About Us:

Elizabeth E. Swire Falker, Esq., is a graduate of Wellesley College and The Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law. Liz was admitted to practice before the Appellate Division, First Department of the State of New York in 1994 and is admitted in United States District Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York, and the Second Circuit Court of Appeals. She is an ART Fellow of the prestigious Academy of Adoption and Assisted Reproduction Attorneys, a member of New York Attorneys for Adoption and Family Formation, a professional member of the American Society for Reproductive Medicine and its Legal Practice Group, and the American Bar Association's Committee on ART Law.

When not practicing law or spending time with her family, Liz is a competitive equestrian and avid knitter (she has been known to give hand-knit gifts to her clients). She also enjoys binge watching documentaries,The West Wing and NCIS!

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Jamie L. Bunyan Broadwood, Esq., graduated Magna Cum Laude from Boston College, and received her J.D. from St. John's University School of Law. She dedicated the first 6 years of her career to public service working first as a Court Attorney to a Family Court Judge in the Bronx, and then 4 years advocating for children at The Children's Law Center in custody, visitation, guardianship, family offense and neglect cases. She is admitted to practice law in the State of New York and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Jamie met Liz through Liz's book on infertility and later joined Liz's escrow management company, Stork Escrow, now serving as its Escrow Account Manager. Shortly after starting work at Stork Escrow, Liz asked Jamie if she would be interested in working as an associate at Liz's law practice. Now fully immersed in ART Law Jamie assists Liz with all matters handled by the office.

When not working with Liz, Jamie usually can be found wrangling two small children and embracing the full-time WAH Covid-lifestyle. Jamie enjoys barre and HIIT classes, going to the beach and traveling both in the US and abroad! Our Team: Founder Elizabeth E. Swire Falker, Esq.



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Elizabeth E. Swire Falker, Esq.

has been practicing Third-Party Assisted Reproduction Law in the New York Tri-State area for almost 20 years and is honored to have helped build thousands families during that time. An experienced and compassionate ART lawyer, her office assists individuals and couples with:

Egg, Sperm and Embryo Donation Agreements

Gestational Surrogacy Agreements Reciprocal IVF Agreements Judgments of Parentage Second and Step-Parent Adoptions



As a result of her own 10 year journey through infertility, IVF, adoption, and surrogacy together with an esteemed career as an attorney for over 25 years, Liz is driven to provide compassionate and personalized legal services for her clients. The author of the best-selling "cult classic"

The Infertility Survival Handbook (Riverhead), The Ultimate Insider's Guide to Adoption (Warner Books), and a popular blog named by the American Bar Association as one of the best legal "Blawgs", Liz strives to offer her clients the knowledge and skill she has gained from being at the front lines of the ART law industry to educate, support and guide her clients.

LGBQT+ Family Building

Thanks to the passage of new legislation in New York family building for members of the LGBTQ+ community has gotten far easier. With an experienced ART attorney at your side, you can ensure that the donors of any eggs and/or sperm (whether donated anonymously or through a known arrangement) are not deemed parents of your child.



If you are entering into a reciprocal IVF arrangement you want to make sure that you aren't deemed an egg donor with respect to the child your partner or spouse will carry.



New York's new surrogacy laws may be complex but it also is one of the best in the country for recognizing LGBTQ+ parenting arrangements. Outside of New York, surrogacy laws vary, sometimes from county to county within a state! You need to ensure your gestational surrogacy agreement complies with state law so your birth certificate will be honored wherever you may live or travel.



Infertility

Going through our own journeys through infertility helps us understand the financial and emotional stress our clients face every day.

Whether you have just been told you need donor gametes or a gestational surrogate, or have been an infertility warrior for years, we promise to approach your legal needs with compassion and understanding.

We have walked in your shoes and share your grief and pain. It is our job now to help you build your family and ensure that it is legally protected and enforceable.



In these crazy times of COVID-19 and with so much uncertainty surrounding us, the last thing you need to worry about is the establishment or enforceability of your parental rights when entering into third-party assisted reproduction.

Let us take that worry away so that you can enjoy the experience of becoming a parent.



FAQ's

How long does it take to have a contract prepared?

Typically you should expect egg/sperm/embryo donation agreements to take 2-3 weeks. Surrogacy agreements take a little bit longer.

We can work more quickly when needed and the circumstances of your family building arrangement permit.



How Much Do You Charge?

Our fees vary based on the type of service we are rendering. All ART agreements are billed on a flat fee billing structure. Legal services to obtain Judgments of Parentage or Second or Step-Parent Adoptions are also billed on a flat fee basis, plus any court costs as may be applicable to the proceeding. Specific fees and rates are available upon request.

Please feel free to contact us with questions about our fees and discounts we offer to members of active duty military, GPAP, and due to financial hardship.



