

# Massachusetts Parentage Act

*A primer for the new legislation*

The Massachusetts Parentage Act (*An Act to Ensure Legal Parentage Equality*), set to take effect on January 1, 2025, represents a landmark shift in family law. This program provides an in-depth analysis of the new law and its impact on parentage determinations. Participants will learn how the MPA modernizes parentage laws by ensuring equal treatment for all children, regardless of the marital status, gender, or sexual orientation of their parents. The act establishes clear legal pathways for determining parentage through diverse means, including assisted reproduction, surrogacy, and de facto parentage, while aligning Massachusetts law with the Uniform Parentage Act (UPA) principles.

Attorneys attending this program gain critical insights into the procedural and substantive changes introduced by the MPA. The session will cover key provisions related to establishing parentage and understanding the legal rights of parents under this new framework.

## Agenda

- Overview of the Massachusetts Parentage Act
- Updates to Chapter 209C to be gender inclusive
- Expanded access to voluntary acknowledgments of parentage
- De Facto Parentage
- Assisted Reproduction
- Surrogacy

## Faculty

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## Dates & Location

Register at [www.mcle.org](http://www.mcle.org)

### LIVE WEBCAST

Monday, December 9, 2024  
2:00 pm–4:00 pm  
Program # 2250387WBC

### REBROADCAST

Friday, December 27, 2024  
10:00 am–12:00 pm  
Program # 2250387RB1

### REBROADCAST

Monday, January 6, 2025  
12:00 pm–2:00 pm  
Program # 2250387RB2

### ON DEMAND WEBCAST

View after Monday, January 6, 2025  
Program # 2250387WBA

## Tuition *(includes written materials)*

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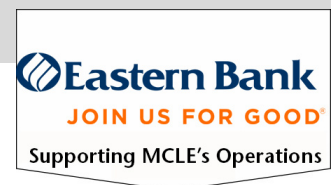
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- Transcript & videorecording emailed 2 weeks post-program

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