



SURROGACY TIMELINE

- ✓ Research & Planning
- ✓ Selection of surrogacy agency & Surrogate matching
- ✓ Legal and Medical Evaluations
- ✓ Embryo Transferring
- ✓ Pregnancy & Monitoring
- ✓ Childbirth & post birth formalities
- ✓ Post birth transition

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Research & Planning

1-3 Months

During this initial phase, intended parents research surrogacy options, potential agencies, and legal considerations.

They may also seek advice from fertility specialists and surrogacy professionals to understand the process better and set realistic expectations.

It is important to consider decision on jurisdiction, budget and choosing advisers and legal preparation (UK and Overseas if chosen). Consider insurances required such as medical in certain countries and travel to include baby.

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Selection of Surrogacy Agency

1-2 Months

Intended parents choose a reputable surrogacy agency that aligns with their values and goals. The agency helps match intended parents with a suitable surrogate and provides support throughout the process.

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Surrogacy Matching

1-6 Months

The agency facilitates the process of finding a surrogate who matches the intended parents' preferences and requirements. The matching process can take time, as it involves various factors such as medical history, personality compatibility, and legal considerations.

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Legal & Medical Evaluation

1-2 Months

Both the intended parents and the surrogate undergo thorough medical and legal evaluations. The surrogate's health and medical history are carefully assessed, and legal contracts are drafted to define each party's rights, responsibilities, and expectations.

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Embryo Transfer

1-2 Months

If the intended parents choose to use their genetic material, embryos are created through in vitro fertilization (IVF) and then transferred to the surrogate's uterus. This process typically takes place during the surrogate's menstrual cycle to optimize the chances of successful implantation.

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Pregnancy & Monitoring

9 Months

The surrogate undergoes the pregnancy while the intended parents provide emotional support and maintain regular communication. The surrogate's health and the baby's development are monitored closely throughout the pregnancy.

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Childbirth & Post-Birth Formalities

9 Months

Upon successful completion of the pregnancy, the baby is born, and the intended parents are typically present for the childbirth. Legal formalities, such as establishing parental rights, may take place immediately after the birth or shortly thereafter.

The application to give legal recognition to Intended Parents as parents has to be made with a Parental Order application, within 6 months of the baby being born. This is what gives legal recognition of parents.



Post Birth Transition

Timing varies

After the birth, the intended parents take on full responsibility for the child. The transition period varies based on the surrogacy agreement and the parties' preferences. The surrogate may continue to be involved in the child's life, depending on mutual agreement.

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Workplace/ Employment



We provide advise you on your workplace rights when it comes to taking time off and your legal rights as intended parents.

Wills



We can help you draft/ updated your will . This is important for guardianship and setting up trusts for the baby

Review parental orders / documentation



At A City Law Firm, we can advise on the specific requirements of the Parental Order application. The earlier the advice is obtained, the clearer the legal pathway is.



Deal with any issues or disputes

We are here to support and resolve any issues or disputes which may arise.

Meet our Family Lawyer



Laura Jennings
Director & Family Law Solicitor

Laura is an experienced child law solicitor offering advice and support with fertility; surrogacy international and domestic as well as child arrangements and donor agreements. Laura was helping ACLF intended parents from as way back as 2011 as modern families were evolving.



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