

STATE OF GEORGIA - GILMER COUNTY
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This 17th day of March, 2017
Glenda Sue Johnson
Clerk Superior Court-Gilmer County, Ga.

IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS
APPALACHIAN JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
STATE OF GEORGIA
STANDING ORDER

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Glenda Sue Johnson, Clerk

IN RE: PETITIONS FOR ADOPTION

At the time of filing a Petition for Adoption with the Clerk of the Superior Court, Petitioner is responsible for providing a copy of the Petition for Adoption to the Judicial Law Clerk along with a blank Rule Nisi for the Judge's signature.

Pursuant to OCGA Section 19-8-16, Petitioners in **stepparent** (OCGA Section 19-8-6), **relative** (OCGA Section 19-8-7), and **third-party** (OCGA Section 19-8-5) adoption cases shall complete a National Crime Investigation (NCIC) and Georgia Crime Investigation (GCIC) fingerprint search. Said search shall be performed as provided by law at a Georgia Applicant Processing System (GAPS) location using a 3M Cogent Livescan machine, using the ORI number designated to the Appalachian Judicial Circuit for adoptions, with the results remitted electronically to the Judge's office. The Judge will review the results *in camera*. A copy is NOT filed. information on this process is found at <https://www.ga.cogentid.com/index.htm>.

The Court may waive the criminal background requirement in **agency adoptions** (OCGA Section 19-8-4) and in the **domestication of foreign adoption decrees** (OCGA Section 19-8-8) if the background check has already been completed by the agency which provides proof to the assigned Judge.

A criminal background check is not required in **adult adoptions** (OCGA Section 19-8-21) unless otherwise ordered by this Court.

Inspections, investigations, home evaluations, and verifications of the Petition shall conform with the provisions of Title 19, Chapter 8, of the Official Code of Georgia.

The Standing Order of the Appalachian Judicial Circuit, *In Re: Petitions for Adoption*, entered June 3, 2015, is hereby vacated.

So ORDERED, this 18 day of July, 2016.

[Signature]
Brenda S. Weaver
Chief Judge of Superior Courts
Appalachian Judicial Circuit

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Judge of Superior Courts
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