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author of Real Dads Stand Up

"He's just my baby-daddy," a common phrase made popular in a southern hip-hop song almost defines the role single fathers have been reduced to in today's loose family structure. While the wealthy have high-powered attorneys representing them in family court hearings, for the average father, navigating through the legal maze is draining emotionally, physically, and financially.

Attorney/author, Alicia M. Crowe's new book, *Real Dads Stand Up!* (Blue Peacock Press, ISBN 0-9764772-0-3, Paperback \$19.95) is an easy to read 230-page step-by step guide that offers tips and legal insights that every single father should know about child support, parental rights, and custody.

Real Dads Stand Up! was written to give single fathers a greater understanding of their rights under the legal system," explains Crowe who has represented fathers and mothers in family court cases for over a decade. She discovered that there are many men who wants to play a more active role in their childrens' lives, but are denied the opportunity, either by the other parent and/or the legal system.

Inside *Real Dads Stand Up!* are tips on:

- " How to avoid the baby mama drama
- " How to navigate through the child support system
- " Seeking custody and enforcing visitation rights
- " Avoiding the pitfall of child support Enforcement (incarceration/garnishment of wages).
- " How to gain and maintain access to your children without going to trial.

"As a result of the way the system is structured, fathers face an uphill battle just to have minimal contact with their children. The legal system seems to emphasize child support over a father's right to co-parent his children," Crowe explains. " I created this book as a way to inform, inspire, empower, and challenge fathers to step up to the plate and become active, responsible, and nurturing adults in their children's lives."

Currently a Deputy Town Attorney in the Town of Ramapo, Alicia M. Crowe, Esq. is a partner in the law firm of Crowe & Crowe with her identical twin sister, Alice T. Crowe. She holds a B.A. Degree in Political Science from Adelphi University and a J.D. Degree from Howard University School of Law.

Crowe is a sought after legal expert on the topic and has been featured several times as a professional expert on BETJ's "My Two Cents", The Wendy Williams Experience and The Wendy Williams Book Club where *Real Dads Stand Up* was selected as July 2007's "Book Of The Month," Rev. Al Sharpton's radio show "Sharp Talk," WRKS 98.7 Kiss FM's "Open Line," Power 105.1's "The Power Hour," WBLS' "Express Yourself," and WLIB's "Mind Flight," hosted by Gary Byrd, The Bev Smith Show on American Urban Radio, Pacifica Radio WBAI-FM, and Krights Radio.com. The book has also been discussed on The Tom Joyner Morning Show and featured on AOL Black Voices, My Brothers.com and more.

Alicia M. Crowe has developed a unique series of fatherhood forums and workshops aimed to educate and assist fathers in taking their parental responsibility. Some of her forums/workshops are designed to reach those fathers who have been absent from their children's lives or are just regaining entry into the mainstream and want to reconnect with their children.

Real Dads Stand Up published by Blue Peacock Press, is a part of an ongoing movement to rebuild a community and the lives of children by encouraging and empowering the responsible fathers in our community. . Alicia Crowe is also a contributor to best seller, *I Got Your Back: A*

Father and Son Keep It Real About Love, Fatherhood, Family and Friendship written by Eddie Levert with his late son Gerald Levert and Lyah Beth LeFlore.

Distributed by Baker & Taylor, Real Dads Stand Up, is available for sale in all your major bookstores and online.

Official site: www.realdadsstandup.com

"This book is very well written."

Honorable Percy Sutton, Chairman Emeritus, Inner City Broadcasting Corp.)

"I am impressed with the purpose of the book-- it will make a positive contribution."- Honorable Congressman Charles B. Rangel, Chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means.

"Alicia demystifies child support and custody and takes the fear out of family court!" - Malik Yoba, Actor, Activist

"A book like Crowe's is welcome"- Michael McCormick, executive director of the Washington, D.C. based American Coalition for Fathers and Children.

"This book is sorely needed."- Peter Holoman, former director, Male Development and Empowerment Center, Medgar Evers College