

**PROBATE COURT OF HAMILTON COUNTY, OHIO
RALPH WINKLER, JUDGE**

IN THE MATTER OF _____

CASE NO. _____

**RELEASE AGREEMENT AND WAIVER OF CONFIDENTIALITY OF
ADOPTION PROCEEDINGS**

I acknowledge that I have been notified by the Hamilton County Probate Court that information the court possesses in the court files, relating to the pending adoption proceedings, is confidential under Ohio law. I understand that the court can release information from my adoption file to only to limited parties which have been identified by the Ohio adoption statute. I further understand that the court will not release, or be a party to the release, of information from the court's files to parties who are not specifically entitled by the Ohio adoption statute to the information sought, without my written consent.

Upon execution of this document, the undersigned, who is a party to these adoption proceedings, hereby voluntarily agrees to permit the presence of media and court personnel at the adoption proceedings for the purposes of recording, photographing and/or videotaping. I understand that the recordings, photographs and/or videos may be disseminated through print media, electronic media (which includes the Probate Court's website) and/or television media. By execution of this document, the undersigned hereby agrees to the dissemination of the above described media.

The undersigned acknowledges that he or she is not required to be observed by, or to speak to, or to otherwise make themselves available to media personnel. My decision to participate in the recording, photographing and/or videotaping of these proceedings is not predicated on any desire for financial gain. I understand that no promise of payment has been made to me for the dissemination of the above described media. I acknowledge that no payment to me will be made and I agree that I will make no demand for payment for the use of the recordings, photographs and/or videotaping collected during these proceedings.

I understand that all photography, videotapes and/or recordings remain the sole property of the entity collecting the information/data. I further understand these proceedings may require media personnel to delve into aspects of my background or the adoptee's background, but I retain the right to set limits on the personal information that I choose to reveal about myself, my family and/or the adoptee.

My signature below indicates that I agree to: (Please check the appropriate box.)

allow myself and my minor children to be observed with the understanding that nothing specific about myself or my minor children will be printed or broadcasted.

allow myself and my minor children to be observed and interviewed for background only with the understanding that our names will not be printed or broadcasted.

allow myself and my minor children to be observed and interviewed for background only with the understanding that our names will not be printed or broadcasted nor will our faces be identified on camera or broadcasted.

allow myself and my minor children to be interviewed or photographed with the understanding that our images and anything we say may be printed or broadcasted.

Signature

Date

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