

GEORGIA CHILD SUPPORT GUIDELINES DEVIATION STRATEGIES— CUTTING COSTS WHILE OFFERING MORE FOR YOUR CLIENTS

**Tuesday Afternoon, January 24, 2017
The State Bar of Georgia Building, Atlanta, GA**

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**4 regular CLE hours for GA
attorneys**



This seminar on child support deviation strategies has been updated. This course still includes a foundation for learning the Income Shares methodology. Emphasis is on procedure to ensure passing muster with the Court.

Updates include: tips and documents to improve handling daily office work related to child support cases, recent appellate opinions, and expanded materials on underlying assumptions of the guidelines. As always, a broad range of deviation strategies are covered—including for high income cases. Materials are useful for custodial and noncustodial parents.

This seminar condenses key issues on making sure you comply with procedures for deviating. Then the focus shifts to how to quickly build analysis and exhibits for your Word documents for court room arguments. 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 financial affidavit but your deviation exhibits?

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

Although the seminar has been condensed and into a 4 hour crash 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, and putting child care expenses on a reimbursement basis. Importantly, you can copy and paste all exhibits into Word!

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 easy to use for copying and pasting exhibit tables. The latest 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. For parenting time analysis, a new feature is “what if” presumptive awards were based on selected states with presumptive parenting time formulas. Importantly, you can copy and paste all exhibits into Word! Minimal Excel experience needed!
- The latest version of the seminar has sections focusing on day-to-day maintenance of case information and analysis.
- Additional resource materials, including an Excel version of the required financial affidavit and an Excel parenting time calculator.

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 twenty 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, Massachusetts, 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.

AGENDA

GEORGIA INCOME SHARES CHILD SUPPORT GUIDELINES DEVIATION STRATEGIES & PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS

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12:15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registration. NOTE: Lunch is not included. Snacks are included with the break.
12:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductory Comments
12:50	<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
1:40	<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
2:05	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Break and Refreshments
2:15	<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 ▪ Comparative parenting time adjustments with other states' formulas
2:55	<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
3:25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child Care on a Reimbursement Basis
3:35	<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
4:05	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mortgage payment as a deviation. Tax effects. Interaction with alimony • What's new in appellate opinion on child support • Underlying facts of the guidelines summarized
4:25	<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
5:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adjourn

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

**REGISTRATION FORM:
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**GEORGIA CHILD SUPPORT GUIDELINES: DEVIATION
STRATEGIES AND PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS
Tuesday, January 24, 2017, Atlanta, Georgia**

**The State Bar of Georgia Building
104 Marietta Street
Atlanta, Georgia 30303
404-527-8700**

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. Bring your own if you wish. Refreshments are included.

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GA BAR# _____

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< For registration confirmation and email notification of seminars, no postcards will be sent.

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**Early registration fee: \$145. Late registration fee: \$165.
If you do not need the CLE credits, the seminar fee is \$125.
(GA Bar requires paying a fee for CLE credits). Bar fees are processed in your behalf by Rogers Economics with the Bar.**

**Early registration due EOD Thursday,
January 19, 2017.**

For those NOT needing CLE credits, the registration fee is reduced \$20 since a fee is not required by the GA Bar.

**Seating is guaranteed only to the first 40 registrants.
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Take the Windsor-Spring Exit. Turn left on Spring Street. Turn right on Marietta Street.

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

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:

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