

Utah Adoption Attorney in Salt Lake City

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Adoption Process in Utah



Adopting a child is a wonderful journey that comes with some challenges. The process is made to ensure that the child is placed in a caring, loving, and stable home environment. In the state of Utah, there are certain rules and regulations that must be followed in order to complete the adoption process.

Before an adoption can even be considered a child must be freed from the legal rights of their birth parent. This is a necessary step that must be taken for the child to be able to transfer to a new family. Once this is complete there still remain different factors, depending on the child's family, age, and other considerations.

If you are in the state of Utah and wish to begin the adoption process it is imperative that you contact the Law Offices of David Pedrazas.

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Utah Adoption is not Simple

Like many states, Utah allows adopting a child, providing a stable home for kids who otherwise may end up in the social system as wards of the state in Utah or elsewhere. This perspective is consistent with the traditional social policy that a stable family and home is the best way to raise a child and make them ready to be a productive member of a community as an adult.

However, legally, Utah requires a number of steps to be taken to effectively remove the child from his or her former status under a biological birth parent or the state and make them legally a child of the new parents. This process has to be followed correctly or the Utah court system will not approve the adoption request, no matter how good an opportunity the family may offer the child's future. Approval isn't a simple matter of being willing to be a great parent potential.

Types of Adoptions

There are closed and open adoptions. A closed adoption means that no knowledge of the birth parents will be shared with you. There is no contact between the two parties, and the state is the only entity with identifying information about the child. Open adoption allows contact between all parties.

Independent adoption cases are possible in Utah, using the use of an intermediary, and is often seen when parents are adopting a baby.

Children living in foster care are not under the legal guardianship of their birth parents. These children are up for adoption and are typically living in foster homes. Independent adoption is when a family uses an intermediary to adopt a child. This process is legal in the state of Utah and is the recommended route for adopting an infant.

Adopting a relative is another option. This person can be an infant, adult, grandchild, or any other relative. Common reasons for this include divorce, death, and financial strain.

It is important to note that fostering a child differs from adoption in that a foster child tends to be a temporary stay until the child is adopted by you or another party. The [Law Offices of David Pedrazas](#) can help you stabilize the situation to get on the right track for the child involved.



The Four Steps of Adoption

To begin the process of adoption you must first make the decision to adopt. You will then want to contact an adoption agency, apply to adopt a child, complete a home study where your home life is assessed, be matched with a child, and finalize the process in the correct legal proceedings.

There will remain a lengthy set of mandatory court responsibilities that follow the adoption of a child that includes:

- Case review
- Termination of birth parent rights
- Setting goals for the child's future
- Completing the adoption

Benefits of Having A Family Law Attorney

It is of the utmost importance to consider an attorney for your adoption needs because a family law attorney is qualified to give sound legal advice, has intimate knowledge of the legal process, and can make sure that all steps are taken the correct way. Having a strong attorney on your side will make your life easier. You can focus on the child rather than the overwhelming paperwork and legal jargon involved in this process.

Getting Started on an Important Road

The requirements for adopting a child can be challenging. People first need to really want to **commit to the process** and see it to fruition for a child. Next, the party needs to **connect with an adoption agency, file the necessary application, go through the home review evaluation, be matched to a child, and then finalize through the court.** Foster adoption works a bit differently, starting with a

foster care assignment first, which is temporary. Then the foster case transitions to adoption. The last thing folks should be focused on is how much does it cost to adopt a child because cases vary due to the details and circumstances. If cost or how much to adopt a child is a critical issue, adoption may not be the right choice from the start.

Choose the Law Office of David Pedrazas

Even smooth adoption cases come with lots of legal loopholes, which is why it so critical to have an experienced attorney at your side. The Law Offices of David Pedrazas brings 20 plus years of family law and specific adoption legal experience to your case. David Pedrazas and his team will apply their legal expertise to your proceeding, avoiding mistakes, and confirm your application through the right legal channels. With a track record of over 1,000 cases and growing, there is no question their representation is one of the best Utah choices to make in an adoption request. If you are in need of a family law attorney, do not hesitate to fill out a [contact form at here](#), or reach us at 801-263-7078