

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			Top part of screen is Input area
Filing Status	Single	Hd Hsld	Automatic Spt =	YES	
No. of Children 17 and Over	0	0	Child Support	0	
No. of Children Under Age 17	0	2	Alimony	9,366	
Monthly Budget Amount	3,600	4,500	NonTaxable Maint	0	
Children Residing (Sole/Split)	0	2			
No. of Shared 0 Overnights	0	0	Each must have 91 nights.		
% of Time with Each Parent	0%	0%			
Salary	90,000	30,000	Software calculates VA child support.		
Self-Employment Income	10,000	0			

Recalculate & View Results	2011 Annual Numbers			Monthly Numbers		Bottom part Shows results
	James	Mary	Total	James	Mary	
After-Tax Cash for Living Expenses	50,461	54,000	104,461	4,205	4,501	
% Share	48.3%	51.7%	100%			
Budget Cash	43,200	54,000	97,200	3,600	4,500	
Over/Under Budget	7,261	0	7,261	605	1	
Mon Cash for Child Support	7,667	3,448	11,115	Payor's %	68.98%	
Child Support	(14,664)	14,664	1,222	Per Month		
Tax Saved Child Dep Exempt	0	1,201	1,201	Pre-Divorce Alimony		
Tax Saved Under 17 Child Cr	0	2,000	2,000	Guideline Annual Amount		
Child Cr not Allowed	0	0		9,816		
Tax Savings from Alimony	3,068	(1,704)	1,364	Payor's Annual Guideline		
Alt Min Tax Incl in Fed Tax	0	0	0	Support Included		
Marg Tax % Incl in State Tax	30.8%	19.9%		Other Items		
Adjusted Gross Income	91,013	41,366		14,664		
Federal Income Tax	16,403	(821)	15,582	Max 2011 Alimony		
State Income Tax	4,779	1,156	5,935	No Recapture		
Local Income tax	0	0	0	24,366		

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.