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ADOPTIONS

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Adoption is the legal process when one assumes parental rights and responsibility for another. Usually, the process involves a child, but it can also involve an adult. Adoption is a serious and formal process because legal relationships are being permanently changed. There are many steps to the process, and it can be complicated to navigate them on your own. Prospective adoptive parents want to put their best foot forward when they are trying to stand out in the eyes of an adoption agency, while expectant mothers want to know that their needs are being met and advocated for and that child will be placed with a family that they feel is the best placement for their child.

Types of Adoptions that we can Assist you with:

- Private Adoptions
- Adoptions in Divorce
- Adoption through an Agency
- Stepparent Adoption
- Adult Adoption
- Foster to Adoption
- International Adoption and Readoption
- Relative & Guardianship to Adoption
- Same Sex Adoptions

Syndicate Legal Services – The Basic Process for all Adoptions



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Though adoptions come through many different types (as detailed on the previous page), the steps to complete any adoption generally come through the same process. How long the process takes depends on the type of adoption at issue. If you already have a relationship with the person or child to be adopted (stepparent adoption and foster adoption), the process can be easier and take less time, but each case is fact specific and therefore each case has a unique timeline. Here is some of what you can expect during the adoption process:

The first step is to complete a home study. That can be done through a private agency or through the Department of Social Services. We can locate an agency or agencies to work with for the adoption.

The home study involves an extensive investigation into your fitness to be parents that will include interviews and a home visit. The agency wants to be absolutely certain that they are placing a child in a safe environment.

Then, *and only if applicable*, depending on the terms of your adoption match and needs of the birth mother, you may need to come to an agreement for the terms of a post-adoption contact agreement and, *only if applicable*, any charitable giving for pregnancy related birth mother expenses.

The second step is to obtain consent to the adoption and/or terminate birth parent rights. This will differ based on the type of adoption.

Finally, once the home study agency approves the adoption, your hearing to finalize the adoption in court will be scheduled.

ABOUT OUR MANAGING PARTNER

Mr. Steven Mueller is a Lawyer, Co-Founder & Senior Managing Partner of **Syndicate Legal Services** (www.SteveMuellerLegal.com). Mr. Mueller has more than twenty-five years of Law Office experience, including (but not limited to) 20 years of experience in Corporate & Investment Banking Law; 15 years of experience in Civil Litigation; 5 years of experience in person injury law, family law, and employment law; and 3 years of experience in Criminal Defense Law.

Mr. Mueller is a true pioneer in the Private and Public Capital Markets industry with more than twenty years of industry experience. Mr. Mueller has extensive experience in Alternative Trading Systems and Stock Exchange Legal & Compliance, structuring private and public securities offerings, and coordinating both public and private securities offerings through a syndicate network of FINRA Registered Broker Dealers, Investment Banks and Registered Investment Advisors. As of today, Mr. Mueller has participated approximate 200 IPOs and Rule 144A Equity Offerings, and nearly 2,500 capital markets transactions.

In addition, Mr. Mueller has completed the following courses: BA in Corporate Finance w/ Minor in Accounting (South Carolina); Law School (California Southern Law School); Three Years Law Office Study Program (LA Law, Beverly Hills); Paralegal & Advanced Paralegal Studies Certificates; FINRA series 6, 65 & 7; California Insurance (Property & Casualty, Life & Health, Commercial, Annuity, Earthquake, Flood & Long-Term Care); California Real Estate Sales; California Residential Mortgage; and California Bail Bonds. Mr. Mueller is also a United States Marine Corps Veteran (95-99, honorable discharge after completion of 4yr. tour of duty).



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