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TWELVE REASONS TO USE A VOCATIONAL EXAMINATION

1. Resolve spousal and child support issues
2. Document the current and future employability and earning capacity of a supported/supporting spouse
3. Refute or confirm that half the length of the marriage is “a reasonable period of time” for an unemployed spouse to become self-supporting
4. Demonstrate the availability of and pay ranges for jobs in specific fields in the current labor market
5. Assess whether a supported/supporting spouse has made reasonable, “good faith” efforts to contribute to his or her own support by seeking employment, building a business, or exploring career options
6. Create a recent career development plan for the supported spouse based on his or her education, marketable skills, work-related experience, and the marital standard of living
7. Determine the costs and duration of education and training for future job options
8. Ascertain how factors like age and physical or emotional health affect employability
9. Identify potential child care costs resulting from a spouse returning to work part-time or full-time
10. Compare potential earning capacity to actual earnings of a supported/supporting spouse
11. Establish a supporting spouse's diminished or lack of earning capacity and inability to meet support demands
12. Consider change in circumstances of either spouse's earning capacity and employability

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