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We are delighted to present to you today



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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 -

Robert Keith is the Chief Counsel for Children, Families and Aging programs in the Office of the General Counsel (OGC), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). He has held that position since 1995.

Most recently, Mr. Keith helped draft the government's amicus curiae brief in *Turner v. Rogers*, 564 U.S. (2011) (civil contempt proceedings must assure "fundamentally fair determination" of ability to pay child support).

Prior to his career with HHS, Mr. Keith was an Assistant Iowa Attorney General and Lead Attorney for the State's Child Support Recovery Unit. Between 1975 and 1980 Mr. Keith prosecuted over 1000 paternity suits. In addition to his extensive trial practice, Robert handled all appeals to the Iowa Supreme Court in paternity cases. He successfully argued precedent-setting cases involving the State's two-year statute of limitations and the use of long-arm jurisdiction in paternity actions. He also pioneered the use at trial of blood test evidence (pre-DNA) in contested paternity proceedings to show a likelihood of parentage, and wrote several articles advocating the broader use of genetic testing in such disputed cases.

Robert Keith continues to take a keen interest in the evolving child support enforcement program on an international level. He was a member of the United States' delegation to The Hague for the 2007 Convention on the International Recovery of Child Support and Other Forms of Family Maintenance and also served on the Drafting Committee.

Robert Keith will present:

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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.

We are very much looking forward to his presentation!

You are invited to share it together with us!