

Evaluate Support on a Single Computer Screen

Once case facts have been entered, a SINGLE ANALYSIS SCREEN is used to evaluate different alimony and child support alternatives. Change alimony and child support amounts and see after-tax cash impact on the settlement. Switch children under 17 at the top to see tax savings from dependency exemption and under age 17 child tax credit at the bottom. Once you have a case you want, store it in the Summary Report on Support. Change support amounts to structure a settlement that makes tax sense and gets the client to the share of AFTER-TAX CASH to meet living expenses which YOU WANT.

ALL KEY VARIABLES FOR SUPPORT DECISION ARE SHOWN ON THIS SCREEN

To get to this screen, choose: Support Analysis menu, Split Screen Summary Analysis.

Change Data at Top	John	Martha			Top part of screen is Input area
Filing Status	Single	Hd Hsld	% Inc > 100,000	0.00%	
No. of Children 17 and Over	0	0	Automatic Spt =	YES	
No. of Children Under Age 17	2	0	Child Support	0	
Monthly Budget Amount	3,000	4,150	Alimony	4,800	
Children Residing (age 0-12)	0	2	NonTaxable Maint	0	
Children Residing (age 13-18)	0	0			
Salary	70,000	30,000	Software calculates MA child support.		
Self-Employment Income	5,000	0			

Recalculate & View Results	2011 Annual Numbers			Monthly Numbers		Bottom part Shows results
	John	Martha	Total	John	Martha	
After-Tax Cash for						
Living Expenses	36,027	52,195	88,222	3,022	4,350	
% Share	40.8%	59.2%	100%			
Budget Cash	36,000	49,800	85,800	3,000	4,150	
Over/Under Budget	27	2,395	2,422	2	200	
Child Support	(20,644)	20,644	1,720	Per Month		
Tax Saved Child Dep Exempt	1,956	0	1,956	Payor's %	71%	
Tax Saved Under 17 Child Cr	2,000	0	1,000			
Child Cr not Allowed	0	0		MA Guideline Child Spt		
Tax Savings from Alimony	1,505	(1,034)	471	Payor's Annual Guideline		
Alt Min Tax Incl in Fed Tax	0	0	0	Incl Other Items 20,644		
Marg Tax % Incl in State Tax	30.3%	20.3%		Max 2011 Alimony		
Adjusted Gross Income	70,890	36,800		No Recapture 19,800		
Federal Income Tax	7,573	2,213	9,125			
State Income Tax	3,381	1,341	4,722			
Local Income tax	0	0	0			

This is last case of Support Summary exhibit. You can immediately see the after-tax impact of using more alimony on bottom line cash flow for both parties. Different mixes of alimony and child support can be easily assessed. You instantly see taxes saved from the child dependency exemption and underage 17 child tax credit. You can determine the tax savings from the child dependency exemption and child tax credit if either party claims the children. It's simple to figure out who should "take the kids" and detailed reports are available to show how the numbers on this screen are computed. All the federal tax tables are available on-screen to make this analysis simple.

FinPlan Divorce Planner's single screen analysis lets you quickly determine how to get your clients to the best possible settlement because you KNOW the TAX IMPACT of different options is accurate.