

EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT FOR ADOPTION

AGREEMENT entered into this _____ day of _____, 20____, between CORBIN & ASSOCIATES, P.C., hereinafter referred to as "Attorney" AND _____, hereinafter referred to as "Client."
(Please Print Name)

WHEREAS, client desires to employ an attorney to represent him/her in obtaining an adoption as cheaply as possible; and,

WHEREAS, Client agrees to pay the legal fees set forth herein; and,

WHEREAS, Attorney promises to provide representation to obtain an adoption;

IT IS MUTUALLY AGREED that Attorney will represent Client in an adoption matter in _____ County, Texas.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

1. Client will provide Attorney with a copy of the Final Decree of Divorce and any subsequent orders regarding conservatorship, support or any other court-ordered relationships regarding the child(ren), if applicable.
2. Client will secure the signature(s) of the natural parent(s) or any other interested party on any documents necessary to effect the termination and adoption.
3. Client will pay for all legal fees, court costs and filing fees in advance. Attorney has no obligation to provide legal services of any kind if Client owes Attorney other legal fees, court costs or filing fees. Attorney has no obligation whatsoever to advance any fees on behalf of Client and Attorney will not do so under any circumstances.
4. If at any time during the course of the adoption process, the natural parent opts to contest the adoption, Client will be obligated to pay all additional court costs and attorney's fees incurred.
5. If Client is unable to comply with the above paragraphs, Client will either obtain other legal representation or consent to the dismissal of the matter. Attorney agrees to prepare all necessary pleadings for either the substitution of counsel or withdrawal of counsel at no additional expense to client.
6. Client agrees that Attorney has no obligation to refund any amounts paid by Client for any reason whatsoever.

THERE ARE NO CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH CLIENT WILL RECEIVE A REFUND OF LEGAL FEES OR COURT COSTS.

7. Attorney represents that Legal Assistants will deal with Client prior to the Court date. Both parties acknowledge that the inexpensive fees result from the use of Legal Assistants to gather information from the Client and computer programs to generate the legal instruments. Attorney will review the documents, make all legal decisions, and handle all courtroom matters. If Client desires a consultation with Attorney, the additional fee is \$37.50 per 15 minute period or portion thereof. Legal Assistants cannot give any legal advice or answer legal questions.

Client's Signature

Attorney/Attorney's Representative

FEE SCHEDULE

(Circle if applicable)

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|--|-----------------|
| Basic attorney fees (Stepparent adoption w/one child) | \$ _____ |
| Each additional child | \$ _____ |
| Basic attorney fees (Other relative adoption w/one child) | \$ _____ |
| Each additional child | \$ _____ |
| Basic attorney fees for non-relative adoption (varies-attorney must quote) | \$ _____ |
| * Social study (included in Coryell filing fees) | \$ 600.00 |
| * Criminal background investigation | \$ 15.00 |

COURT COSTS

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|------------------------------|-----------------|
| Filing fee in Bell County | \$ 165.00 |
| Filing fee in Coryell County | \$ 268.00 |
| * CAR fund | \$ 15.00 |

ADDITIONAL COSTS WHICH MAY BE INCURRED

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|--|-----------------|
| Transfer of Suit from another county (may vary depending on county) | \$25.00 - 50.00 |
| Service on Respondent | \$ 250.00 |
| Ad litem costs (if necessary, to be paid directly by client to attorney ad litem (varies)) | |

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| TOTAL COST: | \$ _____ |
| LESS RETAINER: | \$ _____ |
| AMOUNT DUE: | \$ _____ |

* indicates that these fees are always applicable

(If necessary, the attorney fees and court costs will have to be paid twice if the proceedings are separated - termination and adoption proceedings separately.)

Client's Signature