

## Checklist for Objecting to Petition to Open Court's Adoption Records to Permit Inspection and Copying

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- You must complete a form before you file it. These instructions will help you complete the forms.
- If you still have difficulty after reading these instructions, contact the Self Help Center. See <http://www.utcourts.gov/selfhelp/contact/>.
- The judicial services representative cannot complete a form for you.
- Attach a copy of any document referred to in the form.
- Keep a copy of all documents for your records.
- Attend all court hearings.
- Some forms may not apply in your case.
- Check with your court about local requirements.

### (1) Objection

If you have been notified of a Petition to Open the Court's Adoption Records and you are against the request, use the Objection form to explain to the court why you oppose the request.

- Print your name and contact information at the top of the first page. Check whether you are the petitioner or the attorney for the petitioner.
- Print the judicial district number, the county name and the court address on the blank lines.
- Print the case name, case number and judge name exactly as they appear on the Petition.
- Paragraph (1): Describe your relationship to the petitioner.
- Paragraph (2): Explain why you do not agree with the Petition.
- If you want to ask for a hearing, check the box next to "hearing requested." If there is no hearing, the judge will decide the motion based on the papers that have been filed. If one party requests a hearing and the other party does not, both parties are still allowed an opportunity to present oral arguments, if a hearing is held.
- Date and sign the form.
- File the original form and any attachments with the judicial services representative.

- Serve the form and any attachments on the petitioner and interested parties (if any) by one of the methods described in the certificate of service. [URCP 5](#) governs service.

## **(2) Notice of Hearing**

You will need this form if you requested a hearing.

- If you have requested a hearing, call the judge's judicial assistant to find out whether your request has been granted. Schedule the hearing with the assistant and complete this form. Select a date that is convenient for you, the other party and the court. Otherwise, do not file this form.
- Print your name and contact information at the top of the first page.
- Print the judicial district number, the county name and the court address on the blank lines.
- Identify interested parties (if any) by name and address.
- Date and sign the form.
- If there are interested parties that need to be notified, complete the Certificate of Service.
- Serve the form and any attachments on interested parties (if any) by one of the methods described in the certificate of service. [URCP 5](#) governs service.
- File the original form with the judicial services representative.

## **(3) Attend the Hearing**

If there is a hearing, be sure to attend.