

Changing the Terms of Divorce

Sitting in a New Jersey family law courtroom, one regularly hears judges and lawyers use the word "Lepis". They say things like "Lepis says...", and "Lepis mandates that..." and "Pursuant to Lepis..." etc. We sometimes hear people make comments like "what's a Lepis?" or "Who is Lepis?"

Lepis is not a person nor is it a thing. Rather, Lepis v. Lepis was a 1980 case decided by the New Jersey Supreme Court which stands for the proposition that child support, alimony, visitation/parenting time, and related issues are subject to review and possible modification, at the request of either party, whenever there has been a substantial change in circumstances.

This means that after the divorce, sometimes people can go back to Court to ask a judge to modify terms of the divorce judgment when there has been a significant change in circumstances.

The Lepis case is as significant today as it was when it was first decided nearly twenty years ago.

Largely as a result of Lepis, our law office represents many people who are already divorced but who have ongoing issues that need to be re-addressed by a Court.

Please feel free to [contact us](#) if we may be of service to you.

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