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## SUPREME COURT OF THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

*In the Marriage of LANG*

Connor J

7 May, 4 June 1976 — (1976) 25 FLR 130; 10 ACTR 57

**FAMILY LAW – APPLICATION FOR MAINTENANCE OF WIFE WHILST OBTAINING QUALIFICATIONS – WIFE WITHOUT "ADEQUATE SUPPORT" OF HER OWN VOLITION – WHETHER APPLICATION SHOULD BE GRANTED: FAMILY LAW ACT 1975, s75(2).**

The wife had qualifications and was able to support herself adequately as a primary school teacher. After separation, she sought to obtain additional qualifications as a pre-school teacher. Whilst seeking the latter qualification she would not be able to support herself and therefore sought maintenance from her husband on that ground. The evidence adduced established that after obtaining the additional qualification her salary would still remain the same as that of a primary school teacher.

**HELD:** The justice of the case pursuant to s75(2)(o) of the *Family Law Act* required that the wife's desire to obtain an additional teaching qualification be taken into account; and in the circumstances an order for maintenance for the wife should be made.

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