

ADULT ADOPTION PROCEDURES

To file an adult adoption in Clark County Probate Court it is necessary to file a separate Petition and a certified copy of the birth certificate for each person to be adopted, Consent to Adoption (to be signed by the adult to be adopted), Affidavit (waiving right to have investigation completed - signed by adult to be adopted) and Certificate of Adoption.

Forms must be typewritten.

The filing fee is \$146.00.

The Court will be preparing the Final Decree of Adoption.

Legal Practice in the Probate Court is restricted by law to attorneys who are licensed by the Supreme Court of Ohio. If an individual wishes to handle his or her own case, that person may attempt to do so, however due to the complexity of the law and desire to avoid costly errors, most individuals who have matters before the Court are represented by an attorney.

Court employees including the Judge are prohibited by statute from giving legal advice which includes selection and preparation of documents.