

# GEORGIA INCOME SHARES CHILD SUPPORT GUIDELINES DEVIATION STRATEGIES

**Saturday, May 12, 2007**  
**Gwinnett Center, Duluth GA\***

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As a family law practitioner, do you have a strategy for arguing the new Income Shares deviation factors? You know about "Schedule E" for deviating with the new guidelines. But do you know how to develop convincing numbers for that worksheet—and how to argue those numbers? Do you understand the economic and legal background of the Income Shares methodology enough to argue for appropriate deviation factors? This seminar helps to fill much of that void.

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, low income, 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.

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\* For additional dates and locations, see the Agenda page of this brochure or visit [RogersEconomics.com](http://RogersEconomics.com).

## AGENDA

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

Additional seminars have been scheduled for Atlanta (Tue., May 1) and Marietta (Sat., June 16) with others pending. A brochure and separate registration form for Duluth and for each of the other locations can be downloaded from [RogersEconomics.com](http://RogersEconomics.com).

## SEMINAR TOOLS

In addition to the approximately 200 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, Rule 24.2, Uniforms Rules for Superior Courts.pdf

The Supreme Court of Georgia amended rules regarding disclosure of worksheets for child support calculations and also the standard financial affidavit. The financial affidavit has income components to match the worksheet as well as child costs and other expenses to match worksheet requirements.

- Financial Affidavit, Rule 24.2, Uniforms Rules for Superior Courts, Excel version.

This is an Excel file with all of the calculations in the official format. Saves time when revising financial affidavits and reduces errors. This file alone makes the seminar worthwhile. File prints as if in Word format.

- 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 2007.xls

This is an Excel file written 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 a must piece of 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.

- OfflineChildSupportCalculator122206.xls

This is the state's official guideline calculator, version 12-22-2006.

- School break schedule by county, 06-07 year.xls

This document lists the breaks for school systems in Georgia for 2006-07 and can be helpful in calculating parenting time.

## DIRECTIONS

### Gwinnett Center

6400 Sugarloaf Parkway  
Duluth, Georgia 30097

770-813-7555



**Traveling North on I-85** take the Sugarloaf Parkway Exit. Turn right off the exit, go back under the Interstate and cross over Satellite Boulevard. The Center will be on your left.

**Traveling South on I-85** take the Sugarloaf Parkway Exit. Turn right off the exit and you cross over Satellite Boulevard. The Center will be on your left.

**From the Gwinnett Place Mall** take Satellite Boulevard north 2-1/2 miles. The Center is located on your left.

### 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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Mail registration form to: Rogers Economics, Inc., 617 Garamond Place, Peachtree City, GA 30269

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For other seminar dates and locations, download registration forms from RogersEconomics.com.

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**The May 12, 2007 Seminar is being held at Gwinnett Center, 6400 Sugarloaf Parkway, Duluth, Georgia 30097. 770-813-7555**

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**Early registration fee: \$195 Late registration fee: \$215**

**Seating is guaranteed only to the first 40 registrants. Confirmation will be by email. Please call for confirmation if email is not received.**

**Early registration due EOD Monday, May 7, 2007.**

- I am unable to attend. Please send written materials. Payment is enclosed or credit card information is below.
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