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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 \$250 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 \$250 per hour.

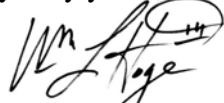
Warning: In certain instances, "simple" adoption matters can be resolved with a moderate amount of attorney time. Oftentimes, they are completed pursuant to the Engagement Agreement. However, this should not be construed as an offer or guarantee to handle your particular case for any "set" fee.

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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**Concentrating in Complex Family Law Representation**  
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](http://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: \$\_\_\_\_\_

**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

Scheduled Execution Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Notice of Deposition of \_\_\_\_\_  
 BY  VIDEO OR  COURT REPORTER?

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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**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:**

**1<sup>st</sup> 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: \_\_\_\_\_

**2<sup>nd</sup> 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: \_\_\_\_\_

3<sup>rd</sup> 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): \_\_\_\_\_

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

Divorced When? \_\_\_\_\_  Never married  Paternity established? 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?

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