

Dear Annie

Annie Lane



Costly divorce gets costlier by the minute

Dear Annie: We're in a bit of a crisis. My daughter has gone through a divorce. Her ex-husband took her for custody of their two younger children, calling her neglectful and as well as seeking to reduce support payments, to name a few charges. In the case, but he is appealing. She has practically unlimited funds, making over \$400,000 per year, while he makes \$70,000.

It has already cost her tens of thousands of dollars in attorney fees. She is beside herself as to how she can afford this. She hasn't even paid her lawyer all she owes yet.

Are we convinced this guy won't give up if she is left with nothing. He'll sue to drag this out until she's broke.

What question is, what are her legal options related to this harassment? Will you allow him to continue until he drains her of all her funds (because, legally, that will happen)? I just don't know where to tell her to turn. Thoughts from you or your experts? *Discerned Mother*

Dear Concerned Mother: It sounds like the crisis is not just legal. The husband appears to be using the

divorce to wreak psychological havoc on his ex-wife and, sadly, his own children. It is important that her attorney point this out to the court and make sure he is paying all support payments during his appeals. If your attorney can show the ex-husband is not paying child support and other requirements from the court ruling, your daughter can ask for her ex to be forced to pay her attorney fees.

I would be interested in hearing suggestions from readers who are divorce attorneys or who have gone through a divorce and can offer insights. I am sorry that your daughter and grandchildren are going through this.

Dear Annie: My husband of 30 years took a job in another state. We sold our home, and I moved in with friends to finish my contract at work. We agreed on living apart for 10 months.

The pandemic ended my husband's job, and my contract had already been extended twice. The living situation with my friends changed, as one of their parents had a stroke and needed to move in with us. I help with caretaking so we can all work and have equal downtime.

This has been amazing for all of us, and I am extremely grateful.

It is four years later, and I am now

ready to join my husband. My friends want to throw a huge party. How can I express my gratitude, but shut this down?

Being the center of attention gives me extreme anxiety. — *Shy*

Dear Shy: The best way to express your gratitude is to be honest with your friends. Tell them how much this situation has meant to you and how grateful you are.

But also tell them exactly what you told me — that you don't like to be the center of attention. Allow them to have a party with all their friends, but maybe ask that it not be for you but rather just a party to celebrate life and your friendship.

It sounds like you have a wonderful friendship, which is such a blessing in life. Best of luck on the next chapter of your life with your husband.

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Letters from Heloise

LEGAL NOTICES

(September 19, 2022)

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
TOWN OF GRANVILLE
OFFICE OF THE TAX COLLECTOR

The owners or occupants of the following described parcels of land situated in the Town of Granville in the County of Hampden and Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the public are hereby notified that the taxes thereon assessed for the year(s) hereinafter specified, according to the list committed to me as Tax Collector for the Town of Granville, by the Town Assessors of said Granville, remain unpaid, and that said parcels of land will be taken for the said Town of Granville on October 3, 2022, at 10:00 A.M. for the non-payment of said taxes and interest, if any, unless the same shall be previously discharged.

Owner: Paul Brown and Genevieve M. Brown, with any buildings thereon, at 119 Barnard Road, shown as Assessor's Map 17-68-0. Hampden Registry of Deeds B. 6639, P. 53.
2022 Taxes: \$1,327.53

Owner: Dena J. Cosmus and John A. Cosmus III, Trustees of Cosmus Family Trust, with any buildings thereon, at 0 South Lane Rear, shown as Assessor's Map 18-55-0. Hampden Registry of Deeds B. 5811, P. 242.
2022 Taxes: \$203.22

Owner: Dena J. Cosmus and John A. Cosmus III, Trustees of Cosmus Family Trust, with any buildings thereon, at 1611 Main Road, shown as Assessor's Map 23-19-0. Hampden Registry of Deeds B. 20817, P. 472.
2022 Taxes: \$1,744.10

Owner: Estate of Wallace R Lawrence and Elizabeth M. Lawrence, with any buildings thereon, at 198 Silver Street, shown as Assessor's Map 23-18-0. Hampden Registry of Deeds B. 3195, P. 88.
2022 Taxes: \$1,482.36

Owner: Stephen Tkacz, with any buildings thereon, at 322 Beech Hill Road, shown as Assessor's Map 8-23-0. Hampden Registry of Deeds B. 10306, P. 178.
2022 Taxes: \$5,148.90

Owner: Stephen Tkacz, with any buildings thereon, at 0 Beech Hill Road Rear, shown as Assessor's Map 8-38-0. Hampden Registry of Deeds B. 16905, P. 461.
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(September 19, 20, 2022)

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