

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

IN RE	:	Chapter 13
	:	
JOSEPH L. LASPINA,	:	
	:	Bankruptcy No. 18-11012-AMC
DEBTOR	:	
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ORDER

AND NOW, this 3rd day of January 2020, for the reasons given in the accompanying opinion, it is hereby ORDERED that:

1. The objection of Joseph L. LaSpina (“Debtor”) to the pre-petition claim of his ex-wife, Cynthia Stewart (“Ms. Stewart”), in the amount of \$91,948.18 (“the Claim”) is SUSTAINED IN PART and OVERRULED IN PART.
2. One-third of the Claim qualifies for priority treatment as a domestic support obligation pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(1)(A) and is nondischargeable in accordance with 11 U.S.C. § 523(a)(5).
3. The remaining two-thirds of the Claim does not qualify for priority treatment under 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(1)(A), as that portion of the Claim is in the nature of equitable distribution, and, therefore, is subject to discharge.



Honorable Ashely M. Chan
United States Bankruptcy Judge