

### **Rule 15.3.3 Petition to Confirm Consent to Adoption.**

(a) Form of Petition. Contents. The petition to confirm consent shall include the following:

(1) Attached to the petition shall be the following exhibits:

(a) the original consent;

(b) a birth certificate or certification of registration of birth of the said child;

(c) the written consent of a parent or guardian of a petitioner who has not reached 18 years of age, and

(d) the joinder of the Agency having care of the child and its consent to accept custody of the child until such time as the child is adopted.

(2) If the petitioner is an agency the petition shall conform to the requirements of State Rule 15.2(a)(1) through (9).

(3) If the petitioner is an adult intending to adopt a child the contents of the petition shall conform to the requirements of State Rule 15.3(a) and (b).

(b) Procedure.

(1) A Petition to Confirm Consent to Adoption may be filed no less than forty (40) days after a written consent has been signed by a birth parent.

(2) Notice shall be in the form provided in 23 Pa. C.S.A. Section 2512(b), and service shall be as provided in State Rule 15.6. Notice shall be given to the birth parents and putative father, if applicable, and to the parents or guardians of a consenting parent who has not reached age 18.

(3) Following hearing, the Court may issue such decree as clearly sets forth that the consent to adoption is confirmed and that all rights of the consenting birth parent are terminated or in the case of an agency that all rights and duties of the consenting birth parent are terminated.