

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY MARYLAND

In Re: Adoption of

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
*Name of Adoptee(s)*

CASE NO.: CAAXX-XXXXX

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**PETITION FOR INDEPENDENT ADOPTION**  
**(For Self Represented Litigant(s))**

TO THE HONORABLE, THE JUDGE OF SAID COURT:

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, Petitioner(s), file this Petition for  
*(Petitioner #1)* *(Petitioner #2 or N/A)*  
an Independent Adoption and for Change of Name and respectively represent unto this

Honorable Court as follows:

**I. Information about the Petitioner(s) – MD Rule 9-103 (b)(1)(A):**

1. That \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Petitioner #1)*  
lives at \_\_\_\_\_,  
*(Address)*  
is \_\_\_\_\_ years old, and is employed as \_\_\_\_\_,  
*(Age)* *(Type of work)*  
by \_\_\_\_\_.  
*(Place of employment)*

2. That \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Petitioner #2)*  
lives at \_\_\_\_\_,  
*(Address)*  
is \_\_\_\_\_ years old, and is employed as \_\_\_\_\_,  
*(Age)* *(Type of work)*  
by \_\_\_\_\_.  
*(Place of employment)*

**II. Information about the Person(s) to be adopted – MD Rule 9-103 (b)(1)(B):**

3. \_\_\_\_\_, is a \_\_\_\_\_ who was  
*(First & Last name of adoptee #1)* *(Sex)*  
born on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ in  
*(D.O.B.)* *(Name of Location)*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
*(Location)*

4. \_\_\_\_\_, is a \_\_\_\_\_ who was  
(First & Last name of adoptee #1) (Sex)  
born on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ in  
(D.O.B.) (Name of Location)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Location)

**III. Information about the both Biological Parents of the Adoptee(s) – MD Rule 9-103 (b)(1)(C):**

5. That the birth mother's name is \_\_\_\_\_  
(Biological Mother's Full Name)  
who lives at \_\_\_\_\_  
(Address, city, state and zip)  
\_\_\_\_\_ and who is \_\_\_\_\_ years if age.  
(Age)

6. That the birth father's name is \_\_\_\_\_  
(Biological Father's Full Name)  
who lives at \_\_\_\_\_  
(Address, city, state and zip)  
\_\_\_\_\_ and who is \_\_\_\_\_ years if age.  
(Age)

**IV. Petitioner(s) Relationship to the Adoptee – MD Rule 9-103 (b)(1)(D):**

7. Statement explaining Petitioner(s) relationship to the child:

The Petitioner \_\_\_\_\_  
(Petitioner #1)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Example: sibling, cousin, step-parent, family friend, etc.)

The Petitioner \_\_\_\_\_  
(Petitioner #2)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Example: sibling, cousin, step-parent, family friend, etc.)

**V. Other Children of Petitioner(s) - MD Rule 9-103 (b)(1)(E):**

8. a) \_\_\_\_\_ who lives at \_\_\_\_\_  
(First Child's Full Name) (Address of child...

\_\_\_\_\_ and who is \_\_\_\_\_ years if age.  
..city, state and zip) (Age)

b) \_\_\_\_\_ who lives at \_\_\_\_\_  
(First Child's Full Name) (Address of child...

\_\_\_\_\_ and who is \_\_\_\_\_ years if age.  
..city, state and zip) (Age)

**VI. Statement Regarding how the Adoptee(s) were Located - MD Rule 9-103 (b)(1)(F):**

9. \_\_\_\_\_ was located in the following manner:  
(Name of Adoptee 1)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

*(Statement should include names and addresses of all intermediaries or surrogates; attach a copy of all advertisements used to locate the person/ copy of any surrogacy contract used)*

10. \_\_\_\_\_ was located in the following manner:  
(Name of Adoptee 2 )

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

*(Statement should include names and addresses of all intermediaries or surrogates - attach a copy of all advertisements used to locate the person/ copy of any surrogacy contract used)*

**VII. If Adoptee is a Minor - MD Rule 9-103 (b)(1)(G):**

11. Names, addresses and the time period of all who have had Legal or Physical Care, Custody, or Control of the Minor(s) since birth. (Except prior foster parents)

From birth to present the following individuals have had care, custody and control of the minor adoptee:

a) Adoptee #1: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Time Period of care and control: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Time Period of care and control: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Time Period of care and control: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

*(Attach an additional sheet if needed)*

b) Adoptee #2: \_\_\_\_\_

From birth to present the following individuals have had care, custody and control of the minor adoptee:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Time Period of care and control: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Time Period of care and control: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Time Period of care and control: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

*(Attach an additional sheet if needed)*

**VIII. If Applicable, Reasons Spouse has not joined the Petition - MD Rule 9-103 (b)(1)(I):**

12. Select One-

The Petitioner(s) were married on \_\_\_\_\_ and spouse is joining in this Petition.

The Petitioner was married on \_\_\_\_\_ and spouse is not joining in this Petition because: \_\_\_\_\_

**IX. Guardians with Right to Consent to the Adoption - MD Rule 9-103 (b)(1)(J):**

13. Select One -

There **IS NOT** a guardian who has been granted the right to consent to this

adoption by Judicial or other means.

- There **IS** a guardian who has been granted the right to consent to this adoption by Judicial or other means.

Information regarding guardians with the right to consent:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Court Name and Case No.: \_\_\_\_\_

**X. Information about a Party's Disability or Incapacity to Consent - MD Rule 9-103 (b)(1)(K):**

14. Select One -

- There **IS NOT** any known reasons and or disabilities that would indicate that a party to this case (child, parent or other) has a disability which would make that party incapable of consenting and/or participating effectively in this proceeding.
- There **IS** a reason and/or disability that would indicate that a party to this case (child, parent or other) has a disability which would make that party incapable of consenting and/or participating effectively in this proceeding.

EXPLAIN:

\_\_\_\_\_

**XI. Information about a Party's Entitlement to the Appointment of Counsel - MD Rule 9-103 (b)(1)(L):**

15. Select One -

- There **Are No** known reasons that may entitle a child or biological parent to court appointed counsel.
- There **Are** known reasons that may entitle a child or biological parent to court appointed counsel.

EXPLAIN: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**XII. Desire Name Change - MD Rule 9-103 (b)(1)(M):**

16. Adoptee #1:

The Petitioner(s) desire to change the name of, \_\_\_\_\_

(Current Name)

to \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Desired Name)

17. Adoptee #2:

The Petitioner(s) desire to change the name of, \_\_\_\_\_  
(Current Name)

to \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Desired Name)

**XIII. Statement regarding the Petitioner(s) Criminal History - MD Rule 9-103**

**(b)(1)(N):**

18. Has Petitioner(s) been convicted of a crime, other than a minor traffic violation:

- No
- Yes

If "Yes"

Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Please include the name of Petitioner, offense, date of conviction and location)

**XIV. Petitioner(s) Knowledge of Revocation of Consent - MD Rule 9-103 (b)(1)(O):**

19. Select One –

- The petitioner **IS NOT** aware that any required consent has been revoked.
- The petitioner **IS** aware of a revocation of consent (EXPLAIN):

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**XV. Pre-Adoption placement - MD Rule 9-103 (b)(1)(P):**

20. The petitioner(s)  WILL  WILL NOT be seeking pre-adoption placement of the adoptee pending the outcome of this adoption proceedings.

If "Yes," explain: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**WHEREFORE**, your Petitioner(s) prays that this Honorable Court grant the following relief:

A. Pass a Judgment declaring that,

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Adoptee(s))

be the adopted child(ren) of \_\_\_\_\_  
(Petitioner(s) Name(s))

and that the child's name be changed to \_\_\_\_\_  
(Desired Name)

B. **If applicable:** Grant temporary custody of adoptee(s), \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Adoptee(s))

\_\_\_\_\_ to the Petitioner(s) pending this adoption.  
(Name of Adoptee(s))

C. Order any further relief as the Court deems appropriate.

“I solely affirm under the penalties of perjury that the contents of the foregoing document are true to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.”

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Petitioner #1 Signature) (Date)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Petitioner #2 Signature) (Date)