

Adult Adoption

Information

Adult adoptions are very different from the other three types of adoption. In the case of an adult adoption the "child" being adopted is over the age of 18 or is an emancipated minor and legally considered an adult. Also unlike other adoptions, an adult adoption is the decision by the "child" and the adopting parent without any additional parties being involved in the decision. As with an adoption involving a minor child there is still the creation of a legal parent/child relationship between the adoptee and the adopter. Since the "child" or adoptee in this type of adoption is legally an adult and able to make their own legally binding decisions the adult adoption process is simpler than that involving a minor child. Once the adoption has occurred notice of it is given to certain relatives whose inheritance rights might be affected.

Instructions:

The process for an adult adoption requires only two forms. These forms can be downloaded from the link above or are also available from the Probate Court Clerk's Office during business hours. Both the adopting parent and the person to be adopted and filed with the Court must complete The Adult Adoption Petition. A Certified Copy of Birth Certificate of the potential adoptee and adopter must accompany this Petition. If the adopting parent is married the Consent of Spouse of Prospective Adoptive Parent form must be completed and filed along with the Adoption Petition. Finally there is a filing fee, which is due at the time of filing. The filing fee is \$75.00. At the time of the adoption decree, notice of the adoption is given to the living biological parents of the adoptee or any living children of the adoptee