

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

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

**1. Residency/Employment Requirements**

- a. Petitioner(s) is either:
- \_\_\_ 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 (step-parent); **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).

**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, or since stepparent adoption, address if known of any person whose consent is required, and if haven't consented, facts excusing lack of consent and justifying TPR.
- 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 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: 1) immigration visa, 2) permanent resident card or 3) documentation of US citizenship.

**4. Time Requirements**

\_\_\_\_\_ 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)**. The FJ cannot 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 post-placement visits with minor and adoptive parents
    - a. \_\_\_\_\_ one of these post-placements visits must be in the home
  - 2. \_\_\_\_\_ Family and social medical history (§ 63.082) **or** affidavit of diligent search in TPR case
  - 3. \_\_\_\_\_ Final Home Investigation filed within 90 days after placement
  - 4. \_\_\_\_\_ Evaluation of placement
  - 5. \_\_\_\_\_ Recommendation of agency

**8. Consent/Notice Requirements.**

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

**9. ORDER**

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