

MARYLAND DIVISION OF VITAL RECORDS

Certificate of Adoption

To the Clerk of the Court: When the Petition for Adoption is filed, please give a single copy of this form to the attorney for completion. When this Certificate is returned to you and the final adoption decree has been issued, please sign and date Section C below. Affix your official seal and mail this form to the Division of Vital Records, 6764-B Reisterstown Road, Baltimore, MD 21215. Please note the date of mailing in your records but do not file a copy of this Certificate (nor should the attorney) as the intent of the law is to conceal reference to the original status of the child.

To the Attorney: Please complete Sections A and B. Have the adopting parent(s) verify the spelling of the names in Section A. Section B should not be shown to the adopting parent(s). In the case of a stepparent adoption, the name and the other information relating to the natural parent (mother or father, if living) should be entered in Section A. Maryland law provides that whenever proof is received in which a court of competent jurisdiction has entered a judgement, order of decree relating to the adoption of a person, a new certificate of birth shall be made to reflect the provisions of such decree and that all papers in the case, including the original birth certificate, shall be placed under seal. The Division of Vital Records of the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene will send the adopting parent(s) a Birth Registration Notice with the new name without charge. The fee to obtain certified copies of the new certificate, if desired, is \$10.00 for each copy. There is an additional processing fee of \$12.00 for each adoption filed. If the child was not born in Maryland, the Certificate of Adoption form will be sent by the Division of Vital Records to the proper registration agency of the State of birth for the preparation of a new birth certificate.

Section A: Information from Adopting Parent(s) for the New Certificate of Birth

Child's Name after Adoption _____
First Middle Last Name

Father's Name _____ Date of Birth _____ Race _____
First Middle Last Name

Hispanic Origin _____ Place of Birth _____ Social Security# _____
City and State or Foreign Country

Mother's Current Legal Name _____ Date of Birth _____ Race _____ Hispanic Origin _____
First Middle Last Name

Mother's Maiden Name _____ Place of Birth _____ Social Security # _____
First Middle Last Name City and State or Foreign Country

Mailing Address of New Parent(s) _____
Street Address

City or Town County State Zip Code

Section B: Information from Natural Parent or Guardian Relating to Original Status of Child

Original Name of Child _____ Sex _____
First Middle Last Name

Child's Date of Birth _____ Child's Place of Birth _____
City or Town County State

Biological Father's Name _____ Race _____ Hispanic Origin _____
First Middle Last Name

Biological Mother's Maiden Name _____ Race _____ Hispanic Origin _____
First Middle Last Name

The foregoing information was furnished by: Natural Parent Attorney Adopting Parent
 Agency Caseworker Birth Certificate Other, specify _____

Type of Adoption (please answer): Stepparent Grandparent Relative Non-Relative

Adoption by an unmarried person: Yes No Adoption by a widowed person: Yes No

Signature of Informant _____

Address _____

Section C: Certification and Court Seal from the Clerk of the Court

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on _____, 20__ Judge _____ presiding in
 Circuit Court of _____ passed a decree of adoption in the name of the child and the parents
County or City
 described above. The attorney in the case was _____ Attorney's
 address _____
Street Address City or Town County State Zip Code

SIGNED and SEALED by _____ **Date** _____

Note: This form may be used by out-of-state courts of competent jurisdiction if the certification is completed and the official court seal is affixed. Otherwise, a certified copy of the adoption decree will be required. DHMH 24 VR B62 01/31/06 kam