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## **Calculating child support in North Carolina just got easier Rice Law introduces free iPhone app to the public**

6 January 2010—Wilmington, NC—Rice Law, PLLC is pleased to announce the North Carolina Child Support Calculator application for iPhone. It calculates the child support due a custodial parent under the North Carolina Child Support Guidelines. The application is available as a free download from the Apple iTunes Store.

Those who want the peace of mind of knowing how much money they may be expected to pay or to receive for child support can now calculate it quickly. And they can use it to recalculate an obligation when circumstances change.

Students from The University of North Carolina at Wilmington (UNCW) created the app for Rice Law. UNCW student Ricardo Valea was the lead programmer through BoomCo LLC, a company created by UNCW students. BoomCo has created several other applications but none for the legal industry. "This is one of the few legal apps for iPhone," said Valea. "It's the only child support application available for North Carolina."

Rice Law's managing attorney Mark Spencer Williams is pleased with the iPhone app. "We released it in beta to a number of local attorneys and our clients," Williams said. "Everyone is pleased and finds it easy and simple to use."

Dr. Ron Vetter, Professor of Computer Science at UNCW, is pleased to see the students he taught be successful with their own venture, saying "It is gratifying to see students take what they have learned in the classroom and apply it to a real-world problem."

After inputting answers to a few simple financial questions, the app calculates the amount of child support due under Worksheet "A"—the worksheet appropriate for the majority of child support cases in North Carolina—and then provides a detailed report.

The app reflects Rice Law's commitment to providing the public with access to legal information for free or low cost. In 2009, Rice Law launched its Virtual Law Office, which provides a low-cost alternative to full service legal help. The firm also offers free DIY divorce information and forms on its Web site.

Tens of millions of iPhones have been sold since their debut in June 2007. To download the NC Child Support Calculator application for iPhone, search "child support" in Apple's iTunes Store or use the link from the Rice Law Web site at:

<http://www.ricefamilylaw.com/library/iPhone-NC-child-support-calculator.htm>

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**About BoomCo LLC**

BoomCo LLC was founded in 2009 by UNCW students. The company specializes in iPhone application development. For more information, visit [www.boomcollc.com](http://www.boomcollc.com).