

# DIVORCE AND FAMILY LAW

**Q** My partner and I are unable to conceive or carry a child together. What are my legal options for creating a family with children?

**A** Adoption historically has been the most common way for infertile or same-sex couples to have children. Today, both the state and many adoption agencies will work with lesbian, gay, and transgendered couples as well as with traditional families. Donor inseminations and surrogate arrangements are increasingly popular, because they can produce children who are genetically related to one or both of the intended parents. Donor insemination and surrogacy are highly technical areas of the law. An attorney experienced in the law of family planning can help draft appropriate agreements and can assist in achieving a happy outcome for all concerned.

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