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Marla Neufeld is a partner in Greenspoon Marder's Surrogacy and Assisted Reproductive Technology practice group, which she founded, and represents parties working with a surrogate, egg, sperm or embryo donor. Ms. Neufeld experienced her own infertility journey for many years and ultimately worked with a gestational surrogate to build her own family. She co-authored a book published by the American Bar Association titled, *The ABA Guide to Assisted Reproduction: Techniques, Legal Issues and Pathways to Success* and was the winner of the *Law360*, Distinguished Legal Writing Awards, Burton Awards- for her article she co-authored titled, "The A, B, Cs (along with CDCs and FDAs) of Regulatory Implications over Assisted Reproductive Technology" published in the *ABA Health Law Journal*, December 2019.

Drawing from her own personal journey with infertility and the use of a gestational surrogate, Ms. Neufeld utilizes her transactional law background and combines it with her compassion and understanding of the surrogacy and adoption process. She focuses on helping others start a family using the available third-party reproductive technologies and adoption laws. Legal services offered include representation on behalf of intended parents, surrogates, egg, sperm, and embryo donation agreements, finalization of parental right proceedings and adoption proceedings in Florida (same-sex adoptions, step-parent adoptions and second-parent adoptions).

Ms. Neufeld is honored to represent married couples, both heterosexual and same-sex couples and individuals seeking to utilize various reproductive technologies. She treats each client with her own experience in mind and is sensitive to the fact that reproductive technology and the adoption process can be intimidating and overwhelming which she can help guide clients through.

Ms. Neufeld, a dedicated member of the Nova Southeastern University College of Law Board of Governors, has played a pivotal role in fostering communication and connectivity within the board by initiating and managing their newsletter, "Board Brief." Her contributions extend beyond the newsletter, as she consistently authors insightful articles and engaging interview discussions featuring current board members and NSU law students.

[Click here to learn more about Ms. Neufeld.](#)

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida

Bar Admissions

- Florida

Education

- J.D., University of Miami School of Law, *cum laude*, 2007

- Inter-American Law Review, Staff Editor
- Author, "Official Language A,B,C's"
- B.A., American University, 2003

Practice Areas

- Surrogacy & Assisted Reproductive Technology
- Marital & Family

Professional and Community Involvement

- Nova Southeastern University College of Law Board of Governors, Member
- South Florida Exploratory Committee Member and Broward, Palm Beach, and Miami Dade reproductive attorney exploratory committee member for the **Jewish Fertility Foundation**, providing financial assistance, emotional support, and educational programming to Jewish people with medical infertility.
- American Society for Reproductive Medicine Legal Professional Group, Member
- American Bar Association's Assisted Reproductive Technology Committee, Member
- Broward Center for the Performing Arts, Ghost Light Society Member and Former Executive Committee
- Emerge Broward, Former Connect Co-Chair and Former Executive Board Member
- Men Having Babies
 - Membership Benefit Program Participant
 - GPAP Participant
- University of Miami School of Law Alumni Association

Speaking Engagement

- Featured Speaker, "Alabama's Supreme Court Decision Regarding Personhood Status of Frozen Embryos and its Impact on the Future of In Vitro Fertilization in Florida and the United States," Webinar, April 2, 2024
- Speaker, "The Surrogacy Space, EP 4 - Working with a Surrogate in Florida with Marla Neufeld, Esq." The Surrogacy Space Podcast, February 29, 2024
- Speaker, "EP #190: The Art of Empathetic Surrogacy Law with Attorney Marla Neufeld" Good Neighbor Podcast: Cooper City, January 4, 2023
- Speaker, "The Surrogacy Space, EP 3 - Stepparent Adoption with Marla Neufeld, Esq. and Myrna Maysonet, Esq." The Surrogacy Space Podcast, December 19, 2023
- Speaker, "ART Committee Brown Bag," American Bar Association, December 14, 2023
- Speaker, "The Surrogacy Space, EP 2 - Estate Planning with Marla Neufeld, Esq. and Alan Cohn, Esq." The Surrogacy Space Podcast, November 28, 2023
- Speaker, "The Surrogacy Space, EP. 1 - Welcome to The Surrogacy Space with Marla Neufeld, Esq," The Surrogacy Space Podcast, November 28, 2023
- Speaker, "NSU University School Experimental Learning Legal Education Internship Program," Nova Southeastern University, September 20, 2023
- Speaker, "Modern family: I had my dead son's baby at 68," The Slow Newscast, July 11, 2023
- Speaker, "Surrogacy 101: The Basics of Using a Gestational Carrier," Jewish Fertility Foundation, February 17, 2023
- Speaker, NSU University School Experiential Learning Legal Education Internship Program, Nova Southeastern University, October 10, 2022
- Speaker, "Overview on Florida Surrogacy and Third Party Assisted Reproduction Laws," Nicklaus Children's Hospital & Victor Center, April 6, 2022
- Speaker, "Law Education Internship Speaker Series," NSU University School, September 2021
- Speaker, "The Payne Hicks Beach" Podcast, June 28, 2021

- Speaker, "Overview of Embryo Donation," GM Webinar, June 10, 2021
- Speaker, "Legal Panel," Men Having Babies Florida Conference, February 27, 2021
- Speaker, "Third-party Reproduction: Sperm, egg, and embryo donation and surrogacy" Webinar, BioJur, February 5, 2021
- Speaker, "Family Formation Panel Event," Child Advocacy and Family Law Society at the University of Miami School of Law, October 13, 2020
- Speaker, "Important Legal Updates Impacting the LGBTQIA Community," GM Webinar, August 20, 2020
- Speaker, "Overview on Laws Relating to Third Party Reproduction," Resolve National Infertility Association Monthly Meeting, October 16, 2019
- Speaker at the 20th Annual Conference on Emerging Issues in Healthcare Law, "Third Party Assisted Reproduction and Health Law Implications," ABA Health Law Section, March 13-16, 2019, Orlando, Florida
- Speaker for American Bar Association Webinar, "Regulatory and Privacy Issues in Assisted Reproductive Technology," ABA, December 13, 2018
- Speaker, "Legal Panel," Men Having Babies Florida Conference, June 9, 2018
- Speaker, "Meet Surrogacy & Third Party Reproduction Attorney: Marla Neufeld, Esq.," INCIID, March 21, 2018
- Speaker, "Legal Implications Relating to Third Party Assisted Reproduction," Broward County Matrimonial Lawyers' Luncheon, February 6, 2018
- Speaker, "Assisted Reproduction Technology Presentation and Q & A," Women & Children First Bookstore, June 15, 2017
- Speaker, "Assisted Reproductive Technology- Issues and Pathways to Success," Books & Books, March 30, 2017
- Speaker, "Panel Discussion on Assisted Reproductive Technology- Issues and Pathways to Success," Nova Southeastern University Library, January 14, 2017
- Speaker, "New Approaches & Challenges to Reproductive Justice," FIU Law Review Symposium, November 5, 2016
- Featured, Radio/TV Show, Community News And Review with Philip Bell, July 14, 2016
- Speaker, Boca Raton Synagogue Infertility/Miscarriage Support Group, July 5, 2016
- Presenter, Chizuk's Infertility Support Group, June 1, 2016
- Speaker, "Surrogacy and Egg Donation Laws With Trust and Estate Implications," Estate Planning Council of Broward County, September 2015
- Speaker, "Legal Issues Affecting the LGBT Community: Marriage, Adoption, Surrogacy, and Employment Law," May 14, 2015
- Speaker, Broward County Matrimonial Lawyers' Luncheon, May 5, 2015
- Speaker, "So you want to have a baby the "new" old fashion way? An Overview of Assisted Reproductive Technology in Florida through the Eyes of a Couple Seeking to Have a Child," "Lunch & Learn" Discussion Series, Family Court Services, April 15, 2015
- Speaker, "Modern Family Formation: Legal Perspectives on Assisted Reproductive Technology and Surrogacy," Broward County Women Lawyers' Association, February 17, 2015.
- Presented, "So you want to have a baby the "new" old fashioned way?," Assisted Reproductive Technology CLE to Palm Beach Division of Florida Associate of Women Lawyers, November 21, 2014
- Presented, "So you want to have a baby the "new" old fashioned way?," Assisted Reproductive Technology CLE to Dade County Bar, Young Lawyers, October 7, 2014
- Presented, "So you want to have a babe the "new" old fashioned way?," Assisted Reproductive Technology CLE to Broward County Bar, September 10, 2014
- Speaker, Resolve infertility support group on surrogacy and personal journey with infertility, April 9, 2014
- Presented, "The 'ART' of Family Building, Legal Issues Surrounding Assisted Reproductive Technology Law," CLE to North Dade Bar Association, March 28, 2014

Recognitions

- *The American Lawyer*, "Inaugural List of South Trailblazers" 2021
- *South Florida Legal Guide*, "Top Up & Comer Lawyer Under 40," 2021
- *Super Lawyers* magazine, Florida "Rising Stars," 2012-2021

- *Martindale Hubbell*, "Client Champion," 2020
- *Law360*, Distinguished Legal Writing Awards, Burton Awards, 2020
- Nova Southeastern University, "Alumni Hall of Fame," 2019
- Nova Southeastern University, "Distinguished Alumni," 2018
- NSU University School, "Alumni Hall of Fame," 2018
- *Daily Business Review*, "Rising Stars, 40 Under 40," 2014
- *South Florida Business & Wealth*, "Rising Star, Leaders In Law," 2014
- *Florida Trend* magazine, "Up & Comer," 2010

Publications

- Co-Author, International Family Law, Policy and Practice Volume 9, Number 1, Surrogacy in the U.S. and England and Wales in a Global Pandemic, Summer 2021
- Co-Author, "Moving Forward With New York's Model Commercial Surrogacy Law," *New York Law Journal*, April 12, 2021
- Co-Author, "The A, B, Cs (along with CDCs and FDAs) of Regulatory Implications over Assisted Reproductive Technology", *ABA Health Law Journal*, December 2019
- Co-Author, "ABA's Guide to Assisted Reproduction Techniques, Legal Issues, and Pathways to Success," 2016
- Author, "Five Questions about LGBT Surrogacy, Adoption in Florida," *Daily Business Review*, March 2015
- Author, "Baby Steps to Surrogacy," *The International Council on Infertility Information Dissemination, Inc.*, March 2015
- Author, "Putting Our Buns In Her Oven," *Pink & Blue Parenting & Baby*, August 2014
- Author, "Gestational Surrogacy: Putting Our Buns In Her Oven," *South Florida Business & Wealth*, September 2014

In the News

- Featured, "How Alabama Supreme Court ruling on frozen embryos affects Florida," CBS News Miami, February 22, 2024
- Quoted, "How to Navigate the Intended Parent-Surrogate Relationship," *The Bump*, October 6, 2022
- Featured, "Alumni Class Notes," NSU University School Viewpoint, Spring 2022
- Featured, "Meet Marla Neufeld," Canvas Rebel, May 19, 2022
- Featured, "Fertility Episode," CBS Daytime Talk Show The Doctors, March 2, 2022
- Featured, "Meet Marla Neufeld | Florida Third Party Assisted Reproductive Attorney," *ShoutOut Miami*, November 19, 2020
- Quoted, "What It's Like For A Same-Sex Couple To Have A Baby Through Assisted Reproductive Technology," *The Alligator*, June 29, 2020
- Quoted, "I Wanted To Become A Surrogate Mother - Here's What I Discovered," *Women's Health*, July 9, 2019
- Featured, "Alumni Hall of Fame," *Nova Southeastern University School VIEWPOINT*, Spring 2019
- Featured, "Legal Career and Family: Women Work Hard to Find the Right Balance," *Daily Business Review*, April 9, 2019
- Featured, "The Baby Lawyer," *Gold Coast Fort Lauderdale*, December 2018
- Featured, "Pier Sixty-Six Hotel & Marina Video," September 19, 2018
- Featured, "Highlight Video: Men Having Babies Florida 2018 - Surrogacy and Gay Parenting Conference," Men Having Babies, August 8, 2018
- Featured, "Alumni Class Notes," *NSU University School Viewpoint*, Spring 2018
- Featured, "Innovative Private Practice Group," *Daily Business Review*, May 21, 2018
- Featured, "The Baby Steps of Surrogacy," *Three Under 2*, April 22, 2018
- Featured, "Baby Steps to Surrogacy: An Interview with Surrogacy Attorney Marla Neufeld, Esq.," *INCIID*, February 26, 2018
- Mentioned, "Wake Up Call," *Bloomberg Law Big Law Business*, January 19, 2018
- Quoted, "Hurricane Irma Creates Legal Chaos For Surrogates," *Above The Law*, September 8, 2017
- Featured, "Before You Even Think of Getting a Surrogate, Read This," *Today*, June 8, 2017

- Quoted, "Divorcing Husband Gets Frozen Embryos Under Balancing of Interests," *Bloomberg Law Big Law Business*, October 26, 2016
- Featured, "Alumna Finds Surrogacy Law Practice after Struggle with Infertility," *Alumni American University*, March 12, 2015
- Featured, "Marla Neufeld: Greenspoon Marder," *Daily Business Review*, September 14, 2014
- Quoted, "Reproductive Technology Offers Niche Practice for Lawyers," *Daily Business Review*, May 14, 2014



- Alabama Supreme Court Case Regarding Personhood Status of Frozen Embryos and What this Means for Your Family and You
- Surrogacy Outside of the United States and the Outfall for Ukraine Based Surrogates and Children
- Florida Building and Development Permit Extensions in Response to COVID-19
- Surrogacy During the COVID-19 Pandemic
- COVID-19 and Impacts on Surrogacy and Third Party Family Building

News

- Greenspoon Marder Surrogacy and Assisted Reproductive Technology Partner Marla Neufeld Featured as Guest Speaker on Good Neighbor Podcast: Cooper City
- Greenspoon Marder Partner Marla Neufeld Interviewed in The Slow Newscast, Discusses Controversial Legal Precedent Set in the Field of Posthumous Reproduction
- Greenspoon Marder Surrogacy and Assisted Reproductive Partner Marla Neufeld Appointed to Legal Advisory Committee of Men Having Babies
- Surrogacy Outside of the United States and the Outfall for Ukraine Based Surrogates and Children
- Greenspoon Marder Surrogacy and Assisted Reproductive Partner Marla Neufeld To Be Featured on CBS Daytime Talk Show "The Doctors"
- Greenspoon Marder Partner Marla Neufeld Co-Authors Article for the International Centre for Family, Law, Policy and Practice Journal
- Greenspoon Marder Partners Manuel L. Crespo and Marla Neufeld Recognized in The American Lawyer's 2021 Inaugural List of South Trailblazers
- Greenspoon Marder Partner Marla Neufeld Featured Speaker on "The Payne Hicks Beach Podcast"
- Greenspoon Marder Attorneys Recognized By The South Florida Legal Guide As "Top Lawyers" And "Top Up & Comers" For 2021
- Greenspoon Marder Partner Marla Neufeld Featured Speaker for Jewish Fertility Foundation Webinar on Gestational Carrier Surrogacy & Jewish Law

- Greenspoon Marder Surrogacy Partner Marla Neufeld Appointed To Serve On Nova Southeastern University's College of Law Board of Governors
- Greenspoon Marder Partner Marla Neufeld Featured Speaker For "Third-Party Reproduction: Sperm, Egg, And Embryo Donation And Surrogacy" Zoom
- Florida Building and Development Permit Extensions in Response to COVID-19
- Surrogacy During the COVID-19 Pandemic
- Greenspoon Marder Partner Marla Neufeld Recipient Of The Burton Awards' Law 360 Distinguished Legal Writing Award
- Greenspoon Marder Partner Marla Neufeld Feature Speaker for Resolve Meeting on Third Party Reproduction
- Greenspoon Marder Partner Marla Neufeld to be Inducted Into the NSU University School Alumni Hall of Fame
- Greenspoon Marder Partner Marla Neufeld Recognized as a 2018 NSU Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award Recipient
- Greenspoon Marder Partner Marla Neufeld Featured Speaker at Men Having Babies Florida Conference
- Greenspoon Marder Surrogacy Practice Group Recognized as an Innovative Practice Group by the Daily Business Review for 2018
- Greenspoon Marder Partner Marla Neufeld to be a Featured Speaker at the Broward County Matrimonial Lawyers Luncheon
- Greenspoon Marder Promotes Two Attorneys To Partner and Senior Counsel in 2018
- Greenspoon Marder Senior Counsel Marla Neufeld Speaking at Assisted Reproductive Technology Presentation and Q&A
- Super Lawyers Recognizes 16 Greenspoon Marder Attorneys As 2017 Florida Rising Stars
- Assisted Reproductive Technology Issues and Pathways to Success Panel Discussion, January 14, 2017
- Greenspoon Marder Senior Counsel Marla Neufeld Featured on Community News and Review Program
- Boca Raton Synagogue's Infertility/Miscarriage Support Group to Host Greenspoon Marder Attorney Marla Neufeld
- Super Lawyers Recognizes 38 Attorneys at Greenspoon Marder
- Marla Neufeld Of Greenspoon Marder Honored by Personal Ponies
- Greenspoon Marder Law Attorney Marla Neufeld Appointed to Board of Directors of Uprooted
- Marla Neufeld to Speak at the Broward County Matrimonial Lawyers' Luncheon
- Marla Neufeld Speaks at the Lunch & Learn Discussion Series Hosted by Family Court Services
- Surrogacy lawyers help couples deliver the family of their dreams
- Greenspoon Marder Law Attorneys Honored As 2014 Rising Stars, 40 Under 40
- Reproductive technology offers niche practice for lawyers
- Marla Neufeld speaks at the Resolve infertility support group
- Marla Neufeld conducts CLE course to North Dade Bar Association
- Marla Neufeld to head Greenspoon Marder's Surrogacy Law practice group
- DADsquared discusses Florida Same Sex Surrogacy laws with Family Attorney Marla Neufeld
- Marla Neufeld Heads Up Greenspoon Marder's Surrogacy Law Practice Group
- Marla Neufeld mentioned in Sun Sentinel's Society Scene
- Greenspoon Marder Attorneys Selected as Finalists for Lifestyle Media Group's Leaders In Law Award
- Marla Neufeld mentioned in the Broward Center for the Performing Arts' Winter 2013 Center Stage issue

Videos

- The Surrogacy Space, Ep. 6 – "Mental Health Evaluation – What Goes into an Evaluation?"
- The Surrogacy Space, Ep. 5 – "The Role of the Reviewing Attorney"
- Alabama's Supreme Court Ruling & Its Impact on the Future of IVF Nationwide
- The Surrogacy Space: Ep. 4 - Working with a Surrogate in FL - with Marla Neufeld, Esq.
- The Surrogacy Space: Ep. 3 - Stepparent Adoption and Fertility - with Marla Neufeld, Esq. and Marla Maysonet, Esq.
- The Surrogacy Space: Ep. 2 - Estate Planning - with Marla Neufeld, Esq. and Alan Cohn, Esq.
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- Overview of Embryo Donation
- Webinar: Important Legal Updates Impacting the LGBTQIA Community
- ICIID: Baby Steps to Surrogacy: An Interview with Attorney Marla Neufeld, Esq.
- Completing Your Family Surrogacy for Same-Sex Couples in Florida - Part 2
- Surrogacy for Same Sex Couples in Florida-Part 1
- Adopting Your Same Sex Spouse's Child in Florida, What you Need to Know
- Becoming a Parent Through Surrogacy as an Unmarried Gay Individual
- LGBTQ Single Individuals, Having a Baby in Florida Through a Surrogate

