



IN THE COURT OF APPEALS OF IOWA

IN RE MARRIAGE OF LAURA SEATON AND JAMES E. SEATON

Upon the Petition of	)	175
LAURA SEATON,	)	
	)	Filed January 27, 1988
Petitioner/Appellant-	)	
Cross-Appellee,	)	
	)	7-606
And Concerning	)	87-634
	)	
JAMES E. SEATON,	)	
	)	
Respondent/Appellee	)	
Cross-Appellant.	)	

Appeal from the Iowa District Court for Crawford County (1136), Dewie J. Gaul, Judge.

Both parties appeal from the economic provisions of the dissolution decree.

AFFIRMED AS MODIFIED.

R.E. Franck and R.J. Tilton of Franck, Mundt, Nepper & Franck, Ute,
for appellant.

Jeffrey R. Minnich of Minnich, Neu & Comito, Carroll, for appellee.

Considered by Oxberger, C.J., and Hayden and Sackett, JJ. Schlegel, J.,
takes no part.

PER CURIAM

The parties were married in 1970. They have a son, born in 1970, and a daughter, born in 1973. James has been a practicing veterinarian since 1980. He has recently been decertified. His veterinary practice has decreased substantially. He has been unable to pay his debts and the IRS garnished his bank account. Laura was unemployed at the time of trial because of a layoff. She plans to finish her college education and obtain a teaching certificate in about two years. Both parties were undergoing bankruptcy at time of trial.

The trial court set up a joint custody arrangement with Laura having physical care of the children. James was directed to pay Laura child support of \$500 per month, alimony of \$300 per month for three years, and \$1,000 toward her attorney fees. He was required to maintain a \$200,000 life insurance policy for ten years to secure his child support and alimony obligations. The trial court awarded each party the property in his or her possession. James was ordered to pay all of the parties' debts not discharged in bankruptcy, except Laura's college loan. Laura requests attorney fees on appeal.

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

We find the alimony award is reasonable in amount and term. In re Marriage of Janssen, 348 N.W.2d 251, 254 (Iowa 1984).

We modify the decree only as it relates to the amount of life insurance James is required to carry with Laura as primary beneficiary and the children as secondary beneficiary. We reduce the amount from \$200,000 to \$30,000. The decree is affirmed in all other respects.

We order James pay Laura \$500 to apply toward her appellate attorney fees. Costs of appeal are taxed to James.

AFFIRMED AS MODIFIED.