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## Beware The ‘Double-Dip’!

A Dissolution of Marriage or Registered Domestic Partnership can be complicated for a number of reasons, one of which is the occasional overlap between assets and income. Sometimes, a community asset generates income for one of the spouses; for example, a business owned by one or more both parties, or rental property, or a retirement plan which is paying out benefits. Frequently, part of that income stream is one of the factors that are used to set a value for the asset. Here you must be careful! Income is also used to set spousal support. If the same income is used to set the asset value and to set spousal support, then the party who receives the support might be getting too much. Family Law attorneys call this ‘double dipping.’ An experienced Family Law Attorney is able to collect the necessary evidence to evaluate such a situation, and then take steps to meet the goals of the client.

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