



5 Biggest Child Adoption Mistakes

- 1.** Not doing your homework is a big mistake. There are many options and variables related to adoption including cost, how long the process will take, the kind of paperwork required, a child's or birth mother's medical condition, etc. Knowing exactly which option is best for you is very important as the wrong option can cost you time, money and heartache.
- 2.** Who is legally allowed to adopt and who must consent to the adoption are critical issues that can help enable the adoption or stop it cold. Must the child consent? Make a mistake in this category in the process and the adoption is over.
- 3.** Must you get fingerprinted? Must you be certified to adopt? Is an investigative report required? These are important factors that must be addressed for a successful adoption. Making a mistake in this area of the adoption qualification process will work against and slow down the adoption.
- 4.** Even after an adoption is completed there can be ongoing issues and challenges—IF—key matters aren't addressed during the adoption process. It's a terrible mistake to not resolve—before the adoption is final—questions like: Do the biological parents continue to have rights over the child after the adoption is complete? Is child support still owed? Can you change the child's name or is a separate legal process necessary? Do the biological parents have visitation?
- 5.** A big mistake is not seeking a well-qualified lawyer's advice. Adoption, especially these days is no easy process with complicated and changing laws and government requirements. No matter how desperate you may be to bring a child into your life, never try to arrange an adoption on your own. Seek the help of an experienced and proven adoption lawyer.

A Special Note from our Family Law Attorneys

- *Adopting a child is both an exciting and a challenging process...*
- *Our goal at Bellah Perez is to help you avoid mistakes and provide affordable legal representation that helps you get the best outcomes possible.*
- *If you are considering adoption, we encourage you to avoid important mistakes and to help you, we have assembled the 5 Biggest Adoption Mistakes Guide.*

**Set up a consultation with one of our experienced attorneys today.
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