SUPREME COURT OF NOVA SCOTIA

Citation: Soucy v. Soucy, 2004 NSSC 167

Date: 20040910 Docket: SFHD 151893 Registry: Halifax

Between:

Linda Soucy

Applicant/Petitioner

VS.

Guy Soucy

Respondent

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Judge: The Honourable Justice Glen G. McDougall

Heard: June 29, 2004

Subject: Variation of Child Support / contribution towards the cost of university education /

spousal support variation.

Summary: An application for a variation of child support (retroactive to January 1, 2002) and

an order requiring the respondent to contribute towards the current and on-going expenses for post-secondary education of the parties' three dependent children.

Issue: (1) What is the appropriate amount for child support for the parties' three dependent

children?

(2) Should the variation for child support be made retroactively?

(3) What is the appropriate contribution for the extraordinary expenses for present

and future post-secondary education?

(4) What should be the appropriate award for spousal support?

Result: Child support based on the respondent's current income (imputed) for all three

dependent children was set in accordance with the <u>Child Support Guidelines</u>. Based on the facts of the case, the Court refused to order the retroactive changes sought by the applicant. The respondent's present and on-going requirement to contribute towards the cost of his three children's post-secondary education was set. Spousal support was decreased based on the respondent's current ability to pay and

the applicant's return to full-time work.