

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA
AT _____

In the Matter of the Adoption of _____)
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Child's Name after Adoption _____)
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Child's Birthdate: _____)
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By: _____)
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)
Petitioner(s) (Person(s) asking to adopt child) _____)

CASE NO. _____

ADOPTION PETITION

"Child" is the legal term for the person who is being adopted, regardless of the person's age. "Minor child" means an adoptee under 18 years of age. "Adult child" means an adoptee who is 18 years or older.

I. Court Information

This is the correct court location to hear this matter, because:

- The child is a minor and has an open Child in Need of Aid (CINA) case.
CINA case number (if known): _____.
- This is the same court location where the CINA case is happening.
- The CINA case is not happening in this location, but I (the petitioner) reside in the judicial district where this petition is being filed, **and** *[check one]*
 - I gave notice to the CINA parties that I was going to file in this court. I attached proof of notice and any consents by the parties to this petition. I received no objections from any party in the CINA case.
 - I do not know who the parties in the CINA case are and ask that the court provide notice. I understand that if any party objects to me filing the adoption petition in this court location, I will need to refile it in the same court location where the CINA case is happening.
- The child is a minor and does not have an open CINA case, **or** the child is an adult. This is the court location nearest to where
 - I (the petitioner) reside or serve in the military.
 - the child resides or is serving in the military.
 - the agency that has care, custody, or control of the child is located.
- _____

II. Child's Information

- a. This adoption is for a minor child. an adult child.
- b. Child's current name: *[Leave blank if agency adoption.]* _____
- c. Child's name after adoption: _____
- d. Child was born on _____, in _____.
Date City **and** State/Country
- e. Child's current address: _____
- f. How long has the child lived at the above address? ____ Years ____ Months

- g. Has the child been placed (currently living) with you (the petitioner)?
- Not applicable because the child is an adult.
- No, because: _____
- Yes. Date of placement: _____ By whom: _____

h. Names of birth parents (if known):
[If the child has been adopted before, list the names of the current adoptive parents.]

i. The child has the following property of significant value: *[Include money in bank accounts, ANCSA Corporation shares, real property, jewelry, etc. Attach an extra page if necessary.]*

<u>Description of Property</u>	<u>Estimated Value</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

j. List below any open court cases (for example: custody, guardianship, etc.) involving this child in a tribal or state court in Alaska or any other state, that you know about:

<u>Type of Court Case</u>	<u>Where</u>	<u>Case No. (if known)</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

III. Petitioner Information

a. Full Name of Adopting Parent: _____ Age: _____
 Full Name of Adopting Parent: _____ Age: _____

- b. Petitioner is not married (if two petitioners, neither petitioner is married).
- The two petitioners are married to each other. Date and place of marriage (city **and** state/country): _____

Petitioner is married to

one of the parents of the child (stepparent adoption).

someone else who is not a parent of the child or another petitioner.

Full name of Petitioner's spouse: _____

Date and place of marriage (city **and** state/country): _____

c. Petitioner's mailing address: _____

Residence address (if different): _____

How long have you lived in the above city? _____ Years _____ Months

Email: _____ Phone: _____

I agree that the court and other parties can email me documents instead of using regular mail.

d. I have a place to live and resources suitable to provide for the nurture and care of the child, and I desire to establish the relationship of parent and child with this child.
*[Applies to **minor** child adoptions only]*

IV. Adoption Information

a. What kind of adoption is this?

- Private agency adoption. Name of agency: _____
- State agency adoption. Name of agency: _____
- Non-Agency/Independent adoption: Relative. Nonrelative.
- Stepparent adoption.

b. "Indian child" means an unmarried person **under 18 years old**, who is

- (1) a member of an Indian tribe, **or**
(2) eligible to be a member of an Indian tribe **and** the biological child of a member of an Indian tribe.

Does the child qualify as an Indian child?

- No.
- Yes. Fill out form [P-450](#), *Report of Indian Adoptive Placement*.

Name of child's tribe: _____

I should be the adoptive parent, because

- I am a member of the child's extended family.
- I am another member of the child's tribe.
- I am a member of another Indian tribe.
- I believe there is good cause to deviate from the Indian Child Welfare Act's adoptive placement preferences, because: *[See 25 U.S.C. § 1915(a).]*

c. **Consents.**

1. All of the following persons whose consent (agreement) is required by Alaska Statute 25.23.040 have consented (agreed) to this adoption:

- The biological or current adoptive parents, **if the child is a minor**:
[You may use [P-415](#) consent form.]
- Full Name of Parent A: _____
- Full Name of Parent B: _____
- The child, **if age 10 or older**. *[You may use [P-420](#) consent form.]*
- Any spouse of the child being adopted, whether the child is a minor or an adult.
[You may use [P-415](#) consent form.]
- Full Name of Child's Spouse: _____
- Any other person who is lawfully entitled to (has rights to) custody of the child or is empowered to consent. This includes the legal guardian of a minor child or an incapacitated adult. List the person's or agency's name and role:

I attached consent forms to this petition from each of the persons I checked above. I understand that the person signing the consent or relinquishment form **must sign it in a court hearing or in the physical presence of a judge or a special master** if that person is a **parent of an Indian child** (even if the parent is not a member of an Indian tribe themselves) or a **minor** (someone younger than 18 years old).

2. If consent is not required because of a reason recognized in AS 25.23.050, please state the reason below.

Name of Person whose Consent
is Not Needed

Reason

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

- d. Visitation after Adoption. *[Applies to **minor** child adoptions only. See AS 25.23.130.]*
1. A parent consenting to the adoption of the child has requested that the parent or another relative will will not be allowed visitation with the child following the adoption, as specified in that parent's consent/relinquishment.
 2. I agree do not agree with this request.
- e. I believe that this adoption is in the best interests of this child.
- f. I ask the court to
1. grant this petition for adoption and declare the child to be my child for all legal purposes,
 2. declare that the child will be known from now on by the name shown at the top of page 1 of this petition, and
 3. order that a new birth certificate be issued for the child: Yes. No.

V. Attachments

I attached the following to this petition:

1. a certified copy of the child's birth certificate (or verification of the birth record)
2. a filled-out form VS-550,¹ *Descriptive Information Regarding Biological Parents*
3. a filled-out form VS-501,¹ *Report of Adoption*
4. the required consents from section IV(c) on page 3
5. the report of expenditures required by AS 25.23.090. *[You may use form [P-406](#). This report is **not** required for a stepparent adoption or adoption of an adult child.]*

[If you cannot provide any of the above required documents at the time of filing, your petition will still be accepted by the court, however, the case will not go forward until the documents are filed. For some adoptions of a minor child, a home study may also be required before the adoption can be finalized. See AS 25.23.100.]

¹ Email Health Analytics and Vital Records at BVSSpecialServices@alaska.gov or contact them by phone at (907) 465-3162 to get a blank VS form mailed to you. You can also pick up both forms in person in Juneau at 5441 Commercial Blvd., Juneau, AK; or in Anchorage at 3601 C St., Suite 128, Anchorage, AK. Some court locations may also have a supply available.

Verification

[Do not sign yet. This must be signed in front of a court clerk, notary public, or other person authorized to administer oaths.]

I state on oath or affirm that I have read this petition and that all statements made in it are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

_____ Date

_____ Signature of Adoptive Parent

_____ Date

_____ Signature of Adoptive Parent

Subscribed and sworn to or affirmed before me at _____, Alaska on _____.

(SEAL)

Court clerk, notary public, or other person authorized to administer oaths.
My commission expires: _____

Instructions:

Fill out the certificate of service below, showing when and how you gave this petition to other persons or agencies involved in the case. Unless this is a stepparent adoption, you must mail a copy of this petition to the Department of Family and Community Services at:

Office of Children’s Services
Adoption Unit
P.O. Box 110630
Juneau, AK 99811-0630

If the adoption involves a minor Indian child, you must also serve a copy of this petition on the child’s tribe.

After you have filled out the certificate and served the other parties, file the petition in court.

<u>Certificate of Service</u>	
I certify that on _____ [date], a copy of this petition was <input type="checkbox"/> mailed <input type="checkbox"/> hand-delivered to: <i>[List everyone served and attach extra pages if necessary.]</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/> _____	<input type="checkbox"/> _____
<input type="checkbox"/> _____	<input type="checkbox"/> _____
Your signature: _____	