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Relevant Information

**Multiple Families, Multiple Goals,
Multiple Failures** Adrienne Lockie American
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Abstract:

Current child support laws are based on false assumptions about families that fail to reflect family complexity and the realities of parenting. As a result, the federal goals of child support laws are not met. New federal child support goals should be centered on the needs of poor families and multiple families and should consider more of the resources available to the families.

Multiple families are families where at least one existing parent has a child with a different partner. Federal child support laws ignore the way that children in multiple families compete for the limited resources of their parents. States lack guidance about how to choose between the two policy ways to allocate child support among families, "first family first" or "equalization."

This Article argues that the federal government should

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Recent Court Opinions



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Opinions On-Line Only 90 Days from Court's Posting

Marriage of Urbana __WnApp __ (Div II, 7/22/08) Upon motion of "interested person, Gregory M. Miller", this July 2008 opinion – reversing a ruling awarding prospective child support through a disproportionate property division - is now published.

Hansen v. Anderson __WnApp __ (Div I, 10/27/08, Unpublished). Wife fails effort to reverse property rulings of trial court.

Marriage of Waters __WnApp __ (Div I, 10/27/08, Unpublished) Husband successfully argues for tenancy-in-common status of asset omitted upon divorce.

Marriage of Waters __WnApp __ (Div I, 10/27/08, Unpublished) Husband fails to overturn contempt ruling related to not signing documents necessary to transfer property following decree.

Marriage of Rash __WnApp __ (Div II, 10/21/08, Unpublished) Ruling holding mother in contempt of parenting plan affirmed.

Flygare-cade v Flygare __WnApp __ (Div II, 10/17/08, Unpublished) Text messages lead to DV protection order.