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Key California Family Laws Taking Effect Jan. 1, 2008

Hannah Schroeder - Jan 02 2008

California's new laws are expected to take effect at the start of the new year. These are the most important changes to family law beginning Jan. 1, 2008.

California Law Regulates Use of AI in Writing Police Reports

Paul Weissen - Jan 02 2008

California's 13th state law, signed into law in October, sets out new disclosure and recording requirements for police officers who use AI to write reports. The law addresses the host of constitutional concerns the technology poses in drafting police reports, which are often heavily relied on in court.

Securing Lifetime Spousal Support: Marriage of Nelson and the Application of Family Code Section 4360

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California Family Law - Attorney Fees - Actions - Appeal - Criteria

AlIfe 208 - Last updated Oct 27, 2008

In re Marriage of Dennis (1963) 141 Cal.App.3d 71, 190 Cal.Rptr. 304

Author: Barry Deal, J. D.CA

FACTS: W appealed order denying motion to increase spousal support and denial of attorney fee award. Court of Appeal reversed trial court's order for lack of findings and remanded with instructions to award W reasonable fees for appeal.

"To warrant an award of fees on appeal, four conditions must be met: (1) the requesting spouse must show a need for the award; (2) the paying spouse must have the ability to pay the fees; (3) the appeal must be taken in good faith; and (4) there must be reasonable attorney fees. An award of fees on appeal does not imply that the requesting spouse must prevail on appeal." Id. at 78.

NOTES: Accord, *In re Marriage of Marin* (1990) 229 Cal.App.3d 1196, 280 Cal.Rptr. 365, *In re Marriage of MacFarlane & Laug* (1992) 8 Cal.App.4th 247, 256, 10 Cal.Rptr.2d 127.

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