

9.00.00 ADOPTION PROCEEDINGS

(Effective January 1, 1994)

9.00.01 ADOPTION HEARINGS

Adoption hearings will be scheduled at the request of petitioner, on the day and time set by the Court for the hearing of such matters. Petitioner should contact the 'daily calendar clerk/ for scheduling purposes. All proposed orders, accountings, agreements, consents, and other pleadings required by law shall be on file prior to scheduling a hearing.

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9.00.02 ACCESS TO ADOPTION FILES

A. Adoption and Related Files [Civil Code §§ 232, 7017, Probate Code § 1500].

- (1) The attorney of record may have access to the file and may make copies of documents therein without a court order.
- (2) A party to an adoption may, on written request, receive a "Certificate of Adoption" from the Court Clerk. There is no fee for this service. If a party to an adoption wishes to obtain information from the file other than a Certificate of Adoption, he or she must first obtain a court order authorizing release of the information.
- (3) A party desiring to access the original birth certificate must petition the Superior Court of the county in which the Petitioner resides pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 10439. The Clerk will send a copy of the Petition to the Department of Social Services, which will provide such information as it may possess. Upon receipt of the information from DSS, the Petition will be set for hearing and the Petitioner will be notified of the date and time set for hearing.
- (4) Any person, other than a party, requesting information from a sealed adoption file must petition the court, setting forth a detailed factual showing sufficient to establish good cause. For the purposes of this rule, the "good cause" required to be shown shall be tantamount to necessity. After the Petition has been filed, the matter shall be set for hearing.

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