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Paternity Fairfax VA The Irving Law Firm Establishing Parental [Fairfax marital separation attorney](#) Rights

Establishing legal paternity is an important step in securing the rights and responsibilities of both parents and the child when parents are unmarried. In Virginia, paternity can be established voluntarily through the signing of an Acknowledgment of Paternity form, or it can be established through a court proceeding that may involve genetic testing. The Irving Law Firm assists clients in Fairfax with paternity establishment, child support, custody, and visitation rights that flow from the determination of parentage. For unmarried fathers seeking to establish legal rights to participate in their child's life, a court order establishing paternity is the foundation. Without legal paternity, a father has no enforceable right to custody or visitation even if his biological relationship to the child is not in doubt. The Irving Law Firm helps fathers navigate the process of establishing paternity and then moves directly to addressing custody and visitation in the child's best interests. For unmarried mothers seeking to establish child support obligations, paternity establishment is equally important. A court-ordered determination of paternity creates the legal basis for a child support order under Virginia's guidelines. The firm handles both the paternity proceeding and the subsequent support determination for clients in these circumstances.

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Paternity proceedings in Fairfax County may be handled in the Juvenile [Fairfax Divorce Lawyers](#) and Domestic Relations District Court. The Irving Law Firm's attorneys are experienced in this court and can guide clients through the process efficiently and with the sensitivity that these matters often require. For paternity and parental rights assistance in Fairfax, call The Irving Law Firm - Fairfax Divorce Lawyers at (571) 474-1990. Located at 10505 Judicial Drive, Suite 300, Fairfax, VA 22030.