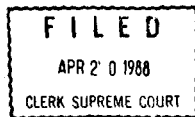


IN THE COURT OF APPEALS OF IOWA



IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF JAMES L. SMITH AND SANDRA C. SMITH

Upon the Petition of	)	173
JAMES L. SMITH,	)	Filed April 20, 1988
Petitioner-Appellee,	)	
And Concerning	)	
SANDRA C. SMITH,	)	<u>8-172</u>
Respondent-Appellant.	)	87-1300

Appeal from the Iowa District Court for Des Moines County (CD 1950-0187),
D.B. Hendrickson, Judge.

Respondent wife appeals from the economic provisions of a dissolution
of marriage decree. **AFFIRMED.**

T.K. Ford, Burlington, for appellant.

Terry D. Loeschen, Burlington, for appellee.

Considered by Oxberger, C.J., and Donielson and Hayden, JJ.

PER CURIAM

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This appeal is from the dissolution of a 24-year marriage. Respondent-appellant (Sandra) contests the amount of child support and her alimony award. She requests attorney fees on appeal.

Both parties were teaching school when they married. Sandra quit teaching about two years later, to raise the children. At the time of trial, she was a church organist, earning \$328.37 net per month. James went on to get a doctorate degree in education and is now a superintendent of schools. He earns approximately \$65,000 gross per year. They have four children: twin sons, age 15; Michael, age 18, a student in college at the University of Iowa; and Daniel, age 21, a college graduate and gainfully employed full time.

The trial court awarded the parties joint custody with Sandra having physical care of the twins. James was directed to pay Sandra child support of \$400 per month per child for the twins and child support of \$400 per month for Michael. Sandra was awarded \$300 per month alimony for four years and \$2,000 trial attorney fees.

The trial court awarded James the following property:

300 Shares Allied Group Securities (Nicholas Applegate Growth Equity Fund)	\$3,000.00
Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance - Policy #10001712	85.00
1986 Federal Income Tax Refund	2,550.75
1986 State State Refund	358.90
Minnesota Mutual Life Shelter Annuity	22,838.50
Checking Account #190-841-7 - Farmers and Merchants Bank	152.54
Loan Due from Dan Smith (son)	6,000.00
1983 Buick Riviera	7,800.00
1979 Datsun Z	2,500.00
Household Goods & Furnishings	1,149.50
Savings Account #009350094505 - 1st Minnesota Savings Bank (Includes IPERS cashed in of \$13,134)	15,634.76
Checking Account #0999581 (State Bank of Mound)	230.70

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Sandra was awarded the following property:

New York Life Policy #36889057	\$ 3,200.00
Real Estate Contract-Sale of Council Bluffs Property	31,491.73
Hawkeye Bank & Trust Checking Account #142557-9	1,200.00
Hawkeye Bank & Trust Savings Account #60227112	14,533.65
1986 Ford Aerostar Van	9,250.00
Household Goods & Furnishings	10,390.00
Wards Bar Refrigerator	32.50
Wall Hangings (Mirror)	22.50
Table and four chairs (Basement)	75.00

James was ordered to assume liability for the MasterCard debt.

Sandra testified she would need to return to college to earn a masters degree so she could earn \$18,000 to \$22,000 annually teaching or playing church music and organ performances. She indicated it would take her three years to obtain a masters degree.

Our review is de novo. Iowa R. App. P. 4.

After considering and balancing all of the relevant factors enumerated in section 598.21 of the Iowa Code, we affirm the trial court.

James shall pay \$500 to Sandra to apply upon her appellate attorney fees. Costs of appeal are taxed to Sandra.

AFFIRMED.