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ADOPTION OF A STEPCHILD

Dear Prospective Client:

We understand you are interested in talking with us about adoption of your stepchild. Please keep in mind that even the simplest adoption procedure can develop complications. These problems usually revolve around a natural parent's 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.

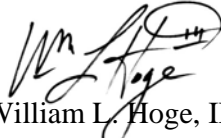
Warning: In certain instances, "simple" adoption matters can be resolved with a moderate amount of attorney time. Oftentimes, they are completed pursuant to the Engagement Agreement. However, this should not be construed as an offer or guarantee to handle your particular case for any "set" fee.

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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STEPCHILD ADOPTION DATAPACK

(Please Print)

PROPOSED ADOPTIVE STEP-PARENT:

ADOPTIVE FATHER or MOTHER: _____

YOUR SPOUSE'S NAME (Natural Parent): _____

ADOPTIVE PARENT'S ADDRESS: _____

City County State Zip

ADOPTIVE PARENT'S TELEPHONE: _____

Pager or other contact number: _____

E-mail address: _____

ADOPTIVE PARENT AND NATURAL PARENT HAVE BEEN MARRIED SINCE: _____

How did you learn about us?

- Referral from another attorney: _____
- Personal referral from: _____
- Our website at www.DivorceInKentucky.com
- Other: _____

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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: \$_____

Initial Documents Required: _____ Draft *Petition for Adoption*
Service by: Sheriff Certified Mail Other: _____

Initial Motions: _____ Draft *Response* to Petition for Adoption
Motion for Temporary Restraining Order with Client's Affidavit
Motion for Hearing (with Client's Affidavit) regarding: _____

Discovery: _____ Other: _____
Interrogatories _____ Request for Admissions
Request for Production of Documents
Notice of Deposition of _____
BY VIDEO OR COURT REPORTER?

Scheduled Execution Date: _____ Other: _____

ADOPTIVE PARENT:

Full Legal Name: _____ Gender: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____

Social Security Number: _____

Place of Birth (including County): _____

Occupation: _____

Employer: _____

Education: _____

ADOPTIVE PARENT AND NATURAL
PARENT WERE MARRIED AT:

_____ {City} _____ {County} _____ {State}

CHILD(REN) TO BE ADOPTED:

1st 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: _____

2nd 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: _____

3rd 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 REVERSE IF YOU NEED MORE SPACE}

Do any of the children have any special health problems or other special needs? Please explain.

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

Children's pediatrician: _____

Street Address

City County State Zip

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

CHILD(REN)'S NATURAL PARENTS:

Natural Mother's Full Legal Name: _____

Current Address: _____

Telephone: Home -- _____ Work -- _____

Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____

Place of Birth (including County): _____

Occupation: _____

Employer: _____

Education: _____

Natural Father's Full Legal Name: _____

Current Address: _____

Telephone: Home -- _____ Work -- _____

Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____

Place of Birth (including County): _____

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**Legal status of relationship
between Natural Mother
and Natural Father:**

Divorced Never married Paternity established?
When? _____ When? _____
Other: _____

Has the non-custodial Natural Parent agreed to give up all of his/her parental rights and to permit you to adopt this child? Please explain.

Please describe the relationship today between you and the non-custodial Natural Parent as well as the current relationship between your spouse and the Child(ren)'s other Natural Parent.

SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES:

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