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DATAPACK FOR ADOPTION OF A GRANDCHILD

Dear Prospective Client:

We understand you are interested in talking with us about adoption of your grandchild. We will be happy to discuss this with you, but please bear in mind that even the simplest adoption procedure can develop complications. These problems usually revolve around the natural parents' refusal to relinquish all parental rights or the Court being convinced that the adoptive home is suitable.

Your case will require an initial personal consultation so that I can understand the facts of your case and advise you on your rights and duties. I charge \$300 for an initial consultation, during which I expect to give you a really good idea of what you can expect to happen in your divorce.

Before we can begin representing you, the Bar Association and this firm require (1) a signed contract which explains our respective obligations and (2) a legal engagement fee plus initial costs prior to instituting any action except the initial consultation. The size of the engagement fee required will be determined after our initial consultation and will be based on my estimation of the amount of my time needed to resolve your case. My hourly rate in most cases is \$300 per hour.

Warning: In certain instances, "simple" adoption matters can be resolved with a moderate amount of attorney time. Oftentimes, they are completed pursuant to the Engagement Agreement. However, this should not be construed as an offer or guarantee to handle your particular case for any "set" fee.

You will be billed for the amount of professional time required to adequately represent your interests in this matter. We would advise you that anything and everything you do to complete the attached questionnaire and to provide any substantiating documentation will help to reduce the amount of attorney and paralegal time required in this action. Please help us help you to contain your legal expense.

By completing the attached questionnaire, you can provide us with the information we need to pursue this situation. Please be as complete and accurate as possible.

If you need more space for any answers, please continue your response on the back of this form. If any questions do not apply to your situation, please indicate "(N/A)" or "Not Applicable". This information will, of course, be kept confidential.

Very truly yours,


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Dedicated to providing honest, caring, affordable, quality legal services

Education

University of Louisville
Bachelor of Science Degree (1969)
Juris Doctorate (1972)

Divorce Mediation Training with Zena Zumeta, J.D.
Mediator Certification (2002)

American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers' Arbitration Training
Arbitrator Certification (2004)

Extensive Continuing Legal Education Awards and Teaching:

- Family Law
- Collaborative Family Law
- Alcohol and Drug Abuse
- Mediation Training
- Arbitration Training
- Domestic Violence
- Ethics
- Psychology
- Trial Technique & Demonstrative Evidence

Organizations

American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers:
President, Kentucky Chapter (2003-2004)
Continuing Education Chair (1999-2005)

Family Law Solutions, PLLC:
Founding Member

Kentucky Bar Association:
Lawyers Helping Lawyers Committee (1981)
Family Law Section Chair (1997-1998)
Child Protection & Domestic Violence Committee (2000-2003)

Kentucky Collaborative Family Law Network, Inc.:
Founding Member and past President

International Academy of Collaborative Professionals:
Member

International Alliance of Holistic Lawyers:
Member

Louisville Bar Association:

Family Law Section Chair (1999)
Family Law Section Member
ADR Section Member

American Bar Association:

Commission on Lawyer Assistance Programs
Family Law Section Member

Jefferson County Family Court:

Family Support Center Advisory Committee
Family Court Advisory Committee (Divorce Rules Committee Chair)
Family Court Mediator Review Committee

Kentucky Academy of Trial Attorneys:

KATA Member
Family Law Editor for KATA *Advocate*

Special Recognition

Recipient of the LBA's 1999 Judge Richard A. Revell Family Law Practitioner of the Year Award
Kentucky Bar Association Continuing Legal Education Award (annually 1990-2006)
Recipient of AAML's 2007 Raising the Bar Award
Kentucky Super Lawyer 2007

Publications and Public Speaking

Co-author and publisher of
Divorce in Kentucky – The Dissolution Resolution System, an Interactive Organizer and Video, 1997
Numerous Continuing Legal Education and motivational speaking engagements including ABA, AAML, KBA and LBA
Author, UK/CLE, *Kentucky Domestic Relations Practice*, 1st Ed., Chapter 14 (2006)

Legal Experience

Assistant Jefferson County Attorney (1972-1976)
Chief Prosecutor for Jefferson County Attorney (1976-1982)
General Counsel to International Union of Electrical Workers, Local 761 at General Electric (1975-1988)
General Counsel to Kentucky State District Council of Carpenters, AFL-CIO (UBCJA) (1988-1991)
General Private Legal Practice (1972 to Present)

Admitted and Practiced before:

Kentucky Supreme Court	1972	U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Ky.	1975
Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals	1974	U.S. Supreme Court	1975
U.S. District Court, Western District of Ky.	1973		

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ADOPTION DATAPACK
(Please Print)

PROPOSED ADOPTIVE PARENTS:

ADOPTIVE FATHER: _____

ADOPTIVE MOTHER: _____

ADOPTIVE PARENTS' ADDRESS: _____

City County State Zip

ADOPTIVE PARENTS' TELEPHONE: _____

Pager or other contact number: _____

E-mail address: _____

ADOPTIVE PARENTS MARRIED SINCE: _____

How did you learn about us? Referral from another attorney: _____
 Personal referral from: _____
 Our website at www.DivorceInKentucky.com
 Other: _____

THE SPACE BELOW IS FOR OFFICE USE ONLY
Please complete the remaining pages of this form

Date of Initial Interview: _____ Interviewed by: _____

Engagement Agreement signed? _____ Date Signed: _____ Engagement Fee Paid: \$ _____

Document(s) Required: Draft Petition for Adoption

Other: _____

Deadline: _____

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CHILD TO BE ADOPTED:

Child's Full Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____

Place of Birth (including County): _____

Where does the Child attend school or pre-school? _____

With whom and where has Child lived?

Birth to age ___ Years: Lived with _____

Address: _____

_____ to _____ Years: Lived with _____

Address: _____

_____ to _____ Years: Lived with _____

Address: _____

{PLEASE USE SEPARATE SHEET OF PAPER IF YOU NEED MORE SPACE FOR YOUR ANSWERS}

Does the Child have any special health problems or other special needs? Please explain.

What have you done to "incorporate" this child into your family and household?

Child's pediatrician: _____

Street Address

City County State Zip

Has the Child ever been seen or treated by a psychologist, psychiatrist, therapist or social worker? If so, please identify, including address and telephone number.

ADOPTIVE FATHER:

Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____
Place of Birth (including County): _____
Occupation: _____
Employer: _____
Education: _____

ADOPTIVE MOTHER:

Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____
Place of Birth (including County): _____
Occupation: _____
Employer: _____
Education: _____

CHILD'S NATURAL PARENTS:

Natural Mother's
Full Name: _____
Current Address: _____

Telephone: Home -- _____ Work -- _____
Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____
Place of Birth (including County): _____

Natural Father's
Full Name: _____
Current Address: _____

Telephone: Home -- _____ Work -- _____
Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____
Place of Birth (including County): _____

Legal status of relationship between Natural Mother and Natural Father:

Are Adoptive Parents related to either of the Natural Parents of Child? If so, please explain relationship.

Have either or both of the Natural Parents agreed to give up all parental rights and to permit you to adopt this child? Please explain.

Why are neither of the Natural Parents willing or able to raise this child? Please explain.

SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES:

Are there any special circumstances which we need to be aware of in investigating this potential adoption?

ATTORNEY'S NOTES

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Please return completed Datapack to:

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