

Alimony

Alimony – regular, obligatory benefits for natural persons, to which other natural persons are obliged. The maintenance obligation may result from: - kinship; -Affinity; -Marriage. The maintenance obligation burdens descendants (children, grandchildren) before ascendants (parents, grandparents), and ascendants before siblings; and at the same time relatives closer in degree than more distant ones. Relatives are equally burdened with the maintenance obligation in parts corresponding to their earning and financial capabilities. Relatives from the direct line (i.e. parents, grandparents, children) and siblings are obliged to provide maintenance to each other if the person entitled to it is in need. The scope of this obligation varies and includes the means necessary to satisfy justified life needs (in the case of a child, also means of upbringing and education). When determining the scope of maintenance, both the needs of the entitled person (e.g. a child) and the capabilities of the obligor (e.g. father) should be taken into account.