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Update to:

***“What Changes in Circumstances Are Necessary
for [Spousal Support] Modification?”***

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A December 2014 decision by The Connecticut Supreme Court illustrates how even matrimonial law is constantly evolving.¹ Connecticut law is among the examples listed on p. 188 to illustrate the kinds of requirements necessary under state law to obtain a modification of spousal support.

In Connecticut, that requirement is a “substantial change in circumstances.” Those changes have typically involved a significant increase in the alimony payor’s income, a significant decrease in the alimony recipient’s income, a significant increase in the recipient’s needs, or some combination of two or more of those factors.

The Connecticut Supreme Court, however, ruled that “...an increase in income, standing alone, does not justify the modification of an alimony award.” That decision came as quite a surprise to Connecticut matrimonial lawyers who had for many years successfully sought spousal support modification on that basis alone.

The moral? Make sure to check with a local matrimonial lawyer, key aspects of the law that might impact your case—even seemingly “well-settled” principles.

¹ *Dan v. Dan*, 315 Conn. 1 (2014)