The Self-Support Reserve Computation? Easy!

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Every state has a mandatory formula for the computation of child support. Youâ€™re a legal professional; you know there are exceptions to every rule. Do you know what the â€œself-support reserveâ€• exception is to a strict computation of child support?

Unfortunately, in todayâ€™s economy, every family law attorney needs to be familiar with the â€œself-support reserve,â€• the floor below which a child support variance would become appropriate. If you represent someone who has lost there job and is surviving on government benefits, you need to know this figure. If you represent a child support claimant, you need to not be caught unaware of an impending argument for a variance on this basis.

The federal government annually releases the â€œpoverty guidelines,â€• defining the poverty rate, based upon household size. In 2011, the poverty guideline for a single person was $10,890/year. States set their â€œself-support reserveâ€• as a multiplier of the federal poverty guidelines.

For example, letâ€™s say youâ€™re computing child support for NY. NY set its â€œself-support reserveâ 135% of the federal poverty guidelines. For a child support payor, alone in a household, the self-support reserve would be $10,890 x 135% or $14,702.

If youâ€™re using the NY child support calculator in the â€œEzSupport-NYâ€• legal software, you can sav yourself the steps of keeping track of the federal government annual poverty announcements, checking for the affiliated state updates, and remembering to apply the self-support reserve each time you make a child support calculation. Use Easy Soft law office software to increase your productivity and ensure your accuracy.

With Easy Softâ€™s family law software, if a payorâ€™s income is at or below the self-support reserve, yo will receive a computer-generated alert that says â€œLow income adjustment applicable,â€• along with detailed notices such as â€œmore than the poverty level $10,890 but less than self-support reserve $14,702.â€•

Whether you are calculating child support as part of a divorce settlement or part of a modification or enforcement proceeding, let Easy Softâ€™s legal software automate your calculations and generate needed alerts.

After all, donâ€™t you already have enough to do in each case without having to remember every figure on your own?

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