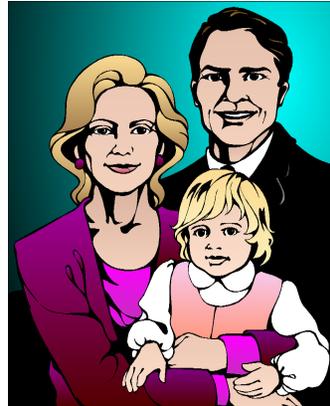


Family Court of Philadelphia
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1801 Vine Street
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Information Pamphlet*

Honorable Myrna Field
Administrative Judge

Andrea Hoffman Jelin
Director
Children & Youth Services

The Adoption Branch

Description

The Adoption Branch of Philadelphia Family Court handles all of the filings and processing of termination of parental rights petitions and finalization of adoption matters. In addition, we handle requests from adoptees seeking to locate their biological parents.

Forms

Local Rule 15.1(1) mandates the use of pre-printed forms for all adoption pleadings. These forms can be secured at 1801 Vine Street, Room 332, Philadelphia, PA 19103, free of charge.



Filings

All pleadings are filed in Room 332 at 1801 Vine Street. The initial pleading is assigned a term and number. This term and number should be referenced in all subsequent filings.



Location

1801 Vine Street
Room 332
Philadelphia, PA 19103



Telephone

686-4002	686-415
686-4012	686-4207
686-4013	686-4258
686-4023	686-4259
686-4074	

Fees and Costs

The filing fee for a Report of Intention to Adopt	\$291.00
The filing fee for a Petition for Adoption	\$216.00
<i>(If you are filing a Report of Intention to Adopt and a Petition for Adoption you are charged \$291.00)</i>	
The filing fee for Registration of Foreign Birth	\$204.00
The filing fee for Gestational Carrier Petition	\$204.00
Certification of Adoption (upon finalization of adoption)	\$30.00
Certification of Termination Decree	\$30.00
Request for Limited (Non-Identifying) Information	\$50.00
<i>(See 23 Pa.C.S. Section 2905 and Family Court Administrative Reg. 99-9)</i>	
Request for Identifying Information	\$150.00

(This information will only be disclosed upon consent of natural parents. See 23 Pa.C.S. Section 2905 and Family Court Administrative Reg. 99-9.)

- ◆ Payment is made by certified check or money order payable to the Prothonotary.
- ◆ Certified copies of adoption decrees are being issued on the same day as the hearing.

Any questions, do not hesitate to call us!