

# STATE OF MAINE

\_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY PROBATE COURT

DOCKET NO. \_\_\_\_\_

In the Matter of the Adoption Petition of:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Adoptee)

PETITION FOR ADOPTION  
AND CHANGE OF NAME  
FOR AN ADULT ADOPTEE

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Petitioner)<sup>1</sup>

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Co-Petitioner)

1. Petitioner Information.

- a. Full name of petitioner(s):
- b. Date of birth of petitioner(s):
- c. Legal residence of petitioner(s):
- d. Mailing address of petitioner(s):
- e. Telephone number of petitioner(s):
- f. Date and place of marriage:

2. Adoptee Information.

- a. Date of birth of adoptee:
- b. Place of birth of adoptee:
- c. Birth name of adoptee:
- d. Other names by which adoptee has been known:
- e. Adoptee's proposed new name, if any:
- f. At the time of the filing of this petition the adoptee resides at the following address:

A certified copy of the birth record or delayed birth registration of the adoptee must be filed with this petition.<sup>2</sup>

3. This Court is the proper place to file this petition because:<sup>3</sup>
  - \_\_\_\_\_ a. Adoptee resides in this county.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ b. Petitioner(s) resides in this county.
4. Names and addresses of all persons or agencies known to the petitioner(s) that affect the custody, visitation or access to the adoptee. Explain the relationship of each to the adoptee:
5. Is there a guardian or a conservator appointed for the adoptee in this or any other state?  
YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_ If yes, include name and address:
6. Relationship, if any, of petitioner(s) to the adoptee:
7. Address of the office of the Department of Health Human Services involved with this adoption, if any:
8. Name and address of the licensed child placing agency involved with this adoption, if any:
9. Petitioner(s) has filed with this petition or will file with this Court prior to the hearing a State of Maine Department of Human Services Certificate of Adoption (Form VS-9) to apply for an amended birth record with the State Registrar of Vital Statistics.<sup>4</sup>
10. Indicate whether petitioner(s) intends to share any information about the adoptee with the birth parents after the adoption takes place, and if so, explain in detail what information is to be shared, under what circumstances it is to be shared, and how that information will be updated.<sup>5</sup>
11. Petitioner(s) acknowledges that before the adoption is decreed, the Court shall ensure that the petitioner is informed of the existence of the adoption registry and the services available under 22 M.R.S.A. § 2706-A.<sup>6</sup>
12. Petitioner(s) (seek) (do not seek) a special entry in the adoption decree with respect to inheritance rights of the adoptive person. If such an entry is sought, state here the nature of the entry sought and the reasons why it is sought. Unless a special entry is made in the decree, the adopted person will lose all rights of inheritance from his natural parents and their respective kin except that a person does not lose his right to inherit from one natural parent and his kin when he is adopted by the other natural parent and his or her spouse.<sup>7</sup>
13. Petitioner(s) acknowledges and represents to this Court that the petitioner(s) intends to establish a parent and child relationship with the adoptee and is a fit and proper person able to care and provide for the adoptee's welfare.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner(s) prays that this Honorable Court grant the adoption and the change of name of the adoptee requested in this petition.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Petitioner

Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Petitioner

STATE OF MAINE  
COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

Then personally appeared the above-named \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, who under penalty of perjury, affirmed under oath the truth of the facts in the foregoing  
petition as far as known or informed.<sup>8</sup>

Before me,

\_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public/Attorney-at-Law/Register of Probate

Attorney for Petitioner(s):

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Attorney and Maine Bar Registration Number)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number

<sup>1</sup> A husband and wife jointly or an unmarried person, resident or nonresident of the State, may petition to adopt a person, regardless of age, and to change that person's name. 18-A MRSA § 9-301.

<sup>2</sup> 18-A MRSA § 9-304(g)

<sup>3</sup> 18-A MRSA § 9-104

<sup>4</sup> 18-A MRSA § 9-304(g)

<sup>5</sup> 18-A MRSA § 9-303(b)

<sup>6</sup> 18-A MRSA § 9-304(b)

<sup>7</sup> 18-A MRSA § 2-109(1) A sample acceptable entry in the blank reads: "Entry sought: 'The adopted person shall retain his rights of inheritance from his natural parents and his natural parents' kin.'" "Reason: 'The natural parents of the person to be adopted are missing and have not been declared dead. There is no reason to divest the adopted person of his inheritance rights.'"

<sup>8</sup> 18-A MRSA § 1-310