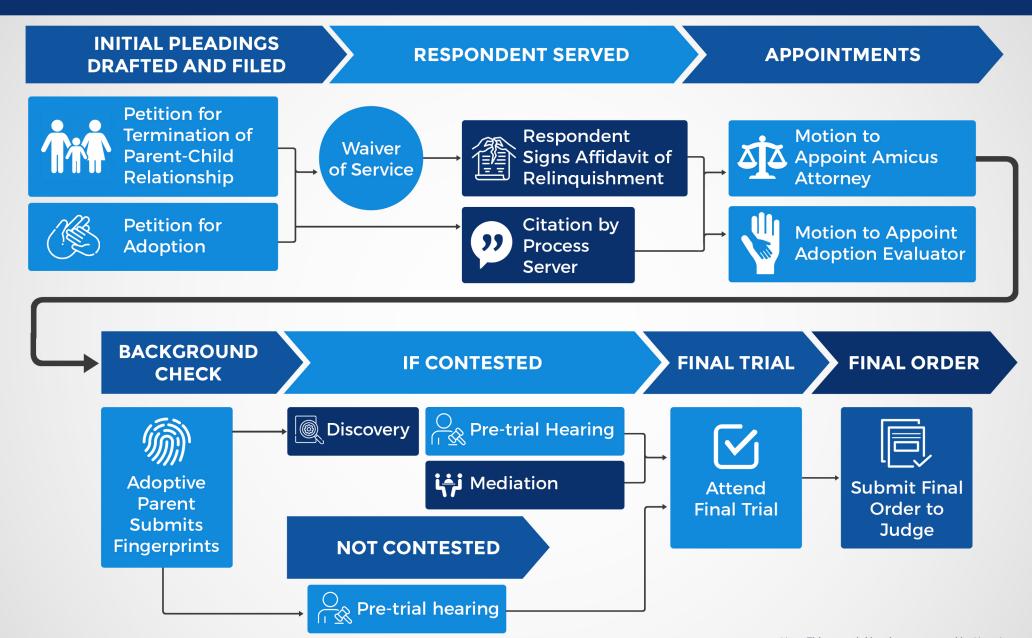
## TERMINATION AND ADOPTION





# familylawyerkaty.com

**4** (832) 315-5494

Note: This material has been prepared by Hunt Law Firm for informational purposes only; it does not constitute legal advice. Moreover, this material does not create an attorney-client relationship and is not intended to substitute for obtaining legal advice from an attorney. This information is generalized, not required in all cases, and subject to change based on the particular facts of a case.

# TERMINATION AND ADOPTION TERMS YOU SHOULD KNOW



### ORIGINAL PETITION FOR TERMINATION OF PARENT CHILD RELATIONSHIP

In this type of petition, you are asking the court to terminate the relationship between a parent and their child. This can be filed for a parent-child relationship established by marriage, by court order, or a relationship between a child and an alleged parent.



#### **AMICUS ATTORNEY**

An attorney appointed by the court to represent the best interest of the child. This attorney will participate throughout the case and will speak to the child.



#### SERVICE BY PROCESS SERVER

If the other parent does not consent to the termination, that parent must be served personally by a process server. Our process server will deliver the documents filed with the court to the other parent.



#### **ADOPTION STUDY**

This report will be completed by an evaluator appointed by the court. During the study, the evaluator will speak with the biological parents and the prospective adoptive parent, visit the home, and visit with the child.



#### **WAIVER OF SERVICE**

A waiver of service is a document signed before a notary by the Respondent. This document acknowledges they understand a suit is pending, they have received a copy of the documents filed with the court, and they are filing this document instead of being personally served.



#### **DPS BACKGROUND CHECK**

A DPS background check on the prospective adoptive parent will require their fingerprints. The report will be filed with the court. If you have any concerns about something that may appear on your background check, please discuss and disclose this to your attorney.



#### AFFIDAVIT OF VOLUNTARY RELINQUISHMENT

An affidavit of relinquishment can be executed by the other parent if they agree with the termination of parental rights. The affidavit must be executed in front of a notary and must also contain witnesses' signatures.



- # familylawyerkaty.com
- **4** (832) 315-5494
- 23212 Red River Drive, Katy, TX 77494
  Managing Attorney Alex Hunt
  2023 Hunt Law Firm

Note: This material has been prepared by Hunt Law Firm for informational purposes only; it does not constitute legal advice. Moreover, this material does not create an attorney-client relationship and is not intended to substitute for obtaining legal advice from an attorney. This information is generalized, not required in all cases, and subject to change based on the particular facts of a case.