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MAINE PARENTAGE ACT (MPA) Day Two: Chapter 22

Friday, February 17, 2017
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The Maine Parentage Act (MPA) is a bill that comprehensively addresses issues involved in determining the legal parentage of a child. The bill was drafted by the Family Law Advisory Commission pursuant to a legislative Resolve directing the Commission to study family law in Maine and other states in this area and, if appropriate, report back with implementing legislation. The MPA is drawn from national model laws, such as the Uniform Parentage Act and the ABA Model Act Governing Assisted Reproductive Technology, as well as from laws adopted in a number of other jurisdictions, including, for example, New Hampshire, Delaware, the District of Columbia, New Mexico, Nevada, Utah and Washington. It will become law effective July 2016.

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PARENTAL RIGHTS OF NONPARENTS: GRANDPARENTS, DE FACTO PARENTS AND LEGAL GUARDIANS

Day Two: Chapter 24

Friday, February 17, 2017
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Maine Courts have addressed the rights of third parties regarding contact with and control of children in three distinct areas outside of the child protection proceedings. One such area is grandparents' visitation rights under the Grandparents' Visitation Act. Also, through the equitable power of the Family Court certain parental rights have been extended to what have been referred to as de facto parents. Finally, third parties have also gained rights to children through guardianship proceedings under the Maine Probate Code. This session will examine: the development of the case law around the Grandparent Visitation Act; that portion of the newly enacted Maine Parentage Act that deals with the de facto parents, as well as the prior case law of de facto parenthood; and the guardianship statutes and case law. The session will be a practical analysis of when and how a third party can acquire "parental rights" to a child who is not his or her biological child, short of proving jeopardy in the child protection realm.

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