

## **FOREIGN ADOPTION**

**(Refinalization of an International Adoption  
already finalized in a foreign country)**

**(Forms must be typewritten)**

1. Petition of Foreign Adoption
2. Certified copy of the Child's Birth Certificate, and if not in English, also attach a translation certified as to its accuracy by the translator.
3. Decree or certificate of adoption issued by foreign country and verified by Immigration and Naturalization Services.
4. Form HEA 2757 - Certificate of Adoption
5. Filing fee - \$146.00
6. Form 18.9 - Petitioner's Account

Upon receipt of the necessary information, a hearing date will be set.

The Clerk will prepare the Entry Ordering the Hearing and the Final Decree of Adoption for the Judge's signature.

After the hearing, the Clerk will be sending to the State of Ohio for a new birth certificate.

Legal Practice in the Probate Court is restricted by law to attorneys who are licensed by the Supreme Court of Ohio.

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

Judge Carey now requires an attorney for an adoption filing.