

**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
FAMILY COURT
DOMESTIC RELATIONS BRANCH – ADOPTION**

EX PARTE IN THE MATTER OF)	ADOPTION CASE NO. A-
)	
THE PETITION OF)	
)	
)	JUDGE RONNA LEE BECK
)	
FOR ADOPTION OF)	
MINOR CHILD(REN))	

LIMITED CONSOLIDATION WITH

IN THE MATTER OF)	NEGLECT CASE NO. N-
)	
)	SOCIAL FILE NO.
DOB:)	
)	NEGLECT REVIEW CALENDAR
)	JUDGE
RESPONDENT(S))	

**POSTED NOTICE OF ADOPTION PROCEEDING
AND ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE**

[Name] or Unknown Father, YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an adoption petition is pending before the Superior Court of the District of Columbia concerning the minor child, [initials], born on [dob] to [mother's name.]

YOU ARE HEREBY ORDERED to appear for a Show Cause Hearing scheduled on [Hearing date and time] in Courtroom JM-15 before Judge Ronna Lee Beck.

You have the right to seek custody of the of the minor child[ren] or to challenge the adoption. However, in order to do so, you must either appear at the Show Cause Hearing or file a written objection with:

Adoption Clerk
Family Court, Room #4230
Superior Court of the District of Columbia
500 Indiana Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20001

If you do not want to seek custody or challenge this adoption, you may consent to the adoption or relinquish the child to a licensed child-placing agency. Please contact the child[ren]'s social worker:

[list name, phone, and address and agency]

You should contact your court-appointed attorney:

[name, address, and phone number for counsel]

You may retain counsel to represent you in these proceedings.

Your failure to respond to this Notice of Adoption Proceeding and Order to Show Cause can result in the waiver of your consent to the adoption, the termination of your parental rights forever, and the loss of all your rights to this child or these children. Unless you appear for the show cause hearing, you may not receive notice of subsequent court action and proceedings in the case.

JUDGE RONNA LEE BECK
(Signed in Chambers)

Date: _____