

Adoption

Adopting a child is an exciting, emotionally-charged experience that can be riddled with anxiety if you are not represented by an experienced adoption attorney. Adoption is an extremely complicated process, where parental relationships need to be legally severed and then properly established to ensure the adoption is secure. There is also a great deal of complex paperwork that needs to be completed and filed correctly, or the adoption could be in jeopardy. The family and matrimonial law attorneys at Tully Rinckey PLLC in Buffalo, N.Y. can provide biological and adoptive parents with peace of mind as they go through the intensive adoption process. We are experienced in a variety of adoptions, including private, agency, foreign, step-parent, grandparent, and same-sex parent. **How We Can Help**

Ensuring the birth parents' rights have been legally terminated is the most significant aspect of the adoption process and requires proper documentation. If the birth parents' surrender or termination documentation is incomplete or filed incorrectly, then they could attempt to reclaim the child. Our adoption lawyers in Buffalo, N.Y. can help ensure this step is properly executed by doing the following: **Adoptive Parents**

Providing advice on the adoptive parents' rights to and relation with the child.

Preparing adoption documents and appearing at necessary court proceedings.

Making sure surrender/termination documentation is properly completed and submitted by the birth parents.

Defending against birth parents' attempts to reclaim the child or rescind the surrender.

If the adoption is contested, ensuring that the biological parents' rights are terminated, so the adoption can go through.

Serving as a liaison between public and private adoption agencies and the adoptive parents.

Birth Parents

Providing advice and opinion to birth parents on the rights they are terminating through adoption.

Ensuring surrender/termination documentation is properly prepared and filed.

Representing the birth parents in litigation to reclaim the child by having the surrender rescinded.

Negotiating open adoption agreements, where birth parents are afforded periodic updates or

information about the surrendered child.

Tully Rinckey PLLC's family and matrimonial law attorneys can represent individuals and families throughout Western New York, including Buffalo, Hamburg, Kenmore, Tonawanda, Amherst, West Seneca, Lackawanna, Cheektowaga, Depew, North Tonawanda, Niagara Falls, and Lockport. Call today to schedule a free initial consultation with one of our family and matrimonial lawyers at 716-439-4700 or e-mail at info@tullylegal.com

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