

QUESTION 15 THE ANSWER TO THIS QUESTION SHOULD GO IN BLUEBOOK V

Mike and Sally live in Ingham County, Michigan. They have been married for 30 years. Mike is 60 years old and Sally is 58 years old. Mike is a pilot for a private airline. He earns \$400,000 a year. When Sally became pregnant with their first child, the couple decided that Sally would quit her job as a nurse in order to stay home and care for their children. The couple ultimately had four children. Sally was thankful that her husband's income was sufficient to comfortably care for their family without her having to work outside the home. She spent her time raising their children, volunteering in their classrooms, caring for their home and participating in church groups. All four children are now over the age of 18.

Since their children have become adults, the couple decided to downsize and move to a smaller home located in South Haven, Michigan. The home they plan to move into is near Lake Michigan and the yacht club where they have a boat. South Haven is in Van Buren County, Michigan.

Last week while packing their belongings to prepare for the move, Sally discovered letters unequivocally demonstrating Mike has been having an affair with another woman. The affair has been going on for five years. Mike and Sally are scheduled to move within the next month.

Sally wants to quickly initiate divorce proceedings. She is concerned whether she will be able to support herself and unsure whether to file before or after their scheduled move.

In a divorce proceeding, what is the likelihood Sally will be awarded spousal support? Explain your answer.

In which county can Sally initiate divorce proceedings? Explain your answer.

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