

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
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COUNTY OF LAKE)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, LAKECOUNTY, ILLINOIS

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) Gen. No. _____
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NOTICE OF RIGHTS IN ADOPTION PROCEEDINGS

If you are a respondent¹ in an adoption proceeding in which your parental rights may be terminated, you have the following rights:

1. A respondent is entitled to notice of the court proceedings under the Adoption Act, 750 ILCS 50/1 *et seq.*
2. A respondent has a right to be present in court during adoption proceedings.
3. A respondent has the right to be represented by an attorney. If the respondent is financially unable to hire an attorney, an attorney may be appointed to represent the respondent at no cost. Depending on the respondent's ability to pay, the court may order the respondent to reimburse the County for some or all of the expenses incurred.
4. A respondent has the right to be heard by the court and to present evidence material to the adoption proceedings.
5. A respondent has the right to cross-examine witnesses.
6. A respondent has the right to examine the court files and records dealing with the adoption proceedings.

By signing your name below, you acknowledge that you have been informed of your rights in this adoption proceeding.

Signature

Name (Please Print)

¹ A respondent is normally the biological parent of the child for whom the adoption proceeding was begun, but may also be a guardian, legal custodian or responsible relative of that child.