How to Establish a Parentage Case

Total: **59 Minutes**

Speakers:

Colleen Breems

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Recent changes in the US regarding same-sex marriage and the Illinois Parentage Act of 2015 have changed the way parentage is legally established in IL. This course will explore the current state of the law as it applies to custody cases in Illinois. Family law attorney Colleen Breems will discuss the history and evolution of parentage cases in IL, the key changes made by the 2015 act, issues regarding DNA testing, and common parentage case motions. She will also provide valuable guidance for family law attorneys filing their first Parentage case.

Topics include:

- History and evolution of custody cases in IL (7 min.)
- Illinois Parentage Act of 2015 overview (10 min.)
- New automatic establishment of parent-child relationship (12 min.)
- Proceedings to declare non-existence of parent-child relationship (5 min.)
- Issues in DNA testing (5 min.)
- Issues in child support (5 min.)
- Tips on filing your first parentage case (10 min.)
- Various motions in parentage cases (5 min.)

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Education

- J.D., DePaul University College of Law
- B.S., University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign - Human Development and Family Studies, with Honors

Certifications and Accreditations

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- Certificate in Family Law
- Colleen is on the Cook County approved Child Representative/Guardian ad Litem appointment list and accepts appointments by Judges in Cook County to represent minor children in domestic relations matters.

Bar Certifications

- Admitted to the Bar of the Illinois Supreme Court
- Admitted to the U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois

Bar Association Memberships

- Chicago Bar Association, serving as Chair of the Young Lawyers Section Family Law Committee
- Illinois State Bar Association
- Kane County Bar Association
- Women's Illinois Bar Association