

THE ADOPTION PROCESS IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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Overview of the Process

Important Considerations

Are You in the Right Courthouse

What is the Status of Parental Rights

Who/What Must Consent to the Adoption

What Agency Will Accomplish the Report & Recommendation

Do You Have All the Documents You Will Need

Sequence of Events: Petition to Final Decree

Preparing and Filing the Petition and Other Papers

Motions: What Are They & How Do You File One

Possible Problems

Communicating with the Judge

Questions

Resources

www.findlaw.com

www.dccourts.gov

D.C. Adoption Law: D.C. Code §§16-301 to §315

Family Court Adoption Rules