

**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
FAMILY COURT  
DOMESTIC RELATIONS BRANCH - ADOPTION**

**EXPARTE IN THE MATTER OF** )  
 )  
**THE PETITION OF** ) **Adoption Case No. \_\_\_\_\_**  
 )  
**[Petitioner's Initials]** )  
 )  
**FOR ADOPTION OF MINOR CHILD** )

**PETITION FOR ADOPTION DECREE FOR FOREIGN ADOPTION**

The Petitioner(s) in this case is/are [name(s) of petitioner(s)]. The Petitioner(s) represent(s) the following to this Court:

1. That this Court has jurisdiction under the provision of D.C. Code § 16-317, et. seq. in that the Petitioner(s) currently reside at (address) and is/are legal resident(s) of the District of Columbia and has/have been for (xxx months/years).

2. The adoptee, (name of child), born on (date of birth) in (place of birth) is-the petitioner's adoptive (son/daughter) through a final judgment of adoption granted on (specific date) in (name of country). The adoptee currently resides at (address).

3. As required by statute, D.C. Code §16-317, the Petitioner has attached the following:

- Copy of final adoption judgment
- Copy of certified translation of the final adoption judgment
- Copy of adoptee's IR-3 immigrant visa, or a successor immigrant visa for the child by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services including date of issuance

4. The first Petitioner, (name), was born on (date).

5. The second Petitioner, (name), was born on (date) -

**WHEREFORE**, pursuant to D.C. Code § 16-317(b), the Petitioner(s) pray(s):

1. That the District of Columbia Superior Court issue an Adoption Decree establishing the relationship of parent and child for all purposes between the Petitioner(s) and the adoptee.
2. [choose as applicable] (That the name of the adoptee be changed to (new name).) (That the name of the adoptee shall remain (current name).)
3. For such other and further relief as may seem just and proper to the Court.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Petitioner

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Petitioner

**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, ss:**

\_\_\_\_\_ (and \_\_\_\_\_)

Petitioner(s), being first sworn, testify that (he/she/they) have read the Petition for District Adoption Decree for Foreign Adoption and understand its terms and believe that the statements contained in this Petition are true.

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk/ Notary Public

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Petitioner's Counsel's signature)  
(Petitioner's Counsel's)  
(Petitioner's Counsel's Office Address)  
(Petitioner's Counsel's Telephone No.)  
(Petitioner's Counsel's Fax No., if any)  
(Petitioner's Counsel's D.C. Bar No.)

