

RECOGNITION OF FOREIGN ADOPTION

UNDER CHAPTER 63 OF THE FLORIDA STATUTES

	Document/Pleading Checklist
	The petitioner is listed as a party who may adopt.
	The petitioner is NOT the spouse of the adoptee.
	The petition lists the date and place of birth of the adoptee; the name to be given to the adoptee; date petitioner acquired custody; the marital status of the petitioner (date and place of marriages); if stepparent adoption, divorces of petitioner; name, age and place and duration of residence of petitioner; description and estimate of the value of any property held by of adoptee; the case style and date of entry of the judgment terminating parental rights; or the address of any person whose consent to the adoption is required; if consent has not been obtained, the facts or circumstances that excuse the lack of consent to justify a termination of parental rights; and reasons why petitioner desires to adopt adoptee.
	Certified and/or authenticated copies of the foreign documents (i.e. foreign judgment of adoption, child's birth certificate, and official documents in connection with the adoption) are filed.
	The untranslated and translated versions of the certified and/or authenticated copies of the foreign documents are filed.
	Copy of information showing that <u>due process of law</u> was met in the foreign adoption is filed.
	Copy of evidence of immigration status. See U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Consular Affairs, on Intercountry Adoptions for additional information.
	Evidence that adoptee has been in petitioner's physical custody for at least 90 days, unless shortened by the court for good cause.
	Preliminary Home Study is filed.
	Favorable Home Study Investigation is filed (2 visits with the minor and adoptive parents, one of which after the minor is placed in the home; family and social and medical history; evaluation of placement, and recommendation of agency).
	Proof of Interview held with minor if over 12 years old, unless consent of

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	minor in TPR was waived.
	Notice of hearing has been given to each party in accordance with Florida Rules of Civil Procedure 1.080(a) and 1.090(d) and section 63.122(2) of the Florida Statutes.
	Notice has been given to the adoption entity placing the minor.
	Petitioner is present at hearing (or Motion to excuse presence is filed).
	Adoptee is present unless under 12 years of age (or Motion to excuse presence is filed).
	Are there any issues that need to be further examined or investigated prior to entry of the order recognizing foreign judgment? If yes, the Court may continue the hearing.