

GEORGIA CHILD SUPPORT GUIDELINES: DEVIATION STRATEGIES

Tuesday afternoon, September 18, 2012
The State Bar of Georgia Building, Atlanta, GA

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This seminar on child support deviation strategies has been revamped into a crash course on cutting costs while offering more for your clients.

This seminar condenses key issues on explaining the basics about Income Shares child support guidelines, traditional rebuttal arguments, and making sure you comply with procedures for deviating—including for recent appellate opinion on parenting time deviations. The seminar shows you how to quickly become comfortable using the seminar's Excel software for deviation exhibits. Strengthen your arguments and give the judge a place to hang his or her hat.

Can you readily explain what your deviation amounts are based upon?

When your client gives you updated information for the child support worksheet or financial affidavit, can you instantly rework not just the affidavit but your deviation exhibits?

This seminar's software helps you take care of these ongoing recalculation needs and bolsters your courtroom presentations.

- **NEW:** The seminar software now includes an Excel version of the Fulton County version of Rule 24.2 domestic relations financial affidavit. As soon as you register for this CLE class, the Excel Fulton County financial affidavit and the standard version are emailed to you—you can make life easier even before the seminar!

Although the seminar has been condensed and revamped into a 4 hour course version, the seminar materials are still feature length. The updated seminar tools include a brand new Excel version of the deviation calculator which covers more deviation factors. The new version covers: parenting time, life insurance, other health-related insurance, travel expenses, child care tax credits, expenses for special activities, and putting child care expenses on a reimbursement basis. Importantly, you can copy and paste all exhibits into Word!

A completely new section has been added for how to organize client information for worksheets and analysis. There also are tips on working with the child support worksheet in Excel.

The seminar additionally includes:

- Case law from Georgia on deviating as well as from long-standing Income Shares states.
- 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. The updated seminar has a new Excel version of the deviation calculator which covers more deviation factors and is easier to use for copying and pasting exhibit tables than the original Java version. The new version covers: parenting time, life insurance, other health-related insurance, travel expenses, child care tax credits, and putting child care expenses on a reimbursement basis. Importantly, you can copy and paste all exhibits into Word! Minimal Excel experience is needed!
- Additional resource materials, including an Excel version of the required financial affidavit (state version and Fulton County version) and an Excel parenting time calculator.
- A new area of discussion is on the deviation for payment of the custodial parent's mortgage. This covers tax effects (which can improve combined net income) and interaction with alimony. Yes, this goes a little out of the box and IRS regulations on alimony likely are not what you think. Just because the judge says it is alimony doesn't mean the IRS agrees.

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.

Economist and expert witness R. Mark Rogers shares his experience from working with clients in Georgia and over a dozen other states nationally on strategies for deviating for many common deviation factors. Emphasis is on using the new deviation Excel calculator to simplify creating exhibits and use for Schedule E.

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) and *The Complete Idiot's Guide to Economic Indicators* (Penguin, 2009). 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, Laurens, Lee, Rockdale, and Walton Counties and in Juvenile Courts of Gwinnett and Pickens Counties.

AGENDA

GEORGIA INCOME SHARES CHILD SUPPORT GUIDELINES DEVIATION STRATEGIES

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The seminar includes 4 hours CLE credit, regular CLE hours.

12:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registration. NOTE: Lunch is not included. Snacks are included with the break.
12:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductory Comments
12:35	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Broad Deviation Strategies. • Mandatory Steps for a Deviation Award—A Minimum Checklist for Deviating. • Concepts and Standards for Rebuttal and Deviation. • Rebuttable and Irrebuttable Presumptions.
1:25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An Easy Start to Understanding Schedule E Calculations: Travel Expenses as a Deviation Factor • Using the Excel Deviation Calculator to Determine the Schedule E Deviation Amount
1:50	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Break. Refreshments.
2:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parenting Time Adjustments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Underlying Facts ▪ Economic Studies on Parenting Time ▪ Georgia Appellate Opinion on Parenting Time Deviation Requirements. ▪ Using the Excel Deviation Calculator to Determine the Schedule E Deviation Amount
2:40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Life Insurance and Other Health-Related Insurance Premiums as Deviations. • Excel Tips • High Income Cases on a Needs and Ability to Pay Basis. • Day Care Tax Credits
3:10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child Care on a Reimbursement Basis
3:20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Getting Yourself Organized for Understanding the Case—Basic Practical Applications • Taking Charge with the Child Support Worksheet and Avoiding Problems
3:50	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mortgage payment as a deviation. Tax effects. Interaction with alimony.
4:10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highlights of Special Topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Agreement by the Parties as a Deviation Factor ▪ Deviating Upon the Oldest Child Reaching Majority—including Georgia Appellate Opinion. ▪ Modification Requirements and an Increase in Income for Obligor Does Not Preclude Downward Modification—including Georgia Appellate Opinion. ▪ Expenses for Special Activities—BCSO Assumptions, Impact on NCP and CP, and Using the Excel Deviation Calculator ▪ Allocating Uninsured Health Care Expenses According to the Underlying Study ▪ Child-Related Tax Benefits as a Deviation Factor—Guidance from Other States and the IRS.
4:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adjourn. Conference Center closes at 5:00.

This agenda is subject to small changes in coverage and timing for each section.

**REGISTRATION FORM:
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4 hours CLE credit, regular CLE

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GEORGIA CHILD SUPPORT GUIDELINES: DEVIATION STRATEGIES-- • Tuesday, Sep. 18, 2012 Atlanta, Georgia

**The State Bar of Georgia Building
104 Marietta Street
Atlanta, Georgia 30303**

Registration: 12:00 p.m. Program: 12:35 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.
Reminder—to keep costs down, the seminar starts after lunch which is not included. Refreshments are included.

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Early registration fee: \$125. Late registration fee: \$145.

Early registration due EOD Friday, September 14, 2012.

If you do not need the CLE credits, the seminar fee is \$105.

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Take the Windsor-Spring Exit. Turn left on Spring Street. Turn right on Marietta Street.

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Take Andrew Young International Boulevard Exit. Turn left on Andrew Young International Boulevard. Turn left on Centennial Parkway. Turn left on Marietta Street.

From the North on I-75 and I-85:

Take Williams Street Exit. Turn right on Andrew Young International Boulevard. Turn left on Centennial Parkway. Turn left at Marietta Street.

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Exit the train station heading towards Peachtree Street. Turn left out of the station onto Peachtree Street. Follow Peachtree Street to Marietta Street. Turn left on Marietta Street. Follow Marietta Street for four blocks.