

Establishing or Refuting Paternity

Locking in the nuts and bolts of this ever-evolving area

Issues surrounding the biological parentage of children continue to play a significant role in the field of domestic relations in light of the ever-evolving nature of family relationships in today’s world. While the de-criminalization of the adjudication of paternity proceedings has paved the way for equality before the law of marital versus non-marital children, the legal rights and responsibilities that attach once biological parentage has been established are of vital consequence to all parents and children in any domestic relations proceeding. Establishing or refuting paternity of a child in a timely manner is a core component of all cases before the Probate and Family Court involving children.

This program is a must-attend for attorneys who practice domestic relations law in either a collaborative law or litigation setting.

Agenda

- Forms of Acknowledgement of Paternity
- Differences Between a Complaint to Establish Paternity and a Complaint for Custody, Support, and Visitation Pursuant to G.L. c. 209C
- Jurisdiction and Venue
- Raising Issues of Paternity in the Context of a Divorce Proceeding
- Motions for Genetic Marker Testing
- Conclusiveness of Adjudication or Acknowledgement of Paternity
- Establishing Parentage Absent a Biological Relationship with the Child
- Overview of Relevant Case Law
- “Ask the Experts” Q&A Session

Faculty

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Dates & Location

Register at www.mcle.org

LIVE WEBCAST

Wednesday, March 15, 2023
 3:00 pm–4:00 pm
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Thursday, March 30, 2023
 12:00 noon–1:00 pm
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Friday, April 7, 2023
 10:00 am–11:00 am
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ON DEMAND WEBCAST

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