

Notice to Adoption Filers

From: Honorable Thea Sherry, Family Court Administrative Judge

Date: September 13, 2017

Effective October 1, 2017, in addition to the requirements of Section 453.020 RSMo., all petitions for adoption filed in St. Louis County shall clearly define, in the caption, the names of all the parties to the case, pursuant to Section 509.020 RSMo.

The parties to the adoption, at the minimum, are the petitioner(s) and the adoptee(s). Other persons may also be required parties pursuant to other Missouri statutes, and if so, shall also be included in the caption of the petition.

The petition will be the only document referred to by the Office of the Circuit Clerk to determine the parties to include on the case.

After the effective date of this notice, all Petitions for Adoption that do not meet this requirement will be returned to the filing party.