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SUMMARY

ECONOMIST, CHILD COST AND CHILD SUPPORT GUIDELINES EXPERT

R. Mark Rogers is an economic consultant, with expertise in forensic economics, corporate and government applications. He has been recognized as an expert on child costs as related to family law issues. Previously, as a 19-year veteran economist for the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, Rogers became an expert in analysis of economic data and indicators and in economic forecasting. He recently was Senior U.S. economist for Econoday, Lafayette, CA. He is the author of the *Handbook of Key Economic Indicators, Second Edition* (McGraw-Hill Professional Publishing, 1998; Chinese edition, 1999) and the author of *The Complete Idiot's Guide to Economic Indicators* (Alpha Books, 2009). He has lectured nationally on the use and analysis of economic data with the Institute for Professional Education, Arlington, VA. His primary roles at the Atlanta Fed were macroeconomic forecast coordinator for the Macropolicy Group and the supervising economist for the Atlanta Fed's Survey of Southeastern Manufacturing. He has regularly published about analysis of economic conditions and on child costs in legal and economics publications.

Rogers currently is president of Rogers Economics, Inc., Peachtree City, Georgia, and is an economist specializing in forensic economics of child support cases as well as personal injury and related cases. Rogers also is an adjunct instructor of economics and of business statistics for Clayton State University, Morrow, Georgia.

Regarding child support issues, Rogers began applying his economic expertise in public service as a governor's appointee to the Georgia Commission on Child Support, 1998, and was the commission's only member economist. In this role, Rogers engaged in economic research regarding the origins and economic foundations of child support guidelines. Currently, he is a member of the Georgia Child Support Commission's low-income study committee and the parenting time study committee.

Rogers' child cost research has included updating child support schedules with standard and alternative methodologies, analysis of tax treatment for custodial and non-custodial parents, and standards of living for custodial and non-custodial parents. Case studies for state guideline reviews have gone into more detailed analysis of the economic impact of numerous factors typically addressed by presumptive guidelines or deviations. He has conducted numerous Georgia Bar approved CLE seminars on applying the Income Shares child support guidelines.

Rogers has been qualified as an expert on child costs and related income analysis for custodial and non-custodial parents, before Georgia Superior Court. Rogers has qualified and testified before Superior Court in Atkinson, Berrien, Carroll, Chatham, Cherokee, Clarke, Clayton, Cobb, Coweta, Dekalb, Douglas, Forsyth, Fulton, Gwinnett, Laurens, Lee, Rockdale, and Walton Counties, in Georgia Administrative Court Paulding County, Georgia, and in Juvenile Courts of Gwinnett and Pickens Counties.

Rogers has testified as an expert witness in Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New Hampshire, New Mexico, North Carolina, Ohio, Texas, Virginia, Wisconsin, and Wyoming. Rogers has consulted on child cost issues for clients in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, Washington State, Wisconsin, and Wyoming.

Rogers has testified on child support issues before legislative committees in Georgia, Minnesota, Texas, and Virginia and by invitation before the U.S. Congress. He has presented to child support review commissions in Alabama, Georgia, Massachusetts, Minnesota, North Carolina, Ohio, Tennessee, and Virginia.

Educational background:

- Mercer University, Macon, Georgia. Bachelor of Arts, June 1978. Majors: Economics, Political Science. Minors: Mathematics, English.
- Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee, Dept. of Econ. Awarded teaching assistantship. Master of Arts in economics, May 1982. Thesis: comparing revenue forecasts, local government, econometric forecasting models versus traditional forecasting techniques, Nashville-Davidson County as an example.
- Boston University, Boston, MA - Alumnus of Executive Development Program, 1993.

Professional associations:

- National Association of Forensic Economics

Publications on Child Costs, Child Support Guidelines and Related Issues

- R. Mark Rogers and David A. Standridge, "Child Support Cost Tables: The Case for Second Household Adjustment," *New Mexico Law Review*, 49 N.M. L. REV. 256 (2019).
- William S. Comanor, Mark Sarro and R. Mark Rogers, "The Monetary Cost of Raising Children," *Research in Law and Economics*, Vol. 27, 2015, pp. 209-251.

- "Child Support Guidelines: Underlying Methodologies, Assumptions, and the Impact on Standards of Living," co-author, Donald J. Bieniewicz, in *The Law and Economics of Child Support Payments*, William S. Comanor, ed., Edward Elgar Publishing, 2004. Previously presented at Conference on the Law and Economics of Child Support Payments, University of California, Santa Barbara, September 20, 2002.
- "Child Cost Economics and Litigation Issues: An Introduction to Applying Cost Shares Child Support Guidelines," with Donald J. Bieniewicz, co-author, Reading #20 in *Assessing Damages in Injuries and Deaths of Minor Children*, ed. by Thomas R. Ireland and John O. Ward, Lawyers & Judges Publishing Co., Tucson, AZ, 2002, pp. 333-380.
- "Georgia's Child Support Guidelines—No Economic Basis: Facts for a Constitutional Challenge?" State Bar of Georgia, *Family Law Section Newsletter*, July/August 2000, pp. 14-23.
- Invited testimony as expert witness before Human Resources Subcommittee of U.S. House Ways & Means Committee, regarding Hyde-Woolsey Child Support bill, March 16, 2000, regarding technical issues on proposal to put child support enforcement under the IRS. Testimony published as Congressional record.
- "Wisconsin-Style and Income Shares Child Support Guidelines: Excessive Burdens and Flawed Economic Foundation," *Family Law Quarterly*, Spring 1999, pp.135-156.

Unpublished research on child costs, child support guidelines and related tax effects include*:

- "Presumptive Parenting Time Adjustments in Income Shares Child Support Cases," Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting, National Association of Forensic Economics Section, Charleston, South Carolina, November 18, 2006.
- "Treating Child-Related Tax Benefits as a Cost Offset in Child Support Cases," Eastern Economic Association Annual Meeting, National Association of Forensic Economics section, Washington, D.C., February 21, 2004.
- "Child Support Guidelines, Parenting Time Adjustments, and Related Issues," presented to the Ohio Child Support Guidelines Council, Columbus, Ohio, November 20, 2003.
- "A Brief Economic Critique of Virginia's Child Support Guidelines and Recommendations," a presentation to the Virginia Child Support Guideline Review Panel, Richmond, VA, May 23, 2002.
- "The 'Cost Shares' Child Support Guideline: A Working, Superior Alternative to Current Guidelines," a Continuing Legal Education (for Kentucky and Ohio) seminar

* Does not include research related to testimony before state legislative committees.

presentation presented to the Northern Kentucky Bar Association, June 22, 2001, Erlanger, KY.

- "Minority Report," Georgia Commission on Child Support, July 1, 1998, submitted to Governor Zell Miller as part of official record presented to U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.
- "How Wisconsin-Style Child Support Guidelines Violate Mainstream Economic Theory and Empirical Research: Georgia as an Example," June 4, 1998, working paper presented to Georgia Commission on Child Support, June 1998.

Prior to serving on the Georgia Commission on Child Support, Rogers' research included, among other topics, studies on consumer behavior and data. This included analysis of underlying methodologies for estimating personal income and consumer expenditures, analysis of changes in consumer saving, retail sales trends, and impact of consumer behavior on the direction of the macroeconomy.

Other Selected Economics Publications

- *The Complete Idiot's Guide to Economic Indicators* (Alpha Books, Oct 2009).
- *Handbook of Key Economic Indicators*, Second Edition, Chinese version, 1999, McGraw-Hill International Enterprises, Taiwan.
- *Handbook of Key Economic Indicators*, Second Edition, McGraw-Hill Professional Publishing (Burr Ridge, IL) July 1998.
- "A Primer on Short-Term Links Between Key Economic Indicators," *Economic Review*, Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, Second Quarter, 1998, pp. 40-54.
- "Tracking Manufacturing: An Update on the Survey of Southeast Manufacturing Conditions," *Economic Review*, Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, March/April 1996, pp. 37-44.
- *Handbook of Key Economic Indicators*, Irwin Professional Publishing (Burr Ridge, IL), September 1994.
- "Consumer Prices: Examining Housing Rental Components," *Economic Review*, Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, May/June 1993, pp. 32-46, with Steven W. Henderson and Daniel H. Ginsburg, Bureau of Labor Statistics.
- "CPI Forecasting Using Simple Econometric Models and Judgment," Conference Proceedings, International Association of Business Forecasting, Ninth Annual Conference, Hilton Palacio del Rio, San Antonio, Texas, April 20, 1993, pp. 115-124.

- "Tracking Manufacturing: The Survey of Southeastern Manufacturing Conditions," *Economic Review*, Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, Sep./Oct. 1992, pp. 26-33.
- "Forecasting Industrial Production: Purchasing Managers' Versus Production-Worker Hours Data," *Economic Review*, Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, January/February 1992, pp. 25-36.
- "Measuring the Personal Saving Rate: Some Technical Perspectives," *Economic Review*, Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, July/August 1990, pp. 38-49.
- "Tracking the economy: fundamentals for understanding data," *Economic Review*, Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, March 1989, pp. 30-48.
- "Improving monthly models for economic indicators: the example of an improved CPI model," *Economic Review*, Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, September 1988, pp. 34-50.
- "Effects of oil price shocks on measured GNP growth," *Economic Review*, Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, Summer 1987, pp. 52-64.
- "The Adjustable Mortgage Loan: Benefits to the Consumer and to the Housing Industry," co-authored with Gene D. Sullivan, in *Housing and the New Financial Markets*, ed. Richard L. Florida, Center for Urban Policy Research, Rutgers, 1986, pp. 372-386.

Rogers currently is an adjunct instructor of economics for the Business School of Clayton State University and previously taught economic forecasting in an adjunct capacity for the Business School of Emory University.

Presentations at Professional Meetings, Invited Lectures, and Invited Testimony

- "Georgia's Child Support Guidelines: Addressing Parenting Time Adjustments," Georgia Child Support Commission, Low-Income Deviation Study Committee, Atlanta, GA, February 7, 2020.
- "Georgia's Child Support Guidelines: Addressing Subsistence Needs," Georgia Child Support Commission, Parenting Time Study Committee, Atlanta, GA, February 7, 2020.
- "Georgia Child Support Deviation Strategies & Getting It Right—Guideline and Deviation Procedure," Gwinnett Technical College, Lawrenceville, GA, December 5, 2019, Georgia Bar Association Continuing Legal Education seminar.
- "Getting It Right: Guideline and Deviation Procedure and Other Topics," Marriott Hotel, Macon City Center, Macon, March 22, 2019, Georgia Bar Association Continuing Legal Education seminar.

- “Getting It Right: Guideline and Deviation Procedure and Other Topics,” The Mansour Center, Marietta, GA, January 11, 2019, Georgia Bar Association Continuing Legal Education seminar.
- “Georgia Child Support Guidelines: Deviation Strategies & Practical Applications,” Glenn Hotel, Atlanta, GA, October 18, 2018, Georgia Bar Association Continuing Legal Education seminar.
- “New Tax Law’s Impact on Georgia Child Support & Alimony; New Georgia Child Support Statute,” Glenn Hotel, Atlanta, GA, October 19, 2018, Georgia Bar Association Continuing Legal Education seminar.
- “New Tax Law’s Impact on Georgia Child Support & Alimony; New Georgia Child Support Statute,” Richmond Hill City Center, Richmond Hill, GA, August 20, 2018, Georgia Bar Association Continuing Legal Education seminar.
- “Georgia Child Support Guidelines: Deviation Strategies & Practical Applications,” Richmond Hill City Center, Richmond Hill, GA, August 21, 2018, Georgia Bar Association Continuing Legal Education seminar.
- “New Tax Law’s Impact on Georgia Child Support & Alimony; Multiple Worksheets and Other Legislative Issues,” The Mansour Center, Marietta, GA, March 24, 2018, Georgia Bar Association Continuing Legal Education seminar.
- “Possible Upcoming Legislative Issues for Georgia Child Support Guidelines,” Georgia State Bar Building, Atlanta, GA, November 6, 2017, Georgia Bar Association Continuing Legal Education seminar.
- “Cost Shares Child Cost Schedules, Underlying Issues, and Transitional Alternatives,” Presentation to the Minnesota Child Support Task Force, Brainerd, MN, September 27, 2017.
- “Georgia Child Support Guidelines: Deviation Strategies,” Infinite Energy Center, Duluth, GA, March 25, 2017, Georgia Bar Association Continuing Legal Education seminar.
- “Georgia Child Support Guidelines: Deviation Strategies,” Georgia State Bar Building, Atlanta, GA, January 24, 2017, Georgia Bar Association Continuing Legal Education seminar.
- “Alabama: Economic Report on Alternative Child Support Cost Schedules and Related Issues, 2016,” State of Alabama, Administrative Office of Courts, Montgomery, Alabama, December 1, 2016.

- “Alabama: Economic Report on Alternative Child Support Cost Schedules and Related Issues, 2016,” State of Alabama, Administrative Office of Courts, Montgomery, Alabama, August 26, 2016.
- “Georgia Child Support Guidelines: Deviation Strategies,” the Mansour Center, Marietta, GA, February 20, 2016, Georgia Bar Association Continuing Legal Education seminar.
- “Georgia Child Support Guidelines: Deviation Strategies,” the Mansour Center, Marietta, GA, March 26, 2014, Georgia Bar Association Continuing Legal Education seminar.
- “Georgia Child Support Guidelines: Deviation Strategies,” Georgia State Bar Building, Atlanta, GA, September 18, 2012, Georgia Bar Association Continuing Legal Education seminar.
- “Georgia Child Support Guidelines: Deviation Strategies,” Georgia State Bar Building, Atlanta, GA, September 15, 2011, Georgia Bar Association Continuing Legal Education seminar.
- “Georgia Child Support Guidelines: Deviation Strategies,” the Gwinnett Center, Duluth, GA, March 7, 2011, Georgia Bar Association Continuing Legal Education seminar.
- “Case Strategies for Successful Child Support Determinations,” Mercer University School of Law, Macon, GA, May 4, 2010, afternoon session sponsored by Mercer University School of Law and the Macon Bar Association, Georgia Bar Association Continuing Legal Education seminar.
- “Georgia Child Support Guidelines: Deviation Strategies,” Mercer University School of Law, Macon, GA, May 4, 2010, morning session sponsored by Rogers Economics, Inc. Georgia Bar Association Continuing Legal Education seminar.
- “Georgia Child Support Guidelines: Deviation Strategies,” the Mansour Center, Marietta, GA, March 23, 2010, Georgia Bar Association Continuing Legal Education seminar.
- “Digging Deeper Into Fundamentals,” with Anne Picker, The Money Show Trade Show, New York, New York, February 15, 2010.
- “Georgia Income Shares Child Support Guidelines: Deviation Strategies,” Georgia State Bar Building, Atlanta, GA, February 19, 2008, Georgia Bar Association Continuing Legal Education seminar.
- “Georgia Income Shares Child Support Guidelines: Deviation Strategies,” Georgia State Bar Building, Atlanta, GA, August 8, 2007, Georgia Bar Association Continuing Legal Education seminar.

- “Georgia Income Shares Child Support Guidelines: Deviation Strategies,” Gwinnett Center, Duluth, GA, May 12, 2007, Georgia Bar Association Continuing Legal Education seminar.
- “Georgia Income Shares Child Support Guidelines: Deviation Strategies,” Georgia State Bar Building, Atlanta, GA, May 1, 2007, Georgia Bar Association Continuing Legal Education seminar.
- “Georgia Income Shares Child Support Guidelines: Deviation Strategies,” the Mansour Center, Marietta, GA, February 17, 2007, Georgia Bar Association Continuing Legal Education seminar.
- “Presumptive Parenting Time Adjustments in Income Shares Child Support Cases,” Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting, National Association of Forensic Economics Section, Charleston, South Carolina, November 18, 2006.
- *Economic Commentary on the Underlying Basis of Texas’ Child Support Guidelines and Needed Directions for Study and Reform*, Texas House Juvenile Justice and Family Issues Committee, Austin, Texas, July 12, 2006.
- *Brief Comments from an Economic Critique of North Carolina’s Child Support Guidelines*, Submitted to the Conference of Chief District Court Judges Administrative Office of the Courts, Raleigh, North Carolina, May 4, 2006.
- *Alabama, Economic Report on Alternative Child Support Cost Schedules and Related Issues*, Advisory Committee on Child Support Guidelines and Enforcement, Administrative Office of Courts, Montgomery, Alabama, March 31, 2006.
- *The Economics of Child Support Determination*, Fathers and Families Conference, Romulus, Michigan, June 17, 2005.
- “A Brief Summary of Economic Issues and Compliance Needs for Alabama’s Child Support Guideline Review,” Advisory Committee on Child Support Guidelines and Enforcement, Administrative Office of Courts, Montgomery, Alabama, March 12, 2004.
- “Child Support Reform, Income Shares Proposal, House Bill 1452,” Georgia House Judiciary Study Committee, Atlanta, Georgia, March 2, 2004.
- “Treating Child-Related Tax Benefits as a Cost Offset in Child Support Cases,” Eastern Economic Association Annual Meeting, National Association of Forensic Economics section, Washington, D.C., February 21, 2004.
- “Minnesota’s Current Child Support Guidelines, Alternative Legislative Proposals, and Economic Policy Rules as Presumptions,” presented to the Minnesota State Bar Association Children and the Law Section Continuing Legal Education Seminar, “Child Support Bills,” City Center, Minneapolis, Minnesota, December 11, 2003.

- “Child Support Guidelines, Parenting Time Adjustments, and Related Issues,” presented to the Ohio Child Support Guidelines Council, Columbus, Ohio, November 20, 2003.
- “Virginia Child Support Guideline Legislation—SB 1312 Amended and Companion Bills: Why the Proposed Guidelines Are Economically and Legally Unsound,” Virginia General Assembly, Ad Hoc Subcommittee Studying Child Support Guideline, November 18, 2003, Richmond, VA.
- “Minnesota’s Child Support Guidelines: Economic Issues, Cost-Based Awards, and Constitutional Issues,” Minnesota Legislative Sessions: 2003, Minnesota House/Senate Bills HF664 and SF600, Hearings before the House Committees on Civil Law and on Judiciary Policy and Finance, St. Paul, Minnesota, October 28, 2003.
- “Child Support Guidelines: A Comparison of Methodologies, Focusing on Tennessee’s Current Guidelines and the Cost Shares Alternative,” to the Tennessee Child Support Guideline Task Force, Nashville, Tennessee, May 12, 2003.
- “Child Support Guidelines: A Comparison of Methodologies,” Minnesota Legislative Sessions: 2003, Minnesota House/Senate Bills HF664 and SF600, Hearings before the House Judiciary Policy and Finance Committee, Senate Judiciary Committee, and House Civil Law Committee,” St. Paul, Minnesota, March 11, 2003.
- “Child Support Guidelines: A Comparison of Methodologies,” Georgia Legislative Session: 2003, Hearing before the Senate Judiciary Committee, Atlanta, Georgia, March 26, 2003.
- "Child Support Guidelines: A Comparison of Methodologies, Focusing on Minnesota's Current Guidelines and the Cost Shares Alternative," American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, Minnesota Chapter, Town & Country Club, St. Paul, MN, November 1, 2002.
- "Child Support Guidelines: Underlying Methodologies, Assumptions, and the Impact on Standards of Living," co-author, Donald J. Bieniewicz, Conference on the Law and Economics of Child Support Payments, University of California, Santa Barbara, September 20, 2002.
- “A Brief Economic Critique of Virginia’s Child Support Guidelines and Recommendations,” a presentation to the Virginia Child Support Guideline Review Panel, Richmond, VA, May 23, 2002.
- “House Bill 672: The ‘Cost Shares’ Child Support Guideline--An Economics Based Improvement Over Current Guidelines”, testimony before Georgia House Judiciary Committee, Family Law Subcommittee, Atlanta, Georgia, February 20, 2002.
- “The ‘Cost Shares’ Child Support Guideline—Estimation of Child Costs and Proper Application in Court,” by R. Mark Rogers and Donald J. Bieniewicz, Allied Social

Science Association Annual Meeting, Section for National Association of Forensic Economics, Atlanta, Georgia January 5, 2002.

- Discussant at Allied Social Science Association Annual Meeting, Section for National Association of Forensic Economics, Atlanta, Georgia January 5, 2002.
- “The ‘Cost Shares’ Child Support Guideline: A Working, Superior Alternative to Current Guidelines,” a Continuing Legal Education (for Kentucky and Ohio) seminar presentation presented to the Northern Kentucky Bar Association, June 22, 2001, Erlanger, KY.
- “The ‘Cost Shares’ Child Support Guideline: A Working, Superior Alternative to Current Guidelines,” presented to the 2001 Georgia Commission on Child Support, Atlanta, Georgia, June 1, 2001.
- "Child Cost Economics and Litigation Issues: An Introduction to Applying Cost Shares Child Support Guidelines," with Donald J. Bieniewicz, co-author. Presented, Southern Economic Association, National Association of Forensic Economics section, Washington, D.C., November 12, 2000.
- “Georgia’s Child Support Guidelines: Economic Issues, Cost-Based Awards, and Constitutional Issues,” Cobb County Bar Association, Marietta, Georgia, May 14, 2001.
- “The ‘Cost Shares’ Child Support Guideline: A Working, Superior Alternative to Current Guidelines,” 13th National Conference, Children’s Rights Council Bethesda, Maryland, May 5, 2001.
- Invited and testified as expert witness before Human Resources Subcommittee of U.S. House Ways & Means Committee, regarding Hyde-Woolsey Child Support bill, regarding technical issues on proposal to put child support enforcement under the IRS. Testimony published as Congressional record, Washington, D. C., March 16, 2000.
- “How Wisconsin-Style Child Support Guidelines Violate Mainstream Economic Theory and Empirical Research: Georgia as an Example,” presentation to the 1998 Georgia Commission on Child Support, Atlanta, Georgia, June 4, 1998.
- “Basics in Understanding and Tracking Fed Policy/Useful Financial and Economic Web Sites,” International Association of Business Forecasting, Tenth Annual Conference, Doubletree Hotel, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, April 18, 1997.
- “What You Don’t Know About Data Can Hurt You!,” International Association of Business Forecasting, Ninth Annual Conference, Hilton Palacio del Rio, San Antonio, Texas, May 4, 1996.

- “CPI Forecasting Using Simple Econometric Models and Judgment,” International Association of Business Forecasting, Ninth Annual Conference, Hilton Palacio del Rio, San Antonio, Texas, April 20, 1993.

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