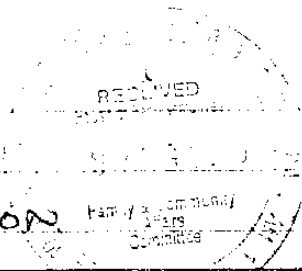


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SUBMISSION REGARDING FAMILY LAW.

I HAVE BEEN INFORMED THAT ONLY COUPLES MARRIED
LESS THAN 2 YEARS AND WITH CHILDREN ARE REQUIRED TO
HAVE COMPULSORY MARRIAGE COUNSELLING. SURELY
COUPLES MARRIED FOR OVER 2 YEARS EVEN 20 YRS
SHOULD BE ENTITLED TO THE SAME EQUALITY BEFORE
THE LAW. WHY SHOULD THEY BE TREATED ANY DIFFERENT
OR LESS FAVOURABLY, ESPECIALLY IF MARRIAGE
COUNSELLING COULD SAVE A HUGE AMOUNT OF MARRIAGES
AND HEARTACHE AND SAVE UNNECESSARY DIVORCES AND
TIME WASTED ON COURT BATTLES INSTEAD OF TRYING
TO RECONCILE MARRIAGES, WHERE DIVORCES ARE GIVEN
OUT EASILY AFTER 12 MONTHS THE LOSERS ARE THE
FAMILIES, CHILDREN AND SOCIETY AS A WHOLE. THERE
SHOULD BE COMPULSORY COUNSELLING AND PROOF THAT
THE FAMILIES HAVE AT LEAST TRIED TO SORT OUT THEIR
MARRIAGES FIRST BEFORE ANY COURT ACTION.

AN INTENSIVE CARE UNIT. IF HE HAS WASTED
27 YEARS OF HER LIFE WHY SHOULD HE BENEFIT
BY SEWING OFF HER HOME UNDERNEATH HER, HASN'T
SHE ALREADY SUFFERED ENOUGH BY HIS BETRAYAL,
AND LIES. SHE HAS LOST MORE AND SHOULD BE
COMPENSATED FOR 27 YEARS OF HER LIFE DOWN
THE DRAIN. IN COURTS THERE SHOULD BE A MORE
CARING ATTITUDE TO WHAT EACH PARTY HAS
SUFFERED AND THE HUGE EFFECT ~~IT~~ IT HAS
ON BOTH PARTIES. ALSO MEDICAL DETAILS SHOULD
BE PRIVATE ONLY TO THE PARTIES CONCERNED AND NOT
GIVEN OUT TO STRANGERS IN A COURT, WHO HAVE
NOTHING TO DO WITH THE CASE. ALSO WHERE THERE
ARE BREACHES OR CRIMINAL BEHAVIOUR OF PEOPLE
WHICH COULD AFFECT THE PUBLIC AT LARGE THERE
SHOULD BE FREEDOM OF SPEECH TO WARN PUBLIC OF
ILLEGAL PRACTICES IT SHOULD NOT BE COVERED UP.

I BELIEVE IN FAIRNESS AND JUSTICE BEFORE THE
LAW AND HOPE YOU BELIEVE IN THE SAME,
PLEASE LET ME KNOW DETAILS REGARDING FAMILY LAW.

THANKING YOU.

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