

NOTE TO APPENDIX

In accordance with Lehigh O.C. Rule 3.2-3, all petitions, as well as reports of intermediaries, are to be signed by petitioners/intermediaries and counsel and attested either by an affidavit or by a verified statement by one or more of the petitioners/intermediaries.

Appendix I

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
ORPHANS' COURT DIVISION

In re:	Voluntary Relinquishment)	
	of Parental Rights to)	
)	File No.
)	
	_____)	
)	
	A minor)	

PETITION FOR VOLUNTARY RELINQUISHMENT TO
AGENCY PURSUANT TO
SECTION 2501 OF THE ADOPTION ACT

TO THE HONORABLE, THE JUDGES OF SAID COURT:

The petition of (Parent) and (Agency) filed pursuant to Section 2501 of the Adoption Act, 23 Pa.C.S.A.2501, respectfully represents that:

1) (Child) is a (Sex) child who is (Age) years of age, having been born on (Date of Birth) whose racial background is (Race) and whose religious affiliation is (Denomination). A certified copy of the birth certificate of the child is attached hereto as Exhibit _____.

(If it has been previously filed, state circumstances or provide caption, term and number).

2) The facts concerning the parents of the child are as follows:

- | | <u>Father</u> | <u>Mother</u> |
|--|---------------|--|
| (a) Name: | | |
| (b) Living or dead
(give date of death): | | |
| (c) Residence: | | |
| (d) Age and date
of birth: | | |
| (e) Place of birth: | | |
| (f) Racial background: | | |
| (g) Religious affiliation: | | |
| (h) Marital status as of
birth of child and during
one year prior thereto: | | (If married indicate
whether married to each
other. If mother was
married to anyone other
than father provide that
spouse's name and date
of that marriage.) |

3) The (Agency) is incorporated under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, is supervised and approved by the Department of Public Welfare of said Commonwealth, provides adoption services in accordance with standards established by said Department, and maintains an office at (Address).

4) The child has been in the care of the agency continuously since (Date) 19 , because (list facts surrounding placement):

5) The biological parents are/are not married to each other and do/do not intend to marry each other.

6) The parent of said child desires to relinquish forever all parental rights and duties with respect to (Child) because the parent is unable to

adequately care for said child and believes that the child's best interests would be promoted by a termination of parental rights.

7) The parent of said child understands this petition, has considered the alternatives and has executed this petition voluntarily to promote what the parent believes to be the parent's and the child's best interests.

8) The consent of the agency to accept custody of the child until such time as the child is adopted is attached hereto as Exhibit ____.

9) The natural parent is/is not entitled to the benefits of the Soldiers and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940, as amended, 50 U.S.C.A.501, et. seq.

10) I, (Parent) understand that if the prayer of this petition is granted by the Court, I will not be entitled to receive notice of any future adoption proceedings involving (Child) nor to learn the identity of the adopting parent or parents.

WHEREFORE, your Petitioners pray your Honorable Court to grant the parent of said child permission to relinquish forever all rights and duties with respect to said child and to award custody of said child to the said agency until such time as the child is adopted.

Petitioner

Agency

Attorney for Petitioner(s)

Address: _____

Appendix I-A

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
ORPHANS' COURT DIVISION

In re:	Voluntary Relinquishment)	
	of Parental Rights to)	
)	File No.
)	
	_____)	
)	
	A minor)	

FINAL DECREE

NOW, this _____ day of _____, 19____, upon consideration of the annexed Petition for Voluntary Relinquishment to Agency Pursuant to Section 2501 of the Adoption Act, 23 Pa.C.S.A.2501, filed by (Petitioner), biological parent of (Child), and (Agency), in whose care (Child) has been for a period in excess of three (3) days, and following a private hearing on said petition on (Date), at which hearing (Petitioner) and an authorized representative of (Agency) were present in person and were examined under oath by the Court, and the Court being satisfied as to the truth of the facts set forth in the annexed petition, that all of the requirements of the Adoption Act, 23 Pa.C.S.A.2101-2910, have been satisfied, and that (Agency), has consented to assume sole custody of (Child) :

IT IS ORDERED, that permission be, and is, granted to (Petitioner) to relinquish forever all parental rights in and to

__(Child)__, and that all parental rights and duties of __(Petitioner)__ in and to __(Child)__ be, and are, terminated herewith.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that custody of __(Child)__ is awarded to __(Agency)__, which shall stand in loco parentis to __(Child)__ as provided by 23 Pa.C.S.A.2521 pending final adoption; that the power or right of __(Petitioner)__ to object to or receive notice of adoption proceedings concerning __(Child)__ is extinguished herewith; and that __(Agency)__ shall herewith have sole authority to consent to the adoption of __(Child)__.

This Decree is a Final Decree.

BY THE COURT:

_____ J.

2) The facts concerning the parents of the child are as follows:

- | | <u>Father</u> | <u>Mother</u> |
|--|---------------|--|
| (a) Name: | | |
| (b) Living or dead
(give date of death): | | |
| (c) Residence: | | |
| (d) Age and date
of birth: | | |
| (e) Place of birth: | | |
| (f) Racial background: | | |
| (g) Religious affiliation: | | |
| (h) Marital status as of
birth of child and during
one year prior thereto: | | (If married indicate
whether married to each
other. If mother was
married to anyone other
than father provide that
spouse's name and date
of that marriage.) |

3) The biological parents of (Child) are not married to each other and do/do not intend to marry each other.

4) Your petitioner understands this petition, has considered the alternatives and has executed this petition voluntarily to promote what he/she believes to be his/her and the child's best interests.

5) (Child), has been in the care and custody of adults intending to adopt him/her since (Date).

6) The adults intending to adopt (Child) were chosen by (Intermediary).

7) A Report of Intention to Adopt regarding (Child) was filed in (Court term & number) on (Date).

8) Your petitioner desires to relinquish forever all parental rights to said child because (Briefly state reasons for prayer).

9) Your petitioner understands that (Name of Adopting Parents if known)

or

a person/persons whose identity is/are unknown to me who has/have filed a petition to adopt (Child), presently has/have custody of the child until such adoption.

10) I understand that if the prayer of this petition is granted by the Court I will not be entitled to receive notice of any future adoption proceeding involving (Child).

WHEREFORE, your petitioner prays your Honorable Court to grant the Petitioner permission to relinquish all parental rights with respect to (Child) and to award custody of (Child) to the adults who have previously filed A Report of Intention to Adopt.

Petitioner

Attorney for Petitioner(s)

Address: _____

AND IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that the power or right of (Petitioner) to object to or receive notice of future adoption proceedings regarding (Child) is herewith extinguished; and that custody of (Child) is awarded to Petitioners in Adoption File No. _____ who shall stand in loco parentis to (Child) as provided by 23 Pa.C.S.A.2521, pending final adoption.

This Decree is a Final Decree.

BY THE COURT:

J.

Appendix III

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
ORPHANS' COURT DIVISION

In re:	Relinquishment of)	
	Parental Rights to)	
)	File No.
)	
	_____ ,)	
)	
	A minor)	

PETITION FOR HEARING TO CONFIRM INTENTION OF
BIOLOGICAL PARENT(S) TO VOLUNTARILY RELINQUISH
PARENTAL RIGHTS, PURSUANT TO
SECTION 2504 OF THE ADOPTION ACT

TO THE HONORABLE, THE JUDGES OF SAID COURT:

The petition of (Name) , filed pursuant to Section 2504 of the Adoption Act, 23 Pa.C.S.A.2504, respectfully represents that:

1) Petitioner, (Name) , resides at (Address) and is (Adopting Parent or Intermediary) in the companion adoption proceeding regarding (Child) .

2) A Report of Intention To Adopt was filed in the companion adoption proceeding by (Adopting Parents) on (Date) .

or

A Petition for Adoption was filed in a companion adoption proceeding by (Adopting Parents) on (Date) .

3) The relevant facts concerning the biological parents of the proposed adoptee are as follows:

- | | <u>Father</u> | <u>Mother</u> |
|--|---------------|---|
| (a) Name: | | |
| (b) Age: | | |
| (c) Address: | | |
| (d) Marital status as of the birth of child and during one year prior thereto: | | (If married indicate whether married to each other. If mother was married to anyone other than father, provide that spouse's name and date of that marriage.) |
| (e) Date on which filed petition for voluntary relinquishment: | | |
| (f) Date on which executed consent to the adoption of the proposed adoptee: | | |
| 4) The relevant facts concerning the proposed adoptee are as follows: | | |
| (a) Name: | | |
| (b) Sex: | | |
| (c) Date of Birth: | | |
| (d) Date of placement with prospective adoptive parents: | | |
| 5) A period of forty (40) days has elapsed since the biological parent/parents executed written consents to the adoption of <u>(Child)</u> , and the biological parent/parents has/have failed to file/proceed with a petition for voluntary relinquishment of parental rights to <u>(Child)</u> . | | |
| 6) The biological parent(s) of <u>(Child)</u> is/are not entitled to the benefits of the Soldiers' and Sailors Civil Relief Act of 1940, as amended, 50 U.S.C.A.501 <u>et. seq.</u> | | |

7) (Biological Parent(s)) is/are - is not/are not represented by counsel.
 (Provide Name of Attorney/Attorneys, if known) .

WHEREFORE, your petitioner prays your Honorable Court hold a hearing to confirm the intention of (Biological Parent(s)) to voluntarily relinquish his/her/their parental rights and duties in and to (Child) , as evidenced by his/her/their duly executed Consent to Adoption, and to enter a Decree of Termination of Parental Rights, regarding (Biological Parent(s)) .

Petitioner

Attorney for Petitioner(s)

Address: _____

(Adopting Parents) for a period in excess of thirty (30) days; that (Adopting Parents) have agreed to accept custody of (Child), and have filed a Report of Intention to Adopt regarding (Child) with the Clerk of this Court on (Date) :

IT IS ORDERED, pursuant to Section 2504 of the Adoption Act, 23 Pa.C.S.A.2504, that the parental rights of (Name of Parent), biological mother/father of (Child), are terminated; that the right of (Name of Parent), biological mother/father to object to or to receive notice of future adoption proceedings concerning (Child) are extinguished herewith; that custody of (Child) shall be and remain with (Adoption Petitioners), who shall hereafter stand *in loco parentis* to (Child), as provided by 23 Pa.C.S.A.2521, pending final adoption.

This Decree is a Final Decree.

BY THE COURT:

J.

Appendix IV

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
ORPHANS' COURT DIVISION

In re:	Termination of)	
	Parental Rights to)	
)	File No.
)	
	_____)	
)	
	A minor)	

PETITION FOR TERMINATION OF PARENTAL
RIGHTS OF NON-CONSENTING PUTATIVE
FATHER PURSUANT TO SECTION 2504(C)
OF THE ADOPTION ACT

TO THE HONORABLE, THE JUDGES OF SAID COURT:

The Petition of (Name) filed pursuant to Section 2504(c) of the Adoption Act, 23 Pa.C.S.A.2504(c), respectfully represents that:

- 1) Petitioner, (Name), resides at (Address) and is (Adopting Parent or Intermediary) in the companion adoption proceeding.
- 2) A Report of Intention to Adopt was filed in the companion adoption proceeding by (Name) on (Date).

or

A Petition for Adoption was filed in a companion adoption proceeding by (Name) on (Date).

- 3) The relevant facts concerning the biological mother are as follows:
 - (a) Name:
 - (b) Age:

- (c) Address:
 - (d) Marital Status at birth of child and during one year prior thereto:
- 4) The relevant facts concerning the putative father are as follows:
- (a) Name:
 - (b) Age:
 - (c) Address:
- 5) The relevant facts concerning the child are as follows:
- (a) Name:
 - (b) Sex:
 - (c) Date of birth:
 - (d) Place of birth:
- 6) (Name) , biological mother of (Child) , was unmarried at the birth of (Child) on (Date of Birth) .
- 7) (Name) , putative father of (Child) has refused to execute a written consent to the adoption of (Child) and has not filed an acknowledgement of paternity pursuant to 23 Pa.C.S.A.8302 or a claim of paternity pursuant to 23 Pa.C.S.A.8303, regarding (Child) . A copy of the birth certificate of (Child) reflecting the absence of a claim or acknowledgement of paternity is attached hereto as Exhibit .
- 8) (Name) , the putative father, is not currently in the armed forces and is not entitled to the benefits of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940, as amended, 50 U.S.C.A.501 et. seq.

WHEREFORE, your Petitioner prays this Honorable Court, after hearing, to enter a Decree of Termination of Parental Rights regarding

(Father) pursuant to Section 2504 of the Adoption Act, 23 Pa.C.S.A.2504(b) and (c).

Petitioner

Attorney for Petitioner(s)

Address: _____

IT IS ORDERED, pursuant to Section 2504 of the Adoption Act, 23 Pa.C.S.A.2504(c), that all parental rights of (Father), putative father of (Child), are terminated; that the right of (Father), putative father to object to or receive notice of future adoption proceedings concerning (Child), are extinguished herewith; that custody of (Child), shall be and remain with (Prospective Adoptive Parents), who hereafter shall stand in loco parentis to (Child) as provided by 23 Pa.C.S.A.2521, until such time as the child is adopted.

This Decree is a Final Decree.

BY THE COURT:

J.

Appendix V

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
ORPHANS' COURT DIVISION

In re:	Involuntary Termination)	
	of Parental Rights to)	
)	File No.
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	_____)	
)	
	A minor)	

PETITION OF AGENCY FOR INVOLUNTARY TERMINATION
OF PARENTAL RIGHTS
PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 2511 AND 2512
OF THE ADOPTION ACT

TO THE HONORABLE, THE JUDGES OF SAID COURT:

The Petition of (Agency) , filed pursuant to Sections 2511 and 2512 of the Adoption Act, 23 Pa.C.S.A.2511 and 2512, respectfully represents that:

- 1) Petitioner, (Name) , is a public/private agency supervised and approved by the Department of Public Welfare of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and maintains an office at (Address) .
- 2) (Child) , is a (Sex) child (Age) years of age, who was born on (Date of Birth) , at (Place of Birth) , whose racial background is (Race) , and whose religious affiliation is (Denomination) . A certified copy of the birth certificate of the child is attached hereto as Exhibit . (If it has been previously filed state circumstances or provide caption, term and number.)

3) The following facts are alleged concerning the biological parents of the child:

- | | <u>Father</u> | <u>Mother</u> |
|--|---------------|--|
| (a) Name: | | |
| (b) Living or dead
(give date of death): | | |
| (c) Current or last
known address: | | |
| (d) Age: | | |
| (e) Date of birth: | | |
| (f) Place of birth: | | |
| (g) Racial background: | | |
| (h) Religious affiliation: | | |
| (i) Marital status as of
birth of child and during
one year prior thereto: | | (If married indicate
whether married to each
other. If mother was
married to anyone other
than father provide that
spouse's name and date
of that marriage.) |

4) (Child), has been under care of your Petitioner continuously since (Date of onset of continuous care).

5) (Child), came under care of your Petitioner as a result of voluntary placement/removal.

6) (Parent), biological parent, by conduct continuing for a period of at least six (6) months, has evidenced a settled purpose of relinquishing parental claim to (Child) in that she/he (Briefly provide factual basis for this allegation).

7) (Parent), biological parent, by conduct continuing for a period of at least six (6) months has failed or refused to perform parental duties

regarding (Child) , in that she/he (Briefly provide factual basis for this allegation) .

8) (Child) , was removed from the care of (Name) , biological parent by: Court Order dated _____ filed to (Term and Number) ;

or

under a voluntary agreement with your petitioner because:

(Describe conditions which led to placement) .

9) The placement/removal has continued for (Length of time) , a period in excess of six (6) months, and the conditions which led thereto continue to exist in that: _____.

10) (Parent) , biological parent, cannot or will not remedy the above-mentioned conditions within a reasonable period of time because:

_____.

11) The services or assistance reasonable available to (Parent) , biological parent, are: (Briefly list services/assistance) .

12) Termination of the parental rights of (Parent) , biological parent of (Child) , would best serve the needs and welfare of the child because: (Give factual basis for this allegation) .

13) The biological parents of (Child) , are/are not entitled to the benefits of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940, as amended, 50 U.S.C.A.501, et. seq.

14) Your Petitioner will assume custody of the child until such time as he/she is adopted.

WHEREFORE, your Petitioner prays your Honorable Court to enter a decree terminating the parental rights of (Parent) , to (Child) , a minor, pursuant to Section 2511 (include specific sub-

section(s) relied upon) of the Adoption Act, 23 Pa.C.S.A.2511(), awarding custody to Petitioner, and extinguishing the rights of (Parent) , to object to or receive notice of future adoption proceedings concerning (Child) .

By: (Name of Signatory)

Attorney for Petitioner(s)

Address:

Appendix V-A

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
ORPHANS' COURT DIVISION

In re:	Involuntary Termination)	
	of Parental Rights to)	
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))	File No.
	_____)	
))	
	A minor)	

FINAL DECREE

NOW, this day of , 19 , upon consideration of the annexed petition of (Agency) , a public/private agency of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and following hearing held on (Date) , at which hearing Petitioner appeared in person and was examined under oath by the court, and at which hearing the biological parent, was/was not present, in person or by counsel, and of which proceedings she/he had at least ten (10) days written notice by (Method of Service) , in the form prescribed by Section 2513(b) of the Adoption Act, 23 Pa.C.S.A. 2513(b); and the court being satisfied as to the truth of the facts set forth in the petition; that all of the requirements of 23 Pa.C.S.A.2511-2521 have been satisfied; that the Petitioner, (Agency) , has consented to assume sole custody of (Child) ; that the said (Parent) , biological parent of (Child) , has (Specify conduct constituting grounds for involuntary termination eg: settled purpose of relinquishing, failure/refusal to perform parental duties, etc.) ; and giving primary

consideration to the needs and welfare of the child, that the prayer of the petition should be granted, therefore:

IT IS ORDERED, that all parental rights of (Parent), in and to (Child), a minor, be, and are, terminated; that any rights of (Parent), to object to or to receive notice of future adoption proceedings concerning (Child), a minor, be, and are, extinguished herewith; and that custody of (Child), a minor, be, and is, awarded to Petitioner, (Agency), which shall stand in loco parentis to the child as provided by 23 Pa.C.S.A.2521.

This Decree is a Final Decree.

BY THE COURT:

J.

Appendix VI

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
ORPHANS' COURT DIVISION

In re:	Involuntary Termination)	
	of Parental Rights to)	
)	File No.
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	_____)	
)	
	A minor)	

PETITION BY AN INDIVIDUAL FOR
INVOLUNTARY TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS
PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 2511 AND 2512
OF THE ADOPTION ACT

TO THE HONORABLE, THE JUDGES OF SAID COURT:

The petition of (Name) filed pursuant to Sections 2511 and 2512 of the Adoption Act, 23 Pa.C.S.A.2511 and 2512, respectfully represents:

1) Petitioner is the (Biological parent/intermediary) of/regarding (Child) , is (Age) years of age and resides at (Address) . The other biological parent of the child is (Name) who resides at (Address) .

2) (Child) , is a (Sex) child of the (Race) race, (Age) years of age, who was born on (Date of Birth) in (Place of Birth) and whose religious affiliation is (Denomination) . A certified copy of the birth certificate of the child is attached hereto as Exhibit . (If it has been previously filed state

circumstances or provide caption, term and number.)

3) The relevant facts concerning the biological parents are as follows:

- | | <u>Father</u> | <u>Mother</u> |
|--|---------------|--|
| (a) Name: | | |
| (b) Residence: | | |
| (c) Date and place of birth: | | |
| (d) Living or dead (give date of death): | | |
| (e) Religious affiliation: | | |
| (f) Racial background: | | |
| (g) Marital status as of birth of child and during one year prior thereto: | | (If married indicate whether married to each other. If mother was married to anyone other than father provide that spouse's name and date of that marriage.) |

4) (Mother's name), the biological mother, was unmarried at the birth of (Child) and (Biological father), biological father has/has not filed an acknowledgement of paternity pursuant to 23 Pa.C.S.A.8302 or a claim of paternity pursuant of 23 Pa.C.S.A.8303.

5) (Parent), biological parent of (Child) by conduct continuing for a period of at least six (6) months has evidenced a settled purpose of

relinquishing parental claim to (Child) , in that she/he (Briefly summarize factual basis for this allegation) .

6) (Parent) , biological parent of (Child) , by conduct continuing for a period of at least six (6) months has refused or failed to perform parental duties regarding (Child) , in that she/he (Briefly summarize factual basis for this allegation) .

7) The repeated and continued incapacity, abuse, neglect or refusal of (Parent) , has caused (Child) to be without essential parental care, control or subsistence necessary for his/her physical and mental well being in that: (Briefly summarize factual basis for this allegation) .

8) A Petition for Adoption of (Child) was filed on (Date) by (Adoption Petitioners) .

9) Petitioner will assume custody of the child until such time as an adoption is granted.

10) Biological parent is/is not entitled to the benefits of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940, as amended, 50 U.S.C.A.501, et. seq.

WHEREFORE, your Petitioner prays your Honorable Court to enter a decree terminating the parental rights of (Parent) to (Child) , a minor, pursuant to Section 2511 (include specific subsection(s) relied upon) of the Adoption Act, 23 Pa.C.S.A.2511(), awarding

custody to petitioner, and extinguishing the rights of (Parent) to object to or to receive notice of future adoption proceedings concerning (Child).

Petitioner

Attorney for Petitioner(s)

Address: _____

Appendix VI-A

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
ORPHANS' COURT DIVISION

In re:	Involuntary Termination)	
	of Parental Rights to)	
)	File No.
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	_____ ,)	
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	A minor)	

FINAL DECREE

NOW, this _____ day of _____, 19____, upon consideration of the annexed petition of ____(Petitioner)____, and following hearing held on ____(Date)____, at which hearing Petitioner appeared in person and was examined under oath by the court, and at which hearing the biological parent, was/was not present, in person or by counsel, and of which proceedings she/he had at least ten (10) days written notice by ____(Method of Service)____, in the form prescribed by Section 2513(b) of the Adoption Act, 23 Pa.C.S.A.2513(b); and the court being satisfied as to the truth of the facts set forth in the petition; that all of the requirements of 23 Pa.C.S.A.2511-2521 have been satisfied; that the Petitioner has consented to assume sole custody of ____(Child)____; that the said ____(Parent)____, biological parent of ____(Child)____, has ____(Specify conduct constituting grounds for involuntary termination eg: settled purpose of relinquishing, failure/refusal to perform parental duties, etc.)____; that a Report of Intention to Adopt has been filed

regarding the child; and, giving primary consideration to the needs and welfare of the child, that the prayer of the petition should be granted.

IT IS ORDERED, that all parental rights of (Parent) , in and to (Child) , a minor, be, and are, terminated; that any rights of (Parent) , to object to or to receive notice of future adoption proceedings concerning (Child) , a minor, be, and are, extinguished herewith; and that custody of (Child) , a minor, is awarded unto Adoption Petitioner who shall stand in loco parentis to the child as provided by 23 Pa.C.S.A.2521, pending final adoption.

This Decree is a Final Decree.

BY THE COURT:

J.

Appendix VII

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
ORPHANS' COURT DIVISION

In re: Involuntary Termination)
of Parental Rights to)
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_____,)
)
A minor)

File No.

MOTION FOR APPOINTMENT OF COUNSEL FOR MINOR
CHILD IN A CONTESTED INVOLUNTARY
TERMINATION PROCEEDING PURSUANT
TO SECTION 2313 OF THE ADOPTION ACT

TO THE HONORABLE, THE JUDGES OF SAID COURT:

The motion of (Counsel) , filed pursuant to Section 2313 of the Adoption Act, 23 Pa.C.S.A.2313, respectfully represents:

- 1) A Petition for Involuntary Termination of Parental Rights of (Parent) to (Child) was filed on (Date) .
- 2) A hearing in this matter has been set for (Date) .
- 3) It is believed that (Parent) will be contesting the involuntary termination of his/her parental rights because: (Give basis for this allegation) .
- 4) The Adoption Act, 23 Pa.C.S.A.2313(a), requires that counsel be appointed by the Court to represent the child in an involuntary termination proceeding when the proceeding is being contested by one or both of the biological parents.

WHEREFORE, counsel moves for the appointment of an attorney to represent (Child) in the above-captioned matter, pursuant to Section 2313 of the Adoption Act, 23 Pa.C.S.A.2313(a).

Counsel:

Appendix VII-A

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
ORPHANS' COURT DIVISION

In re:	Involuntary Termination)	
	of Parental Rights to)	
)	File No.
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	_____ ,)	
)	
	A minor)	

ORDER

NOW, this day of , 19 , upon
consideration of the annexed Motion for Appointment of Counsel,

IT IS ORDERED, pursuant to 23 Pa.C.S.A.2313, that
_____(Attorney)_____, Esquire, is appointed to represent _____(Child)_____, a minor, in
the above-captioned proceeding.

BY THE COURT:

J.

Appendix VIII

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
ORPHANS' COURT DIVISION

In re: Adoption of)
)
) File No.
)
 _____)
)
 A minor)

REPORT OF INTERMEDIARY
PURSUANT TO
SECTION 2533 OF THE ADOPTION ACT

This Report of Intermediary filed by (Name) , pursuant to Section 2533 of the Adoption Act, 23 Pa.C.S.A.2533, avers the following:

- 1) The name and address of the intermediary is (Name and Address) .
- 2) The child's name is (Name) , whose sex is (Sex) ; racial background is (Race) ; age is (Age) ; date of birth is (Date of Birth) ; place of birth is (Place of Birth) ; and whose religious affiliation is (Denomination) .
- 3) The child was placed with (Names of adopting parents) , the prospective adoptive parents on (Date) , by (Name of person who transferred child) at (Location) .
- 4) (Adoption Petitioners) filed a Report of Intention to Adopt in this matter on (Date) .

5) Your intermediary's involvement in the adoption placement consisted of (Provide brief narrative regarding factual details of intermediary's role in the placement) .

6) The relevant information regarding the biological parents of (Child) is as follows:

- | | <u>Father</u> | <u>Mother</u> |
|--|---------------|--|
| (a) Name: | | |
| (b) Age: | | |
| (c) Living or dead
(give date of death): | | |
| (d) Racial background: | | |
| (e) Religious affiliation: | | |
| (f) Marital status as of
birth of child and during
one year prior thereto: | | (If married indicate
whether married to each
other. If mother was
married to anyone other
than father provide that
spouse's name and date
of that marriage.) |

7) There have been no proceedings instituted to terminate the parental rights of (Biological mother) , mother, who resides at (Biological mother's address) , and (Biological father) , father, who resides at (Biological father's address) .

or

Involuntary termination proceedings to terminate the parental rights of the biological parent/parents are pending at (Court term and number) .

or

Decree/Decrees of Involuntary Termination regarding the parental rights of the biological parent/parents were entered by (Court) on (Date) .

8) All consents required by Section 2711 of the Adoption Act, 23 Pa.C.S.A. 2711, are attached as Exhibits hereto/to the Adoption Petition.

or

The consent/consents of the biological parents are not required in this case because (State reason) .

9) To the knowledge of your intermediary, the moneys and consideration paid, or to be paid to or received by your intermediary by reason of the adoption placement are as follows: (List date, amount, description of payment, payor and payee) .

10) To the knowledge of your intermediary the moneys and consideration paid to or by any other person or persons by reason of the adoption placement are as follows: (List date, amount, description of payment, payor and payee) .

11) All property owned or possessed by (Child) is described and valued below: _____.

12) No provision of any statute regulating the interstate placement of children has been violated with respect to the placement of (Child)

13) Medical history information regarding (Child) was obtained by (Recipient of m.h.i.) from (Source of m.h.i.) and provided to (Adopting Parents) on (Date) by (Party who delivered m.h.i. to adopting parents) .

14) A birth certificate regarding (Child) was filed as an Exhibit to the Adoption Petition.

or

A birth certificate regarding (Child) is unobtainable because:
 (State reason) .

Name of Intermediary

Appendix IX

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
ORPHANS' COURT DIVISION

In re:	Adoption of)	
)	
)	File No.
)	
	_____)	
	A minor)	

PETITION FOR ADOPTION
PURSUANT TO
SECTION 2701 OF THE ADOPTION ACT

TO THE HONORABLE, THE JUDGES OF SAID COURT:

The Petition of _____ and _____,
filed pursuant to Section 2701 of the Adoption Act, 23 Pa.C.S.A.2701,
respectfully represents that:

- 1) Petitioners desire to adopt (Child), and desire that the relationship of parent and child be established between them, (Petitioner) and (Petitioner), and the adoptee, (Child).
- 2) Petitioners will perform all the duties of parent to (Child) if the prayer of the petition is granted.
- 3) The relevant facts concerning your petitioners are as follows:

<u>Adoptive Father</u>	<u>Adoptive Mother</u>
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(a) Name:

(b) Residence:

(c) Marital Status
(give date of
marriage to each
other):

(d) Date of birth:

(e) Occupation:

(f) Religious affiliation:

(g) Racial background:

(h) Relationship to adoptee:

4) The reports under Section 2531 (Report of Intention to Adopt) and Section 2533 (Report of Intermediary) were filed on (Date) and (Date) , respectively.

or

→ The reports under Section 2531 (Report of Intention to Adopt) and Section 2533 (Report of Intermediary) are not required in this case because: (Give reason) .

5) The relevant facts concerning the proposed adoptee are as follows:

(a) Name:

(b) Sex:

(c) Racial background:

(d) Date and place of birth:

(e) Age:

(f) Religious affiliation:

- (g) Length of time proposed adoptee has resided with Petitioners:
- 6) The relevant facts concerning the biological parents of the proposed adoptee are as follows:

<u>Biological Father</u>	<u>Biological Mother</u>
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- (a) Name:
- (b) Residence:
- (c) Date of birth:
- (d) Living or dead
(give date of death):
- (e) Racial background:
- (f) Religious affiliation:
- (g) Marital status as of birth of child and during one year prior thereto: (If married indicate whether married to each other. If mother was married to anyone other than father provide that spouse's name and date of that marriage.)

7) (Child), is heir to the following property or assets through his/her biological parents: (Describe property/assets).

8) The birth certificate of (Child) is attached as Exhibit hereto/to the Report of Intermediary filed by (Intermediary).

9) The names and addresses of the intermediaries in this case are as follows:

10) Your petitioners received medical history information regarding (Child) from (Source) on (Date).

11) Your petitioners were notified on (Date) by (Person who notified them) that an intermediary's report in this matter had been filed by (Intermediary) on (Date report filed) .

12) Petitioners have paid or plan to pay the following fees and costs (exclusive of our own legal fees and costs) to the following persons by reason of this adoption placement: (List date, description, amount and payee) .

13) There are no consents required by Section 2711 of the Adoption Act to be filed in this matter because (Give reasons) .

or

All the consents required by Section 2711 of the Adoption Act are attached hereto as Exhibits.

14) Petitioners have/have not made any promises to induce the parties whose consents are required to execute such consents.

15) (Biological Parent) is under a Court Order to pay child support for (Child) in the amount of \$ (Amount) and is:
current regarding such support obligation.

or

in arrears regarding such support obligation in the approximate amount of \$ (Amount) .

16) All provisions of the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children, 62 P.S.761-765, have been met/are not applicable to this case because:
 (Give reasons) .

17) Petitioners request that the child's name be changed to (Child's new name) .

WHEREFORE, your Petitioners pray your Honorable Court to Decree that (Child) shall hereafter be the adopted child of your

petitioners, (Petitioner) and (Petitioner) , and shall hereafter be known as (Child's new name) .

Petitioner

Petitioner

Attorney for Petitioner(s)

Address: _____

Appendix X

NOTICE TO CONSENTING
BIOLOGICAL PARENT

Date

Biological Parent

Address

Re: Hearing on Petition for Adoption of
[Child's name], a minor

Dear :

This is to inform you that the hearing on the Petition to Adopt
[Child], your [Son/Daughter], has been scheduled as follows:

Date: day of week/month/day/year

Time:

Location: Lehigh County Courthouse.
Fifth and Hamilton Streets
Allentown, PA

Because you have previously signed a Consent to your child's adoption, you are not required to appear at the scheduled hearing. You are entitled to attend the hearing in person or by counsel if you wish to do so however.

You are advised that if you do not attend the scheduled adoption hearing the Court may grant the adoption without your presence, based upon the petition and your previously filed consent thereto.

If you choose to attend the hearing on [Date], you should report to _____ in the Lehigh County Courthouse

Very truly yours,

Attorney for Adopting Parents

Certified mail return
receipt requested

Appendix XI

Service by Certified Mail

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
ORPHANS' COURT DIVISION

In re:	_____)	
	_____)	
	of/to)	File No.
)	
	_____,)	
)	
	A minor)	

AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE

STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA)	
)	ss:
COUNTY OF LEHIGH)	

(Affiant), being duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that s/he served the proposed Decree and Petition for Involuntary Termination of Parental Rights

or;

the Notice of Adoption/Involuntary Termination hearing attached hereto on (Respondent) by mailing a true and correct copy thereof by certified mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested, to him/her at

(Address) , on (Date of Mailing) ; that attached hereto is the
return receipt card signed by (Respondent/Adult Member of Household)
which accompanied the

proposed Decree and Petition

or

Notice of hearing;

and that the above facts are true and correct.

Affiant

(Jurat)

Appendix XI

Personal Service

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
ORPHANS' COURT DIVISION

In re:	_____)	
	_____)	
	of/to)	File No.
)	
	_____)	
)	
	A minor)	

AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE

STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA)	
)	ss:
COUNTY OF LEHIGH)	

(Affiant), being duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that s/he served the proposed Decree and Petition for Involuntary Termination of Parental Rights

or;

the Notice of Adoption/Involuntary Termination hearing attached hereto on (Respondent) by handing to him/her a true and correct copy

thereof at (Location of Service), on (Date of Service) at (Time of Service); and further that the above facts are true and correct.

Affiant

(Jurat)

ascertain the following: (Briefly list the categories of information being sought) .

5) The consent and joinder of (Minor Adoptee) , the subject adoptee who is a minor twelve (12) years of age or older, is attached hereto as Exhibit _____.

WHEREFORE, your Petitioner prays your Honorable Court to review the entire impounded record in this matter and to furnish to Petitioner as much information concerning the adoptee's biological parents as will not endanger the anonymity of the adoptee's biological parents.

Petitioner

Attorney for Petitioner

Address: _____

Petitioner pursuant to Section 2905(b) of the Adoption Act, 23 Pa.C.S.A.2905(b).

BY THE COURT:

J.

- 5) The adoptee wishes to contact his/her biological parents for the following reasons: _____.
- 6) The adoptee understands that the above-mentioned reasons shall be disclosed to his/her biological parents if they are contacted by the Court or its designated agent.
- 7) The consent and joinder of (Minor Adoptee) , the subject adoptee who is a minor twelve (12) years of age or older, is attached hereto as Exhibit _____.
- 8) Your petitioner understands that the Court may refuse to contact the adoptee's biological parents if it determines that a substantial risk exists that persons other than the biological parents would learn of the adoptee's existence and relationship to the biological parents as a result of contact by the Court or its designated agent.
- 9) Your petitioner understands that if the adoptee's biological parents are contacted pursuant to this petition information relating to both biological parents will be disclosed to the adoptee only if both biological parents agree to such disclosure and that if only one biological parent agrees to disclosure then only information relating to that biological parent will be disclosed.
- 10) Your petitioner understands that if either or both biological parents of the adoptee are deceased, the Court will disclose to the adoptee the identity or identities of such deceased biological parent or parents.

WHEREFORE, your Petitioner prays your Honorable Court to attempt to contact the biological parents of (Name) , an adoptee, to obtain their consent to the release of their identities and present residences to the adoptee.

Petitioner

Attorney for Petitioner

Address: _____
