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**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*): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Fill in court name and street address:

**Superior Court of California, County of**

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Court fills in case number when form is filed.

**Case 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


Case Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

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



Case Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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)

