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Offit Kurman Attorneys Publish Feature Article in Washington Lawyer Magazine

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Offit Kurman family law attorneys [Summer Abel](#) and [Heather Sisto Koontz](#) are featured in the March/April issue of *Washington Lawyer* magazine with their article, "Navigating Parentage and Divorce Issues for LGBTQ+ Clients in 2026."

In this in-depth piece, Summer and Heather explore the rapidly evolving landscape of family law for LGBTQ+ individuals and families. They examine the complexities surrounding parentage, divorce, and the challenges created by inconsistent legal protections across jurisdictions. Topics such as assisted reproduction, parental recognition, and equitable property division are discussed through the lens of ongoing disparities that persist in the post *Obergefell* era.

The article emphasizes the importance of trauma-informed, culturally competent representation that acknowledges the intersections of identity, safety, and stigma. They encourage practitioners to adopt inclusive approaches, understand modern family building methods, and communicate with clarity and compassion to ensure fair outcomes for LGBTQ+ clients.

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