



New Jersey Judiciary
Family Practice Division

Notice of Parental Rights in Adoption Proceeding (Non-Agency Placement)

You should speak with an attorney if you need help understanding or completing this form.

Instructions: Read this Notice and check the box(es) that apply to your situation.

File the completed form with the _____ County Surrogate within **20 days** of receiving this notice if you live in New Jersey, or **35 days** of receiving this notice if you live outside of New Jersey.

You, (parent name) _____,
are identified as the parent of the child (child name) _____, born
on _____, at (location) _____,
to (mother's name) _____.

This child is the subject of an adoption proceeding as set forth in the attached notice. If this child is adopted, you will **permanently** lose your parental rights to this child.

You have the **Right to Object** to the adoption of this child by completing this form. If you do not object to the adoption, you will **permanently** lose your parental rights to this child. Once the adoption is finalized, any promises made by the adoptive parents for future contact or information about this child cannot be enforced in court.

If you do **not** object to the adoption, or if you deny that you are the child's parent, you do **not** need to take any further action or file this form with the court.

How to Object to This Adoption

To object to this adoption do the following:

1. Check this box: **I object to this adoption.**
2. File this form with the _____ County Surrogate located
at _____
within **20 days** of receiving this notice if you live in New Jersey, or
within **35 days** of receiving this notice if you live **outside** of New Jersey.

If you do not file this form objecting to the adoption, this will be the **Last Notice you receive about the adoption.**

Right to Counsel

You have the right to be represented by an attorney.

If you can afford an attorney but do not know one, you may call the [Bar Association Lawyer Referral Service](#) of the county where the case will be heard at _____.

You might be able to obtain free legal advice by contacting the Legal Services of New Jersey statewide hotline, at LSNJlawhotline.org or 1-888-LSNJ-LAW (1-888-576-5529).

If you **cannot afford an attorney** and qualify due to your income, the court will appoint an attorney to represent you in the adoption proceeding.

How to Apply for a Court-Appointed Attorney

To file for a court appointed attorney do the following:

1. Check this box: **I want to apply for a court-appointed attorney.**
2. Complete the attached *Application for Assignment of Counsel* form.
3. File this form with the _____ [County Surrogate](#) located at _____
within **20 days** of receiving this notice if you live in New Jersey, or
within **35 days** of receiving this notice if you live **outside** of New Jersey.

The court will notify you about your application for a court-appointed attorney.

I have completed this form by checking any boxes that apply to my situation.

Date

Signature

Print Name