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STEPPARENT ADOPTIONS

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The most common form of adoption is by a stepparent who assumes financial and legal responsibility for his/her spouse's child(ren), and the non-custodial parent is released from all parenting responsibilities. Procedures are generally simpler than for other types of adoption, however, stepparent adoption law varies from state to state. State stepparent adoption laws address issues such as consents from the non-custodial parent, how long the stepparent and biological parent must be married before an adoption petition can be filed, whether or not a home study is required, and other requirements.

A stepparent adoption not only severs the legal relationship with one biological parent but also with members of that parent's family, including grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins. In many cases, Grandparent visitation is a consideration for stepparent adoptions.

If you need assistance regarding a stepparent adoption, please do not hesitate to contact our firm at 503.693.6641.