

## **“TAKING ON THE DISESTABLISHMENT”**

### **I. ESTABLISHING PATERNITY**

#### **A. Federal Regulations**

1. Performance Measures

#### **B. Methods of Establishing Paternity**

1. Voluntary Acknowledgment of Paternity (AOP's)
2. Presumption of Paternity
  - a) Uniform Parentage Act
  - b) Individual States

### **II. PATERNITY CHALLENGES & DISESTABLISHMENT OF PATERNITY**

#### **A. Federal Regulations**

1. 42 U.S.C. §668
2. Effect of Paternity Challenges on Performance Measures
3. Techniques to reduce the effect of challenges on Performance Measures

#### **B. Uniform Parentage Act**

1. Denial of Paternity
2. Rescission of Acknowledgments of Paternity
3. Proceedings to adjudicate Parentage

#### **C. Laws and Legal Doctrines of Individual States**

1. Statute of Limitations
2. Time Limits
3. Mandatory Testing

4. Court Proceedings
  - a) Burden of Proof
  - b) Evidentiary Standards
  - c) Fraud, duress & Material Mistake
  - d) Unique Rules of Individual States

### III. ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

#### A. Ethical and Equitable Considerations

1. Best Interests of the Child
2. Father's Right to Know
3. Health and Genetic Concerns

#### B. War Stories