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## DATAPACK FOR ADOPTION OF A GRANDCHILD

Dear Prospective Client:

We understand you are interested in talking with us about adoption of your grandchild. We will be happy to discuss this with you, but please bear in mind that even the simplest adoption procedure can develop complications. These problems usually revolve around the natural parents' refusal to relinquish all parental rights or the Court being convinced that the adoptive home is the best possible placement for the child.

Evaluation of your case will require an initial personal consultation so that we can understand the facts of your case and advise you about your rights and duties. We charge \$200 for an initial consultation, during which we expect to give you a really good idea of what you can expect to happen in your case.

**Before we can begin representing you**, we will require (1) a signed contract which explains our respective obligations and (2) receipt of an engagement fee, the size of which will be based on our estimation of the amount of time needed to resolve your case. *There is no guarantee, however, that all of your legal expenses will be covered by this Engagement Fee.*

You will be billed for the amount of professional time required to adequately represent your interests in this matter. Anything and everything you do to complete the attached **ADOPTION DATAPACK** and to provide any supporting documentation will help to reduce the amount of attorney and paralegal time required in this action.

Any information you provide will, of course, be kept confidential and you are under no obligation until we each execute a written Engagement Agreement.

Very truly yours,

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*Hoge Partners, PLLC is the successor to Hoge & Associates, a law practice with a four-decade history of providing legal services throughout Metropolitan Louisville, including Jefferson, Oldham, Hardin and Bullitt Counties.*

### JAMES K. MURPHY

Jim Murphy is the Managing Partner of **Hoge Partners, PLLC**. He began practicing law in Kentucky in 1993. He graduated *magna cum laude* from Washington & Lee University and *cum laude* from the Lewis School of Law at Washington & Lee University.

Prior to joining Hoge & Associates in 2014, Jim's practice with another Louisville firm focused in commercial transactions, real estate and business. Since then, he has refocused his practice on Family Law matters with a special emphasis on associated business and real estate factors. Jim's caseload includes a variety of Family Law matters including domestic violence actions and criminal defense in child support matters as well as processing divorces, child support, child custody and post-divorce litigation. He also has significant appellate experience.

### RUTH J. WILKERSON

Ruth Wilkerson is a Partner of **Hoge Partners, PLLC**. She has been practicing law in Kentucky since 2010. A graduate of Transylvania University in Lexington, Kentucky and the Appalachian School of Law in Grundy, Virginia, Ruth has a varied legal background which included estate planning, workers compensation, personal injury litigation, employment law, civil rights discrimination and sexual harassment.

Ruth has focused on Family Law matters since joining the firm in 2014. She handles both contested and uncontested divorce actions, post-divorce litigation, modifications of child support and maintenance/alimony, disputed parenting matters such as visitation schedules and primary residence, adoption proceedings, child custody and domestic violence proceedings.

### WILLIAM L. HOGE, III

Bill Hoge has been practicing law in Louisville since 1972 and focused on Family Law for better than half of that period. He retired from active practice in 2017. Bill remains of counsel to the firm of **Hoge Partners, PLLC**, providing advice and guidance to attorneys Jim Murphy and Ruth Wilkerson and handling a limited number of cases. He is still a Fellow of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers and formerly served as the Chair of the Family Law Sections for both the Kentucky Bar Association and the Louisville Bar Association. The majority of Mr. Hoge's legal career has been dedicated to Family Law and being of service to people going through the divorce process in Kentucky, individuals needing assistance with post-divorce matters (child support, custody, visitation, etc.), victims of domestic violence, international parental abductions and others situations relating to Domestic Relations law.

## ADOPTION DATAPACK

(Please Print)

### PROPOSED ADOPTIVE PARENTS:

ADOPTIVE FATHER: \_\_\_\_\_

ADOPTIVE MOTHER: \_\_\_\_\_

ADOPTIVE PARENTS' ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

City County State Zip

ADOPTIVE PARENTS' TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

Pager or other contact number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

ADOPTIVE PARENTS MARRIED SINCE: \_\_\_\_\_

How did you learn about us?  Referral from another attorney: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Personal referral from: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Our website at [www.DivorceInKentucky.com](http://www.DivorceInKentucky.com)  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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*THE SPACE BELOW IS FOR OFFICE USE ONLY  
 Please complete the remaining pages of this form*

Date of Initial Interview: \_\_\_\_\_ Interviewed by: \_\_\_\_\_

Engagement Agreement signed? \_\_\_\_\_ Date Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Engagement Fee Paid: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Initial Documents Required:** \_\_\_\_\_ Draft *Petition for Adoption*  
 Service by:  Sheriff  Certified Mail  Other:

**Initial Motions:** \_\_\_\_\_ Motion for \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Motion for \_\_\_\_\_

**Discovery:** \_\_\_\_\_ Interrogatories \_\_\_\_\_ Request for Admissions  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Request for Production of Documents  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Notice of Deposition of \_\_\_\_\_

Scheduled Execution Date: \_\_\_\_\_ BY  VIDEO OR  COURT REPORTER?

Other documents: \_\_\_\_\_

# CHILD TO BE ADOPTED:

Child's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Birth (including County): \_\_\_\_\_

Where does the Child attend school or pre-school? \_\_\_\_\_

With whom and where has Child lived?

Birth to age \_\_\_\_ Years: Lived with \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ Years: Lived with \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ Years: Lived with \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

{PLEASE USE SEPARATE SHEET OF PAPER IF YOU NEED MORE SPACE FOR YOUR ANSWERS}

Does the Child have any special health problems or other special needs? Please explain.

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What have you done to "incorporate" this child into your family and household?

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Child's pediatrician: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Has the Child ever been seen or treated by a psychologist, psychiatrist, therapist or social worker? If so, please identify, including address and telephone number.

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## ADOPTIVE FATHER:

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Birth (including County): \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Education: \_\_\_\_\_

## ADOPTIVE MOTHER:

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Birth (including County): \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Education: \_\_\_\_\_

## CHILD'S NATURAL PARENTS:

**Natural Mother's Full Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Current Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: Home -- \_\_\_\_\_ Work -- \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Birth (including County): \_\_\_\_\_

**Natural Father's Full Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Current Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: Home -- \_\_\_\_\_ Work -- \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Birth (including County): \_\_\_\_\_

Legal status of relationship between Natural Mother and Natural Father: \_\_\_\_\_

Are Adoptive Parents related to either of the Natural Parents of Child? If so, please explain relationship.

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Have either or both of the Natural Parents agreed to give up all parental rights and to permit you to adopt this child? Please explain.

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Why are neither of the Natural Parents willing or able to raise this child? Please explain.

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### **SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES:**

Are there any special circumstances which we need to be aware of in investigating this potential adoption?

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