



SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SAN JOAQUIN

INFORMATION FOR STEPPARENT ADOPTIONS

If the other parent did not sign a Consent form, the Court will issue a Citation to that parent whose rights will be terminated by the adoption.

You must have the Citation personally served on the other parent and if you are unable to locate the other parent for purposes of service, you will need to ask the Court for an Order for Publication.

Even though the Citation is issued to the parent whose rights will be terminated by the adoption, **the stepparent, the custodial parent and the child must appear at the Adoption Hearing.** Please arrive at Court 20 minutes early and let the clerk know you are there.

What do I do after the hearing?

You will receive a free certified copy of the Order of Adoption at the hearing. You are entitled to receive only one free certified copy at the time of hearing all additional copies will require a fee. In the event you need additional copies, visit the Records Management Department of the San Joaquin County Superior Court to request any copies.