

Petitioners \_\_\_\_\_ Adoptee \_\_\_\_\_  
Attorney \_\_\_\_\_ Case Number \_\_\_\_\_

**RECOGNITION OF FOREIGN ADOPTION JUDGMENT  
ADOPTEE IS A MINOR**

**1. Residency/Employment Requirements**

- a. \_\_\_\_\_ Petitioner(s) is either: **(63.042)**
1. A husband and wife petitioning jointly;
  2. An unmarried adult;
  3. A married person not joined by his or her spouse and the other spouse is the parent of the person to be adopted and has consented; **or**  
failure of the other spouse to join the petition is excused by the court for good cause or in the best interest of the child. **63.042(2)(c).**
- b. \_\_\_\_\_ Petitioner is not the spouse of the adoptee. **63.042(2)(c).**
- c. \_\_\_\_\_ Petitioner is not a homosexual. **63.042(3).**

**2. Petition Requirements. 63.112**

- a. \_\_\_\_\_ Contains date and place of birth of adoptee
- b. \_\_\_\_\_ Contains name to be given to adoptee if adopted
- c. \_\_\_\_\_ Date petitioner acquired custody, and
- d. \_\_\_\_\_ Name of adoption entity placing minor, if any
- e. \_\_\_\_\_ Marital status, and date and place of marriages of petitioners
- f. \_\_\_\_\_ Divorces of petitioner, if applicable to stepparent adoption
- g. \_\_\_\_\_ Name, age and place and duration of residence of petitioner
- h. \_\_\_\_\_ Statement that petitioner is able to provide for material needs of child
- i. \_\_\_\_\_ Contains description and estimated value of any property held by adoptee
- j. \_\_\_\_\_ Case style and date of entry of order terminating parental rights
- k. \_\_\_\_\_ Reasons why petitioner desires to adopt adoptee

**3. Foreign Judgment Requirements 63.192**

- a. \_\_\_\_\_ certified and/or authenticated copy of the foreign judgment of adoption, both translated and untranslated versions.\*
- b. \_\_\_\_\_ certified and/or authenticated copy of the birth certificate, both translated and untranslated. \*
- c. \_\_\_\_\_ certified copies of all of the official documents in connection with this adoption, translated and untranslated\*

**\* A regular copy may be filed if the petitioner brings the certified copy of the documents or originals for review by the court, with the originals/certified being returned to the petitioner**

- d. \_\_\_\_\_ information showing that A due process of law@ was met in the foreign adoption. (Fla. Stat. 63.192). (including whether or not there is a time limit on adoption appeals and whether that time limit has passed). This information may be stated in the petition or be provided in a separate document.
- e. \_\_\_\_\_ copy of one of the following: immigration visa, permanent resident card or documentation of US citizenship.

**4. Time Requirements**

- a. \_\_\_\_\_ Adoptee has been in the petitioner=s physical custody for at least 90 days, unless shortened by the court for good cause. **63.122(1).**
- b. \_\_\_\_\_ The FJ can=t be signed until the time to appeal has passed. **63.192.**

**5. Presence Requirements**

- a. \_\_\_\_\_ Petitioner is present, or court has excused such presence. **63.142(1)**
- b. \_\_\_\_\_ Adoptee, unless 12 or under, is present, or court has excused such presence. **63.142(1)**

**6. Documents filed with Petition. 63.112(2):**

- a. \_\_\_\_\_ Preliminary home study (**63.092**)
- b. \_\_\_\_\_ Proof interview held with minor if over 12 years old, unless consent of minor in TPR waived by court under section 63.062(1)(c)

**7. Contemporaneous Filing Requirements**

- a. \_\_\_\_\_ Favorable Final Home Investigation (**63.125**)
  - 1. 2 scheduled visits with minor and adoptive parents
    - a. 1 visit in home after minor placed in home
  - 2. Family and social medical history (63.082) **or** affidavit of diligent search in TPR case
  - 3. Home study filed within 90 days after placement
  - 4. Evaluation of placement
  - 5. Recommendation of agency

**8. Consent/Notice Requirements.**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Notice of hearing must be given to each party in accordance with Florida Rules of Civil Procedure. **63.122(2), rule 1.080(a) and 1.090(d).**
  - 1. \_\_\_\_\_ Notice must be given to the adoption entity placing the minor. **63.122(4).**

**9. ORDER**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Final Judgment**

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