

## APPLICATION FOR JUDICIAL MEMBERSHIP

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

John Greene  
Membership Chair  
156 South Street  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Please include:

- a) Your typewritten Application and Authorization.
- b) Your **Non-Refundable** Application Fee of \$150.00, payable to American Academy of Adoption Attorneys.

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1. Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Title: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Court address:

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4. Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Fax : ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

5. Colleges and Universities attended, degrees/dates:

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6. Honors:

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7. Special honors or distinctions in adoption or assisted reproduction matters or issues: \_\_\_\_\_

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8. Publications:

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9. Professional/Civic Organizations:

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10. Hobbies/Interests/Volunteer  
Experience:\_\_\_\_\_

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11. State(s) and Date(s) of Bar  
Admission(s):\_\_\_\_\_

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12. State Bar Number(s)

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13. Total Years in Practice: \_\_\_\_\_

14. Previous experience prior to becoming a judge:

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15. Nature of prior private practice, if any:

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16. Experience prior to becoming a judge in adoption and termination of parental  
rights issues or related matters:

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17. Years as a judge: \_\_\_\_\_

18. Nature of your judicial practice, including general composition of cases heard:

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19. Experience as a judge in adoption and termination of parental rights issues or related matters:

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20. Have you previously applied for membership in the Academy? \_\_\_\_\_  
If yes, year and outcome of application: \_\_\_\_\_

21. Please provide names of all AAAA members who may be familiar with your work in adoption matters and termination of parental rights issues or related matters:

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22. Have you ever been convicted of a crime, or do you now have any criminal charges or investigations pending against you? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, please provide a detailed explanation of each case, by attachment.

23. 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, by attachment.

24. 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 by attachment.

25. Have you ever had a grievance or complaint filed against you since you have been a judge with your state's judicial grievance body? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, please provide a detailed explanation of each case by attachment.

26. Please give us a short narrative addressing why you want to become a Fellow of the Academy:

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## REFERENCES

Provide the names, addresses, telephone numbers and e-mail addresses of AAA A members who are familiar with your work in adoption or termination of parental rights matters. While not mandatory, you may also provide additional persons, whether AAAA members or not, who can provide information that may be helpful in permitting the Board to evaluate your application for membership. We will send questionnaires to your references and ask that they be returned directly to the AAAA Membership Chair.

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## **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, judicial disciplinary body 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.

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Date

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Applicant