

## **Atlanta Divorce Lawyers Anticipate Change in Alimony Laws**

The [Atlanta divorce lawyers](#) at the [Margolis Legal Group](#) understand how painful divorce is for couples, and the division of a life together can lead to unexpected problems, especially since some divorce laws address outdated standards from the past. However, as other states enact new laws that reflect today's lifestyle, Atlanta divorce attorneys predict that Georgia may follow suit.

Alimony laws date back to days when divorced women did not have the means to support themselves, and the higher-earning ex-spouse had a lasting monetary obligation to support his former partner. Alimony payments end when the receiving partner remarries. However, in today's world, many couples live together outside of a legal marriage while enjoying the monetary perks of a shared income. In this situation, the spouse receives the benefit of this shared income, while continuing to receive alimony payments from the ex-spouse.

While Georgia has not legally acknowledged that many couples today cohabit rather than remarry, the precedent set by states such as Connecticut and Massachusetts may encourage a change in Georgia alimony laws. These states have set a few new ground rules for alimony payments. For example, Massachusetts courts now allow alimony payments to be adjusted based on the receiving spouse's living situation. If the alimony payer can prove that his or her ex-spouse is living with another partner, the court may eliminate or reduce the payments, depending on how long the ex has been cohabitating. Connecticut has enacted similar legislation to provide a balance of equality for alimony-paying ex-spouses.

[Atlanta divorce lawyers](#) predict that Georgia will eventually follow other states in reevaluating alimony policies. Divorce laws are constantly evolving to adapt to the conventions of modern-day society, and alimony is one part of the process. If you are going through a divorce, or considering a divorce, contact the [Atlanta divorce lawyers](#) at Margolis Legal Group today to discuss your options and learn how we can make divorce laws work in your favor.