

CH Legal Moment Kim Doucett #1

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Announcer: And now the Cohen Highley Legal Moment on AM980

Announcer: I'm here with Kim Doucett from Cohen Highley Lawyers. Are there differences in child support obligations for married parents versus unmarried parents?

Kim Doucett: Yes. Parents that never married fall under the *Family Law Act*, while married parents are under the *Divorce Act*.

Announcer: Which changes things how?

Kim Doucett: When parents were married, the payor pays support until the child is 18, or over 18 but is a dependent due to illness, disability, education, etc. For never married parents, support payors pay till the child is eighteen or as long as they are full time students.

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Kim Doucett: Say a never married couple has a disabled child. That child's support ends at eighteen unless that child continues full-time education. Or say the child takes a year off after high school, support could end for that child. Many scenarios exist where support for children of never married couples ends sooner. This is currently being reviewed by the courts and legislature and may change.

Announcer: Thanks Kim. This has been the Cohen Highley Legal Moment.

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