

POTENTIAL UPCOMING LEGISLATIVE ISSUES FOR GEORGIA CHILD SUPPORT GUIDELINES

**Monday Afternoon, November 6, 2017
The State Bar of Georgia Building, Atlanta, GA**

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Learn about unresolved economic, regulatory, and procedural issues on Georgia's child support guidelines that are currently being debated for potential legislation.

- This CLE specifically suggests daily use methods to address many issues prior to any legislation being enacted.

Key areas to be discussed are:

- Self-support calculations, response to new federal regulations,
- Parenting time—clarifying underlying facts and possible presumptive parenting time adjustments (Were the 2017 legislative changes factually incorrect and should be reversed? What states provide examples of good parenting time adjustments?),
- Multiple worksheet issues—is there a way to simplify the process,
- Imputed income limitations for incarcerated obligors to address new federal regulations,
- Health insurance premiums—should reasonable cost be defined using a formula,
- Updating the child cost schedule—an issue likely to be addressed by the Child Support Commission in 2018 before proposing legislation. The concept of a second household adjustment to the cost schedule will be discussed from economic and legal perspectives.

Plenty of background information will be provided that can help you understand how to address many of these issues in court even before any legislative reform. This is especially important for multiple worksheet cases.

Recent appellate opinion has helped focus on some of these issues—indicating direction and limits on potential legislation and indicating current mandatory procedure.

This CLE helps focus the debate on these issues with questions and insight. There will be a Q&A session. Members of the Georgia House and Senate Judiciary Committees have been invited along with the child support commission.

AGENDA

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12:15	Registration. NOTE: Lunch is not included. Snacks included at sign in and during break.
12:55	Introductory Comments
1:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multiple worksheets—simplifying the process There are concerns about the burden of creating and submitting multiple worksheets. How might this burden be lessened? What does appellate opinion say if code is not changed? Using a checklist to ensure meeting current procedure. • Set up an administrative court to address income deduction issue of end of duty of support, in full or for when older child emancipates? • Day care moved off the worksheet, Should day care be moved off the worksheet to be a separate part of the order? How should code be changed? How can day care effectively be put on a reimbursement basis currently?
1:35	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parenting time issues with a focus on 2017 legislative mistakes. Code changes in 2017 allow an upward deviation against a noncustodial parent's presumptive obligation. This change conflicts with the developing economist's statements that the BCSO does not have any consideration for noncustodial parenting time. How should code be changed to correct 2017 errors? How can deviations be made based on sound formulas that correctly start from zero noncustodial parenting time in the BCSO?
2:10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Break and Refreshments
2:20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parenting time issues continued. • New federal regulations. Federal regulations changed significantly on January 19, 2017. These changes affect mandatory facets in states' guidelines. These include imputed income and low-income situations. Additionally, defining reasonable costs for health insurance premiums appears to be an issue. • Self-support formula. Despite new federal requirements, revised analysis of the 2014 case study shows the low-income deviation is not working without a formula. What are formula options?
3:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Imputed income and incarceration—meeting federal regulations. Regulations require adding a code sections stating that incarceration is not voluntary unemployment. New code should be easy to write. Example. • Imputed income and evaluating local economic conditions. How should code be changed to include examining an expanded list of personal financial issues and requirement to look at local economic issues? Imputing income is going to be more difficult. • Health insurance premiums—should there be a formula defining reasonable costs? • Do new federal regulations directly impact administrative child support orders? Does the "uniform statewide" requirement expand the need to include a reasonable cost formula in OCGA § 19-6-15?
3:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updating the BCSO cost schedule. What will the cost table look like? • Updating the BCSO with a second household adjustment. Constitutional issues.
4:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Q&A
4:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adjourn

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

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ABOUT ROGERS ECONOMICS, INC.

Rogers Economics is headed by R. Mark Rogers, an economist with nation-wide experience consulting on child support, alimony, and personal injury issues. 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 custodial and noncustodial parents with 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.



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