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Featured Area of Practice: Surrogacy, Fertility & Reproductive Law

Other Areas of Practice: Planning and Development

Marc offers extensive practical and legal experience in surrogacy agreements, donor agreements and legal parentage law in Ontario. Marc's fertility law practice is currently based in Toronto, Ontario at Devry Smith Frank *LLP*. He obtained his B.A. (Hons.), from McGill University, his LL.B. from Queen's University and also has an M.Sc. from the London School of Economics. Marc was called to the Ontario Bar in 1995 and is an active member of the Law Society of Ontario and Canadian Bar Association.

Marc's fertility law practice encompasses all aspects of family planning and building. He represents and advises intended parents, surrogates, sperm and egg donors with respect to agreement drafting, legal parentage applications and general advocacy. He understands that providing clients with exceptional legal services means not only working with a team of experienced law clerks and administrative assistants, but also working to ensure that your legal fees are fair, which is why Marc offers competitive legal rates and flexible pricing options that are among the best in the industry.

As an Intended Parent himself, Marc was exposed first-hand to the complexities of this unique and complex area of law in Canada. He recognized that the standard form agreements provided to him required revision to reflect the specific needs of Intended Parents and Surrogates.

As a result of his work on the agreements Marc was asked by agencies and other Intended Parents to assist them and their clients in drafting surrogacy and donor agreements. Helping his clients – who are local, national and international - realize their goals of starting or building their families has been an incredibly rewarding experience. Today, Marc is the proud father of four children, aged five to seventeen. He personally understands what intended parents and surrogates are going through, both from a legal perspective and an emotional perspective.

Marc speaks regularly on the topic of reproductive law and surrogacy. He is a frequent guest for the surrogacy portion of the Daddies and Pappas 2B course at the 519 Community Centre in Toronto. He spoke on this issues in May of 2017 at the Balleroy Initiative in France, an international conference on current issues facing the global LGBTQ community and also presents at the Osgoode Professional Development Program in Fertility Law. He has also met with Members of Parliament from all major political parties to advocate for a Private Members Bill to decriminalize payments to surrogates in Ottawa.

In his spare time, Marc enjoys swimming, skiing and partaking in other outdoor activities with his family. He also sits on the board of South Drive Children's Circle, a not-for-profit organization providing licenced child care services.

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