

## CH Legal Moment Kim Doucett #2

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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. If someone acts as a surrogate could they end up responsible for the child financially or otherwise?

Kim Doucett: When someone acts as a surrogate by either carrying a baby or donating biological material for artificial insemination, they could technically be liable or responsible for the child in the future without appropriate steps to establish parentage and non-parentage.

Announcer: Which requires...?

Kim Doucett: An Agreement or Court Order, terminating that persons' obligations to the child. Conversely they'd have no claim or rights to the child in the future either.

Announcer: How is this assured legally?

Kim Doucett: Two avenues. First is a surrogacy Agreement. If this is done before the embryo is created, it eliminates the need for a Court Application after the child's birth. After the child is born, to ensure the intended parents are recognized as such, they'd bring an Application before the Court seeking declarations of parentage and non-parentage, if an Agreement wasn't completed in advance.

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

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Singers: Cohen Highley, we're listening. [cohenhighley.com](http://cohenhighley.com)