

QUESTION 7 THE ANSWER TO THIS QUESTION SHOULD GO IN BLUEBOOK III

George and Jane dated while attending the University of Michigan and married just after graduation. The two decided that Jane would go on to the U of M Dental School where she had been admitted, while George would work to pay the tuition and costs, the living expenses, and save to attend the U of M Business School after Jane graduated. George worked full-time and all of the overtime offered at Spacely Sprockets, a factory job that he took because he could find no other work with his B.A. in Music History.

After they had their first child, Judy, George quit work so Jane could finish Dental School. George also remained home after Jane graduated and began practicing at an established dental office following the birth of their son, Elroy.

Over the next fifteen years, the family lived in a 3,500 square foot home in a "gated" community, went on vacations to foreign countries, and the children attended private schools as Jane's practice expanded to where she was earning \$325,000 annually. Then, Jane decided to divorce George to marry an orthodontist with whom she had been having an affair.

George agreed to the divorce, agreed to accept half of the existing marital property, and agreed to have physical custody of the two children. After child support payments under the Michigan Child Support Formula, Jane was left with \$175,000 annually and George had \$40,000 annual income from some investments.

George wants spousal support from Jane. Can George receive spousal support? What are the factors that favor a claim for spousal support? What arguments can Jane present to deny a claim for spousal support by George? Explain your answer.

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