

GEORGIA INCOME SHARES CHILD SUPPORT GUIDELINES DEVIATION STRATEGIES

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The general public is also welcome to register.

This seminar is designed for family law attorneys and is a must for domestic law attorneys practicing in Georgia—for attorneys working with custodial, non-custodial or shared parenting parents. This seminar starts where the introductory seminars left off. Economist and expert witness R. Mark Rogers shares his experience from working with over 100 clients nationally on strategies for deviating for many common deviation factors, including travel for exercising parenting time, child care tax credits, parenting time, agreement of the parties, high income, and child dependency exemptions among others.

The deviation strategies for the various factors include in part: which sections of the new code are applicable for a given factor, the economic background and assumptions, how to argue case facts as rebutting the presumption, using economic or financial exhibits to determine the all important "deviation adjustment amount" to enter in the guidelines' Schedule E for deviating, and how to argue "best interests of the child" and "unjust and inappropriate."

The seminar additionally includes:

- Case law from Georgia on deviating as well as from states that have used Income Shares for many years.
- A check list for deviating and helping to ensure supporting exhibits are appropriate.
- Easy to use software to simplify creating exhibits to support deviation arguments as well as other resource materials not included in introductory seminars.
- Additional resource materials, including an indexed version of the new child support guidelines to find topics in the new guidelines more readily and comprehensively.

What stands out about this seminar is that the strategies are documented—with underlying studies, statutes and case law from Georgia and other states, and apply rational methodologies.

AGENDA

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8:15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Registration 		12:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lunch. Catered lunch is included. Special needs should be submitted in advance.
8:50	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introductory Comments 		12:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child Care Tax Credits as a Deviation Factor
9:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Starting Point for Deviating—Basics on the Income Shares Guidelines and Deviation Broad Deviation Strategies Mandatory Steps for a Deviation Award—A Minimum Checklist for Deviating Concepts and Standards for Rebuttal and Deviation 		1:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quick Start with the Excel Worksheet: Practical Tips and Warnings on Entering Deviation Amounts
			1:20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child-Related Tax Benefits as a Deviation Factor Documentation of Underlying Facts Alternative Deviation Approaches
10:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An Easy Start to Understanding Schedule E Calculations: Travel Expenses as a Deviation Factor Using a Calculator to Determine the Schedule E Deviation Amount 		1:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Break. Coffee and tea.
			2:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agreement of the Parties as a Deviation Factor Deviating Upon Oldest Child Reaching Majority
10:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Break. Coffee and tea. 		2:20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Special Topics: Modification Requirements and an Increase in Income for Obligor Does Not Preclude Downward Modification Allocating Uninsured health care Expenses According to the Underlying Study
10:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parenting Time Adjustments: Underlying Facts Economic studies on parenting time Using a Calculator to Determine the Schedule E Deviation Amount 		2:40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child Care on a Reimbursement Basis as a Deviation Factor High Income Cases
11:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rebuttable and Irrebuttable Presumptions. Being sure to recognize an irrebuttable presumption as invalid. Best Interests of the Child—Conflict with Federal Standards, How to Argue and Possible Conflict with Needs & Ability to Pay 		3:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adjournment

For other dates and locations, a brochure and separate registration form can be downloaded from RogersEconomics.com.

SEMINAR TOOLS

In addition to the approximately 250 page manual full of exhibits, case citations, and checklists, the Georgia Income Shares Child Support Guidelines Deviation Strategies seminar includes a number of tools that make deviation analysis easier on a daily basis and helps to ensure following proper procedures and to have more compelling exhibits. These tools are valuable for both the attorney and for support staff.

Seminar tools are provided on a compact disk (CD). The CD includes:

- Financial affidavit blank in Excel, Rule 24.2, 4-23-07.xls

This is an Excel version of the May 2, 2007 revision to Rule 24.2 of Uniform Superior Court Rules for the domestic relations financial affidavit. This Excel spreadsheet calculates the required summed values based on standard financial inputs. This file looks like a Word document when printed. It saves many hours of recalculating a Word document version of the financial affidavit when a few inputs change. When an affidavit needs updating, this file makes it a breeze to recalculate and print.

- Rules. USCR 24.2 Financial Affidavit Amendment 4.23.07.doc

The Supreme Court of Georgia just amended rules regarding disclosure of worksheets for child support calculations and also the standard financial affidavit. Rule 24.2 was amended May 2, 2007 to correct numbering of sections and references to sections. The financial affidavit has income components to match the worksheet as well as child costs and other expenses to match worksheet requirements.

- Rules. USCR 24.2 Financial Affidavit Amendment 4.23.07.wpd
This is the Wordperfect version of Rules. USCR 24.2 Financial Affidavit Amendment 4.23.07.doc

- Deviation award calculator software.

Input is simple and exhibits are printable for use in court. Deviation calculations have an economic basis as a foundation for argument. Exhibits are included for many of the most common deviation factors. Included are: parenting time, straight-line basis; parenting time, "Shockey study" basis, travel expenses, and day care tax credits. Parenting time analysis shows the net child support burden for each parent—direct spending on various cost categories plus or minus the award. Additional deviation calculations are planned.

- Visitation Calendar Calculator for 2008.xls

This is an Excel file, by Rogers Economics, Inc., that can easily add up parenting time days simply by keying in which days or half days a parent is entitled. This is must software for arguing a parenting time deviation and for determining what to enter as the non-custodial parent's share of parenting time in the child support order. It is always a good idea to fill out this worksheet and print it out for court to show exactly how you calculated parenting time. Including the non-custodial parent's parenting time in the child support order is now required and this helps you meet that requirement.

- GA OCGA 19-6-15, with outline and index, effective January 2007.doc

This document is very handy for reference purposes. It is the new guideline code section. There are three parts to the document: 1) an outline of the new code, making it easier to see which section may apply to an issue, 2), the code itself (you can copy into your own documents from a clean Word format instead of html from the web), and 3) an index. The index may be the most valuable part—it can help you find where different issues appear in the code.

- Georgia_Offline_Child_Support_Calculator_2007v5.xls

This is the state's official child support calculator—the latest version.

SEMINAR MANUAL

Several new chapters have been added since the first seminar

Georgia Income Shares Child Support Guidelines: Deviation Strategies

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DIRECTIONS

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ABOUT ROGERS ECONOMICS, INC.

Rogers Economics is headed by R. Mark Rogers, an economist with nation-wide experience consulting in Income Shares states as well as states using other types of child support guidelines. Prior to private consulting, Rogers was an economist at the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta with almost two decades of experience as an expert on forecasting and data analysis. He is the author of the *Handbook of Key Economic Indicators, Second Edition* (McGraw-Hill Professional Publishing, 1998; Chinese edition, 1999). He has lectured nationally on the use and analysis of economic data with the Institute for Professional Education, Arlington, VA.

His public service as commissioner on the 1998 Georgia Commission on Child Support, years of research, publications in the legal and economics communities, and court-room experience have established him as a leading authority on the economics of this field.

Rogers has consulted on child cost issues for clients in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, Texas, Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming, and Washington State. Rogers has testified on child support issues before legislative committees in Georgia, Minnesota, and Virginia and by invitation before the U.S. Congress. He has presented to child support review commissions in Alabama, Georgia, North Carolina, Ohio, Tennessee, and Virginia.

Rogers has been qualified as an expert on child costs and child support guidelines before Superior Court in Atkinson, Berrien, Carroll, Chatham, Cherokee, Clarke, Clayton, Cobb, DeKalb, Douglas, Forsyth, Fulton, Gwinnett, Lee, Rockdale, and Walton Counties and in Juvenile Courts of Gwinnett and Pickens Counties.

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