

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	James	Mary			
Filing Status	Single	Hd Hsld	Inc NY Spt	\$130,000	Top part of screen is Input area
No. of Children 17 and Over	0	0	Automatic Spt =	YES	
No. of Children Under Age 17	0	2	Child Support	0	
Monthly Budget Amount	4,000	5,500	Alimony	7,800	
Children Residing (Ch Spt)	0	2	NonTaxable Maint	0	
Salary	110,000	35,000			
Self-Employment Income	10,000	0	Software calculates NY child support.		

Recalculate & View Results	2011 Annual Numbers			Monthly Numbers		
	James	Mary	Total	James	Mary	
After-Tax Cash for Living Expenses	51,141	67,229	118,370	4,262	5,602	Bottom part Shows results
% Share	43.2%	56.87%	100%			
Budget Cash	48,000	66,000	114,000	4,000	5,500	
Over/Under Budget	3,141	1,229	4,370	262	102	
Cash for Child Support	104,097	42,751	146,848	Payor's %	70.89%	
Child Support	(24,875)	24,875				
Tax Saved Child Dep Exempt	0	1,849	1,849			
Tax Saved Under 17 Child Cr	0	2,000	2,000	Guideline Child Support		
Child Cr not Allowed	0	0	0	Per Year	24,875	
Tax Savings from Alimony	2,819	(1,856)	963	Guideline %	0%	
Alt Min Tax Incl in Fed Tax	0	0	0			
Marg Tax % Incl in State Tax	35.6%	23.9%				
Adjusted Gross Income	113,066	45,800		Max 2011 Alimony		
Federal Income Tax	21,105	(27)	21,078	No Recapture	22,800	
State Income Tax	6,976	424	7,400			
Local Income tax	3,751	1,071	4,822			

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.