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Attention: Family Law Lawyers

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## “VALUE ADDED” OR “PRO RATA”

When the date of employment precedes the date of marriage (as it usually does) it becomes very important to know whether the valuator has used the “Value Added” method or the “Pro Rata” method to determine the equalization portion of the pension. The difference in value is often substantial. The “Value Added” method generally produces the higher value for the portion subject to equalization on marriage breakdown. Presently valuations are being prepared both ways.



We have prepared an extensive brief explaining these two methods and how they have been treated in the courts. Our brief gives arguments for both methods but clearly indicates why the “Value Added” method is the method that should be followed unless the necessary information is not available. This brief would be useful to anyone acting for the non-pensioned spouse when there is a pre-marriage portion.

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For further information or a copy of our extensive brief please call Pension Valuators of Canada at **1-800-891-9122** or fax us at 1-705-749-6762.

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