



McGreevey Lawyers Make One Final Pitch in Divorce Court

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The lawyers representing the nation's first openly gay Governor and his estranged wife make their final arguments in the alimony phase of their divorce trial today.

Noted divorce attorney Edward Weinstein says Jim McGreevey's lawyer will no doubt tell the judge "he's downtrodden, he's sincere with his religious convictions and that he's heavily in debt and couldn't possibly pay any alimony."

On the flip side, he says the attorney for Dina Matos will say "she cannot maintain the same standard of living enjoyed during the marriage without alimony from Mr. McGreevey...I believe both witnesses have problems with their respective positions, because each of their positions are so radically beyond believability or reasonableness."

He adds no matter what the Judge rules in the coming weeks, the McGreevey's seem to be so full of contempt and hatred for each other, that "I'm almost wondering - is this going to go to the Appellate division? And now we're not talking weeks or months, we're talking years."

Once this phase of the trial is complete, the judge must rule whether Matos will be allowed to sue McGreevey for fraud - on the grounds that she was duped into marrying someone who was gay, someone who was looking for a trophy wife to further his political career.

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