

# **GEORGIA CHILD SUPPORT DEVIATION STRATEGIES, DEVIATION PROCEDURE, WORKSHEETS & IMPROVING CASEWORK FLOW**

**Thursday Afternoon, November 19, 2020**  
**Zoom Conference Room, from Your Office or Home Office**

**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. Special sections are included for handling worksheets and for organizing case work.**

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**3 regular CLE hours for GA  
attorneys**



This Zoom based CLE is a first for Rogers Economics but Zoom meetings are now well accepted by many organizations. And it is the wave of the future, making seminars more accessible as well as providing a healthier environment.

Materials being presented are key topics and valuable for attendees. However, because attendees will be helping Rogers Economics introduce and develop these child support CLE Zoom based seminars, the cost is at a low "introductory" rate—see the registration form for details. For this seminar, attendance will be limited to allow better interaction between attendees in the Zoom conference room. Registration is limited to 10 for each seminar date.

- Deviation procedure is covered in detail. Having simple but compelling exhibits adds to meeting procedure and strengthens your arguments.
- Can you readily explain what your deviation amounts are based upon? This seminar helps you create understandable supporting exhibits.
- Not sure how to organize your client's information for analysis and presentation? Lean how to make courtroom documents that judges really appreciate.
- The seminar tools include an Excel version of Rogers Economics' Excel deviation calculator which covers more deviation factors, including parenting time deviations, Child Tax Credits, travel expenses, child care tax credits, among others. Importantly, you can copy and paste all exhibits into Word or WordPerfect!
- Appellate opinion has gotten more emphatic that all guideline procedure must be met. This CLE seminar focuses on what appellate opinions are for important child support factors, focusing and how to tie in economic facts of a case for compliance.
- Getting attention in the seminar is the issue of Child Tax Credits which doubled in size with federal tax reform in December 2017.

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 presentations.

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.

- [Check back on RogersEconomics.com](http://RogersEconomics.com) for additional seminar dates.

### **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, Fayette, Forsyth, Fulton, Gwinnett, Lee, Paulding, Rockdale, and Walton Counties and Administrative Court in Paulding County and in Juvenile Courts of Gwinnett and Pickens Counties.

## AGENDA

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

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

12:50	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Introductory comments.</li></ul>
1:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Intro to Income Shares and Thinking Presumptive v. Deviation</li><li>• Broad Deviation Strategies.</li><li>• Concepts and Standards for Rebuttal and Deviation.</li></ul>
1:25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• An Easy Start to Understanding Schedule E Calculations: Travel Expenses as a Deviation Factor</li><li>• Using the Excel Deviation Calculator to Determine the Schedule E Deviation Amount</li></ul>
1:50	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mandatory Steps for a Deviation Award—A Minimum Checklist for Deviating.</li><li>• Special clauses in orders or agreements are deviations. It's not just the list of deviation factors that require full explanations to meet procedure.</li><li>• Guidelines assume the custodial parent pays direct expenses unless a deviation has the noncustodial parent explicitly sharing the cost in a deviation.</li></ul>
2:15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Break.</li></ul>
2:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Parenting Time Adjustments:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Underlying Facts</li><li>▪ Economic Studies on Parenting Time</li><li>▪ Georgia Appellate Opinion on Parenting Time Deviation Requirements.</li><li>▪ Using the Excel Deviation Calculator to Determine the Schedule E Deviation Amount</li></ul></li></ul>
3:10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Child-Related Tax Benefits as a Deviation Factor.</li></ul>
3:40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Getting Yourself Organized for Understanding the Case—Basic Practical Applications. Practical tips on completing worksheets. Making the most of a worksheet input memo.</li></ul>
4:10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Imputing Income. What are key issues and procedures for imputing income?</li><li>• Modification Requirements &amp; Issues Raised by Recession</li></ul>
4:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Adjourn</li></ul>

# Deviation Strategies & Getting It Right—Guideline and Deviation Procedure

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### Georgia Child Support Deviation Strategies, Deviation Procedure, Worksheets & Improving Casework Flow • Thursday, Nov. 19, 2020, "Zoom conference room."

The November 19, 2020 seminar is being held through a Zoom conference room, accessible through the Internet. You will be emailed sign in information after registering.

Registration: prior to seminar, email, fax, or snail mail.

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

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**Early registration is just to ensure your place. Since you arrange your own refreshments and printing is done as needed, there is no special early fee. Registration is open until seats are filled.**

**Seminar rate: \$120, includes CLE fee coverage. If you do not need CLE credit: \$108.**

**Seminar includes digital materials. Optional hard copy of the manual is \$35 for attendees (yes, printing and postage add up to that).**

**Confirmation will be by email. Please call for confirmation if email is not received. Additional seminars are planned.**

\_\_\_ Please sign me up for registration with CLE credits: \$120

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Total: \$\_\_\_\_\_.

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Total: \$\_\_\_\_\_.

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