

ROLE PLAY SCENARIO: MOORE V. MOORE

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Bill and Sue have been married for 14 years.

Bill is 45 years old. Sue is 32 years old. They have three children: Matt who is 13 years old, John who is 10 years old and Joy who is 6 years old.

Bill and his brother own a company; Bill owns 48% and his brother Tim owns 52%. When Bill and Sue met, Bill was making **\$35,000.00** a year.

Sue was attending college and worked for the company part-time when she met Bill. She dropped out of school in her junior year when just the couple got married. Sue continued to work for the business until the couple's second child was born; then she stopped. She began working for the local municipality three years ago, and is presently earning **\$28,000.00** a year.

Bill's company has become more successful over time and his earning reached a high of \$150,000.00 per year. However, with the downturn in the economy, Bill's brother has reduced his salary to \$95,000.00 last year.

The Parties assets are as follows:

House – FMV	\$335,000.00
First Mortgage	(\$250,000.00)
Second Mortgage	\$68,000.00)
Equity	[\$17,000.00]

The Parties have agreed that Bill's company is valued at: **\$ 95,000.00**

Joint Savings and Investments \$ 15,000.00

Savings in Sue's name alone \$ 7,500.00

The child support guideline amount is **\$511.00** per month.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR BILL

Bill is still very much in **love** with his wife and is an **active father**.

Bill is 13 years older than Sue

Bill **works long hours** for his company and is **depressed** about the downturn in **revenues**.

He is **happy with the joint evaluation** of his company and feels it is worth at **more than** the appraised value.

He **doesn't mind** paying the **child support** amount from the guidelines.

Bill **wants the house**.

He does **not** want to pay **alimony** to Sue.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUE:

Sue is 13-years younger than Bill and she feels she **never got to live out her youth**.

She wants to complete her **college degree** and she is sure she can get a **job** earning at least **\$100,000.00** per year.

(She ran Bill's company and if it weren't for her, the company would have failed a long time ago).

She is confident she will make it on her own. She is **anxious** to be **independent**.

She **does not want the house** but wants a fresh start.

She does not want to pay an attorney, but her **sister's husband is an attorney**, and he has been giving her **free advice**.

For purposes of discussion, she has been advised to **demand everything**, including a share of the company.

She can be very **emotional**.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR BILL'S ATTORNEY:

Bill is heartbroken.

You know that Bill wants the **house**.

You assume that Bill will keep his interest in the company.

Sue doesn't have a lawyer, but her **sister's husband** is a **lawyer**, and you know he is behind the scenes.

You **can't** stand, Sue's Attorney Brother-in-Law

INSTRUCTIONS FOR CONCILIATOR:

The **goal** here is to **reach consensus** on all contested issues!

Contested Issues:

House - Bill wants the house, while Sue does not. However, Sue has been advised to fight for everything.

Interest in Company - Sue will express that she wants an interest in Bill's company, blind-siding Bill and his attorney.

Conciliator's Goals:

1. To help facilitate a resolution on the ownership of the house and the interest in the business.