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**The Modern History, Evolution, and Projected Future of Paternal Rights and Responsibilities and Child Support Enforcement in the United States: 1975-2025**

A brief substantive examination of the state of the law in the United States in 1975, when the cooperative Federal/State child support enforcement program was created followed by a review of significant case law and major legislative developments to the present day illustrating how this area of jurisprudence was created, evolved, and continues to change. In the final chapter the author will offer a projection of where the program will be by the year 2025, with a particular emphasis on expanding intergovernmental involvement and further advances in technology. The author began his governmental career in 1975, argued several precedent-setting appellate cases, and has served as counsel to the Federal Office of Child Support Enforcement since 1982.