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IN THE  
**Supreme Court of the United States**

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MANDY MOBLEY LI,  
*Petitioner,*

v.  
CHAO LI,  
*Respondent.*

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**On Petition for Writ of Certiorari to the  
Court of Appeals of Georgia**

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**APPENDIX**

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**APPENDIX A – ORDER REGARDING  
PETITIONER’S PETITION FOR A WRIT OF  
CERTIORARI OF THE SUPREME COURT OF  
GEORGIA, FILED JANUARY 10, 2023**

SUPREME COURT OF GEORGIA

Case No. S22C0881

January 10, 2023

The Honorable Supreme Court met pursuant to adjournment. The following order was passed:

**MANDY MOBLEY LI v. CHAO LI.**

The Supreme Court today denied the petition for certiorari in this case.

*All the Justices concur, except Colvin and Pinson, JJ., disqualified.*

Court of Appeals Case No. A21A1304

**APPENDIX B – ORDER REGARDING  
PETITIONER’S MOTION FOR  
RECONSIDERATION OF THE SUPREME  
COURT OF GEORGIA, FILED FEBRUARY 7,  
2023**

SUPREME COURT OF GEORGIA

Case No. S22C0881

February 7, 2023

The Honorable Supreme Court met pursuant to adjournment. The following order was passed:

**MANDY MOBLEY LI v. CHAO LI.**

Upon consideration of the Motion for Reconsideration filed in this case, it is ordered that it be hereby denied.

*All the Justices concur, except Colvin and Pinson, JJ., disqualified.*

**APPENDIX C – JUDGMENT OF THE COURT  
OF APPEALS OF GEORGIA, FILED MARCH 7,  
2022**

**FOURTH DIVISION  
DILLARD, P. J.,  
MERCIER and PINSON, JJ.**

NOTICE: Motions for reconsideration must be  
*physically received* in our clerk's office within ten  
days of the date of decision to be deemed timely filed.  
<https://www.gaappeals.us/rules>

**March 7, 2022**

**NOT TO BE OFFICIALLY  
REPORTED**

In the Court of Appeals of Georgia

A21A1304. LI v. LI.

DILLARD, Presiding Judge.

In this case, the following circumstances exist  
and are dispositive of the appeal:

- (1) The evidence supports the judgment;
- (2) No reversible error of law appears, and an  
opinion would have no precedential value; and
- (3) The issues are controlled adversely to the  
appellant for the reasons and authority given  
in the appellee's brief.

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The judgment of the court below therefore is affirmed in accordance with Court of Appeals Rule 36.

*Judgment affirmed. Mercier and Pinson, JJ., concur.*

**APPENDIX C.1 – ORDER OF THE COURT OF  
APPEALS OF GEORGIA, FILED MARCH 16,  
2022**

ATLANTA, March 16, 2022

*The Court of Appeals hereby passes the following  
order*

**A21A1304. MANDY MOBLEY LI v. CHAO LI.**

Upon consideration of the APPELLANT'S  
Motion for Reconsideration in the above styled case,  
it is ordered that the motion is hereby DENIED.

*Court of Appeals of the State of Georgia  
Clerk's Office, Atlanta, March 16, 2022.*

*I certify that the above is a true extract  
from the minutes of the Court of Appeals of  
Georgia.*

*Witness my signature and the seal of  
said court hereto affixed the day and year last  
above written.*

*Stephen E. Castlen, Clerk.*

**APPENDIX D – JUDGMENT OF THE  
SUPERIOR COURT OF GWINNETT COUNTY,  
FILED NOVEMBER 23, 2020**

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF GWINNETT  
COUNTY**

**STATE OF GEORGIA**

**Civil Action File No. 17-A-9332-1**

**MANDY MOBLEY LI,  
Petitioner**

**v.**

**CHAO LI,  
Respondent.**

**ORDER**

The Petitioner's *Motion to Transfer* having regularly come before the Court and after careful review of the record, all of the parties' filings, and upon consideration of the case, the Court HEREBY DENIES the motion.

SO ORDERED this 23rd day of November, 2020.

**GEORGE F. HUTCHINSON, III  
Chief Judge, Superior Court of Gwinnett County**

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Petitioner pro se  
Attorney for the Respondent



## **APPENDIX E – STATUTORY AND REGULATORY PROVISIONS INVOLVED**

28 U.S.C. § 1738B provides in relevant part:

### **Full faith and credit for child support orders**

#### **(a) General rule.—**

The appropriate authorities of each State—

- (1) shall enforce according to its terms a child support order made consistently with this section by a court of another State; and
- (2) shall not seek or make a modification of such an order except in accordance with subsections (e), (f), and (i).

#### **(b) Definitions.—**

In this section:

- (1) The term “child” means—
  - (A) a person under 18 years of age; and
  - (B) a person 18 or more years of age with respect to whom a child support order has been issued pursuant to the laws of a State.
- (2) The term “child’s State” means the State in which a child resides.
- (3) The term “child’s home State” means the State in which a child lived with a parent or a person acting as parent for at least 6 consecutive months immediately preceding the time of filing of a petition or comparable pleading for support and, if a child is less than 6 months old, the State in which the child lived from birth with any of them. A period of temporary absence of any of them is counted as part of the 6-month period.

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**(4)** The term “child support” means a payment of money, continuing support, or arrearages or the provision of a benefit (including payment of health insurance, child care, and educational expenses) for the support of a child.

**(5)** The term “child support order”—

**(A)** means a judgment, decree, or order of a court requiring the payment of child support in periodic amounts or in a lump sum; and

**(B)** includes—

- (i)** a permanent or temporary order; and
- (ii)** an initial order or a modification of an order.

**(6)** The term “contestant” means—

**(A)** a person (including a parent) who—

- (i)** claims a right to receive child support;
- (ii)** is a party to a proceeding that may result in the issuance of a child support order; or
- (iii)** is under a child support order; and

**(B)** a State or political subdivision of a State to which the right to obtain child support has been assigned.

**(7)** The term “court” means a court or administrative agency of a State that is authorized by State law to establish the amount of child support payable by a contestant or make a modification of a child support order.

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**(8)** The term “modification” means a change in a child support order that affects the amount, scope, or duration of the order and modifies, replaces, supersedes, or otherwise is made subsequent to the child support order.

**(9)** The term “State” means a State of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the territories and possessions of the United States, and Indian country (as defined in section 1151 of title 18).

### **(c) Requirements of child support orders.—**

A child support order made by a court of a State is made consistently with this section if—

**(1)** a court that makes the order, pursuant to the laws of the State in which the court is located and subsections (e), (f), and (g)—

**(A)** has subject matter jurisdiction to hear the matter and enter such an order; and

**(B)** has personal jurisdiction over the contestants; and

**(2)** reasonable notice and opportunity to be heard is given to the contestants.

### **(d) Continuing jurisdiction.—**

A court of a State that has made a child support order consistently with this section has continuing, exclusive jurisdiction over the order if the State is the child's State or the residence of any individual contestant or the parties have consented in a record or open court that the tribunal of the State

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may continue to exercise jurisdiction to modify its order, unless the court of another State, acting in accordance with subsections (e) and (f), has made a modification of the order.

### **(e) Authority to modify orders.—**

A court of a State may modify a child support order issued by a court of another State if—

(1) the court has jurisdiction to make such a child support order pursuant to subsection (i); and

(2) (A) the court of the other State no longer has continuing, exclusive jurisdiction of the child support order because that State no longer is the child's State or the residence of any individual contestant and the parties have not consented in a record or open court that the tribunal of the other State may continue to exercise jurisdiction to modify its order; or

(B) each individual contestant has filed written consent with the State of continuing, exclusive jurisdiction for a court of another State to modify the order and assume continuing, exclusive jurisdiction over the order.

### **(f) Recognition of child support orders.—**

If 1 or more child support orders have been issued with regard to an obligor and a child, a court shall apply the following rules in determining which order to recognize for purposes of continuing, exclusive jurisdiction and enforcement:

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(1) If only 1 court has issued a child support order, the order of that court must be recognized.

(2) If 2 or more courts have issued child support orders for the same obligor and child, and only 1 of the courts would have continuing, exclusive jurisdiction under this section, the order of that court must be recognized.

(3) If 2 or more courts have issued child support orders for the same obligor and child, and more than 1 of the courts would have continuing, exclusive jurisdiction under this section, an order issued by a court in the current home State of the child must be recognized, but if an order has not been issued in the current home State of the child, the order most recently issued must be recognized.

(4) If 2 or more courts have issued child support orders for the same obligor and child, and none of the courts would have continuing, exclusive jurisdiction under this section, a court having jurisdiction over the parties shall issue a child support order, which must be recognized.

(5) The court that has issued an order recognized under this subsection is the court having continuing, exclusive jurisdiction under subsection (d).

#### **(g) Enforcement of modified orders.—**

A court of a State that no longer has continuing, exclusive jurisdiction of a child support order may enforce the order with respect to nonmodifiable

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obligations and unsatisfied obligations that accrued before the date on which a modification of the order is made under subsections (e) and (f).

### **(h) Choice of law.—**

#### **(1) In general.—**

In a proceeding to establish, modify, or enforce a child support order, the forum State's law shall apply except as provided in paragraphs (2) and (3).

#### **(2) Law of State of issuance of order.—**

In interpreting a child support order including the duration of current payments and other obligations of support, a court shall apply the law of the State of the court that issued the order.

#### **(3) Period of limitation.—**

In an action to enforce arrears under a child support order, a court shall apply the statute of limitation of the forum State or the State of the court that issued the order, whichever statute provides the longer period of limitation.

### **(i) Registration for modification.—**

If there is no individual contestant or child residing in the issuing State, the party or support enforcement agency seeking to modify, or to modify and enforce, a child support order issued in another State shall register that order in a State with jurisdiction over the nonmovant for the purpose of modification.

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Ga. Code Ann. § 19-6-26 provides in relevant part:

**Continuing, exclusive jurisdiction for purposes of entering or modifying child support order; concurrent jurisdiction**

**(a)** As used in this Code section, the term:

**(1)** “Child support order” means a judgment, decree, or order of a court or authorized administrative agency requiring the payment of child support in periodic amounts or in a lump sum and includes (A) a permanent or temporary order and (B) an initial order or a modification of an order.

**(2)** “Continuing, exclusive jurisdiction” means the authority and jurisdiction of a court to enter or modify a judgment, decree, or order for the payment of child support, as defined in the Full Faith and Credit for Child Support Orders Act, 28 U.S.C. Section 1738B, as amended.

**(3)** “Foreign child support order” means a judgment, decree, or order of a court or authorized administrative agency of another state requiring the payment of child support in periodic amounts or in a lump sum and includes (A) a permanent or temporary order and (B) an initial order or a modification of an order.

**(4)** “Modification” means a change in a child support order that affects the amount, scope, or duration of the order and modifies, replaces, supersedes, or otherwise is made subsequent to a child support order or foreign child support order.

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**(5)** “Moving party” means the party initiating an action for the modification of a child support order or foreign child support order.

**(6)** “Nonmoving party” means the party not initiating an action for the modification of a child support order or foreign child support order.

**(7)** “State” means a state of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the territories and possessions of the United States, and Indian Country as defined in 18 U.S.C. Section 1151.

**(b)** A court of this state may exercise continuing, exclusive jurisdiction for purposes of entering a child support order if the court has subject matter and personal jurisdiction to make such a child support order, and no previous support order has been entered by a court of competent jurisdiction with respect to the child or children named in the support order.

**(c)** A court of this state may exercise continuing, exclusive jurisdiction for purposes of entering a modification of a child support order issued by a court of this state if the child or children named in the child support order or any party to the action resides in this state.

**(d)** A court of this state may exercise continuing, exclusive jurisdiction for purposes of entering a modification of a foreign child support order if:

**(1)** The court has subject matter and personal jurisdiction over the nonmoving party; and



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(2) The court of the state issuing the order sought to be modified no longer has continuing, exclusive jurisdiction to modify said order as defined in the Full Faith and Credit for Child Support Orders Act, 28 U.S.C. Section 1738B, as amended.

(3) The parties file a written consent allowing the court to assume continuing, exclusive jurisdiction. This Code section shall be interpreted to effectuate the provisions of Article 3 of Chapter 11 of this title.

(e) Jurisdiction within this state to enforce, by a contempt proceeding or otherwise, a child support order entered by or registered with a court of this state shall be vested concurrently in the court issuing such order, in the court in the county where the person owing the duty of support may be found or is employed, and for in rem proceedings only, in the court in the county where property may be found which is subject to seizure, sale, foreclosure, or other process for application toward the support obligation.

42 U.S.C. § 667 provides in relevant part:

#### **State guidelines for child support awards**

##### **(a) Establishment of guidelines; method**

Each State, as a condition for having its State plan approved under this part, must establish guidelines for child support award amounts within the State. The guidelines may be established by law or by judicial or administrative action, and

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shall be reviewed at least once every 4 years to ensure that their application results in the determination of appropriate child support award amounts.

#### **(b) Availability of guidelines; rebuttable presumption**

(1) The guidelines established pursuant to subsection (a) shall be made available to all judges and other officials who have the power to determine child support awards within such State.

(2) There shall be a rebuttable presumption, in any judicial or administrative proceeding for the award of child support, that the amount of the award which would result from the application of such guidelines is the correct amount of child support to be awarded. A written finding or specific finding on the record that the application of the guidelines would be unjust or inappropriate in a particular case, as determined under criteria established by the State, shall be sufficient to rebut the presumption in that case.

#### **(c) Technical assistance to States; State to furnish Secretary with copies**

The Secretary shall furnish technical assistance to the States for establishing the guidelines, and each State shall furnish the Secretary with copies of its guidelines.

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45 C.F.R. § 302.56(c) provides in relevant part:

**Guidelines for setting child support orders**

**(a)** The child support guidelines established under paragraph (a) of this section must at a minimum:

**(1)** Provide that the child support order is based on the noncustodial parent's earnings, income, and other evidence of ability to pay that:

**(i)** Takes into consideration all earnings and income of the noncustodial parent (and at the State's discretion, the custodial parent);

**(ii)** Takes into consideration the basic subsistence needs of the noncustodial parent (and at the State's discretion, the custodial parent and children) who has a limited ability to pay by incorporating a low-income adjustment, such as a self-support reserve or some other method determined by the State; and

**(iii)** If imputation of income is authorized, takes into consideration the specific circumstances of the noncustodial parent (and at the State's discretion, the custodial parent) to the extent known, including such factors as the noncustodial parent's assets, residence, employment and earnings history, job skills, educational attainment, literacy, age, health, criminal record and other employment barriers, and record of seeking work, as well as the local job market, the availability of employers

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willing to hire the noncustodial parent, prevailing earnings level in the local community, and other relevant background factors in the case.

(2) Address how the parents will provide for the child's health care needs through private or public health care coverage and/or through cash medical support;

(3) Provide that incarceration may not be treated as voluntary unemployment in establishing or modifying support orders; and

(4) Be based on specific descriptive and numeric criteria and result in a computation of the child support obligation.

Ga. Code Ann. § 19-6-15(b) provides in relevant part:

#### **Process of calculating child support**

Pursuant to this Code section, the determination of monthly child support shall be calculated as follows:

(1) Determine the monthly gross income of both the custodial parent and the noncustodial parent. Gross income may include imputed income, if applicable. The determination of monthly gross income shall be entered on the Child Support Schedule A—Gross Income;

(2) Adjust each parent's monthly gross income by deducting the following from the parents' monthly gross income and entering it on the

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Child Support Schedule B—Adjusted Income if any of the following apply:

- (A) One-half of the amount of self-employment taxes;
  - (B) Preexisting orders; and
  - (C) Theoretical child support order for qualified children, if allowed by the court;
- (3) Add each parent's adjusted income together;
- (4) Locate the basic child support obligation by referring to the child support obligation table. Using the figure closest to the amount of the combined adjusted income, locate the amount of the basic child support obligation. If the combined adjusted income falls between the amounts shown in the table, then the basic child support obligation shall be based on the income bracket most closely matched to the combined adjusted income. The basic child support obligation amount stated in subsection (o) of this Code section shall be rebuttably presumed to be the appropriate amount of child support to be provided by the custodial parent and the noncustodial parent prior to consideration of health insurance, work related child care costs, and deviations;
- (5) Calculate the pro rata share of the basic child support obligation for the custodial parent and the noncustodial parent by dividing the combined adjusted income into each parent's adjusted income to arrive at each parent's pro

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rata percentage of the basic child support obligation;

(6) Find the adjusted child support obligation amount by adding the additional expenses of the costs of health insurance and work related child care costs, prorating such expenses in accordance with each parent's pro rata share of the obligation and adding such expenses to the pro rata share of the basic child support obligation. The monthly cost of health insurance premiums and work related child care costs shall be entered on the Child Support Schedule D—Additional Expenses. The pro rata share of the monthly basic child support obligation and the pro rata share of the combined additional expenses shall be added together to create the monthly adjusted child support obligation;

(7) Determine the amount of child support for the custodial parent and the noncustodial parent resulting in a monthly sum certain payment due to the custodial parent by assigning or deducting credit for actual payments for health insurance and work related child care costs from the basic child support obligation;

(8) In accordance with subsection (i) of this Code section, deviations subtracted from or added to the presumptive amount of child support shall be applied, if applicable, and if supported by the required findings of fact and

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application of the best interest of the child standard. The proposed deviations shall be entered on the Child Support Schedule E—Deviations. In the court's or the jury's discretion, deviations may include, but shall not be limited to, the following:

- (A) High income;
  - (B) Low income;
  - (C) Other health related insurance;
  - (D) Life insurance;
  - (E) Child and dependent care tax credit;
  - (F) Travel expenses;
  - (G) Alimony;
  - (H) Mortgage;
  - (I) Permanency plan or foster care plan;
  - (J) Extraordinary expenses;
  - (K) Parenting time; and
  - (L) Nonspecific deviations;
- (9) Any benefits which the child receives under Title II of the federal Social Security Act shall be applied against the final child support amount. The final child support amount for each parent shall be entered on the child support worksheet, together with the information from each of the utilized schedules;
- (10) The parents shall allocate the uninsured health care expenses which shall be based on the pro rata responsibility of the parents or as otherwise ordered by the court. Each parent's pro rata responsibility for uninsured health

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care expenses shall be entered on the child support worksheet;

(11) In a split parenting case, there shall be a separate calculation and final order for each parent; and

(12) When there is more than one child for whom support is being determined, the court shall establish the amount of support and the duration of such support in accordance with subsection (e) of this Code section. When, within two years of a final order being entered, there is a likelihood that a child will become ineligible to receive support, the court may allow for the use of separate worksheets. Separate worksheets shall show the final child support amount to be paid for all such children and the adjusted amount of support to be paid as each child becomes ineligible to receive support during such two-year period. Such worksheets shall be attached to the final order. Such order shall contain findings as required by law. A final order entered pursuant to this paragraph shall not preclude a petition for modification.

Ga. Code Ann. § 19-6-15(c)(1) provides in relevant part:

#### **Applicability and required findings**

The child support guidelines contained in this Code section are a minimum basis for determining the amount of child support and



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shall apply as a rebuttable presumption in all legal proceedings involving the child support responsibility of a parent. This Code section shall be used when the court enters a temporary or permanent child support order in a contested or noncontested hearing or order in a civil action filed pursuant to Code Section 19-13-4. The rebuttable presumptive amount of child support provided by this Code section may be increased or decreased according to the best interest of the child for whom support is being considered, the circumstances of the parties, the grounds for deviation set forth in subsection (i) of this Code section, and to achieve the state policy of affording to children of unmarried parents, to the extent possible, the same economic standard of living enjoyed by children living in intact families consisting of parents with similar financial means.

Ga. Code Ann. § 19-6-15(k) provides in relevant part:

#### **Modification**

(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, a parent shall not have the right to petition for modification of the child support award regardless of the length of time since the establishment of the child support award unless there is a substantial change in either parent's income and financial status or the needs of the child.

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(2) No petition to modify child support may be filed by either parent within a period of two years from the date of the final order on a previous petition to modify by the same parent except when:

(A) A noncustodial parent has failed to exercise the court ordered visitation;

(B) A noncustodial parent has exercised a greater amount of visitation than was provided in the court order; or

(C) The motion to modify is based upon an involuntary loss of income as set forth in subsection (j) of this Code section.

(3) (A) If there is a difference of at least 15 percent but less than 30 percent between a new award and a Georgia child support order entered prior to January 1, 2007, the court may, at its discretion, phase in the new child support award over a period of up to one year with the phasing in being largely evenly distributed with at least an initial immediate adjustment of not less than 25 percent of the difference and at least one intermediate adjustment prior to the final adjustment at the end of the phase-in period.

(B) If there is a difference of 30 percent or more between a new award and a Georgia child support order entered prior to January 1, 2007, the court may, at its discretion, phase in the new child support award over a

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period of up to two years with the phasing in being largely evenly distributed with at least an initial immediate adjustment of not less than 25 percent of the difference and at least one intermediate adjustment prior to the final adjustment at the end of the phase-in period.

(C) All child support service's case reviews and modifications shall proceed and be governed by Code Section 19-11-12. Subsequent changes to the child support obligation table shall be a reason to request a review for modification from child support services to the extent that such changes are consistent with the requirements of Code Section 19-11-12.

(4) A petition for modification shall be filed under the same rules of procedure applicable to divorce proceedings. The court may allow, upon motion, the temporary modification of a child support order pending the final trial on the petition. An order granting temporary modification shall be subject to revision by the court at any time before the final trial. A jury may be demanded on a petition for modification but the jury shall only be responsible for determining a parent's gross income and any deviations. In the hearing upon a petition for modification, testimony may be given and evidence introduced relative to the change of circumstances, income and financial status of

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either parent, or in the needs of the child. After hearing both parties and the evidence, the court may modify and revise the previous judgment, in accordance with the changed circumstances, income and financial status of either parent, or in the needs of the child, if such change or changes are satisfactorily proven so as to warrant the modification and revision and such modification and revisions are in the child's best interest. The court shall enter a written order specifying the basis for the modification, if any, and shall include all of the information set forth in paragraph (2) of subsection (c) of this Code section.

(5) In proceedings for the modification of a child support award pursuant to the provisions of this Code section, the court may award attorney's fees, costs, and expenses of litigation to the prevailing party as the interests of justice may require. When a custodial parent prevails in an upward modification of child support based upon the noncustodial parent's failure to be available and willing to exercise court ordered visitation, reasonable and necessary attorney's fees and expenses of litigation shall be awarded to the custodial parent.

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Ga. Code Ann. § 19-6-15(o) provides in relevant part:  
**Georgia Schedule of Basic Child Support  
Obligations**

Combined Adjusted Income	One Child	Two Children	Three Children	Four Children	Five Children	Six Children
\$ 800.00	\$ 197.00	\$ 283.00	\$ 330.00	\$ 367.00	\$ 404.00	\$ 440.00
...	...	...	...	...	...	...
30,000.00	2,236.00	3,066.00	3,431.00	3,825.00	4,211.00	4,581.00