

# NJ Alimony Reform

**Is** a group of women and men dedicated to changing New Jersey's harsh and outdated alimony laws to be fair and reasonable. Today's alimony laws are oppressive. They are harsh enough to force the alimony payer to work well into old age, into bankruptcy, incarceration, to leave the country, or worse. All this the result of LIFETIME Alimony!

We and our partner organization, *New Jersey Women for Alimony Reform*, believe, very simply, that New Jersey should ENCOURAGE INDEPENDENCE for divorcing couples. Alimony must serve as a transition to independence, not an "Award" and certainly not a lifetime entitlement. Lifetime alimony is as unfair as is no alimony.

## Our Mission

*To promote peace, independence, and self-sufficiency for the parties to divorce*

**Our Goal** To amend the New Jersey alimony laws so judges have clear guidelines that:

- **Protect** the truly needy;
- **Eliminate** lifelong marital welfare;
- **End** expensive lawyer battles over vague alimony rules and interpretations;
- **Provide** equal and consistent application of the law, regardless of the judge;
- **End** lifetime restrictions on the civil rights of alimony payers; and;
- **Support** self-sufficiency and independence for both spouses.

**What We Do** We are a group of women and men who volunteer their time to:

- **Educate** legislators, news media, and the public on the need to reform NJ alimony laws;
- **Testify** before New Jersey legislative committees;
- **Propose** and support model legislation on fair laws for men and women; and,
- **Voice** member horror stories -bring awareness to the plight of those who have been harmed

## Progress

Alimony reform bills that set limits on the duration and amount of alimony, and grant alimony payers the right to retire, have been proposed. Read the bills at:

**Assembly Bill A-845 (last session A-3909):** [http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/2014/Bills/A1000/845\\_I1.PDF](http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/2014/Bills/A1000/845_I1.PDF)  
**Senate Bill S-488 (last session S-2750):** [http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/2014/Bills/S0500/488\\_I1.PDF](http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/2014/Bills/S0500/488_I1.PDF)