



AMERICAN ACADEMY OF
Adoption Attorneys

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Thank you for your interest in the American Academy of Adoption Attorneys. Please complete the following application form and submit it, with accompanying materials, to:

John Greene
Membership Chair
156 South Street
Annapolis, MD 21401

Please include:

- a) Your typewritten Application, Authorization, and your completed Case Grid form.
- b) Your **Non-Refundable** Application Fee of \$150.00, payable to American Academy of Adoption Attorneys;
- c) Copies of the following documents used in your legal practice:
 1. attorney advertisements you disseminate related to your adoption practice; and
 2. fees and expenses materials, including fee agreements, employment contracts or agency fee materials, if your fees are included, related to your adoption practice.

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1. Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____
2. Firm Name: _____ No. of Attorneys: _____
3. Business Address: _____

4. Phone: (____) _____ Fax : (____) _____
E-Mail: _____
5. Your Firm's Practice Areas: _____

Your Practice Areas: _____

7. What percentage of your practice is adoption? _____%

8. State(s) and Date(s) of Bar Admission(s) _____

9. State Bar Number(s) _____

10. Total Years in Practice: _____ Years Handling Adoptions: _____

11. Previous or concurrent occupation(s) separate from law practice (including dates):

12. Total number of terminations of parental rights, relinquishments and/or adoptions (collectively "adoptions") you have handled as an attorney (including as guardian ad litem): _____

a) What percentage were:

1) Domestic:

Independent (private non-agency)	_____%
State Agency	_____%
Private Agency:	_____%
Relative/Step-Parent	_____%
Contested/Litigated	_____%
Other (describe) _____	_____%

2) International:

Independent	_____%
Agency	_____%
Contested/Litigated	_____%
Other (describe) _____	_____%

TOTAL 100%

b) What percentage were agency finalizations or international readoptions, only? _____%

c) In what percentage did you represent:

- 1) Birth parent(s) _____ %
- 2) Adoptive parent(s) _____ %
- 3) Governmental agency _____ %
- 4) Private licensed adoption agency _____ %
- 5) Child(ren) _____ %
- 6) Other (describe) _____ %

13. Number of adoptions in the past two years:

Current Year: _____ Last Year: _____

14. In how many interstate placements have you been involved in which you were assisting in the interstate compact application? _____

a) Between which states? _____

b) Identify any AAAA attorneys you worked with in the other states.

c) Describe your involvement. _____

d) How many required ICPC approval? _____

15. How many international adoptions have you handled in the past two years, and between which countries?

Current year: _____ Countries: _____

Refinalization only: _____

Full adoption process: _____

Last year: _____ Countries: _____

Refinalization only: _____

Full adoption process: _____

16. If you regularly represent (or handle adoptions involving) licensed adoption agencies, please provide the agency name, address, telephone number and name of a contact person for each such agency:

17. If you regularly represent (or handle adoptions involving) facilitators (those who match birth parents and adoptive parents, but are not licensed as child placing agencies), please provide the facilitator's name, address, telephone number and name of a contact person for each such facilitator:

18. Please provide names of all AAAA members with whom you have worked or consulted on any adoption related cases, and/or who may be familiar with your work in adoption matters:

19. Colleges and Universities attended: Degrees/Dates:

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20. Honors: _____

21. Publications: _____
22. Professional/Civic Organizations: _____

23. Hobbies/Interests/Volunteer Experience: _____

24. Have you previously applied for membership in the Academy? _____
If yes, year and outcome of application: _____
25. Have you ever been convicted of a crime, or do you now have any criminal charges pending against you? _____ If yes, please provide a detailed explanation of each case, by attachment, if necessary.
26. Have you ever been professionally disciplined, or do you now have pending any matter of professional discipline? _____ If yes, please provide a detailed explanation of each matter.
27. Have you ever been sued for malpractice or professional negligence, including counterclaims? _____ If yes, please provide a detailed explanation of each case including jurisdiction, case number, date, nature of case, outcome or current status, along with any relevant documents.
28. Please give us a short narrative as to why you want to become a fellow of the Academy. _____

REFERENCES

Provide the names, addresses, telephone numbers and e-mail addresses of five people who are familiar with your work in adoption. These references may not include employees, clients (except for agencies), members of your firm or members of your family. You must include at least one current AAAA fellow and one judge or justice. We will send questionnaires to your references and ask that they be returned directly to the AAAA Membership Chair. At least four questionnaires, including the AAAA fellow's and the judge or justice's, must be returned for your application to be complete.

(1) _____ (AAAA member)

(2) _____ (Judge or Justice)

(3) _____

(4) _____

(5) _____

TERMS AND CONDITIONS
RELEASE OF LIABILITY

I declare under penalty of perjury that the statements in this application for membership are true, accurate and complete.

I authorize any bar association, court, lawyer disciplinary organization or law enforcement agency to disclose matters pertaining to me to the American Academy of Adoption Attorneys in connection with its investigation of my application for membership.

I hereby release, discharge and exonerate the American Academy of Adoption Attorneys, its officers, directors, members, fellows, agents and representatives (collectively, AAAA), and any and all persons or agencies furnishing information in connection with this application, from any and all liability of every nature and kind arising out of the furnishing of such information, whether communicated orally or in writing. I further waive any claims which may arise with respect to such information or its disclosure. I hereby indemnify and hold harmless the AAAA from any and all liability arising from or in any way related to its investigation, processing and decision making with regard to any membership application I make, have made, or will make in the future to the American Academy of Adoption Attorneys, including this application.

I understand and agree that membership in the American Academy of Adoption Attorneys is by invitation only and that applying for membership does not necessarily mean that the Board of Trustees will extend an invitation to me. I understand and agree that invitations for membership are within the sole discretion of the Board of Trustees, and that its decision is final.

Date

Applicant's Signature