

Jim Nantz: How Long will he pay Spousal Support?

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[CT Court: Jim Nantz Ordered to Pay \\$72K Alimony per Month](#)

On 11/02/09, a Connecticut court ordered CBS Sportscaster Jim Nantz to pay his former wife, Lorrie Nantz, \$72,000 per month in alimony (spousal support). Although this is a Connecticut case, let's discuss the issue of how long Jim can expect to pay spousal support if this case were decided according to California law:

First, two events would automatically terminate the Nantz's spousal support order: 1) Lorrie's remarriage; or 2) Jim's or Lorrie's death.

Absent these two events, Jim's first course of action would be to look to the order itself. If the Court assigned a specific expiration date, then he would know exactly how long he will have to pay spousal support. Assuming Jim's order does not have an expiration date, it would be up to Jim, at a future time, to request the court to either terminate or modify the spousal support order. If Jim were to file such a request, the Court would look at several factors, including, but not limited to, the following:

- Lorrie's marketable skills;
- The extent to which Lorrie's present or future earning capacity was impaired by periods of unemployment that were incurred during the marriage to permit her to devote time to domestic duties;
- The extent to which the Lorrie contributed to Jim's attainment of an education, training, or career position;
- Jim's ability to pay spousal support;
- The needs of both Jim and Lorrie based on the standard of living established during the marriage;
- The obligations and assets, including the separate property, of Jim and Lorrie;
- The duration of Jim and Lorrie's marriage;
- The ability of Lorrie to engage in gainful employment without unduly interfering with the interests of their children in Lorrie's custody;
- The age and health of Jim and Lorrie;
- Any documented evidence of any history of domestic violence between Jim and Lorrie;
- The goal that Lorrie shall be self-supporting within a reasonable period of time.

If the court looks at the factors and find that the factors represent a change in circumstances from the original order, the court may decide that Jim is entitled to a downward modification or termination of his spousal support obligation. On the other hand, if the court finds that Jim did not exhibit a change in circumstances via the above-mentioned factors, he can expect to continue to pay Lorrie the originally ordered \$72,000 in spousal support.

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