

Adoption

The adoption process can be as exciting as it is nerve-wracking, and both adoptive parents and birth parents should not go through it without consulting with an attorney. Through adoption, a non-parent can establish a legal parental relationship with a child and a biological parent can sever his or her legal rights to a child. Tully Rinckey PLLC's adoption attorneys in Syracuse, N.Y. are experienced in representing both adoptive parents and birth parents in various types of adoptions, including agency, foreign, foster, private, same-sex parent, stepparent, and grandparent. **How We Can Help**

The most important part of the adoption process is the surrender or termination of the birth parents' rights. It is crucial that all the necessary surrender or termination documentation is provided and properly completed or the birth parent(s) could attempt to reclaim their child. Our adoption lawyers in Syracuse, N.Y. can assist birth parents and adoptive parents by providing the following legal services:

Advising adoptive parents of their rights in relation to their adopted child

Preparing adoption documents and appearing at necessary court appearances

Ensuring all birth parent surrender/termination documents have been submitted and are properly completed

Representing adoptive parents in litigation stemming from the birth parents' attempt to rescind the surrender

Assisting a party in a same-sex marriage/same-sex relationship or step-parent situation to establish a legal parental relationship with his or her partner's child

Acting as a liaison between the adoptive parents and public or private adoption agencies

Birth Parents

Advising birth parents of the rights they are surrendering through adoption

Working with birth mothers on behalf of adopting parent in private or open adoptions

Representing birth parents in litigation stemming from their attempt to rescind the surrender

Negotiating open adoption agreements under which birth parents are afforded periodic updates or information about the surrendered child

Types of Adoption

Tully Rinckey PLLC's family and matrimonial lawyers in Syracuse, N.Y. can assist adoptive parents with various types of adoptions including:

Agency adoptions
: Usually involves charities or state agencies that place children who were surrendered to them by biological parents, who are in foster care or who are wards of the state.

Open adoptions

: Occurs when the adoptive parents either directly or indirectly maintain contact with the birth parent both prior to the birth of the child and after the adoption.

Relative, grandparent, stepparent adoptions

: Permits another member of a birth parent's family to either become an additional parental party or take over that responsibility.

Second parent

: Ideal for unmarried or same-sex couples where the non-parent wants to establish a legal parental relationship with his or her partner's child.

The adoption lawyers at Tully Rinckey PLLC can represent adopting parents and birth parents throughout Central New York, including Syracuse, Cicero, North Syracuse, Manlius, Liverpool, East Syracuse, Cazenovia, Baldwinsville, and DeWitt. Call today to schedule a meeting with one of our adoption attorneys at 315-492-4700 or e-mail info@1888law4life.com

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Our office is minutes away from Destiny USA, formerly the Carousel Mall, and several courthouses. Located in Franklin Square, near exits for I-81 and I-690, our office is easy to get to and offers plenty of nearby parking.

If your legal matter is urgent, call 518-727-3593 to speak to an attorney 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The firm is responsive to the needs of current and prospective clients. We will respond to phone calls within normal business hours and e-mails within hours on the same business day. The quickest way to get a hold of us is by calling. During normal business hours, we have a client relations team that can put potential clients in touch with the attorney whom they need. If you call or e-mail us after hours, you should expect to hear from our office by the next business day.