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The practice of assisted reproductive technology is very exciting and it is ever-changing, and we are proud here at Hass & Associates to be involved in this type of practice since 2005.

It is primarily an area of law of contracts. So whether you're starting with a donor contract with sperm, egg, or embryo, it's very important you have that legal document in place that defines the roles, the obligations, and the expectations of the donor and the intended parents.

If you're going to use a surrogate to create your family, then you need to have a gestational carrier contract, surrogacy contract sometimes it's referred to. Again, that defines who are the intended parents, what are the roles and obligations of the surrogate or the gestational carrier and perhaps her spouse, and what are the roles and the intentions of the intended parents.

Then you need to have your pre-birth or post-birth order, which is a court order declaring legal parentage, often referred to as a declaration of parentage. Because this tells the hospital, it tells vital records, it tells the world that you are the intended parents and it's not the gestational carrier.

So we advise everyone to be sure that they're using an experienced attorney to do these types of contracts. It's not the type of law someone can just dabble in or get a go-by. Please don't print these off the internet and assume they're going to work for you. These are very important documents which will affect your family.