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ADOPTION RESEARCH GUIDE

GENERALLY: Adoption proceedings in Oregon are exclusively statutory, meaning that the rules surrounding them are dictated by the Oregon Revised Statutes and not case law. Adoptions can be either independent or via an agency and often involve direct relatives (i.e., grandparents).

Proceedings to commence an adoption begin when a petition is filed in the circuit court which has jurisdiction over adoptions. For information from the Lane County Circuit Court, go to:

<http://courts.oregon.gov/Lane/FamilyandChildren/Adoption.page>

This guide is not intended to provide you with every source of information related to adoption, but rather, will help you navigate the resources within the library and on the internet to help you gain information. Do not hesitate to ask or contact library staff with questions related to your research. If you are still trying to figure out the nature of your legal problem, a legal dictionary, encyclopedia, or Nutshell may be of assistance.

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SUGGESTED RESOURCES:

BOOKS:

FAMILY LAW, by Oregon State Bar, c. 2002, with 2008 supplement. Chapter 17 specifically addresses adoptions, the law dictating adoptions and contains some forms and examples. Located on reserve and identified by call number KFO 2494.Z9 2002 RES.

JUVENILE LAW, by Oregon State Bar, 2007 revision. See Chapter 22 for information specific to adoptions. Located on reserve at the Lane County Law Library: KFO 2996.J88 2007 RES.

THE ABC'S OF ADOPTION, by Oregon State Bar Continuing Legal Education, Materials from program held May 15-16, 2003 in Portland, OR: KFO 2504.5.A75 A2 2003 OR.

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CHILDREN AND THE LAW, by Thomas Jacobs and West, A general treatise, not geared specifically to Oregon. See Chapter 4. **KF 479.J33 2013**.

See Also: OREGON REVISED STATUTES, Oregon laws passed by the legislature, see Chapters 109, 418, and 419A – 419C. Also online at: https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/bills_laws/Pages/ORS.aspx

OTHER PRINT ITEMS: The library catalog may direct you to other helpful resources related to adoption:

<http://www.libraryworld.net/cgi-bin/opac.pl?command=signin&libraryname=lanecountylib&guest=allow>

WEBSITES:

Government Agencies in Oregon with information about Adoptions

Oregon Administrative Rules

OAR 413 —Case Management; Program Eligibility, Family Support Services (Agencies' adoptions requirements and standards)

(http://arcweb.sos.state.or.us/pages/rules/oars_400/oar_413/413_tofc.html)

Oregon Department of Human Services (DHS) provides lots of information related to adoption.

- **Adoption Services (includes FAQ page)**
<http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/children/adoption/Pages/index.aspx>
- **Adoption Assistance Handbook**
<http://dhsforms.hr.state.or.us/Forms/Served/DE9050.pdf>
- **Voluntary Pre-Adoption Registry Information**
http://www.oregon.gov/dhs/children/adoption/pages/adopt_registry/registry.aspx
- **Sources of information for pre-adoption birth records**
([\">http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/ph/chs/preadopt.shtml#pdf](http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/ph/chs/preadopt.shtml#pdf))\

Oregon State Bar : The OSB provides snippets of information on many areas of law, which are also located in the binder at the front desk.

http://www.osbar.org/public/legalinfo/1136_Adoptions.htm

FORMS

(Disclaimer: Not all forms listed can be used in Oregon courts and not all Oregon circuit court will accept forms from another county. Before using any forms from any source, you should check with the court as well as with an attorney as to whether these forms are appropriate for your situation)

1. **Independent Adoption Forms from Oregon DHS:**
<http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/children/adoption/indadoptions/forms.shtml>
2. **Examples of forms in books at the Lane County Law Library:**
 - **See Books listed above including Family Law and Juvenile Law.**

SUGGESTED SEARCH TERMS: Adoption, step-parent adoption, adult adoption, consent, foreign adoption, parent-child relationship.