

THE FORMS INCLUDED IN THIS PACKET ARE INTENDED TO GUIDE PRO SE LITIGANTS AS TO FORM AND CONTENT. THE CHILDREN'S COURT JUDGES MAY REQUIRE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR MAY REQUIRE DIFFERENT INFORMATION. THIS WILL BE DETERMINED ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS. ANY ADDITIONAL FORMS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE CHILDREN'S COURT PARALEGAL OR THE UNM LAW LIBRARY.

Step Parent Adoption Checklist

Note: Everyone's case is different and forms are listed above that may not be needed. If non-custodial parent is deceased, notice must be provided to grandparents.

If child is over the age of 10, the child must receive counseling. If child is over the age of 14 the child must consent to the adoption.

If parents have been married more than one year but less than two, both the biological parent and the custodial parent must receive counseling. If parents have been married less than one year the adoption must proceed as an independent adoption.

For additional information refer to <http://www.supremecourtlibrary.org/> (Statue 32A Section 5, (32A-5), has beneficial information needed to understand the process of adoption and what each form is and why it is required by the court)

Required	Description	Filed
*	Petition	
	Summons	
	Return of Service	
	Acceptance of Service/ Waiver of Notice by Non-Custodial Birthparent	
	Consent/ Relinquishment of Non-Custodial Birthparent	
*	Criminal Records	
*	Counseling Report(s)	
	Motion for Publication	
	Order on Motion for Publication	
	Notice of Filing	
	Affidavit for Service of Publication	
	Motion for Default Judgment	
	Default Judgment	
	Certificate as to the State	
	Draft Adoptee Consent	
*	Draft Bio Parent Consent	
	Notice to Grandparents	
*	Final Decree	