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Calculating Support with Uncertain Income

In order to calculate the amount of support a party must pay, the court must look at the income of both parties. When determining income for support purposes, a trial court may consider the party's credibility and forthrightness in disclosing his or her income. *In re Marriage of Gabriel*, the husband's reported income "dramatically dropped without explanation" upon the wife filing for divorce, which gave the trial court good reason to question the accuracy of the reported income. The appellate court held that when a party's current income is difficult to ascertain or is uncertain, a trial court may consider past earnings. The

appellate court also held that when income fluctuates from year to year, it is acceptable to use an averaged income based on the different income amounts.



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