

# 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](http://www.findlaw.com)

[www.dccourts.gov](http://www.dccourts.gov)

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

Family Court Adoption Rules