

### **How is Child Support Determined?**

Child support is determined on a case-by-case basis using a calculation provided in the Ohio Revised Code §3119.022 and §3119.023. In my experience as a domestic relations attorney in the Cleveland/Akron area, the information needed to complete most child support calculations is the following: (1) the number of children subject to the support order; (2) the gross annual income of each parent from all sources; (3) the cost of providing health insurance coverage for the child(ren) only; (4) the cost of any employment-related child care; (5) the number of additional children born to either parent and another individual; and (6) whether either parent pays or receives spousal support to or from either their current or a former spouse or child support for any other children born to either parent and another individual. While other information may be necessary to complete the calculation in each individual case (ie. the cost of union dues, the percentage of local taxes in that area), this is the basic information which should be presented to your attorney at the start of your case.