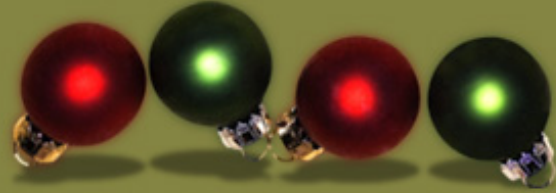




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## Pension and Disability Benefits



In a case called *In re the Marriage of Sullivan*, a formerly married couple entered into a settlement agreement at their divorce. The agreement stated that wife would be able to share equally in her former husband's pension once he reached the age of retirement. Shortly after the divorce, and before the man had reached retirement age, the man was found to be totally disabled. As a result, the man was allowed a "disability pension" before reaching retirement age, and the woman sought a portion of his disability pension. There was no express or implied language that referenced disability or disability benefits at all and there was no evidence that the former couple had contemplated those types of benefits at the time of their divorce. Additionally, the purpose of the pension was not to **currently** support the wife, but to support her after the man had reached the age

of retirement. So, ultimately, the woman was not entitled to a share of man's disability pension before he reached retirement age.

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