

**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NOVA SCOTIA**  
(Pettigrew v. Pettigrew, 2005 NSSC 219)

Docket No.: S.K. No. 030272

Date: 20050808

Registry: Kentville

BETWEEN:

MARIANNE PETTIGREW

Petitioner

-and -

KENNETH ARTHUR PETTIGREW

Respondent

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**Judge:** The Honourable Justice Margaret J. Stewart

**Heard:** at Kentville, N.S. on April 11 & 12, 2005.

**Subject:** Divorce; valuation date of RRSP; spousal support; late retroactive and current

**Summary:** 29 year traditional marriage; Respondent lived and worked in Saudi Arabia for nine years earning disposable income of \$9,000.00 per month; Petitioner not working since 1995 and prior to that held clerical positions due to frequent moves. Completed a 24 month long occupational therapist assistant course in ten months but unable to find employment. Within six months of separation working and earning \$11,772.00 per year. Respondent income imputed at \$110,000. Discretion exercised and retroactive lump sum awarded.

**Result:** Current spousal support at \$2,900.00 per month; lump sum retroactive amount of \$30,000 set off against equalization payment owing to Respondent. Remainder payable by retaining an account and forthwith payment; Respondent intentionally cashed in his RRSP; Valuation date for Petitioner's RRSP set at separation date.