

Child Maintenance & Family Law Legal Assist Help Line



**CHILD MAINTENANCE BENEFIT, UNOPPOSED
DIVORCE ASSISTANCE & LEGAL ADVICE ON
FAMILY RELATED MATTERS**

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TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE FAMILY LAW GUIDANCE & ASSIST HELP LINE

CHILD MAINTENANCE BENEFIT. Includes Hearing Applications submitted on behalf of Client and Formal Legal Argument Paper including specifically tailored case law from previous judgements, legislation, arguments that favour the Client.

DIVORCE AND OTHER ASSISTANCE. Unopposed Divorce assistance & Legal Advice on Family Law related matters such as Ante-nuptial Agreements, Paternity Tests, permanent life-partnerships, responsibilities of unmarried biological fathers, protection orders, etc.

The Legal Assist Line is available from 08:00 to 17:00, excluding weekends and Public Holidays. Covers the main Client only.

This line is a legal assist and legal documentation benefit, not a Court representation benefit. We can refer Client to a panel attorney at a reduced cost (discount) if necessary.

THREE BASIC POINTS ON CHILD MAINTENANCE

1. Both parents need to contribute financially within their means based on what each parent earns and can afford. If the father earns more and has more resources available, he may be ordered to contribute more than the mother. Even where the mother is in a good financial position and able to take care of the child on her own, this does not exempt the father.;
2. The court will consider the following before making an order: the best interests of the child is always paramount, both parents' salary slips, last three months' bank statements, slips proving previous contribution towards the child's expenses, the needs of the child, expenditure of both parents, the child's living standard before the parents' split, etc.;
3. Sometimes the father will dispute paternity. The court or the father may send a referring letter requesting a paternity test. A DNA test costs in the region of R2 000 and it usually he who denies paternity who pays. If the man refuses to undergo a paternity test (constitutional right to bodily integrity), the court must warn him of the impact his refusal might have on the court's decision.

**You deserve better. Let us help you get justice.
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