*: www.justice.gc.ca/eng/rp-pr/fl-lf/child-enfant/rp/index.html

- Welcome Video & 8 Video Lectures with accompanying slide decks
- Reading & Video Materials
- Live Session attendance of a minimum of 8 hours

Reading Materials:

- The Family Maintenance Act 1997
- The Family Maintenance Regulations 1998
- Divorce Act
- Federal Child Support Guidelines
- Spousal Support Advisory Guidelines
- Spousal Support Advisor Guidelines User's Guide
- [BC woman claims marriage article](#)
- *Moge v. Moge*
- *Bracklow v. Bracklow*
- Child Support and Shared Parenting in Canada
- Everything about SSAG
- *Miglin v. Miglin*
- *Rick v. Brandsema*
- *Evanshenko v. Evanshenko*
- The Enforcement of Maintenance Orders Act 1997
- Support Agreement for MEO
- Link to information on the recalculation service:
www.saskatchewan.ca/residents/family-and-social-support/child-support/child-support-recalculation-service

Video Materials:

- [PIECES Model Video](#)
- [Divorce Alimony Agony](#)