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Broomfield, CO: The Colorado Supreme Court is set to make a final decision on an embryo-custody battle between Drake and Mandy Rooks. The case has attracted national attention as the court attempts to provide [legal](#) clarity on the issue of what to do with the couple's frozen embryos. The six samples were created when the couple was still married and undergoing in vitro fertilization. Drake Rooks is advocating that the samples be disposed of, as he no longer wants to father more of his ex-wife's children. Mandy Rooks would like to retain ownership of the samples, so she will have the option of having more children down the line. The Rooks case is a part of a larger trend of embryo-custody battles making their way through the court system. Yet, judges across the country have issued contradictory rulings thus far.

The issue regarding who can claim legal ownership of the embryos is a densely complicated issue with little legal precedent. Unlike the couple's offspring, the judge cannot rule in favor of one partner over the other based on their ability to be a responsible caregiver. Any outcome the judges decide will likely lead to an appeal. Many legal experts have argued that the court does not have the authority to order Mandy Rooks to dispose of the embryo samples, hurting her chances of having more children in the future. Yet, others have argued that the court does not have the authority to force Drake Rooks to have more children with his former partner against his will. If an appeal is filed, the case is likely to be appealed before the U.S. Supreme Court, with a ruling that would apply nationwide.

As a leading source of information regarding [custody disputes](#) in the state of Colorado, Cooper Tanis & Armas, P.C. is responsible for staying up-to-date on these matters. As more couples turn to in vitro fertilization, these types of cases are bound to become more common. Couples having undergone in vitro fertilization that are considering getting divorced should contact the attorneys at Cooper Tanis & Armas, P.C. for legal guidance. A recent client, Brian B., commented on his experience with the firm on Yelp, stating, "Going through a divorce was the most difficult and painful event I have ever been through. Diane and Cheri were terrific. I have sent numerous friends there and they have nothing but outstanding praise and results. Diane will always have your back."

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