



Family Law

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The short answer is, yes you do. If the two of you have lived together continuously for a period of three years or more, or have children together, then you may be obligated to pay spousal support.

Spousal support is calculated according to the length of the relationship and the age of the recipient spouse as of the date of separation and the relative incomes of the two of you, among other factors. A consult with a family lawyer will provide you with calculations.

Sometimes a couple keeps two residences or spends long periods apart for

work or other reasons, and the three-year cohabitation period is disputed. In this case if you presented yourselves to family and community as a couple with intertwined lives, you can expect to pay spousal support.

It is important to remember that unlike child support, the amount of spousal support paid and the length of time which it is paid, are negotiable between the two of you. This is one area where consulting a family lawyer will save you grief down the road.

Your friends at Shank Law.



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Do I have to pay spousal support when I have been in a common-law relationship?



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