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Fill in court name and street address:

Superior Court of California, County of

Court fills in case number when form is filed.

Case Number:

1 Adopting parent(s)

a. Name: _____

b. Name: _____

Relationship to child: _____

Address (skip this if you have a lawyer): _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone number: _____

Lawyer (if any) (name, address, telephone numbers, e-mail address, and State Bar number): _____

_____**2 Information about the child**


Child's name before adoption: _____

Child's name after adoption: _____

Date of birth: _____ Age: _____

Signing this form:


- Adoptions usually require a hearing where most signatures on this form must be completed in front of a judge.
- Item 4b may be signed before the hearing.
- If this is a stepparent adoption to confirm parentage involving a spouse or registered domestic partner who gave birth to the child or established parentage over a child born through gestational surrogacy during the union, usually no hearing is required and you may sign this form in front of a proper witness. See item 8a for instructions on having your signature properly witnessed. If the court orders a hearing in this case, you must sign this form at the hearing in front of the judge.
- All other signatures must be signed at a hearing, in front of a judge, unless waived by the judge for good cause.

3 I am the child listed in (2) and I agree to the adoption. (Not required in the case of a tribal customary adoption under Welf. & Inst. Code, § 366.24.)Date: _____
Type or print your name

 Signature of child (child must sign if 12 or older; optional if child is under 12)
4 If there is only one adopting parent and that person is married and not separated, the consent of their spouse is required under section 8603 of the Family Code. Read and sign below. Stepparent adoptions: Go to Item 7.

a. I am the adopting parent listed in (1), and I agree that the child will:

(1) Be adopted and treated as my legal child (Fam. Code, § 8612(b)) and

(2) Have the same rights as a natural child born to me, including the right to inherit my estate.

Date: _____
Type or print your name

 Signature of adopting parent

Your name: _____

Case Number: _____

- b. I am married to, or am the registered domestic partner of, the adopting parent listed in ①, and I am not a party to this adoption. I agree to the adoption of the child by the adopting parent listed in ①.

Date: _____
Type or print your name

Signature of spouse or registered domestic partner
(may be signed before hearing)

⑤ If there are **two** adopting parents, read and sign below.

We are the adopting parents listed in ①, and we agree that the child will:

- a. Be adopted and treated as our legal child (Fam. Code, § 8612(b)) and
- b. Have the same rights as a natural child born to us, including the right to inherit our estate.

I agree to the other parent's adoption of the child.

Date: _____
Type or print your name

Signature of adopting parent

I agree to the other parent's adoption of the child.

Date: _____
Type or print your name

Signature of adopting parent

⑥ If this is a tribal customary adoption, read and sign below.

I/we are the adopting parents listed in ①, and I/we agree that the child will:

- a. Be adopted and treated as my/our legal child (Fam. Code, § 8612(b)) and
- b. Have the same rights and duties stated in the tribal customary adoption order dated _____ (copy attached).

If two adopting parents, we agree to the other parent's adoption of the child.

Date: _____
Type or print your name

Signature of adopting parent

Date: _____
Type or print your name

Signature of adopting parent

⑦ For stepparent adoptions only:

If you are the legal parent of the child listed in ②, read and sign below.

I am the legal parent of the child and am the spouse or registered domestic partner of the adopting parent listed in ①. I agree to the adoption of my child by the adopting parent listed in ①.

Date: _____
Type or print your name

Signature of legal parent



Your name: _____

8 Executed (check one):

- a. ☐ This form was signed outside of a hearing. *(Select this option only for a stepparent adoption to confirm parentage under Family Code, § 9000.5, where the court did not order a hearing for good cause.)*

- (1) ☐ This form was signed **in** California.

This form was signed in front of the following type of witness *(check one)*:

- ☐ Notary public *(the notary acknowledgment is attached)*
☐ Court clerk
☐ Probation officer
☐ Qualified court investigator
☐ Authorized representative of a licensed adoption agency
☐ County welfare department staff member

- (2) ☐ This form was signed **outside** of California.

This form was signed in front of the following type of witness *(check one)*:

- ☐ Notary public *(the notary acknowledgment is attached)*
☐ Other person authorized to perform notarial acts *(proof of notarization is attached)*
☐ Authorized representative of an adoption agency that is licensed in the state or country where this form was signed

- (3) Witness information

This form was signed in: (county) _____ (state) _____ (country) _____

Name of witness: _____

Agency witness works for *(if applicable)*: _____

Date: _____

Witness signature:  _____

- b. ☐ This form was signed at a hearing in front of a judicial officer. *(The judge will date and sign the form below.)*

Date: _____

Judge (or Judicial Officer)