

**JOINT PETITION FOR ADOPTION**  
**BY STEPPARENT**

- 12.928 Cover Sheet for Family Court Cases
- 12.900 (h) Notice of Related Cases
- 12.981 (b) (1) Joint Petition for Adoption by Stepparent
- 12.981 (b) (2) Final Judgment of Stepparent Adoption
- 12.902 (d) Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction Enforcement Act Affidavit (UCCJEA)
- 12.981 (a)(1) Stepparent Adoption: Consent & Waiver by Parent
- 12.981 (a)(2) Stepparent Adoption: Consent of Adoptee (required if adoptee is over 12 years of age)
- 12.981 (a)(3) Affidavit of Non-paternity
- 12.981 (a)(4) Stepparent Adoption: Affidavit of Diligent Search
- 12.913 (a)(3) Notice of Action for TPR and Stepparent Adoption
- 12.981 (a)(5) Indian Child Welfare Affidavit Act
- 12.981 (a)(6) Motion for Search of the Putative Father Registry (when father is unknown)
- 12.981 (a)(7) Order Granting Motion for Search of Putative Father Registry

**A certified copy of the child's birth certificate is also required.**

The above-referenced forms can be obtained on the Internet at [www.flcourts.org](http://www.flcourts.org) - Self Help - Family Law Forms or purchased from the Cashier at the Kim C. Hammond Justice Center.

1. Prepare paperwork.
2. File with the Family Law Clerk.
3. Ask clerk to prepare summons if you are serving the other parent.