

## **Supplemental Materials for Georgia Child Support Guidelines Deviation Strategies Manual**

This list is also available as a file named READ ME FIRST in the supplemental materials download.

The materials that come with the Georgia Child Support Guidelines Deviation Strategies manual includes, alphabetically:

- Child\_Support\_Data\_Entry\_Form v9.4.xlsm
- Child\_Support\_Worksheet\_and\_Schedules v9.4.xlsm
- CS Excel Worksheet CompanionGuide\_V2.pdf.Printed Version.pdf
- Example of Input Confirmation Memo.doc

This document is an example of the type of memo you should email your client to confirm key inputs into the child support worksheet—presumptive calculation needs as well as for deviations.

- Financial affidavit blank in Excel, Rule 24.2, V-June2017.xls

This is an Excel version of Rule 24.2 of Uniform Superior Court Rules for the domestic relations financial affidavit. It conforms to Rule 24.2 as of July 2017. 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.

- Financial affidavit blank in Excel, Rule 24.2, Fulton Co Version V-June2017.xls

Fulton County has a specialized version of the financial affidavit and this is an Excel version from Rogers Economics, Inc. that tracks the official hard copy version.

- Fulton County Local Rules for Family Court as of Dec16.pdf

This version is the latest and was approved by the Supreme Court of Georgia in June 2010. Fulton County has a local rule related to Superior Court Rule 24. See "4000-6.3."

- GA Excel Deviation Calculator V2.1 Blank.xlsx

This Excel spreadsheet calculates a number of key deviation factors discussed in the seminar manual. This file is an Excel replacement of the earlier Java version of the deviation calculator. This Excel version is easier to use for copying and pasting exhibits from Excel to Word for presentation purposes. Deviation factors covered include: parenting time, life insurance, other health-related insurance, travel expenses, child care tax credits, and putting child care expenses on a reimbursement basis. This file is very useful for quickly updating exhibits when income figures change. The deviations calculated are economics based but must be seen as recommendations to the court rather than being adopted by the court with certainty. Minimal Excel skills needed to use this file.

- GA Excel Deviation Calculator Instructions FULL.doc

These are the instructions for the Excel deviation calculator.

- GA Excel Deviation Calculator Instructions QUICK.doc

This is a short version of how to use the Georgia Excel Deviation Calculator in Excel from Rogers Economics, Inc.

- GA OCGA 19-5-12 on required findings as of 2017 legislature.docx

This is one of two code sections that state the specific required findings for child support orders—the other code section being OCGA 19-6-15.

- GA OCGA 19-6-15 inclusive of 2018 legislative session.docx

This version of the guidelines includes changes through the completion of the 2018 legislative session. This is the latest code for citing and copying and pasting.

- Gwinnett County child support addendum, 24Aug2015.pdf

This addendum is current through at least December 2016.

Additional child support calculation and custody information when filing in Gwinnett County. Other counties may have similar additional requirements. Web pages:

<http://www.gwinnettcourts.com/documents/Filing//child%20support%20addendum.pdf>

[http://www.gwinnettcourts.com/#courtsjudges\\_superior\\_forms\\_divorce/](http://www.gwinnettcourts.com/#courtsjudges_superior_forms_divorce/)

- Input Sheet for Clients, Blank.doc

Using this input sheet for initial intake information can help you get a good overview of the case for child support issues. It also covers information needed but not found in the financial affidavit. Over time, you can adapt this input sheet to fit what you see as needed for good initial input information.

- IRS Form 8332 revised Jan 2010.pdf

“Release/Revocation of Release of Claim to Exemption for Child by Custodial Parent.” This IRS form is the one used for the custodial parent to transfer use of a child dependency exemption to the noncustodial parent. The January 2010 version is the most recent for this form.

- IRS Publication 504, tax year 2015.pdf

“Divorced or Separated Individuals.” This IRS publication describes many of the rules that apply to divorced or separated individuals, including rights to dependency exemptions, what qualifies as alimony, and property settlements among others.

- List of Explanations of Why in the Best Interests of the Child.doc

This document has generic wording as a starting point for explaining why a given deviation is in the best interests of the child. This will help you fill out Schedule E of the Excel child support worksheet.

- Parenting Time Calendar Blank for 2019.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 very helpful for arguing a parenting time deviation and for determining what to enter as the non-custodial parent's 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. Excel file calendars for 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, and 2018 are also included.

- Putting It All Together—An Example.doc

This is an outline and an example of how to apply the seminar's deviation strategies in your documents used for arguments. This is from the seminar manual.

- Rogers' Case Strategies 4May10.pdf

This is a handout from a CLE on the afternoon of May 4, 2010. This is a relatively concise outline of the broad issues for successful case strategy. Excellent starter training material for newly hired attorneys with no child support case experience in Georgia.

- TAX 2016 US Form 2441.pdf

This is the official IRS form for claiming child care tax credits. The deviation award calculator duplicates this. However, this is good to have for background information or to show that the calculator exactly follows IRS code.

- TAX 2016 US Instructions, Form 2441.pdf

These are official IRS instructions for filling out Form 2441. This is just for reference purposes since the deviation calculator follows the same steps.

- Top 20 Mistakes Made When Completing a Child Support Worksheet

From the Georgia Child Support Commission Meeting, October 15, 2010

- Uniform Superior Court Rules, Including Rule 24.2 amended 13July2017.pdf

A pdf file of all of the USCR to see Rule 24.2 as of July 13, 2017. The state's court web site does not publish the rules individually anymore on the web. See page 46. [This rule covers a variety of issues—especially for required filings with the county clerk with financial affidavits and child support worksheets.](#) There also are rules for parenting plans and other issues.

<http://www.georgiacourts.org/index.php/court-rules>

- Users' Guide\_Standard Excel CS Calc\_v2 Juy2014.pdf. Printed Version.pdf

A simplified instruction manual for using the standard child support worksheet in Excel. Created by the Georgia Child Support Commission to go with version 8.4. Also, Users' Guide\_Excel CS Calc\_Data Entry Form Jan2014.pdf.

**Separate folder on CD:**

**PowerPoint Slides for 2018 August, also in PDF**

This folder has the PowerPoint slides for the two CLE presentations. Page numbers at the bottom of the slides match the pages from the manual updated for the Richmond Hill, August 10-11, 2018 CLE seminars. These slides are a condensed version of the material in the manual (although not all of the material).

### **Word Templates for deviation exhibits**

The documents in this folder are templates for case specific deviation arguments. They will need to be edited for case specific information and are designed so tables from the Excel deviation calculator can be copied and pasted. Typically, one might start a full exhibit with the INTRODUCTION section and then add appropriate sections for other deviations that apply. Files generally are in red font as a reminder that they need editing for a given case.

- Deviation Exhibit for Day Care Tax Credits, GENERIC.doc
- Deviation Exhibit for Other Health-Related Insurance, GENERIC.doc
- Deviation Exhibit for the NCP's Parenting Time, GENERIC.doc
- Deviation Exhibit for Travel Expenses, GENERIC.doc
- Deviation Exhibit INTRODUCTION and Summary of Deviations, GENERIC.doc
- Deviation Exhibit, Dependency Exemption Signed Over to NCP, GENERIC.doc

### **Separate folder on CD: Recent Appellate Opinion**

- Contains key opinions from 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, and 2018 on child support and also with a few divorce cases.

### **Separate folder on CD: GA CS Legislative History and Underlying Documents**

- GA PSI report by Venohr 9 Sept 2005 revised.ppt

This is a background report on Georgia's new guidelines, presented to the Georgia Child Support Commission by Jane Venohr, then with Policy Studies, Inc., Denver,CO.

- GA PSI report by Venohr 30 Nov 2005 rev 2.ppt

This is a background report on Georgia's new guidelines, presented to the Georgia Child Support Commission by Jane Venohr, then with Policy Studies, Inc., Denver,CO.

- GA PSI report by Venohr 4 Jan 2006.pdf

This is a background report on Georgia's new guidelines, presented to the Georgia Child Support Commission by Jane Venohr, then with Policy Studies, Inc., Denver,CO.

- GA Senate Bill 427, 2018, as signed by governor.

Has many procedural changes related to multiple worksheets, imputed income, and best interest of the child.

- hb221 as signed by governor, 22 Apr 2005.pdf

This is the original legislation for Income Shares guidelines.

- hb145-2009onCSGuidelinesRevisions.pdf

This is the General Assembly's official version of the guidelines as revised and signed by the governor from the 2009 General Assembly.

- sb382 2006 house version approved by senate.pdf

This is the General Assembly's official version of the guidelines as enacted and signed by the governor and includes the child cost table.

- taxcutsandjobsact2017.pdf
- The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act\_ An Advisor's Guide 2017Dec28.pdf

You can get updates on some of these issues at:

<http://www.rogerseconomics.com/LegalLinks.html>