

## **RULE 15. ADOPTIONS**

### **15.1 LOCAL RULES**

#### **15.2 VOLUNTARY RELINQUISHMENT TO AGENCY**

Rule 15.2(1) Caption and Docket Entry.

The caption for all pleadings and docket entry for voluntary relinquishment to agency, voluntary relinquishment to adult intending to adopt child, involuntary termination of parental rights, and adoption shall carry the given name of the child.

#### **15.3 VOLUNTARY RELINQUISHMENT TO ADULT INTENDING TO ADOPT A CHILD**

#### **15.4 INVOLUNTARY TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS**

#### **15.5 ADOPTION**

Rule 15.5(1) Investigation of Petition for Adoption.

Where the report of the intermediary incorporates a report of investigation pursuant to 23 Pa. C.S.A. §2535, the Court may not require an investigation. If the Court requires an investigation or where no report of investigation is incorporated, the Court shall issue an order requiring an investigation, appointing an investigating agency, and ordering the agency to conclude its investigation, and prepare and file its report not later than six (6) months after the filing of the notice of intention to adopt pursuant to 23 Pa. C.S.A. §2531.

**Rule 15.5(2) Informational Statement - Investigation of Financial Arrangements.**

In all adoption proceedings, in which a voluntary relinquishment is contemplated, at the time of the agreement for voluntary placement of the child, the intermediary shall provide the Court with a written informational statement setting forth the name of the birth parents, their addresses and telephone numbers, and the names of the proposed adoptive parents, their address and telephone number. Any written agreements between the parties shall be attached to the informational statement. Thereafter, the Court may have an adoption investigator investigate all financial arrangements made between the birth parents, intermediary, and the adoptive parents, and provide a report to the Court. No payments of any type may be made to either of the birth parents or the intermediary, unless they are disclosed to the Court or the Court investigator, and specifically approved by the Court prior to payment.

**15.6 NOTICE. METHOD AND TIME**

**15.7 IMPOUNDING. DOCKET ENTRIES. REPORTS. PRIVACY**