

Nolan:

There was a lot of stress being in the hospital. This was our first child and not knowing if she's going to survive being this early. We essentially had to live there for 70 days, and we didn't know how long we were going to be there at the time.

I'm Nolan Argiento Hill.

Jason:

And I'm Jason Argiento Hill.

Nolan:

We live in Charlotte, North Carolina. We started with Carolina Conceptions and we did all the IVF process, egg donor process, and then found a surrogate online. January of this year, we had a successful transfer. And then July 11th, she was born 11 weeks premature, and we were in the NICU for 70 days in Raleigh, so it was back and forth driving every week from Charlotte to Raleigh to be in the NICU with her.

There was just requirements that we had to meet with Carolina Conceptions, just like a checklist of things you need to do, like have an attorney write up your contract and then you need to have an attorney do a pre or post-birth order. We actually got Angela Haas's name from the gestational carrier coordinator. After we met with her initially, we were talking about what we wanted and what would be included. It wasn't long after she had already put up a draft. We are in Charlotte and everybody else is in Raleigh. Her team had overnighted the contract here and then coordinated everything so that we didn't have to, and everything was really seamless from there. We only ever had to see them one time and they took care of everything for us in Raleigh.

Jason:

It was one of the best feelings just knowing that you have one less thing that you have to worry about. It was a blessing.

Nolan:

We were able to call Angela up and say, "Hey, this is what our carrier is saying. Can you advise us on what we're supposed to do?" And her and her team reread the whole contract and said, "You overpaid. You have an excess balance." They helped us a lot, after they had already been paid for the job and everything. We are very appreciative that her and her team went out of their way even when she didn't have to.

Jason:

They're just really timely and really awesome with all of that. We know Angela and team had a lot of other things and new contracts going on, and she was still with us throughout the whole process.

Nolan:

Angela's office making our family a priority meant a lot to us because this was something that we've wanted for so long and we have a daughter and getting to spend time with her every single day these last three months has been amazing.

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Jason:

It probably took three years for us to get her with everything, and now that she's here is just, we don't take it for granted. Even when she's screaming, she's just the cutest little thing and wouldn't trade it for the world. We're just so ecstatic she's here.

Nolan:

You have gay married men who are trying to start a family. They never made it feel like we were judged. We just felt support all around from Angela and her team.