

REQUIRED ITEMS FOR PETITION FOR ADOPTION OF ADULT BY STEPPARENT

NOTE: Unless otherwise noted, all forms listed below can be found at www.flcourts.org under Self Help - Family Law Forms – Please pay close attention to which forms must be signed and notarized.

___ **Petition** *Form 12.981 (c)(1)* Please read all directions and complete the petition in its entirety. Please pay particular attention to the following:

- Petitioner MUST be a resident of Marion County
- List all places of residency *since birth*
- Petition must be signed and notarized by petitioner(s)

___ **Coversheet for family court cases** *Form 12.928*

___ **Necessary Consents** Pursuant to Florida Statute 63.082(1)(a) all consents must be witnessed by two (2) witnesses AND be notarized -- **NOTE: The notary CANNOT be a witness**

- Adult Adoptee's Spouse if married *Form 12.981 (c) (2)*
- Adoptee's Consent *Form 12.981 (a) (2)*

___ **Service of Process** on Biological Parents

- The biological parents must either receive written Notice of the Final Hearing on Adoption or Proof of Service of Process showing Notice has been served (Ref: Florida Statute 63.062 (8) (b))

___ **Notice of Related Cases** *Form 12.900 (h)*

___ **Designation of Current Mailing and E-mail address form (per A.O. A-2022-47)**

___ **Motion to Set Final Hearing** Form available at www.marioncountyclerk.org **PLEASE DO NOT FILE THIS MOTION UNTIL ALL THE ABOVE ITEMS HAVE BEEN FILED**