

RULE 5:11. Action for Adoption of Adult

- **(a) Complaint.** In every action for the adoption of an adult, the complaint shall state (1) the name, age and place of residence of the plaintiff and the person to be adopted; (2) the name by which the person to be adopted shall thereafter be known; (3) whether the person to be adopted is possessed of any property, with a full description thereof, if any.
- **(b) Written Requests to Accompany Complaint.** There shall be filed with the complaint a request in writing for the adoption and, if desired, the change of name, which request shall be signed by the person to be adopted and shall be acknowledged before an officer qualified to take acknowledgements of deed.
- **(c) Consent of Spouse, Civil Union or Domestic Partner.** There shall be filed with the complaint a certification by any non-adopting spouse, civil union or domestic partner consenting to the adoption.
- **(d) Affidavit of Verification and Non-Collusion.** There shall be attached to every complaint for adoption an oath or affirmation by the plaintiff(s) that the allegations of the complaint are true to the best of the party's knowledge, information and belief, and that the pleading is made in truth and good faith and without collusion for the causes set forth therein.
- **(e) Court Hearing.** The court may hear the case upon the oral testimony of the parties to the action and of other persons as the court deems necessary.

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