

GEORGIA CHILD SUPPORT DEVIATION STRATEGIES & GETTING IT RIGHT—GUIDELINE AND DEVIATION PROCEDURE

This CLE seminar focuses on applying deviations, based on code, appellate opinion, and courtroom exhibits. Appellate courts have given more attention to child support award procedure and this seminar covers key issues, helping to ensure your worksheets and arguments pass muster.

**Thursday Afternoon, December 5, 2019
Gwinnett Technical College, Lawrenceville, GA**

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3 regular CLE hours for GA attorneys

This seminar condenses key issues on explaining the basics about Income Shares child support guidelines and how to make deviation arguments and create supporting exhibits. Deviation procedure is covered in detail. 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? This seminar helps with how to condense underlying facts about your deviation for presentation and creating understandable supporting exhibits.

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.

The updated seminar tools include an Excel version of the deviation calculator which covers more deviation factors. The new version covers: parenting time and alternative PT deviation methods, Child Tax Credits, 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 or WordPerfect!

Georgia appellate opinion on child support guideline procedure has gotten more stringent. Additionally, it has gotten more emphatic that all guideline procedure must be met. This CLE seminar focuses on what appellate opinions are focusing and how to tie in economic facts of a case for compliance.

Guideline procedures focus on what is in the "presumptive box." Making sure that merely the presumptive calculation is correct is not simply filling in all of the blanks but also making sure that each of the inputs conforms to presumptive requirements. Incomes of the parents are important inputs and appellate opinion gives plenty of guidance on traditional income. However, code changes in 2018 have made using imputed income more complicated. It is important to understand the new procedure and many economics circumstances that strongly suggest using imputed income.

Getting extra attention in the seminar is the issue of Child Tax Credits which doubled in size with federal tax reform in December 2017. These credits are huge offsets to child costs. This issue should regularly be considered for a deviation.

Miscellaneous issues are also covered, including practical ways of managing worksheet information and documenting for court presentation.

The seminar additionally includes:

- Standard "digital tools" from seminars conducted by Rogers Economics.
- Digital tools include a variety of items with a few examples being: financial affidavit in Excel format, Excel parenting time calculator, list of explanations by deviation factor for use in Schedule E, an example of a worksheet input memo, and a check list for preparing multiple worksheets.
- The digital tools also include a folder of legislation impacting the guidelines over the years, underlying documents of facets of the guidelines, OCGA § 19-6-15 in a bookmarked (by code subsections) in Word format.
- Power Point slides of the presentation.

Economist and expert witness R. Mark Rogers shares his experience from working with clients in Georgia and over twenty other states nationally on economic issues of child support and alimony.

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

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The seminar includes 3 hours CLE credit, regular CLE hours.

12:15	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Registration. NOTE: Lunch is not included. Snacks and drinks are included with the break.
12:50	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introductory Comments
1:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Broad Deviation Strategies.• Concepts and Standards for Rebuttal and Deviation.
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">• Mandatory Steps for a Deviation Award—A Minimum Checklist for Deviating.• Special clauses in orders or agreements are deviations. It's not just the list of deviation factors that require full explanations to meet procedure.
2:15	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Break. Refreshments.
2:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Life Insurance and Other Health-Related Insurance Premiums as Deviations.• 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">• Day Care Tax Credits• Child-Related Tax Benefits as a Deviation Factor.
3:10	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• High Income Cases on a Needs and Ability to Pay Basis.
3:20	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Getting Yourself Organized for Understanding the Case—Basic Practical Applications. Practical tips on completing worksheets. Making the most of a worksheet input memo.
4:10	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Imputing Income. What's new with 2018 statute changes? What are practical issues for imputing income?• Agreement by the Parties as a Deviation Factor• Modification Requirements
4:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Adjourn.

**REGISTRATION FORM:
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Mail registration form to:

**Rogers Economics, Inc., 141 Iron Oak Drive, Peachtree City, GA 30269
or fax or scan and email.**

Fax: 404-201-2966. Additional information: 678-364-9105 or RMRogers@mindspring.com.

**Georgia Child Support Deviation Strategies &
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Registration: 12:15 p.m. Program: 12:55 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Reminder—to keep costs down, the seminar starts after lunch which
is not included. Refreshments are included.

Name _____

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Email: _____

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**Early registration fee: \$165. Late registration fee: \$185.
If you do not need the CLE credits, the seminar fee is \$153.
(GA Bar requires paying a fee for CLE credits). Bar fees are
processed in your behalf by Rogers Economics with the Bar.**

**For those NOT needing CLE credits, the registration fee is
reduced \$12 since a fee is not required by the GA Bar.**

I have enclosed a check for the early registration fee, payable to Rogers Economics, Inc. Alternative payment can be made through Zelle (text 678-480-2912) or PayPal using RMRogers@mindspring.com as directing where funds will go.

I am unable to attend. Please send written materials. Payment enclosed. Fee for materials only: \$95.00.

**Duplicate registrations may result in multiple charges to your account. A \$15 administrative fee will apply to
refunds required because of duplicate registrations.**

Cancellation Policy: Cancellations reaching Rogers Economics, Inc. by 5:00 p.m. December 2, 2019 will receive a registration fee refund less a \$15.00 administrative fee. Otherwise the registrant will be considered a "no show" and will not receive a registration fee refund. Program materials will be shipped after the program to every "no show." Designated substitutes may take the place of registrants unable to attend. Notice of the designated substitute should be mailed, faxed, or emailed to Rogers Economics, Inc. prior to the seminar. However, substitutes are accepted at the door.

**The December 5, 2019 seminar is being
held at Gwinnett Technical College, 5150
Sugarloaf Parkway, Building (to be
determined), Lawrenceville, GA 30043.
Direct line to GTC: 770-962-7580.**

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Office Phone (____) _____

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

State _____ Zip _____

**Early registration due EOD Monday,
December 2, 2019.**

**Seating is guaranteed only to the
first 30 registrants. Confirmation
will be by email. Please call for
confirmation if email is not received.**

**Gwinnett Technical College -
Lawrenceville Campus**

**5150 Sugarloaf Parkway
Lawrenceville, GA 30043**



DIRECTIONS

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Lawrenceville, GA 30043

From the school's web site:

The Gwinnett Tech Lawrenceville campus is located in the heart of Gwinnett County, so getting here is easy. We are approximately 25 miles northeast of Atlanta, at the corner of Highway 316 and Sugarloaf Parkway. There is ample student parking available. If you prefer public transportation, you can reach Gwinnett Tech by taking Gwinnett County Transit Route 40. **If you have questions, contact us or call 770-962-7580.** We'll be glad to help.

Driving Directions to Gwinnett Tech Lawrenceville Campus

From I-85 N: Take GA 316W to the first exit, Sugarloaf Parkway. Turn left onto Sugarloaf. The main campus entrance will be on your left at the second traffic light.

From I-85 S: Take Exit 105, Duluth Highway (GA-120) and turn left. Follow Duluth Highway to the intersection of Sugarloaf Parkway and turn right. The campus will be on the right at the next two traffic lights.

The campus is nestled between Highway 316 and I-85 North. All buildings can be accessed from either entrance except for the interiors program building, which is located directly off of Sugarloaf between the two entrances.