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**EX PARTE MOTION
TO OPEN ADOPTION FILE**

PROCEDURE FOR REQUESTING INFORMATION FROM ADOPTION FILE

Because adoption files are “sealed” in Nevada, the file cannot be “unsealed” without a very specific order from the Court.

When someone files a request for information or copies of documents from an adoption file, a judge will review the request and the reasons for the request. If the judge decides there is a valid reason to unseal the file, the judge will issue an order to unseal it and appoint someone from the Court to review the file, and, if the information is in the file, to retrieve the information and give it to the Court. The Court will then forward the information to the person requesting it.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING FORMS

**CAREFULLY READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE STARTING TO FILL OUT
ANY OF THE FORMS.**

Use **black or blue ink only**. Neatly print or type the information requested.

Do not use correction fluid/tape on the forms.

This packet contains the following forms:

1. Ex Parte Motion to Open Adoption File
2. Request for Submission

The penalty for willfully making a false statement under penalty of perjury is a minimum of 1 year, and a maximum of 4 years in prison, in addition to a fine of not more than \$5,000.00.
N.R.S. §199.145.

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INSTRUCTIONS: STEP 1

Complete the Ex Parte Motion as Shown:

1) Print your name, address, telephone number and email address.

2) If you know the case number and department number, enter those. Otherwise leave them blank.

3) Print the names of the adoptive parents.

4) Complete pages 1-2, following the instructions on each page.

1	Code: 1670
2	Name: _____
3	Address: _____
4	Telephone: _____
5	Email: _____
6	Self-Represented Litigant
7	IN THE FAMILY DIVISION
8	OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA
9	IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WASHOE
10	In the Matter of the petition of, _____
11	_____ Case No. _____
12	and _____ Dept No. _____
13	For the Adoption of a Minor Child _____
14	
15	<u>EX PARTE MOTION TO OPEN ADOPTION FILE</u>
16	
17	I request that the Court enter an Order allowing the adoption file in this matter to be opened
18	because:
19	<u>Request and Argument</u>
20	Describe what information you want from the file. In detail, tell the Court what you are
21	asking for and why you believe you should be granted your request(s).
22	_____
23	_____
24	_____
25	_____
26	_____
27	_____
28	_____

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INSTRUCTIONS: STEP 2

Complete the Request for Submission as Shown:

1) Print your name, address, telephone number and email address.

2) Print the names of the adoptive parents.

3) Print the date you filed the Ex Parte Motion.

4) Print your name, sign, and date the document.

1	Code: 3860
2	Name: _____
3	Address: _____
4	Telephone: _____
5	Email: _____
6	Self-Represented Litigant
7	
8	IN THE FAMILY DIVISION
9	OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA
10	IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WASHOE
11	In the Matter of the Petition of:
12	_____ Case No. _____
13	and _____ Dept. No. _____
14	_____
15	<u>For the Adoption of a Minor Child</u>
16	<u>REQUEST FOR SUBMISSION</u>
17	I request that the Ex Parte Motion to Open Adoption File that was filed on _____
18	(Date the Document was filed with the court) be submitted to the Court for decision.
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20	This document does not contain the Social Security Number of any person.
21	Date: _____ Signature: _____
22	Print Your Name: _____
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INSTRUCTIONS: STEP 3

Filing Documents

Take the Ex Parte Motion to Open Adoption File and Request for Submission to the Resource Center located on the Third Floor of 1 South Sierra Street, Reno, NV 89501, or mail the Ex Parte Motion to Open Adoption File, and Request for Submission to:

Second Judicial District Court Filing Office
75 Court Street,
Reno, NV 89501

Legal Assistance

The information in this packet is provided as a courtesy only. This packet is not a substitute for the advice of an attorney. Counsel is always recommended for legal matters.

If you do not have an attorney, you are encouraged to seek the advice of a licensed attorney or visit the Resource Center. **The Resource Center cannot give legal advice** but can give information regarding court procedures.

You may also wish to speak with a family law lawyer at no cost through the Law Library's "Lawyer in the Library" program, or to seek assistance from other free or reduced-cost legal resources in the area, to include:

LAWYER IN THE LIBRARY

For information contact the Law Library at 775-328-3250.

<https://www.washoecourts.com/LawLibrary>

NEVADA LEGAL SERVICES

204 Marsh Avenue, Reno, NV 89509
(775) 284-3491 – leave message if necessary

<https://nevadalegalservices.org>

NORTHERN NEVADA LEGAL AID

299 S. Arlington Avenue Reno, NV 89501
(775) 329-2727 – leave a message if

necessary

<https://nnlegalaid.org>