STATE OF MICHIGAN

COURT OF APPEALS

SUSAN MARIE CZAJKOWSKI KLOSS,

December 29, 2005

Plaintiff-Appellee-Cross-Appellant,

V

No. 257737 St. Clair Circuit Court LC No. 93-001962-DO

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NORBERT PAUL CZAJKOWSKI,

Defendant-Appellant-Cross-Appellee.

Before: Murphy, P.J., and Sawyer and Meter, JJ.

SAWYER, J. (concurring in part and dissenting in part).

Although I concur with most of the majority's opinion, I respectfully dissent from that portion upholding the alimony decision.

While I was a member of the panel in the original appeal in this case which decided that the trial court's alimony award of \$62,400 per year for eight years was inadequate, I did not envision the award being raised to the extent that it has. While that initial award may have been inadequate, the current award is grossly excessive. I would hold that the trial court abused its discretion in the amount of alimony awarded, and I would remand with directions to the trial court to reduce the alimony award to a reasonable amount.

/s/ David H. Sawyer