

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	Martha	Guideline %	20%
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	2	0	Alimony	4,000
Monthly Budget Amount	3,550	3,850	Nontaxable Maint	0
Children Residing (Ch Spt)	0	2		
Salary	70,000	35,000	Software calculates MS child support.	
Self-Employment Income	5,000	0		

Top part of screen is Input area

Recalculate & View Results	2008 Annual Numbers			Monthly Numbers	
After-Tax Cash for	James	Martha	Total	James	Martha
Living Expenses	42,772	46,260	89,032	3,566	3,854
% Share	48.0%	52.0%	100%		
Budget Cash	42,600	46,200	88,800	3,550	3,850
Over/Under Budget	172	60	232	16	4
Child Support Annual	(11,381)	11,381	948	Per Month	20%
Alimony	(4,000)	4,000	333	Per Month	7%
Tax Saved Child Dep Exempt	1,900	0	1,900	% Based on Payor Net	
Tax Saved Under 17 Child Cr	2,000	0	2,000	Guideline Child Support	
Child Cr not Allowed	0	0		Excludes Alimony Taxes	
Tax Savings from Alimony	1,250	(830)	420	Alimony which meets	
Alt Min Tax Incl in Fed Tax	0	0	0	Receiver's budget	
Marg Tax % Incl in State Tax	30.0%	20.0%		3,925	
Adjusted Gross Income	71,646	41,000		Max 2008 Alimony	
Federal Income Tax	8,268	2,443	10,886	No Recapture	
State Income Tax	2,817	1,000	3,817	19,000	

Bottom part Shows results

Alimony to get Martha to << budget cash is calculated

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.