

- (iv) we require the courts to respect our autonomy to achieve certainty and finality in our lives;
 - (v) the terms of this Agreement and, in particular, this release of spousal support, reflect each party's own particular objectives and concerns, and are intended to be a final and certain settling of all spousal support issues between us. Among other considerations, we are also relying on this spousal support release, in particular, upon which to base our future lives.
- (d) We specifically wish to be able to pursue our separate and independent lives, no matter what changes may occur. We specifically anticipate that one or both of us may lose our jobs, become ill and be unable to work, have additional child care responsibilities that will interfere with our ability to work, find our financial resources diminished or exhausted whether through our own fault or not, or be affected by general economic and family conditions changing over time. Changes in our circumstances may be catastrophic, unanticipated or beyond our imagination. Nevertheless, no change, no matter how extreme or consequential for either or both of us, will alter this Agreement and our view that the terms of this Agreement reflect our intention to always be separate financially. We fully accept that no change whatsoever in either or both of our circumstances will entitle either of us to spousal support from the other, now and forever.
- (e) In short, we expect the courts to enforce fully this spousal support release no matter what occurs in the future.

4.3 Each of us acknowledges that we have been advised by our respective solicitors of rulings in the courts in which the court has awarded spousal support,