

# Adoption



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*Web version of this guide includes links to web resources. Revised 10/08*

### Search Tips:

Mix and match these search terms in the library catalog, [WestCat](#), or search law journals in [LexisNexis](#) (click LEGAL tab; default search is law reviews) or [WestLaw Campus Research](#):

adoption  
foster care  
international adoption

orphanages  
child abuse  
adoptive families

adoption records  
adoption fraud

### Relevant Subtopics:

infertility  
surrogate motherhood  
homosexual parents

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## Federal Government Information

The Immigration of Adopted and Prospective Adoptive Children. An informative look at immigration procedures and requirements for those wishing to adopt foreign-born children. 2000  
J 21.2:AD 7/2000

To Examine Recent Failure to Protect Child Safety. This hearing focuses on a New Jersey case in which four adopted children suffered horrific abuse at the hands of their adoptive parents to try to determine how such abuse escaped welfare system notice and what Federal and State officials can do to prevent such tragedies. 2003  
Y 4.W 36:108-28

International Adoptions: Problems and Solutions. An examination of intercountry adoption reform. What can the United States do to protect prospective adoptive parents from fraud and to make the adoptive process more efficient? 2002  
Y 4,IN 8/16:AD 7/2

H.R. 2909, The Intercountry Adoption Act of 1999. A House Committee on International Relations markup of H.R. 2909, which provides for U.S. implementation of the Hague Convention on Protection of Children and Cooperation in respect to intercountry adoptions as well as designates the State Department to oversee U.S. participation. 2000  
Y 4.IN 8/16:AD 7

[U.S. Department of State](#). Federal website providing a wealth of information about international adoption, the Hague Convention on Intercountry Adoption, international child abduction, and child protection services.

[http://travel.state.gov/family/adoption/adoption\\_485.html](http://travel.state.gov/family/adoption/adoption_485.html)

[Child Welfare Information Gateway](#). This agency offers information on all aspects of adoption, including programs, research, legislation and statistics.

<http://www.childwelfare.gov/>

<http://www.wiu.edu/library/govpubs/guides/adoption.pdf>

[MedlinePlus: Adoption](http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/adoption.html). A website from the U.S. National Library of Medicine and the National Institutes of Health featuring a wealth of information and topics related to adoption. Categories include: coping, research, directories, organizations, law and policies, and statistics, among others.  
<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/adoption.html>

## Illinois Government Information

Report to the Governor and the General Assembly: Illinois Adoption Registry and Medical Exchange Registry. A copy of Public Act 91-0417, which modified the Illinois Adoption Registry and added a provision for exchange of medical information. 2001  
ILLINOIS. 362.734 I29lar 2001

Illinois Families Now and Forever: Families by Foster Care, Adoption and Guardianship. Department of Children and Family Services quarterly publication for foster, adoptive, and guardianship families which offers, among other things, adoption-related topics.  
ILLINOIS 362.733 FOST 3 2003 WINTER (to present)

[Illinois Department of Children and Family Services](http://www.state.il.us/dcfs/adoption/index.shtml). DCFS website offering adoption-related statistics and resources.  
<http://www.state.il.us/dcfs/adoption/index.shtml>

[Illinois Vital Records - Adoption Records](http://www.idph.state.il.us/vitalrecords/adoptioninfo.htm). Illinois Department of Public Health website containing the Illinois Adoption Registry, a medium through which registrants can authorize or prohibit the release of identifying information. Includes the necessary forms to acquire information or to exchange medical information, as well as other useful phone numbers and related internet links.  
<http://www.idph.state.il.us/vitalrecords/adoptioninfo.htm>

## Legal Information

Illinois Adoption Law. A comprehensive guide to Illinois Adoption Law published by the Illinois Institute for Continuing Legal Education. Included relevant forms. 2002  
LEGLREF. KFI 1304.5 .I45 2002

"California Case Brings Internet Into Gay Adoption Debate." Can a private organization refuse its services because of someone's sexual orientation? This brief article examines *Butler v. Adoption Media*, a case in which a gay couple is suing Adoption.com for refusing to post their profile as prospective parents.  
*Trial*. Vol. 40, No. 3 March 2004 pp.88-93

"Implementing a National Putative Father Registry By Utilizing Existing Federal/State Collaborative Databases." A look at the history, statistics, and benefits of adoption, in general, as well as case history on the rights of unwed fathers. This author proposes a Federal Registry to ensure that unwed fathers are aware of and do consent to adoption proceedings.  
*The John Marshall Law Review*. Vol. 36, No. 4 Summer 2003 pp.1033-1052

Handling Child Custody, Abuse and Adoption Cases. Chapter 14 of this treatise contains a thorough examination of adoption case law. Kept up to date via supplements.  
LEGLREF. KF 547 .H38 1993 v.2 and supp.

Children and the Law: Doctrine, Policy and Practice. Chapter 7 of this casebook discusses the origins of adoption and adoption in general. It also offers case law and sample problems for students on such topics as: who may adopt?, adoption intermediaries, the consent requirement, open adoption, international adoptions, post-adoption disputes, and adoptees' rights.  
LEGLREF. KF 479 .A7 A25 2000