

**SUPREME COURT OF NOVA SCOTIA**  
**(FAMILY DIVISION)**

**Citation:** Ward v. Lawrence, 2012 NSSC 362

**Date:** 20121009

**Docket:** SFSNMCA 13889

**Registry:** Sydney

**Between:**

Starlene Marie Ward

Applicant

v.

Gary Everett Lawrence

Respondent

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**Judge:** The Honourable Justice Theresa M. Forgeron.

**Heard:** July 9, 2012 and October 9, 2012 in Sydney, Nova Scotia.

**Oral Decision:** October 9, 2012.

**Written Decision:** October 22, 2012.

**Subject:** Family Law.

**Issue:** Retroactive child support.

**Result:** Retroactive increase granted where father failed to voluntarily increase child support once he was served with a variation application and where father's income increased substantially since the issuance of the last court order. The retroactive award was less than it otherwise would have been because mother delayed in seeking variation and father used some of his money for child's expenses.

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