

Paternity

When an unmarried couple has a child, there are important legal issues that must be addressed to ensure that the child is properly cared for and supported. An experienced Gainesville paternity lawyer can make sure you understand your rights and responsibilities as a mother or father.

My name is Carla D. Franklin, an attorney who has nearly 30 years of legal experience in Alachua County. I provide men and women with attentive personal service in paternity cases, working directly with them through every stage of the process. I can assist you with all paternity-related issues, including child custody and child support.

Establishing Paternity

Legal issues are a bit more complicated when an unmarried woman has a child. When a married woman has a child in Florida, her husband is presumed to be the father. When an unmarried woman has a child, there is a need to establish paternity, which can be done through a paternity action.

Paternity must be established before a woman can seek child support from the father. Likewise, paternity must be established before a father can seek custody or visitation. Paternity can be established through DNA testing, which I can help to arrange. Once paternity is established, I can assist you with resolving the other issues that are at stake while focusing on making sure that the outcome is in the best interests of you and your child.

Full-Service Paternity Representation

Whether you are a mother seeking child support or a father seeking a court order for child custody or visitation, I am here to help. Contact my Gainesville firm today to arrange your initial consultation.